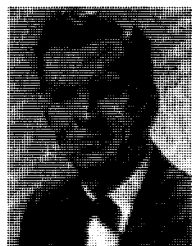


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New Members for Ag and Food Board

Seven new members have been appointed to the advisory board of AG AND FOOD. They replace the following members whose terms have expired: **C. S. Boruff, Russell Coleman, H. L. Haller, H. B. Mann, J. H. Nair, Vincent Sauchelli, and Betty Sullivan.** The new members:

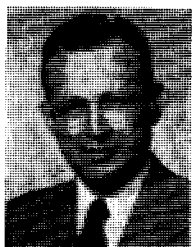
Raoul Allstetter has served as vice president of the National Plant Food



Institute (or one of its predecessors, the National Fertilizer Association) since April 1952. He has been in general supervision of NPFI's educational and promotional programs.

Before joining NPFI's staff, he was deputy director of USDA's Office of Materials and Facilities during the Korean War, and was in charge of USDA's emergency programs relating to fertilizer and farm chemicals. In addition to his USDA work (11 years in all), Mr. Allstetter spent four years with the Army Corps of Engineers, and two years as officer of a fertilizer firm in California, of which he was part owner. Allstetter graduated from Swarthmore in 1932, having majored in physics and chemistry.

Everette M. Burdick, consulting chemist of Coral Gables, Fla., was



educated in Florida, although a native of Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and received his doctorate from Purdue in chemistry. For five years, he worked for

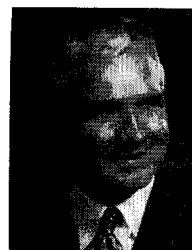
USDA on utilization of corn, wheat, and citrus. For the next nine years, he was research director for Texsun Citrus Exchange, and then vice president and director of research for Strong Cobb & Co. He has contributed over 30 technical articles to various scientific journals, and holds patents in the fields of vitamins, enzymes, fruit and vegetable processing, and by-product utilization.

Leland G. Cox is associate director of research for United Fruit Co. He



is a past chairman of the Pesticides Subdivision of the ACS Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. Dr. Cox was born in Dorris, Calif. In 1936, he graduated from the University of California, staying on there as a teaching assistant in forest ecology until 1938. In that year, he migrated east to Cornell, where he took a Ph.D. in 1942, serving that university in various research and teaching capacities until 1946. Between 1946 and 1952, he was in charge of special technical projects for Beech-Nut Packing Co., leaving there for his present position. In addition to the ACS, Dr. Cox is a member of the AAAS, the Society of American Foresters, American Society for Horticultural Science, American Society of Food Technologists, and the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

Leo R. Gardner, a native of Iowa, has been with California Spray-Chemical since 1926, achieving his



present position as manager of research and development, director, and vice president of the company in 1946. He was educated at Pomona College and the University of Southern California. One of his early assignments with Calspray was as a foreign representative. He and W. H. Volck together wrote the first definitive work on the physical and chemical properties of spray oils. Their data set the standards for modern spray oils. In his job as research director, Gardner is responsible for chemical, biological, and field research in pesticides, chemical and field research in fertilizers, chemical product control, and law compliance.

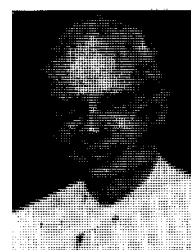
Maurice H. Lockwood was named vice president in charge of International Minerals' plant food division in 1948. He began his career in 1921 as a county agricultural agent in New Hampshire, after graduation from the University of Connecticut. In 1924,

he joined Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, which he served as manager of the fertilizer division from 1926 until



1946. He left Eastern States to become full-time president of the National Fertilizer Association for two years. He left the old NFA (now the National Plant Food Institute) to accept his present position.

J. D. Romaine was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Penn State in 1923.



By 1925, he had a master's degree from Michigan State, where he remained as a member of the soil science department. In 1928, he joined the agricultural and scientific bureau of NV Potash Export, remaining

until formation of the American Potash Institute in 1935. He has been with API ever since, serving as chief agronomist, secretary, and vice president. He is a past chairman of the ACS Division of Fertilizer and Soil Chemistry.

Hazel K. Stiebling is director of the Institute of Home Economics in



USDA's Agricultural Research Service. She administers various research programs in the institute, including those on food and nutrition. Holding a master's and Ph.D. from Columbia, Dr. Stiebling

joined USDA in 1930 as food economist. Her studies then helped to focus national attention on the need for greater effort to improve nutrition. She has been a member of many U. S. delegations to the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization and other international conferences. She is the recipient of three honorary degrees, the annual Borden Award (for her contributions to the betterment of human nutrition), and the Distinguished Service Award, highest award of USDA.

Stewart Becomes President of Federal Chemical

John V. Collis has been elected chairman of the board of Federal Chemical. He is succeeded in the presidency of the company by J. D. Stewart, Jr., former executive vice president.

Bliss Ansnes and John L. Gibbons, both of New York, have been elected members of the board of Smith-Douglass. Ansnes is a member of the law firm of Mudge, Stern, Baldwin, & Todd. Gibbons is executive vice president of Chemical Corn Exchange Bank.

