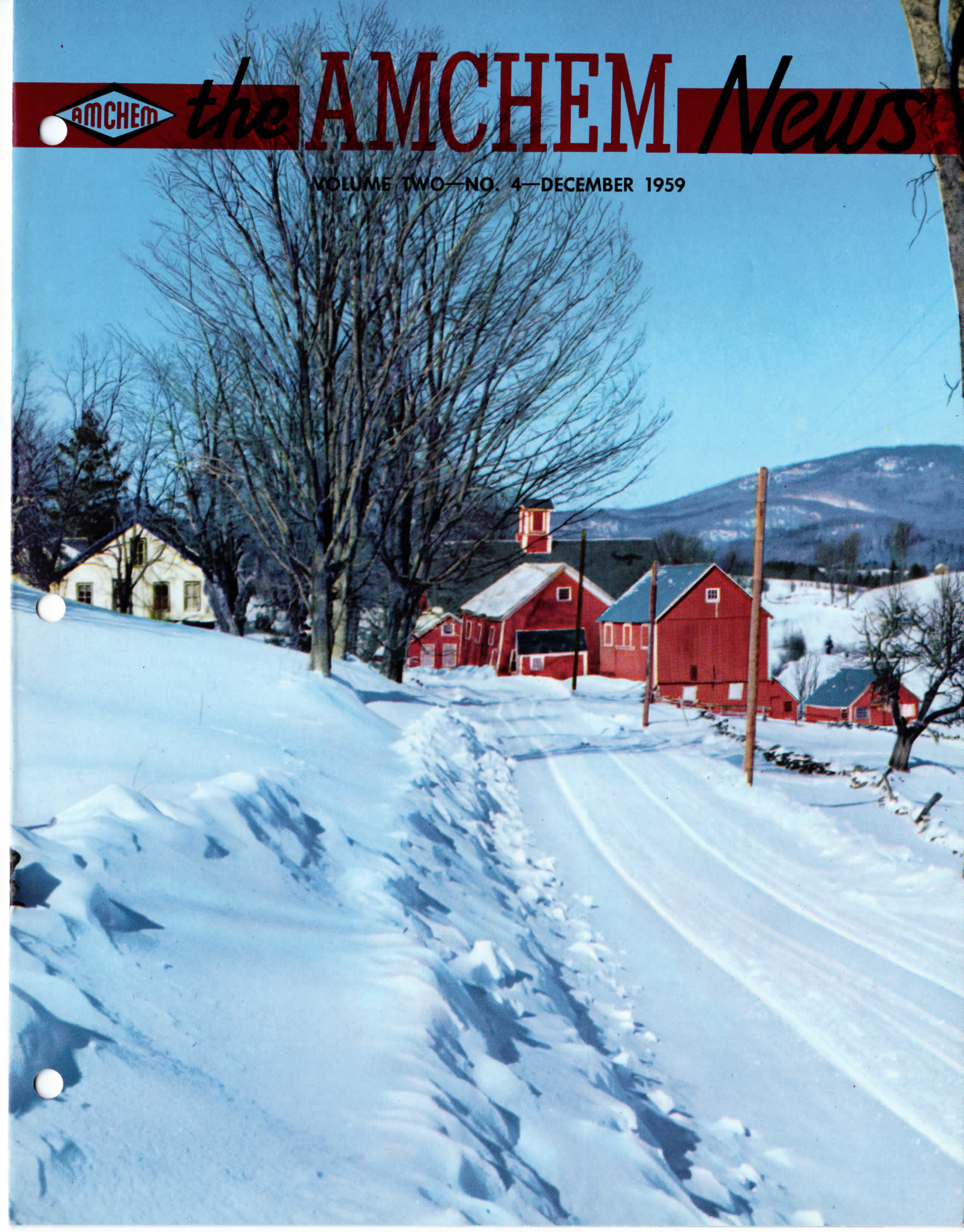




# *the* **AMCHEM** *News*

VOLUME TWO—NO. 4—DECEMBER 1959







## Message From the Chairman

Despite the adverse effect of the steel strike, and the unjustifiable attack on one of our agricultural chemical products—Weedazol, the year 1959 is likely to turn out to be our best year in both sales and profits.

In the 4th Quarter last year, there was a strong upsurge in business. Now, sales are down as a result of steel shortages. Indicative of this is the fact that automobile production in the 4th Quarter will be 700,000 units less than anticipated by the industry. It is hoped this lost business will be made up by a corresponding increase in production in next year's 1st Quarter. This can be expected if the steel mills continue to operate.

For the year 1960, most indicators point to a higher level in the national economy. Whether or not we will fully participate in this, will depend a great deal upon the efforts of our personnel, especially in the Research, Development and Sales Departments. The cost of doing business continues to rise. These increased costs cannot be passed along in the way of higher prices for our products—competition will not permit it. To hold our own, or improve our profit picture, sales volume must be increased. To help the sales force bring this about, we have enlarged our Research Departments, and are counting on our R & D people to provide new and improved products. Our advertising will be stepped up, and we are planning on a Sales Convention in October 1960 which will be the largest and most comprehensive sales meeting ever held in Ambler.

On behalf of the management of the Company, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all employees for their fine spirit and cooperation. Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

## the AMCHEM News

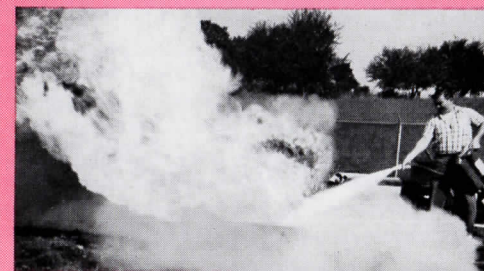
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William A. Drislane  
Editor



This little picture is just a reminder of how our Company actively participates in public programs for the benefit of our citizens. Under the careful guidance of Amchem's fire chief, Eddie Ruth, Nick Boychuck is demonstrating how to extinguish a fire chemically during National Fire Prevention Week last October 4 to 10.

Chief Ruth, who, among other things, is nursemaid to the huge boilers over in Building 7 is also assistant chief of the Wissahickon Volunteer Fire Company and is something of an authority on fire fighting.

For the past three years Eddie has organized and conducted the annual Fire Prevention Week program at Amchem, the importance of which cannot be overemphasized. The programs serve to acquaint us with the specific uses of the various kinds of fire extinguishers which are located throughout our buildings.

Eddie keeps abreast of the newest fire-fighting techniques by attending the Pennsylvania State Fire School each year. This year's classes were held at Lewistown, Pa., where Eddie studied fire-fighting organization, strategy, tactics, overhauling, investigation and the safe handling and transportation of liquefied petroleum gases. Bob Applegate, chemical operator in ACD, a fellow-member of the Wissahickon Fire Company with Eddie, also attended the sessions at the State Fire School.

