

Fall Meeting Held at Chicago

About two hundred and sixty Oil Chemists gathered at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on the morning of October 8th to hear a program of scientific papers of unusual quality. The meeting extended over two days, October 8th and 9th, a strong program being concentrated into this short interval due to the seriousness of the present time.

Program

The morning of October 8th was occupied by a group of papers on soap and glycerine.



The afternoon of October 8th and the program of October 9th were taken up by papers on fats and oils.

Of particular interest were papers presented by a group of Eastern Regional Research Laboratory men whose work has thrown considerable light on the reasons for the difference in stability between fats of animal and of vegetable origin.



An outstanding feature was two discussions presented by Mr. George A. Wrisley, Chief of the Soap, Glycerine, Fatty Acid and Inedible Fat Section of the War Production Board. Mr. Wrisley pointed out in both his papers the aims of the War Production Board in allocating the supplies of fats and glycerine. The object of recent orders of the Board, he said, was to conserve the nation's stockpile of these materials, and,

in order to do this, to regulate the use of these commodities and limit them to essential purposes.

Entertainment

Guests attended a Smoker on the evening of October 8th, which gave excellent opportunity for getting acquainted. Entertainment was restricted in the spirit of the times. The Annual Banquet was omitted.



The ladies enjoyed a dinner party at the "Yar," famous Chicago Russian restaurant, while the men were busy with their Smoker.

After the technical sessions on Thursday afternoon, guests enjoyed movies presented by the U. S. Navy, showing the Navy's planes and scenes from the Coral Sea and Midway battles.



At a meeting of the governing board on October 9th, it was decided to hold the next Fall Meeting at Chicago. President Mitchell named J. J. Vollertsen as general chairman. It was decided further to proceed with plans for the Spring Meeting at New Orleans. S. O. Sorensen was named chairman of a committee to investigate the possibility of setting up some form of institute or fellowship sponsored by the Society for making fundamental researches on the



chemistry of fats and oils, the result of which would benefit the industry as a whole. H. A. Schuette was named chairman of a committee which will look into the advisability of setting up prizes for the encouragement of papers from graduate students and college seniors.

Several reproductions of convention scenes appear on this page. These show groups of chemists attending, one of the lady chemists registered and a snapshot of members of the ladies committee. These latter are Mesdames W. D. Reid, J. J. Vollertsen and H. S. Mitchell.