

neither company has announced abandonment of plans, general feeling in the area is that U. S. Steel's decision will kill both projects. It is also being speculated that the ammonia plant at Geneva will have its effect on two plants proposed in the Northwest (Columbia River Chemicals and Cominco), inasmuch as a plant in Salt Lake City area will depend to a major degree on the existing market in the Pacific Northwest. Many feel that one new plant in addition to the existing producing plants will take care of ammonia requirements in the West for at least the next five years.

McClellan Labs Changes Name, Plans Expansion

Thurmond Industries, Inc., will be the new corporate name of C. U. McClellan Laboratories Corp., Los Angeles manufacturers and distributors of veterinary chemicals and household insecticides.

Charles D. Thurmond, president, has also announced appointment of Richard M. McFarland, former development engineer at Brea Chemicals and a production supervisor for Du Pont, as assistant to the president.

The corporation will expand and continue current manufacturing activities in California, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. National distribution is also being expanded in all major poultry and livestock areas.

Pennsalt Plans Acquisition Of I. P. Thomas Fertilizer Co.

Share owners of the I. P. Thomas & Son Co. of Camden, N. J., soon will vote on a stock transfer plan which would bring their organization into Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co. as a new operating division.

"Although the I. P. Thomas Co. has been, and will continue to be prominently identified with the fertilizer field," George B. Beitzel, Pennsalt president, stated, "its modern facilities for the production of basic materials for many of our industrial and specialty chemical products are particularly attractive to us."

The I. P. Thomas production of phosphoric acid places Pennsalt in a basic position on this important ingredient in its Fos products line for the metal processing industry. Hy-Phos, Thomas' recently developed water conditioning agent, is expected to have useful application in the company's well known lines of industrial detergents, metal cleaners, and dairy cleansers. Included also are additional facilities for sulfuric acid production which will fit into Pennsalt's plans for larger markets in the growing Delaware Valley industrial area.



Architect's sketch of the laboratories to be built by Spencer Kellogg at Buffalo at a cost of \$500,000

The I. P. Thomas & Son Co. was established in 1868 and incorporated in 1889. Its plant and central warehouses are located on a 70-acre site at Mantua Point in Paulsboro, N. J., with extensive frontage on the Delaware River. Pending favorable action of Thomas stockholders, this plant will become the twelfth in Pennsalt's nationwide organization, including new specialty plants nearing completion at Delaware, Ohio, and Chicago Heights, Ill.

Spencer Kellogg to Build New Laboratories in Buffalo

Spencer Kellogg & Sons has announced that it will soon start constructing a laboratory in Buffalo, N. Y., at a total cost near \$500,000. On a five-acre site near the Buffalo airport, the company will build a research office, laboratory, and pilot plant for research, to be completed next April.

Research to be conducted there will be in the following fields: vegetable oils in industrial and protective coatings, edible oils and fats, and products derived from vegetable proteins. Facilities will also be available for basic and analytical work, customer technical service, and quality control supervision.

Geigy Enlarges Plant At Leland, Miss.

Geigy Agricultural Chemicals has announced consolidation of its Aberdeen, N. C., and McGregor, Tex., branch offices into one office centrally located in Leland, Miss., in conjunction with its recently constructed and enlarged manufacturing plant at that location.

New construction work at the Leland plant and installation of additional equipment to provide increased production capacity is now in progress and

will be completed by the end of the year.

Diazinon residual fly killer, Sequestrene chelated minor elements, chlorobenzilate, livestock insecticides, and specialty products will be formulated and packed at Leland.

E. L. Jarrett, Sr., has been named manager of the enlarged southern territory, comprising states in the cotton belt together with Florida. Sales offices, plants, and warehouses will be maintained at Aberdeen, N.C., McGregor, Tex., and Orlando, Fla.

Foreign

British Weed Control Council Formalized

A constitution establishing a permanent council was approved at a business meeting, held at the conclusion of the recent British Weed Control Conference in Harrogate, England. The British Weed Control Council was originally set up following the first national conference, held at Margate last year. Sir James A. Scott-Watson was named first president of the council. Sir James, chief scientific and agricultural adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, was re-elected president at the Harrogate meeting.

The newly adopted constitution provides that the council shall be composed of seven representatives of specified government ministries or departments; six representatives nominated by trade associations; two from the Agricultural Research Council; two from the National Farmers' Union; one from the Association of Applied Biologists; and one representative from the Society of Chemical Industry.

Objectives of the council: to promote the science and practice of weed control; to organize conferences on weed control

and to publish and sell reports of the proceedings; to disseminate information on weed control; and to collaborate with other organizations in the field of crop protection.

Over 400 scientific, commercial, and agricultural workers registered for the Harrogate conference. Plans for a similar conference next year were discussed, but there was some opposition to holding another meeting of the same general scope at such an early date. The council is expected to take definite action on the question at its December meeting. Joint secretary W. A. Williams, of the Association of British Insecticide Manufacturers, announced that the printed report of the Harrogate conference proceedings would be available early next year.

Calspray Forms Canadian Subsidiary

California Spray-Chemical Corp. has announced formation of a Canadian subsidiary, Ortho Agricultural Chemicals, Ltd., with headquarters in Vancouver, B.C.

Construction of a modern dust mill and warehouse in New Westminster, B.C., has been completed for formulating and distributing Ortho products under the new company label.

At present, the new company's distribution will be limited to British Columbia and Alberta, but the company expects to service the entire Dominion as facilities are developed in other provinces.

