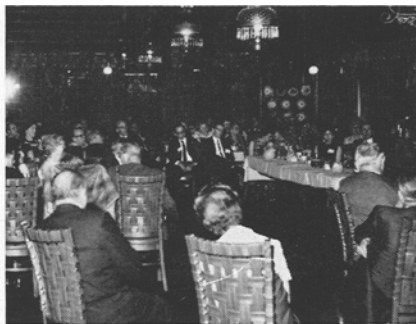


# North Central Section Ladies' Night



A record crowd exceeding 125 members and their ladies (center photo) enjoyed an excellent supper and program at the NS Section Ladies' Night Meeting this year. F. A. Norris, incoming president of the Section, receives his gavel from his predecessor R. A. Reiners (left photo). In return, Mr. Reiners is presented a plaque upon which his well-used gavel is mounted, attesting to his year of service as the Section's chief executive (right photo).

The North Central Section of The American Oil Chemists' Society held its final meeting of the 1967-68 Season, Wednesday, May 15, 1968, at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Since this was our traditional ladies' night, there were no pre-dinner papers. Social hour began at 6:00 PM and dinner was served at 7:00 PM.

Following dinner, R. A. Reiners made his "State of the Section" address as outgoing President of the North Central Section. He thanked all of the members who had worked so hard to make the past year such a success. He singled out Program Chairman Lars Wiedermann for arranging such interesting programs throughout the year, and Frank Norris for his excellent job as Membership Chairman. Membership in the section is approximately 275, an all-time high. He also cited H. T. Spannuth for his work as Chairman of the committee to review and revise the fiscal practices of the section. Mr. Reiners regretfully announced Mr. Spannuth's retirement from the Board to enter the teaching profession.

Mr. Reiners then turned the gavel over to the new President, F. A. Norris. Dr. Norris presented Mr. Reiners with a handsome plaque in recognition for his year of service as President of the Section. Since Mr. Reiners

had also been Chairman of the 41st Fall Meeting in Chicago, he was given a framed portrait of the operating committee who worked with him on arranging this outstanding National Meeting.

Following the business formalities, we had a special treat for everyone, especially the ladies. Our after-dinner speaker was Louis Szathmary, who has been described as psychologist, philosopher, journalist, lecturer, bon vivant and wit; but first as a chef whose name among the connoisseurs stands for cookery at the level of fine art.

Hungarian born Louis Szathmary received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Budapest. He immigrated to the United States in 1951. He is Executive Vice-President of Lou D'or, Inc., which owns and operates The Bakery Restaurant, The Cave, Louis Szathmary Associates (Management Consultants) and Transworld Taste, Inc.

The title of Mr. Szathmary's address was "The Origin of Haute Cuisine—or—Who Is That Indian Behind the French Chef?". Mr. Szathmary informed us that French Cuisine is preferred throughout the western world. However, French Cuisine was made possible by foods and spices brought from America by the early French and Spanish explorers. All in all it was truly a delightful evening for everyone who attended.



Ladies' Night is an important part of the Section's annual activities, bringing together wives of members from throughout the Chicago area. Left photo: Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ailshie and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnston. Center photo: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gavin and J. Jones. Right photo: Mr. and Mrs. D. Infantino, Mrs. G. C. Rimnac, our distinguished speaker Dr. L. Szathmary, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Endres.



Left: "The Brass" Incoming president F. A. Norris, outgoing president R. A. Reiners and AOCS national president J. C. Cowan. Left center: Past-presidents R. W. Bates and V. C. Mehlenbacher discuss good times past as Mrs. Mehlenbacher looks on. Center: L. Szathmary charmed his audience with his seemingly inexhaustible knowledge of cookery. Right center: Mr. and Mrs. Reiners display framed photo of 1967 Chicago Fall Meeting Committee, which Reiners headed. Right: Here Mr. and Mrs. Reiners are caught deep in conversation with Mrs. E. J. Brinkmeyer.