

News of the Month . . .

INDUSTRY

Woodbury Buys Denver Firm

Woodbury Chemical Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., has purchased Brancucci Chemical Co. of Denver, according to a Woodbury announcement. Active operation of the company is to be taken over by Woodbury this month, with Leonard Everett in charge. Soon to be in operation in Denver is the former Geigy dust plant, which Woodbury purchased in 1956 for removal from McGregor, Tex., to Denver.

The company recently opened a branch office in Coral Gables, Fla. It is also planning to branch out into the field of industrial chemicals.

Richfield Building Liquid Fertilizer Plant in Illinois

Richfield Chemical has bought property and made contracts for a liquid mixed fertilizer plant at Sycamore, Ill. Howard F. Kahn, president, says the plant is to be operating by the middle of this month. He also states that the firm, which was organized a year ago, "is to be merged with an old established corporation by which the new company will achieve a solid financial status."

Capacity of the liquid plant will be 200 tons a day. It will manufacture and stock a few standard ratios, and custom-manufacture other analyses to meet farmer requirements. It will serve directly the farmers within its own retail area; outside of that area it will serve farmers through established franchised dealers.

Hercules Making Feed Antioxidant

With completion of expanded facilities at Gibbstown, N. J., Hercules Powder announces that it will supply a food grade of di-tert-butyl-*p*-cresol for use as an antioxidant in animal and poultry feeds. Hercules' name for it is Dalpac FG.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc., will act as distributors of the chemical to feed and food industries, with its chemical department handling both sales and technical service.

Pfizer Seeks to License Allethrin Process Patent

Chas. Pfizer has announced it has acquired a patent on a new process for manufacturing allethrin. The new

process, covered in U. S. Patent 2,768,967, begins with an acetone dicarboxylic acid ester which Pfizer manufactures from citric acid.

The company does not plan to produce the insecticide, but it believes the new process will be of interest to prospective licensees.

ADM Organizes Belgian Firm To Manufacture Fatty Acids

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. and a Belgian firm have organized a jointly owned company in Belgium for the manufacture of fatty acids and their derivatives. The Belgian firm is Palmafina, a wholly owned fats and oils processing subsidiary of Petrofina, a Belgian petroleum processor.

The new firm is Oleochim, S.A. It will produce for the Belgian market and for export to other European countries and throughout the world.

DDVP Permitted in Baits

DDVP (dimethyl 2,2-dichlorovinyl phosphate), discovered by George Pearce of the U. S. Public Health Service, and manufactured by Montrose Chemical Co., is now permitted by the Department of Agriculture for use in fly-baits and for control of phorids in mushroom houses, Montrose has announced. Usual approval of labels must be obtained. Hitherto, DDVP has been authorized only for experimental use.

Mathieson Organizing Fertilizer Distribution in Cuba

Mathieson Pan-American Chemical Corp. has announced it will organize its own distributing organization in Cuba for high analysis pelletized fertilizer. Headquarters will be in Camaguey. Sales manager will be Juan Aquayo, who is now with Mathieson Quimico of Mexico. Claus Tameling, formerly assistant production manager for fertilizer for the chemicals international division of Olin Mathieson, will assist him.

Warehousing facilities will be set up in the port of Pastelillo, near Camaguey. Both are in the heart of the sugar cane and rice areas of Cuba.

Warfarin Patent Upheld In Japanese Proceeding

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation reveals that its patent on a

method for producing warfarin has been upheld in recent proceedings in Japan. Toko Chemical Co., Ltd., of Tokyo had sought a declaration of the Japanese Patent Office Tribunal to the effect that its process of making warfarin was outside of the WARF patent. The firm's process involved certain modifications of the preferred procedure, according to WARF.

Ward Ross, who is managing director of the foundation declared: "This proceeding in Japan illustrates the foundation's determination to maintain and defend its patents, in litigation if necessary, even in foreign countries."

Organoleptic Service To Food Processors

Eastman Chemical's antioxidant laboratories have announced inauguration of a new service to food processors. Where practical, the company will treat samples of foods with antioxidants and return treated and untreated portions of the food to the processor for organoleptic testing. The company also maintains organoleptic testing facilities for its own use and will continue to evaluate foods treated with antioxidants by organoleptic means.

ASSOCIATIONS

Potash, Minor Element Deficiencies on California Program

The fifth annual California Fertilizer Conference, sponsored by the Soil Improvement Committee of the California Fertilizer Association, will be held on the campus of Fresno State College at Fresno, on April 14 and 15.

Two panel discussions will be featured, one on potash responses, and the other on minor element deficiencies.

The 34th annual convention of the California Fertilizer Association will be held at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on Nov. 3, 4, and 5. The theme will be "Our Partnership With Agriculture," and outstanding speakers representative of agriculture and of the fertilizer industry will be featured.

Fats in Nutrition to Be Discussed at AOCS Meeting

"Fats in Nutrition and Health" is the subject of symposium being planned for the annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society. The meeting is scheduled for April