

News and Notes

A conference on non-agricultural uses of herbicides was held in Jackson, Mississippi on February 28, 1956. The conference was sponsored jointly by the Mississippi Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station. Topics discussed included use of soil sterilants, rights-of-way weed and brush control, control of weeds and brush on drainage canals, proper application techniques and equipment.

A meeting of the weed control section of the Tri-States Agronomy Conference was held in Ithaca, New York on November 16, 1955. Weed control workers and other interested personnel from Cornell University, Rutgers, and Pennsylvania State University met with G.L.F. representatives and discussed prevalent weed control problems in the area.

R. D. Sweet, Dept. of Vegetable Crops, Cornell University will take sabbatical leave beginning February 1, 1956. He will spend several months in Florida and will then be associated with William Chappel at Virginia Polytechnical Institute for several additional months.

Bruce J. Rogers was added to the staff of the Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology, Purdue University after completion of the requirements for a Ph.D. degree in plant physiology at the California Institute of Technology. He will be concerned mainly with physiological studies as they relate to weed control with particular emphasis on perennial weeds.

Lawrence O. Baker has assumed the responsibilities for weed control research and teaching at Montana State College. Mr. Baker recently completed his course work for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Minnesota.

Publications of the various weed control conferences can be obtained from the following sources. Inquiries as to the availability and costs of publications should be addressed to the conference secretaries.

Western Weed Control Conference

W. C. Robocker, Secretary-Treasurer
Weed Investigations Section, USDA
University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

North Central Weed Control Conference

D. W. Lambert, Secretary-Treasurer
Nebraska Dept. of Agric. and Inspection
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Northeastern Weed Control Conference

R. J. Aldrich, Secretary
Weed Investigations Section, USDA
Farm Crops Dept., Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Southern Weed Conference

E. G. Rodgers, Secretary-Treasurer
Dept. of Agronomy, University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida.

Western Canadian Weed Control Conference

T. V. Beck, Secretary
Plant Industry Branch, Saskatchewan Dept. of Agriculture
Regina, Saskatchewan.

British Weed Control Conference

W. A. Williams, Secretary
Association of British Insecticide Manufacturers
Cecil Chambers, 86 Strand
London, W. C. 2, England.

The Eighth Illinois Custom Spray Operators' Training School was held on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana on January 26 and 27, 1956.

The Short Course for Weed and Seed Inspectors in the state of Minnesota was held at University Farm, St. Paul, during the week of January 16-20, 1956.

An announcement has been received of the recent appointment of L. M. Stahler to the position of Manager of the Agricultural Sales Division of the Pacific Coast Borax Co.

E. A. Helgeson was elected president, F. W. Slife vice president and D. W. Lambert secretary-treasurer of the North Central Weed Control Conference at the 1955 meeting held at Omaha, Nebraska on December 6-8. The 1956 meeting of the conference will be held at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago on December 10, 11 and 12.

Nearly 700 attended the charter meeting of the Weed Society of America which met in New York City January 4 and 5, 1956. Those in attendance included state and federal workers, representatives of industry, county agents, commercial sprayers, farmers and representatives from at least seven foreign countries. Seventy-nine papers were presented covering many aspects of weeds and their control. B. T. Shaw, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, discussed the place of weed control in American agriculture during the opening session. The problems, progress and organization of weed control in England, in Canada and in the United States were reviewed by representatives of the respective countries as part of the first day's program. During the second day papers devoted to specific crops and situations were presented in nine separate sections. The next meeting of the Weed Society will be held in Memphis, Tennessee January 14, 15 and 16, 1958.

At the business meeting on January 4th the constitution for the Weed Society of America was formally adopted. The constitution is printed in full in this issue of WEEDS.