

Dr. Walter Becker



Considered one of the most prominent experts in asphalt technology and construction in Germany, Dr. Walter Becker has a record of almost 40 years of uninterrupted service in this field, much of it with *Esso, A. G.*, Hamburg. He has compiled more than a hundred scientific and technical articles relating to both asphalt and road construction and the application of these materials for other uses.

One of his most important contributions was the introduction of asphalt base construction to the German road building industry after World War II. Many miles of asphalt base roads have been constructed on his recommendation. In recognition of his accomplishments in this particular area, he was awarded the "Luer Medaille" in August, 1965 by the German Road Research Society.

He retired from *Esso* in May, 1966 but remains active and centers his work on the scientific and technical problems related to bitumen and asphalt road construction methods.

Dr. Becker belonged to many scientific organizations in Europe as well as the United States which enabled him to keep abreast of the ever-changing technology of asphalt and its related uses.

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