The Green Valley Chemical Co., Ltd., in New Westminster has been named distributor for the two provinces.

R. T. Wilson, secretary of Standard Oil of British Columbia, will act as Canadian executive officer of the new company. Headquarters address is 906 Marine Bldg., 355 Burrard St., Vancouver 1, B.C.

People

USDA Names New Members to Research Advisory Committees

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced the appointment of 37 new members to 17 of its research advisory committees. The new members fill vacancies caused by rotation, resignation, or related circumstance.

Research advisory committees, authorized under the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, counsel the Department on all of its research, service, and educational work.

The Agricultural Research Service assigns to each committee an executive secretary, but otherwise their member-

ship is comprised of persons outside the Department of Agriculture.

New members, and the committees to which they have been appointed, include:

Citrus fruit: **Horace Etchinson**, McAllen Fruit & Vegetable Co., McAllen, Texas; **A. L. Chandler**, Mutual Orange Distributors, Redlands, Calif.; and **Philip Twombly**, Golden Citrus Juices, Inc., Fullerton, Calif.

Cold Storage: **Allyn C. Beardsell**, Container Laboratories, Inc., New York, N. Y.; **Daniel E. Brady**, University of Missouri, Columbia; **Alvin W. Langfield**, Ferguson-Langfield Frozen Foods, Inc., Oakland, Calif.

Cotton and cottonseed: **Mitchell Landers**, Southwest Five States Cotton Growers Association, Berino, N. M.

Dairy: **Ralph T. Goley**, Gold Spot Dairy, Inc., Enid, Okla.; and **Arnold H. Johnson**, National Dairy Products Laboratories, Inc., Long Island, N. Y.

Deciduous fruit and tree nuts: **Olin W. Thompson**, Golkist Pecan Growers, Waycross, Ga., and **George H. Chick**, Maine State Department of Agriculture, Augusta.

Feed and forage: **Wayne Rogler**, Matfield Green, Kan.; and **Ronald Bethke**, Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Forest research: **Philip D. Lyman**, Breezy Hill Farm, White River Junction, Vt.

Grain: **Kenneth Kendrick**, National Association of Wheat Growers, Stratford, Tex.; **George F. Garnatz**, Kroger Food Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio; and **Betty Sullivan**, Russell-Miller Milling Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Livestock: **Wilbur L. Plager**, Iowa Swine Producers' Association, Des Moines, Iowa; and **L. M. Hutchings**, Agricultural Experiment Station, Lafayette, Ind.

Oilseeds and peanut: **Parke C. Brinkley**, Commissioner of Agriculture, Richmond, Va.

Potato: **Ben Picha**, Grand Forks, N. D.; and **R. W. Kohler**, American Storage Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Poultry: **Howard J. Houk**, Armour Co., Chicago, Ill.; and **Joe Ray**, Danville, Ark.

Rice: **W. J. Duffy, Jr.**, Sutter Basin Ranches, Woodland, Calif.; and **Joseph Dore**, Supreme Rice Mills, Crowley, La.

Seed: **John W. Mathys**, Northrup, King and Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; **W. T. Nolin**, Hamburg, La., and **Walter C. Peirce**, Peirce's Greenacres, Hutchinson, Kan.

Sugar: **Slater M. Miller**, Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Washington, D. C.; **J. J. Munson**, The South Coast Corp., Houma, La., and **R. H. Walker**, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan.

Transportation: **Elmer W. Cart**, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, N. D.; and **C. S. Decker**, The Borden Co., New York, N. Y.

Vegetable: **T. R. Merrill**, Merrill Packing Co., Salinas, Calif.; and **Curtis Watkins, Sr.**, Fadler Produce Company, Springfield, Mo.

Harold G. Brownson, vice president of Irving Trust Co., has been elected a director of Arkell & Smiths.

K. H. Rowland has been promoted from general superintendent of the South Charleston, W. Va., plant of Carbide & Carbon to assistant works manager of the company with headquarters in New York. **Roland D. Glenn** succeeds him at Charleston.

John W. Yale, Jr., has left his position as plant pathologist in the Los Angeles office of Mathieson to become plant pathologist for Brea Chemicals, Inc.

Henry A. Lepper, honored by the AOAC for his work with the association which was reported in AG AND FOOD Oct. 27 has not retired from the Food and Drug Administration. His identification as a retired FDA official was an error. Mr. Lepper remains the very active assistant chief of the Division of Food of FDA.

Joseph C. Schumacher has joined American Potash as director of research. He was formerly with Western Electrochemical as vice president and research director.

Breckinridge K. Tremaine has left Du Pont to become technical director of Rhodia, Inc.'s industrial Alamask reodorant division.

Howard E. Prentice, vice president of the Corn Industries Research Foundation, Inc., has been elected president of the American Trade Association Executives.

L. E. Clifcorn, associate director of research for Continental Can, has been elected president of the Agricultural Research Institute.

Byron H. Webb has been appointed director of research and **Donald H. Bornor**, director of commercial development, for National Dairy Research Laboratories. Dr. Webb has been assistant director of research and Mr. Bornor has been in charge of new product development there.

Edward A. Curtis, formerly of Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., has join the General Foods central laboratories as project leader in packaging research. **Emanuel Borker** has been promoted to section head in analytical chemistry.

Malcolm M. Renfrew has been appointed director of research and development for Spencer Kellogg & Sons. He was director of research and development for General Mills previously.