

which he and Mrs. Matheson graciously entertained his students and their wives. One remembers with pleasure the freedom and informality of those gatherings. Robert Matheson will long hold a place of high

esteem and affection in the hearts of his students, co-workers and friends.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following Sam Minnich's death late last May, his daughter kindly supplied Mr. Creadon with clippings of news items about her father, taken from local papers. We could think of no more fitting tribute to him than to reprint here an excerpt from these accounts. They indicate the high esteem in which Sam was held, not only by his professional colleagues in AMCA, but also by his friends, neighbors and constituents.

From the Ormond Beach *Tribune*:

MOSQUITO CONTROL BOSS, SAM MINNICH DIES AT 62.

Mr. Minnich, 62, died of a heart attack Sunday on the Riviera County Club golf course. A native of Baraboo, Wisc., Mr. Minnich came to the Halifax Area from Chicago in 1925 and later became a retail merchant. He had worked for American Bridge, where he picked up a great deal of engineering knowledge.

When the East Volusia Anti-Mosquito Control District was formed in 1938, he started a career which won him international fame. He was put in charge of the mosquito control work in the Halifax Area.

When the district was reorganized to meet expanding needs in 1954, he became its executive director.

Mr. Minnich combined his engineering knowledge with biological advice from U. S. Public Health Service and Department of Agriculture entomologists and State scientists to develop a program of mosquito control which brought him and the area international fame.

He was the first to mount a dragline on a small barge and use it for ditching swamps.

An ardent fisherman and hunter, Mr. Minnich was careful with his use of the new chemical bug killers to make sure that he did not exterminate the fish, wildlife and friendly insect populations as well as mosquitoes.

He protected the fish which eat mosquito larvae and the birds which eat adult mosquitoes. He regarded them as allies in his work of killing mosquitoes.

As an internationally known expert in his field, he authored many technical papers on mosquito control methods and experiments and conducted numerous demonstrations for visiting delegations and experts from as far away as Indonesia and many other nations.

Mr. Minnich served in the Infantry in World War I, was chairman of the Board of Deacons of Westminster Presbyterian Church at the time of his death and was a member of the American Mosquito Control Assn. (regional director of the Southeastern Division in 1956-57-58); The Elks Club (honorary life member and past exalted ruler); the Quarterback Club, the Rotary Club and the Ellinor Village Country Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Minnich; two daughters, Miss Phyllis Ann Minnich of South Daytona and Mary Kathryn (Mrs. George) Sutter of Jacksonville; and a son, Frederick Samuel Minnich.