

News and Notes

Dr. Anson R. Cook has recently been employed by the Oklahoma A. & M. Botany Dept. to work on weed and brush control in that state. Mr. Cook received his Ph.D. degree in 1953 from the University of Michigan. He worked at the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station in Honolulu in 1953 and 1954.

J. K. Leasure has accepted a position with the agricultural chemical research staff of the Dow Chemical Co. and is now located at Midland, Michigan. Mr. Leasure was formerly engaged in weed work at the University of Tennessee.

After receiving his Ph.D. degree from the Dept. of Horticulture of the University of Wisconsin, C. A. Shadbolt accepted a position with the University of California at Davis. Mr. Shadbolt will be working on the physiology of vegetable crops and with weed control in these crops.

T. W. Tibbitts has returned to the Dept. of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin to work on physiology of tobacco and to do some weed control in this crop. Mr. Tibbitts received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1953 and then served two years in the armed forces.

O. E. Rud, formerly research assistant with the Dept. of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, Univ. of Minnesota, has accepted a position as Research Instructor with the Agronomy Department, North Carolina State College. Mr. Rud will carry on the weed control research work in cotton, soybeans, peanuts and forage crops, replacing R. P. Upchurch who was called to active duty in the Air Force.

Robert Frans, who recently received his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State College, has joined the staff of the Agronomy Dept. of the University of Arkansas. He will be engaged in weed control research at the latter institution.

R. J. Smith, Jr. was appointed Agronomist, Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA, Stuttgart, Arkansas, after receiving his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. Mr. Smith is working on weed problems in rice in cooperation with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Laurence C. Walker recently accepted a position with the School of Forestry, University of Georgia. One of Mr. Walker's primary responsibilities will be research on the elimination of undesirable hardwoods from piedmont pine stands with chemical and cultural procedures.

Donald L. Huss has been named Instructor in the Dept. of Range and Forestry, Texas A. & M. College at College Station. Mr. Huss will devote part-time on brush control research with emphasis on control and management of juniper and ecological surveys of brush population in South Texas.

W. C. Normand was appointed Assistant Plant Physiologist at the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station, State College, Mississippi. He recently received his Ph.D. degree at Louisiana State University where his research was concerned with studies of some physi-

ological responses of cotton to herbicides. Mr. Normand will devote full-time to laboratory and greenhouse studies on basic physiological problems pertaining to weed control.

John T. Holstun, Jr. returned to the Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA, Stoneville, Mississippi after taking leave of absence to do graduate study at Iowa State College. His doctoral research problem concerned the phytotoxicity and reactions of 2,2-dichloropropionic acid in soils. Mr. Holstun will do full-time research on both basic and applied weed control problems with special emphasis on cotton.

Garlyn O. Hoffman has been appointed Extension Range Specialist in the Texas A. & M. College System at College Station. Mr. Hoffman and A. H. Walker, Extension Range Specialist, have conducted an extensive series of demonstrations throughout Texas of brush control by means of basal trunk sprays and injections, soil sterilants, and soil injections.

O. Hale Fletchall has accepted a position with the University of Missouri in which he will be spending one-half time teaching and one-half time on research in weed control. He was formerly a cooperative agent of the University of Missouri and the Field Crops Research Branch, USDA.

S. Clark Martin, Range Conservationist with the U.S. Forest Service, has been transferred to Laramie, Wyoming. He was formerly active in brush control research work in Missouri.

A. R. Midgley resumed his duties as Chairman of the Agronomy Dept. of the University of Vermont after a two-years leave of absence. Mr. Midgley spent the past two years in Bolivia under the point IV program where he helped initiate the use of many of the newer weed control practises.

Frank Salisbury has accepted a position with the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station and will specialize in studies on weed physiology. He replaces Roger Blouck who recently resigned.

A. R. Hamson, who has been engaged in extension work in weed control in canning and processing crops in New York State, has resigned and accepted a position with the Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah. Mr. Hamson will continue part-time work in the field of weed control.

Stanford Fertig has taken a two year's leave of absence from the Dept. of Agronomy, Cornell University to do weed control work in the Philippines under the exchange professor program.

W. B. McHenry has been appointed by the Extension Service of the University of California to assist W. A. Harvey with the weed control program in that state. One of Mr. McHenry's main duties will be putting out test plots with farm advisors.

The eighth annual meeting of the California Weed Conference and the fifteenth Western Weed Control Conference will be held jointly in Sacramento, California on February 15 and 16, 1956 and in Davis on February 17.

The ninth meeting of the Southern Weed Conference is to be held at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 16, 17, and 18, 1956.

State weed workers in Florida have organized themselves into a group known as "The Weed Control Workers of the University of Florida". Purposes of the organization include making annual tours to observe weed control experiments as well as to keep all workers fully informed of progress in various phases of the program.

The Third International Conference on Plant Growth Substances was held from July 17 to 22, 1955 at Wye College, Ashford, Kent, England. Sessions on "The Natural Auxins", "Chemical Structure and Biological Activity", "Metabolism of Auxins", and "Mode of Action of Auxins" were included in the program. The proceedings of this conference will be published in a volume to be entitled "The Chemistry and Mode of Action of Plant Growth Substances".

A six-weeks Agricultural Pilot Training Course, sponsored by the Texas Aerial Applicators Association, U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration and The Texas A. & M. College, was given at Texas A. & M. College during November and December 1955, under the leadership of Fred E. Weick. Purpose of the course was to train commercial pilots in the aerial application of agricultural materials. Considerable attention was given to the problems of weed and brush control by aerial applications of herbicides.

Noel S. Hanson reports that a Hawaii Weed Conference has been organized with sections on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu. The officers of the conference are; President, Harold Hall, Pioneer Mill Co., Lohaina, Vice-President, Charles Willett, Olaa Sugar Co., Olaa, and Sec.-Treasurer, Noel Hanson, Experiment Station, Hawaii Sugar Planters Assn., Honolulu.