

Bennett Honored at Luncheon

AN ATTENDANCE of 531, a technical program of 56 papers, diversified entertainment for the ladies, and unusually convenient hotel facilities marked the first Los Angeles convention of the American Oil Chemists' Society, otherwise known as the 33rd annual fall meeting, at the Statler Hilton, September 28-30, 1959. Co-chairmen were H. C. Bennett and L. O. Leenerts; Roslyn B. Alfin-Slater was program chairman, Mrs. Leenerts ladies' chairman.

Of the 531, there were 297 members, 80 nonmembers, 18 speakers, 50 exhibitors, and 86 ladies. California led, of course, in the number of registrations, but 18 other states were represented and the District of Columbia. Eight foreign countries were included: Australia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, England, India, Mexico, and Sweden.

A special feature of the meeting was the retirement luncheon Wednesday in honor of Mr. Bennett (1918), technical director, who will leave the Los Angeles Soap Company at the end of December, completing 45 years of service. For fun there was a mock cake adorned with miniature trappings of retirement; and for tribute there was a handsome camera case. Mr. Leenerts presided, and N. D. Embree, president of the Society, spoke; then Mr. Bennett responded. Comments about the very active professional and Society career of Mr. Bennett were made by Mr. Leenerts, who quoted from the July 1919 issue of the Cotton Oil Press and from the February 1959 issue of The Wash Rag, house organ.

Dr. Embree presided at the opening session on Monday morning. Rex E. Layton, liaison officer for Mayor Norris Poulson, spoke briefly about the glories of Los Angeles, mentioning that their water was brought from far-off places and they had the greatest aqueduct system in the country and that the area ranked third in the country in the value of manufactured products.

Social events included the mixer Sunday evening in the Golden State room, a cocktail party Monday in the Pacific ballroom through the courtesy of Distillation Products Industries and Eastman Chemical Products Inc., and the dinner-dance Tuesday, also in the Pacific ballroom.

Various committees met, including Refining, Uniform Methods, Technical Safety, Statistical, Color, National Pro-

gram, Membership, Journal, and Advertising. Plant trips were arranged for Beckman Instruments Inc., Lever Brothers, and Peterson Manufacturing Company. As an alternative there was a trip to the California Corporation for Biochemical Research.

Sight-seeing and Plunder

EARLY ARRIVALS on Sunday, September 27, to the American Oil Chemists' convention started their sightseeing with trips to Chinatown, Olvera Street (Spanish town), Disneyland, Marineland, etc.

Monday morning, after coffee and rolls were served in the New York room of the Statler hotel, 76 ladies toured by bus to the Hollywood Bowl, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Beverly Hills, and the stars' homes, past the new Mormon Temple, to the Beverly Hilton hotel for lunch at the "Star of the Roof." Many nice door prizes were awarded, and each lady received an Hawaiian wood rose corsage made by the committee. Small gaily decorated shopping bags were given out, for walking shoes and purchases. After a shopping tour of the famous Farmers' Market, we returned to the hotel for the evening's activities, a wonderful cocktail party for all put on by D.P.I. and Eastman.

Tuesday, after coffee and rolls, two buses drove us along the coast through Long Beach and Balboa. After a buffet lunch at the Steak House at Knott's Berry Farm and Ghost Town with still more wonderful door prizes, we had a chance to go shopping and sight-seeing as we returned to the Statler for our Hawaiian Theme banquet. Lovely orchid leis had been flown in from Hawaii for each lady, and the men received colorful leis bestowed in the proper manner. The prime-rib dinner was topped by a wonderful program and dancing to Orrin Tucker.

Wednesday we attended the T.V. show, "Art Linkletter's Houseparty," and toured the studio afterward to see scenery and wardrobes. One bus took us to the "Town and Country" for lunch on the patio and more shopping, and the other bus returned early to the hotel to pick up a group to go on to Disneyland.

We only wish we had had more time to get better acquainted with everyone, and we look forward to seeing them all again.

NORMA LEENERTS, chairman

• *Names in the News*

Keith Baldwin (1953) has accepted the position of assistant sales manager for the Atlantic Gelatin Division of General Foods Corporation, White Plains, N. Y.