## “RHUBARB” In The Cranberry Bog

**I**N the recent cranberry controversy the two major factors which should have been most highly publicized were relegated to a minor status in favor of the more sensational, news-making “scare” element. We refer to: 1) the comparative harmlessness of the chemical (Amchem's Weedazol) with which the cranberries were sprayed, and 2) the lack of following directions for application on the part of the growers of the “tainted” cranberries.

**Point No. 1.** Regarding the harmlessness of Weedazol, T. W. Tusing, M.D., who conducted toxicity tests (tests for determining the quality of being poisonous) on Weedazol stated: “Few chemicals, including common table salt, are as *NON-TOXIC* as Weedazol on a single dose basis.” Also, “from this evidence (of the test) it would appear practically impossible for an individual to accidentally absorb a lethal dose of Weedazol. Even intentional ingestion of Weedazol as an attempt at suicide appears unlikely to produce a lethal effect.” Dr. Tusing is associated with Hazleton Laboratories, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia, an independent testing organization with whom we spent over \$60,000 to insure that Weedazol was safe to manufacture, handle and apply.

Other reassuring testimony on the safety of Weedazol comes from Dr. C. Boyd Shaffer, a specialist in toxicology (the science which treats of poisons, their antidotes, etc.). As reported in the *U. S. News and World Report*, November 23, this scientist said that “a human would have to eat 15,000 pounds of cranberries a day for many years to suffer any ill effect from the chemical (Weedazol).”

In the same issue of this publication, Dr. Edwin B. Astwood, senior physician at Boston's New England Center Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Tufts University, in Medford, Mass., says this: “The quantity of this chemical (Weedazol) in cranberries would be minute and in no way causes any trouble—let alone cancer. This compound occurs naturally in vegetables—mustard, cabbage, turnips, broccoli—and no one refrains from eating those because of this compound.”

Furthermore, Weedazol—under its generic name of amino triazole—has been safely used in photographic processing for a great number of years.

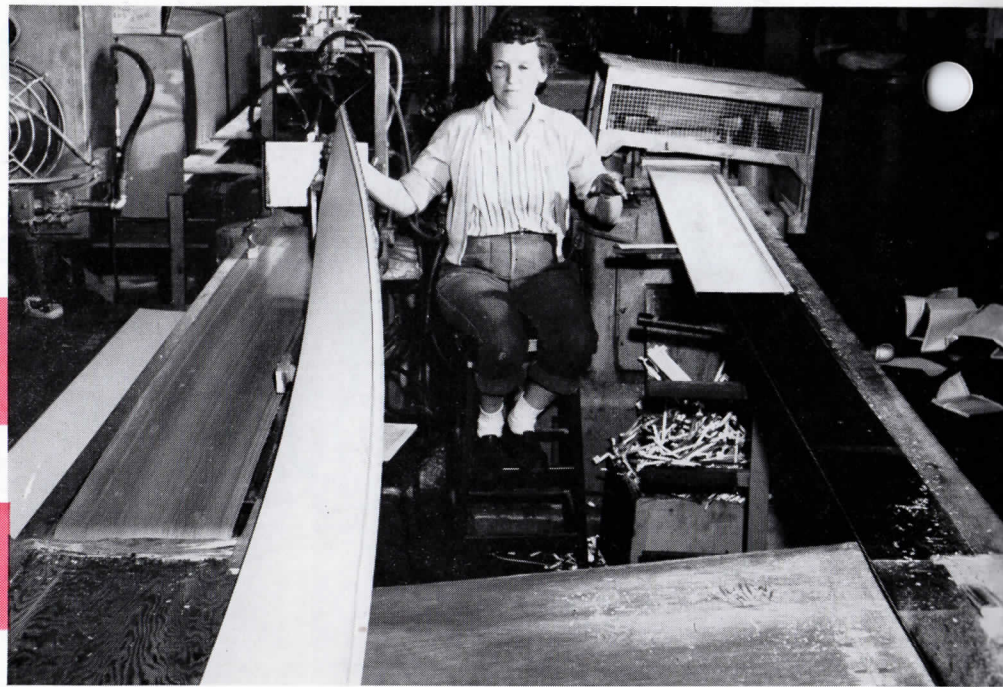
**Point No. 2.** For very obvious reasons, not to mention compliance with certain government regulations, directions are given on the labels of all our agricultural chemical products. On this second point lies the crux to the whole cranberry controversy. For regardless of how innocuous Weedazol is, there is no excuse for the users not following the directions on the label which, in the very first sentence specifically state to “apply Weedazol as a post-harvest treatment only.”

To summarize—our whole Weedazol program, from laboratory to the marketing stage, has been completely policed. The product, label and literature pertaining to Weedazol and its application were submitted to and officially registered and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture with whom we work very closely.

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**"ALODIZING**  
is a  
**NECESSITY,"**  
Say AlSCO Executives



After aluminum is formed into siding it's turned to receive styrofoam insulation backing.

*U.P.I. Research Report Also Shows AlSCO Alodizes 60 Percent of Its Entire Finished Product Output at Its Central Ohio Plant*



Quantity of Alodine used in process is measured from drum.

The unsolicited endorsement of a product is probably the best recommendation that the product could have, especially when such testimony comes from one of its largest users.

Tape recorded interviews with Ben Sugar, vice president in charge of sales, Dale Youssi, plant manager, and other executives of AlSCO, Inc., the country's leading manufacturer of aluminum building products, reveal the high regard this firm has for Amchem's Alodizing process on aluminum siding and siding accessories such as trim, soffit material, etc. At AlSCO, Alodizing "can't be classified as an 'advantage'—it is a **NECESSITY**" stated these executives. These products account for 60 percent of the company's business.

The interviews with the AlSCO officials took place this past Summer at the company's headquarters in Akron, Ohio, and at the plant in Gnadenhutten, some fifty miles away. They were made by the special services division of United Press International, the world-wide news service.

Elaborating on the qualities of Alodine,\* Mr. Sugar further stated: "One of the salient features at the point of sale, whether we're talking to a dealer or a customer, is we absolutely state that the *foundation* is the key to a successful, painted aluminum surface and AlSCO has the *best* foundation in the industry. When

we refer to 'foundation' we mean our metal treatment with Alodine,\* and therein lies our strong sales point. We think so much of the Alodizing treatment that we were the first to Alodize both sides of the strip, although it is quite common in the aluminum siding phase of the industry that only the side to be painted is finished."

