

not deplete the water storage potential of the soil. On the contrary Veihmeyer said, "the burned lands in reality had less demands made on their water by vegetation, less water was required seasonally to restore the soil to capacity. Clearing brush from watersheds therefore offers a means of increasing water supplied besides increasing water by the burning of the grazing areas of California." Veihmeyer reported that the permeability of the soil in California was not lessened by the burning.

### **Government**

#### **Restrictions on Fertilizer Exports Eased**

The Office of International Trade of the Department of Commerce has announced that many chemical fertilizers can now be shipped without export permits. The permits will be required for shipments to iron curtain countries but other exports to areas will be from license restrictions. Ammonium phosphate, super phosphate, potassium sulphate and other prepared fertilizers are among the items removed from the restricted export list.

OIT says that the relaxation of export controls was made possible by the improved domestic supply of the commodities.

#### **OIT Combines Agricultural Products and Chemicals**

A recent move in line with the government reorganization has been the combination of the previous divisions of agricultural products and chemicals of the Office of International Trade into one combined agricultural and chemical products division. The new division will be concerned primarily with export licenses for these fields. The division will have jurisdiction over licenses in the fields of economic poisons, fertilizers, agricultural machinery, chemicals, and drugs.

#### **Coumachlor Rodenticide**

The Interdepartmental Committee on Pest Control, made up of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Defense, and Health, Education, and Welfare, has selected coumachlor as the coined name for the rodenticide 3-( $\alpha$ -acetyl - 4 - chlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy coumarin.

Approval of the name by the committee implies that coumachlor is available for free use in designating the pure chemical.

Coumachlor has anticoagulant properties similar to dicumarol. Experi-

ments have indicated that when used in concentrations of  $\gamma$  0.025% with suitable bait material it is effective in controlling rats and mice. Unlike some rodenticides used previously in baits, rats and mice do not develop shyness to coumachlor.

#### **OIT Requests Industrial Data For Point 4 Program**

The Office of International Trade of the U.S. Department of Commerce has requested American manufacturers to supply catalogs and price lists for us of Point Four field representatives overseas. Under the U.S. technical assistance program the OIT is responsible for technical guidance in the fields of commerce, industry, and transportation.

In addition to catalogs American firms have also been requested to supply the names of their agents or distributors in those countries where they have established local representation.

Additional information on this program can be obtained from the Commercial Intelligence Division, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

### **People**

#### **Moyer Made President Of Chipman Chemical**

**Warren H. Moyer** has become president of Chipman Chemical Co. He was formerly vice president and treasurer. The former president, **O. M. Bernuth**, has resigned and becomes chairman of the board of directors. **Charles M. Bernuth**, is the new treasurer; **Byron P. Webster**, vice president; **Cornelius A. McAloon**, secretary; and **Charles P. Inman**, assistant secretary.

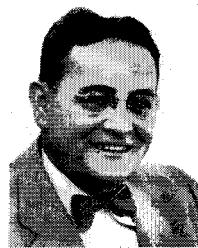
**Herbert F. Tomasek** has been appointed manager of the agricultural chemical division of Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co. This new designation of the former Pittsburgh Agricultural Chemical Co. division became effective Sept. 1. Headquarters are to be transferred from New York to the company's home office in Pittsburgh. **W. Scott James** succeeds Mr. Tomasek as sales manager, and **J. B. Skaptason** has been appointed division director for new products development.

**Warren R. Schoonover** is leaving the University of California at Berkeley to

do research on soil reclamation along the Nile Delta. He has received a Fulbright Award to do research, teaching, and consultation at the University of Alexandria during the 1953-54 academic year.

**Lawrence F. Stayner**, former sales manager of the Julius Hyman & Co. division of Shell Chemical Corp., has been made assistant to the division's general manager. **James J. Lawler** has been named to succeed Mr. Stayner as sales manager.

**Henry J. Noebels** has been appointed to head the applications engineering division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., in South Pasadena, Calif. He has been in charge of the physical instrumental analytical research laboratory of Heyden Chemical and adjunct professor of analytical instrumentation at the Newark, N. J., College of Engineering.



**George A. Johannessen** has been named agronomist for American Can Co.'s Pacific Division in San Francisco. He has been extension specialist in vegetable crops and fruit growing at Cornell University. He succeeds **W. C. Hatfield**, recently appointed to the Canco sales staff.

**G. H. McVean** has been elected to the newly created position of vice president in charge of operations in Canada for American Can Co. He succeeds **Gordon Mann**, who retired as general manager of the Canadian division after 34 years with the company. Mr. McVean has been sales manager for the Canadian division.

**Stanley Andrews** has resigned as administrator of the Technical Cooperation Administration to administer a national project in agricultural communication. He will work with land grant colleges and the Kellogg Foundation. Mr. Andrews, an agricultural editor and radio station owner in private life, was General Lucius D. Clay's advisor during the Berlin Airlift.

**A. J. Dirksen** has been appointed eastern sales representative of the sales development department of American Potash & Chemical Corp. He has been associated with the market development department of Phillips Petroleum Co. His headquarters will be in New York City.

**Francis P. LaBelle** becomes assistant chief engineer and Clyde P. Orr chief chemical engineer of Monsanto's phosphate division on Sept. 8.



H. F. Tomasek