

"Before he started for the Isthmus, Colonel Gorgas called at my office, and brought with him Mr. J. A. LePrince, an engineer who had been with him in his Havana work, and we talked at some length of mosquitoes and mosquito remedies. I was then planning the Carnegie monograph, and asked Colonel Gorgas if he would have some one collect for me all the different species that could be found down there. He smilingly replied, 'I'll have to turn that over to Mr. LePrince.' And LePrince, with an amiable grin said, 'Well, Doctor, I'll have to do it right away, because in a few weeks there won't be any mosquitoes left.' I tell this as indicative of the confidence with which the two men went to work. In a book published some years later by Mr. LePrince and Dr. Orenstein I tell this story in the introductory note that I wrote for the volume, at their request.

"It seems strange that the possible usefulness of economic entomology in the World War was not at once appreciated.

"The United States government was much slower (than England) in accepting the offers of numerous trained economic entomologists who were anxious to be of service. Some enlisted in the ranks, and their valuable knowledge was not used. It seemed to some of us that in certain respects it was unfortunate that Dr. Gorgas should have been the Surgeon-General of the Army, for he seemed indifferent as to malarial probabilities — for example, in his selection of many of the great concentration camp sites. A number of these were placed at points where mosquitoes, including Anopheles, were notoriously abundant. I imagine that it was his success in insect control in Panama that brought about this apparent indifference. When our country was getting ready, I wrote him that there were many men, well trained in applied entomology, who could be used to advantage and who were anxious for service. Possibly he never saw my letter, but I received a reply from his office, signed by one of his assistants, stating that what they needed was men trained in sanitary engineering, such as they had employed at Panama, but that they did not need entomologists — men 'trained to count the spots on a mosquito's wing.' This seemed stupidly absurd to me, since it was perfectly obvious to a clear mind that as soon as a disease is discovered to be carried by an insect, almost the first man to be called in is the man who has been trained in insect life and the best ways of controlling it. Later, however, there was something of a change. Van Dine and Herms were commissioned and well placed in two of the big camps near San Antonio. Middleton, although not commissioned, was used in the same capacity in a more northern camp."

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

A business meeting of the association was held at the Hotel Madison, Atlantic City, N. J. on March 16, 1944, in accordance with the notice sent to all members on February 2. This was actually the 1943 Annual Meeting, which had been postponed until the time of the annual meeting of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association, in order to provide for a saving in travel by making it possible for the members to attend both meetings at the same time and place.

The new constitution, copies of which were distributed with the notice of February 2, was adopted, the vote being 45 to 3 in favor of adoption (active members only having the right to vote). This document officially changed the name of the association to "American Mosquito Control Association" and provided for membership of persons engaged or interested in mosquito work without regional limitation. Classes of membership are active, associate, and honorary.

The Constitutional Committee (Dr. E. N. Cory, Chairman, Mr. R. E. Dorer, and Mr. R. L. Vannote) which drafted the constitution, had previously been directed to proceed with the drawing up of a set of by-laws when and if the constitution was adopted.

Officers and committees were elected as follows:

President—Robert L. Vannote, New Jersey.
 1st Vice Pres.—Robert D. Glasgow, New York.
 2nd Vice Pres.—Perry W. Ruth, Virginia.
 Sec.-Treas.—Thomas D. Mulhern, New Jersey.

Executive Committee:

Officers as above, and
 Robert C. Botsford, Conn., President 1943.
 C. T. Williamson, N. Y., Advertising Manager, Mosquito News.
 Major Herman Felton, N. Y., U.S.P.H.S., Member at large.
 Paul L. Rice, Delaware, Member at large.

Publications Committee:

Robert D. Glasgow, Editor.
 C. T. Williamson, Advertising Manager.
 Thomas D. Mulhern, Secretary-Treasurer.
 Major Herman Felton, U.S.P.H.S., Member at large.
 Robert Matheson, New York, Member at large.

Honorary members were elected upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, each receiving the unanimous vote of the membership, as follows:

L. L. Williams, U.S.P.H.S., Washington, D. C.
 Thomas J. Headle, founder and first president of the association, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.
 W. B. Hermes, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.
 J. A. LePrince, U.S.P.H.S. (Ret.) Memphis, Tenn.

