

NEWS AND NOTES

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AMONG THE THINGS WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SACRAMENTO WAS THE FACT THAT FREE COPIES OF OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY, *Pest Control Magazine*, were passed around. AMCA authors are no strangers to PC but that issue started with a page-long editorial by DICK PETERS (with photo), a 5½-page article by HARRY PRATT on "Vector-Borne Diseases" from 1935 to now, a 2½-page one on California mosquito control (with 2 nice color photos), by DON WOMELDORF, one by PHIL PIERCE (2 pages with good pix of JIM NELSON and OSCAR FULTZ in action, dipping) a one-page Field Guide by PAUL HUNT on IGR's, Altocid, etc., and a dandy color photo and half-page discussion, unsigned, on mosquito larvae and pupae. The cover, supplied by Chatham County (Ga), was a lovely color shot of mosquito control spraying.

LAST ISSUE WE TOLD YOU OF A HAPPY MEETING OF RETIRED CDC TYPES WITH GEORGE BRADLEY AND HIS WIFE NANCY AT THEIR HOME and unaccountably the name of CLYDE FEHN was omitted. We must now report sadly that shortly thereafter Clyde died of a heart attack on June 6 at his home in Atlanta. Clyde was a strong supporter of AMCA and gave over thirty productive years of service to the USPHS before his retirement in 1972. Thereafter, he was with the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. He was a member of not only AMCA but the APWA and the PHS Commissioned Officers' Association as well as of the Society of the Sigma Xi.

DR. CORNELIUS KRUSÉ ALSO DIED SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME on 17 January 1982 at the age of 68. Following 10 years with TWA, he joined Johns Hopkins University in the faculty of the School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1945. Thereafter he was stationed in Manila during 1953-55 in a joint program of the UP and Johns Hopkins. In 1977 at the Centennial celebrations of the latter university, he was named to the newly-created chair of Centennial Alumni Professor, was awarded the first Stebbins Award as an outstanding public health educator and received the Golden Apple from the students as an outstanding professor. He was a member of AMCA from 1972.

GLENN STOKES' MANY FRIENDS IN AMCA WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT HE IS FEELING FINE AND

HAS LAUNCHED HIS NEW CAREER AS MOSQUITO CONTROL CONTRACTORS, INC., WITH A CHARACTERISTIC FLOURISH. He wrote TOMMY MULHERN in mid-June (as we write this) that he "successfully bid on probably the largest contract mosquito control program in the U.S. The contract is for \$450,000.00 per annum for the Parish of Iberia (La.) . . . in the heart of the Acadian country of Louisiana—just south of Lafayette.

"I was awarded the contract on May 27 . . . and we began spraying on Memorial Day (May 31st) with 2 Leco ULV units." After long experience with bureaucratic delay, Glenn was much impressed with the speed with which he was able to acquire light traps, trucks, sprayers (obtained, calibrated and installed), with chemicals received, office rented and furniture bought, starting 27 May and running into the Memorial Day weekend. (That says more about Glenn than about the suppliers!)

We know of a PCO company in Japan, or two or three, that do mosquito control, mostly urban, but is there another contract operation in the U.S.? We think Glenn's a first. *Bonne chance*, Glenn!

WHILE WE'RE IN LOUISIANA, DON DENNING POINTS OUT A FINE ARTICLE in the May-June issue of the *Louisiana Conservationist* by a Judy Hughes, staff writer, entitled, "Summer's Here—So Are Mosquitoes." A well-written, popular account, Don opines, with several very good photos. The lead Par. is, "The word mosquito may be Spanish for 'little fly' but in Louisiana it means 'the most annoying creature on the face of the earth.'"

HARDLY A NEW CAREER FOR GENE GERBERG BUT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED Adjunct Professor of the University of South Carolina School of Public Health. This followed (but not necessarily a cause and effect . . . or which DID come first, Gene?) a visit to ED SMITH at The Wedge and his new Center for Public Health Research of the School of Public Health. MAC TIDWELL and MARGARET are Ed's assistants as Director and Gene says the facilities are excellent and the operation is headed toward being a leading international training center, which we are sure it is. The first class will be primarily for Latin America and in Spanish and will bring in DON PLETSCHE, of whom more following.

DON IS JUST BACK FROM TAIWAN AND WHILE THERE HE WROTE US A FINE LETTER WITH A VERY FINE STAMP about a trip to southern Taiwan, looking for *An. minimus* in company with Dr. P. S. Chen, who remembered with pleasure his vector control course with TOMMY MULHERN. Don also wrote, "Dr. K. C. LIANG, first Director of the Rockefeller Foundation-inspired (and supported) Taiwan Provincial Malaria Research Institute, is back now for his first visit since retiring from PAHO/WHO. Dr. P. T. Tseng, who was effectively attacking entomology and parasitology while I was here, is now Director of the Taiwan Provincial Institute of Infectious Diseases—a successor to and expansion of TAMRI. Dr. J. C. LIEN, who divided his time between the Ent. Section of the present Institute and NAMRU II, is now in Bolivia with 2 assistants as part of the Republic of China's international technical assistance program (he's working on malaria entomology problems with the Bolivian malaria service and with BILL McMEANS, PAHO/WHO advisor. (A 2-year stint.)

"Not only does the Institute have an active section to oversee maintenance of malaria eradication, but active programs on many other entomology and health problems.

"Changing the subject, my library proings in the medical school turned up a 1933 paper by Morishita et al., describing early trials on "atebrine," which obviously worked, as many of us found out as our eyeballs and skin took on a yellow cast! In the 1940's, of course!"

