

EDITORIAL SECTION

Under *Association News* is printed a most attractive invitation sent in by Perry W. Ruth to attend the meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association and the Virginia Mosquito Control Association, to be held in February at Virginia Beach.

In the same section is presented a tentative program for these meetings submitted by Mr. Dorer. Although many details are necessarily lacking at this early date, this glimpse of the plans being made is sufficient to promise a most interesting meeting, or rather, series of meetings. The privilege of attending both the Virginia meetings and the New Jersey meetings on the same trip makes the entire program especially attractive.

The acting editor cannot forego this opportunity to call attention to one of his perennial difficulties: "to hold or not to hold, that is the question." The dummy of the September number was ready to go to the printer (almost on time, in spite of staff vacations, and the usual rush of summer field work) when the last notices of the forthcoming meetings came to the desk. Although they were not sent in specifically for printing in the September number, it seemed appropriate to include them, especially since the information presented might help members to decide

whether they would attend. The delay occasioned in this instance by submitting new material at a late date seemed entirely justified.

On the other hand, papers, notices and miscellaneous information which could have been sent in at an early date, but which are received later than the middle of the month preceding the month in which a given issue is to be published, cannot usually be included, unless the schedule has been upset or is upset for some other cause beyond the control of the printers or editor.

Admittedly, the editors have been somewhat at fault in the past in permitting the deadline to be too flexible. The printer has a number of other journals on the presses at the same time as *Mosquito News*, and has to set up a schedule for them. If the material for *Mosquito News* is not on hand at the proper time, one of the other jobs may be started, and result in a delay not, sometimes, of a day or two, but of a week or more before work on *Mosquito News* can continue.

All contributions should be in the editorial office at least six weeks before the scheduled publication dates, that is, about the middle of the month preceding the month of publication.