

## NEWS AND NOTES

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HEY! HAVE YOU SEEN AMCA'S NEW PUBLICATION *MOSQUITOES and Their Control in the United States*? It is on glossy and heavy stock and has that great color photo of *Aedes* on the cover and a lot of bee-you-tiful pictures inside, plus a fine, succinct, comprehensive text to go along with them. It covers all the corners of the United States (and the principles are applicable to a great many other places) and if we had a bunch of hard-nosed administrative types doling out *our* money any more, we'd make pretty certain they saw a copy. Or two. It was prepared by HARRY PRATT and the members of the Public Relations Committee and we ought to give a grateful nod to CHEVRON as well, for they "sponsored" it. The Executive Sec has it and the only thing we don't know is the price. GIL CHALLET and FRED BEAMS, who sponsored it a good bit more directly, didn't say when they sent it to us. (Thankee Fred and Gil!) (PS See News Letter # 15!)

ALAS, THINGS CAME UP THAT KEPT US FROM WASHINGTON, WHERE MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE AFORE-MENTIONED BROCHURE, SO ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE, that the First Session opened with a colorful Trooping of the Colors, with the Navy Band . . . very impressive. . . and especially that the Memorial Lecture, honoring our late Dr. DON REES, given by Dr. J. D. GILLET (of the London School of Tropical Medicine, you know, of course) was both excellent and inspiring and you will be able to read it in an early issue. Perhaps this one. The rest of this report is by Our Correspondent:

The attendance was a little lower than expected (at least by ONE) but the meetings were exceptionally good both in the quality of the papers and that of the discussions. The support of our advertisers and distributors was outstanding too. (We've got to DO something about them. . . like tell 'em when we buy their products how much we appreciate their support, too.) Socially, Our Correspondent was glad to see DOYLE and LOUISE REED in attendance and gladdened but saddened to hear that DAYTON STEELMAN is abandoning Medical Entomology to become the Asst. Director of the Louisiana State Experiment Station.

YE ED. REPORTED THAT OUR JOURNAL UPPED THE NUMBER OF PAGES AND THE NUMBER OF AR-

TICLES IN 1978 ABOVE THE AVERAGE OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS. And the prospects are for larger numbers in 1979. When one couples this with the fact that more and more foreign workers and libraries are finding MN indispensable, to say nothing of home-grown customers, we all should feel sort of proud, don't you think? And I guess we *do*, don't we?

HARRY PRATT SENT US A "VALENTINE" LETTER TO TELL US THAT THE JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE RETIRED USPHS ENTOMOLOGISTS met for lunch at his house. The "Geritol Gang" (Harry's phrase) welcomed a new member, SAM BREELAND, who joined HARRY, NEWELL GOOD, PAUL RICE, CLYDE FEHN, DON JOHNSON, KENT LITTIG and LES BEADLE last year and officially joined up with them early this year. He goes soon to head up the Vero Beach lab, we hear. The Society of Retired CDC Entomologists membership application has a place for listing *past* capacities (Sam was Chief of Medical Entomology in the Bureau of Tropical Diseases, Acting Chief of the Central America Research Station, Entomologist of the CDC/Emory University Newton Field Station, among other things) and it also has a place to list other specific needs which might suddenly arise, such as prune juice, nitroglycerine, Prep H, Inhalation Therapy or Other. Don't laugh, you young fellers.

HARRY ASKED US A QUESTION WE'VE OFTEN BEEN ASKED AND WE DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OURSELF, YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, but yes, the A. W. Morrill who received his PhD in Entomology at Massachusetts Agricultural College, now Univ. of Mass., was our Dad. Maybe you think it didn't use to embarrass us when folks said they had a photo of us at the founding meeting of the Cotton States Branch in 1905, or asked for a reprint of our paper on citrus insects from 1908!

FRED LESSER SENT US A STAMP FROM GUYANA HONORING DR. GEORGE GIGLIOLI AND THAT MADE US VERY HAPPY BOTH AS A STAMP COLLECTOR AND AS A MOSQUITO CONTROLLER. Guyana has unhappily suffered so much and so undeservedly in the news of late that we're glad to have this bright accomplishment to record. The nicely colored ten-center features a picture of Dr. Giglioli, a young researcher peering

through a microscope and an anopheline. Dr. Giglioli was, of course, the father of our own Dr. Marco Giglioli, of the Grand Cayman, and Latin-America Caribbean Regional Director.

