

NEWS AND NOTES

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THE GREMLIN THAT WHISPERS INTO PEOPLE'S EARS TO SEND US IN AN ITEM, JUST *AFTER* the deadline for copy has passed, is way out of phase this time AND A COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE FOR LAST ISSUE ARE JUST IN TIME FOR *THIS* ONE. The deadline is now EIGHT weeks before the date of publication . . . that is, October 20 for December, January 20 for March, April 20 for June and July 20 for September. This goes for all other departments and material, too. How about sending us in a little old item *right now* . . . for June!

WELL, YOU KNOW ABOUT PLANNING AHEAD . . . AND RIGHT NOW YOU ALL SHOULD BE PLANNING ON THE MEETINGS IN WILLIAMSBURG come February 1969. The world isn't going to end on January 20, you know, not really, and February 24 is going to find some mighty lively mosquito control types invading the Old Dominion. VMCA's *SKEETER* says they're getting ready for us (have been for nigh onto a year er mo' now) and that there's plenty of room. Room for Exhibitors, too. If you know any Exhibitors, or people who *ought* to be exhibitors, have them write in to CHARLES A. NELSON, Chairman of the Exhibit Committee, at 5140 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. (Now, *there's* a ZIP code. Wonder what mosquito control district is 23456?)

SKEETER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A RISE IN THE NUMBER OF MALARIA CASES IN THE U.S. in the past three years, most of them . . . nearly all, in fact . . . have been returnees from Viet Nam and not primary transmissions here. This makes our Military-type faces red, a bit, but we TELL 'em to take their pills for 8 weeks and we give 'em the pills . . . but shux, you know boys. They say, "Hell, I ain't got malaria. I feel fine." And they dump the pills overboard when they jump off the plane at Travis or wherever. Still, in spite of cases rising from 156 in 1965, to 678 in 1966 and 2,815 in 1967 and still rising in 1968, only three of these in 1967 could be related to transmission locally from returning RVN vets . . . and one of these was a transfusion. Pretty good.

HELEN LOUISE DURKEE AND HUBBY KEN CAME THROUGH HONOLULU but no Waikiki tourist-trap for them . . . they headed straight for Kauai, the Garden Isle, and then hop-skipped across Oahu again to Maui and on to the Big Island, with its orchids and waterfalls and volcanos. So we only saw them for a brief hour . . . just long enough to see that they were both blooming with health and having a ball . . . but let Helen Louise tell it: "On Hawaii, the third morning after our arrival, at Park Headquarters, Ken saw

the scismograph swinging wildly and, fifteen minutes later from the Observatory [that's on the crater rim of Halemaumau—Ed.] we saw the new eruption occur . . . steam and smoke about 5 miles distant among the trees."

ROGER GROTHAUS HAS RECENTLY ISSUED A MONOGRAPH FROM THE NAVY DISEASE VECTOR CONTROL CENTER at Jacksonville, Floride, based on research he did at Oklahoma State, entitled, "The Toxicity of Spider Venoms." Anybody who has done any mosquito-source seeking knows that this can sometimes be a matter of real concern to the mosquito control man and this little pub should go far to "reassure"(?) those who have had fearful visions of being eventually bitten by the lil' pets. (Well, it reassures US anyway . . . to know the worst and the best of what's facing us.)

AND BLAIR BAILEY, WHO IS A NAVAL AVIATOR TYPE AS WELL AS AN ENTOMOLOGIST, has issued from the University of California Agricultural Extension Service a most complete handbook entitled, "Pesticide Information and Safety Manual" which ought to be in every MAD library. It can be obtained from the University Extension Service, Berkeley, California, 94720, for \$2.50.

AMCA'S OWN BULLETIN NO. 2 ON GROUND EQUIPMENT AND PESTICIDES FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL is another manual that would look mighty good on your shelves and do you a lot of good in your hands. GARDNER MCFARLAND, Reg. D. for our Pacific Region, South, reminds us that P. Prexy ART GEIB is largely responsible for the low-low price of this manual . . . only TWO dollars!

TWO MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM VMCA'S *SKEETER* THAT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW WHEN YOU COME TO WILLIAMSBURG. Dr. James F. Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been awarded a contract by the U. S. Army R & D Command to study new compounds related to established anti-malaria drugs in the search for one which will clobber the resistant strain of *Plasmodium falciparum* that has been bugging us in Viet Nam. And you will be interested to know that the new Mayor of Williamsburg, who will be greeting the meeting, has been interested in mosquito control since 1933 and served as President of VMCA in 1954. We bet no previous meeting has had *that* distinction.

HERB BARNETT HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TWO YEARS IN PAKISTAN AND IS ONCE AGAIN AT THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND in Baltimore. We're glad to have Dr. Barnett back but he brings us the sad news of the death from lung cancer of

ADAM FULMER, who was known to many AMCA'ers in both Asia and the United States. Adam was so innately modest and unassuming and he stuck to his work so assiduously that he received very little recognition or acclaim, although those of us who knew him, both valued him highly and had a deep respect for his ability. It will take a chunk out of our world with his warm friendliness gone.

ACCORDING TO GARDNER MCFARLAND, DON REES HAS REPORTED THAT THE MOSCOW ENTOMOLOGICAL MEETINGS were a real plus in terms of entomological progress throughout the world and particularly in terms of greater understanding among peoples.

ALSO IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD WAS THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND MALARIA, of which we told you last time. HARRY PRATT, who was organizer of Section A.8.4—*Vector Control*, presented a paper on the *Aedes aegypti* Eradication Program in the Americas and had on a panel with him President TOMMY MULHERN and GEORGE CRAIG, who spoke on Ultra Low Volume spraying and Genetic Control respectively. In addition to himself and these two, Harry tells us that the Congresses sported such famous world travellers as Drs. BILL COLLINS, E. H. HINMAN, ERNESTINE THURMAN SWARTZWELDER (we knew Ernestine couldn't stay away from mosquitoes forever!), JOHN SCANLON, KEN QUARTERMAN, DON MICKS, and HUGO JAMNBACK. Other equally famed attenders were Drs. J. HAMON and J. MOUCHET from France; Dr. HANS LAVEN from Germany and Drs. J. R. BUSVINE, G. MACDONALD and A. N. CLEMENTS from England. Harry adds that he and Tommy spent one day in the field with the Iranian Malaria Eradication Organization observing the control experiment with the use of guppies in artesian springs to eliminate *Anopheles* larvae. (Some of you may remember Tommy's wonderful color slides of these springs.) Harry didn't say if the guppies worked out, or not. But he did say it was a most productive meeting and one he won't forget for a long time to come.

MAJOR BRUCE ELDRIDGE, who is at WRAIR, in Washington D.C., may now be congratulated under his true title of LIEUTENANT COLONEL and herewith. . . . Congratulations, Bruce! Dr. Eldridge was born in San Jose (California) and received his BS in biology at the State College there, going on to Pullman, Washington for his MS and to Purdue for his PhD. After his MS, he entered the military and has had duty at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, with the 37th Medical Company in Korea, with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and then again at Ft. Sam. After these shuttlings, Colonel Eldridge had a stint as Medical Specialist and Research Division entomologist with the Atlantic-Pacific Inter-oceanic Canal Study Commission in Balboa, wow, and we bet he's glad to be back at a simple name like WRAIR.

GEORGE THOMPSON COMMENTS ON A UNIVERSALLY NOTED PHENOMENON, namely, that as control increases so do mosquito complaints. . . . at least up to a point. In aerial spraying, George has risen from 197,000 acres in 1958 to over 500,000 in 1968, spraying 17,300 acres in ONE DAY. Larviciding and adulticiding operations continued unabated and surveillance records show that the mosquito population is low in controlled areas and is not significantly different from former years. Yet service requests increased by a half. George says this is evidence of an enlarged and enlightened population and we certainly agree, for it's that last two mosquitoes that cause all the trouble. Ain't it?

DR. CONNIE BARRY HAS JOINED THE U OF MARYLAND PAKISTAN MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER and may now be addressed C/o USAID/Dacca, Department of State, Washington D.C. 20521. His work there, he writes, will involve both filariasis and arbovirology studies and he invites all AMCA'ers to stop by when passing through . . . and that's not at all far fetched, either, that passing through bit. We bet there'll be some travelling AMCA'er there by the time he is; en route to someplace, too, not just from next door in India or Thailand or something.

OTHER MOVERS-AROUND HAVE AS USUAL NOT BEEN LACKING THIS QUARTER. Like DAVID AKEY has gone from College Park, Maryland, to the University of Wisconsin; Lt. NORMAN HERYFORD has gone from Lieutenant to CAPTAIN; TOZO KANDA has returned from Illinois to the Department of Parasitology of the University of Tokyo; B. L. HOFFMAN has left Austin, Texas for Davis, California; the University of Hawaii Library has left Reno, Nevada and returned to Honolulu; C. T. ADAMS is no longer in Virginia but is now at Gainesville, Florida; HAROLD BRYDON is now in Westwood, California (at UCLA?); HOWARD CHRISTENSEN has gone to the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Balboa Heights, C.Z.; Lt. ROBERT STONE has also gone to CAPTAIN; PETER WITHERILL has left Florida for WOODLAND, California; LAURENCE SMITH has departed CDC for Natick, Mass.; the Gorgas Memorial Lab has left AMCA for the outer darkness; and GORY LOVE has left Phoenix for CDC headquarters in Atlanta.

