

NEWS

Golf, Mexico, Side Trips Add to San Antonio Lure

ONE of the busiest of the committee chairmen working on arrangements for the 45th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, to be held at the Plaza hotel in San Antonio, Tex., April 12-14, 1954, is William Argue, the golf

chairman. He reports that the annual golf tournament will be held at the Oak Hills Country club on April 13 and promises an interesting afternoon with prizes for all participants.

Enthusiastically he adds that "each member who attends the San Antonio meeting is urged to bring his clubs and join in making this the largest golf tournament on record. Several novel and interesting events are being planned as a part of the tournament which members will not want to miss. A cordial invitation to golfers and duds alike is heartily



J. S. Swearingen

extended by the San Antonio Committee."

From Charles E. Balleisen of the Southwest Research Institute, who is assisting J. S. Swearingen, chairman, with arrangements, also comes provocative detail for the pleasure side of the meeting. He writes as follows:

Members planning to attend the annual meeting should keep in mind that San Antonio is an ideal place from which to take off for other short, or side trips. It is 250 miles from Dallas and Fort Worth, the same distance from Houston or Brownsville, about 600 miles from El Paso, and only a little more than 125 miles from Corpus Christi.

Interesting variety can be obtained with very little trouble. The border cities of Matamoros, Reynosa, and Nuevo Laredo can be visited by native-born United States citizens without any formalities or governmental requirements.

Those who desire to visit the interior of our sister republic must have a vaccination certificate not more than three years old and a Mexican Tourist Card. This card may be obtained from your Mexican consul for \$5 or may be obtained in San Antonio or at the border crossing point. Naturalized U. S. citizens must have their naturalization papers for re-entry to the United States.

The interior of Mexico is easily available to tourists. Overnight train service with excellent European type of equipment is available to Monterrey and Mexico City. For those who prefer faster travel the airlines also furnish frequent service. Arrangements for such trips may be made in your home city with your own transportation agencies, or upon arrival in San Antonio. All trips are on an individual basis since the American Oil Chemists' Society is not planning any group trips. The San Antonio local committee however will be glad to assist any members who desire to make these interesting visits.

Information about committee appointments and tentative program of technical papers was published in the January, 1954, issue of the Journal. W. D.

Harris of Texas A & M College, College Station, Tex., is program chairman, assisted by the following: H. D. Fincher, Anderson, Clayton and Company, Houston; C. M. Lyman, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Tex.; and A. Cecil Wamble, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, College Station, Tex.

Convention events will start on Sunday, April 11, with meetings of the Governing Board, Society committees, and a social hour. Procter Thomson, president of the Society, will preside at the Sunday board meeting, and his successor, C. E. Morris, at the meeting of the incoming board at the end of the convention. Annual reports and election results will be announced at the opening session, Monday, April 12.

R. R. King will be in charge of the Past Presidents' dinner, set for Monday evening, April 12, at the San Antonio club. The banquet will be held Tuesday. General events also include a Mexican party on Sunday at La Villita, 6 to 9 p.m., and dinner and entertainment at the Pearl Corral on Monday.

To Publish 1953 Revisions

The 1953 Revisions to the 1946 edition of the Methods will soon be published by the American Oil Chemists' Society, according to the technical editor, T. H. Hopper. The list of new or revised Methods follows:

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A new front page and table of contents are provided in this 1953 set of Revisions. Customers who have purchased the 1952 reprinting of the 1946 edition of the Methods have the Revisions from 1947 through 1951 and should buy the 1952 and 1953 sets to bring their looseleaf books up-to-date. Orders may be placed through the American Oil Chemists' Society at 35 E. Wacker drive, Chicago 1, Ill. The price will be \$1.25.

Establishes Fellowship in USDA

A fellowship for research on fatty acids derived from domestic fats and oils has been established in the U. S. Department of Agriculture by the Association of American Soap and Glycerine Producers Inc. The work is sponsored by the Association's Fatty Acid Division as part of the research program aimed at finding new uses and wider markets for fats and oils. The study will be directed particularly to broadening the industrial application of fatty acids, which comprise 90% of the weight of our domestic fats and oils.

The fellowship, which provides for a senior and junior fellow, extends for one year and may be renewed by mutual agreement. The research will be supervised by the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory in Philadelphia, where the work will be done.