

News and Notes

R. F. Carlson has joined the staff of Ryukyus University at Okinawa and is working on weed control and cultural problems in horticultural crops. He was formerly in the Dept. of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Floyd M. Ashton accepted a position with the Botany Dept., University of California, Davis, to conduct studies on the control of weeds in row crops. He was formerly with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association in Honolulu.

The next meeting of the California Weed Conference will be held in Fresno, California, January 22-24, 1957. Headquarters will be the Hotel Californian and meetings will be in the Municipal Auditorium.

The Aircraft Research Center of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station conducted its second Agricultural Pilot Training School from November 5 through December 15, 1956 at College Station, Texas. Instruction in flight training, care and service of equipment, pesticide control practices, defoliation and desiccation, and aerial seeding and fertilizing were included.

Robert M. Menges has accepted a position as Horticulturist with the Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA. He will cooperate with personnel of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station located at Weslaco, Texas. Menges received his graduate training at Rutgers University.

The Dept. of Agronomy at Mississippi State College offered a three-weeks short course during June, 1956 entitled "Weeds and Their Control." This course was given mainly for teachers of vocational agriculture and for county agents. The interest in the course was so great that it will be repeated in succeeding years.

Thomas Muzik joined the Agronomy staff at the State College of Washington in September, 1956. He will be in charge of weed research and teaching. Muzik came from a position with the Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA, at Puerto Rico.

George Friesen received his Ph.D. degree from the State College of Washington in June, 1956, and is now in charge of weed research and teaching at the University of Manitoba.

The third territory-wide Hawaiian Weed Conference meeting was held on the Island of Kauai on May 24 and 25, 1956. The two-day meeting consisted of formal papers each morning with field trips to plantations or ranches each afternoon. The Conference meeting in 1957 will be on the Island of Oahu, May 23 and 24. Stephen Au is the President of the Conference for 1956-57.

Lyle W. Weldon has been appointed as Agent (Research Agronomist) by the Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA, to assist

in weed investigations at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

Stanford N. Fertig returned to Cornell University in June, 1956, after 18 months at the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines. In the Philippines he worked with the local staff in setting up a research program on weed control in rice, sugar cane, corn, pastures and on woody plants.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference will be held January 10, 11 and 12, 1957; in New York City at the Sheraton-MacAlpin Hotel. L. L. Danielson, plant physiologist at the Virginia Truck Experiment Station, Norfolk, Virginia, is president of the conference this year.

The 10th annual meeting of the Southern Weed Conference is scheduled to be held in Augusta, Georgia, January 23-25, 1957. All sessions of the conference will be held at the Bon Aire Hotel. W. B. Albert of the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, Clemson, South Carolina, is president of the conference.

Russel L. Nash, who recently received his M.S. degree from South Dakota State College, started work in July, 1956, at the North Platte Experiment station near North Platte, Nebraska. He will be working half-time in weed research and half-time with the Division of Noxious Weeds.

From July 17 to 20, 1956, Kansas State College and the Kansas State Board of Agriculture co-operated in conducting a short course at Manhattan for county weed supervisors. The course included discussions on weed control, classification and identification of plants, and activity of herbicides. About 70 weed workers attended the course.

Vernon Woestemeyer resigned his position as State Weed Supervisor, of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, and joined the staff of the Pacific Coast Borax Company in August, 1956.

Jake Ubel assumed the position of State Weed Supervisor in Kansas in September, 1956. He was previously employed by the Board of Agriculture as Assistant Director of the Marketing Division.

The Noxious Weed Division of the Kansas Board of Agriculture now has three Assistant State Weed Supervisors. John Hutchison and Maynard Scott were previously employed. Gene Heath has been added to fill a new position made available in September, 1956.

D. L. Klingman of the Weed Investigations Section, ARS, USDA, has been transferred to the Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland in September, 1956. In his new assignment he will be the leader in the Range and Pasture Weeds Project. Klingman was previously stationed at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.