

NEWS AND NOTES

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WE OPEN THIS MONTH WITH A HEAVY HEART BUT A FIRM RESOLVE AND WE HOPE THAT DON IN HIS NEWER AND LARGER CONCERNS CAN FIND A MOMENT TO LOOK OVER OUR SHOULDER and guide us, because Bick and Margaret are going to have their hands full. Don always steered me away from solecisms so gently that, like my dachshund that comes promptly the seventh time he is called, I didn't always catch on right away.

We are opening with a new deadline . . . the twentieth of the *second* month preceding publication . . . and a sore thumb on the space bar, so we hope that you will bear with us. Or that the printer will!

Margaret Slater wrote that a memorial service was held for Don at the Slingerlands Community Church to which Don, a Presbyterian, had given long support. Ted Raley commissioned Margaret to send flowers in the name of the Association.

BARNEY TRAVIS RETIRED A WHOLE YEAR AGO and Cornell despaired of filling his shoes and so they didn't, but now they have decided to give it the old college try anyway, and reactivate their Medical Entomology program. Ed SMITH sent us the announcement, and unless it has been filled by now, you should contact him if you are interested. The position will be an assistant professor, with primary teaching responsibility but research on major medical entomology problems of New York State, primarily mosquitoes and blackflies, of course. The applicant should have a PhD and preferably some post-doctoral experience. A resumé *curriculum vitae*, transcripts and names of five references may be sent to Dr. Smith at Comstock Hall, Ithaca, New York 14805. (We're glad we don't have to have *five* references to be retired!) Cornell is Equal Opportunity, of course. P.S. How's your year been, Barney?

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA BY WAY OF WALLY MURDOCH is also on the lookout for a person to be Manager of the American Registry of Professional Entomologists. The announcement was sent out 1 October and the deadline for a reply was 22 October but we'll be astonished if they get someone quite that soon and if you're in the area, you may want to give Wally a call. They want someone of broad professional experience, needless to say, with entomological stature, executive experience, demonstrated administrative ability, sound financial judgment, speaking and writing ability, cooperativeness, leadership and innovativeness. With all this, the applicant must be under 50. Only three references are required, however, same as for Uncle. ESA is P.O. Box AJ, College Park, Maryland, 20740. It's a job of real importance to the profession of entomology, which has taken a considerable beating this past year or so.

GENE GERBERG SENT US A XEROX OF A CLIP FROM THE WALLSTREET JOURNAL (and we hope the Xerox Corp will forgive us if we stay in line with most rugged-individual Americans in continuing to speak of "a xerox"; they brought it on themselves, and I'm sure they know it!) It bears on what Cornell U thinks the major entomological problems in the medical line ARE in N. Y. State. Anyway, a Miss Karen Sullivan quotes Gene extensively and reports from her own research that lice have multiplied extensively across the nation. She says officials blame long hair styles, looser morals and simple lack of personal cleanliness for fostering lice as well as the fact that most Americans just don't think nice people GET lice. Although the increasing bans against insecticides of any sort or any place are playing a part in the resurgence of all insect pests, Gene points out that resistance is an ultimately inevitable limiting factor anyway. So he's looking for a substance which will unglue the eggs of the head and pubic lice, a tactic on the level of MIR MULLA's lowering the surface tension to make mosquito larvae SINK. Wonder what would happen if someone sprayed around with something to unglue all the *Culex* egg rafts?

PREXY KEN KNIGHT, DICK PETERS (PREX OF THE CALIFORNIA MCA), TED RALEY, JACK KIMBALL AND DON MURRAY ARE BEATING THE DRUMS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING IN ANAHEIM, please, NOT Disneyland, but Disneyland Hotel which did us so beautifully once before. Their announcements are hopeful or confident depending on their geographical location, that this will be ever bigger and better, as has been our fortunate wont of late years. Better get your reservations in! Besides the meetings, there will be Disneyland itself, of course, and Knott's Berry Farm, where we used to stop by the side of the road to get their marvelous home-developed Boysenberry plants, and juice and syrup and now have almost a second Disneyland to enthral us (wow), and a fine restaurant at Orange Hill, with a panoramic view, but not, alas, as once, of lushly-green orderly orange groves stretching to the horizon. There's the Lion Country safari at Irvine (as well as a magnificent new U of Cal campus) and the ladies will have lunch at Long Beach on the Queen Mary, now permanently anchored there and sporting fine restaurants, fine shops and tourist traps in equal proportions but well worth the visit (it's free, though the guided tour isn't). Remember. . . it's 23-27 February. That's mighty soon!

