

Editorial

PRESIDENT HARRIS REMARKS

“WELCOME to our FAIR CITY! In fact to our World's Fair City. We are purposely going to refrain from handing you over the keys to the city, because less than 2 weeks ago the City of Chicago handed the keys to the city over to a bunch of wild Legionnaires, and they took it seriously, and boy, oh, boy! What they did to the Fair City.

Seriously, we welcome you on behalf of Chicago and of your Chicago Convention Committee, and we want to take this opportunity of making an acknowledgement to that Chicago Committee for the splendid work they have done this year and in previous years. With such men as Will Irwin, John Vollertsen, Dr. Tolman, Al King, Al Putland, Mel Sheely, and Al MacGee, working on this committee, it really doesn't make any difference, what kind of a fellow you have for president.

I am happy to present to you what I believe to be the best program that the society has ever offered, but I take no credit for this, personally, and am pleased to acknowledge credit where credit is due, as the man chiefly responsible for our program is none other, than that

tireless worker for the Society, Will Irwin. Mr. Irwin, please stand up and take your bow.

Also we are unusually fortunate in having with us this year, our first vice-president and chairman of the membership committee, W. D. Hutchins. I want to particularly acknowledge the splendid work that he is doing on getting members for the Society. I believe that his work surpasses anything that has ever been done in the past, as I am reliably informed that we have already secured 38 new members in less than six months of his leadership of the membership committee. Hutch, kindly rise and take your bow.

And finally, I want to acknowledge the splendid work done in connection with the soap part of our program, by that “noblest Roman of them all,” Archie Campbell. Most anyone can be president, but only our friend, Mr. Campbell, is perennially vice president and chairman of the soap section and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his fine work in this connection. Mr. Campbell, please rise and take your bow and also take over this meeting.”

The Seventh Fall Meeting *From the Viewpoint of An Old Timer.*

THE seventh annual Fall Meeting of The American Oil Chemists' Society held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, October 12th and 13th, surpassed in interest and attendance all previous records. Intended originally as an auxiliary meeting to afford opportunity for those members unable to attend the Spring Meeting to get together for an interchange of ideas, these Fall Meetings have grown in such proportions as to threaten to overshadow the importance of the Annual Meeting of the parent organization.

One is impressed with the high excellence of the technical papers presented covering a wide range of interesting subjects, and the obvious familiarity and understanding of the speakers presenting them. Notwithstanding the numerous counter attractions and diversions offered by Chicago and the Century of Progress Exposition which tempted the members at this session, the enthusiastic interest and uninterrupted attention throughout the meetings was most noticeable. There was a total absence of the diminishing attendance so frequently noted at technical meetings, it being especially noticeable that the attendance of the second day's session was larger than the first. Instead of a program consisting primarily of committee reports with accompanying tabulations and graphs interspersed with an occasional scientific paper, the President, John P. Harris and the Chicago Program Committee, headed by Mr. W. H. Irwin as Chairman, presented a large number of capable speakers covering a wide range of interesting subjects in a highly interesting and instructive manner. Committee reports were briefed to record the progress made and results accomplished without the tiresome details of accompanying experimental work. The

mechanical arrangement for presenting stereopticon slides was especially good, and enabled the speakers to amplify their subjects with appropriate illustrations and graphs.

The meeting was largely attended by members from the Middle Western and Eastern sections, with a quite representative group from Canada. Only a small number from the South were present. Not only in the geographical sections represented, but in the character of subjects discussed is there a distinct difference between the Fall and Spring meetings. For the most part the Spring meetings cover the business of the Society and a wide diversity of committee reports covering various activities interspersed with technical papers and discussions covering the production and processing of primary products, while on the other hand the Fall meeting presents a cross section of the technical uses of these products and by-products by the consuming industries. Both phases are interesting—there is much value to be derived from a closer contact of these two groups of scientific thought and experience. While it is the purpose of the Society that it embrace all technical industries allied to Oils and Fats and that its scientific work be developed along industrial sectional lines, it would be unfortunate should this development result in a division along geographical sectional lines. It has been suggested that a change in By-Laws be considered which would make possible the selection of a time and place which would offer an opportunity for a large part of the combined membership to come together at the Society's Annual Meeting.

During the intermission of the first day's session an informal luncheon was held in a private dining

room at the Congress Hotel, and on the same evening a delightful dinner (both without speeches) was held in the Minaret Room of the Medinah Athletic Club, one of the show places of Chicago. At both of these affairs the ladies were guests of the Society. In each instance the attendance exceeded advance reservations but the overflow crowd was promptly taken care of by the committee. After the evening dinner the guests divided according to tastes into groups for bridge and bowling. Judging by the interest displayed and the high scores made the devotees of these pastimes demonstrated a high degree of proficiency which merited the handsome prizes offered by the committee.

