

News of the Month . . .

INDUSTRY

Chipman Chemical to Build 2,4-D Plant in Oregon

Chipman Chemical Co., Inc., has announced plans to construct a 2,4-D plant adjoining its district office and factory at Portland, Ore. It will produce 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T weed killers for consumer use, as well as 2,4-D acid and technical ester forms of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T including the low volatile esters. The \$1 million plant, to be completed this spring, will have a 5000-ton annual capacity.

The new 2,4-D plant is to be the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Chipman believes the plant will answer a need for complete 2,4-D manufacturing facilities in the Northwest. It will also play an important part in supplying the Midwest. 2,4-D acid and technical esters manufactured at Portland will be shipped to one of the company's three Midwest plants and formulated into the various finished products.

NCI Expects Ammonia Plant to Be Completed in June

Northern Chemical Industries reports that the power plant was completed late in January for its nitrogen facilities at Searsport, Me. The sul-

furic acid unit was expected to be completed shortly afterwards. Nitric acid and nitrogen fertilizer solution units were to be finished early this month with the anhydrous ammonia unit due in June.

Forty-five tank cars will service agricultural and industrial customers. The company will be able to give 24-hour service to pulp and paper consumers of ammonia in the area, who have formerly been dependent on shipments from points 1000 miles or more distant.

Bunker C oil, 1200 barrels of which will furnish the plant's daily requirements for hydrogen and power, will be received at Searsport from ocean-going tankers.

The company reports it is now considering production of dry ice and oxygen.

Meyer, Stauffer Make Sales Agreement; Meyer, American Potash Not to Renew Agreement

Wilson & Geo. Meyer has signed a long-term exclusive sales agreement with Stauffer Chemical for distribution of Stauffer's pelletized agricultural phosphates in the West and Midwest, the two companies announce.

Meyer and American Potash & Chemical have announced that the Meyer firm's arrangement with Ameri-

can Potash for distribution of potash, soda ash, and salt cake will not be renewed upon its expiration in the middle of this year. According to the announcement, the two companies have developed divergent interests and have mutually agreed to sever their old relationship.

Meyer has been a sales agent for Stauffer since Stauffer first began production of agricultural phosphates. The recently signed exclusive sales agreement calls for Meyer to widen its distribution activities to handle the increased production of Stauffer.

Los Angeles Chemical Building New Plant

Los Angeles Chemical Co., insecticide and fungicide manufacturer, has started construction on a \$300,000 plant at South Gate, Calif. The 45,000-square foot plant will replace the company's present plant, which it has occupied for 20 years. On an 8.5-acre site, it will be of reinforced concrete tilt-up wall panel construction.

Dow to Expand Ethylene Oxide Capacity by 60 Million Pounds

Dow Chemical has announced it will expand ethylene oxide capacity at Freeport, Tex. by 30 million pounds a year. To be completed late this year, the expansion is in addition to 60 million pound-per-year increase in ethylene oxide-glycol capacity in the same plant last September. Ethylene oxide is an intermediate for manufacture of surface-active agents, as well as emulsifiers, glycols, synthetic fibers, and ethanolamines.

Spencer Kellogg Opens Buffalo Research Center

Spencer Kellogg dedicated its new \$500,000 research center at Buffalo, N. Y., early last month. The center will be used for research and development on such products of oil seed refining as edible products, livestock feeds, and protective coatings.

The research laboratory is located on a five-acre tract and provides 20,000 square feet of floor space. Included are special laboratories for quality control, analytical research and development, pioneering research, edible products research, protein research, and applications research. A pilot plant is also provided, as well as offices, library, and other services.

Barge Hauls Sulfur for Lion's Ammonium Sulfate

The *Nokorode*, a 1000-long-ton liquid sulfur barge recently completed, from Lion Oil Division of Monsanto. The barge will make three round trips a month from the Louisiana Gulf Coast to a point near the company's plant at El Dorado, Ark., where the sulfur will be used to make ammonium sulfate fertilizer. The barge is equipped with steam heated storage tanks to keep the sulfur in a liquid form

