

OPERATIONAL NOTES

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For many of us in the operative field, the months just past have been like "the period of recovery" that follows a war. We are recovering from a busy 1962 season, just as we prepare for another hectic mosquito season in '63. Some of the more fortunate also had an interlude of instructive discussions at the fine New Jersey-AMCA meetings in the spring. Being prepared is a good start in any battle, and many of us have been preparing to answer the increased number of questions resulting from unusual publicity on chemical insecticides. Books and articles on all phases of this subject should be required reading for all of us.

Particularly to those who did not have the opportunity of attending the Atlantic City meetings, we should mention that the Operational Notes section of *Mosquito News* was the subject of considerable discussion as to how more contributions can be encouraged. The editorial staff will henceforth have the collaboration of Al Buzicky and Tommy Mulhern, who will both solicit and help prepare special articles in this field. Long contributions will be published in

the Articles section as regular papers, while short contributions will continue to appear as Operational Notes, and will be assembled by the editor of this section. The regional Directors will also be asked collectively and individually to take more responsibility in this section.

A "work-shop" session in which active field personnel can receive actual instruction on such problems as maintenance and operation of mechanical equipment is being considered for the Chicago annual meeting in 1964. The various Districts are being consulted on whether such a program would be actively supported by mosquito control districts and personnel. Therefore, please let us know your opinion on these matters. Such a program can only be undertaken with your whole-hearted help and backing. It is hoped that by this enlarged operational and maintenance program, interest will be increased. If so, such a plan could become a regular feature of meetings in the following years, and the interest would naturally be reflected in a better Operational Notes section in *Mosquito News*.

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President Micks has appointed the undersigned as chairman of a committee for selection of AMCA members to attend the XII International Congress of Entomology. The committee is also making arrangements for applying to granting agencies for funds. The committee is preparing for distribution a statement relative to the distribution of funds to AMCA members if funds are obtained. This statement and an application blank may be obtained from the undersigned.

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