

trifuge with four interchangeable rotors, which tests practically all separations performed by various commercial separators.

Merco will maintain a stock of Westfalia centrifuges and replacement parts.

Caption Corrected

An error occurred in the caption above the photograph on page 355 of the May 27 issue. The man on the right is Jules Porsche of Armour & Co., not H. E. O. Heineman of Pet Milk Co.

Government

Record Outbreak of Army Worms Threat to Spring Crops

The unusually humid spring has been blamed as one of the causes for the particularly heavy outbreak of armyworms in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Tennessee.

The Department of Agriculture reports that the army worms constitute a serious threat from Missouri to Delaware, warning that with continued conditions favorable to the worms, damp cool weather, a severe outbreak can be ex-

pected in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania. In one Pennsylvania county counts in the heavy grass have yielded as many as 174 per square foot.

In Indiana the worms have destroyed whole fields of young corn and are now migrating into new wheat fields causing much damage.

The USDA reports that it has had a record breaking number of inquiries regarding control of the pests. It has recommended poisoned baits and also preparations of toxaphene and DDT in dusts and sprays.

Agriculture Reorganization Plan Passes House— Goes into Effect

The Administration's program for reorganization of the Department of Agriculture was approved by the House of Representatives June 3. The plan had previously been approved by the Senate and became effective following House passage. The plan as approved calls for three additional assistant secretaries for the department and gives Secretary Benson the authority to reorganize the functions of the department without further Congressional approval (AG AND FOOD, April 1, page 22).

Following the House action, Secretary Benson issued a statement expressing his appreciation of the legislative approval. He promised that no radical changes would be made in the immediate future but rather that he plans a careful and prolonged study of every branch of the department.

It is expected that John H. Davis, present head of the Commodity Marketing and Adjustment Group, and Romeo Short, present head of the Foreign Agricultural Service will be named as the new assistant secretaries. The other new post, that of Administrative Assistant Secretary, will probably be filled by Richard D. Alpin who has been head of the Departmental Administrative Group.

Secretary Benson has already prepared a memorandum to temporarily maintain the organization of the department as it existed before approval of the administration plan. This memorandum is intended to keep the Department functioning smoothly until decisions can be reached regarding specific changes to be made under the reorganization plan.

People

Domenic DeFelice has been appointed to the newly created position of research manager for General Foods' associated products divisions. He has been with General Foods since 1943 and became laboratory director of product and process development last January.

Charles E. Wilson, the former president of General Electric and first chairman of the Defense Mobilization Board, has been elected board chairman of Grace Chemical Co. He is also chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of W. R. Grace & Co., parent company of Grace Chemical.

Roger W. Roth has joined Velsicol Corp. as sales manager for the agricultural chemicals division. He has been associated with the agricultural chemicals division of Commercial Solvents. George W. Suave and Howard S. Beaudoin have also joined Velsicol's sales staff to represent the company in the West.

Frank W. Parker has resigned as chief of USDA's soils service to become chief agriculturalist, Technical Cooperation Administration, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA. He will also become advisor to the Minister of Food and Agriculture in India.

Albert Schatz has been appointed director of the new research laboratory at National Agricultural College Farm School, Pa.

President Tours Beltsville

President Eisenhower and Secretary Benson inspect one of the prize dairy cows at The Department of Agriculture's Research Center, Beltsville, Md. The President toured the Research Center May 28, inspecting some results of research applied to agriculture. Among them: hot weather adaptable cattle, a variety of lean meat pigs, DDT resistant flies, and an automatic egg grading machine. Climax of the tour was the luncheon featuring improved foods developed in the laboratories of the Agricultural Research Administration. (Ag and Food, May 27, page 351)

