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PEOPLE

Nick C. Toscano, University of California Riverside's extension entomologist, has been appointed associate dean for Cooperative Extension in the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Toscano has published more than 70 articles in scientific and semi-scientific journals.

Harold Pellett, professor of horticultural science and landscape architecture at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has received the Norman Jay Colman Award from the American Association of Nurserymen. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in horticultural research.

Dwavne Ingram, professor and extension specialist in ornamental horticulture at the University of Florida, received the Nursery Extension Award. Clifton Comstock of Monrovia Monrovia Nursery Co. in Azusa, Calif., won the AAN's Wholesale Plant Salesman of the Year Award. Paul Smeal, professor of horticulture and extension specialist at VPI-SU, won the L.C. Chadwick Educator's Award. Henry Spalding won the Garden Communicator's Award.

E. Thomas Smiley joined the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories as plant pathologist and soil specialist. Smiley received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in those areas. He was previously with ACRT Environmental Specialists.

Alston Legare Van Ness has been appointed director of marketing for the National Club Association. Van Ness holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of Charleston, and has specialized training in the master's program at the University of

Ron Zwiebel has joined Lesco as a





Ron Zwiebel



Jerry Kraft

fertilizer and seed specialist serving Alabama, Tennessee and central Georgia. Zwiebel was previously president and founder of Green Care Lawn Service. The company is now being run by his wife, Marlene.

Internationally recognized horticulture research scientist and professor at Clemson University, D.C. Coston has been named associate dean/director of the S.C. Agricultural Experiment Station. Coston replaces Absalom Snell, who retired from the post this year after serving the station for 39 years.

Long-time association executive George Rose retired after more than 50 years in the horticulture industry, including 24 years with All-America





Larry Kuhl

George Rose

Rose Selections. He was named executive secretery in the 1960s, a position he held until his retirement.

The Chemical Producers and Distributors Association has a new board of directors: chairman of the board is Richard Mille of Prentiss Drug and Chemical; first vice chairman is Rusty Griffin of Griffin Corp.; second vice chairman is Bobby Pace of Helena Chemicals. Warren E. Stickle, Ph.D., moves from executive director to president. Rick Davis of SureCo will serve as secretary.

Suzanne Klaus of Klaus Greenhouse, Greenwood, Mo., is new president of the National Association of Women in Horticulture. Other officers are Betty Hensinger, Patricia Kish, Kathy Freeland, Linda Barnett, Lisa Macky and Mary Lu Parks.

Ransomes has announced the promotion of Larry Kuhl to vice president of manufacturing. Kuhl is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison who joined Ransomes in 1977 as plant manager.

Timothy Zink has been maned vice president of Safer's newly-formed Commercial and Agricultural Division. Zink comes from the Sandoz Crop Protection Division where he was vice president of marketing.

Jerry Kraft has been named vice president of sales for KLM Bio-Systems, a company that produces organic lawn care products. Kraft has been with KLM since 1984; prior to that, he was with O.M. Scott & Sons.

Robert P. McLain is new service coordinator for Tecumseh Products' Engine and Transmission Group Service Division. McLain is a Kent State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in marketing.