

EDITORIAL SECTION

This number of *Mosquito News* has departed somewhat from the policy of balancing each issue between the several and varied interests of mosquito control workers. It leans rather heavily in one direction, bringing together new records and assembling with them older records of mosquito occurrence in the northeastern states.

Many of these papers have been awaiting publication for some time. Their length, the added expense of setting in type papers of this kind, and the desire to balance each issue have resulted in their postponement until now we have several on hand. At the same time, most of the other papers awaiting publication are to be published together as parts of the Proceedings of the annual meetings of the American and Virginia Mosquito Control Associations. There is, therefore, the opportunity to bring together in one issue these distribution records.

Even without the aforementioned circumstances, it would be appropriate to have these papers included in one issue. New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey form the entire northeastern section of the country; yet only in New Jersey do we have mosquito control work on a statewide basis, and as a con-

sequence only there are the mosquito records relatively complete. Especially since the war, however, official entomologists and health officers in the other northeastern states have been urgently solicited by individuals, groups, and communities for information on the mosquitoes of certain areas—information which they often did not have and could not obtain.

In publishing these records for those and other states, the AMCA is fulfilling one of its functions by furnishing a reference basis for workers who will be advising on control, thereby extending control activities to new areas. With the Association organized on a regional basis, it will find itself more and more in the position of organizer of new groups and a sort of missionary and advisor, both as an organization and through individual members.

During the past five years, the *News* and other journals have performed a distinct service in publishing the many studies of occurrence of mosquitoes around military installations, thereby adding to the distribution and other records of the states concerned. The current issue of *Mosquito News* will serve to round out and supplement these contributions.