ROLLIE DORER WAS AFFECTIONATELY HONORED AND AFFECTIONATELY "PANNED" IN THE SKITS AT A DINNER GIVEN LAST DECEMBER IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA. Attended by approximately a hundred people from the surrounding regions, the dinner featured tributes both in jest and for real by BILL BICKLEY (Maryland), CHARLIE McCOTTER (North Carolina), LARRY KASE (Maryland), ROY TOLBERT (Eastern Shore) and DICK COCKRELL (Virginia Beach). They are all looking forward to Rollie's next retirement in another twenty years.

STAN FREEBORN'S *MOSQUITOES OF CALIFORNIA*, WHOSE SECOND EDITION WAS BROUGHT OUT WITH DICK BOHART AS CO-AUTHOR IN 1951, has now been revised by DICK and BOB WASHING and was reviewed by STAN CARPENTER in vol. 25, numbers 3/4 of *California Vector Views*, dated March/April 1978. BILL REEVES wrote the Foreword and so you have there the absolutely top echelon. We can't reproduce Stan's detailed critique but he finds much to praise, including excellent keys and an outstanding selection of literature references, and he concludes that it is a "timely, comprehensive, and practical publication. . . . and it should be a most useful tool. . . ."

WE CAN'T ANNOUNCE DON MURRAY'S RETIREMENT FROM DELTA VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT (Calif) and from the CMCA (pardon, CMVCA) Secretaryship without an heartfelt *Ave Atque Vale* to both Don and TOMMY MULHERN, to the one for the magnificent job he has done for us all these years and to the other for his past jobs well done, now transferred to our Executive Director's Office in Fresno. And we think we should all rise to thank LINDA SHIELDS as well, for the great job she has done helping Tommy these past years, carrying on in the interregnum and into the new regime. Bouquets all 'round!

DON AND HIS GOOD WIFE FRAN TOOK OFF FOR AUSTRALIA IN THE INTERVAL AND HOW WE ENVY THEM THEIR VISIT TO THAT WONDERFUL DOWN UNDER. Don writes, "We had a wonderful time. We spent 2 weeks with a French family with which I had become well acquainted in the New Hebrides in the South Pacific during World War II, and 1 week on the Gold Coast

near Brisbane, with Keith and Dawn Ferguson. The Fergusons had spent about 2 months touring the United States a year ago, visiting mosquito control agencies from California to Florida, where they became well acquainted with many American mosquito control workers, including the Murrays. They had done such an excellent job of describing the Gold Coast of Australia that I decided to visit it, to see the vector problems first hand to learn more about vector problems in Australia. Keith and Dawn were truly wonderful hosts. I learned a lot about Australian vector problems and Frances and I both learned a lot about the wonderful Australian people and their country. One word describes all this—GREAT!" Which anyone who has been there can well appreciate.

DR. ERNEST N. CORY DIED RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF NINETY-TWO leaving a host of bereaved students and associates. Those of us who came along as neophytes when Dr. Cory was already a leading light in Entomology remember warmly not only his indefatigable activity in the cause of the profession but also the way he made us warmly welcome in it and in the American Association of Economic Entomology, as it then was. In those days, newly-hatched entomologists crept timidly into the halls of erudition, for Dr. Cory's generation knew *all* the insects, their hosts, their life habits and their control (which was not, of course, a very complicated list of chemicals and biological controls and methodologies.) Dr. Cory was a charter member of the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers, without which WE wouldn't be. He was also an enthusiastic orchid fancier and inspired many another.

DR. HARRY HOOGSTRAAL WAS, IN NOVEMBER, PRESENTED WITH THE WALTER REED MEDAL BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE at their Annual Meeting in Chicago. The encomiums fill three pages of the *T M & H News* and we shan't attempt to quote it all here; we WERE a bit taken aback, though, at the remark that "Even this period of his career was not unproductive. . . ." in speaking of his outstanding service in the Army during WW II and immediately thereafter, at the 4th Med Lab and the 19th Med Gen. WE thought his work with Dr. (Col.) King was pretty damn productive indeed, as has been his work with NAMRU 3, in Cairo. More than 200 species of plants, reptiles, birds, mammals, insects, mites, ticks and even protozoa have been given the specific name *hoogstraali* by his admiring cohorts in his various activities.

EARL MORTENSEN, GEORGE ROTRAMEL and JERRY PRINE PUBLISHED A VERY FINE STUDY IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE of the *California Vector Views*, on "The Use of Ovitrap to Evaluate *Aedes sierrensis* Populations." They intended this to be a measure of the effectiveness of tree-hole filling and treatment programs and possibly of adulticiding programs. We got to wondering if they'd do us any good up in Mendocino County where there *isn't* any control program. Every little egg taken out of production helps.