Leo Miles has left U. S. Borax & Chemical to join Geigy Agricultural Chemicals. He will devote his efforts to sales development and technical service for Simazin, Geigy's new pre-emergence herbicide.

W. F. Tulley has been appointed to the new post of group manager of chemical development for Naugatuck Chemical Division of U. S. Rubber. He will coordinate research and development on agricultural, rubber, heavy, intermediate, and plastics chemicals.

Walter C. Dutton, formerly assistant director of agricultural chemicals research for Dow and consultant to the company for the past three years, has retired, after 21 years with the company.

Kerby H. Fisk has been named chairman of the board of Allied Chemical & Dye. Fred J. Emmerich, previous board chairman, has retired, but will continue as a director. Carlton Bates, company vice president and former president of the Solvay Process Division, and Harry S. Ferguson have been named executive vice presidents. Chester M. Brown, president of the General Chemical Division, has been named a vice president of the company.

Richard Ehrlich has been appointed supervisor of biological research at Armour Research Foundation. He has been on the ARF staff since 1952.

Arthur P. Moss has been appointed works manager of Union Carbide Chemicals Co., division of Union Carbide Corp. He has been industrial chemicals production manager.

F. Todd Tremblay has been named Pacific Northwest representative of the National Plant Food Institute, for Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, with headquarters in Seattle. For the past five years, he has been manager of the fertilizer and farm chemicals department of Washington Co-operative Farmers Association.

Frank B. Stewart has been named general manager and executive vice president of Miller Products Co., Portland, Ore. Roy E. Miller remains as president and board chairman. Stewart was assistant general manager and vice president of the company before his promotion.

Donald E. Overbeek has joined the research staff of Michigan Chemical. He was recently with Stauffer Chemical. Dr. Overbeek is assigned to the development of new organic chemicals.

Joseph Padar has been named by American Agricultural Chemical to the position of chief chemist of the chemical control laboratory at Danville, Ill.

Malcolm Rice has been appointed to the new position of agronomist for the California Fertilizer Association's soil improvement committee. He has been serving as agronomist to a large farm operation in the San Joaquin Valley.

George F. Dietz, Fertilizer Mfg. Co-op, Inc., has been elected general chairman of the fertilizer division of the National Safety Council. New vice chairman is George L. Pelton of Smith Agricultural Chemical Co. Elmer Perrine, Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical, will serve as secretary.

Edward R. Weidlein, Jr., has left the Corn Products Fellowship at Mellon Institute to become senior fellow, organic synthesis fellowship of Union Carbide Chemicals Co. Later, he is to be assigned to Carbide's technical service laboratory, which is being built in Westchester County, N. Y.

James A. Roberts has been promoted and transferred to the position of assistant to the chemical products manager, chemical division, Koppers Co. He will be primarily responsible for promotion and sales of BHT antioxidant.

Russell L. Haden, Jr., has been named general manager of the chemicals division of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. He has been with Dewey & Almy since 1944.

W. A. Glover has been named production superintendent at the Columbia, S. C., plant of American Agricultural Chemical. He was formerly at the Pensacola, Fla., plant.

Bruce H. Morgan has rejoined the metal research and development department of Continental Can as senior food technologist. For the past four years, he has been with the Army Quartermaster Food and Container Institute as deputy scientific director for radiation preservation.

Sylvester Grant, Jr., has been promoted by Sohio Chemical Co. to the post of technical service representative, assisting H. H. Tucker, director of agricultural technical services. Grant formerly performed customer services in Sohio's sales and service development laboratory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial a Real Service

DEAR SIR:

We are gratified, as I think you will be, with the widespread affirmative response to the editorial "Have We a Bear by the Tail?" published in the November 1957 issue of *Agricultural and Food Chemistry*.

Careful attention by all handlers of fertilizer and fertilizer materials to the warning carried in this editorial will be of great value to the industry.

Its publication has been a real service.

PAUL T. TRUITT
Executive Vice President
National Plant Food Institute
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

Your November 1957 issue contained a most timely editorial entitled "Have We a Bear by the Tail?" It had to do with the recently developed and expanding use of agricultural grade ammonium nitrate as an explosive.

We share the wide-spread belief prevailing within our industry that the sale of this material for whatever useful purpose is proper, but we are very much concerned that the general public be properly informed concerning the very special conditions under which ammonium nitrate can be used as an explosive.

Extreme care should be exercised, we believe, to ensure that publicity concerning this new use for the material will not create a wave of hysteria which might cancel out all reason in connection with the proper storage and use of ammonium nitrate. It is not too hazardous when properly handled, and under approved ventilation conditions.

Your editorial goes a long way in the direction of fulfilling our point of view. We wonder if you can make available for us 200 reprints of this editorial so that we can distribute them to the members of our association. We will be happy to forward our check to cover, if you will advise us as to your charges.

SIDNEY H. BIERLY
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California Fertilizer Association
San Marino, Calif.