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## **EDITORIAL**

### **THE GREATEST OF COMPETITIONS**

On another page in this issue of the JOURNAL, the Chairman of the Ammonia Committee calls attention to the Smalley Foundation Cup. The competition for this prize should be one of the most cherished possessions of the American Oil Chemists' Society. Both for accuracy and in respect to the number of competitors interested, the work probably ranks second to no other similar undertaking on the part of any chemical society or group in this country.

The Smalley Foundation was instituted by the late Frank N. Smalley to determine the best methods for analyzing cottonseed meals for oil and ammonia. Originally it was organized in the Southern Cotton Oil Company in order to have each district laboratory check against the other. Today this has developed into a check contest of about eighty laboratories. Each laboratory analyzes one sample a week for thirty weeks, and every Monday they report the results of the oil, ammonia and moisture tests.

The original Smalley Cup now rests in the permanent possession of the Battle Laboratory; but owing to the generosity of Dr. H. B. Battle a new cup has been provided. On September 20, the 1926-1927 competition begins. This prize is well worth a man's best efforts and it is to be

hoped that the competition this year will bring out even more contestants and result in still higher standards of laboratory excellence.

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### THE CHEVREUL PRIZES

We apologize to the shades of the great CHEVREUL for having messed up his name in our August issue. A malicious interpretation of what really was a typographical error would be to accuse the Prize Committee of pulling a publicity stunt, and this view would have been substantiated by the correspondence the misprint has since evoked. Many readers of the JOURNAL have "written to the editor"; but we are very happy to announce that not in a single instance was cancellation of a subscription threatened.

The announcement of these prizes is of great importance to one branch of the oil and fat industry just at this particular time. The new season for the cottonseed crushers is upon us. In the many activities that will take place among the cottonseed oil men during the coming months, an opportunity is afforded for observation and experimentation that will be invaluable to them in competing for the prizes.

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Remember! Ginners were made subject to the so-called Pure Food Law by Regulatory Announcement 261 of the Bureau of Chemistry, issued in 1918. Returning to cottonseed the foreign matter that has been removed in the ginning process is a violation of the Federal Food and Drug Act.