Usually three or four are given in one map. I suppose there have been practical reasons on the authors' minds, such as not to mix too similar distributional patterns and yet to keep genera together as close as possible. The 40 maps yield an immense wealth of information to applied workers about species ranges and distributional patterns, especially from central parts of the continent, where eastern and western species might overlap. This is knowledge essential for meaningful pest management on a nation-wide scale. Also. scientists interested in problems of biogeography will after this publication find Culicidae a most interesting group to work on. The incorporation of the Canadian records especially make the maps valuable for discussion of Holarctic distributional patterns in Culicidae.

There is nowadays a reluctance to publish faunistic records as superfluous. But when going through references in the bibliography of the present volume it became clear that development of critical evaluation of faunistic records in a certain area always has accelerated after the first lists had been published. One clearly understands that the present work would never have been written without these underlying patterns of faunistic research. There are still many areas where these initial studies scarcely have started or still need much complement. Maybe this book can help to convince all of us that it is worth while to continue to do good and critical recording of species distribution for the benefit of both successful pest control and biogeographic research.-Christine Dahl, University of Uppsala, Entomological Department, P.O. Box 561, S-751 22 Uppsala, Sweden.

ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS. Edited by Thomas P. Monaht, 1980. American Public Health Association, Inc., 1015 15th Street NW, Washington, DC, 657 pp. \$20.00.

St. Louis encephalitis is a comprehensive treatise of man's unrelenting efforts

to conquer the most important mosquito-borne viral disease in North America. The coverage begins with an enlightening foreword by Dr. William C. Reeves in which he summarizes the basic ecological and epidemiological factors predisposing to the transmission of St. Louis encephalitis virus to man. According to Dr. Reeves, this knowledge and the existing technology could have prevented the majority of the 10,000 clinical cases and the 1.000 deaths attributed to SLE virus infections during the past 50 years. As in the past, SLE will continue to be a public health problem unless man utilizes existing knowledge and technology for the application of vector control measures and for the development of additional control programs.

The book consists of 5 logically arranged sections including chapters compiled by 21 experienced scientists. The first section vividly describes the history of SLE, including the scientists and respective technological developments that contributed to the understanding of the epidemiological and ecological features of this disease. This approach frequently relies on the personal experience of the author, Dr. Roy W. Chamberlain, which stimulates the interest of the readers and provides them with a framework for understanding the extensive subject matter presented in subsequent sections of the book. Section II traces the rapid and impressive advancements made concerning the morphologic, physico-chemical and antigenic properties of the virion, the biochemistry of replication and the pathogenesis of SLE virus in animal models.

A thorough review of the epidemiology and epizootiology of SLE is presented in section III including chapters on the epidemiology of human disease, the vector, the vertebrate hosts and the surveillance of SLE virus transmission in nature. Section IV describes the clinical and pathological manifestations associated with SLE virus infections of man and reviews the principles of laboratory diagnosis. The final section deals with vector

control strategies and the feasibility of developing and using a vaccine for protecting man against SLE virus infections.

The contents of the book are well-referenced and analyzed in relation to pertinent information concerning other arboviruses. Areas for future research are presented and information is readily adaptable to practical application, particularly for development and implementation of disease surveillance and vector control programs.

Undoubtedly, a publication of great interest and value to the mosquito control agencies, and to students, physicians, researchers and all other persons interested in SLE and other arboviral diseases.—Douglas M. Watts, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21701.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY AND KEYWORD INDEX OF THE BITING MIDGES (DIPTERA; CERA-TOPOGONIDAE), by W. R. Atchley, W. W. Wirth, C. T. Gaskins, and S. L. Strauss. 1981. U.S. Dept. Agric., Bibliographies and Literature of Agriculture No. 13, 544 pp. Available from the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, U.S. Dept. Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

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