U.P.I. reports that AlSCO executives are quality-conscious, sales-conscious, and cost-conscious in their dedication to maintaining AlSCO's leadership in the aluminum building products field. These executives trace responsibility for selection of the Alodine\* process back to the entire management team as well as the manufacturing team initiating a development and expansion program and scouring the country for the best products and processes to be employed when the firm opened its Gnadenhutten plant in 1948. At that time AlSCO was seeking a metal preparation process that would assure faultless adhesion of enamel coating to aluminum, and do it speedily, making feasible economic roll-coating and roll-forming. AlSCO found the solution in the installation of the Alodizing process with the technical assistance and recommendations of AMCHEM extending to design of the metal preparation equipment.

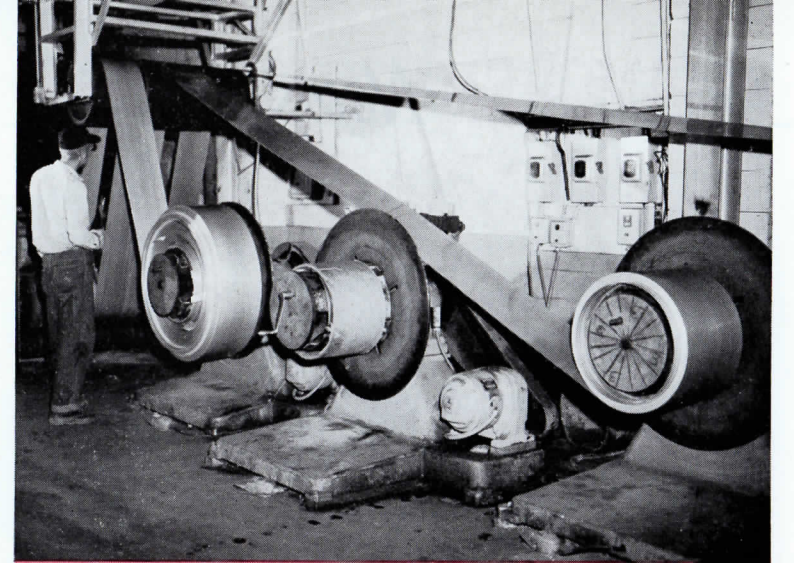
Also included in the U.P.I. report is this statement from the AlSCO officials "... the long history of satisfaction that we have had with Amchem is the reason why we are currently considering installing a program that will put an Alodizing treatment on *all* extrusions. This protective treatment will give us a very definite advantage at the marketplace."

We, at Amchem, are particularly well pleased to note that, in addition to the inherent qualities in the product which we supply, this customer appreciates the technical assistance which our firm cheerfully gives to the customer. For this is the phase of the selling transaction that can easily mean the difference between a satisfied and a dissatisfied customer.

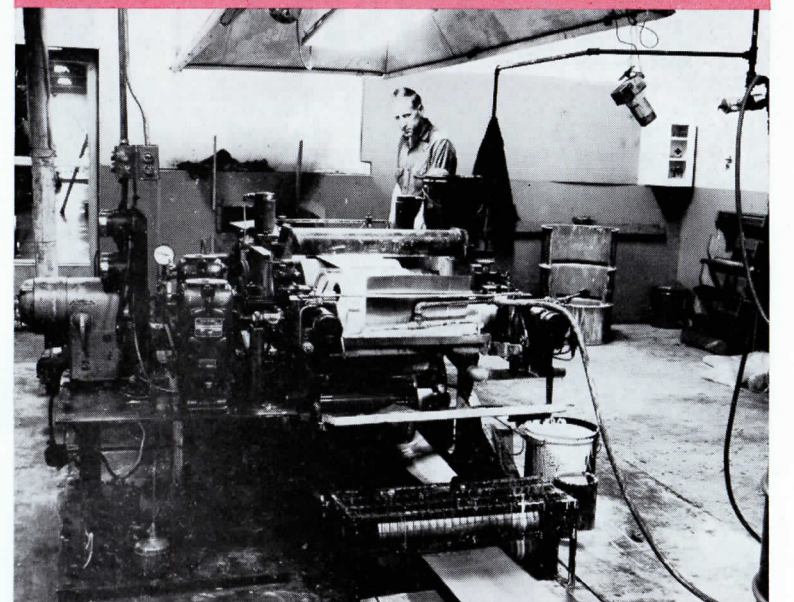
At Gnadenhutten, AlSCO, Inc., utilizes 175,000 square feet of production space and has multi-million dollar facilities for taking aluminum from ingot to finished product. The company also has thirty other plants and distribution points from coast to coast, as well as overseas subsidiaries. AlSCO's volume for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1959, exceeded \$26,000,000.

This U.P.I. report, which was transcribed from the tape, and a series of photographs taken at the AlSCO plant have been compiled into a brochure which our Amchem metalworking chemicals sales staff is using to promote sales of Alodine.\* Furthermore, the material has provided real "meat" for the preparation of publicity feature stories, trade magazine ads and direct mail advertising literature.

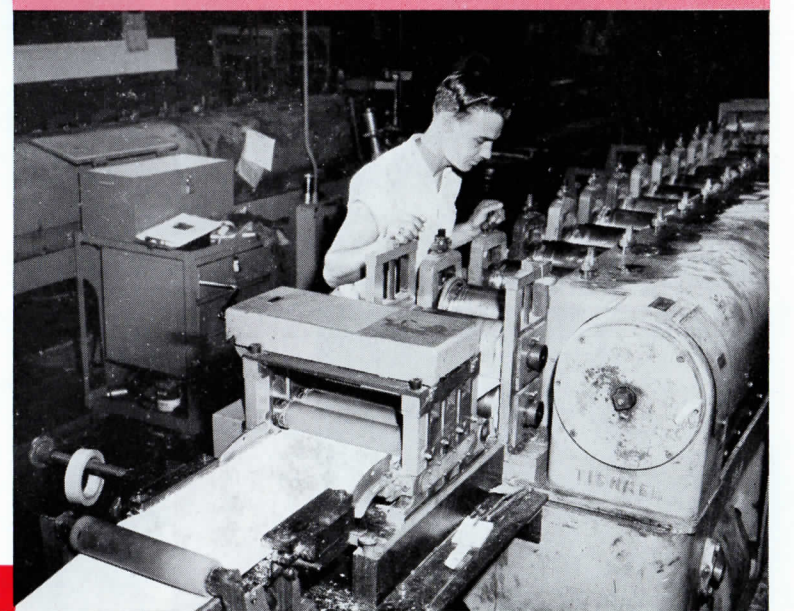
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Alodized aluminum strip comes out of metal preparation, is rewound.