The entertainment features of the Convention closed with the Golf Tournament Friday afternoon, in which a number of members participated. The outcome of this tournament was a source of general satisfaction to everyone in that the low gross prize, a set of matched irons, was won by the man who had done so much for the success of the meeting, Mr. W. H. Irwin, with a card of 89. Not so bad for a golfer whose game is a pastime, and on the difficult Beverly Hills course, which spelt disaster for so many golf experts in the American Amateur Championship a couple of years ago.

It would be amiss to extol the merits of this meeting without a word of praise for the charming and efficient manner in which the ladies' committee performed its functions. Especially active and attentive to those present were the wives of the President and the General Chairman, Mrs. John P. Harris and Mrs. W. H. Irwin. In all respects the Seventh Fall Meeting was a whiz of a success

Ladies Enjoy Meeting

THIS year there was additional reason for the ladies to come to the fall meeting with their husbands. The Fair attracted them originally, but many who have not been in regular attendance at the past fall meetings decided that the companionship was well worth the trip and that the Fair was not needed to bring them out to the next meeting.

Mr. Barrow, the gallant gentleman from Tennessee was not satisfied with one charming young lady, but brought his daughter's friend along as well. Mr. Wrench of New York City was also accompanied by Mrs. Wrench and their charming daughter, Joan. Other out of town ladies included the wife of Vice-President Hutchins of Savannah, Georgia, and Mrs. A. C. Campbell of Cincinnati, wife of the Chairman of the soap section; Mrs. O. M. Morgan of Ottawa, Canada, as well as many charming ladies from the various states.

Miss Dorothy V. Whipple, M. D., of Philadelphia, was a guest of the ladies and made a decided impression on the society with her paper on "The Relation of Fats and Vitamins in the Diet." Her paper called forth considerable discussion.

Miss Edith Schuck, head of the Home Economic Department of the Chicago Daily News, guest of the Ladies' Committee, gave a very interesting and informative paper on "Consumer Ideas of Oil Cooking."

A luncheon in the Pine Room of the Congress Hotel was well attended and it was here, under the Local Ladies' Committee, that everyone really be-

came acquainted. In the afternoon the local committee provided transportation to the Medinah Athletic Club, where a wonderful dinner was served. Additional ladies appeared at the dinner and a card party was held afterward. There was keen competition for the beautiful prizes provided for the winners. The scores indicated there were a good many devotees present, of the various games played. The evening was enjoyed immensely and the prizes were won by Mrs. Donald Grettie, Mrs. C. H. Parsons, Mrs. N. Lane and Mrs. Harold Ritchie.

Ladies Present at the Fall Meeting.

Mrs. E. J. Bennett	Mrs. J. J. Vollertsen
Mrs. Edith Schuck	Mrs. L. M. Tolman
Mrs. W. D. Hutchins	Mrs. O. M. Morgan
Mrs. A. E. MacGee	Miss D. V. Whipple
Mrs. A. C. Campbell	Mrs. M. L. Sheely
Mrs. H. Lane	Mrs. J. P. Maxfield
Mrs. Spicer	Mrs. A. S. LaPine
Mrs. J. Wrench	Mrs. J. P. Harris
Miss Joan Wrench	Mrs. W. H. Irwin
Mrs. R. C. Newton	Mrs. Cornwell
Mrs. C. H. Parsons	Mrs. L. D. Mink
Mrs. H. B. Richie	Miss E. McCauley
Mrs. D. P. Grettie	Miss H. Copeland
Mrs. R. W. Perry	Miss M. Cornfield
Mrs. E. R. Luckow	

Golf Tournament

THE Golf Tournament of the American Oil Chemists' Society, was held at the Beverly Country Club, Friday afternoon, October 13th, fifteen members of the Society competing over this wonderful course for a number of very valuable prizes.

The Beverly Country Club course is recognized as one of the finest courses in the west and was the scene of the National Amateur Championship two years ago, and certainly is not an easy course. The greens and fairways were in beautiful condition.

The Low Gross prize was captured by Mr. W. H. Irwin of Swift and Company, with a score of 89; Mr. H. H. LaMent and Mr. E. H. Bennett tied for second place, with a score of 91, and in the draw, Mr. LaMent won the second prize.

The first prize was a set of matched irons, and the second prize was also a set of matched irons. The other prizes were drawn; Mr. A. A. Robinson won the golf bag, Mr. R. C. Hatter a set of matched woods, and Mr. E. H. Bennett a zipper bag.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and voted it a great success.

Perkin Medal Award

Dr. Colin G. Fink, Professor of Electrochemistry at Columbia University, has been elected to receive the Perkin Medal of the Society of Chemical Industry for 1934. The medal is awarded annually for valuable work in applied chemistry and will be presented this year to Dr. Fink for his inventions in the fields of metallurgy and electrochemistry. The selection is made by a committee representative of five of the national chemical societies.

Presentation of the medal will be made at a meeting in New York early in January, details of which will be announced later.