A.O.C.S. Commentary

Sixth Short Course of A.O.C.S. to Cover Inedible Fats

In recent years the excess of inedible fats over the domestic demand has increased considerably. This has resulted in an intensification of interest in ways to use these valuable materials in our rapidly expanding chemical and industrial economy.

The Sixth Short Course to be sponsored by the American Oil Chemists' Society is therefore an extremely timely one since its theme is "Inedible Fats and Fatty Acids." Topics to be included



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are economic and technological trends; recovery and handling of inedible fats and fatty acids; and analysis, composition, technology, production, and applications of inedible fats and fatty acids. Approximately 25 lectures will be presented by well known authorities in these fields. The final program with topics and speakers, as well as other pertinent information, appeared in the June issue of the Journal.

The program of the Short Course has been designed mainly for chemists and chemical engineers with three to 10 years' experience. For the more experienced worker the course will serve as an up-to-date and coordinated review. The week of concentrated instruction in the chemistry and technology of inedible fats and fatty acids should be invaluable since much of the information to be presented is not readily available elsewhere. The program of instruction organized to allow ample time for discussion thus will afford both an over-all view as well as a detailed study of an important field in fat chemistry.

The course is being held at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., August 15-20, 1954. Lehigh University is located in one of the most attractive parts of an attractive state and is centrally located between New York and Philadelphia, from both of which it is readily accessible.

The Short Course is open to members and non-members of the Society. The registration fee is \$50, and room and board \$35 (Sunday

night to Friday noon). These fees are payable in advance; registration forms can be obtained by writing to the American Oil Chemists' Society, 35 E. Wacker drive, Chicago 1, Ill. The course is limited to 200 so immediate registration is urged. Response to our request for early registration has been gratifying so far. Registrations are coming in from all over the United States and Canada; one registrant is from Egypt.

The Short Course is one of the responsibilities of the Society's Education Committee, with George Crapple of Wilson and Company as chairman. The subcommittee handling the program and arrangements for the Sixth Short Course consists of:

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Information regarding the Short Course may be obtained from the February, March, April, May, and June issues of the Journal or by writing to Dr. Swern.

In advance, we wish to thank the speakers who have consented to contribute their time and energy to the success of the course. It is anticipated that the inspiring effect of the lectures will contribute in large measure to the further development of uses for inedible fats.

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