

Suppliers Personnel Changes

Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis, Ind., has named Dr. Edwin F. Alder director of agricultural research. The former senior plant physiologist and director of plant science research holds degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of Oklahoma, where he received his doctorate in 1956. Dr. Alder, who also did research work at the University of Bergen in Norway, is a member of numerous professional societies, including the Weed Society of America, and the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

Smith-Douglass division of Borden Chemical Co., Norfolk, Va., has appointed Ronald W. Moore sales supervisor for the division's Nutro Turf & Garden plant food line. Moore, who is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., will supervise the Baltimore area sales territory.

Stauffer Chemical's Agricultural Chemical Division has named Harold L. Straube, former director of marketing, to be marketing vice president for the division. Straube, a University of Massachusetts graduate, will continue to direct division sales from Stauffer's New York home office.

Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co., Kansas City, Kans., has named two branch managers and added five men to its Agricultural-Chemical Division market development staff. Harold J. Vandiver will manage the company's Indianapolis operations, and John Baker will manage the Omaha branch. Vandiver is a

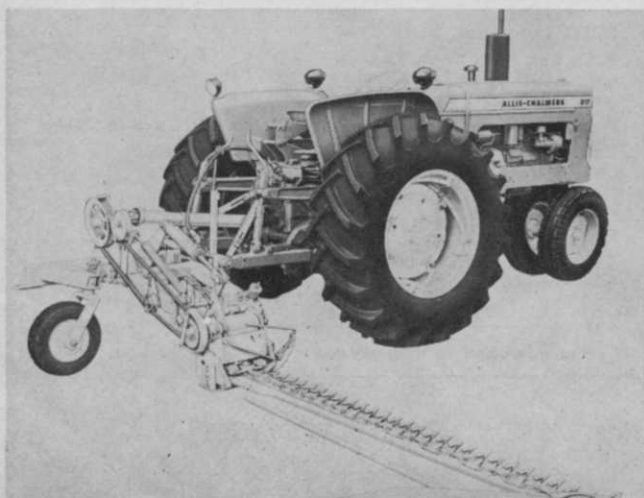
20-year veteran of Thompson-Hayward, while Baker has been with the company 25 years. Recently named market-development staffers, who will be responsible for developing new pesticide compounds, are: James Taylor for the southeastern region, headquartered in Gainesville, Fla.; Larry Livengood, who will also go to the Gainesville office; Frank E. Phipps, northwestern representative, to work out of Tigard, Ore.; John Plant for the southwestern area; and Charles Reed, representative in the north central region.

Allis-Chalmers Adds Two to Mower Line

Addition of two new models to its 80 Series line of no-pitman mowers is being announced by Allis-Chalmers. New models are the 82-R and 82-T, the latter replacing the company's Model 80-T.

Mowers are said by the maker to attach quickly and easily to the tractor, and to feature heavy, welded box-type frames for rigidity and support of the entire unit to keep operating parts in true alignment. Both models have twin-wheel drive, which gives quiet, almost vibrationless mowing, according to Allis-Chalmers. The trail-type 82-T mower has large tires for smoother operation and greater stability. Optional equipment includes a choice of three sickle guards for regular mowing and for use in heavy grasses or thick undergrowth.

For more details on 82-R and 82-T ask Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Box 512, Milwaukee, Wis.



New addition to the Allis-Chalmers 80 series line is this Model 82-R no-pitman, twin-wheel mower. Cutter bar and sickle knife swing back on contact with rocks or debris to prevent damage.

Trimmings

Pesticide Nerves. As we were chiding Connecticut, editorially, for discontinuing its spraying of the European chafer, we received a release pertinent to that state's apparently virulent case of "pesticide nerves." The gist of it is that the State Board of Pesticide Control is preparing to hold a public hearing on a proposal to ban the use of DDT by custom ground applicators and state agencies. We find it surprising, to say the least, that a state should seriously consider outlawing one of the most time-tested and useful of pesticides. A reasonable degree of caution towards pesticides is unquestionably necessary. But, caution out-of-hand is apt to become a do-nothing attitude towards destructive pests, and neither the nervous minority prompting the Connecticut scare nor anyone else is prepared to say precisely what will happen if man is over-cautioned into forfeiting the war against pests. We feel that the recent Ribicoff report on pesticide usage and safety hedges the question, and we doubt that the report will ease anti pesticide tensions. It's more likely to increase the tension by its air of wary approval. Perhaps it is only a coincidence that chairman Ribicoff is from Connecticut, but it's obvious that certain of his constituents, at least, have drawn the blackest possible conclusions regarding remote pesticide dangers.

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Green Thumbs to Take Flight. Nurserymen, landscapers, and horticulture enthusiasts in general are being invited to sign up for a 21-day tour of Europe's arboretums, gardens, parks, and other horticultural delights. Set for May 1967, the guided tour will visit Scotland, England, Holland, France, Italy, and Switzerland. Interested parties should contact tour escort Dr. Harold Davidson, Associate Professor of Horticulture at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

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Portrait of a Pioneer. The recently completed 42nd ISTC Convention held a surprise for veteran utility arborist Fred Ashbaugh. At the conclusion of a panel discussion on tree growth retardants, which Ashbaugh moderated, the floor was "stolen" by representatives of The Dow Chemical Co., who then presented the Pennsylvania arborist with an oil portrait in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of weed control.

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Rose Grows on Bananas. Or, a note for the vegetation expert who forgets to fertilize his wife's roses: the United Fruit Co. is promoting mashed banana peels for rose bush food.

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Seedman Dies. Recently, WTT was informed of the death of Dwight Guthrie Scott, pioneer seedman and former president of O. M. Scott & Sons. D. G. Scott was one of the founders of the famous seed firm, which grew from a 19th century Marysville, Ohio, hardware business.