

# People . . .

## Gidney Leaves U. S. Potash

Dean R. **Gidney** has resigned from U. S. Borax & Chemical, which he served as vice president and general manager of its U. S. Potash division. The resignation followed a realignment of the company, in which the division system was abandoned in favor of five functional departments.

In expressing regret at the loss of **Gidney's** services, **James M. Gerstley**, president, said the change in management structure provided for only one top echelon sales and marketing position. Appointed to this post was **J. F. Corkill**, who had joined the company some years earlier than **Gidney**. **Corkill** was vice president and general manager of the Pacific Coast Borax division prior to the realignment. **Gidney** joined U. S. Potash in July 1937.

**Joseph A. Howell** has resigned from the chairmanship of the Fertilizer Committee for Tax Equality and is no longer a consultant to the National Tax Equality Association.

**James J. Hodan** and **Richard D. Carlson** have joined the phosphorus chemistry group at Hooker Chemical's research center. Both have recently completed work on Ph.D.'s.

**Edwin T. Richard** has left U. S. Steel to become manager of marketing research for Monsanto's inorganic division.

**B. L. Emkes** has been promoted from assistant manager to manager of American Agricultural Chemical's Seymour, Ind., sales office.

**Joe Abrams**, information specialist in pest control and commercial pesticides, has been named to head the new information office of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

**Jack E. Straub** has moved up from assistant to the vice president to general manager of production for Spencer Chemical. **S. Ray White**, who was sales manager, becomes general sales manager. **Francis E. Best**, sales manager at Chicago, has moved to Kansas City as sales manager. Replacing him at Chicago is **W. Dave Van Aken**, who was sales manager for the Midwest District in Kansas City. Succeeding **Van Aken** in the Midwest District is **Ralph Willits**, formerly Minnesota sales representative.

**Edward D. Wurster** has joined the agricultural research and development

department of U. S. Borax Research Corp. He was with Texaco, Inc.

**Richard L. Chambless** has been promoted from sales representative to marketing staff assistant in the plant food division of International Minerals. He will assist in preparing field sales programs, specializing in Rainbow, IMC's premium fertilizer.

**Edward D. Carlson** has been appointed field representative for Morea liquid feed supplement sales by U. S. Industrial Chemicals. He will headquarter in Columbus, Ohio.

**Wendell P. Metzner**, an associate director of research for Monsanto's organic division, has been named administrative director of the company's new research center, which is to be built near St. Louis.

**William B. Reynolds** has been named vice president and director of research for General Mills. He was director of research for Phillips Petroleum.

**J. Paul Ekberg** has been promoted from assistant director of sales to product director of agricultural chemicals for Monsanto's organic division.

**Thomas P. Mericle, Jr.**, has transferred from staff assistant in the agricultural sales section of Sohio Chemical to agricultural sales representative in Louisville, Ky.

**G. R. Inkpen** has been promoted from assistant sales manager to assistant manager of Cominco Products, Inc.

**R. G. Tousey** has been named promotion manager for the phosphates and nitrogen department of American Cyanamid's agricultural division. Other new promotion managers are: **E. B. Shaw**, for pesticides; and **S. B. Bromley** for animal industry products. **L. W. Groves** will be assistant promotion manager for animal industry products.

**Bernard H. Lorant** has been assigned full responsibility for Velsicol's research and development activities as well as the legal and patent matters which he already handled. He is assistant to the president.

**William R. Dorsey**, formerly director of research for Vacu-Dry Co., has been named a vice president of the company. He will take charge of the newly established research and development division. **Sumner L.**

**Strashun**, formerly chief chemist, succeeds **Dorsey** as research director.

**George E. Smith** has been named chairman of the soils department of the University of Missouri's college of agriculture. He succeeds **W. A. Albrecht**, who has reached mandatory retirement and was made professor emeritus of soils.

**Martin Seidman** has been promoted from process research chemist to process research group leader for A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.

**Douglas G. Johansen** has returned to Diamond Alkali as an agricultural sales serviceman for the Chicago sales office. His territory will include Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, a portion of North Dakota, and western Nebraska.

**James C. Totman**, vice president of Summers Fertilizer and of Northern Chemical Industries, has resigned from both companies. He and his family expect to move to Geneva, Switzerland.

**Kenneth M. Pretty** has left Michigan State University's soil science department to become Canadian director for American Potash Institute.

**James C. Britton**, recent agronomy graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has joined the plant food development department of U. S. Potash. He will be located at West Lafayette, Ind., to direct research and sales development of plant food borates for the midwestern and northeastern U. S. and eastern Canada.

**Donald T. Forman** and **Jiro Kodama** have joined Hazleton Laboratories. **Dr. Forman**, formerly with Wayne State University, will head the biochemistry section of the pharmacology-biochemistry department, and **Dr. Kodama**, who formerly taught pharmacology at the University of California medical school, will supervise toxicological investigations.

**Robert M. Iosett** and **Paul M. Ritty** have transferred from the sales department of Dow's agricultural chemicals organization to the agricultural chemicals development unit. **Iosett** is in charge of work on the animal health product line, and **Ritty**, in charge of industrial vegetation control projects.

