

People . . .

New Positions at Calspray

Earl J. Stripling, Jr., has been named to Calspray's newly created position, regional manager for the Southeast. The former district manager of the southeast Atlantic area, he will move to Washington, D. C., from Columbia, S. C. He will supervise sales operations in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and from Florida north through North Carolina and west to parts of New Mexico. New regional manager for the Northeast is **George W. Oliver**, who will also headquarter in Washington. His territory will include parts of Virginia, Tennessee, and Nebraska in addition to Maryland north through Maine, and west through the Dakotas, Iowa, and Kansas. He was assistant regional manager in the East. **Charles Lupsha** and **Cecil M. Crutchfield** have been named district managers, Crutchfield for the South Central area and Lupsha for the New England area. Headquarters for the South Central area are in Dallas, Tex. Springfield, Mass., will be headquarters for the New England area. Lupsha was assistant to **E. W. Cannon**, vice president and manager of marketing. Crutchfield was district manager of the Mississippi Delta area, with offices in Memphis, Tenn.

Kenneth Messenger, who was in charge of Aircraft and Special Equipment Center, Plant Pest Control Division, USDA, has been appointed head of the Methods Improvement Section, with headquarters at Beltsville, Md. He succeeds **W. G. Bruce**, who has transferred to the Animal Disease Eradication Division. In this position, Messenger will act in a liaison capacity between the Plant Pest Control Division and the federal, state, and industrial agencies engaged in research on pest control problems. Functions of the Aircraft and Special Equipment Center will not be continued by that name but will be included in the functions of the Methods Improvement Section. These functions are to be supervised by assistant section heads: **Donald Whittam**, who is to be responsible for methods improvement work on equipment, and **Arthur Geiser**, who is to be responsible for technical direction of aircraft operations, including preparation of contract specifications for air spraying operations. **Samuel O. Hill** will be assistant section head responsible for methods improvement work on quarantine certification treatments and various technical problems associated with pesticides on a field scale.

James S. Bowman has joined the staff of Hazleton Laboratories, Falls Church, Va. An entomologist, Dr. Bowman was formerly with the Army Chemical Center. His work will be primarily in the field of agricultural chemicals. Under Dr. Bowman's guidance, Hazleton's 90-acre experimental farm will be expanded to include studies of plant disease and insect life.

Harvey J. Gold has been appointed to the research staff of the USDA's Fruit and Vegetable Products Laboratory in Winter Haven, Fla. He will assist in getting a utilization research program on vegetables organized and initiated.

Roy E. Morse has been named chairman of the department of food science at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University. Formerly professor of food science, he succeeds **Walter A. Maclinn**, who resigned recently to become executive director of the Refrigeration Research Foundation, Colorado Springs.

Joseph M. Ginsburg has resumed his duties at Rutgers and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station as research specialist in entomology and toxicology, after a two-year stint in Israel on the Point Four program as advisor on toxicology and plant protection to the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture.

Thomas F. Cook has been named district sales manager for International Minerals' plant food division, with headquarters in Tupelo, Miss. His territory will include Mississippi and western Tennessee. He was district manager at Montgomery, Ala.

Otto R. Vasak has been named plant manager of Calspray's plant at South Plainfield, N. J. He was supervisor of process engineering at the Richmond, Calif., home office.

T. R. Cox, chief agronomist for American Cyanamid, has been elected chairman of the Northeast research and education committee of the National Plant Food Institute.

R. T. Allman, president and owner of Bradford Fertilizer & Chemical Co., is president of the newly formed Canadian Fertilizer Association.

E. Keith McMahon has been named chemical sales division manager of Tennessee Products & Chemical. He was director of development.

Robert M. Peters has been appointed manager of Stauffer Chemical's agricultural chemicals plant at Bayonne, N. J. Succeeding him as manager of the Houston, Tex., plant is **George A. Cox, Jr.** Replacing Cox as manager of the Harvey, La., plant is **Thomas M. Byrn**, formerly assistant manager at Harvey.

Charles F. Burroughs, Jr., has become president of F. S. Royster Guano Co., succeeding his father, **C. F. Burroughs**, who becomes board chairman. **R. D. Cooke, Jr.**, has been named a vice president as well as secretary. **T. N. Gearreald** has been promoted from assistant treasurer to treasurer.