A. M. Gavin (1948) has joined the staff of Engineering Management Inc., Park Ridge, Ill., where he will be engaged in consulting and engineering design of fat and oil processing facilities.

The Sharples Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., has appointed J. J. Serrell (1951) as vice president in charge of the company's sales throughout the world.

The report of R. C. Stillman, chairman of the American Oil Chemists' Society delegates, was carried in the annual meeting issue of the Inter-Society Color Council News Letter.

R. C. Read has been elected executive vice president of Cenco Instruments Corporation and its subsidiary, Central Scientific Company, Chicago, Ill.

George E. Hulse, director of the newly formed research and development department of Chemetron Corporation's Chemical Products Division will coordinate research and development activities for the division. This includes Holland Color and Chemical Company, Holland, Mich.; Dunham Chemical Company, Chicago; Girdler Catalysts, Louisville, Ky.; and Crestwood Chemicals, Newport.

James A. Robertson has been appointed manager of the new analytical department at Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation's Chemical Research and Development Center in Princeton, N. J.



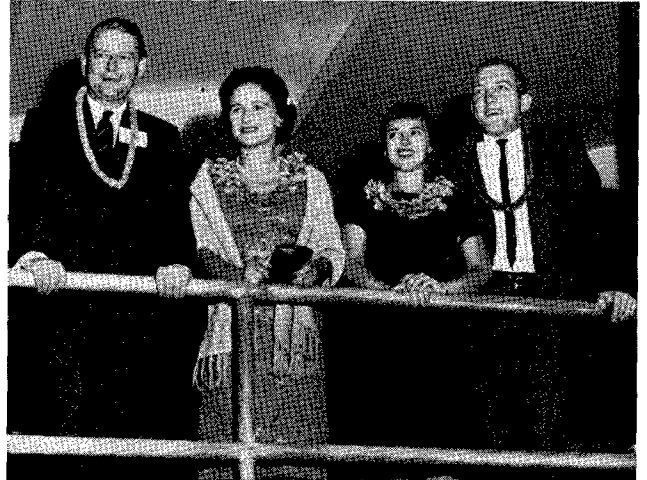
HAPPY RETIREMENT—The impending retirement of H. C. Bennett, co-chairman of the Los Angeles convention committee, on December 31, 1959, was observed appropriately at a luncheon on September 30 at the Statler Hilton. A cake, embellished with miniature rocking chair, slippers, pipe, cat, spectacles, and newspaper, is being presented to Mr. Bennett by L. O. Leenerts, the other co-chairman.



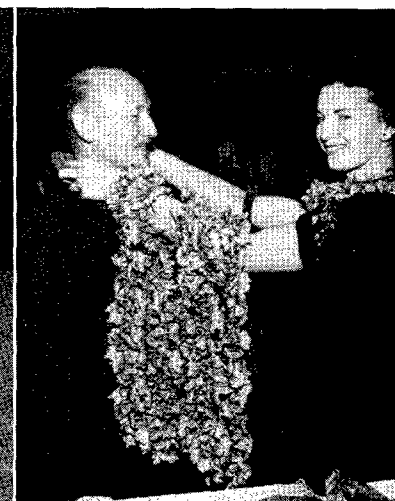
HAWAIIAN MOTIF—Posters, fish nets, masks, menus, and leis from the 50th state furnished a gay and colorful decor for the dinner-dance at the Statler Hilton, Los Angeles. Posed for this shot are Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mallen (*left*) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson.

Dinner-Dance at the Statler Hilton

LEI-BEDECKED—At the railing are Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin Raikes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker. The former are from Redhill, Surrey, England. The sofa group in the lounge are L. K. Whyte, W. A. Peterson, Mrs. Whyte, T. H. Hopper, Mrs. E. R. Hahn, and Mr. Hahn. Seated on the floor is "Randy" Hahn, who was making his first appearance at a meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society. All are ready for fun at the dinner-dance.



