

## SPRING CONVENTION 1941

**M**EMBERS of The American Oil Chemists' Society enjoyed another pleasant spring meeting May 15 and 16 in New Orleans. The meeting was held at the St. Charles hotel and was attended by over 150 members and guests. In addition to the regular committee reports which will be published in future issues of OIL & SOAP, the following interesting papers were given:

### Program

"Fatty Oils in National Defense"—Charles E. Lund.  
 "Edible Oils Processed in Canada"—Wm. G. McLeod.

"The Indian Vegetable Oil Industry"—J. G. Kane.  
 "Uses of Glycerine in Quick Freezing of Foods"—R. N. DuPuis.

"The Saturated Fatty Acids of Elderberry Seed Oil"—H. A. Vogel and James A. Bain.

"The Production and Utilization of Carnauba Wax"—J. Vernon Steinle.

"The Composition and Yield of Crude Lipids Obtained from Soybeans by Successive Solvent Extraction"—W. C. Bull and T. H. Hopper.

"The Moisture Content of Tung Fruit from Its Electrical Resistance"—R. S. McKinney.

"Fatty Interface Modifiers—Composition Properties and Uses in the Food Industries"—B. R. Harris, A. K. Epstein, and F. J. Cahn.

"Composition of Seven American Linseed Oils"—G. S. Jamieson and W. G. Rose.

"The Thiocyanogen Values of the Methyl Esters of Oleic, Linoleic, and Linolenic Acids and the Application of These Values in the Analysis of Mixtures"—R. W. Riemenschneider, C. E. Swift and, Charles F. Sando.

"A New Process of Refining Oils with Non-Saponifying Agents"—M. Mattikow.

"Pilot Plant Production of Fatty Acid Derivatives"—Ralph H. Potts.

"Elm Seed Oil: Studies on Fatty Acid Separation"—R. G. Zehnpfennig.

### Election of Officers

At the close of the technical meeting the report of the nominating committee was received and the following were elected officers of the society for the coming year:  
 W. G. McLeod—President.

H. S. Mitchell—First Vice-President.  
 Klare S. Markley—Second Vice-President.  
 L. B. Forbes—Third Vice-President.  
 C. P. Long—Fourth Vice-President.  
 J. C. P. Helm—Secretary-Treasurer.

### Banquet

The 32nd annual meeting of The A.O.C.S. was brought to a close with a dinner dance in the main ballroom of the St. Charles hotel. The menu, entertainment, and music were excellent and, it might be added, novel even for New Orleans where affairs of this type are so much a part of its life and way of living.

Following the Trout Marguery course the dinner was interrupted by Mr. N. C. Hamner, genial toastmaster, of Dallas, to welcome the members and guests of the society and to distribute the golf and attendance prizes.

Following the dinner, those in attendance were treated to a novel entertainment known as Arthur Murray's Champagne hour. Mr. Murray and his charming partner first went through their dance routines and then initiated willing and unwilling partners from among the audience. All of the spectators enjoyed the awkward or graceful, as the case may be, efforts of the victims to follow the intricacies of the Argentine Tango, La Conga, Valse Viennese, and other terpsichorean repertoire.

Three of the participants were then selected as the prize winners by acclamation of the audience. In order to determine who should receive the first, second, and third prizes, the three fortunate or unfortunate dancers were then required to race gaily painted wooden steeds across the ballroom floor. The beasts were very trickily designed so that any efforts at speed resulted in immediate unseating of the rider, and consequently the audience was treated to the spectacle of ladies picking themselves up from the ballroom floor in various states of disarray. The winner of the first prize finally brought her steed to the finish line and collected a bottle of champagne. The second and third winners, the latter not yet away from the post, received prizes of a vanity case and gold medal, respectively.

Following the various inept displays of exhibition dancing and jockeying, the various participants up to this point were given lessons in performing La Conga en masse. The entire audience was invited to join the dance which ended in the ancient game of "London



1.—Left to right: H. S. Mitchell, H. H. LaMent, R. E. Blake, N. C. Hamner, E. M. James, J. J. Vollertsen, H. E. Robinson, P. E. Ronzone  
 2.—Group inspecting pilot plant of Regional Laboratory  
 3.—Group before St. Charles Hotel

Bridge Is Falling Down." The last affair brought the entire audience to the floor and was followed by general dancing to the rhythm of Leslie George's orchestra which furnished music surpassed nowhere in the South.

It was a tired but happy group that disbanded in the early morning hours for coffee and doughnuts at the French Market, or to bed if they couldn't take it.



**OUR NEW PRESIDENT**

**William G. McLeod**

Born in Lee County, South Carolina, August 12, 1893.

Bachelor of Science degree, Clemson College, 1913. Graduate work at Columbia University, 1916.

Joined the Society (then called The Society of Cotton Products Analysts) in 1915, while chemist for the Hartsville Oil Mill, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Mr. McLeod entered the meat packing industry in 1917 when he became chemist and later refinery superintendent for Morris and Co. in Chicago.

He was assistant to general superintendent, Armour and Co., 1927-28; and then general superintendent, Canada Packers Limited, Toronto, from 1928 to January, 1941.

Mr. McLeod is now general superintendent, Oscar Mayer & Co., Madison, Wisconsin.

