

## People and Products

Beatrice A. Hicks, president of the SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS and vice president and chief engineer of Newark Controls Company, Bloomfield, N. J., stated in her welcoming address at the 1952 national convention of the society in March that there is a need for 30,000 new engineers each year by the government and industry. Since the number of young men who could desirably be diverted from other professions into engineering is limited, the largest single source of new and competent engineering talent is in qualified young women, Miss Hicks observed.

FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, Pittsburgh, Pa., has designed a multi-purpose compression tester for the laboratory. The tester was originally designed for "flat crush" tests of box-board but can also be used to test a wide variety of important materials and finished products.

This company has also developed a standardized chromatography unit, a complete apparatus for strip-paper analyses.

BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS INC., Pasadena, Calif., has announced the availability of its new micro-microammeter for accurately measuring extremely small currents with great accuracy and convenience. It will measure direct currents from 0.3 microampere to 0.3 micro-microampere full scale, with an absolute accuracy better than 5% in all ranges.

The establishment of an AMERICAN MINERAL SPIRITS COMPANY office in Jackson, Miss., has been announced, creating a Mid-South territory to serve the growing field of extraction.

HENRY R. KRAYBILL has been appointed professorial lecturer in the department of food engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

V. D. ANDERSON COMPANY, Cleveland, O., has developed a complete line of Anderson Self-Cleaning pipeline strainers made in sizes from one-fourth inch to three inches.

The Chemical Plants Division of BLAW-KNOX COMPANY, Pittsburgh, Pa., has announced the appointment of S. R. Bell as principal engineer on synthetic resins and plastics.

GENERAL MILLS INC. has installed two fatty acid fractional distillation systems and a fatty acid pitch still at the Kankakee, Ill., plant.

Elmer M. Matter, formerly of PROCTER AND GAMBLE COMPANY, Grand Rapids, Mich., has been appointed chief of the glycerine, soaps, and detergents section of the Chemical Division, National Production Authority, Washington, D. C.

Howard L. Gottlieb will be the director of the Radiochemicals Division, BJORKSTEN RESEARCH LABORATORIES INC., Madison, Wis.

AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY has announced the appointment of Richard C. Ruffer as manager of its Valdosta, Ga., plant, producer of rosin sizes, gum, and tall oil.

Lee Stuart, formerly with the NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY and the NATIONAL SECURITY INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, has joined the Market Development Department of Heyden Chemical Corporation, New York City.

The new Cenco-Lerner Lab-Jack has been developed by CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, Chicago. This device provides the laboratory with an all-purpose, general utility support that is light in weight, sturdy, and compact.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru joined American and Indian businessmen in ceremonies opening the nation's first dye-stuffs and pharmaceutical plant, Atul Products Ltd., a joint Indo-American enterprise, built with technical aid from the AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY. Nehru described the plant as "one of the major constructive works of New India."

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