

Chemical Co., a Rhode Island manufacturer of agricultural and industrial chemical specialties.

Cominco's British Columbia Fertilizer Plant Starts Up

Consolidated Mining & Smelting has started production at its new \$9 million fertilizer plant at Kimberly, B. C. The plant is designed to produce 190 tons of ammonium phosphate a day, all of which is expected to be used on the Canadian prairies.

Phosphate rock is mined by Cominco in Montana and shipped by rail to Kimberly. Ammonia comes from the Cominco plant in Alberta. Iron sulfide, from the lead-zinc ore concentrator at Kimberly, is treated in the roaster building to generate sulfur dioxide, which is used to produce sulfuric acid for the fertilizer plant.

Dewey & Almy to Expand Cryovac Bag Plants

Dewey & Almy Chemical has announced an expansion program for its facilities to manufacture Cryovac plastic bags used in packaging poultry, meat, and cheese.

President of the company, Hugh S. Ferguson, states that \$1 million has been appropriated for enlarging manufacturing, bag making, and printing operations at plants in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lockport, N. Y. Plans call for completion of the expansion by next spring to meet seasonal demands.

People

F. Otto Haas Becomes Executive VP of Rohm & Haas

F. Otto Haas has been elected executive vice president of Rohm & Haas Co. A director of the company since 1948, he has been active in the company's chemical and plastics sales division for the past two years.

Carl F. Prutton, president of Mathieson Development Co., division of Mathieson Chemical Corp., and vice president and director of all plants of Mathieson, has resigned from the company. In 1948 he left Case Institute of Technology, where he was head of the department of chemistry and chemical engineering, to enter private consulting practice, and a year later joined Mathieson.



Theodore Marvin, president of Michigan Chemical, has been elected chairman of the board also. He left Hercules Powder to become president of Michigan Chemical in July.

Deaths

Gaston F. DuBois, former officer and director of Monsanto Chemical, died Nov. 1 in St. Louis at the age of 73. Born and educated in Switzerland, he came to the U. S. and joined Monsanto in 1904 as the third member of the company's management. A foremost figure

in the development of the American chemical industry, he developed the first commercial production in this country of caffeine, glycerophosphates, and bismuth metal. In 1943, he was awarded the Perkin Medal.

Lewis G. Porter, chief of the fertilizer staff of the Office of Materials and Facilities, Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, died Oct. 15 at the age of 61. Mr. Porter had worked in federal government since 1933 and was a pioneer in promoting the use of synthetic nitrates and concentrated fertilizer materials.

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