

# ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

## Grassland Farming Meeting To Be Held in Fla. in Fall

The Joint Committee on Grassland Farming has announced that its annual meeting will be held on Nov. 13 and 14 at Jacksonville, Fla. The meeting was arranged in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Society of America which is to hold its annual meeting in Jacksonville Nov. 15 to 17. Howard B. Sprague, chairman of the Joint Committee, has said that the meeting will consist of a tour of field experiments and farms on Nov. 13, a formal meeting, which is to be addressed by 8 nationally known men, is to take place on Nov. 14. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Sprague,

Department of Agronomy, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.

## NFA to Meet in Hollywood, Fla.

The National Fertilizer Association has announced that its 28th annual southern convention will take place this year at

the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla., Nov. 10 to 12.

## Trace Element Symposium At ACS Regional Meeting

A symposium on the analysis and role of trace elements in plants and animals is scheduled for the 60th Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS. The meeting will be held at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 21 to 23. Further information can be obtained from W. W. Pigman, Medical Center, University of Alabama.

# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## Midwest Food Processor Buys Controlling Interest in Wash. Firm

Stokely-Van Camp of Indianapolis, Ind., has purchased controlling stock in Pictsweet Foods, Inc., a Mount Vernon, Wash., frozen food processor. Pictsweet has eight plants for packing frozen fruits and vegetables. The West Coast company will become a division of Stokely-Van Camp, with its current president, E. J. Watson, remaining as president and general manager.

## Monsanto's Six Month Sales Total Down 2.8%

Sales of Monsanto Chemical for the first six months of 1954 were \$170,109,549. This total was down 2.8% from the sales of \$175,044,261 for the same period in 1953.

Earnings for the first six months of this year were \$11,434,961, which, after provision for preference dividends is equal to \$2.12 a common share. Earnings for the first six months of 1953 were \$2.51 a common share.

## CALENDAR

**Ohio Pesticide Institute. Summer Tour.** Wooster, Ohio. Aug. 10-12.

**American Phytopathological Society.** Estes Park, Colo. Aug. 25-27.

**American Soybean Association and National Soybean Processors Association.** Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn. Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

**National Agricultural Chemicals Association.** Spring Lake, N. J. Sept. 8-10.

**American Chemical Society.** 126th National Meeting. New York City. Sept. 12-17.

**Association of Official Agricultural Chemists.** Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 11-13.

**Association of American Feed Control Officials.** Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 13-14.

**Association of Economic Poison Control Officials.** Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 16.

**Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials.** Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 15.

**International Congress of Nutrition.** Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Sept. 13-17.

**American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America.** St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 8-12.

**National Fertilizer Association.** Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla. Nov. 10-12.

**North Central Weed Control Conference.** Gardner Hotel, Fargo, N. D. Dec. 6-9.

## Agricultural Production Compared with Consumption of Fertilizers and Pesticides

"Chemical Economics Handbook," published at Stanford Research Institute, recently brought up to date the graphic illustration below of the influence of fertilizer and pesticides on agricultural efficiency. The data come from the Bureau of the Census and Technical Bulletin No. 1082, USDA