This operation shows Alodized aluminum stock being roll coated (painted).



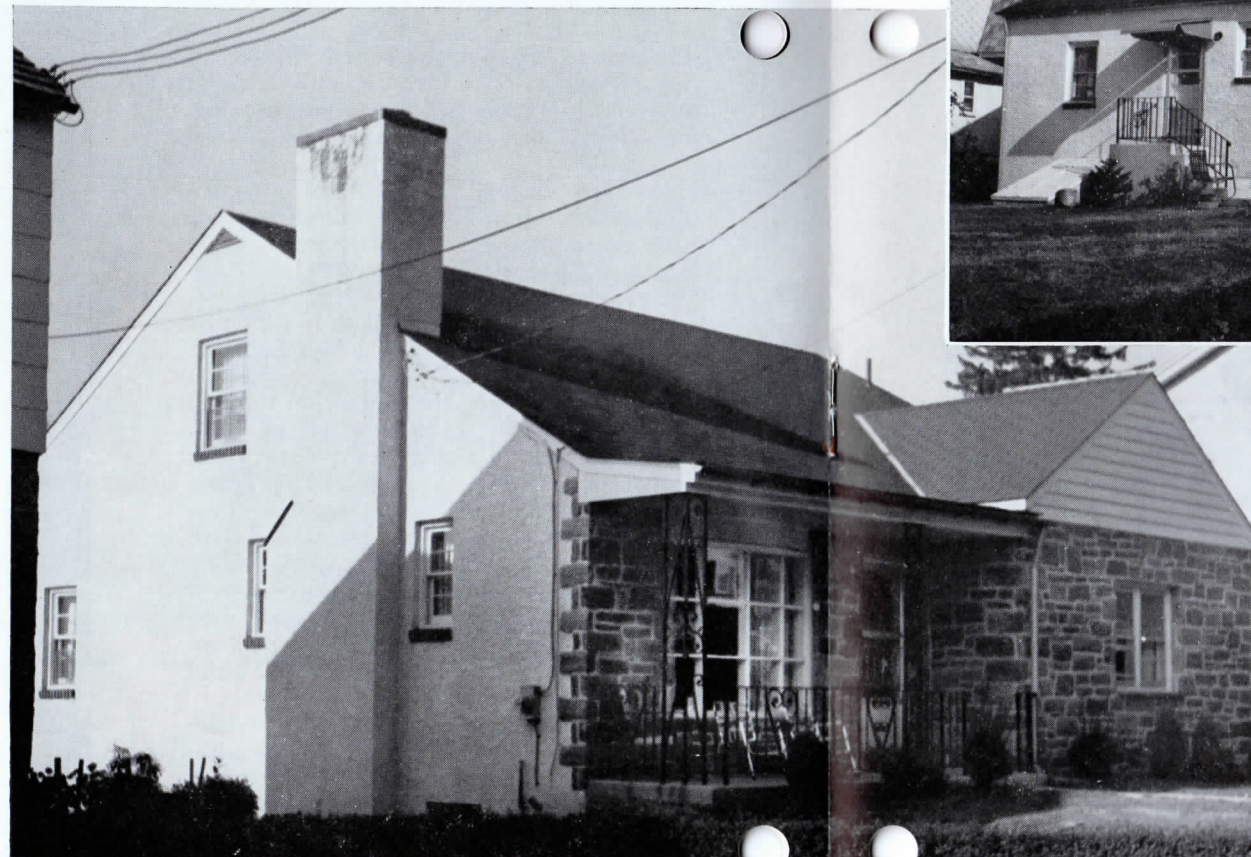
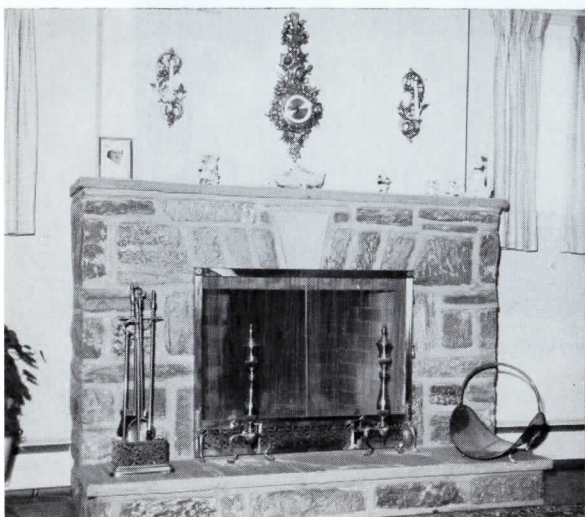
The painted coil stock is now roller formed into final shape for siding.



THIS IS THE

# HOUSE THAT BILL BUILT

*Bill Pistilli Goes in for Self-Expression  
in a Real "Concrete" Way*



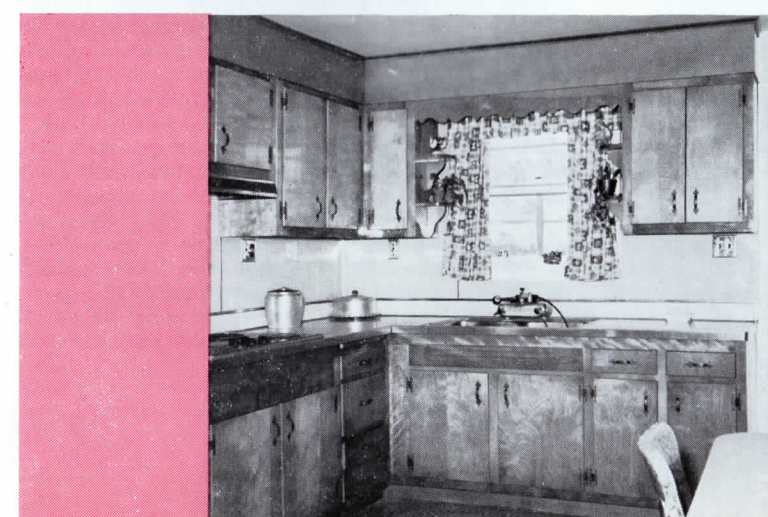
*Comfort and liveability are prime features of the all-masonry Pistilli home. Says builder Bill: "It's as tight as a drum and thoroughly insulated, including the roof. This makes for coolness in summer and warmth in winter . . . and man, does that cut down on oil bills."*

*Bill is especially proud of the hand-cut stone fireplace shown on the opposite page. Note how Bill has skillfully trimmed the stones in order to get that bi-symmetrical matching. That's daughter Nancy's picture on the mantelpiece.*

"Your home should be as expressive of yourself as you can make it. When it is, there are undreamed-of-satisfactions that result from living in an environment you have shaped." So says the editorial in last month's issue of *House Beautiful*, "the magazine dedicated to the business of better living." In subscribing to this thought, how can you make your home any more self-expressive than by designing and building it yourself? And this is exactly what Bill Pistilli of Amchem's Construction Department did!

