

NEWS

Technical Program for Houston Meeting to Appear in April Issue

BECAUSE of the March 10 deadline to authors in regard to titles and abstracts of papers, it will be the April issue of the Journal that will carry full details about the technical program to be presented at the 47th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Houston at the Shamrock-Hilton hotel, April 23-25. J. D. Lindsay of Texas A & M College is program chairman, and he is arranging for about 50 papers in concurrent sessions.

Hotel reservations should be made in advance with Kimball Smart of Anderson, Clayton and Company, Box 2538, Houston, Tex.

Entertainment, in charge of W. A. Jacob, will begin with a buffet supper around the swimming pool of the hotel on Sunday evening, sponsored by Refining Uninc., and will include Monday dinner at the San Jacinto Inn, adjacent to the San Jacinto battleground, the annual dinner dance on Tuesday evening, and the Awards luncheon Wednesday.

The traditional golf tournament with prizes will be held Tuesday afternoon, at the Lake Forest Country club, and there will be two field trips for the non-golfers. Ladies in attendance at the meeting will have their own golf tournament with prizes and a full program of events, under the direction of Mrs. G. M. Kreutzer. William Argue of Anderson, Clayton is both golf chairman and general chairman.

In addition to the usual meetings of the outgoing and incoming Governing Boards, there will be various other conferences, including that of the Uniform Methods committee, of which J. T. R. Andrews is



SWIMMING POOL—This will be the scene of the buffet supper sponsored by Refining Uninc. for early arrivals at the 47th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society on Sunday, April 22, 1956, at the Shamrock-Hilton hotel, Houston.

Attention, Golfers!

The Houston committee asks that everyone who intends to play in the golf tournament on Tuesday, April 24, 1956, bring his own clubs.

chairman, who is scheduling 2 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m. Monday.

Election of Officers to Be Announced in April

Among the items of business to be transacted at the annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Houston, April 23-25, 1956, at the Shamrock-Hilton hotel will be announcement of the results of the mail balloting on candidates for office during the 1956-57 term. Deadline for ballots was March 26. T. H. Hopper of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans, La., will be the incoming president.

The Governing Board will meet twice, on Sunday, April 22, with W. A. Peterson presiding, and on Wednesday, at the close of the afternoon session, with Mr. Hopper in the chair.

Annual reports will be given by committee chairmen at the opening session, Monday morning, and there will be committee conferences during the span of the convention.

Call to Annual Meeting

The membership of the American Oil Chemists' Society is hereby invited to attend the annual meeting in Houston, Tex., at the Shamrock-Hilton hotel, April 23-25, 1956. Committee reports will be heard, election results will be announced, and other items of business will be transacted.

W. A. PETERSON, president

R. W. BATES, secretary

Problem Corner

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Question

We are running an oil mill, including refinery. We have found that oil cannot be bleached to colorless by activated earth, but it can be bleached by exposure to sunlight. We should like to know if sunlight bleaching has any detrimental effect on oil. If not, we intend to change the tank top to transparent plastic sheets in order to bleach the oil in storage and then deodorize it.

From KARACHI, PAKISTAN

Answer

We agree with you that sunlight bleaching can produce a colorless oil, but unfortunately we cannot recommend it because light bleaching can produce rancidity due to catalytic oxidation and it can polymerize the oil. It appears that it may destabilize your oil.

Another method of decolorizing beyond using activated earth is to mix activated carbon, such as you will find advertised in our Journal, with your bleaching earth, about nine parts earth to one part active carbon. This should reduce the red color in your treated oil.

You will find that a good high temperature vacuum deodorizing may slightly reduce the color of your oil. Hydrogenation may also be of help.

Possibly you are aiming at too low a color in your oil. Too great color removal may tend to destabilize oil by removing the natural protective antioxidants which are present in oil.

J. P. HARRIS