

mechanisms of herbicidal action will also be presented the first day.

Sectional meetings are planned for the second day to discuss various phases of weed control. Subjects of these sectional meetings will be the control of weeds in agronomic and horticultural crops, control of weeds in turf and non-agricultural areas, and weed control teaching and extension. Other subjects for sectional meetings will be the control of aquatic weeds and the public health, regulatory and ecological, physiological, and edaphic aspects of weed control.

Present plans call for the Weed Society of America to meet every two years with one of the four regional weed conferences serving as host to the meeting.

The program for the Northeastern Weed Control Conference Jan. 6, will consist of panel discussions highlighting new developments in weed control.

Cereal Chemists Announce 1956 Meeting Date

The American Association of Cereal Chemists is planning to hold its 1956 annual meeting during the week of May 20 to 24 at the Commodore Hotel, New York City.

An International Symposium on Cereal Grains will be the featured theme of the coming meeting. Invitations have been extended to the world's leading authorities in cereal science and it is expected that the papers will deal with such subjects as wheat and other grain genetics, soil agronomy, insect control, fertilization, harvesting, storage, milling, baking, and nutrition.

Scientific Papers Invited for International Dairy Congress

U. S. scientific and technical workers in the field of dairy science are invited to submit papers and to attend and take part in discussions of the various sectional meetings of the International Dairy Congress to be held in Rome, Italy, Sept. 24 to 28, 1956.

Arrangements for United States participation in the Congress are being handled by a committee in USDA and it is through this committee that technical papers of participants should be submitted. Chairman of the committee is R. E. Hodgson, chief of the Dairy Husbandry Research Branch of the Agricultural Research Service.

Dairy scientists desiring to propose papers for inclusion in the published proceedings of the Congress are requested to notify Dr. Hodgson by Dec. 10, 1955. Such correspondence may be addressed to him at Dairy Husbandry Research Branch, USDA, Beltsville, Md.

PEOPLE

Hixon to Receive 1st Spencer Award

Ralph M. Hixon, Iowa State College, will receive the first Charles F. Spencer



Award for his work in agricultural and food chemistry during the Nov. 11 fall chemical conference of the Kansas City Section of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. Dr. Hixon was chosen by an anonymous 12-man jury from a list of more than 45 nominees. Specifically cited was his work on waxy corn starch, which he subjected to detailed chemical, biological, and physical studies. After his studies showed that waxy starch might have considerable practical value, he organized a group of chemists, geneticists, and corn breeders who developed waxy maize into a practical crop. During the war, waxy maize was produced in sufficient quantity to replace the critically unavailable imported starches such as tapioca. Dr. Hixon has been at Iowa State since 1923, serving as professor of chemistry, chairman of the chemistry department, and, since 1948, as dean of the graduate school.

Robert J. Engelhardt, formerly project engineer for John J. Harte Co., has joined J. C. Carlile Corp. as vice president. His headquarters will be in Atlanta, Ga., where the company has opened a sales and engineering office which he will manage.

Clark M. Munger has been appointed to the new position of merchandising manager of Diamond Black Leaf Co. He was formerly with Barnes Mfg. Co., where he was advertising and sales promotion manager. At Diamond, he will be responsible for coordinating and expediting the company's distributor-dealer merchandising program.

Alvin M. Weinberg has been appointed director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He was formerly research director at the laboratory.

Laurence S. Rockefeller has been elected a member of the board of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.

John E. Fletcher has been appointed assistant sales manager of U. S. Potash. He has been with the company since 1949.

Kimon T. Karabatsos, former administrative assistant to Congressman A. L. Miller (R-Neb.), has been appointed to

the staff of the National Agricultural Chemical Association. He will be concerned with legislative and special services.

Herbert Schoenfield, recently of Veliscol Chemical Corp., has rejoined Emulsol Chemical Corp. as manager of technical sales service.

G. H. Benham, previously with Armour Research Foundation, has been named director of research and process development for American Agricultural Chemical Co., with headquarters in New York.

