

NEWS AND NOTES

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The News and Notes Editor is taking a long vacation in Europe. Additions to the column have been made without his knowledge.

WE ARE WRITING THIS IN AUGUST FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE AND WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED OUR JUNE ISSUE YET so we don't have any idea what we said (our carbons got taken off by the movers because they didn't pay any attention when we said THAT brief case sitting by itself in the empty room *didn't go.*) However, whatever we said about the North Central Region American Mosquito Control Association—National Mosquito Control Fish and Wild Life Management Coordination Committee meeting hosted by the Illinois Mosquito Control Association (we THINK we said "whew!") wasn't enough and wasn't all right and Dr. EMANUEL FETZER wrote to correct it and we're glad he did and we hope any of the rest of you who don't get reported properly will write, too, because that's the only way we GET News and Notes, you know. Sometimes, we get so desperate for letters we INTENTIONALLY make a mistake, just to get corrected, but this time we didn't. We just goofed and we're sorry.

Well, what Dr. Fetzter wrote to say was that the meetings were largely the good labors of Dr. CAL ALVAREZ and also to let us know that CAL is now with the American Cyanamid Co. (and good luck and all success in your new venture, Cal!). We hadn't even noticed that it was down that way in the meeting program and Dr. Emanuel Fetzter is the new District Manager of the DesPlaines Valley (Illinois) MAD and he added, what everyone who wrote said, that the meetings were outstandingly successful and the papers were all so good no one of them should have been singled out for mention. We just wish we could have been there!

GEORGE THOMPSON CAUGHT US OUT BEING INATTENTIVE, TOO, AND WROTE US A NICE LETTER TO SAY THAT HE'S NOW RETIRED as of 31 May of this year. Like most of us he finds it a mixed blessing; the old habits persist and the feeling that one ought to be doing SOMETHING not just sitting there enjoying himself. George has joined the ranks of the Consulting Entomologists and has a *letterhead* to prove it (all we have is cards . . . though they're mighty nice cards which JOHN SHANAFELT presented us with at Anaheim and for which we're continually grateful . . . they've been mighty useful in OUR Consulting Business!). George notes that EPA is putting its blessing on the ESA registry of professional entomologists (nice of it!) and he wonders if in addition to being so sanctified, we'll now be

pasteurized. We don't think it'd cure our foot-in-mouth disease, George!

GEORGE CARMICHAEL'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE WAS AN ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, celebrating New Orleans mosquito control's tenth year and embellished by a quote from a gent who remarked at the turn of the century that "Mosquitoes are flying insects with a damnably poisonous bite which everyone except hotel managers (has) suffered from." George points out that their ten years of successful control can be measured not only by the steady decline of mosquito densities but by the readily visible means of the spread of the City into areas previously uninhabitable because of mosquitoes. He credits his staff with high dedication and the public with outstanding support and his whole report points up one salient reason for success in a mosquito control program . . . surveillance. His report includes good discussions of the many modes and means made use of over the years, from hand methods to DC-3's and ULV. Maybe he'll send you a copy; it's good reading.

VMCA'S SKEETER IS ALWAYS GOOD READING TOO, AND WE HOPE YOU GET IT BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T, ALLOW US TO QUOTE A BIT. As you all know from your grade-school history classes, the Capital of Virginia was moved to Williamsburg almost before Captain John Smith's Jamestown had got well settled in. That was in 1698. SKEETER dug around a little more in the history books and came up with this: "When the state-house and prison were burnt down, Governor Nicholson removed the residence of the governor, with the meetings of the town, in a healthier and more convenient place, and free from the annoyance of moschetoës." If they'd had ROLLIE DORER and his legion, Jamestown might still be the Capital and the Venice of Virginia.

WOMEN'S LIB MARCHES RIGHT ALONG IN MOSQUITO CONTROL AND WE'RE PROUD AND GLAD TO WELCOME MISS SARAH HODGES, a graduate of Madison College, who is now the Biologist-Entomologist for the Virginia Beach-Lynnhaven and Kempsville-Bayside Mosquito Control Commissions in the Old Dominion.

DR. DON MURRAY OUR INDOMITABLE SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORTS THAT WE'RE IN GOOD SOUND FINANCIAL STATE despite the fact that Consolidated Edison failed (shudder) to make a dividend payment in the 2nd Quarter, the first such failure in all the years since 1885! Don, seeming curiously apologetic and meek, says he had only the best advice, like the Hatter at Alice's teaparty, who put the best butter in his watch, points out

that Con Ed never HAD passed a dividend before and is one of the World's LARGEST utility companies and furthermore was highly recommended by Dean Witter (with whom we went to school, so HE's all right) and Co. Well, there's no need to panic. We don't think either the Republic or Con Ed is on the brink of ruin. Nor AMCA, for that matter!

FRED ROBERTS' ALAMEDA COUNTY (CALIFORNIA) MAD REPORTED JOYFULLY IN MIDSUMMER that despite abundant rainfall, the mosquito populations remained "normal," meaning under control. He adds incidentally that midges (those mosquito-look-alikes that cause so many complaints) were low, too. Well, of course, one does hear that they're filling in San Francisco Bay at an alarmingly rapid rate. Any connection, Fred? (We've moved to San Francisco between that sentence and this one . . . and sitting here looking out at the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge with the fingers of fog just lightly touching it, we're happy to see it doesn't look MUCH different and we can't see a single mosquito over in Marin County!)

