

Meet Your Past President . . .

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in the series of sketches on past presidents which *Oil & Soap* inaugurated in March, 1946, to acquaint new members with past leaders. Previous presidents were Felix Paquin, pro tem in 1909, president in 1910; David Wesson, E. R. Barrow, F. N. Smalley, G. W. Agee, G. G. Fox, T. C. Law, Archibald Campbell, P. S. Tilton, Rex W. Perry, F. B. Porter, C. B. Cluff, L. M. Tolman, H. B. Battle, H. J. Morrison, J. J. Vollertsen, R. H. Fash, H. P. Trevithick, A. W. Putland, W. R. Stryker, W. H. Irwin, A. S. Richardson, N. C. Hamner, J. P. Harris.)

W. D. HUTCHINS, 1934

THE 25th president of the American Oil Chemists' Society, Wayland D. Hutchins, was given a page in the June, 1934, issue of *Oil & Soap* for photograph and sketch, of which the author was J. C. Howard of Savannah, Ga. His record, up to that year, gave such basic biographical data as birth at



W. D. HUTCHINS

Liberty, S. C., on July 15, 1896; education at Clemson A. & M. College of South Carolina; and interest in chemistry. After graduation Mr. Hutchins entered the head laboratory of the Southern Cotton Oil Company at Savannah, where he worked under Frank N. Smalley, one of the founders of the Society and an early president. For more than 10 years he served as district chemist for the company. On the Society side he had been a member since 1920 and served on various committees, being especially interested in the work of

the Refining and Color committees. He was also an active member of the American Chemical Society and of the American Society of Testing Materials. His professional experience was concentrated in fats, oils, water analysis, and fertilizers.

With this type of background Mr. Hutchins moved into his new work as president, appointing committees, setting up projects, and preparing for the eighth fall meeting at the Medinah club in Chicago on October 11 and 12, 1934. Chicago was observing the second year of its Century of Progress exposition, and visitors were urged to attend the fall meeting and likewise the exposition. A bowling tournament and a golf tournament were scheduled attractions, as were exhibits of apparatus, equipment, and supplies.

Next on the calendar of Mr. Hutchins' term was the 1935 spring meeting, held not in New Orleans but instead in Memphis, at the Hotel Peabody, on May 23 and 24, with G. Worthen Agee as chairman, assisted by Mrs. G. Owen Daniels as ladies' chairman, and E. R. Barrow as golf chairman. A report of this meeting (June, 1935, issue) by J. P. Harris indicated the largest attendance ever registered at a southern meeting, 155, finances "out of the red" for *Oil & Soap*, outstanding technical papers, and a review of developments in the science of oils by R. C. Newton.

On behalf of the Journal Committee W. H. Irwin, chairman, reported that 43 original scientific papers had been published, 24 committee reports, and two pages of abstracts each month. To fill the vacancy on the Editorial Advisory Board caused by the death of David Wesson appointment was announced of William E. Anderson, Yale university.

Membership in the Society, according to the presidential address (July, 1935, issue), was 354, having increased by 52 during the year. "It has been the aim of the Society this year to establish a closer contact with the American Chemical Society and the Bureau of Standards," commented Mr. Hutchins.

In the intervening years Mr. Hutchins has continued active committee work, serving not only on Membership but also on Nominations, 1938; Editorial Advisory Board, 1940; F.A.C., 1939-43; Oil Characteristics, 1937; Uniform Methods, 1940-1; and F.F.A. Further, he served approximately 20 years as district chemist in charge of the Savannah laboratory of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and then was transferred to the manufacturing division in 1939, of which he has since been superintendent.

ADRIAN A. ROBINSON, 1935

STEPPING from the first vice presidency in charge of membership work, where he broke all previous records, Adrian A. Robinson became the 26th president of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the

