

## Suppliers' Personnel Changes

California Chemical Co., Ortho Div., has designated Harris M. Carter as assistant to president J. W. Kent. Carter will handle various aspects of Ortho operations, with particular emphasis on commercial fertilizer development. In other field moves Ortho named K. J. Dietzen northern regional sales manager, home and garden products, with offices in Haddonfield, N. J.; Robert R. Johnson transfers

to Norwalk, Iowa, to assume his new post as field research specialist; and J. W. Mackenzie is now technical specialist in herbicides, a new position at Ortho's Richmond, Cal., base.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc., has assigned Donald G. Spangenberg to manage the fertilizer-blending plant recently constructed in Sturtevant, Wis. Spangenberg is responsible for producing and marketing custom-blended fertilizers for the Sturtevant area.

## Trimmings

**Heavenly Bev.** We'll bet we've come across one of the prettiest scientists ever to grace the laboratories of our worthy suppliers. She's Beverly Tucker, Ph. D., and she's the newest addition to the research department of California Chemical's Ortho Division, producers of herbicides and insecticides for contract applicator use. Dr. Tucker's photograph, accompanied by an Ortho news release, reached our desk just the other day, and we're intrigued to learn of the young lady's current project, which is testing the metabolic fate in soil of a new Ortho herbicide. Beverly got her doctorate recently at Purdue, and we imagine her fellow scientists, probably all male, will be happy to have her around to help!

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**St. Louis tree man.** One of the men who's come a long way in St. Louis is reader Edward J. Schrader, Commissioner of Forestry in the city's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry. Industry men who've visited the Missouri metropolis will remember the fine stands of shade trees and the extensive parks which grace the community, a fitting testimonial to Mr. Schrader's position. The city's forestry division, by the way, has an attractive emblem on its calling cards which includes a seal with the legend, "Guardian of the City Trees."

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**Take a gander at this.** About a year ago we wrote a whimsical piece for this column in which we lightheartedly talked about the use of geese for weed control. While striving to remain circumspect and fair in our treatment of all scientific endeavors, we do confess to being a little skeptical about the process. Now we have received a lengthy news release from Clemson University which discusses, in quite serious tones, the widespread use of geese in cotton. This release says there are about a million geese hard at work weeding southern and southwestern cottonfields this year. One of the laborers formerly employed to weed cotton was reported to moan that it's bad enough to be replaced by a machine, but to be replaced by a goose is downright undignified! Moreover, even the geese don't have it so good, because when they've completed their cotton weeding labors, they're dispatched immediately to the slaughterhouse, a sad reward for days of toil in the fields! Fortunately, since the practice is apparently economically rewarding only in croplands, most of our good readers can rest assured they'll stay in business, and should not, we feel, run out and place their goose orders without some careful reflection.

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**Cold potato.** News from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is that now only Idaho is unrepresented in the national group since Alaska became the 49th state with a GCSAA member. Alaskan responsible is Malcolm I. Taylor of Anchorage. There was no indication in our news source about why the Potato State remains cold to the idea.

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