

NEWS AND NOTES

CALVIN CHAPPEL KIKER

CALVIN C. KIKER, principal malaria control engineer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, died on October 4 at his home in Sheffield, Alabama, of an acute heart attack.

Mr. Kiker was born in Blum, Texas, on August 24, 1897, and received his academic training in engineering at Texas Christian University. He started his professional career at Morris, Texas, in the position of highway engineer and later was named city engineer at Mineral Wells, Texas.

Mr. Kiker's reputation in the field of malaria engineering was established during his service with the Alabama State Health Department which covered the period 1923-1934. He joined the staff of the Tennessee Valley Authority as associate sanitary engineer assigned to the Malaria Control Branch on November 1, 1934. The history of his activities in the malaria field during the fifteen years, from 1934 to the present, and his contributions to the suppression of the disease in the Tennessee Valley are well known to those interested in the control of malaria. Those who have been privileged to work with Mr. Kiker have profited greatly through his sound judgment and common sense and his knowledge of malaria control gained through conscientious hard work. Mr. Kiker was an exceptional person. From his early days with the Alabama State Board of Health he showed a fertile imagination and was indefatigable in the pursuit of his chosen profession. His work was productive of important results as is evidenced by the substantial contributions which he has made to the literature on malaria control. He was a member of the American Public Health Association, the American Mosquito Control Association, and the National Malaria Society.

THE NATIONAL MALARIA SOCIETY held its 32nd Annual Meeting conjointly with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and the American Academy of Tropical Medicine, November 6-9 at Memphis, Tennessee. AMCA members figured prominently in the proceedings. The list of officers elected follows:

Paul F. Russell, *President*

Justin M. Andrews, *President-Elect*

W. H. W. Komp, *Vice President*

Martin D. Young, *Sec.-Treas.*

Fred L. Soper, another AMCA member, received the George Washington University Theobald Smith Gold Medal in recognition of his work in Brazil.

With so many of our fine members at the helm, the National Malaria Society will have a banner year. To Dr. Russell, one of our most faithful, we wish the best of luck, sincere hopes for the future, and promise our cooperation in every possible manner.

H. L. T.

FROM DON M. REFS: "The annual meetings of the U.M.A.A. will be held in Ogden, Utah, on Friday and Saturday, the 17th and 18th of February, 1950. I thought you might be interested and if you have any information about any of the mosquito control workers from the East who are planning to attend the California or Utah meetings I would appreciate it if you would send me their names, and I will invite them to participate in our program." D. M. R.

NEW JOURNAL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE. A new quarterly journal of tropical medicine and hygiene entitled "Documenta Neerlandica et Indonesica de Morbis Tropicis" has recently appeared. It is entirely in English, although published in Amsterdam. (Rivierenloan 268, subscription price \$4.50 per annum.)

The editorial board is staffed by a group of widely known scientists under the chairmanship of Prof. N. H. Swellengrebel. The journal is well printed on good paper and the numerous illustrations are excellent. The articles in the first two numbers cover a wide range of subjects including scrub typhus, malaria and some entomology. F. C. B.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND CLASS ON MOSQUITO CONTROL

THE BIOLOGY CLASS OF THE NORVIEW HIGH SCHOOL met at the field office of the Norfolk City Mosquito Control Commission, on October 6 to study the habit of mosquitoes. Perry W. Ruth, Secretary and Technical Advisor of the commission, addressed the class and let them view the various species of mosquitoes through the microscope as well as going into the habits of the mosquito and explaining to them the difference of the flight range of each mosquito as well as the mosquitoes that bite and the ones that do not.

One of the things that interested the group was being shown how to tell a female mosquito from a male. After they were shown how easy it is, one remarked, "Oh, mc. How easy after you know how." "Skeeter." Oct. 1949.

ROSTER OF SANITARY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERS. The American Public Health Association, in cooperation with the National Security Resources Board, is preparing a roster of sanitary and public health engineer citizens of the United States. This roster, to a great extent, will supplement and bring up to date the roster prepared by the War Manpower Commission. Its uses will be manifold, but the immediate interest of the National Security Resources Board in such a roster is to provide a means by which trained sanitary and public health engineers can be assured of proper utilization of their professional training

should another national emergency arise. The Engineering Section Project of the American Public Health Association is directly responsible for the collection of data and preparation of the roster, and has been distributing questionnaires to be used in gathering the basic information.

It is recognized that no single source of information is available for the preparation of the master mailing list. Many engineers are not registered with state boards of registration. Likewise, many are not members of national engineering organizations. As a result, it is likely that many qualified engineers will not receive the questionnaire. It is important for each sanitary or public health engineer to act for himself in the matter. Any engineer who does not receive a copy of the questionnaire within the next two or three months should notify the Engineering Section Project, American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York, so that his name can be entered in the master file and a questionnaire sent to him. In this way his name can be included in the roster.

Since the basic data collected in the preparation of the roster will remain the property of the American Public Health Association, it is planned to make certain basic information available to engineering societies and organizations cooperating in the preparation of the roster. . . . From a News Release of the American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

COLONEL AFRIDI TO WHO. Readers of Mosquito News will be pleased to know that Colonel M. K. Afridi, C.B.E., M.D., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., has been made Deputy Director, World Health Organization Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean Region, Box 1517, Alexandria, Egypt. Colonel Afridi formerly Director of the Malaria Institute of Pakistan and Bureau of Laboratories is a leading authority on malaria and is well known to those dealing with mosquito problems

in this country. Congratulations, Colonel Afridi, and best wishes in your new and important undertaking.

F. C. B.

C. Y. CHOW, who has been keeping in touch with the AMCA, wrote recently: "This fall term I was offered a full professorship in Taiwan University to teach medical entomology. At the same time, I am Consultant to the Taiwan Malaria Institute. Please put my address in your 'News.'"

Dr. Chow is now located at the Department of Zoology, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, China.—H. L. T.

FURTHER NOTES ON JUNGLE YELLOW FEVER IN PANAMA. A most interesting note on the recent outbreak of yellow fever in Panama was presented by Mr. W. H. W. Komp. Mr. Komp said that six cases had died in the local Government hospital without being diagnosed. All were cases of true jungle yellow fever, as they occurred in adult men who had been in close contact with forests. The presumed mosquito vector is one or more of the four common species of the genus *Haemagogus* which are found on the Pacific side of the Isthmus. No cases of yellow fever developed in the city of Panama or in the Canal Zone, as spraying of DDT for control of *Anopheles* had practically eliminated the urban vector of yellow fever, *Aedes aegypti*. . . . From Minutes of 590th Regular Meeting of the Entomological Society of Washington (D. C.), April 7, 1949.

H. L. T.

WHERE BUT IN JERSEY? When the Macmillan Company, publishers at 60 Fifth Avenue, published "The Natural History of Mosquitoes" recently, they looked around for some technical journals in which to advertise it. One, they said yesterday, was most appropriate.—"The Mosquito News," a New Jersey publication issued, not for the insects, but for their exterminators. . . . N. Y. Herald Tribune.