

News of the Month . . .

Howell Removed as President of Virginia-Carolina

A group of stockholders and directors of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp. have won control of the company away from the present management. The winning group was headed by Rupert T. Zickl, New York investor, while the present management group was headed by Joseph A. Howell, president of the company, who has been with V-C for 35 years. The vote was 399,613 to 211,874.

Although Mr. Howell was removed as president, along with six directors, his status is uncertain. He holds a 10-year contract that does not expire until 1963. Also ousted was the company's general counsel, John W. Pearsall.

U. S. Potash Merger Approved by Stockholders

U. S. Potash stockholders have approved plans to merge it with Pacific Coast Borax Co. (AG AND FOOD, June, page 475 and 494). The new company is to be known as U. S. Borax & Chemical Corp. Stockholders can exchange each share of U. S. Potash for one share of preferred and five shares of common in the new company. Capitalization of the new company will consist of \$14.5 million in preferred and 4,175,000 shares of common, of which 3.1 million shares will be owned by the Borax group, 725,000 by present U. S. Potash holders, and the remainder by private investors lead by Lazard Freres & Co., New York.

IM&C Labor Contracts Ensure Continuous Production

International Minerals & Chemical says it is now in the most advantageous position in its history for uninterrupted production as a result of new labor contracts. The recently signed agreements cover 75% of its mining and manufacturing personnel.

Among the recent agreements were those with unions representing workers at Carlsbad, N. M., Kona, N. C., Niagara Falls, N. Y., and at Wales, Mt. Pleasant, and Godwin, Tenn. Three years remain of a four year contract reached late last year with phosphate miners in Florida. At that time, IM&C also made a two-year agreement with phosphate chemical workers in Florida.

Each agreement provides for continuous operation by the inclusion of

no-strike clauses. They do not include provisions for renegotiations of wage adjustments or basic contracts during the life of the agreements.

Hercules Powder Building Tall Oil Fractionation Plants

Hercules Powder's two new tall oil fractionation plants are expected to yield 115 million pounds of rosin and fatty acids out of the 140 million pounds of raw material processed a year, the company announced today.

One plant, at Franklin, Va., is now on a shake-down production basis. The second, at Savannah, Ga., is expected to start production at the end of the third quarter.

Tall oil fatty acids are used in agricultural chemicals, disinfectants, detergents, flotation agents, and a number of other chemicals.

Resin acids manufactured at Franklin and Savannah will be processed

into chemicals for the paper industry and other rosin-consuming industries.

Southwestern Agrochemical Starts Ammonia Plant

Southwestern Agrochemical Corp. has contracted with Utah Construction Co. to build the first unit of a planned \$5 million ammonia and fertilizer manufacturing plant in Arizona. Southwestern plans to produce solid fertilizer at the plant, which is to have a capacity equivalent to about a third of Arizona's present consumption. The initial unit is expected to be complete in about a year.

Stauffer Quadruples Vapam Capacity at Chauncy, N. Y.

Stauffer Chemical has completed expansion of its sodium n-methyl dithiocarbamate facilities at Chauncy, N. Y. The expansion quadruples capacity for the chemical, the essential ingredient of Vapam soil fumigant. Increased capacity was necessitated by increased demand for Vapam in the East. The chemical is also manufactured at Richmond, Calif.

American Potash Adopts New Trademark

William J. Francis, sales vice president of American Potash & Chemical, displays the company's new trademark (top). The old trademark (bottom) included, in addition to the Trona name, two of its subsidiaries and the line "industrial and agricultural chemicals." The new trademark is one of the final steps in AP&C's program to modernize its product packages and labels for its 60-odd products



PEOPLE

John W. Hall has been named to succeed the late George E. Pettitt as vice president in charge of sales and director of Potash Co. of America.

Harold Mazza has been appointed to the newly created position of manager of research at the Los Angeles plant of American Potash & Chemical. He was previously assistant director of research at the Trona, Calif., plant.

Frederick H. Leonhardt, Jr., has been elected president of Dodge & Olcott, Inc. Other new officers include: R. V. Behrens, vice president and treasurer; V. H. Fischer and J. P. Bauer, vice presidents; and E. M. Behme, secretary.

G. D. Baerman has been appointed director of sales for the insecticide division of Olin Mathieson. Paul H. Williams, formerly assistant sales manager, succeeds Baerman as general sales manager. Davis J. Walsh, formerly assistant sales manager, becomes assistant general sales manager.

Milton B. Irvine has been appointed product manager in charge of insecticides, fungicides, and chelates for Dow's agricultural chemicals sales. Product manager in charge of herbi-

cides will be **Russel H. Ashworth**, who has rejoined Dow after two years with Pontiac Mills, Inc. Irvine, who has been handling sales for Dow in Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico, moves into the post held by the late **Dan O. Sanford**.

C. Y. Haas has been appointed manager of sorptive mineral sales for Minerals & Chemical. He was formerly assistant director of research.

John E. Fletcher has been promoted to sales manager for U. S. Potash Co.

John V. Osmun has been named head of the entomology department of Purdue University, succeeding **J. J. Davis**, who retired July 1.

