

News and Notes

Floyd L. Timmons, in charge of research on aquatic weeds and weeds on non-crop areas for the Crops Protection Research Branch, ARS, USDA, stationed at the University of Wyoming since 1954, was given the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Outstanding Performance Award at a conference in Salt Lake City in February. Timmons was cited for "providing outstanding leadership in research on the control of aquatic and ditchbank weeds, of drainage and irrigation systems, and for greatly exceeding the requirements of his regular duties and responsibilities during the conduct of this research program." The award is a certificate of merit, and a cash grant.

Mr. Timmons also received the Department's only Superior Service Award in the field of weed control at the Honor Awards Ceremony in Washington, D. C., May 23, 1961. This citation was "For unusual leadership in research on the control of aquatic and ditchbank weeds of drainage and irrigation systems".

Eugene E. Hughes, Soil Conservationist (Research) of the Agricultural Research Service assumed his duties June 12, 1961, in charge of a new cooperative research program on the control of phreatophytes at the New Mexico State University Middle Rio Grande Substation, Los Lunas, New Mexico. The project is being conducted cooperatively by the ARS, New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station, and Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Hughes, a native of New Mexico received his undergraduate training at Eastern New Mexico University and Colorado State University and his graduate training at Texas A. & M. College.

Keith Wallace, formerly Extension Weed Specialist at South Dakota State College, Brookings, is now County Agent in charge of weed control at Spokane, Washington.

The 1961 meeting of the Washington State Weed Conference will be held in the Chinook Hotel, Yakima, Washington, on November 6 and 7.

The next meeting of the Weed Society of America will be held at the Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, December 11 to 14, 1961. The Society will be the guest of the North Central Weed Control Conference. The officers are: President, K. P. Buchholtz, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Vice-President, Warren C. Shaw, U.S.D.A., Beltsville, Maryland; Secretary, F. W. Slife, University of Illinois, Urbana.

The North Central Weed Control Conference will hold no program meeting in 1961, when it is host to the Weed Society of America at St. Louis. The officers for 1961 are: President, E. K. Alban, Department of Horticulture, The Ohio State University, 1827 Neil Ave., Columbus 10; Vice-President, Sig Bjerken, Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture, 1097 Randolph Ave., St. Paul 5; Secretary-Treasurer, J. D. Furrer, Department of Agronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

3. The 1960 Proceedings, which includes the printed Research Reports, can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer for \$4.00. The 1962 meeting will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, December 3, 4, and 5.

The next meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference will be held January 3, 4, and 5, 1962 at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City. The officers for 1961 are: President, Lawrence Southwick, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Vice-President, D. A. Schallock, Extension Weed Control Specialist, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.; Secretary, P. W. Santelmann, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park; Treasurer, J. A. Meade, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park. The Proceedings for 1960 can be obtained for \$4.50, and the Supplement, which contains the registration list and the Research Committee report, for \$2.00, from the Secretary.

The next meeting of the Southern Weed Conference will be held at the Hotel Patton, Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 17, 18, and 19, 1962. The officers for 1961 are: President, Walter K. Porter, Jr., Delta Experiment Station, Stoneville, Mississippi; Vice-President, John T. Holstun, Jr., Crops Research Division, ARS-USDA, Stoneville, Mississippi; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert E. Frans, Department of Agronomy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The Proceedings for 1961 can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer for \$5.00.

The next meeting of the Western Weed Control Conference will be held March 20, 21, 22, 1962, at the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. The officers for 1961 are: President, W. R. Furtick, Oregon State College, Corvallis; Vice-President, Eugene Heikes, Montana State College, Bozeman; Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Bowles, 3239 Mayfair Boulevard, Fresno, California. The Research Progress Report for 1961 can be obtained from the Secretary for \$2.00.

E. E. Schweizer plans to finish work for Ph.D. in Plant Physiology under Dr. Rogers at Purdue University by September 1. Later in September he will join ARS, USDA at the Delta Branch Station, Stoneville, Mississippi, as Plant Physiologist. He will be interested principally in weed control in cotton.

B. J. Rogers has resigned his position at Purdue University and will join the Department of Plant Physiology, Hilo Branch Experiment Station, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii. Dr. Rogers will be involved in fruit physiology and weed control.

Dr. Albert E. Hitchcock of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Inc., Yonkers, New York, and his associate, who died in 1958, Dr. Percy W. Zimmerman, will be honored by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia in formal ceremonies on Wednesday, October 18, 1961. They have been named as recipients of the John Price Weatherill Medals. Since 1925, the Hitchcock-Zimmerman team has conducted researches "on the chemical factors controlling the growth of plants, which have found application in

agriculture", to quote their citation. They are credited with discovering 2,4-D in 1941, thus laying the foundation for the present work in selective weed control. Their work has extended much further in the field of chemical control of growth. Dr. Hitchcock is a member of many societies, including the Weed Society of America.

Raymond B. Taylorson joined the Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, in January 1961, and is located at Tifton, Georgia, in cooperation with the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Taylorson completed his undergraduate work at the University of Rhode Island and his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. During two years as an Army Lieutenant at Fort Detrick, Maryland, he evaluated physiological responses of plants to growth-regulating chemicals. His present work gives major emphasis to weed control in vegetable crops.

Rex W. Millhollon, with a B.S. from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, joined the staff of the Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, in March 1961. Dr. Millhollon is located at the U. S. Sugarcane Field Station, Houma, Louisiana, where he is conducting research on the control of weeds in sugarcane.

Robert E. Meyer was employed by the Crops Protection Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service in July 1961, to cooperate with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, in research on methods for controlling brush on rangelands. Dr. Meyer received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Purdue University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin.