

Short Courses and the Education Committee

“NEWER LIPID ANALYSES” is the subject chosen for the 12th Short Course of the American Oil Chemists’ Society to be held at the University of Rochester (Rochester, New York) Monday, July 24, through Wednesday, July 26.

Raymond Reiser of Texas A. and M. is program chairman. Noel Kuhrt of Distillation Products is in charge of Society arrangements. Donald A. Parry, university conference coordinator, will represent the university. Advising and assisting Dr. Reiser in planning the program are James H. Benedict, Evan Horning, Cecil Entenman, V.C. Mehlenbacher, George Rouser, Jules Hirsh, R.J. Vander Wal, H.J. Dutton, Walter Lundberg, and Daniel Swern.

The program committee is planning an interesting three days to include lectures on the following subjects: mass, infrared, and ultraviolet spectroscopy; gas, column, and paper chromatography; assays for insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and drugs in fats; nuclear magnetic resonance; ozonolysis; other oxidative cleavages; hydrogenation; and determination of “hidden” oxidation. Demonstrations of certain new techniques are planned.

LAST SUMMER the Short Course was very successful with more than 100 people attending the three days of lectures and instruction. LeRoy Dugan Jr. and his commit-

tee are to be congratulated on the fine program that they were able to assemble!

The Society is indebted to Reid T. Milner and R.K. Newton and their associates at the University of Illinois for the fine reception and cooperation we received. Among the comments received at this Short Course and from other sources was the suggestion that the next course



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concentrate on the newer methods of lipid analysis. After careful thought and review the Education Committee and the Society officers approved a Short Course for 1961 on this subject.

News items in the coming issues of the Journal will provide more details concerning the Short Course at Rochester.

IN LAST year’s editorial we asked for comments regarding subject matter and locations for forthcoming courses. Only two members wrote letters in reply. Let us have additional suggestions from you,

the members of the Society, as to what you think we should do either in the short courses or elsewhere. A list of previous Short Courses will refresh your memory:

- 1948 Edible Oils, Illinois
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- 1950 Drying Oils, Minnesota
- 1952 Soaps and Detergents, Rutgers
- 1953 Engineering Processes, Texas A. and M.
- 1954 Industrial Oils, Lehigh
- 1955 Analytical Techniques, Illinois
- 1956 Unit Processes, Purdue
- 1958 Syndets and Soap, Princeton, N.J.
- 1959 Drying Oils, Minnesota
- 1960 Edible Oils, Illinois

LAST YEAR we took action on the Governing Board’s ruling to furnish, without charge for one year, an Active Junior membership in our Society to graduate students conducting research on lipids. Twenty-nine students took advantage of this offer. Interestingly, 13 of these men have paid their Society Junior membership fees for 1961. Three have been transferred to Active membership for 1961. Ten new Active Junior Members have applied this year; more will follow. Help spread the word among your friends at universities about this opportunity to encourage younger scientists entering the lipid field. We hope that many of them, as well as many of you, will be on hand for the Short Course on lipid analyses at Rochester in July.

We anticipate a fine year. We believe that attainments will be as bright as our anticipations.

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