Our new president has had a broad experience in technical and production work in the edible oil and meat industries.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod have two sons, William who graduates from the University of Virginia, and Robert who is in high school in Madison.

**Boat Ride**

Thursday afternoon the ladies were the guests of the New Orleans Port Commission on its yacht the Hugh McCloskey. For a very pleasant two hours they made a tour of the New Orleans harbor, sailing both up and down the Mississippi. Points of particular interest were armed British vessels and two interned Italian vessels. Also of great interest were the miles of docks parallel to the river. During the trip New Orleans coffee and later cold drinks were served.

**Golf Tournament**

The annual golf tournament was an event as usual. It was played at the New Orleans Country Club to the accompaniment of very fine weather and an examination of the results indicates that some excellent scores were turned in despite a course that was difficult to negotiate. The Society owes and herewith expresses its thanks to the donors of a fine list of prizes and to the golf committee for organizing an excellent tournament. Tournament scores follow:

**TOURNAMENT  
LOW GROSS—18 Holes**

| Winner                    | Donor                             | Prize            | Score |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| E. H. Tenent.....         | Industrial Chemical Sales Co..... | Medal & Fob..... | 80    |
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**LOW NET—18 Holes**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| R. R. King.....       | Rufert Chemical Co.....       | B. Jones Irons        |
| R. M. McBride.....    | St. Charles Hotel.....        | Tray                  |
| D. F. Burns.....      | Milwhite Co., Inc.....        | Golf Balls            |
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| Kyle Ward.....        | The Girdler Corp.....         | Golf Balls            |
| H. S. Mitchell.....   | Rufert Chemical Co.....       | Set Woods             |
| J. A. Kime.....       | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Scorer           |
| H. P. Newton.....     | L. A. Salomon & Bro.....      | Set Woods             |
| C. E. Swift.....      | Southern Cotton Oil Co.....   | Zipper Bag            |
| O. H. Alderks.....    | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Scorer           |
| H. H. Lament.....     | Bennett-Clark Co.....         | Brief Case            |
| A. A. Kramer.....     | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Balls            |
| Bob Carr.....         | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Balls            |
| Andrew Schwartz.....  | Emulsol Corp.....             | Golf Bag              |
| P. A. Williams.....   | Sharples Corp.....            | Set Woods             |
| Harry W. Gwyn.....    | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Balls            |
| W. G. McLeod.....     | Dicalite Co.....              | Mdse. Certif. \$10.00 |
| J. J. Vollertsen..... | Bennett-Clark Co.....         | Golf Bag              |
| C. H. Cox.....        | Xact Products.....            | Travel Bag            |
| Henry Odeen.....      | Mathieson Alkali Works.....   | Golf Balls            |
| T. Wharton.....       | Sharples Corp.....            | Golf Balls            |

**CONSOLATION PRIZE**

|                   |                                |            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Geo. E. Shaw..... | American Can Co.—Southern..... | Radio      |
| H. H. Hueske..... | Refining, Inc.....             | Golf Balls |

**Trip**


For the non-golfers, and for those golfers who put pleasant business above pleasant pleasure, a trip was arranged on Thursday afternoon to visit the new Southern Regional Research Laboratory. Some thirty members of the Society gathered at the St. Charles hotel at 1:30 p. m. and were carried by bus over boulevards gorgeous with flowering shrubs and colorful sunken gardens to the lakefront where the new laboratory is so beautifully located.

After a short talk by Dr. Markley in which he gave a general description of the various units of the laboratory, a tour was conducted through the buildings briefly described and illustrated in the April issue of OIL AND SOAP. The group was led through the service building, the only unit which has been entirely completed and equipped; through the pilot plant wing where preparation was being made to pour the concrete floor; through the administration wing where final repairs, necessitated by the attic fire in March, were being completed; and finally through the chemical wing now being used for offices while laboratory benches are being installed in some of the individual laboratories.

Worthy of special note is the very complete nucleus of a library which has already been assembled. Current issues of 110 domestic and 102 foreign scientific and technical journals, a large number of recent monographs, complete reference works and many complete sets of the journals are already available on temporary shelves.

A number of items of equipment already received by the Oil, Fat and Protein Division, including two refining

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Dr. G. S. Jamieson (left), Mr. Wells

loss apparatuses, were on display. The visit was climaxed by a personal word of greeting from Mr. D. F. J. Lynch, Director of the Laboratory, and fellow member of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

After a pleasant trip along the shore of Lake Pontchartrain to the New Orleans Airport, the group was returned to the St. Charles hotel. A good time was had by all. The committee in charge consisted of E. L. Skau, W. R. Stryker, and K. S. Markley.

**POSITION WANTED**

Employment wanted by a young chemist, 26 years old, draft exempt, Christian American, employed by a well known fat and oil laboratory for the past six years. Diversified and thorough experience on all fats and oils and related products. A rapid, accurate analyst, possessing the academic and industrial background necessary to solve production problems and undertake developmental work. Co-author of several papers published in this journal. Prominent references in the industry. Minimum salary desired \$150 per month. Available for interview anywhere east of the Mississippi during the period July 3-20. Available for employment early in August. Address inquiries to R. R. Lewis, 2 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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