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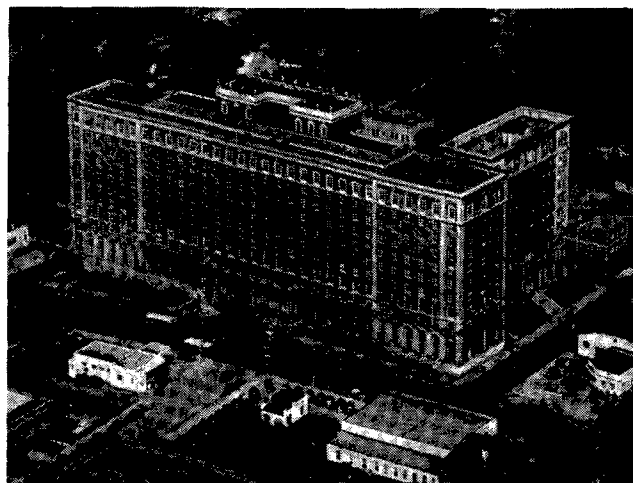
Atlanta Invites AOCS to Spring Meeting

ATLANTA, the capital city of Georgia, has been chosen as the convention site for the 1950 meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society which will convene at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel May 1, 2, and 3. To locate Atlanta on a map of the United States draw a straight line from New York to New Orleans and a straight line from Chicago to Jacksonville, and the two lines will cross almost exactly at Atlanta. Topography makes Atlanta the national crossroads of the entire Southeast. Indian trails hundreds of miles long converged here from a half-dozen directions, and on the east bank of the Chattahoochee river, a few miles from Five Points, the center of Atlanta, stood the big Indian town of Standing Peachtree. From this town Atlanta's famous Peachtree street derived its name and between these famed Peachtree streets, Peachtree and West Peachtree, is located the beautiful Atlanta Biltmore which will be the headquarters hotel for the 24th annual meeting of the Society in Atlanta.

Atlanta was born as the southern terminus of the Western and Atlantic Railroad; thus its first name was Terminus. Atlanta is still one of the transportation centers of the entire country and is on the crossroads of traffic for the Southeast, being within 24 hours ride of two-thirds of the nation's population and three hours by plane from New York and New Orleans on the one angle and Miami and Chicago on the other. In addition, a veritable network of paved highways serve the city, and the "Gateway of the South," Atlanta, is served by 94 passenger trains each day, 178 scheduled air flights, and 320 scheduled buses, making the industrial capital of the Southeast easily accessible by all modes of travel for members of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Atlanta is the home of Stone Mountain, the Cyclorama, Uncle Remus, Bobby Jones, the late Margaret Mitchell, and the place where black-eyed peas, corn bread, and turnip greens are reminiscent of the Old South. Stone Mountain, located east of Atlanta, is considered one of the world's largest exposed blocks of granite while the Cyclorama, which is a picture of the Battle of Atlanta, is one of the world's two largest paintings, being 50 feet high and 400 feet in circumference and being housed in a specially constructed edifice to care for it. As you know, Uncle Remus means Joel Chandler Harris, the author of the famous stories about the old colored man and the little boy. The Wren's Nest, former home of Joel Chandler Harris, is located at 1050 Gordon street in Atlanta. Many will want to see East Lake, the home golf course of Bobby Jones, the Cyclorama, Stone Mountain, and the beautiful homes for which Atlanta is famous. A tour of Atlanta's many lovely residential areas with the beautiful natural settings may be arranged for guests while in the city.

One of the world's most important soft drinks has its home in Atlanta, and it was with money made from this world-famous product that the Atlanta Biltmore



Atlanta Biltmore Hotel

was built and opened to the public April 19, 1924. The Atlanta Biltmore is located in a three-acre park, between the famed Peachtree streets, just beyond skyscrapers' shadows, on Atlanta's main boulevard, West Peachtree, and is four minutes from the center of Atlanta, being equidistant from the three railway stations. Every room has outside exposure, private bath, circulating ice water, and full-length mirror.

One of the outstanding features of the Biltmore is its beautiful outdoor dining terrace, which is open in the spring, summer, and early fall for dining and dancing. Tall trees and beautiful shrubbery enhance the beautiful environment of this magnificent Georgian structure with its tall white columns, both front and back.

Arrangements have been made with the management of the hotel to care for all of the headquarters and general functions of the convention, and a complete story on these facilities will follow in the next issue of the Journal.

Papers Solicited for Atlanta Meeting in May

PERSONNEL of the technical program committee for the 24th annual spring meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society to be held in Atlanta May 1-3, 1950, at the Atlanta Biltmore hotel, is announced by E. C. Ainslie, general chairman, as follows: Dan Lee Henry, Law and Company, Atlanta, chairman; Willy Lange, Procter and Gamble Company, Ivorydale, O.; W. C. Ault, Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa.; and T. H. Hopper, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans. Anyone who has a paper to offer may correspond with one of the committee members in regard to its acceptability. Suggestions are welcome, according to Mr. Ainslie, because there are no large research institutions in the convention area.

In addition to the technical papers there will be committee reports, election of officers, two meetings of the Governing Board, and other transactions relating to the business of the Society. Hotel reservations should be made direct with the Atlanta Biltmore hotel. Cards for this purpose will be mailed to the membership with the election ballots on March 3.

The year 1950 will witness two innovations: a spring meeting in the southeast and a fall meeting on the west coast. It is hoped that both will be well attended by the membership.