Bill, with the assistance of his son Dominic, started pouring the concrete footing for the Pistilli dream house on North Ridge Avenue, Ambler, in June, 1956. Working evenings, weekends and during two vacations, they had the house completed and ready for occupancy on April 26, 1958, the day the family moved in.

Back in 1931, Bill bought a house on North Spring Garden Street on a lot 50' x 330' deep, extending from Spring Garden to Ridge Avenue. In the spring of 1956 he divided the property into two parcels. He sold the section, together with the house, that faced on Spring Garden Street and retained the portion that faced on Ridge Avenue. It was on the latter that he built his new seven-room, two-bath home.



## Scholarship



Is the  
**SZABO FAMILY'S**  
Forte

On August 10, 1959, Edith Szabo walked into Amchem's Personnel office and listed her secretarial qualifications on an application blank.

Not following the usual placement pattern applied to draftees in World War II, where ex-barbers were converted into bakers, bakers into barbers and ex-insurance salesmen into top brass, Edith was assigned to Amchem's International Division where her talent for transcribing shorthand into typewritten German, Hungarian and English could be used to best advantage.

When Edith, her husband, Kalman, and their two young daughters arrived from Hungary at the home of her cousin, Frederick Patka, in Philadelphia in February, 1957, none of the four could speak a word of English. Undaunted by this handicap, Edith and Kalman undertook the study of English at Germantown High School, two evenings a week. Further tutoring by cousin Frederick, a professor of languages and psychology at La Salle College, had Edith and Kalman speaking fluent and grammatically flawless English in a matter of months. Furthermore, the children, Helen age 9 and Claire 10, were more than qualified to enter the fourth and fifth grades respectively at St. Anthony's School in Ambler when the family moved to Penllyn early in 1958.

Since then the children have made outstanding progress scholastically. This is not surprising since scholarship is a family trait: Kalman holds a master's degree in agricultural sciences from Magyarovar University, one of Edith's two sisters has a Ph.D. in chemistry, as has her husband; while the other sister and the latter's husband add M.D.'s to their names. In addition, cousin Frederick Patka is a Ph.D.

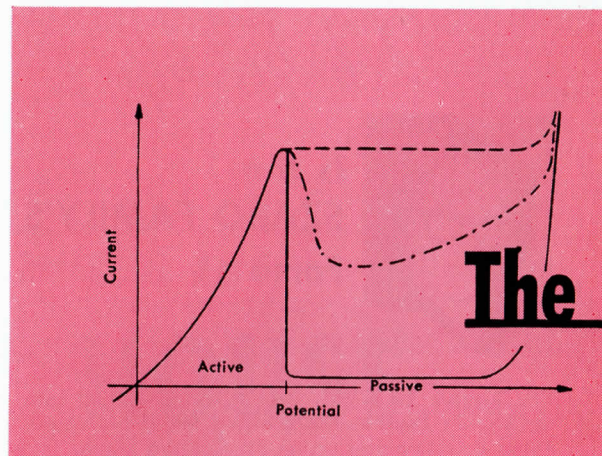
The Szabos emigrated from Fertod, Hungary, which is about sixty miles from the city of Vienna and just five miles from the Austrian border, where Kalman was assistant director of the Agricultural Research Institute with its 2400-acre farm. This institute is connected with the University of Budapest, though about 115 miles away, and does extensive experimental work in animal husbandry, hybridization and weed killing, where naturally—WEEDONE® is used in the latter.

Edith was born in Gyor, Hungary, a city of 80,000 on the Danube River, halfway between Vienna and Budapest. Her parents live in Bakonyzentlaszlo (Buck-on-ye-sant-las-lo), a town situated near beautiful Lake Balaton, Hungary's largest body of water.

Edith has nothing but praise for her newly adopted country and the American way of life, but isn't inclined to discuss anything remotely political about the land of her birth. Her present plans are to do a good job at Amchem. So far we'd say she's doin' mighty fine.

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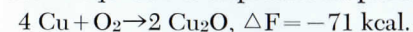


A typical current-potential curve for anodic passivation of metals.

## The PASSIVITY of Metals

By George Gardner

Technically, the human race would still be in the Stone Age—literally—if common metals such as copper, iron, chromium, and aluminum followed their natural tendencies—their natural tendencies being to oxidize—to corrode. The chemist tells us that all *naturally occurring reactions*—all *spontaneous reactions*—take place with a *decrease in free energy*, and he would be likely to use an equation to emphasize his point:



By this equation he would be telling us that the natural tendency for copper is to oxidize, to corrode, and that if this condition existed under normal conditions of use, copper would have little practical value for us under everyday conditions.

Since oxygen is always present—in the air we breathe—we would naturally expect our common metals to corrode rapidly, and to be completely unusable. This of course is not true. All these metals are usable, under proper conditions, and for this fact we must thank a very unusual property of metals... *passivity*. Michael Faraday, one of the early investigators of the passivity of metals, studied this phenomenon for a considerable period, and he was followed, in later years, by many others, among whom we can include the founders of Amchem, who put their knowledge of the passivity of metals to practical use.

When we study a new subject, we usually try to define it. This is not entirely simple with the concept of the

passivity of metals. Two somewhat related definitions of passivity are in common use. As we remember from our physics and chemistry courses, we studied what was called an *electrochemical series* of the elements. In this series the elements were listed in the order of the electrical potential they would have under certain standard conditions. Otherwise stated, this series gives us a measure of the tendency of a metal to go into solution... to corrode. If we write a partial series such as

Na... Mg... Al... Zn... Fe...  
Ni... Sn... Pb... Cu... Ag...  
Au,

we are saying, in effect, that the tendency for sodium to go into solution is greater than that of magnesium, and very much greater than that of iron. This brings us up to the first of our definitions of passivity... A metal is passive when it tends to take a position in the electromotive series closer to gold than it would normally have.

For our second definition of passivity, we turn to actual corrosive solutions, to salt spray atmosphere, to acids such as hydrochloric and sulfuric, and to other environments where we would expect metals to corrode rapidly. If, in such an environment, the metal resists corrosion to a much greater extent than we would expect from its normal behavior under such conditions, we say the metal has been passivated.

