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Hendricks Receives Presidential Award

Sterling B. Hendricks, chief of USDA's pioneering research laboratory for mineral nutrition of plants, has received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Service, the highest honor the U. S. bestows upon career civil service employees.

C. A. Elvehjem, biochemist and dean of the University of Wisconsin graduate school, has been elected president of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Elvehjem succeeds Edwin B. Fred. He will take office on July 1.

James F. Sloan, president of the J. F. Sloan Co., Salinas, Calif., has been elected to the board of directors of the California Fertilizer Association.

Herman A. Rodenhiser has been named to succeed **Karl Quisenberry** as assistant administrator for farm research in USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Quisenberry retired Jan. 31. Dr. Rodenhiser has been in charge of research on cereal crops and diseases in ARS since 1952. He recently received the Elvin C. Stakman award for outstanding research in diseases of cereal crops.

E. W. Harvey retired Jan. 1 from the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. Succeeding him as director of technical service is R. M. Jones, who will continue as manager of product development also.

Lowell O. Gill, research consultant to A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., has retired after 42 years with the company. He helped organize and later headed the company's technical service and development section. Since 1956, he has been a research consultant.

Ellis C. Anderson has been appointed designer in the engineering department of Calspray. He was designer with a firm of naval architects and marine engineers.

Jerry A. E. Knopf, formerly graduate research assistant in entomology at Colorado State University, has joined Calspray as sales representative for the southern California area. His headquarters will be in Blythe, Calif.

Judson H. Drewry has transferred from International Minerals' potash division to become southern area sales manager for phosphate rock sales in the company's phosphate minerals division. His headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga.

Loy A. Everett has left Virginia-Carolina to become assistant sales manager of Commercial Solvents' agricultural chemicals sales department. From New York, he will work on development of marketing programs for the company's expanded production of nitrogen fertilizers and the activation of these programs on a regional basis.

Chester M. Brown, who recently became a vice president of Allied Chemical after serving as president of the company's General Chemical division, has been appointed president of National Aniline, succeeding **Albert E. Cleghorn**, who died suddenly of a heart attack on Jan. 9. Brown will continue to hold office as vice president of the parent corporation.

Richard T. Yates, former manager of the agricultural chemicals division of Hercules Powder's naval stores department, has been named director of sales for the naval stores department.

Rolland O. Baum, former executive vice president of Merritt-Chapman & Scott, has been named executive vice president and general manager of Tennessee Products & Chemical Corp., a Merritt subsidiary.

Robert H. Cannon, **John H. Sanders**, and **Decatur B. Campbell, Jr.**, have been appointed regional sales managers for the chemical division of Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., in a reorganization of field sales activities. Cannon will be in charge of sales in the New England and Middle Atlantic states; Sanders, in charge of areas served by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Greensboro, N. C. offices plus other areas in the South and Southeast; and Campbell, in charge of sales for the Midwest, directing activities of the Chicago, St. Louis, and Houston offices.

Edward G. Bassett has joined the research staff of Takamine Laboratory, a division of Miles Laboratories, as a special enzyme scientist.

Joseph D. Dalton has joined the research department of American Agricultural Chemical Co. as a soil chemist.

B. Gene Carter has joined Velsicol's sales staff as technical sales representative. He will be responsible for sales of insecticides and solvents in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia, and the western portions of Pennsylvania and New York.

Richard H. Dorsett has left the

plant food division of Olin Mathieson to join the sales staff of Witco Chemical, with headquarters in Dallas, Tex. He will handle products of the Emulsol, organic chemicals, and rubber chemicals divisions.

Kenneth L. Schulz, former sales manager of Fuller Seed Co., has joined the technical sales staff of Velsicol Chemical. He will be responsible for sales of insecticides and solvents in Indiana and Illinois. His headquarters are in Lincoln, Ill.

Richard E. Noonan has been appointed marketing specialist by Velsicol Chemical. He will be engaged in the merchandising of chlordan for insect and crabgrass control.

George B. Meredith and **Frank O. Agel** have been named vice presidents by the Nitrogen Division of Allied. Meredith will be in charge of production, and Agel in charge of development. Before the promotions, Meredith was director of production, and Agel director of development.

Harvey J. Stengel, who has been midwest agronomist for Allied's Nitrogen Division, was recently appointed to the newly created position of chief agronomist. His headquarters have been transferred from Omaha, Neb., to New York City.

A. S. Crafts of the University of California, Davis, has been elected president of the Weed Society of America for the next two years. Elected vice president was **K. P. Buchholtz** of the University of Wisconsin. **W. C. Shaw** of USDA was named secretary; and **W. C. Jacob**, University of Illinois, will serve as treasurer and business manager of *Weeds*.

