News and Notes

Edwin A. Davis has been appointed by the Crops Research Division, ARS, USDA, to conduct physiological studies related to control of chaparral in cooperative work with the U. S. Forest Service. Davis will be headquartered at Arizona State College, Tempe, Arizona.

Harold D. Kerr has been transferred from Columbia, Missouri, to Pullman, Washington, where he will be associated with W. C. Robocker in research on the control of rangeland weeds. The work is cooperative between the Crops Research Division, ARS, USDA, and the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Idaho Weed Control Conference was held March 13, 14 and 15, 1958, at Moscow, Idaho. The meeting was sponsored by the Idaho Noxious Weed Association and the University of Idaho.

Russell Nash, who was formerly stationed at North Platte, Nebraska, has been promoted to Chief, Weed and Seed Division, Nebraska State Dept. of Agriculture and is now stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska. He replaces Dwight Lambert who resigned to enter private industry.

Garvin Crabtree recently completed his Ph.D. degree in the Department of Vegetable Crops at Cornell University. He has accepted a position in the Horticulture Dept., Oregon State College, Corvallis, where he will be doing research on weed control in vegetable crops.

Earl Spurrier accepted a position with the Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo., in which he will be concerned with sales development work, particularly with herbicides. He was formerly extension specialist in weeds at the University of Illinois.

The 4th British Weed Control Conference will be held at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, Sussex, England, from November 3 to 6, 1958. The program will consist of twelve sections dealing with various aspects of weed control.

R. F. Carlson will return to the Dept. of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, to continue his studies on weed control in small fruits. For the past two years he has been working at the University of Ryukyus in Okinawa.

Ben Roche has been appointed Extension Weed Specialist in the Dept. of Agronomy, State College of Washington, replacing Henry Wolfe who was promoted to a supervisory position.

L. J. Klebesadel has assumed responsibility for weed control work in forages among other duties, at the Alaska Agr. Expt. Station, Palmer. Klebesadel started work at the Alaska Station after receiving his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1957.

The Western Weed Control Conference elected R. A. Fosse,

American Chemical Paint Co., Denver, Colorado, president; W. R. Furtick, Oregon State College, Corvallis, vice president; and E. E. Heikes, Montana State College, Bozeman, secretary-treasurer at a recent meeting held in Spokane, Washington.

Ralph Gantz has accepted the position of Extension Weed Specialist with the Dept. of Agronomy, University of Illinois, Urbana. He completed his work for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois in 1958.

Donald C. Nelson, formerly Research Asst. in Horticulture at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, has been promoted to Research Fellow to conduct research on vegetables grown for processing. For the present he will devote his efforts to weed problems and to weed control research in peas, asparagus and sweet corn.

James A. Wilkerson has been appointed to the field of development staff of the agricultural chemical department of the Naugatuck Chemical division, U. S. Rubber Co., and will be assigned to the Pacific Northwest area. Wilkerson was previously a weed control specialist in the Botany Dept. of the University of California and located at the U. S. D. A. Cotton Field Station at Shafter, California.

The Ninth Commercial Spray Applicators' Short Course was held in conjunction with the State Weed and Pest Control Conference at Miller, South Dakota on March 19 and 20, 1958. The short course attracted commercial applicators, industry representatives, county agents and others interested in control of weeds.