While physicists and chemists have discussed the concept of passivity of

### Prelude:

"I am now most unhappily to relate one of the most atrocious acts of piracy ever committed,"... The time is April 28, 1789. ... The narrator is Captain Bligh, as he begins the greatest sea story of all time... the *Mutiny on the Bounty*.

One hundred sixty-seven years later, Luis Marden, of the National Geographic Society staff, found the remains of the *Bounty* at Pitcairn Island, in 40 feet of turbulent water. "That night," he writes, "I polished and buffed a bronze sheathing nail until it shone like gold. A piece of the original *Bounty*!"... All the iron portions of the ship were very deeply corroded. ... Only the heaviest of them remained at all.

metals for a century and a half, and there is still no general agreement on the fundamentals, one thing we can say with reasonable certainty... The phenomenon of passivity is associated with resistant films. These films might be sub-microscopic oxygen or oxide films, as in the passivation of stainless steel by nitric acid, they might be adsorbed inhibitor layers, again sub-microscopic, such as formed on steel immersed in acids in the presence of Rodines, they might be visible layers, such as the Alodine coatings on aluminum, containing as they no doubt do sub-microscopic films under the visible coatings, or they might be coatings formed during the phosphating of steel by the Granodines.

Researches on these and related problems have been carried out in the Amchem laboratories for many years. These researches have included X-ray diffraction studies and other optical type measurements of films, microscopic and analytical examinations of coatings, the study of adsorbed inhibitor films through kinetic measurements, and very many of the practical-type exposure tests and measurements, so necessary to keep a business going. In all our work on metals we reckon with passivity and its effects at every turn... and utilize it, if we can. Certainly, if we wished to erect a statue to some great scientist of the past our first choice would be that great thinker and experimenter... a hundred years ahead of his time... Michael Faraday.



## ANOTHER AMCHEM FIRST!

Metalworking Chemicals Division Announces

**FIRST** Automated Iron Phosphate Process

AUTOMATION! AUTOMATION! AUTOMATION! echoed the prelude to a series of TV commercials a couple of years ago. The sponsor felt he had something to shout about! We too, feel we have something to shout about in the way of automation—THE FIRST AUTOMATED IRON PHOSPHATE PROCESS in the metalworking industry. While the idea of automating our Granodizing process was conceived primarily to insure 100% performance from the product, many other benefits accrued all along the line. For automation in industry speeds up production, increased production lowers prices, lower prices mean greater demand, and greater demand means more employment through the use of skills required in the complex field of automation.

Our new automated process is called GRANODINE® 663. This is the newest pre-paint treatment for steel which gives 100% scientific line control through all five pre-paint stages. This means that the concentration of the Granodine® remains uniform throughout the entire Granodizing process without having to be frequently titrated (analyzed), and perhaps, increased manually. Thus with automated "watch-dogging," quality never varies and a hard, powder-free coating of unusual strength and durability is obtained. Granodine® 663 also provides excel-

lent corrosion resistance and imparts remarkable bonding characteristics to metal.

It operates within the 90° to 110°F. temperature range, which is considered extremely low for a phosphating process, with resultant heat saving at well over 50%. On large volume lines, heat savings are estimated to be as much as \$12,000 yearly. Furthermore, the automation frees personnel for other responsibilities and additional savings are effected.

The automation is accomplished through (1) a sensing element, (2) a control device, and (3) an actuating agent. When the chemical concentration in the bath becomes diluted, even to the smallest percent, the sensing element "sends a message" electronically to the control device. The latter starts the actuating agent which then feeds the Granodine® from the drum to the bath... it's as simple as that!

The GRANODINE 663 process owes its initial success to the inventiveness of our Technical Research and Development Department, the vision and tenacious follow-through of our Metalworking Chemicals Division and the designing skill of our Engineering Department—all of which reflects the kind of hand-in-glove cooperation that spells PROGRESS and brings security and prosperity to all of us at Amchem.

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## New Agricultural Chemicals Display Seen at Hardware Show

Our new agricultural chemicals "small package" display was seen for the first time at the National Hardware Show held at the New York Coliseum, September 28 through October 2.

Our new display is a ten foot wide by eight foot high affair, consisting of panels with back-lighted, full color transparencies showing various activities at our Research Farm, plus shelf area for displaying our complete line of lawn and garden agricultural chemical products and point-of-sale promotional material.

Joe Torchiana, agricultural chemicals ad manager and sales manager of lawn and garden products, was in charge of the booth. He was ably assisted by Sam Besse and Anthony Staab, both of "small package" sales.

Like most trade exhibits, the New York show was "closed," admittance being confined to those directly or indirectly connected with the hardware business. Over 45,000 people from all parts of the world attended.



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## Congratulations!

These Are the Men and Women of AMCHEM Who Have Received Service Award Emblems Since the Last Issue of THE AMCHEM NEWS:

### 5 YEARS

Edmund R. Piesciuk



That five-year service emblem tie chain of Ed Piesciuk's looks mighty good to both him and Jimmy Roberto, who is presenting it to Ed.

### 15 YEARS

James H. Thirsk



Jim Thirsk assumes a real military pose in accepting his 15-year service pin from Hugh Gehman. Incidentally, this was Hugh's initial venture into the presentation field since taking over as Manager of MCD Development.

### 5 YEARS

Thomas J. Bueter



Margaret Gagliana is the proud recipient of a five-year service emblem brooch. John Horn did the honors in his office, October 13, 1959.

### 5 YEARS

Margaret Gagliani

## LOOK

for this important little pamphlet in your December 31st pay envelope. It gives you in capsule form many basic facts about the operation of the Government's Social Security system and its costs.

On the first payday of 1960, the amount of your deduction and the Company's contribution for social security taxes will be increased from the present 2½% to 3% (or a combined increase of 6%). This will involve deductions from pay envelopes up to a maximum of \$144 annually. And, of course, this amount is matched by the Company.

Among the many interesting and informative facts found in the little pamphlet is a sliding wage scale on page one showing a comparison between 1959 employee deductions for social security and the deductions for next year. These are the dollar figures that are matched by the Company. Also, on the third page is a table showing the phenomenal social security tax increases during the past 10 years.

Because this and other information is quite valuable to you, not only for present but for future reference, this little pamphlet should be kept in a safe and easily accessible place.