A. P. McKeown, formerly chemist at American Agricultural Chemical's Pierce, Fla., chemical control laboratory, has been named chief chemist at the chemical control laboratory at Carteret, N. J.

Myers F. Gribbins, formerly assistant sales manager for the nitrogen products section, has been named manager of the ammonia products section by Du Pont's polychemicals department chemical sales division. **Jac O. Ullman** succeeds Dr. Gribbins. **Frank G. Keenan** has been transferred from manager of the ammonia products section to associate laboratory director for the department's sales service laboratory at Chestnut Run, near Wilmington.

Henry E. Wessel, former manager of marketing research for Monsanto's research and engineering division, has joined Virginia-Carolina as assistant to the general manager of the fertilizer division. He will direct staff services in marketing research, sales planning, budgets, cost and production control, and product development of the company's fertilizer operations.

Ben Mills Allen has joined U. S. Potash as sales representative in the southeastern area. He will be headquartered in the Atlanta, Ga., office.

Edward E. Burns, president of Alton Canning Co., Inc., Alton, N. Y., has been elected president of the National Cannery Association. Vice president is **Norman A. Sorenson**, chairman of the board of Country Gardens, Inc., Milwaukee.

David K. Wilson and **Oliver R. Grace** have been elected to the board of directors of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp. **Russell L. Haden, Jr.**, has been elected vice president of the company, and **Richard E. McConnell**, treasurer. Wilson is president of Cherokee Insurance Co., Nashville, Tenn. Grace is president and director of Southseas Steamship Co. and a partner in the New York investment firm of Sterling, Grace & Co. Haden, general manager of the chemicals division of V-C, joined the company in December. McConnell, who was secretary of the company, succeeds **Irving D. Dawes**, who retired at the end of last year.

Col. Thomas C. Compton, USA (Ret.) has joined Best Fertilizers as executive assistant to the company's president, **Lowell W. Berry**. Initially, he will be located at the Oakland, Calif., office, but will move to the Lathrop, Calif., plant later this year.

William S. Formwalt has been appointed general manager of agricultural chemicals by the Pennsalt of Washington Division of Pennsalt Chemicals Corp. For the past year he has served as assistant to the vice president of agricultural chemicals activities.

Parker S. Dunn, vice president in charge of manufacturing for American Potash & Chemical, has been elected to the company's board of directors.

Robert K. Pistell has been named specialty products manager of the Metal Salts Co. He is to set up divisions to sell mildewicides, fungicides, and bactericides to producers of agricultural products and to paper and paint manufacturers. He was formerly with National Gypsum Co.

T. William Mather has joined the sales staff of Emulsol Chemical Corp. He will be headquartered in the company's new sales office in Akron, Ohio, his territory including Ohio, western Pennsylvania, upper New York State, West Virginia, and eastern Kentucky. He was formerly with Colton Chemical.

Omar Sanders, who retired from his position as manager of Fertilizer Industries, Inc., last June, has been retained as a sales consultant by National Potash Co.

George C. Schweiker has been appointed to the position of manager of research for Velsicol Chemical. Formerly with Hooker Electrochemical, he will be responsible for basic research programs in Velsicol's research and development department.

Harold C. Doellinger has been appointed assistant to the chairman of O. M. Scott & Sons. In his new assignment, he will be director of statutory labeling, working with control officials on labels for grass seed, fertilizers, and pesticides.

E. H. Littooy has been elected president of Colloidal Products Corp. Also elected were: **C. E. Miller**, executive vice president; **Stanley W. Strew**, vice president; and **Frank A. Brown**, secretary-treasurer.

DEATHS

Harry W. von Loesecke, agricultural administrator with the internal audit staff of USDA's Agricultural Research Service, died Jan. 19 in Washington, D. C., of cancer. A food technologist, he graduated from Harvard in 1922. After work in private industry, he joined USDA in 1931 to head the citrus products laboratory at Winter Haven, Fla., until 1943. From 1943 until 1947, he was food technologist with the Food Distribution Administration. From 1947 until 1953, he assisted in administering USDA's research on new uses for farm products. He was assigned to the internal audit staff in 1955.

Russel H. Dunham, first president and chairman of the board of directors of Hercules Powder, died Feb. 1, in Wilmington, following a cerebral hemorrhage. He retired as president of Hercules in 1939, remaining as board chairman until 1944. He continued as chairman of the finance committee until 1952 and as a director of the company to 1956. He took office as president in 1912 when the newly organized company began operation. Before that he was comptroller of Du Pont and, earlier, assistant comptroller of Bethlehem Steel.

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