

RICHARD T. YATES has been made president of a new company, the Hawthorn Chemical Corporation, formed by Hercules Powder Company and Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. The new company will build and operate an \$11-million plant for the manufacture of methyl methacrylate.

The plant, with an annual capacity of 35 million pounds, will be built at Louisiana, Missouri, adjoining Missouri Ammonia Works, owned and operated by Hercules. The administrative offices of the company will be located in Wilmington.

For the past 4 months Yates has been on special assignment from Hercules in connection with the formation of Hawthorn Chemical Corporation. Prior to this assignment, he was manager of the Agricultural Chemicals Division, Naval Stores Department of Hercules.

BART J. BOK of Harvard University is being honored by the establishment of a prize fund in his name. The income will be used every 2 years for a prize to a student of Harvard or Radcliffe College who has recently earned the degree of doctor of philosophy in physical sciences.

Bok is leaving the Robert Wheeler Wilson chair of applied astronomy at Harvard this month to direct the Mount Stromic Observatory of the Australian National University. He first joined the university in 1929.

J. ARTHUR CAMPBELL has resigned from Oberlin College to accept a position as professor and chairman of the chemistry department at the newly established Harvey Mudd College of science and engineering in Claremont, Calif., starting in September 1957. Campbell is at present on leave from Oberlin to serve as program director for summer institutes at the National Science Foundation.

LOWELL T. COGGESHALL resumed his duties on 1 Jan. as dean of the division of biological sciences at the University of Chicago, following his resignation as special assistant to Secretary Folsom of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Coggeshall is president-elect of both the American Cancer Society and the Association of American Medical Colleges.

AIMS C. MCGUINNESS of Philadelphia has been chosen to succeed Coggeshall as special assistant for health and medical affairs. McGuinness, a former dean of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Graduate School, recently completed the task of staffing the ten-hospital system of the United Mine Workers welfare and retirement fund. He devoted a year and a half to the project.

GEORGE A. EDWARDS, formerly professor colaborador of the departamento de fisiologia geral e animal of the University of São Paulo, Brazil, has been appointed senior research scientist in micromorphology at the Division of Laboratories and Research of the New York State Department of Health, Albany.

R. H. BRUCK of the University of Wisconsin has received the 1956 Chauvenet prize of the Mathematical Association of America for his paper entitled "Recent advances in the foundations of Euclidean plane geometry," which was published in the *American Mathematical Monthly*.

THOMAS Z. ATKESON of Decatur, Ala., a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who lost both hands and was blinded by a land-mine explosion during Army training in World War II, has been nominated by the Department of the Interior as "Handicapped American of the Year." He will receive the President's Trophy, which is presented annually by the President of the United States in conjunction with the meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Atkeson plans and supervises the cooperative farming program for the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge near Decatur and conducts biological investigations for other refuges in the southeast. He speaks before civic groups, writes articles for local newspapers, and "has been an inspiration in his local community, to employees of the Fish and Wildlife Service and to other handicapped persons."

WALTER C. HESS, chairman of the department of biochemistry in the Georgetown University schools of medicine and dentistry, has been appointed to the university's newly created post of assistant dean for coordination of research at the Georgetown University Medical Center. He will continue as head of biochemistry.

I. S. RAVDIN, John Rhea Barton professor of surgery in the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and chief surgeon of the University Hospital, was made an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in ceremonies held in London on 12 Dec. He was honored after delivering the Moynihan lecture before the Royal College of Surgeons at the Hunterian Museum. The subject of his address was "The complexity of liver disease—surgical steps toward solution."

Ravdin is the 12th American surgeon to deliver this address, and the third American surgeon to deliver the lectureship and to be made an honorary fellow of the Royal College at the same time.

Alfred Blalock of Johns Hopkins University and Loyal Davis of Northwestern University have been similarly honored.

Recent Deaths

ANNA M. AGNEW, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 93; former supervising psychiatrist at the Brooklyn State Hospital; 7 Jan.

VINCENT P. BATHA, Waukesha, Wis.; 58; chairman of the physics department at Carroll College; 21 Dec.

LOUIS S. CLARKE, Palm Beach, Fla.; 90; pioneer in the automotive industry and inventor of the first American spark plug; 6 Jan.

JACOB L. DELEVSKY, New York, N.Y.; 88; science writer for the foreign language press and former editor of the French publication *Science*; 3 Jan.

WILLIAM HALL, Rochester, Mass.; 82; professor emeritus of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 3 Jan.

CAROLINE HASLETT, Bungay, Suffolk, England; 61; founder of the Women's Engineering Society and the Electrical Association for Women; 4 Jan.

ARTHUR E. HECKER, Pelham, N.Y.; 65; engineer and former executive of the American Cyanamid Company; 8 Jan.

CHARLES A. C. JOHNSON, Martinsville, N.J.; 68; retired Esso Standard Oil Company engineer; 4 Jan.

GUSTAVE KUECHLER, Forest Hills, N.Y.; 58; engineer, manager of licenses and associated companies for Combustion Engineering, Inc.; 9 Jan.

EUGENE C. MILCH, New York, N.Y.; 54; staff member of the Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine and a lecturer at the New York State College of Medicine at Brooklyn; 8 Jan.

H. J. NICHOLS, JR., Scotch Plains, N.J.; 61; chemical engineer, retired director of the Esso Standard Oil Company; 4 Jan.

ARTHUR L. PARSONS, Toronto, Canada; 83; former head of the department of mineralogy at the University of Toronto; 6 Jan.

PIETRO RONDONI, Milan, Italy; 4 Nov.

AUGUST TINNERTHOLM, Scotia, N.Y.; 92; retired electrical engineer; 5 Jan.

WILLIAM H. TWENHOFEL, Orlando, Fla.; 81; retired chairman of the department of geology at the University of Wisconsin; former editor of *The Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*; 4 Jan.

CHARLES-EDWARD A. WINSLOW, New Haven, Conn.; 79; professor emeritus of public health at Yale University; 8 Jan.

JOHN T. ZIMMER, White Plains, N.Y.; 67; chairman of the department of birds of the American Museum of Natural History; 6 Jan.