### Social Security Taxes Up 20%

Just a year ago your take-home pay was cut due to an increase in the Social Security Tax. Once again, we are required by law to deduct more money from your pay this pay period, and to turn it over to the federal government to help pay the growing costs of the social security system. Last year 2½% of your earnings (up to \$4800), or a maximum of \$120, went for this purpose. Beginning this pay period, we are

Annual Wages	In 1959, you paid for Social Security	In 1960, you will pay for Social Security
\$2,000	\$50.00	\$60.00
2,400	60.00	72.00
2,800	70.00	84.00
3,200	80.00	96.00
3,600	90.00	108.00
4,000	100.00	120.00
4,400	110.00	132.00
4,800 up	120.00	144.00

### SAFETY REPORT To End of October 31, 1959

Safety records of departments for the 12 months ending on October 31, 1959 are listed below in the order of merit.	Percentage of improvement based on the performance from January 1, 1959, as compared with standing on December 31, 1958.
1. Packaging	1. Packaging
2. Shipping	2. Shipping
3. Maintenance	3. Maintenance
4. MCD Production	4. Research
5. Construction	5. Receiving
6. Receiving	6. ACD Production
7. Research	7. Construction
8. ACD Production	8. MCD Production

### Introducing New Members of the Amchem Stork Club

MARK ROBERT KASSELHUT  
... July 18, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Leonard R. Kasselhut (St. Joseph Plant)

NANETTE MARIE SMITH  
... August 11, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: George L. Smith (MCD Sales, Midwestern District)

JOEL ABRAHAM SEGAL  
... August 29, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Hirsh S. Segal (MCD Research)

MICHAEL ROBERT and TIMOTHY JOHN GRAYSTON  
... October 4, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Eric H. Grayston (Canadian MCD Sales)

LISA MARIE YOKUBONIS  
... October 11, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Alfred F. Yokubonis (MCD Sales, Eastern District)

REBECCA ANN BRAUNE  
... October 22, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Joseph L. Braune (MCD Sales, Midwestern District)

DIANE MARY URBAN  
... October 28, 1959  
The Proud Amchem Parent: Norman W. Urban (Ambler Shipping Department)

### On Our Cover

The exact location of the lovely Winter scene on our cover is unknown to us. However, it could have been colorpho-toed from a score of similar landscapes within a half-hour's drive of Ambler.

## the AMCHEM News

### Welcome to our new employees

NAME	HOME TOWN	ASSIGNED TO
KENNETH BRIDGE	Buckingham, Pa.	International Division
CYNTHIA R. CARDINELLI	Hayward, Calif.	Niles Office
ROBERT C. CARLSTROM	Spokane, Wash.	ACD Sales (Western District)
MARY LOUISA CARNEY	Ambler, Pa.	ACD Sales Office
RICHARD D. CARSON	Ambler, Pa.	Research Farm
HAROLD M. COLLINS, JR.	Westmont, N. J.	ACD Sales (Eastern District)
PAUL A. CUPPETT	Ft. Washington, Pa.	ACD Sales (Eastern District)
WILLIAM A. DEVITT	Blue Bell, Pa.	Quality Control, Development Dept
MARGARET A. HARRIS	Ambler, Pa.	MCD Sales Office
JOHN C. HUSSEY	Hayward, Calif.	Niles Plant
LILLIAN C. LEITERMAN	Cornwells Heights, Pa.	ACD Sales Office
RAYMOND J. ROBINSON	Fort Washington, Pa.	Maintenance Department
AUBREY E. SHERMAN	Lethbridge, Alb., Can.	ACD Sales (Canada)
DONALD J. SIMAS	San Jose, Calif.	Niles Plant
ROBERT D. SORENSEN	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Development Department
THOMAS A. TEDESCO	Ambler, Pa.	ACD Packaging Department
RAYDELLE M. TUBBS	Ambler, Pa.	MCD Sales Office

### Along the Party Line

**Wedding Belles:** KATHY WILSON (Accounting) and Tom Monaghan of Cheltenham packed 'em in on the morning of September 26 at St. Anthony's Church, Ambler, when they exchanged marriage vows. Kathy was resplendent in a diaphanous creation that drew "ahs!" and "ohs!" from all beholders. Bride's dad, EARL, of our night force, had the aristocratic bearing of a British member of parliament as he escorted Kathy up the aisle. The happy Monaghans are residing on Butler Avenue, Ambler.

Two weeks later, St. Anthony's was again the scene of a happy union between another of our Amchem belles—NANCY PISTILLI of ACD Sales and John Gourley of Earlington, Pa. Nancy was a cloud of lacy loveliness as she floated up the aisle on the arm of her father, WILLIAM, of Amchem's Construction Department. After a New England honeymoon the bridegroom hustled off to his station at the Patuxent River Naval Air Base, Maryland.

Pretty JOAN LUKENS (Accounting) never looked prettier than on Saturday afternoon, October 3, when she switched from Lukens to Mariotz at Trinity Episcopal Church. Joan was gowned in a gorgeous silk taffeta affair that would take reams of paper to describe. Husband Charles is a fellow graduate of Upper Dublin High School.

Changing our locale to Detroit, we find that the former PEGGY MARTIN of our Midwestern office has been Mrs. Thomas Hendricks since November 21. A ring, a clergyman and a ceremony at St. Gregory's Church—but most of all, the personable young Tom Hendricks—effected the name switch.

**Better-late-than-never Vacations:** GERTRUDE SCHEETZ' (Accounting) flight to where the Chamber of Commerce says it never rains (L. A.) and further, to where it's said that it rains sometime every day (Hawaii). Both Gert and her

sister, who accompanied her, missed none of the you-must-see spots.

EDITH HABLETT and husband Tom followed the scent of clam chowder all the way to its source at Cape Cod.

CONNIE AND BOB GODORECCI (she of Accounting; he of Maintenance) had a diet of "cheese cake" and evening gowns ogling at the Miss America Beauty Pageant at Atlantic City.

MILDRED MORRIS thoughtfully visited friends in the two burgs—Harris, and Pitts—

DOROTHY WISWELL had a 24-carat Latin American idea of a good time south of the border—reporting that "the colors, food, atmosphere and bull fights were sublime."

ANN LUCAS is probably the best versed person on Lincolniana at Amchem after her visit to the great emancipator's home and tomb in Springfield, Illinois.

MARGARET (Personnel) GEOGHEGAN's husband, Jim, had his "First Hurrah" as Democratic candidate for District Attorney of Montgomery County in the November elections. But, to borrow a line from the well-known play, *The White Haired Boy*, "Geoghegan's hope also ran!"

**Expedition to the Big Town:** One contingent under the aegis of those cosmopolites, the two MARIES—GIBBONI and MASCOLA—haunted 5th Avenue by day, and Times Square by night where the box office of the Martin Beck Theater was enriched by five admissions: the two MARIES, CONNIE GODORECCI, DOLORES MARRANO and MARIE LIBERTO. The big attraction being Paul Newman in "Sweet Bird of Youth."