CLAUDE SCHMIDT IS REJOICING IN A NEW ADDRESS AS OF LAST MAY. When you write him now, say:

Dr. Claude H. Schmidt, Director
MERL, ARS, USDA
P.O. Box 5674
State University Station
Fargo, North Dakota 58105
We assume you know what MERL is.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE USUALLY DISREGARDS SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT ABOUT INSECTS UNLESS IT CAN BE BLOWN UP INTO A SCARE STORY A LA 6-O'CLOCK NEWS. Nevertheless we are glad for even these, for it does occasionally alert the public to a very real danger we've been talking about to deaf ears. In May, accordingly, we were heartened by a really very well presented half-page by staff writer Erica Goode, headlined, "Worst Plague of Mosquitoes in 15 Years." She quoted CHUCK HANSEN of San Mateo MAD, KEITH CRAFT of Santa Clara County Health Dept., FRED ROBERTS of

Alameda MAD and included their pleas to urban residents to do self-help projects, like dumping water containers and wearing repellent. The unusually wet winter which she cited as turning without a spring into a hot summer, actually turned back into winter and back and forth several times in a most baffling way, but the mosquitoes were far less baffled than the people were, naturally. Still, no encephalitis outbreak YET (July).

THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HAVING TOO MANY MOSQUITOES AROUND MAY WANT TO SHARE A FEW WITH NEW JERSEY, OF ALL STATES. The Mosquito Surveillance Report for May listed some mosquitoes which were in *short supply* in the State Reference Collection, Headlee Research Laboratories. Some were surprisingly rather common ones: *Ae. vexans*, *Ae. sollicitans*, *Cx. salinarius*, as well as various *Psorophora*, *Cx. pipiens*, etc. They didn't say only N.J. need apply.

NORM DOBSON WANTS YOU NOT TO FORGET THE NORTHEASTERN MCA'S 28TH ANNUAL MEETING, which will be in Hyannis, Massachusetts on 27, 28 and 29 September. And yes, there IS a Hyannis, despite all the Kennedy publicity on Hyannisport, and OSCAR DOANE of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project assures one and all that there will be beautiful weather. Surprisingly, at that time of year he may be right! And the Cape is lovely and interesting ANY time. (Our comment . . . KEVIN MORAN wrote the first part.)

LOUISIANA MCA WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING 26, 27 AND 28 OCTOBER 1982, AT THE GATEWAY HOTEL IN METAIRIE. It's their Silver Anniversary and the AMCA Board will be holding its meeting in conjunction so those in the area can meet and talk with Our Peerless Leaders. No irony intended; they really are! You can pre-register until October first.

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF CANADA AND OF ONTARIO WILL ALL BE MEETING TOGETHER FROM 29 November through 3 December in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel. The theme will be "Nearctic Entomology: Continental Cooperation." More information may be obtained from Jeffrey Gorman of ESA at 4603 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740.

AT THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF CANADA, IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION

AND THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BC will be holding *their* meeting jointly. JOHN CALLICRATE sent us the announcement *sans* date but you can get it from him at 3040 N. Delta Hwy., Eugene, OR 97401.

(Stop Press: "23-24 September—Harbour Towers." Flash from John.)

ALONG WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING JOHN SENT US A COPY OF A NMVCA RESOLUTION OF LAST YEAR in which they conferred Honorary Membership on JOHN STONER in recognition of his 26 years and more of service and noting that in January of this year, Governor Victor Atiyah of Oregon commended JOHN STONER for his achievements, leadership and integrity in the health field in Oregon.

DICK AND GEORGIA PETERS ARE GOING TO LEAD A TOUR OF THE PACIFIC THIS YEAR, an area less subject to politics and far more flooded with other tourists than most areas. The tour will visit Australia, New Zealand and Polynesia and will leave 31 October 1982 from the West Coast, though transportation from any other area can be arranged, of course. The Great Barrier Reef, Bora Bora, tropical Queensland and the North Island (Rotorua and its famous hot spring areas), Papeete, Bondi Beach, Green Island at the Reef, it's enough to make the head whirl. Whirl off a line to Paul Brand (Marin/Sonoma MAD) at 130 Allyn Ave. San Anselmo, CA 94960, as you sink into reverie about Spring Down Under.

THE SOCIETY OF VECTOR ECOLOGISTS IS PLANNING ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR DECEMBER IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF., AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUS but details have not been

firmed up yet. If you are enough within the area, though, (and in California, 600 miles is within the area), it's a not-to-be-missed. So, since our next issue may be too late to tell you, better ask quick for info from: RUSS FONTAINE, Pres., MIR MULLA, V-P, and Program Chairman, DAVE REED, Editor of the *Newsletter*. Or us . . . by mail, later.

THOSE OF YOU WHO KNEW PAUL RUSSELL OR EVEN THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HEARD OF HIM . . . AND WHO HASN'T? . . . will be saddened to hear that he has been in very poor health, suffering the pain of shingles as well as nearly failed eyesight at 97, and while there is very little that is downright *cheery* one can write to an old friend in those circumstances, simple postcards of love and greeting can do a lot. Tommy Mulhern, in writing to express the grief felt by all and our hope and prayers that his health may improve, said, "When I first met him, in awe by reason of his position and leadership acknowledged by his peers, I was immediately impressed by his kindly manner and friendliness . . . and the contacts during the years that have followed have led me to a full agreement of your view . . . a great man indeed!" (Mrs. Russell, in saying he could no longer respond to letters or read, had signed herself, "a great man's wife.") His address is D 309 Lakewood Manor, 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23233.

JOHN SHIPP, WHO WAS HAVING A BAD TIME SOME WHILE AGO, WROTE IN LATE APRIL THAT HE HAD JUST ABOUT MASTERED THE WHEELCHAIR OPERATION and expressed his thanks to all the "Skeeters" who wrote him cards and letters, as well as to those in the Southeast who had visited. We all join in hoping you're getting along even better now, JOHN.