



**MINNEAPOLIS COMMITTEE**—Only part of the key personnel handling the fall meeting were available when this picture was taken. Those lined up are D. H. Wheeler, R. F. Paschke, J. C. Konen, A. G. De Poy, K. C. McCaleb, and Everett Lindh.

### Miracle in Minneapolis? Attendance Reaches 688

**T**O the surprise of everyone, probably including the Minneapolis convention committee too, the 28th annual fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society set several records as a new high in program, enthusiasm, social events, and attendance outside the metropolitan concentrations of members in New York and Chicago. The total attendance was 688, comprising 350 members, 146 non-members, 85 ladies, 92 one-day registrants, and 15 exhibitors.

In comparison with the figures for 1953, Chicago attracted 665, plus 50-60 ladies. Broken down, the attendance represented 416 members, 154 non-members, 70 complimentary (speakers and exhibitors), and 25 students. In 1948 New York set a high not matched since: 713 exclusive of the 100 or more exhibitors. There were 400 members, 226 non-members, and 87 women.

Except for the weather, which was not too important, save to Chicagoans who were worried about flooded basements at home, everything was fine. There was a total of 99 technical papers on the program, and experienced observers commented that their level was unusually high. The social events at this Paul Bunyan meeting lived up to the keynote, being informal and lively, marked by singing and home talent jollity as well as by professional entertainment. The two field trips were conducted in a drizzle, but the interest was great.

A compliment should also be paid the Radisson hotel, headquarters for the meeting on October 11-13, for their speed and efficiency in handling arrangements, such as transforming a dining area to an auditorium or dance floor within a matter of 5 or 10 minutes. Cocktail parties abounded, with an open one given Monday by Distillation Products. The Archer-Daniels-Midland buffet supper on Sunday attracted 350, the smörgåsbord on Monday even more, and the banquet on Tuesday 388.

The ladies added a gay decorative note to the meeting with their own sparkle and diverting entertainment ("just the change I needed," said one). There was a homemaker flavor in the tour of the famous Betty Crocker Kitchens of General Mills, a Minnesota

historian was speaker at the luncheon at Charley's Cafe Exceptionale, the flaming fall foliage on Tuesday's tour of the Minnetonka area, followed by luncheon at the beautiful Interlachen Country club, combined with the one clear day of the meeting (blue, blue sky and white fleecy clouds), made this event a memorable one.

**T**HERE were 26 technical exhibits in connection with the scientific meeting, many of them manned by members of the Society. The Governing Board met on Sunday, with President C. E. Morris in the chair, and various technical and administrative committees met during the four-day span of the convention. There was never any lull from early in the morning until late in the evening, and the compactness of the arrangements made seeing and talking to everyone easy and pleasant.

The voice of Grandma Nokomis, who contributed so much to the effective publicity for the meeting, turned out to be R. F. Paschke, publicity chairman. Everyone on the local committee worked smoothly and efficiently, giving great credit to the general chairman, J. C. Konen, of Archer-Daniels-Midland. Mr. Konen joked about the distribution of duties, saying the committee did all the work and he did the worrying. Field trips were made on Wednesday to the Minnesota Linsed Oil Company and Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Behind the scenes were S. O. Sorensen, also of A-D-M, president of the Society in 1946, who was asked several years ago by the Governing Board to set up a Minneapolis meeting, and Julius Perltt of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Award winners among the speakers were R. J. Meyer for a general paper, and J. A. Cannon for a symposium paper.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: More photographs will be published in the December issue.]

### Bates Returns to Armour

E. W. Bates has sold North American Laboratory Inc., his Chicago business, and returned to Armour and Company as special assistant to the director of development. He went into business for himself last spring after 24 years with Armour. He is secretary of the American Oil Chemists' Society and chairman of the Smalley Committee.



**CANADIANS**—The neighbors to the north visited Minneapolis in considerable numbers, with 10 from Canada Packers alone, but for the purposes of picture-taking only these four could be rounded up at one time: E. M. Meade, University of Toronto and Meade Process Company; R. A. Burt, Toronto (standing), W. S. Gilpin Jr., Montreal, and M. A. Partridge, Toronto, all with Canada Packers.