The eccentricities of Greenwich Village and its inhabitants lured the trio of GLORIA ZYLLA, CYNTHIA GEHRET, and PAT KING as the other Amchem group of Gotham visitors.

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**Nice Recoveries:** Accounting welcomed FRANNIE VALEO back after her recovery from that serious fall of a few months ago. HARRIET TYSON guested a group at her home October 18, which contributed various and sundry gifts to Frannie during her convalescence. Ah, those generous Amchem gals! (and boy).

"Welcome-Back-Helen" was the sign in Accounting to acknowledge HELEN SKELTON's return to work after surgery at the Lankenau Hospital.

MRS. JOSEPH TORCHIANA, wife of our Ag Ad Manager, was discharged from Delaware County Hospital recently and is rapidly recovering at her home in Lansdowne.

JOHN STERRY is again swiveling in his office chair after a short sojourn to the North Penn Hospital.

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**HIRSH SEGAL** (MCD Research) recently collaborated with two Philco scientists in writing a scholarly article entitled "Glycerol Baths for the Electrodeposition of Molten Indium or Indium-Cadmium Alloy," which was published in the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*.

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**On the International Scene:** Glad to see that JOE DUDEK was able to have had his Thanksgiving turkey and cranberries with his family after a fast trip to see some business "boysans" in Japan.

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**Diaper Data:** EDITH WETHERILL brushing up on baby care for there's a bird hovering over the Wetherill domicile and it "ain't no sparrow!"

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**Niles News:** JIM DEWLEN (ACD Sales) is all up in the air these days. Reason? ... his Tripacer plane. "Besides, you're safer than on the ground," says Jim.

PENNY WILDONER has a Weimaraner pup (say the whole thing quickly—we dare you) called "Lady Amber" and keeps calling it Ambler. Brainwashing she claims.

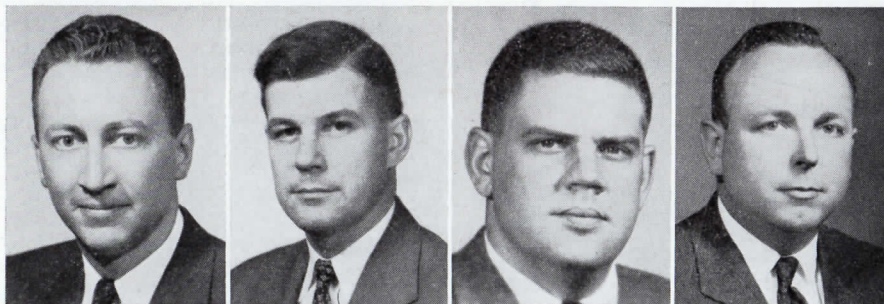
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PAUL (Hoot Mon!) DRESHER still spending his world series winnings of \$2 on his wife. They're calling DICK FOSSE Dr. Richard Fosse ever since he performed major surgery on the office door.

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Some dillers, some dollars for these Temple scholars: TOM KIRCHOFF (Patent Department), BILL SNYDER (International Division), EDWARD RODZEWICH (MCD Research) and MARY SCHULER (MCD Technician) are all night "owls" (only ex-Templars will get this).

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**Worthy Cause:** BARBARA EMERSON (ACD Research) arranged for a spaghetti luncheon November 12 at ANN LUCAS' apartment for the benefit of the Riverview Osteopathic Hospital at a buck per head. Ann supplied the coffee gratis.

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WILBUR HALL can't forget that he once worked within spittin' distance of Times Square. Nostalgia lures him into the productions of the Whitemarsh Curtain Callers. Recently Will grabbed himself a fat part in "The Solid Gold Cadillac."

## Geyer, Gehman, Gibson Promoted . . . Weston Named International Manager



John H. Geyer

Hugh Gehman

Gregory L. Gibson

Warren E. Weston

Three organizational changes in our Metalworking Chemicals Division have been announced by management. At the same time, management also named a manager for the International Division.

On November 1, John Geyer became Technical Assistant to President Romig and Hugh Gehman, who was Geyer's assistant, was named to succeed him as Manager of MCD Development. Gregory Gibson of MCD Development is being transferred to MCD Sales, where he will become Product Manager of Inhibitors at the first of the new year.

As of January 1, Warren Weston, Manager of Canadian MCD Sales, returns to Amchem's International Division as Manager. Before assuming his Canadian post in October, 1956, Weston was Assistant Manager of this division when Vice President J. O. J. Shellenberger headed International. Innes Simpson retains his present title of Export Manager.

Geyer, a native of Philadelphia and a graduate metallurgical engineer of the 1949 Class of Lehigh University, joined Amchem in December, 1950, as a metalworking chemical technician, becoming Manager of Metalworking Chemicals Development in 1953. Prior to this he was a plant metallurgist with the Aluminum Company of America, Messina, New York. During World War II he was an aerographer in the United States Navy and served in combat. Geyer lives in Richboro with his wife Virginia and three children, ranging in age from three to eight. He is Supervisor of Northampton Township.

Gehman, a native of Ambler, was grad-

uated from Princeton University in 1942 with a B.A. degree in chemistry. Immediately upon graduation he joined Rohm and Haas where he remained until he entered the U. S. Air Force the following year. Upon discharge he joined Amchem in December, 1945. Gehman makes his home in Ambler, with his wife Julia Ann and four children, ranging in age from three to 13.

Gibson has spent his entire working career with Amchem, having joined the Company as a research chemist upon graduating from Lafayette College with an A.B. in chemistry in 1952. He is a native of Jenkintown but now lives in Huntingdon Valley with his wife Priscilla. The Gibsons have four children, ages seven, five, six and two.

Weston, who was born in Fairmount Springs, Pa., is a 1942 graduate of Syracuse University, where he majored in Latin-American trade, marketing and accounting. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Immediately after discharge as a Lieutenant, senior grade, in 1945, he was employed by Eastman Kodak. Prior to joining Amchem, eleven years ago, he was connected with the automobile industry in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Weston resides in Lansdale with his wife Mildred and the couple's 11-year-old son.

## Canadian Agriculturist Joins Amchem



Aubrey E. Sherman

Aubrey E. Sherman, former district agriculturist in the province of Alberta, Canada, has joined Amchem as a sales

representative in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Sherman, who lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, with his wife and two children, will work closely with United Grain Growers Ltd. and the extension and regulatory agencies in the Prairie Provinces of Canada in the interest of developing better weed control through use of chemical weed killers.

Sherman graduated in 1950 from the University of Alberta with a B.S. in agriculture and for the three years following was an instructor and lecturer on farming in an agricultural school in South Dakota. During the war he served in the Canadian infantry.