M. Joseph Heimes has joined the Kaiser Trading Co. as manager in agricultural chemicals and fertilizer trading. He will be located at Kaiser Trading headquarters, Kaiser Center, Oakland, Calif. Heimes, a graduate of Iowa State University, most recently held the position of general manager in supply and distribution for Terra Chemicals, Sioux City, Iowa.

Bob Willcox and Jim Earnest have been named technical representatives for the ProTurf Division of O.M. Scott and Sons, according to Frank Kolley, Director of Sales. Prior to joining the turf products company, Willcox served as golf course superintendent at Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Fla. Earnest was golf course superintendent at Danville Country Club in Danville, Ky.

Sherman Shaw has been promoted to southern regional sales manager, agricultural business group, Velsicol Chemical Corp. He will be responsible for sales of agricultural products in the southern United States stretching from the Virginias, west to New Mexico. Shaw was graduated from Louisiana Polytechnical Institute with a B.S. degree in biology/agronomy.

Research and teaching awards of the Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy were presented recently to two faculty members in the College of Agriculture at Pennsylvania State University.

The research award went to Dr. John B. Washko, professor of agronomy. Dr. Joseph M. Duich, professor of turfgrass science, received the teaching award. Presentations were made at the annual meeting of the organization at West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Northrup, King & Co., Minneapolis, has announced the appointment of Jack Welch as manager of their professional turf products department. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Welch has been associated with O. M. Scott & Sons for the past 15 years.

Edsel M. Fussell has been named director of entomological research and services for Micro-Gen Equipment Corp., San Antonio, Tex. In addition he will act as consultant to Micro-Gen distributors and customers to outline programs for the safe and efficient use of Micro-Gen products.

Thomas J. Walsh has been promoted to marketing communications manager at Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co. In his new position, Walsh will be responsible for the overall administration and coordination of advertising, sales promotion and public relations. Walsh is a graduate of Notre Dame University.

C. M. Henderson has been elected president of USS Agri-Chemicals, a division of U.S. Steel. He is a member of the board of the Fertilizer Institute, a national trade association. A native of Brookneal, Va., Henderson has a B.S. degree from the University of West Virginia.
Robert W. Beaman has been appointed product planning manager for Massey-Ferguson’s consumer products in North America. In his new capacity, Beaman is responsible for consumer product planning, market forecasts, and marketing programs. Beaman joined the company in 1973 after receiving a degree in marketing from Drake University and has served as an area parts sales manager and district sales manager.

Jim McCreery, vice president of Klumb Co., Crystal Springs, Miss., was elected president of the National Bark Producers Association during its 5th Annual Convention held in Key Biscayne, Fla. McCreery has been a past chairman of the membership committee and previously served as program coordinator for two of the association’s annual conventions.

Northwest Industries Inc. announced that two of its subsidiaries, Velsicol Chemical Corporation and Michigan Chemical Corporation, have agreed in principle to merge, effective Jan. 1, 1977.

Dr. Paul F. Hoffman, president of Michigan Chemical and formerly executive vice president of Velsicol, will become chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the merged company, which will be known as Northwest Chemco, Inc.

Raymond W. VerHoeve, currently executive vice president of Velsicol and formerly vice president of technology and planning for Hooker Chemical Corp., will become president and chief operating officer.

Harriet B. Marple has been appointed the judicial officer of the Environmental Protection Agency by Russell E. Train, Administrator of the Agency.

Marple is an honors graduate of Radcliffe College and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1966. The judicial officer of the EPA serves as the Administrator’s adviser in the resolution of judicial and quasi-judicial decisions arising out of EPA’s regulatory programs.