

OBITUARIES

KENNETH D. QUARTERMAN

1912-1988

Dr. Kenneth D. Quarterman, retired research entomologist and administrator, died on September 26, 1988, in Savannah, Georgia. He was born on March 8, 1912, in Savannah and attended local schools before entering Mississippi State College in 1934. His college career was interrupted by several job transfers and World War II, but in January 1947 he received his B.S. degree in Zoology-Entomology, graduating with highest honors. Subsequently he attended Johns Hopkins University (1952) where he was awarded the degree of Master of Public Health and Tulane University (1961-62) which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Public Health.

His federal service began in 1933 when he accepted employment as a combination entomological field aide and clerk-typist with the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, at Savannah, Georgia. In July 1936 he transferred to San Antonio, Texas, as Assistant Regional Supervisor for the Southwest Region, Division of Screwworm Control. In March 1938 he accepted the position of Assistant Project Leader, Grasshopper Control Project, Division of Domestic Plant Quarantine, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Later he served as Assistant Project Leader, White Fringed Beetle Control, Gulfport, Mississippi (1940-42) and as the Project Leader of the Dog Fly Control program, Panama City, Florida (1943-46).

Dr. Quarterman's career in the Public Health Service began in February 1947 with his transfer to the Technical Development Laboratories (TDL), Communicable Disease Center (CDC), Savannah, Georgia, as Chief of the Control Methods and Evaluation Section, a position which involved research on arthropods of public health importance. Six years later he was appointed Chief of TDL and had the responsibility of directing the research efforts of a staff of entomologists, chemists, engineers, physicians and support personnel in basic and applied investigations of mosquitoes, flies, fleas, lice, etc. In July 1963 Dr. Quarterman transferred to Washington, D.C., and for 2 years was assigned to the Bureau of State Services in the newly created Office of Pesticides where he served as Executive Secretary of the Federal Committee



Kenneth D. Quarterman (photograph, 1969)

on Pest Control. In June 1965 he returned to CDC, Atlanta, Georgia, as Deputy Chief of the *Aedes aegypti* Eradication Branch. In 1967 he transferred to the Malaria Program of CDC and was in charge of field research that involved activities in Thailand and in Central America. Dr. Quarterman retired from the Public Health Service in 1969 at which time he was headquartered at Savannah, Georgia.

In international public health, Dr. Quarterman was a recognized authority in the field of vector control and pesticides. He frequently served as a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), e.g., in 1955-56 he surveyed research laboratories in western Europe, the Middle East, India, and Central and South America. He was a member of the WHO Expert Panel on Insecticides for about 15 years and also participated in various WHO seminars dealing with vector control and arthropod resistance to pesticides. He served as a member of the Expert Panel on Malaria for the Agency for International Development and acted as a consultant to the Pan American Health Organization. In 1960 he was designated as the Public Health Service representative on the National Mos-

quito Control, Fish and Wildlife Management Coordination Committee and for several years was its chairman.

Ken was a fine person to work with or for; he put out maximum effort in whatever he did, didn't expect you to do anything that he wouldn't and was thoroughly honest and frank in his relationships with his staff. His imperturbable approach to difficult problems and situations earned him the respect and admiration of his associates.

He had a deep interest in animal welfare and was active in the Humane Society of Chatham County, serving two yearly terms as its president. His chief outdoor interest was in hunting, and in this area he was an avid, skillful enthusiast who thoroughly relished the time spent in the field. Only when darkness fell would he regretfully stop his pursuit of the wily quail or

deer. He was a keen observer, a characteristic that was of great value in his hunting or scientific endeavors.

Dr. Quarterman was a member of several scientific societies including American Mosquito Control Association, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Entomological Society of America, and the National Society of India for Malaria and Other Mosquito-Borne Diseases.

Dr. Quarterman is survived by his wife, the former Helen Marie Brett of San Antonio, Texas. They had two sons, Kenneth B. of Atlanta and Alan S. of Savannah. A brother, Elton, lives in Warner Robins, Georgia.

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