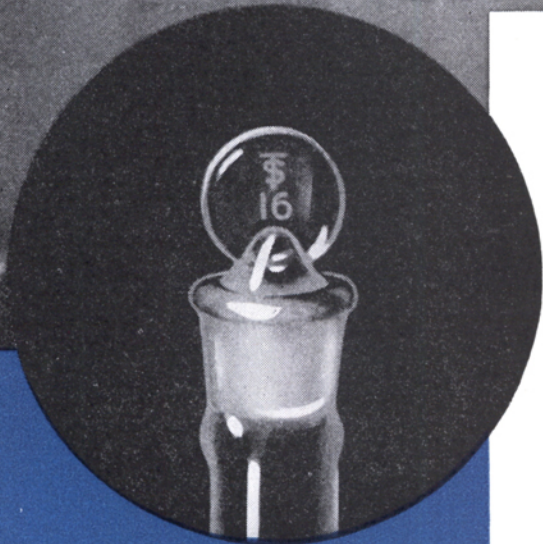
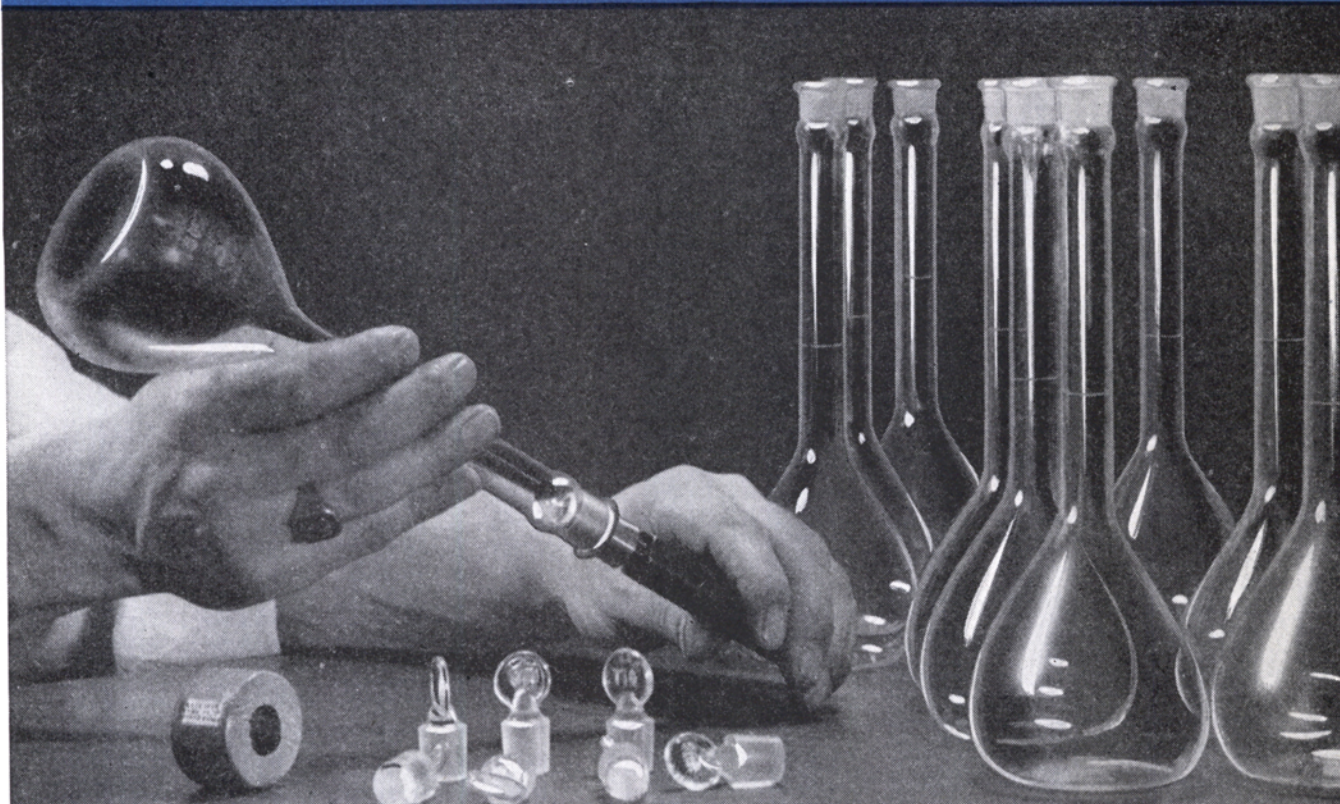


A. A. ROBINSON

May, 1935, spring meeting in Memphis. Born in Fayetteville, N. C., he later attended the Georgia School of Technology, being graduated in 1918. Entering the Army Air Service in 1917, Mr. Robinson was commissioned a second lieutenant and became a flying instructor at various Texas air fields. In 1919 he resigned from the army and entered government service in the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, Department of Agriculture, Chicago. A year later he went to Wilson and Company, working with oils, fats, and by-products. In 1926 he was appointed assistant chief chemist, and in 1935 he was a member of the Officers' Reserve Corps and American Association of Cereal Chemists. In 1936 he left Wilson and went with the Standard Margarine Company at Indianapolis as director of research, remaining there until 1943 when the company was purchased by Standard Brands inc. Then he was appointed technical director of the Shefford division, with offices in Chicago.

