



HOUSTON COMMITTEE—Soberly viewing the intricate golf scoring sheet are (seated) C. M. Lyman, A. C. Wamble, William Argue, golf chairman, and H. D. Fincher; (standing) F. G. Packard, W. D. Harris, T. J. Barlow, and W. A. Jacob.

Houston Does It Again! A Most Successful Meeting

HOUSTON PROVIDED EVERYTHING for the members and guests of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the 47th annual meeting at the Shamrock-Hilton hotel, April 25-26, 1956—plenty of gay entertainment, good technical papers, sunshine for the golf tournament and rain otherwise, golf and door prizes galore, and the customary fellowship. With William Argue doubling as general chairman and golf chairman, with George M. Kreutzer as his able right-hand man, and various others as committee personnel the meeting was smoothly and pleasantly conducted. Registration was 429, including 92 ladies.

Sunday's buffet supper with Refining Uninc. as hosts was held inside, instead of by the swimming pool, because of the rain, and the night club style of entertainment was diverting and enjoyable. Monday evening buses transported everyone to the San Jacinto Inn, where seafood, including shrimp and oysters in abundance, was a new dietary experience to some inlanders and where again novel entertainment was provided, including Jonelly, the musical humorist.

While ordinary members were thus engaged, the past presidents of the Society had their annual reunion at the Houston club with 10 present. A place for Rex Perry, charter member now living in California, was set at the table, as a thank-you for his contribution to the association. In addition, he has been given a "Fruit-of-the-Month" subscription. R. R. King as secretary-treasurer was in charge of arrangements.

Beginning Tuesday noon there were high jinks for members and their ladies: golf tournament for both, luncheon and style show for the latter, and as a climax the traditional dinner and dance, with sparkling entertainment and a fine orchestra. J. P. Hughes acted as toastmaster at the banquet, and E. M. James made the traditional presentation of the Paquin key to the retiring president of the Society, W. A. Peterson. His remarks in part were as follows:

Our first president, Felix Paquin, some years before his death, established a fund, the income of which was to be

used to purchase a golden key for each retiring president to serve as an enduring reminder of his term of office. . . .

Bill joined the A.O.C.S. 30 years ago and has had a long and distinguished record of committee work as well as two consecutive terms on the Governing Board before he was elected as vice president two years ago. He was active in the formation of the Northeast Section of the A.O.C.S., the first group to be admitted as a local section, and was its presiding officer.

As your president, Bill has continued unflinchingly to serve the interests of your Society and has reason to be proud of his administration.

A plant inspection trip to the Humble Oil and Refinery Company, Baytown, Tex., was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and drew a capacity crowd.

Wednesday the Awards luncheon for Smalley awards, golf and door prizes was the closing event, followed by a short business session and the installation of new officers. Mr. Argue expressed appreciation to such companies as Anderson, Clayton, Bennett-Clark, W. F. H. Schultz, Refining Uninc., Skelly Oil Company, and Texas Cotton Oil Company for their help in putting on the meeting. He asked golf prize winners to thank the donors personally. Having two legs up on the silver tray, donated five years ago by the American Mineral Spirits Company, and no competition from F. C. Magne, also with two legs up but unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Argue became the winner of this beautiful prize.

Scenes of the Big Night

- 1. HEAD TABLES**—In the first row, from the left, are Mrs. William Argue, H. C. Black, Mrs. G. M. Kreutzer, T. H. Hopper, Mrs. W. A. Peterson, J. P. Hughes, Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Hopper, Mr. Kreutzer, Mrs. Black, and Mr. Argue; second row: Mrs. W. A. Jacob, J. D. Lindsay, Mrs. A. F. Kapecki, R. W. Bates, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. Jacob, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Kapecki.
- 2. LARGE GROUP**—From the left are Loren Hammack, Ben Bruce, R. J. Vander Wal, Mrs. W. T. Coleman, M. E. Whitten, Mr. Coleman, Allan Preston; R. T. Doughtie Jr., Mrs. Hammack, Mrs. R. C. Pope, Mr. Pope, Mrs. Burt Pattison, D. L. Henry, Mrs. Preston, and Mr. Pattison.
- 3. WAITING FOR THE FUN**—In the usual order are Mrs. and Mr. L. A. Schnurr, Mrs. and Mr. O. Casavantes, Mrs. L. S. Kelly, E. D. Gile, Millie Bishop, T. A. Stovall; S. E. Pack, Mrs. and Mr. G. F. Clark Jr., unidentified man, Sherman Goble, L. S. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Spielman.
- 4. EMERALD CORNER**—Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown chat with F. A. Kummerow (right).
- 5. IN THE LOBBY**—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Konen are snapped en route to the banquet.
- 6. HELPING OUT**—To balance this group Mrs. S. J. Rini obligingly left her own table to sit on the right for this shot. Fellow diners are B. W. Beadle, Mrs. and Mr. Donald Ogg, and Dale Ryeecraft Jr.; John M. Dendy, N. W. Ziels, and W. F. Douglass.
- 7. YOUNG VISITOR**—This is Ronald Hodges, and with him (left to right) are L. H. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Greentree; Mr. and Mrs. K. U. Ingold, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Krumbein.
- 8. RING-SIDE SEATS**—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reiser are early birds at the banquet.
- 9. NOT ALONE REALLY**—Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Harris are really facing the Reisers but are separated for picture layout reasons.
- 10. BEHIND BARS**—On the terrace are V. F. Green, Mrs. and Mr. C. W. Eckey, and Mrs. H. D. Fincher.
- 11. ON THE LOOKOUT**—These four were pinned down by the photographer as they started to look for vacant places at the tables: (in front) Joe Stewart and Alfredo Longoria; (back) V. V. Studer and Walter Rushin.