WE ALMOST CALLED ON ALL ENTOMOLOGIST WOMEN'S LIBBERS TO APPLY FOR THE CORNELL THING BUT THEN WE OPENED OUR MAIL AND WE HAVE A REAL THING FOR THEM! A letter from

DAN JOBBINS informs us that JUDY HANSEN is the new Super of the Cape May County Mosquito Extermination Commission and hurray for you, Judy! Judy's had a long apprenticeship as scheduling manager under the late BOYD RAFFERTY and is additionally a highly esteemed mosquito taxonomist, which shows it doesn't pay to be prejudiced about either women or taxonomists, doesn't it? We think you're a FIRST, Judy, and we heartily wish you a long life and great success!!

AND SPEAKING OF TAXONOMISTS, STAN CARPENTER'S AND WALTER LACASSE'S *MOSQUITOES OF NORTH AMERICA* IS ABOUT TO BE REISSUED, according to a letter from the University of California Press' manager Harlan Kessel which Ted sent us. This classic work, first commissioned by Walter from Dr. Yamaguchi's (note that *ch*, please . . . it's NOT pronounced "gooti") expert group of entomological artists, then in Kyoto, and later extensively revised and edited by Stanley, is a real must for anyone even pretending to be a mosquito *person*. It's due out in the spring of 1974 and we advise an early order, for every indication is that the demand will be strong.

TOMMY MULHERN ANNOUNCES A NEW PUBLICATION, TOO, WHICH OUGHT TO BE OF HIGH INTEREST AND ON EVERY DISTRICT LIBRARY SHELF . . . OR RATHER IN EVERY SHOP! Entitled "Training Manual for Personnel of Official Mosquito Control Agencies," its preparation was undertaken at the request of the CMCA as part of the California answer to the demands placed upon EPA by the Congress to see to it that insecticide applicators are trained and certified as competent to perform the jobs they are expected to do. The books, under the aegis of the California Bureau of Vector Control and the CMCA, was printed on the "CMCA Press" at Visalia, which must mean DON MURRAY had a hand in it as well as TOMMY and, of course, DICK PETERS. Price is not yet fixed but will probably be about \$6.00 to CMCA members and \$8.00 to others, and cheap at any price . . . we mean a *bargain*! You'll get to set it, no doubt, at Anaheim. WE've seen it and it's tremendous!

W. L. GOJMERAC IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVESTOCK INSECT WORK CONFERENCE THIS COMING YEAR and asks that we remind you of the dates for the conference, which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, 9 through 12 July, 1974. And added sightseeing trips for *that* meeting include the famed Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service Laboratory and a lovely city, not to mention the Harp and Kettle and the House of Cheese, just off Capitol Square! The price of meat what it is, though, just the livestock insects ought to be enough inducement!

ROLLIE DORER'S *SKEETER* TELLS US THAT

SOUTH CAROLINA NOW HAS A MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, which was created in August at a meeting held at Wampee. (They have the cwaziest names in SC!) About 50 persons attended and were addressed by JOHNNY MULRENNAN, who told them about Florida's Association, JAMES FULP, who told about North Carolina's, and ROLLIE, who spoke about Virginia's. MAX ASHLEY, JR., is Prexy, FRANK ARNOLD is VP and JERRY BURKETT is Secretary-Treasurer. Imagine SOUTH Carolina taking any advice from NORTH Carolina! Times shore does change! Good luck, y'all!

We're half a mind to think Rollie originates the wise sayings that're used for fillers in *Skeeter*. Anyhow, one he got off recently strikes us mighty close, so here it is: "Failure is frequently the path of least persistence." We like that, Rollie.

Rollie also says, with a wry smile, that neither TV nor newspaper media can match that good old medical compendium *Reader's Digest* (no adv.!) for despite wide publicity on the use of Flit MLO (free adv.), numerous callers phoned in to JACK DENT and STUART MCCAUSLAND to ask whyinell they didn't use this "new" stuff that RD had an article about!

And finally (what would we do without *Skeeter*?) we hear (solely through this medium) that Colonel L. W. TRAGER of the Air Force Aerial Spray Flight Mission, now at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, got 100% kill of *Aedes taeniorhynchus* in the Canal Zone jungles. They used Malathion in ULV at 4 ounces per acre, last July.

