

Highlights of the 36th

Fall Meeting—I

JAOCS readers will recall the following passage from the AOCs Commentary of the August, 1962 issue: "Thus, we look forward to a Fall Meeting that is destined to be a pinnacle to those who will compare it to the past, and a pioneer to those looking into the future." There is not a doubt that this prediction has come to pass. In this, the first of two articles to be devoted to the 36th Fall Meeting, the business and social highlights of the event are reviewed. Only general attention is devoted to the Technical Program, as the December issue will carry a detailed account thereof.

Governing Board Reviews General Policy, Clarifies Objectives

The official opening of the Toronto Fall Meeting was preceded by a day-long meeting of the AOCs Governing Board. Convening on Sunday morning, September 30, the Board faced a most difficult task. The agenda called for general review and reappraisal of the objectives and basic policies of the Society. Each member of the Board was asked to study the issues in advance. Though no detailed report is available at the time of this printing, AOCs President A. E. MacGee has advised that a number of crucial issues were crystallized, thereby strengthening the basic concepts of the Society. Beyond consideration of general objectives, it is reported that the Board reviewed established policies with regard to frequency of Spring and Fall Meetings, format of Technical Programs, problems regarding Official Committee meetings, and financial matters.

Pre-Convention Reception Launches Social Activities

It became apparent from the outset that the Toronto Meeting was to be unique. Though following the same general schedule as in the past, each event was unusually individualistic. The first such activity was the President's

Reception, held Sunday evening. The Royal York Hotel's Ball Room had been prepared with banquet tables to encourage comfortable conversation. In the center of the room, two large tables held an impressive array of finger sandwiches, pastries and cookies to complement the service of coffee. Indeed, there was no shortage of subjects to discuss as all prepared for the three-day Technical Program, Committee Meetings, plant trips, etc., soon to follow.

Opening Session Marks Enthusiastic Canadian Welcome

Monday morning, October 1, saw the official opening of the 36th Fall Meeting. At the outset, the Convention Body suffered a moment of disappointment when it was announced that the Honorable John P. Robarts, Premier of Ontario, was unable to attend, due to an unforeseeable obligation of his office arising the day before. The Honorable H. L. Roundtree, Ontario Minister of Transportation, arrived to represent the Premier, and delivered a warm welcome that more than bridged the unfortunate absence of the Premier.

His Honor Mayor Nathan Phillips added the very personal welcome of his City of Toronto, clearly evidencing his deep respect for the sciences that were to be studied in the days following, and for those who had congregated in Toronto to study them.

AOCs President A. E. MacGee delivered the responding address in the name of the Society. Dr. MacGee's personal pride was obvious as he joined Canadian dignitaries in addressing an audience, the size of which attested to the fact that this Fall Meeting would approach record attendance. With a brief review of the Society's work in past months, and an extremely optimistic glance at the future, "Doc" MacGee let the "tomahawk" gavel fall, officially opening the first Fall Meeting to be held by the Society outside the United States. For the text of Dr. MacGee's response, please consult the index on page 2.

The Opening Technical Session followed immediately, offering three papers of general interest to the entire convention body. This Session will be reviewed, along with the remainder of the Technical Program in the December issue.

J. T. Wilson Addresses Monday Luncheon

Scientist and layman alike found much food for thought in J. T. Wilson's discussion of "The Role of Science in International Understanding," delivered at the Monday luncheon. Professor Wilson, internationally recognized for his outstanding contribution to the field of geophysics, clearly outlined the past contribution of science to civilization as we know it today, and the great burden that science bears in order to insure balance and advancement in the future. He sees the history of civilization to be divided into three vital steps forward: 1) the development of the individual (Arts); 2) the development of society (Arts & Humanities); and 3) the harnessing of nature (Arts & Humanities & Science). Professor Wilson recognized the ease with which one can view the future pessimistically, but warned against belittling that which has been placed



Gathered around one of the many tables set up for informal conversation at the President's Reception, September 30th are: A. F. Kapecki, J. C. Konen, N. T. Joyner, A. E. MacGee, George Rouser, H. J. Dutton, C. C. Litchfield, J. S. Showell, J. A. Laan, and A. R. Baldwin.



Another group enjoying the hors d'oeuvres, cake and coffee at the President's Reception in the Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel are from the left: Miss E. M. Kirby, L. B. Parsons, Mrs. L. B. Parsons, J. Devine, H. Niewiadomski, Mrs. F. H. Lehberg, Mrs. C. O. Gerbrandt, C. O. Gerbrandt, Mrs. H. W. Lemon, F. H. Lehberg, H. W. Lemon, H. D. Hamilton, and W. D. Raymond. Standing in the background is R. J. Vander Wal.

at the scientist's disposal. He sees the role of the scientist to be one of humility and patience—the role of a citizen, equipped with a rare knowledge that can be of the greatest contribution to over-all tolerance, understanding and welfare. The complete text of J. T. Wilson's address is to be found elsewhere in this issue.