Frederick R. Anspach has been named sales manager of the Thomas Fertilizer Division of Pennsalt. He succeeds **S. R. Coale**, who has resigned.

Daniel MacDougall, former associate professor of chemistry at Ontario Agricultural College, has joined the research staff of Chemagro as supervisor of analytical research.

Daniel S. Dinsmore has been named vice president in charge of planning



D. S. Dinsmore



J. C. Schumacher

and development for American Potash & Chemical. Succeeding him as vice president in charge of research is **Joseph C. Schumacher**.

Donald A. Shallock has been named extension weed control specialist at Rutgers. He was formerly extension farm crops specialist.

George L. McCall has been appointed assistant export manager in the Grasselli Chemical Department, principal agricultural chemicals department of Du Pont. He succeeds **Joseph P. Conlon**, who is being promoted to a new domestic assignment.

Benton H. Wilcoxon has been appointed manager of operations of the insecticide division of Olin Mathieson. He was vice president and general manager of Calabama Chemical before its acquisition by Olin Mathieson.

William F. Watkins has been named assistant manager of government services for the plant food, insecticide, and industrial chemicals divisions of Olin Mathieson. He will be located in the company's Washington, D. C.,

office. Mr. Watkins joined Olin Mathieson in 1953 after five years as chief of the Fertilizer, Seed, and Pesticides Branch, Food and Agriculture Division, International Cooperation Administration.

William F. Waldeck has joined Shea Chemical in the newly created position of technical director. Director of research for Wyandotte until late June, Dr. Waldeck will direct development of new products and processes for Shea, which is aiming at "horizontal growth." He will be located in New York.

Leon Cherksey has been named chairman of the board of American Chemical Paint Co. Succeeding him as president is **Gerald C. Romig**, who has been a vice president for the past 11 years.

ASSOCIATIONS

Food Additives Display at Atlantic City ACS Meeting

A display of food additives is to be set-up in Atlantic City during the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY meeting next month. The display is to be illustrated with samples of new food products containing chemical additives. Manufacturers may submit samples to R. M. Warren, % Convention Hall, Atlantic City, N. J. The samples should be received not later than Sept. 12, 1956.

Influencing Buyers, Topic at NAC Meeting Next Month

Who and what influences growers to use agricultural chemicals is to be a featured topic at the meeting of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association meeting. NAC members are to meet at Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 5 through 7.

The panel to discuss influences on the grower will include: W. A. Hafert, editor of *New Jersey Farm and Garden*; John McDonald, president of the National Association of Television and Radio Farm Directors; Blanchard Smith, vice president of Chipman Chemical; Ellsworth Fisher, extension entomologist for the University of Wisconsin; and a leading pesticides dealer. Moderator will be M. R. Budd, advertising manager of Hercules Powder.

Also to receive attention from panel discussions will be the highway expansion program and the Miller Amendment to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. On the highway expansion panel will be C. O. Eddy of the Niagara Chemical Division of Food Machinery and R. J. McMahon of McMahon Bros., commercial spray applicators of

Binghamton, N. Y. On the Miller Amendment panel will be: Winton B. Rankin of FDA, John Coyne of USDA, George C. Decker of the Illinois State Natural History Survey; and J. A. Noone, NAC technical adviser.

Scheduled to address the meeting on entomological research is E. F. Knapling of the Entomological Research Branch, USDA. J. V. Vernon of Niagara Chemical Division will discuss the industry outlook. W. W. Allen of Dow Chemical, NAC's president, will also address the meeting.

Chemicals in Food Production Symposium at ACS Meeting

The Division of Chemical Marketing and Economics will present a two-day symposium on "Chemicals in Food Production" at the American Chemical Society's national meeting in Atlantic City. The two-day symposium will take place on Sept. 18 and 19. General chairman for the symposium is Hugo Reimer, president of the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical.

The Division will sponsor a dinner on the evening of Sept. 17 jointly with the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. The first half-day session of the symposium will be devoted to fertilizer, the second to pesticides, the third to synthetic nitrogen materials as feed supplements, and the fourth to food and drug laws as they apply in this area.

The programs of this symposium and the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry and the Division of Fertilizer and Soil Chemistry are listed below.

Sept. 18 (morning)

M. F. FOGLER, *presiding*

C. Y. THOMAS, Role of Nitrogen in Our Nation's Future.

EDWIN COX, Phosphatic Fertilizers—1956—How Far—Where to?

J. FIELDING REED, Potash in Food Production.

RUSSELL COLEMAN, Promoting Proper Plant Food Usage.

Sept. 18 (afternoon)

CARLTON A. SEARS, *presiding*

J. T. THURSTON, Planning Research and Development for the Successful Commercialization of Pesticides.

J. STEELE BROWN, Manufacturing for the Pesticide Industry.

ERNEST HART, Problems Related to the Successful Marketing of Pesticides.

Sept. 19 (morning)

H. B. HASS, *presiding*

C. GLEN KING, Present Status of the Protein Supply for Human Nutrition from a World Wide Standpoint.

D. F. GREEN, Urea in the Role of a Feed Ingredient.

H. R. ROSENBERG, Methionine and Lysine Supplementation of Feeds.