OFFERS OF JOBS ARE NOT EXACTLY ROLLING IN SINCE WE RETIRED . . . THOUGH WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT *THAT* IN HAWAII . . . SO OUR THOUGHTS ARE TURNING TO A LITTLE BLACKMAIL. We just happen to hold in our hand a little list. No, not Communists. Card-carrying non-dues-paying AMCA'ers! You'd be *surprised* some of the guys that don't pay up until TED threatens to cut off their *Mosquito News*. That usually gets them. They can't bear not to read US, naturally. But still there are some holdouts who wait and *wait*. C'mon, fellers! It's costing us *money*! You ain't *THAT* broke!

IT MUST BE BECAUSE WE CAJOLED TED INTO ADMITTING AMCA WASN'T HEADED FOR THE BANKRUPTCY COURT YET *THIS* YEAR. We should have let you go on shedding tears, Ted. Instead of reporting that we're still glowing from the \$5000 from the Texas Association and that despite IRS strictures we're in pretty good shape. Ted's trying to get the Post Office to grant us second class mailing rates as a non-profit organization. If the PO hasn't been corrupted too, by Watergate, maybe we'll make it! Bul. #1 revision is well underway and *Mosquito Systematics*, in Spanish and containing an anopheline key to Western South America by DICK GORHAM is going

free to members in that area and will be available probably for about a dollar to the rest of us.

ART LINDQUIST IS IN BRIDGEPORT STRANGELY ENOUGH . . . OR WAS IN LATE AUGUST. That's where his *house* is, of course. But he and Nita have done their customary gallivanting. Right after he wrote, they went to Oregon to visit one son and family in Corvallis (their other son, Dr. D. A., is with the International Atomic Energy Commission, though working with insects, in Vienna). Then down through California and home in October. They had just completed a 28 day junket into the Dakotas, Minnesota, Canada and Colorado in their new Ford van-and-mini-camper. Any of you who haven't had a visit from the Lindquists must live on an awful bad road! Only reason they came home apparently was for the Swedish *Hyllingsfest*, but Art didn't say if that's a wine or a fish.

ROSS ARNETT'S SPECTACULARLY BEAUTIFUL COLOR REPRODUCTIONS IN HIS *INSECT WORLD DIGEST* continued with unabated quality despite his move to New York State, though the move did delay publication, which is still centered in Florida. If you aren't a subscriber, now's your chance, while Ross's Charter Subscriptions are still available. It's only \$8.50 if you pay with your order, a great bargain for any publication these days. The address is P.O. Box 428, Latham, New York 12110.

DR. CHARLES SCHAEFFER MANAGED TO GET THE SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY EXAMINER AND CHRONICLE to scoop the R Digest with an article on juvenile hormones in mosquito control which ought to be good public relations for everybody working in Northern California. The UC Mosquito Control Research Lab in Fresno has been testing a commercial product containing the JH and they think it may work as well as it has in the laboratory. One thing, though; it *wasn't* first discovered in the late 60's! Newspapers never get things quite right, of course, but Dr. Williams first reported on JH in meetings in Salt Lake City in the early 50's! We don't want these Instant Environmentalists to think entomologists just started exploring insecticide alternatives after they started yapping!

DON PLETSCHE WROTE US FROM HIGH IN THE SKIES ABOARD A PAN-AM FLIGHT FROM BRASILIA TO PANAMA, AND WHAT BETTER PLACE TO WRITE ABOUT WORLD-WIDE COMMITTEE DOINGS, TO SAY NOTHING OF DON'S OWN? After seeing ED SMITH in Washington DC, Don headed for Brasilia to participate in a malaria program review. It was no surprise (Don says) to be met by JIM THOMSON at the airport at 4 AM but he was both delighted and surprised to be met by Drs. ERNANI FERREIRA and IVAN RICCIARDI who knew only that he *might* come. Ivan's charming and patient

wife kept them supplied with food while they spent a delightful, entomological day talking eighteen to the dozen. After that, Don went to Santa Catarina State where *Kertzezi*(a?)-borne malaria is a problem. (The only *kertzezi* we know, Don, is a *Leptoconops*, which you surely didn't mean. Shows how ignorant we are. What's with this *Kertzezia*, if we're reading your airplane-jiggle correctly?) The residual spraying program had knocked malaria out in Paraná and São Paulo States, but Sta. Catarina housing, being a mite fancier, the occupants just didn't want them sprayed (with *diesel* oil, Don, ugh! the way they did in Okinawa?). Anyhow, removal of bromeliads was the only other solution and what does one do when it takes 3 days to de-bromeliadize a single tree???. Some 4,000 plants! The above-named gents and GLENN FLEMING have made some exciting tests on flight range and longevity. . . and how about a paper to *Mosquito News*, pals? We are burning with curiosity about *Leptoconops*-anophelines that breed in bromeliads!!!

