

has asked stockholders to approve a change in the corporation's name. The proposed new name is National Distillers & Chemical Corp. Stockholders are to vote on the proposal at the meeting on April 17.

GOVERNMENT

USDA Realigns Utilization Research

Research and development work on the utilization of farm products is being given added emphasis in a regrouping of functions within the Agricultural Research Service, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announces.

Under this new alignment, the development of new uses for agricultural products is to be administered separately in the Agricultural Research Service under a deputy administrator for utilization research and development. Farm production research functions are also regrouped, under a deputy administrator for production research.

This regrouping of administrative responsibilities for research reflects increased emphasis in the Department on utilization research, in line with

current economic trends and the recommendations of farm organizations, advisory committees, and other groups.

Named to the new post of deputy administrator for utilization research and development is George W. Irving, Jr., until now the ARS's deputy administrator for research. Appointed deputy administrator for production research is Theodore C. Byerly, who has been assistant director of livestock research.

Studies in human nutrition, household economics, and clothing and housing, formerly conducted in separate branches of ARS, are grouped together in a new Institute of Home Economics headed by a director, Hazel K. Stiebeling, reporting directly to the administrator. Dr. Stiebeling has been serving as director of home economics research under the deputy administrator for research.

Reporting to the deputy administrator for utilization research and development will be the directors of six divisions, replacing the four branches formerly concerned with this research. These divisions and the directors appointed so far are: eastern utilization research and development, P. A. Wells; northern utilization research and development, W. D. Maclay; southern utilization research and development, C. H. Fisher; western utilization research and development, M. J. Copley; utilization economics (director not appointed); and contracts and grants (director not appointed).

Reporting to the deputy administrator for production research will be the directors of seven research divisions; agricultural engineering, E. G. McKibben; animal disease and parasite, H. W. Johnson; animal husbandry, R. E. Hodgson; crops, M. W. Parker; entomology, E. F. Knipling; farm economics, C. P. Heisig; and soil and water conservation, C. H. Wadleigh.

Administrative responsibilities of ARS's deputy administrator for regulatory programs, M. R. Clarkson, the deputy administrator for experiment stations, E. C. Elting, and the executive assistant administrator for management, F. H. Spencer, will continue unchanged.

ASSOCIATIONS

Plant Protection Congress

Plans are now being made for the 4th International Plant Protection Congress. It is to take place in Hamburg, Germany, from Sept. 8 through 15, 1957.

Among the subjects to be discussed are: fundamental research, phyto-

therapy, protection of stored products, equipment for plant protection, plant quarantine, and the organization of crop protection and legal regulations.

Further information is available from Biologische Bundesanstalt für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Messeweg 11/12, Braunschweig, Federal Union of Germany.

Aerial Applicator Survey

The aerial applicator division of the National Aviation Trades Association has announced launching of a nationwide survey of agricultural aviation activities.

A four-page questionnaire geared to IBM analysis is being sent to aerial applicators. It asks questions about revenues, investments, type of aircraft used, work performed, charges, personnel employed, insurance coverage, chemicals used, and safety practices. This information, supplementing that available from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, is expected to be of assistance to chemical manufacturers, growers, and state and federal agencies.

PEOPLE

McMillan Research VP for Commercial Solvents

Graham W. McMillan has been named vice president in charge of research and development for Commercial Solvents. He had been serving as manager of development. Also named vice president was J. F. Dudley, who will be in charge of production and engineering activities.

D. S. Parham has been named general superintendent of production for American Agricultural Chemical Co. He will be in charge of all production activities except the phosphate rock mines.

James B. French of Bakersfield, Calif., has been elected president of the Agricultural Aircraft Association. New vice president is James K. Vedder of Imperial, Calif.; Milton B. Watts of Woodland was chosen secretary-treasurer.

William S. Formwalt has been appointed assistant to the vice president of Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co. of Washington. He was formerly associated with Davison.

George R. Vila has been elected a vice president of U. S. Rubber, and

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appointed general manager of its Naugatuck Chemical Division. He replaces **John E. Caskey**, who is retiring. Vila was formerly assistant general manager of Naugatuck.

Earle S. Ebers has been promoted from general sales manager to assistant general manager of the Naugatuck Chemical Division of U. S. Rubber. Succeeding him as general sales manager is **Harold M. Parsekian**, who was assistant general sales manager.

J. C. Findlan has been advanced to the position of sales manager for the industrial chemical division of Geigy Chemical Corp. He was formerly field representative for the division.

Paul E. Sprague, vice president and director of Glidden since 1936, has retired. He began his career with the company as a chemist in 1915.

Dwight Worsham has been appointed foreign sales representative for Calspray in South America. He will act as technical supervisor to Ortho distributors there, making his headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela.

Walter Miller has been appointed field specialist in agricultural chemical development for Dow Chemical in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. He has previously been with the U. S. Public Health Service and the Mississippi State Board of Health.

Arthur M. Smith, assistant to the vice president, will be responsible for directing the anhydrous ammonia program of Olin Mathieson's plant food division.

John Ansel Anderson, chief chemist of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada and director of the Grain Research Laboratory, has been named to receive the Thomas Burr Osborne Medal of the American Association of Cereal Chemists. The medal will be presented during the approaching annual meeting at San Francisco, May 19 through 23.

Russell E. Spivey has been named manager of wholesale sales and raw materials procurement for Smith-Douglass Co. He has been serving the company in a sales capacity.

W. Ward Jackson, vice president of Commercial Solvents, has been named to head the company's sales and marketing activities. His responsibilities will include sales promotion, market development, traffic activities, and advertising. He was vice president of the petrochemicals division.

James A. Taylor, former head of the department of chemical and metallurgical engineering at Wayne University, has joined the research and process development department of American Agricultural Chemical Co. Also joining the department, as research organic chemist, is **Bernard Buchner**, formerly with Koppers Co.

Charles C. Yent has been named manager of manufacturing operations for Diamond Black Leaf Co. He has been serving as assistant manager of the research and development department.

Henry A. Lepper has retired from his position as assistant chief of FDA's Division of Food. He had been in government service for 43 years, having joined the Food Control Division of USDA's Bureau of Chemistry in 1913. He has been active in the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists and in editorial work for *Chemical Abstracts*.

Charles M. Hutchinson, sales manager for Panogen, Inc., has been named vice president of the company. He will continue to manage sales for

the seed treating materials and equipment firm.

Earl Noblet has been appointed assistant manager of market development for Sinclair Chemicals, Inc. He has been with Sinclair since 1954.

James V. O'Leary has been promoted from sales manager of Commercial Solvents' biochemicals division to general sales manager of the company.

Francis H. Conrad has joined the sales department of Monsanto's inorganic division as assistant technical service manager in St. Louis.

C. Loyal Swanson has been appointed agronomist in the research and technical department of the Texas Co. He was recently head of the department of soils of Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Robert H. Cotton has been named head of the newly created starch and protein section of the Virginia Cellulose Division at Hercules Powder's research center near Wilmington. Dr. Cotton was formerly research director of Huron Milling, which Hercules acquired recently.

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