**Arthur J. Weining, Jr.**, has been named assistant chief engineer of U. S. Borax & Chemical. He will supervise design and process development activities at the company's potash opera-

tions at Carlsbad. He was formerly with New Mexico Thorium Corp.

**Rein U. Mesdag** and **E. Peter Griffin** have been appointed district agronomists for Allied's Nitrogen Division. Mesdag will service 11 Midwest states from headquarters in Omaha, and Griffin will headquarter in Waterville, Ohio, covering the eastern half of the Midwest.

**E. M. K. Geiling** has joined the scientific staff of Food and Drug Administration as medical officer and head of the pharmacodynamics branch of the division of pharmacology. His responsibilities will include testing and evaluation of safety data for pesticides, food additives, and coal tar colors. Dr. Geiling was professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology at the University of Chicago.

**George Koch** has left Chas. Pfizer & Co., where he worked on gibberellins, Agri-mycin, and other agricultural and biochemical developments, to become director of commercial development for Nuodex Products Co., a division of Heyden Newport Chemical.

**Robert P. Arnold** has joined the

agricultural chemicals department of Monsanto's organic division.

**Leon J. Breton** has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president of American Mineral Spirits Co. Other promotions in the company include: **Robert A. Greacen**, from wholesale salesman to manager of the mid-Atlantic district; **Andrew R. Brennan**, from sales representative to assistant manager of the mid-Atlantic district; **Marc A. Law, Jr.**, to western operations manager; and **Andrew Vargo**, to eastern operations manager.

**E. Gordon Young**, director of the Atlantic Regional Laboratory of the National Research Council of Canada, has been elected president of the Chemical Institute of Canada for 1959-60. A biochemist, he is a member of the Canadian Council on Nutrition and was partly responsible for the formulation of Canada's food rules and dietary standards.

**Dale H. Sieling**, dean of the college of agriculture, University of Massachusetts, has been appointed scientific director of the U. S. Army Quartermaster Research & Engineering Command, Natick, Mass.

**Roland T. Tibbets**, formerly program director of the National Small Business Men's Association, has joined the staff of Hazleton Laboratories as assistant to the general manager. He will administer the biological research and development laboratories, which have offices in Palo Alto, Calif. Tibbets is also treasurer and director of Allied Small Business Investment Co.

**Max Milner** has joined UNICEF as senior food technologist in the food conservation division. He was formerly with Kansas State University.

**M. W. Mawhinney** has been transferred by Smith-Douglass from Albert Lea, Minn., where he was plant manager, to Streator, Ill., as plant manager. Succeeding him at Albert Lea is **Mack A. Glass**, who was supervisor of sales training in the Midwest and Southwest. **R. G. Fitzgerald**, who was manager at Streator, has been named manager of contract sales.

**K. D. Jacob** has been appointed special assistant to the director of the Soil and Water Conservation Research Branch, Agricultural Research Service, USDA. He is succeeded as chief of the fertilizer investigations research branch by **W. L. Hill**. Hill was head of the fertilizer materials section. In his new position, Jacob will provide technical, scientific and administrative advice to the director in the planning

of new research and the analysis of accumulated research data.

**A. F. Vetter**, formerly production superintendent at Agrico's Washington Court House, Ohio, plant, has been named maintenance superintendent for the northeastern division of the company. Replacing him at Washington Court House is **A. W. Powell**, formerly located at the Alexandria, Va., plant. **J. F. Watkins**, formerly assistant superintendent at the Fulton, Ill., plant, becomes superintendent at Alexandria.

**James H. Sibley**, International Minerals' district sales manager at Clarksville, Tenn., has been promoted to district sales manager at Greeneville, Tenn., succeeding **Sam B. Broyles**, who will retire Oct. 1. **E. Harold Harris**, sales representative at Clarksville, Tenn., has been named district sales manager there. **Stanton D. Maple**, production supervisor at Texarkana, Tex., has been promoted to superintendent there, replacing **J. H. Whitesides**, who has been promoted to superintendent of the Tifton, Ga., plant. **T. M. Freeman**, plant superintendent at Tifton, has retired. **Norton Futch**, sales representative at Albany, Ga., has been promoted to district sales manager at Americus, Ga., and **W. P. Burke**, former district sales manager at Albany, has been transferred as sales manager of the new Tifton, Ga., district. **Malcolm W. James**, general foreman at the Americus, Ga., plant, has been promoted to plant superintendent there.

**John W. Bunch** has been promoted from office manager to works manager of the Dallas, Tex., plant of the phosphorus division of Hooker Chemical. He succeeds **H. William Kopp, Jr.**, who has been transferred to the division's Columbia, Tenn., plant as works manager. **Theodore T. Garret**, who has been works manager at Columbia, has been appointed to the new position of technical superintendent.

### Deaths

**Harry Spector**, chief of the nutrition branch of the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute, died Aug. 13 at the age of 44. Before joining QMFCI in 1948 he was associate professor of animal nutrition at the University of Illinois.

**Kenneth A. Keith** of Spencer Chemical died Sept. 9. He had been manager of agricultural market research and was slated to open a new sales office for the company in Omaha, Neb.

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