DPI—ECP Sponsored Mixer Brings Monday to a Close

Distillation Products Industries and Eastman Chemical Products, Divisions of Eastman Kodak Company, teamed up to sponsor the Monday Evening Mixer. For several years the two companies have co-sponsored this, the only official event in the Program with independent sponsorship.



His Honor Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto addresses the Opening Session in the Ontario Room of the Royal York Hotel. Pictured to the left is The Honorable H. L. Roundtree, who had just welcomed AOCS Members to Ontario at this, the official beginning of the 36th Fall Meeting.

The Canadian Room, largest room in the Royal York Hotel, seemed as if it would overflow between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, as virtually the entire Convention Body relaxed after their first full day of business and technical sessions. It is to be proudly noted that a professional convention organizer, recently visiting the AOCS Headquarters, praised the balance of technical and social events maintained at Society Meetings. The essence of his comment was that intermittent diversion is absolutely essential to the effectiveness of an intense technical schedule. Sincere thanks are due DPI and ECP for the unselfish part they continue to play in building quality AOCS meetings.

New Canadian Award of Merit to Dutton at Banquet

The Canadian Ensign, flanked by the "Stars and Stripes" and the "Union Jack," was unfurled high on the paneled wall of the Canadian Room, where over 750 Convention Registrants assembled for the main social event of the 36th Fall Meeting. As the dinner ended, Convention General

Chairman Sven Young called for the attention of the delegation, and announced the creation of a new annual award that will hereafter be presented at each Fall Meeting. The first recipient of the new award, entitled the "Canadian Award of Merit," was H. J. Dutton, Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Illinois for his outstanding contribution to literature in the science of fatty oils in 1961. Dr. Young made the presentation. A detailed description of the award and its administration, as well as a picture of the plaque, are to be found in this issue.

Orchestra leader Stanley St. John featured a string trio during the dinner. A most unusual variety show followed. The giant banquet hall was plunged into darkness while aerobats twirled flaming batons. Both male and female vocalists were featured, and the orchestra responded to an audience that never seemed to tire of hearing melodies that reminded them of their home cities, states and countries. Several comedy routines were sprinkled throughout the show. The final act truly captured the hearts of all. A group of five youngsters—four sisters and a brother—ranging in age from seven to sixteen, sang a series of well-chosen ballads. The orchestra then played dance music until after midnight. A surprising number remained to dance and to listen, as this memorable evening drew to a close.

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H. J. Dutton proudly accepts the newly created annual Canadian Award of Merit presented to him by Sven Young (left), General Chairman of the AOCS Toronto Convention. The award represents Dr. Dutton's outstanding contribution in 1961 to literature in the field of fats and oils.

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Mrs. Sven Young expresses her thanks for bouquet of roses presented to her by A. E. MacGee, AOCS President, in behalf of the Society for her splendid work in organizing the ladies' program.

Many Committees Meet for Mid-term Planning

Committee activity was steady throughout the Fall Meeting, as many technical and administrative groups gathered at this mid-point in their 1962-63 terms. The following is a list of those committees which met:

Monday: Local Section Liaison Committee, Instrumental Techniques Committee, Sub-Committee on Fatty Nitrogens, Sub-Committee on Polymerized Fatty Acids, National Program and Planning Committee.

Tuesday: Journal Committee, Uniform Methods Committee, Tallow and Grease Sub-Committee, Commercial Fats

A balcony view of the attendance at the banquet held in the Canadian Room at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Sven Young, General Chairman, is at the microphone.

and Oils Analysis Committee, Lecithin Analysis Sub-Committee, Advertising Committee.

Wednesday: Nominating and Election Committee, Epoxidized Oil Sub-Committee, Industrial Oils and Derivatives Analysis, Bleaching Methods Sub-Committee.

Votator, C.C.I. Host Colorful Parties

Southern Belles in hoop skirts and picture hats pinned carnation boutonnières on the gentlemen attending Votator's Kentucky Breakfast on Tuesday morning. Genuine Kentucky hams, eggs and grits were served. N. T. Joyner, Votator V. P. and host at the breakfast, presented A. E. MacGee with a gubernatorial order elevating him to the rank of "Kentucky Colonel." Songs of the South were offered by an appropriately costumed accordeonist. "Votator never left the South," said one guest, "they brought it with them."

Catalysts and Chemicals, Inc., also hailing from Kentucky, chose the international theme as a basis for their buffet supper party, hosted by H. W. Fleming and W. D.



Toasting the success of the 36th Fall Meeting are: (clockwise from left-front) A. E. MacGee, AOCS President; Mrs. Sven Young, Ladies' Committee Chairman; H. W. Lemon, Technical Program Chairman; Henryk Niewiadomski, University of Gdansk, Poland; Mrs. H. W. Lemon; Sven Young, General Chairman; Mrs. A. E. MacGee; and W. O. Lundberg, AOCS Vice President.

