# **AOCS SPRING CONVENTION**

#### New Orleans

THE ANNUAL spring meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society will be held in New Orleans on May 15 and 16 according to word received from President H. A. Schuette. Members are urged to make note of these dates now so that your plans will include attendance.

Work on the program has begun and to insure a place on it those planning to present papers at the meeting should communicate at an early date with Prof. Schuette, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. Any suggestions from the membership as to sources of papers or possible titles will be welcomed by the program committee at all times.

An especially interesting program is in prospect and in addition many important committee reports and other society business will be presented. Again we urge your attendance. The New Orleans committee is well known for its ability in planning programs and entertainment.

## FALL MEETING

#### Chicago

As announced in the January issue, the fall meeting will be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, October 1, 2, and 3. J. J. Vollertsen is general arrangements chairman with the following subcommittee chairmen: program, V. Conquest; exhibits, C. E. Allderdice; hotel, J. P. Harris; entertainment, C. C. Zeigler; finance and registration, J. P. Harris; trips, H. C. Dormitzer; publicity, E. H. Harvey.

### Spectrophotometer

A new photoelectric unit applicable to oils is being featured by the Wilkens-Anderson Co. of Chicago and should be of interest to the industry. Instead of filter glasses, the Coleman Universal spectrophotometer uses a spectrum grating with the range from 300 to 800 millimicrons. Exact color specification of oils and liquids is obtained through transmittancy readings over the entire spectrum. The instrument can examine samples as thick as 50 mm. or as thin as .1 mm. Readings in terms of per cent transmission are made directly on the galvanometer scale or the same galvanometer serves as a null device for potentiometric readings of greater precision. A wide range of absorption cells or cuvettes is offered, carriers accepting both 25 and 50 mm. round fused tubes, an oblong cell for both 20 or 40 mm. liquid depth, the latter also convenient for titrating. For fluorescent work, such as the determination of thiamin chloride, riboflavin, vitamin A, and others, a mercury lamp accessory is available.

## Plastic Coating

A recent catalog issued by the American Concrete and Steel Pipe Co. of Los Angeles describes a new plastic coating, "Amercoat" which is defined briefly as a sprayable plastic coating which is corrosion-proof and non-contaminating. Industries listed as being logical users of the product are the fishing industry, film production, machinery, petroleum industry, bottling, citrus by-products, dairies, breweries, bleaches, laundries, gasoline storage, wine production and oil handling.

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