

News Notes

The University of California Bulletin announces, August 26, 1963: "An expanded program of University of California—U. S. Department of Agriculture research on control of weeds by weed-eating insects will become a reality by Sept. 1. A new \$120,000 quarantine research facility is to be completed in Albany by that date." This building is to house expanded studies which are an outgrowth of the successful attack on St. Johnswort (Klamath weed). The work at the new facility will be directed by Dr. James K. Holloway, who also directed the successful attack on St. Johnswort. The cooperative research program between the University of California and the USDA began in October 1944. Dr. Holloway says "Once in the new facility, we will be able to grow anything from anywhere in real security, thanks to the quarantine features of the new construction."

The California Weed Conference will hold its next meeting at the El Rancho Motel, Sacramento, California, January 21, 22, 23, 1964. The officers are: President, William L. Hopkins, Elanco Products Company; Vice-President, James L. Dewlen, Amchem Products, Inc., Secretary, Norman Akesson, Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of California; Treasurer, C. E. Pratt, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, San Bernardino County; Business Manager, W. A. Harvey, Agricultural Extension Service, University of California.

F. W. Slife, Treasurer-Business Manager of the Weeds Journal has announced that the membership dues and subscription rates have been increased for 1964. Membership dues for 1964 are \$10.00 and the subscription rate for Volume 12, 1964 is \$12.00.

Dr. W. B. Ennis, Jr., Chief of the Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland, attended the Fifth International Pesticides Congress, London, July 17–23, and presented an invitational paper on "Selective Toxicity of Herbicides". He also spent some time on the European continent visiting various laboratories.

During the month of September, Dr. D. L. Klingman, Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland, represented the American Standards Association K62 Committee on Common Names of Pesticides at the International Standards Organization TC81 Meeting in London.

Dr. Morris G. Merkle joined the staff of the Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, at College Station, Texas, on July 1. Dr. Merkle did his undergraduate work at Auburn University and completed the Ph.D. at Cornell. He will be working with Drs. H. L. Morton

and R. E. Meyer on physiological and agronomic studies on the control and defoliation of woody plants on rangelands.

Dr. G. H. Egley, Research Plant Physiologist, was reassigned from the Plant Pest Control Division to Weed Investigations—Agronomic Crops, Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, effective July 1. Dr. Egley is conducting research on witchweed control at Whiteville, North Carolina.

The Agricultural Research Service, USDA, began cooperative research with the Department of Defense at College Station, Texas; Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; and Beltsville, Maryland, on the control and defoliation of woody plants. Participating in the program are the Crops Protection Research Branch and the Agricultural Engineering Division. Dr. Clyde C. Dowler, Research Agronomist, was reassigned from the Witchweed Methods Improvement Program at Whiteville, North Carolina, Plant Pest Control Division, to the Crops Protection Research Branch, effective April 1. He is now located at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, where a new program on brush control is underway. Dr. Fred H. Tschirley, Range Conservationist, Crops Protection Research Branch, has been transferred from Tucson, Arizona, to the project at Mayaguez.

F. L. Timmons, Investigations Leader, Aquatic and Noncrop Areas, Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, completed the requirements for the Ph.D. degree from the University of Wyoming in June 1963. F. H. Tschirley also obtained the Ph.D. degree from the University of Arizona in June 1963.

The British Weed Control Council will hold their 7th Weed Control Conference at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, on November 23–26, 1964. The Conference will consist of plenary sessions in the mornings and two concurrent sessions for the presentation of research reports and summaries in the afternoons.

Contributions for presentation at the afternoon sessions are welcomed from all, whether dealing with work in the United Kingdom or overseas. Proposals for the submission of papers should be addressed to The Programme Coordinating Secretary: Dr. J. G. Davison, A.R.C. Weed Research Organization, Begbroke Hill, Kidlington, Oxford.

All interested in the Science and practice of weed control are invited to attend the Conference. Application forms and details can be obtained from the Conference Secretary: Mr. W. P. P. Bishop, The British Weed Control Conference, 140 Bensham Lane, Thornton Heath, Surrey.