New members accepted since the last regular meeting of the association were confirmed by unanimous vote, as follows:

Active

I. W. Bales, N. J.
 A. L. Berti, Venezuela
 L. Dalecour, Haiti
 F. L. Hayes, Cal.
 J. H. Huber, Ore.
 V. S. Minnich, Fla.
 R. H. Potts, La.
 H. R. Rich, Ill.
 T. G. Roehner, N. Y.
 C. S. Strickland, Fla.
 F. H. Taylor, Australia
 R. Wilson, La.
 L. T. Woosley, Fla.
 H. L. Haynes, N. J.
 B. B. Pepper, N. J.
 E. J. Hansens, N. J.
 J. H. Spackman, Pa.
 M. Merron, Ga.

Associate

W. C. Baker, Texas
 P. B. Brockway, Ohio
 C. B. Branam, Fla.
 I. W. Gilbert, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.
 C. M. Gjullin, Ore.
 D. Lincicome, La.
 D. M. Rees, Utah
 C. Richardson, La.
 A. R. Roth, La.
 F. H. Stutz, Fla.
 W. Sullivan, Ill.
 Mrs. C. C. Webber, Minn.
 W. W. Yates, Ore.
 W. K. Delaplane, Ill.
 E. J. Gerber, Va.
 W. H. W. Komp, Canal Zone
 M. M. Cole, Cal.
 Foo Kau Lee, Hawaii
 H. Morlan, Texas
 M. Petrakis, Ark.
 A. Miller, La.
 J. V. Osman, N. Y.

At the Executive Committee meeting held April 27, additional members were accepted as follows:

J. E. Noonan, N. Y., Associate.
 Elizabeth Marvin, Minn., Associate.
 J. M. Henderson, Ga., Active.

The treasurer presented a detailed report, which may be summarized as follows:

Cash Balance on hand, November 12, 1942	\$ 120.20
Receipts, to Feb. 29, 1944	1098.65
Expenditures, to Feb. 29, 1944	938.92
Cash Balance on hand March 1, 1944	279.93
Accounts Receivable, March 1, 1944 (incl. 1944 dues) ..	894.43
Accounts Payable, March 1, 1944	190.28
Net Worth, March 1, 1944	704.15

Income has been chiefly from membership dues, subscriptions, and advertising in Mosquito News. Expenditures have been chiefly those incurred in publishing Mosquito News, and in mailing costs and clerical supplies. Officers and committee members have contributed their services and travel expenses, as well as practically all of the clerical and stenographic services required in the conduct of the association business.

April 27th Meeting of Executive Committee

The meeting was called by President R. L. Vannote at the Hotel New Yorker, for the primary purpose of considering the suggestions offered by Dr. Glasgow as chairman of the publications committee, for the improvement of Mosquito News, and for changes in the constitution which he deems necessary to place the proposed improvements in effect. He suggests:

1—That Mosquito News be modified to follow very closely the pattern of the Journal of Economic Entomology and similar publications, and that the constitution be modified to follow that of the American Association of Economic Entomologists.

2—That provision be made for the formation of regional branches of the association, and that the Eastern Association be reorganized as Branch No. 1, and encouraged to publish in Mosquito News an account of its activities at the same time underwriting the cost of such publication.

3—That affiliation be established with the other organizations interested in mosquito work, and that they be encouraged to publish in Mosquito News.

4—That consideration be given the securing of an endowment to permit rapid expansion of the publication without the presently existing financial limitation which prevents the increase in size of the journal.

5—That the association become incorporated, thus relieving the officers of a part of the financial responsibility entailed in the publishing of a journal.

6—That Mosquito News be published by a small and continuing Editorial Board thus providing for a continuous editorial policy, and that a large Publications Committee be formed, of at least 10 members, giving wide representation for the region covered by the association and including leaders in the various phases of mosquito control.

These matters are of such momentous importance that it was decided to take no immediate action upon them, but to proceed to publish Mosquito News for June following the same style as heretofore. Meanwhile, the publications committee may complete its plans in detail, and the constitution committee can study the various items proposed and prepare recommendations for presentation to the executive committee and to the association.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS D. MULHERN, Sec.-Treas.