COLONEL HUGH KEEGAN is back from Latin America at the AFIP at Walter Reed; PAUL GRIMSTAD is now at the 6th Army Medical Laboratory, Fort Baker, California (that's the Presidio, really); BRUCE CRAVEN is now at the Southeastern Louisiana College in Hammond; CHARLES ROTH is in Harrison, Maine; Capt. DONALD ROBERTS is at 7 Ridge Road, in Fenton, Missouri (whatcha doin' there, Cap'n?). And a lot of folks, just to keep TED RALEY on the qui vive, have moved across the street or across town or into the adjacent county. Boy, we feel pretty dull just staying here in Honolulu for nigh onto three years now.

WE'VE HAD A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS WE HAVEN'T GOT AROUND TO WELCOMING THE PAST FEW GO-ROUNDS, TOO, AND WE'RE SORRY NOT TO HAVE TIME TO ALPHABETIZE BUT WE DO WELCOME YOU ALL ON BOARD. COME ON IN, HEAR? YOU, GEORGE KITAGUCHI, of Honolulu, and EDGAR PERRY of Austin, Texas. And Institute Pasteur of Guadeloupe, and Mrs. RUTH ALLEN, of Cinnaminson, N. J., and Drs. MERVIN GROVEMAN of Bordentown, N. J., and M. ASLAM KHAN of Lahore, Pakistan. And RICHARD MEARS, of Northport, N. Y., and E. F. OWENS of McAllen, Texas, and Capt. MICHAEL PEACH III of WRAIR, and YUAN-HWANG TSAI of Bristol Labs, in Syracuse, N. Y., and TAKAO WATANABE of the University of Tohoku, in Sendai, Japan; and not to overlook WARRAN FINEGAN of North Woburn, Mass., and BOB HUNTER of Midland, Michigan, and MICHAEL IAZZETTA of Kenilworth, N. J., and WOODROW STEWART of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and VAUGHN E. WAGNER of Dutchess County, in Poughkeepsie.

Then there's DONALD F. J. HILTON of Edmonton, Alberta, and ROSS LEWIS of the San Joaquin MAD (California), and JOSEPH RODISH of Joliet, Illinois; and Lt. JOSEPH SAVAGE of Garden City, Long Island; and RUSSELL D. ANDERSON of the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City, and MARIO DARY of Guatemala City, and GLEN GERKEN of the Compton Creek (California) MAD; and JACK HAYES of the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston.

And Capt. PAUL JACKSON in San Antonio (and we guess Ft. Sam?); and DR. OSCAR DE SOUZA LOPES, of the Laboratorio de Arbovirus, in Sao Paulo; and E. A. PHILEN of the Florida State Board of Health in Jacksonville; and ROBERT SANDERS of the University of California, and WILLIAM R. SPEAR of Fort Myers, Florida. And JOHN R. REED of DePest Control Service, in Monrovia, Liberia; and DR. MICHAEL VANVELDHOVEN of Curaçao, and HUMBERTO RODRIGUEZ of Aragua, Venezuela; and ANTHONY POOLE of Grand Cayman; and TAKAO TADANO of the University of Tokyo; and the Base Civil Engineer of APO San Francisco 96529 and the U S Navy Public Works Center, of FPO San Francisco 96651 (that's AVELINO BANAAG); and RAYMOND COLLINS of USAID/Philippines, APO 96528; and Major JIM WILLMAN of the 5th US Army Med lab in St. Louis; and Capt. MICHAEL SULLIVAN of the SEATO lab in Bangkok; and DR. JESSE HOEBS of USAID/ Rio de Janeiro; and Professor ELLSWORTH WHEELER of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst; and KAZUMI SAITO of Chuo Kofu-Shi, in Japan; and EDGAR SMITH of USAID/ New Delhi; and E. J. HEIDIG of the USPHS in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Now all of you good people write in and tell us what you're doing and make it a point to come to the meetings in Williamsburg, too, hear? And anyone we left out, you write us, too, and tell us. And Welcome every one of you.

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