

NEWS

San Francisco Fall Meeting Is Scintillating Success

EVERYONE expected the San Francisco meeting to be a great success, and so it was. In attendance it matched the spring meetings, the papers were excellent, the social calendar was brilliantly festive, the weather was perfect, and the cable cars and famous hills provided the filip desired by those who like quaintness and tradition. The local committee on arrangements, headed by E. B. Kester, which had been working hard for many a month, concluded that if the first meeting could go off so well they were willing to invite the Society to a return engagement in about five years. This suggestion might mean a fall meeting in Los Angeles about 1955, say.

Broken down, the registration comprised 177 members, 23 non-members, 32 sponsored technical non-members, 11 guests, 24 exhibitors, and 70 ladies, or a total of 337. Although Californians naturally predominated, there were visitors from 18 other states, Canada, and Mexico. This last was represented by Miss Eloisa Cruz of Industrial Aceiteria, Mexico City. States included Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington.

A report on the technical program by W. O. Lundberg appears elsewhere in this issue. One of the outstanding features was the economic paper by Karl Brandt of Stanford Food Research Institute because of its broad implications to all producers and users of fats and oils. "The Society is most grateful to Durkee Famous Foods," according to Dr. Kester, "for making it possible to have Dr. Brandt on the program."

Social events were well chosen in character, from the reception Monday at 5 p. m. on the mezzanine of the hotel to the finale on Friday when those who could stay over either took the field trip or made the courtesy flights over the city arranged by United Air Lines. Tuesday was memorable because there was a full moon and no wind for the cruise of the bay—San Francisco at her best ("incredible luck," according to one committee chairman). Banquet food, music, and entertainment on Wednesday were splendid, and Thursday a small but select group who had the requisite \$5 for a ticket attended the per-

formance of "Lucia" at the Memorial Opera house, to hear Lily Pons sing the leading role and to see this famous and beautiful building, where the United Nations organization was born.

Friday's outing had two parts: a visit to the Cargill plant in South San Francisco, where fortunately a copra ship, the Vingnes, was just being unloaded and the cargo weighed in, and a drive into the Napa valley, home of the famous California wines, with a tour of the stone cellars of the Beringer winery and a barbecue luncheon with four bottles of wine for each table, and on the return trip a stop at historic Sonoma mission. One of the guides at Cargill's was H. Howard Hansen of V. D. Anderson, another, E. M. Kurtz of Cargill.

Besides Dr. Kester, others on the local committee were: P. W. Tompkins, honorary chairman; Hugo de Bussieres, treasurer; Mrs. A. C. Richardson, ladies' entertainment; H. S. Olcott, program; C. D. Thurmond and J. A. Gordon, registration and arrangements; E. F. Week, publicity; A. R. Volk-muth and W. C. Wood, industrial exhibits; J. A. Kneeland, printing; S. U. Greenberg, plant trips and sight-seeing; T. D. Sanford, banquet; C. J. Gaiser, shore dinner and boat ride; and J. A. Reynolds, hotel bedrooms and information.

EXHIBITORS at the 24th fall meeting were as follows: Erb and Gray, Los Angeles; Industrial Chemical Sales, division of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, Chicago; Central Scientific Company, Chicago; L. A. Salomon & Bro., New York City; Blaw-Knox Construction Company, Pittsburgh; Girdler Corporation, Louisville; Sierra Tale and Clay Company, Los Angeles; Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis; Filtrol Corporation, Los Angeles; Beckman Instruments, South Pasadena, Calif.; Wilson and George Meyers and Company, San Francisco, representing the Tennessee Eastman Corporation; Oronite Chemical Company, San Francisco; Philadelphia Quartz Company, Berkeley; Braun-Knecht-Heimann Company, San Francisco; Fulcher Company, San Francisco, representing the Vulcan Copper and Supply Company; and DeLaval Separator Company, New York City.

Gala Time for AOCS Ladies

AN INFORMAL tea and reception was held in the mezzanine lobby of the Sir Francis Drake hotel Monday, September 25, at 5 p. m. to permit members and guests to visit with their old friends and meet the members of the local group. Mrs. Morris Poole was hostess.

On Tuesday at 3 p. m. the ladies were invited to the Starlite room of the Drake for the Hawaiian tea. As each guest entered the room, she was presented with a lovely lei donated by



(left) The M. L. Sheelys of Chicago manage a smile as they arrive, feeling slightly travel-worn, at the Sir Francis Drake hotel. (center) Enjoying refreshments at the reception Monday afternoon are Mrs. George F. Clark, Nacogdoches, Tex.; W. T. Coleman, Abilene, Tex.; Mr. Clark; Harold V. Williams, Chicago; and Mrs. A. C. Richardson, ladies' chairman, Emeryville, Calif. (right) Hawaiian leis provided the decorative keynote for the ladies Tuesday on the Starlite roof of the Drake: left to right, Mrs. Willy Lange, Cincinnati; Mrs. T. D. Sanford, Orinda, Calif.; Mrs. E. B. Kester, Berkeley, Calif.; Mrs. A. B. Hawkins, Chicago office; Mrs. A. C. Richardson (only her hat and hands show); Mrs. J. R. Mays Jr., Memphis; Mrs. C. J. Gaiser, Berkeley; Mrs. J. A. Lawson, San Mateo;