BILL BARTON WRITES FROM METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT WHERE HE IS CARRYING ON AL BUZICKY'S WORK to tell us of the retirement of two old friends and long-time AMCA'ers. CLAYT BARNUM and MEL BODINE have joined the ranks of Wise Old Men . . . wise enough to retire and enjoy life while they can. CLAYT was Ramsey County Supervisor since the district was organized in 1958 and retired last December (1973). Since Clayt enjoyed the reputation of being the best man in the State of Minnesota at finding *Coquillettidia perturbans* larvae and *Aedes vexans* eggs, we know he's sorely missed (pun). MEL co-authored a number of papers on *Aedes sticticus* which have appeared in MN, having started with the District when it was organized and serving the last 11 years as Anoka County Supervisor. He retired in June of this year. Both these wise mosquito control specialists are now enjoying the distinction of being specialists in travel, leisurely fishing and grandchildren-sitting. Happy days!

DR. PHILIP S. CORBET, who is DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES of the University of Canterbury in Christ-Church, New Zealand, has become a Life Member, we're informed by JIM LONG and TOMMY MULHERN. Christ-Church, besides being one of the loveliest little cities in the Southern Hemisphere, with a fantastic Botanical Garden, also has a little gem of a Museum with an impressive insect collection. It's next door to the University and we're sure Dr. Corbet has had more than a small hand in it; it's a Must See, if you're ever there. We know we welcome Dr. Corbet in the name of Everybody!

TED AND VI RALEY have a new address: 2706

W. Ashlan, Sp. 207, Fresno, California 93705. They had a summer of complete relaxation.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA ARBOVIRUS SURVEILLANCE COMMITTEE will serve as a cooperator in the National Mosquito Identification Service and will identify mosquitoes from North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Requests should be sent to Dr. G. C. Parikh, Microbiology Department, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota 57006

While this number of *Mosquito News* was "in press" the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE was holding its 23rd annual meeting at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. Some of the sessions over which AMCA member LLOYD ROZEBOOM was presiding were held in the LIKELIKE Room. Your official editor can explain that example of colloquialism. Many papers dealing with various aspects of mosquito-borne diseases were on the program. One of them pertained to the 1974 epidemic of Murray Valley encephalitis in Australia.

The Mosquitoes of North America by CARPENTER and LACASSE has been reprinted by the University of California Press.

SIR SAMUEL RICKARD CHRISTOPHERS will reach the age of 101 on Nov. 27, 1974. An informal biography of the famous specialist in tropical medicine appeared in the August 1974 number of *Tropical Medicine and Hygiene News*.

THE EASTERN BRANCH, ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA met in late September at Hershey, Pennsylvania. One symposium considered alternative methods of mosquito control. Participants were R. W. GWADZ, ANDREW SPIELMAN, C. S. LOFGREN, E. J. GERBERG and D. W. ROBERTS. Growth regulators, autocidal control using sterile males, *Toxorhynchites*, fungi and protozoa were emphasized. Fish and nematodes were neglected.

Another Eastern Branch session was entitled "Advances in Research on Biting Flies." PAUL CATTS was the moderator. Among the other participants were R. C. AXTELL, E. J. HANSENS, and N. O. MORGAN. The emphasis was on tabanids.

THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT—Worcester and Middlesex Counties—was established this year. The superintendent is DR. L. W. SMITH, JR. The area included in the project consists of 589 square miles. Northboro is the headquarters. A well-balanced program of source reduction and adulticiding is now underway.

THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece, July 14-16, 1975. Titles

and abstracts of papers should be submitted, before April 1, 1975, to the Chairman of the Program Committee, PROFESSOR E. J. L. SOULBY, Dept. of Pathobiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 3800 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. The chairman of Local Arrangements is PROFESSOR C. A. HIMONAS, Dept. of Applied Helminthology and Entomology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Aristotelian University, Thessaloniki, Greece.

The cost of reprints of articles published in *Mosquito News* will be increased effective with the March 1975 number. The new schedule of prices will accompany galley proofs for the March number. The Boyd Printing Company has informed us that the new schedule is now in effect for most of the other journals which they print.

THE CALIFORNIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIA-

TION will hold its 43rd Annual Meeting at Redding, CA, January 26-29, 1975. The Chairman of the Program Committee is G. S. STAINS, Route 1, Box 22E, Thermal, CA 92274.

JIM KITZMILLER is now Professor Emeritus of Zoology, University of Illinois. He has joined the staff of the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, Box 520, Vero Beach 32960. He will keep busy working with MAURIE PROVOST, JIM HAEGER, GEORGE O'MEARA, JOHN EDMAN, and others. The month of June was spent in Lima, Peru, teaching a course in mosquito genetics at San Marcos University. After a few stops Jim landed in Villavicencio, Colombia where Marston Bates wrote "The Natural History of Mosquitoes." There he worked with Glenn Fleming and Dick Krutzer examining mosquito brains and salivary glands. Attempts were also made to colonize *Anopheles albiparvus* and *A. darlingi*.

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