Robert Steinbruch, who has been in technical service for adsorbents and catalysts with Minerals & Chemicals, has been appointed to the newly created position of manager of contract research. He will devote his activities to utilization of M&C's research facilities for sponsored research and development work.

Darrel D. Lowell has joined U. S. Potash and will succeed **Ben R. Pickering** as agricultural representative in the Northeast. Pickering has been re-assigned as sales representative for industrial accounts in the Northeast.

E. Bruton Peacock has been appointed manager of Smith-Douglass' operation at Wilmington, N. C. Succeeding him as manager of the Kinston, N. C., plant is **Walter Stroud, Jr.**, former sales supervisor at Kinston. **E. Kendall Eakes** has been named sales assistant to **M. W. Darden**, manager of the company's Norfolk plant. **John R. Dalrymple**, who has been manager at Wilmington, N. C., has been transferred to Norfolk sales at Rocky Mount, N. C.

E. F. Bashor has been named district sales manager of Shell Chemical's San Francisco agricultural chemicals district. He succeeds **L. F. Stayner**, who is retiring.

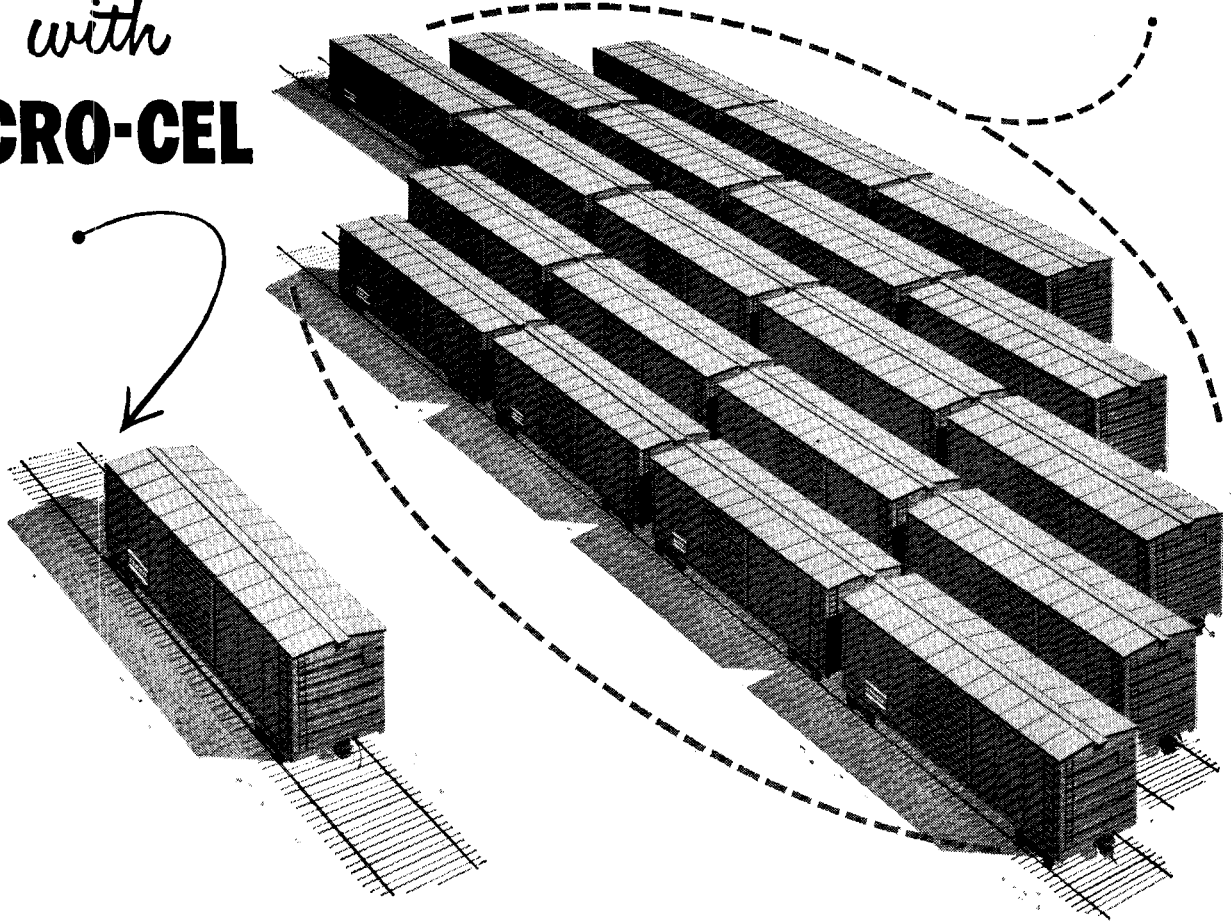
Paul S. Brallier, technical assistant to the president of Stauffer Chemical, retired on Sept. 1 after nearly 42 years of service with Stauffer and Niagara Smelting which became part of Stauffer in 1925. From 1950 to 1955, he was in charge of market development for Stauffer.

