

EDITORIAL

An editorial may be a bore or it may be stimulating. If an editor likes to pontificate he can always find an excuse for filling up space. But if he does not like to pontificate; if he is not an authority on anything or has already talked himself out on the subjects in which he or others feel that he can speak authoritatively; if the advice and profound observations he might otherwise give have already been expressed better by someone else; and if he cannot dig up or think up anything of timely interest, then he ought to let someone else do the talking. Your present editor often

finds himself in one of these positions—which one, he will not say.

In the present instance, and even if the editor did not find himself in one of those positions, the editorial page could not be put to better use than to call special attention to the paper by Dr. F. C. Bishopp, appearing in this issue, on insecticides for mosquito control.

This paper should be required reading not only for every mosquito control worker but also for every public health official. A reading of the paper will make further editorial comment superfluous.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

To attend the meetings of the AMCA with the VMCA at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, February 22, 23, 24, and on March 1, 2, 3, The New Jersey Mosquito Control Association at Atlantic City at Haddon Hall

Perry W. Ruth, Chairman of the Program Committee, and R. E. Dorer, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, have sent in to the NEWS some very interesting and attractive preliminary information, as the following quotation will attest:

"For your information we have sent invitations to forty-seven foreign countries and have replies from: Prof. Dr. Amador Neghme-Rodriguez, Santiago, Chile; Dr. H. P. S. Gillette, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Dr.

E. J. Pampana, Geneva, Switzerland; Prof. Gregory Liwadas, Athens, Greece; Paulo C. A. Antunes, Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is now working with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Washington, D. C., while on temporary leave from his work in Sao Paulo; Dr. Gordon Covell, Surrey, England; Dr. Mehmed Aziz, Nicosia, Cyprus; Dr. L. J. Bruce-Chwatt, Nigeria, British West Africa; Dr. D. H. S. Annecke, Tzaneen, Northern Transvaal,

South Africa; Dr. A. A. Kingscote, Guelph, Canada; Dr. Charles G. Dobrovoly, Guatemala; Dr. Wilbur G. Downs, Mexico; Dr. Augusto Leopoldo Ayroza Galvao, Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is on temporary leave from his country while now taking a course in the School of Public Health at Columbia University; Dr. Herbert C. Clark, Panama; Dr. C. R. Twinn, Ottawa, Ontario; Dr. J. Farias, Tampico, Mexico; Dr. Arnoldo Gabaldon, Venezuela, and Professor H. Galliard, Paris, France.

"The Program Committee has met and decided on a tentative program; however, it will be some time before the speakers and their subjects will be confirmed. In general the program will be divided as follows: The opening session on February 23 will be donated to the Virginia Mosquito Control Association. The afternoon session will deal with the role of Federal agencies in controlling mosquitoes and malaria. The evening session will lead off with the installation of the incoming president, and will follow with a panel discussion on 'Today's Problems in Controlling Mosquitoes and Latest Recommended Insecticides.' The morning session of February 24 will deal with 'Methods and Practices for Mosquito Control' and will also include 'Mosquito Eradication Programs Around the World.' The afternoon session will deal with miscellaneous subjects and the final session will conclude with a banquet."—Perry W. Ruth.

Mr. Dorer has sent or will send on request, to members a schedule of the meetings and the tours that will precede or follow them. This schedule will be substantially as follows:

Tuesday, February 21—Inspection trip of activities in and about Washington, D. C., and Beltsville Experimental Station of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The inspection trip will start at the Department of Agriculture Building Bureau of Entomology, at 9:00 a.m. Those wishing to attend this portion of the trip should

get in touch with the chairman of the arrangements committee for Monday night accommodations.

Wednesday, February 22—Leave Department of Agriculture Building at 9:00 a.m. Travel to Virginia Beach stopping to see historical points of interest en route. Hospitality hour at the Cavalier Hotel, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Distance about 225 miles.

Thursday, February 23—Joint meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association and the Virginia Mosquito Control Association featured by a symposium lead by Dr. F. C. Bishopp on use of new insecticides for controlling mosquitoes and participated in by mosquito control workers from all over this country and other countries. Sessions to be held in the Cavalier Hotel, 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 24—Joint meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association and the Virginia Mosquito Control Association concluding with a banquet featuring several prominent speakers. Sessions to be held in the Cavalier Hotel, 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 25—Expedition leaving Cavalier Hotel at 9:00 a.m.; inspecting mosquito control work and equipment at Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Elizabeth City County, Warwick County, and Williamsburg; finishing up at Williamsburg to spend the night at the Williamsburg Lodge. Also, viewing the historic shrines in this section of the Commonwealth. Distance 75 miles.

Sunday, February 26—Leave Williamsburg Lodge at 9:30 a.m.; visiting several places of historic interest en route to Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, Maryland. Distance 300 miles.

Monday, February 27—Leave Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, at 9:00 a.m.; inspecting mosquito control operations and equipment in Delaware; finishing up that evening at the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware. Visit headquarters at Lewes, Delaware, including shop, DDT mixing

plant, cleaning machines, and viewing marshes from ground which are controlled by airplane spraying. Distance 200 miles.

Tuesday, February 28—Leave Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware, at 9:00 a.m.; inspecting mosquito control work and equipment in South Jersey; finishing up at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Open and diked salt marshes will be viewed, several types of salt marsh ditching equipment will be demonstrated, an opportunity will be afforded to see the oyster fleet and inspect an oyster packing plant, further opportunity will be had to note salt hay production, and several points of historic interest will be viewed. Distance 150 miles.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—March 1, 2, and 3—Attend New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association meetings at Atlantic City. This will be the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Association. It is the oldest and, perhaps, the most widely known of any similar one in the world.

Saturday, Sunday—March 4 and 5—Special inspection trip of mosquito control operations in North Jersey and Long Island will be arranged for those wishing to visit these localities. This would include inspection of mosquito methods and equipment used in heavily populated urban areas.

Accommodations at strategic points along the route of the expedition are being arranged by the committee, but it will be necessary for you to inform Mr. Dorer if you plan to take advantage of them. Apply to him for the general information sheet, questionnaire and prospectus of the expedition. Then fill out the questionnaire and return it to him.

Get this information whether *you plan to go or not. It will convince you that you must go.*

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