SOUTH CAROLINA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION'S *LANDING RATE COUNT* came out in January with a new glossy format and it looks great. HOWARD ROACH, the new Editor, makes a hopeful plea for more input, (sound familiar?) and notes to MAX ASKEY that, yes, "Charleston IS a part of the State." Howard is also the VP of SCMCA, PATRICIA WRIGHT is Prexy and they have a Historian: JANE SIGMON to whom we can only say, "Good Luck!" Getting CURRENT news is hard enough.

TOM BAST, HOWEVER, HAS FILLED US IN ON A LOT OF NEWS. JACQUES BERLIN, of the New York State Health Dept. regional office in Buffalo had the pleasure of seeing one of the students he helped train in the NSF student science training program become one of 40 finalists selected out of over 5,000 for a Westinghouse scholarship. Meanwhile, ED BOSLER of the same Buffalo regional office, has been doing a lot of work on the Love Canal situation, of which your TV has no doubt told you, and feels pretty good at their success, on which he reported at the meetings. And JORGE BENACH, of the White Plains Region, will be presenting a paper on *Babesiosis* at the Mexico City conference in April. (He's just been appointed to the faculty of the Health Sciences Center of the S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook.)

PERIPATETIC GENE GERBERG RECENTLY SPENT A MONTH IN THAILAND. HE WROTE US IN FEBRUARY, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GREAT "ASSISTANT"—JAY GRAHAM. "Jay and I did an environmental assessment of the malaria program and the dengue haemorrhagic fever program for AID. It was along the same lines as the one I did in Sri Lanka last year. (Speaking of Sri Lanka, NIHAL ABEYSUNDERE, head of the Anti-Malaria Program visited Washington last summer and we had a delightful reunion.) In Bangkok we had the pleasure of seeing Maj. BRUCE HARRISON [four caps.] and his charming wife, LTC HERB SEGAL and Dr.

DOUG WATTS at the AFRIMS Lab (formerly SEATO Lab.). Dr. Suwan and Dr. Somthat of the Malaria Division were very helpful. We also met Dr. Peter Beale the WHO advisor. JOHN STIVERS (AID consultant) and DICK SHAW (WHO consultant) were also in Thailand working on a project paper on malaria for AID." Gene retired from being a Colonel in the Army Reserve (with a Meritorious Service Medal) but he certainly hasn't retired. Though he sometimes seems to run Insect Control and Research Inc. by remote control.

IN FLORIDA, ABE (A.C.) WHITE HAS HUNG UP HIS GLOVES AS A MOSQUITO CONTROL WARRIOR and is taking on citrus problems as the Target of Choice, to mix metaphors wildly. But he wants us to know he's still with us in interest. His new Consulting Service is headquartered in Orlando (Florida).

THOSE OF YOU WHO READ YOUR BULLETIN OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA WILL HAVE NOTICED A LEAD ARTICLE OF SOME INTEREST TO US MOSQUITO CONTROLLERS. Dr. SIDNEY KUNTZ, in reporting on veterinary entomology of the past twenty-five years, mentioned the use of oral treatment of animals with ronnel, making their blood toxic to mosquitoes. Moving from this to IGR's, he commented on their use in a bolus for (or against) horn fly and this made us wonder if some of you investigators weren't trying this for mosquitoes as well. Dr. Kuntz points out that the bolus treatment lasts for three months or a little bit more and hence uses less insecticide, contaminates the environment less and isn't wiped out by a streak of bad weather. Of course, with insects showing resistance to the new pyrethroids even before they're legal, ANY results from IGR's are pretty promising. But we suppose in a bolus method one would be faced pretty immediately with the first part of the famous old rabbit pie recipe: "first catch your hare."

HARRY PRATT, AS A SIDE EFFECT OF SENDING US SOME INFORMATION WE'D ASKED FOR, SHOWED US HOW FAR OUT OF TOUCH WE ACTUALLY ARE. *Vector Control Topics* Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were published quite some time ago, 1976, 1977 and 1978 respectively, as a matter of fact, and they deal with control of St. Louis encephalitis, of Western equine encephalitis and of dengue. We'd not even known about them. We know it's laughable to think any of you are equally ignorant but JUST IN CASE, we thought we'd mention these comprehensive, thorough-going and quotable sources of information. For your should-be-in-every-library list.