Cincinnati, for the first time, became host to a fall meeting of the Society in 1935 during Mr. Robinson's year as president, with the Netherland-Plaza hotel as headquarters, H. J. Morrison as honorary chairman, and Mrs. A. S. Richardson as ladies' chairman. Informal golfing was substituted for the usual tournament, and bowling was a feature of the subscription

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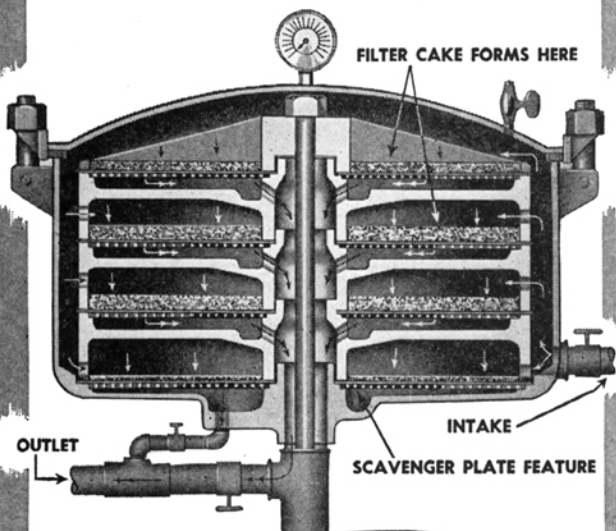
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dinner. Exhibits were arranged, at a fee of \$18 in comparison with the \$10 charged the year before in Chicago, with C. P. Long as chairman.

Unfortunately Mr. Robinson had to miss his second meeting, held in New Orleans on May 28 and 29, 1936, because of illness, and his presidential address was omitted from the program.

E. C. AINSLIE, 1936

MOVING steadily forward in the term of the next president, E. C. Ainslie of Atlanta, Ga., the American Oil Chemists' Society held its usual fall meeting, this time in Chicago at the Congress hotel on October 8-9, 1936, with a registration of 215, exhibits, golf, and bowling, and then next spring the annual meeting, in Dallas at the Hotel Baker with N. C. Hamner as chairman. The former was the first to draw an attendance of more than 200. The latter was the first to use mimeographed versions of the annual reports and verbal abstracts limited to five minutes. The membership by this time stood at more than 400, and two new committees had been appointed: Oil Characteristics and Total Fatty Acids in Acid Soap Stocks.



E. C. AINSLIE

Mr. Ainslie came into office with a committee background including cottonseed, soybeans, peanuts, lint on seed, and cellulose yield. Since then he has also served on the moisture and advertising committees. He has been chief chemist for the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, going to this firm in 1910 after a year with two employers in the fertilizer business. In 1909 he was graduated from the Virginia Polytechnical Institute, and his birthplace was Richmond, Va., in 1889.

Having joined the Society in 1913, when it still bore the name of the Society of Cotton Products Analysts, Mr. Ainslie has been interested in investigating analytical problems concerning raw materials and the products of crude mills. In his view "remarkably few of the early members have left the Society of their own accord, and highly valued friendships, resulting from annual meetings and committee service, lead to a bond which is not easily broken. Otherwise charter members would not now still be serving on active committees and attending regularly at least one meeting each year." He is confident that the Society will in the future become increasingly strong in membership and in technical achievement.

"The Use of Isotopes as Indicators" by A. H. W. Aten, Jr., and F. A. Heyn is one of the articles in Vol 8, No. 10, of the Philips Technical Review issued by PHILIPS LABORATORIES INC., Irvington, N. Y. No. 11 carried another article by these authors on "The Technique of Investigations with Radioactive and Stable Isotopes."