COMING ALONG—All roads lead to Rome, in this case to the Pacific room at the Statler Hilton, Los Angeles. Dr. and Mrs. K. F. Mattil are entering from the 7th street side; climbing the stairs are F. K. Bieri, H. E. Smith (*in front*) and M. A. Ewan and H. D. Fincher; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Taylor are about to turn around and go back up the stairs to the ballroom; and F. L. Avera is outside the door as Maureen McClain (Mrs. C. P.) places a paper lei about his neck. Milling about behind Mr. Avera are many of the guests ready to crowd into the ballroom for food and entertainment.



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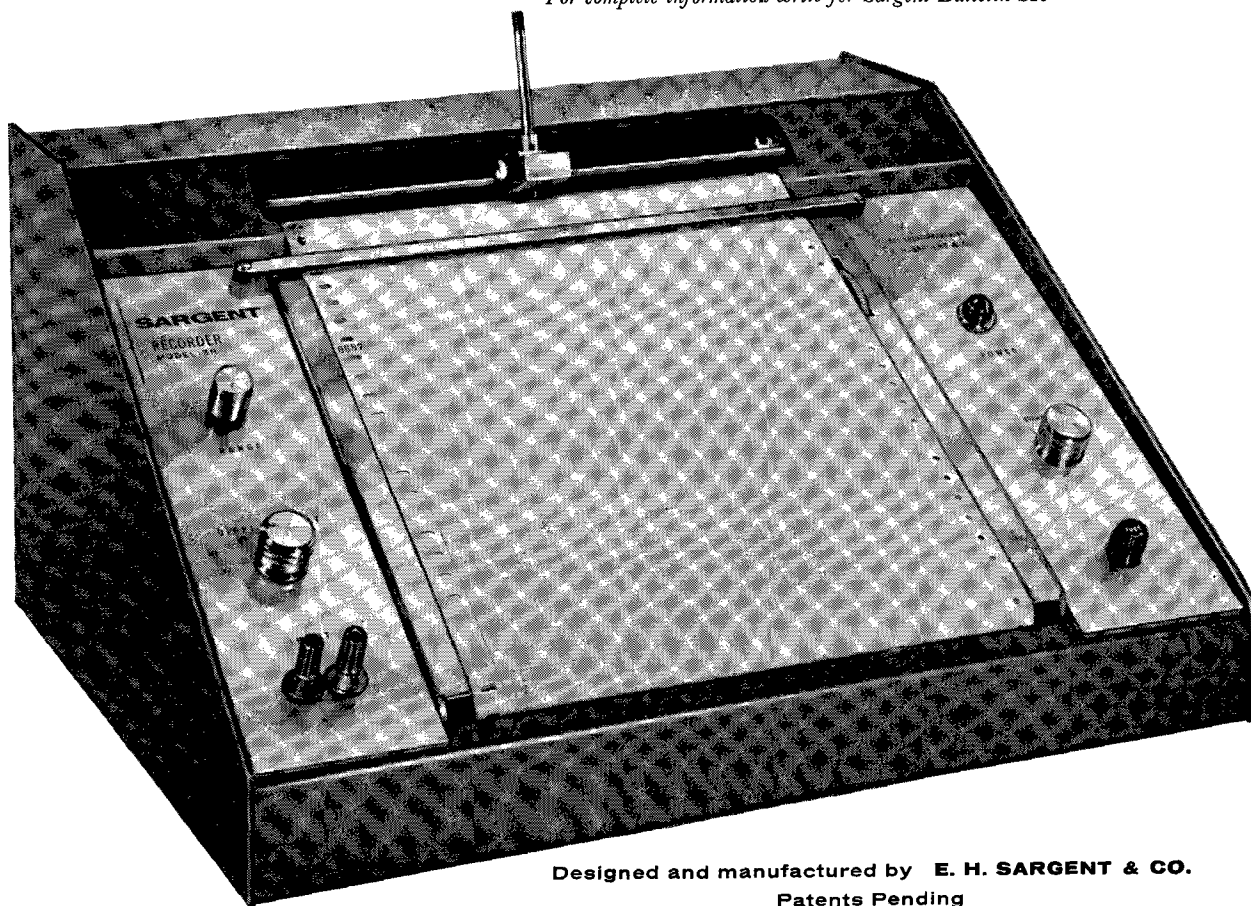
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