Robert D. Munson, who was in charge of TVA's fertility-economics research projects, has joined American Potash Institute as agronomist for the

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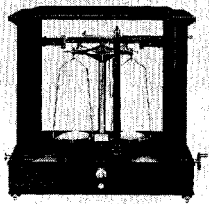
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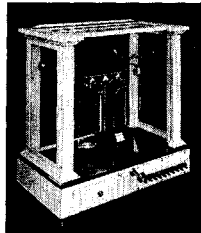
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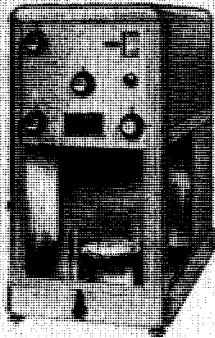
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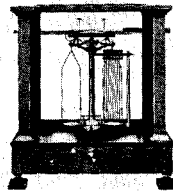
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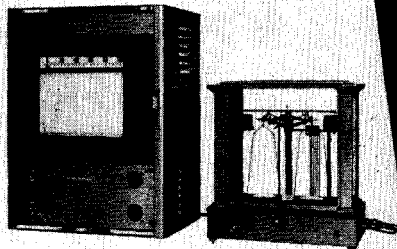


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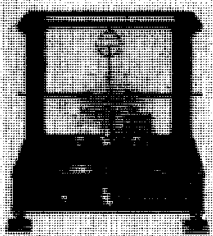


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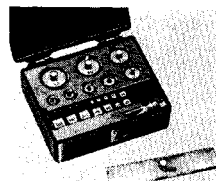
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Edward J. Bissailon, Barret B. Brown, and Charles D. Crosby have been appointed to new positions with the phosphorus division of Hooker Chemical. Bissailon, recently appointed division engineer, is named division assistant production manager. Brown, who has been assistant production superintendent at Hooker's Niagara Falls plant, has become technical manager for the division. Crosby, who was purchasing agent for the Columbia, Tenn., plant, has been appointed division purchasing manager.

Will D. Carpenter, who recently received a Ph.D. in plant physiology from Purdue, has joined the research department of Monsanto's inorganic chemicals division.

Eugene L. Knickrehm has been named ammonia department head in connection with Best Fertilizer Co.'s contract for construction and operation of the Calamco ammonia plant at Lathrop, Calif. He has been with Calumet Nitrogen Products Co. Appointed assistant for ammonia is Francis W. Johnson, formerly with Grace Chemical.

B. E. Adams has been appointed executive vice president and general manager of Sunshine Plant Food Co., Clovis, N. M.

DEATHS

Frederick B. LaForge died Sept. 4 in Washington, D. C. at the age of 76. Born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1882, the former USDA chemist graduated from Princeton University and received his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Berlin University. Returning to the U. S. in 1910, he served as assistant and associate fellow in Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research until 1915, when he joined USDA. Among his research accomplishments were the first finding of a seven-carbon sugar in nature and the development of a process for making furfural from corn cobs. When USDA established a division of insecticide investigations in 1927, he started intensive studies on insecticides of plant origin. This resulted in the discovery, with H. L. Haller in 1933, of the molecular structure of rotenone. He then began work on pyrethrum, and in 1948 announced, along with co-workers M. S. Schechter and Nathan Green, discovery of a method for synthesizing pyrethrum-like esters, such as allethrin. He retired in 1952, but continued his activities in USDA laboratories for some time afterwards.