## THE ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet of the American Oil Chemists' Society was held on the evening of May 11 at the Chess, Checker and Whist Club. Seventy-five ladies and gentlemen sat down after the toastmaster, Dr. David Wesson, said Bobbie Burns grace. He appeared at the head table armed with a "Battle" gavel. Malicious rumor had it that a hoax of some kind would be perpetrated on the chemists during the course of the meal, and some were unkind enough to suggest that the celebrated gavel had been brought along for the speaker's protection.

The guests of honor were President Perry of the Interstate Cotton-seed Crushers' Association, and Mrs. Perry; General Counsel Christie Benet and Mrs. Benet; Mr. and Mrs. Geldert; Mr. and Mrs. Meloy; and Mr. Ogden.

The press was represented by scribes from the *Times-Picayune* and the *Tribune*. They somehow learned that there might be a good news story, and the extracts from the papers seemed to indicate that they were not disappointed.

The toastmaster led a double life by introducing Dr. Wesson in his individual capacity in order for him to explain the synthetic steaks the newspapers have been telling about. He told how like a modest violet or blushing rose he had in simple scientific language announced at one time that a meat substitute could be prepared from cottonseed. The reporters had done the rest. He read a newspaper article wherein much fun was poked at synthetic beefsteak as well as himself, and then announced that the "Croquettes a la Creole" on the menu had been the real thing made from cottonseed meat.

Mrs. Geldert responded to the toast, "The Ladies," by telling about the men. Mr. Benet paid a fine tribute to chemistry and what it was doing and Mr. Perry told a wonderful story about the "Psaltre" and kept the crowd in roars of laughter.

Mr. Vollertsen in his valedictory address explained all about a new position and title conferred upon him by his friends Irwin of Swift & Co., and McLane of the Chickasha, who presented him with a carefully hand-drawn and illustrated certificate.

The trophy cup of the Smalley Foundation was presented to Dr. H. B. Battle after an appropriate speech by Archibald B. Campbell, who paid a touching tribute to Dr. Frank N. Smalley. Dr. Battle in receiving the cup stated it was the work of his associates that had won it and he could not take the credit to himself. He accepted it for the Battle Laboratory.

A tribute was paid to the memory of Dr. Frank N. Smalley and David Schwartz by the dinner guests, who stood for a moment in silence.

The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of an appropriate bedtime story by the toastmaster.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912,

Of Journal of Oil and Fat Industries, published monthly at New York, N. Y., for April 1, 1926 State of New York ss.:

Before me, a Notary in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared John T. Ogden, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Journal of Oil and Fat Industries, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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