John T. Connor has been elected president and director of Merck & Co. Elected to the new position of executive vice president is Henry W. Gadsden, also elected a member of the board. James T. Kerrigan, former president, continues as director and chairman of the executive committee.

I. J. Johnson of Iowa State College, succeeds G. G. Pohlman of West Virginia University as president of the American Society of Agronomy. New vice president of the ASA is A. G. Norman of the University of Michigan.

New president of the Crop Science Society of America is G. O. Mott of Purdue University. He follows G. H. Stringfield of Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. Recently elected vice president is Herbert Kramer, also of Purdue.

D. E. Thorne, Utah State Agricultural College, and L. B. Nelson of USDA, have been elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Soil Science Society of America. Former president of SSSA is M. B. Russell of the University of Illinois.

M. E. Wierenga has been appointed manager of the new foreign sales department of California Spray-Chemical. Richard B. Auer, previously manager of Calspray's smaller foreign sales division under the marketing department, has been promoted to the new position of manager, Western Hemisphere-Orient division, foreign sales department. Mr. Wierenga was district manager in Calspray's Great Lakes area.

Henry Highton has been appointed sales manager of Coronet's defluorinated phosphate for the feed trade.

Howard E. Hughes has been promoted to superintendent of Shell Chemical's Houston, Tex., plant. He has been serving as assistant superintendent-technical and replaces Frank G. Watson, who has been named assistant to the vice president in charge of manufacturing.

James W. Young has been appointed an assistant supervisor in the agricultural chemicals section of Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co.'s research department at Neville Island, Pa. He joined the company's research and development department in 1948.

Sam R. Hoover has been appointed assistant chief of USDA's Eastern Utilization Research Branch research activities conducted at laboratories in Washington, D. C., and Beltsville, Md.

George F. Smith joined Millmaster Chemical Corp. as vice president in charge of the newly formed George F. Smith division Nov. 1. The Smith interests were consolidated with Millmaster and activities previously carried out by the Smith firms will be conducted through Millmaster.

A. W. Crossley, until recently treasurer of Diamond Alkali, has been appointed executive vice president of Shea Chemical Corp., Jeffersonville, Ind.

George F. Sharrard has been promoted to director of research and development of R. M. Hollingshead Corp. He joined Hollingshead early this year as manager of the technical service

division after leaving Chas. Pfizer, where he was assistant to the director of sales development.

John J. Gavin has left Smith, Kline & French to become chief microbiologist for Food Research Laboratories.

W. D. Perry has transferred from package control work with Standard Oil Co. of California to package specialist for California Spray-Chemical Corp. He will be responsible for reviewing all packages, packaging materials, and packaging procedure used or proposed.

Robert B. Boyd has been appointed sales manager and Fred H. Berggren assistant sales manager of Oldbury Electrochemical. J. Howard Brown has been appointed assistant technical director of the company.

Deaths

Henry C. Sherman, head of the chemistry department at Columbia University for 20 years and expert on nutrition, died at 79 at Rensselaer, N. Y., on Oct. 7. During World War II he was chief of the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of USDA. Mitchill Professor of Chemistry at Columbia since 1924, Dr. Sherman

authored or coauthored many books on food and nutrition. He was president of the American Institute of Nutrition (1931-33) and of the American Society of Biological Chemists (1926). He received the Nichols Medal from the ACS in 1934.

Oscar Johnston, founder and first president of the National Cotton Council, died Oct. 2 at the age of 75 in Greenville, Miss. His death came 15 days before dedication of the Oscar Johnston Cotton Foundation Building in Memphis, new home of the council. Once president of the Delta & Pine Land Co., one of the world's largest cotton plantations, he held several posts in the USDA and was assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for a short time in 1935. Mr. Johnston retired from presidency of the National Cotton Council in 1948 because of ill health.

Robert M. Salter, former head of the Soil Conservation Service, died Sept. 13 at the age of 63 at Silver Spring, Md. He was chairman of the department of agronomy at Ohio State University and later director of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. In 1936 he served the American Society of Agronomy as president.



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