

# Houston is AEB head

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — In its first meeting of 1984 the American Egg Board selected Edward L. Houston, of National Poultry and Foods, Inc., Lumber City, Ga., as

its new chairman and appointed other officers and committee chairmen to carry out the Board's business during the coming year. Gerald C. Bookey, of National

Food Corporation, Seattle, Wash. was selected as vice chairman. Other new officers include Joseph J. Maust, Active Feed Company, Pigeon, Mich., secretary; and

R.K. (Ken) Looper, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Jackson, Miss., treasurer.

Appointed with these officers to the AEB Executive Committee were Dave Baker, Baker Farms, Inc., Middletown, Del. and Gilbert B. Eckhoff, Henningsen Foods, Inc., Omaha, Neb.

Asked to serve by Chairman Houston as Board Committee chairmen were: Producer Relations — Hillman S. Koen, Jr., Nest Fresh, Inc., Hope, Ark.; Consumer Education — Boyce Overstreet, Seaboard Foods, Inc., Lakewood, N.H.; and Promotion and Advertising — Gilbert B. Eckhoff of Henningsen Foods.

Welcomed to the Board, at this

meeting, were nine new members or alternates appointed by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block to serve for various periods of time. These include: Boyce Overstreet, Seaboard Foods, Inc., Lakewood, N.J.; Andrew Hansen, Hy-Cross Co., Lititz, Pa.; Jack Davis, Southern Empire Egg Farm, Lithia Springs, Ga.; Keith Stringfield, Cambria View Farm, Inc., Cambria, W.I.; Jack W. McKee, Key Milling Co., Inc., Clay Center, Ks.; Charley J. Kammerdiener, Jr., Kammerdiener Farms, Hope, Ar.; David L. Ryan, Briarwood Poultry Farm, Inc., Cottondale, Al.; Melvin Russell, Rusdun Farms, Inc., Collierville, Tn.; and John Buffington, Olson Farms, Inc., Sherman Oaks, Ca.

## Gifford promoted at USDA

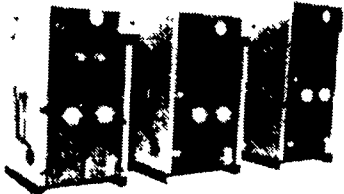
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced that Claude W. Gifford, director of the Office of Information at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been named to the position of assistant to the secretary of agriculture.

Gifford, a 12-year veteran of USDA, will be responsible for special communications projects for the Office of the Secretary.

During his career with USDA, Gifford has had responsibilities in many areas of communications, including his service on the advisory committee to the Cornell University Department of Communications Arts. He also served as acting assistant secretary of governmental and public affairs for 1½ years in 1981-82. Before coming to USDA, he held various editorial positions on Farm Journal and Top Op magazines.

John M. McClung, director of information and legislative affairs for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, will replace Gifford as director of the office of information.

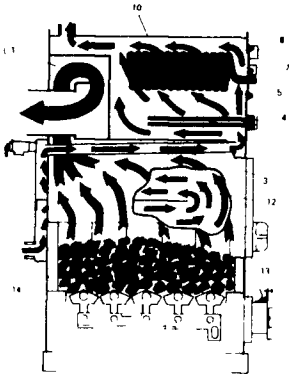
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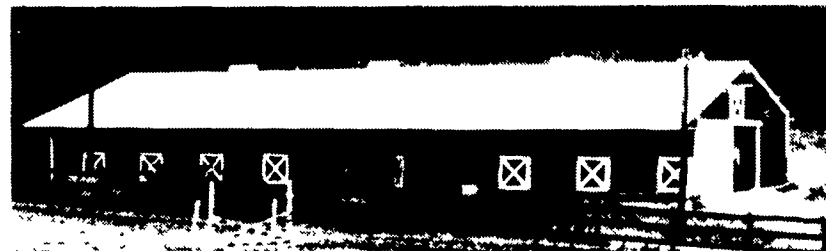
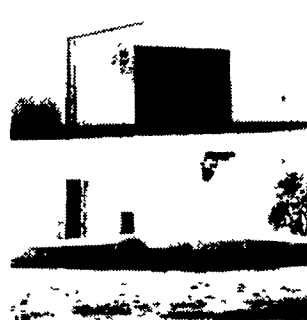
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