



Dr. I. Hara, Mrs. R.R. Allen, wife of outgoing president, new president Dr. R.T. O'Connor and R. Robinson, joint meeting general chairman.

R.R. Allen completes term as AOCS President

The following is the address presented by Dr. Allen upon passing his gavel down to the newly elected AOCS President.

Fellow AOCS members, JOCS members and guests, as I reach the end of my term as your president, I want to take a few minutes to look where the Society has been, is now, and to speculate about the future.

First let us look back over the past year. When I took the gavel from Steve Chang, I paraphrased part of an old song "do new things but keep the old, one is silver the other gold." The past year has seen some new things. For one, much work by many people bore fruit, and we bought and moved into our own building on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. We are at present occupying about half the building and will shortly rent part of the space to other organizations. The main office wing is two stories, and a circular library is connected by a short hall; a very attractive and functional headquarters and one we can be proud of.

To go with the new building we had a new Executive Director, Jim Lyon. Jim didn't come as part of the building, although he worked for the former owners, the National Council of Teachers of English, but he must have found a home in the building since he is still there. Jim had a big job to do when he joined us. Not only did he need to learn to deal with Oil Chemists and our peculiarities, but to find and train a whole new staff.

I wish you all could have been with me the day I spent at the office the last of January. I wanted to find out how things really were so I went from office to office and visited with the girls while Jim was occupied elsewhere. The phrase I heard repeated in every office was, "This is the best place to work I ever experienced." As one girl said, "We each have our own job to do, but yet we all have a common goal." When you hear things like that from the staff, there must be a reason and the reason, of course, is Jim Lyon.

Have you noticed how the Journal looks now? Have you noticed the publication dates are coming closer to the scheduled dates? Have you noticed we are selling our own official supplies now? If you received the financial report, you can now tell where the money comes from and goes. This all didn't happen by accident; the elected officers didn't do it, but the staff of your headquarters did it, and we are very proud of that group and their leader. We made a change and turned up gold.

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R.T. O'Connor accepts gavel for 1972-73

The following is Dr. O'Connor's Inaugural Address, presented to members of the Society at the Awards-Inaugural Luncheon, Wednesday, April 26, in Los Angeles.

As I accept this Gavel, symbolic of the office of the President of the American Oil Chemists' Society, I am reminded of a remark by a former Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare on the occasion of his taking the office of office as a Cabinet Member; Dr. John W. Gardner said "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities—brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."

Before I get into my very lengthy inaugural address I want with all sincerity to thank all members here and all members who might hear what I say here for selecting me to serve as President of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

With considerable emotion I acknowledge this great honor (and I do consider it a great honor) that you bestow upon me here today. I might, very probably will at times, question the wisdom of your actions, but I assure you I will ever deeply cherish them.

Three score and three years ago our founders formulated this, a new society, based on the proposition that men engaged in a common effort can collectively achieve more than the sum of their individual endeavors.

Now our predecessors, testing this concept, have advanced this ideal to a new height. We stand today at a new resting place in our climb to achieve our ultimate objectives.

We can acknowledge the noble achievements of those who worked before us—a new permanent home on the University of Illinois campus—our AOCS Foundation—a computerized, more efficient procedure for producing not one but our two journals—new advanced relations with our international members, as illustrated by our joint meeting a few years ago with the International Society for Fat Research, and here with the Japanese Oil Chemists' Society; or as evidenced by our next-scheduled meetings with members to our north, in Canada, and then a bit later, to our south, in Mexico. And we can recount many many more accomplishments. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense nothing we can say here can in any way enhance the noble achievements which they who preceded us have worked so hard to advance. It is, rather,

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**Ladies tour
Los Angeles'
Scenic Sites**

Participants in the Joint Meeting Ladies' Program embark on a tour of scenic beach resorts. Other activities arranged by Ladies' Program Chairman Norma Leenerts included tours of the Music Center, Olvera Street, China Town and the Moskateles. Below, participants donned formal attire to join their husbands for the traditional Tuesday evening banquet and dance.



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We also have a new Editor of Analytical Methods, Bill Link. The method revisions were late this year, but not because of Bill. When we finally realized we needed a new Editor and appointed Bill, he started working hard or the revisions would have been much later. You probably know by now, we are finally going to include phone numbers in the directory. I urge you all to send back the data to include in the directory—it is for your benefit.

Also, those who are on committees are aware we have scheduled the committee meetings to not interfere with the technical sessions. Whether this change is gold or a lead balloon, we will know at the end of the meeting.

As to the old, the recipients of our awards were all most deserving. For the first time an Industrial Chemist, Ed Lutton of P&G received the Lipid Chemistry Award.

All of our committees functioned well last year, and I thank them for a job well done. I am still awed at the time and effort spent by so many people to do jobs that help us all, and they do it quietly and well. However, I regret I

must tell you the chairman of the Smalley Committee, one of our most important and far-reaching committees, our good friend Dick Doughtie, died on April 6. Dick did so much, so well for our Society. He is missed very much.

So much for the past and present. Where do we go from here?

First, what about our meetings of the future?

We hear they are too scientific and also they are not scientific enough. We hear there is too much social life and not enough. They are too expensive—4 day or 3 day meetings, 1 or 2 a year. So we have a challenge. What will our future meetings be like? You tell us.

At this point in time when we see accelerated change all around us, we need to ask, in what ways can we best carry out the purpose of the Society, "to encourage the advancement of technology and research in oils, other lipids and associated materials." Shall we keep doing what we are now doing or should we change, and if we change, to what? We have a challenge and a purpose—What do we do?

Thank you. ■