After Sta Catarina, Don returned to Brasilia and a pizza feast on the Hotel Nacional terrace and, (what else?) another peripatetic AMCA'er, GIL CHAMBERS. Small world! Don then asks, rhetorically, "Retirement is great but when does one rest?" Well, Don, if you're Don Pletsch, you DON'T. Sorry.

JOE WEBB CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND THE SECRET BUT WE WON'T BANK ON IT. He SAYS he finally gave up the professional grind a year ago and is gardening, hiking, fishing, hunting and travelling, with emphasis on the f & h for the freezer, in case meat keeps going up. For the past four years, he's done some of this in Idaho and Montana but since gas prices are going up, too, he may stick to Georgia's equal charms. In addition to Caribbean and Mediterranean cruises last year, they went this fall to Germany to see son Jody, an Air Force fighter pilot. Hawaii too, next Lois and Joe? *E komo mai!*

WELL, ALAMEDA COUNTY (CALIF.) MAD REPORTS THAT UNTIL JULY OF THIS YEAR THEIR SERVICE REQUEST CALLS HAD BEEN ABOVE THE TEN YEAR AVERAGE BUT THEY DIDN'T TAKE IT LYING DOWN. 'Course high rainfall (*any* rainfall to speak of after February is high there) and flooded, seldom-needed storm drains and even flooded basements accounted for most of it. FRED ROBERTS reports they got right in there with public information on backyard and curb-side community action, with fish stocking (262 plants directed at *Culiseta incidens* in back-yard fish ponds) and source prevention and (shudder) with chemicals! In conjunction with EARL MORTENSEN, they had a meeting with the South San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge rep (and San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties' MAD's). By August, the complaints of *Culex dorsalis*. . . a vicious biter. . . had dropped to nearly zilch

so they knew their work was showing results. Incidentally, anyone who has flown into the Bay Area, or especially into Oakland Airport, may find it hard to believe that the County had to treat 25 acres of irrigated pastureland in August! Outside of Golden Gate Park in The City and the area of landscaping around the airport itself, we didn't think there was that much level open space in the Bay area. (Note to out-of-Staters: In California, counties go all to Hell and gone.

. . . Alameda stretches way out into the Valley on the other side of the hills behind it!)

WELL, BILL BICKLEY, SIR, IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN READING US LATELY, NOW YOU SEE what you're faced with . . . and what you started way back in 1950-something-or-other. Keep a stiff upper lip. We know you can hack it, EASILY! Best wishes!!

Pau hana

THE ANAHEIM MEETING

The Disneyland Hotel in fabulous Orange County, California, will be the setting for the February 24-27, 1974, Joint Meeting of the American and California Mosquito Control Associations. Jack Kimball, Manager of the Orange County Mosquito Abatement District and Chairman of local arrangements has made extraordinary preparations to assure everyone attending of the greatest experience ever. Mel Oldham, Manager of the Tehama County Mosquito Abatement District, California, and Harold Chapman, Director of the U.S.D.A. Mosquito Research Laboratory, Lake Charles, Louisiana, joint Program Chairmen, are assembling an outstanding program for managers, trustees, and technical and operational personnel.

Even more favored will be the wives and families of Association members who will be able to bask in sunshine (already arranged for by Jack!) and visit the tourist attractions in the near vicinity. Disneyland will be open Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. A tour to visit the Queen Mary, with lunch, is scheduled for Tuesday, and Monday will afford opportunity for a shopping spree tour. Special group tour arrangements can be made to visit Lion Country Safari, Knotts Berry Farm and the Japanese Village, all within 15 minutes of the Disneyland Hotel.

A super banquet accompanied by music will be preceded by an informal hospitality mixer and followed by a dance slated to advance the coming of Spring.