

BUSINESS OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mosquito Extermination, once a subject of ridicule and amusement in the public press, has now taken the spotlight of public attention. Popular magazines, newspapers, trade and organization papers, all have seen how closely the control of the mosquito is linked with the successful prosecution of the war in areas where the mosquito-borne diseases occur. Valuable educational articles, for which publication was secured formerly only with considerable difficulty, now appear almost daily.

All of this means a public that is mosquito control conscious. We may look for even greater public interest in the post war period when men return home who have had malaria or have seen their comrades fall ill because of it, and when the thousands who have avoided this disease only because of the training or protective service furnished them in the armed forces are home to stay. These men are not going to stand idly by and allow mosquitoes to continue unabated. It thus appears that in the post war period we shall see great strides toward the ideal of a mosquito-free community.

Mindful of the widened scope of interest in mosquito work, the Eastern Association has caused to be prepared a new constitution which would permit ready nationalization of the organization if it is adopted. Certain advantages would obviously result from nationalization, and there are equally obvious disadvantages. It remains for the association as it is presently constituted to decide whether the advantages or the disadvantages are the greater. The constitutional committee has prepared a document which seems to fill the need if the Eastern Association is to become fully nationalized. The Executive Committee has directed that it be submitted to the membership for action at the meeting which is to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., on March 16, during the course of the meetings of New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association.

At the same meeting, officers for 1944 will be elected, and plans made for the year's activities.

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