

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MOSQUITO CONTROL WORKERS MEET AT VIRGINIA BEACH

The American Mosquito Control Association scheduled its meetings this year to allow visitors from far away places to take in as much as possible in one trip. A group of delegates met on February 21, at Washington, D. C., to inspect the various mosquito research projects in that area. The National Institutes of Health and the Naval Medical Center as well as the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine were visited.

From Washington, the group proceeded to Virginia Beach, where a joint meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association and the Virginia Mosquito Control Association was held on February 23 and 24. After the Virginia meetings a party of 75 left the Cavalier Hotel on the morning of February 25 and proceeded on an inspection trip of the work in Virginia, spending the night at Williamsburg. The next day was spent in traveling to Salisbury, Maryland, and the following day was devoted to an inspection of the work in Delaware. After spending the night in Wilmington, an inspection of the work in South Jersey on February 28th was made, finishing up at Atlantic City in time to attend the meetings of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association on March 1, 2, 3. In all it was a very full two weeks and one that will be remembered for a long time especially by those who were fortunate enough to attend throughout.

At Virginia Beach, sixteen states were represented and also Canada, Hawaii, Trinidad and Venezuela. Dr. Stephen M. K. Hu, of Honolulu, came the greatest distance, while a party of 14 came from the far away state of California. A total of 255 delegates registered for the joint meetings. Much dignity and color was added to the meetings by the attendance of high ranking Government officials from several agencies including Rear Admiral Ralph O. Davis, Commandant of the Fifth Naval District and his entire staff.

Perhaps the most interesting and informative session was a panel discussion led by Dr. F. C. Bishopp, entitled "Today's Problems in Controlling Mosquitoes and Latest Recommended Insecticides." Those participating in the discussions included Dr. W. V. King, Orlando, Florida, Mr. Arthur Geib, Bakersfield, California, Mr. T. G. Raley, Selma, California, Mr. Harry Stage, Washington, D. C., Dr. D. M. Jobbins, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Mr. P. F. Springer of Maryland. At the end of the discussion several speakers made contributions from the floor and Dr. Bishopp concluded by summing up the proceedings.

It is not possible in a short synopsis to sum up the many worthwhile things brought out at Virginia Beach. The program was well balanced with papers on interesting technical developments, seasoned with practical experiences from many

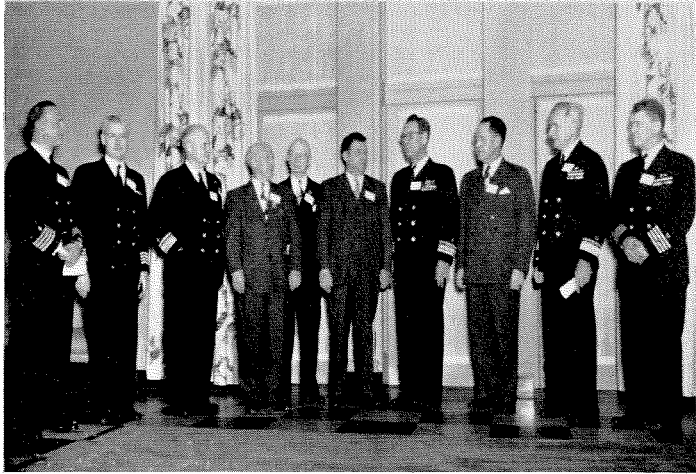
states. Several important business sessions of the American Mosquito Control Association were held, including the election of the officers for the coming year. It is planned to publish the proceedings in booklet form or in a special issue of Mosquito News, where those who could not attend or those who wish to review what was said can read what happened in full.

Virginia has always been known for her hospitality and every effort was made to insure that all who came to Virginia Beach had a good time. The Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Virginia Beach and the County of Princess Anne, all contributed to entertaining the guests. When the delegates were not in session a hospitality hour was set up in the hotel lounge where everyone could and did relax in the atmosphere of "open house" to discuss their mutual problems in an informal way. It was here that the peculiar aspect of the Mosquito Association Convention was most apparent. The sun-burned field worker spoke with as much authority as the skilled and learned technician and each respected the contributions of the other. Such an attitude of mutual respect is one of the major factors in the great strides made in mosquito control.

The real feature of the convention was family atmosphere. The intermingling of delegates made it possible for everyone to know one another. Many mosquito workers brought their wives and children and all seemed to enjoy the proceedings equally. The two-day activities were concluded with a banquet. Dr. Hu, of Honolulu, added to the festivities by contributing leis, which he had transported from Hawaii for the occasion. After an excellent dinner a quartet of Cavalier waiters rendered "Carry Me Back To Ole' Virginy," and several other numbers. Judge Floyd E. Kellam, of Princess Anne County, was toastmaster and Dr. Rowland P. Wagner, Baptist minister, gave as entertaining an after-dinner talk as has ever been heard. Carried through his talk was the theme "What a great thing is cooperation." But every time he commenced to get serious, he would joyfully jump into another story on himself or his congregation. Dancing, until — ? —, concluded a very full two days.

Publicity for the meeting was very good. A total of 181 inches of column space including five pictures was carried in the local papers. Several articles by Frank Carey, Associated Press from Washington, who covered the entire meetings were published in newspapers throughout the country. In addition, radio commentators included interesting items on the meeting on their national broadcasting hook-ups.

Meetings of this sort are of value because of the information gained through listening to the papers and from the many informal conversa-



*Top:* Members of the AMCA. Group picture taken in front of Cavalier Hotel.

*Bottom:* U. S. Navy officers and officers of American Mosquito Control Association who were present at Virginia Beach meetings. Left to right: Capt. F. K. Smith (MC), USN; Capt. A. I. Flaherty (CEC), USN; Rear Admiral Ralph O. Davis, Commandant Fifth Naval District; Harold F. Gray, Outgoing President, American Mosquito Control Association; Perry W. Ruth, Past President, American Mosquito Control Association; Lester W. Smith, Incoming President, American Mosquito Control Association; Rear Admiral Carl A. Broadus (MC), USN; Dr. Don M. Rees, President Utah Mosquito Abatement Association; Rear Admiral A. G. Bisset (CEC), USN; Capt. A. D. Alexis (CEC), USN. *Official U. S. Navy Photograph.*

tions with men from various parts of the world with similar problems. However, a point probably overlooked is the benefit in furthering mosquito control work in Virginia, which will be the outcome of the American Mosquito Control Association meeting in Virginia. More citizens

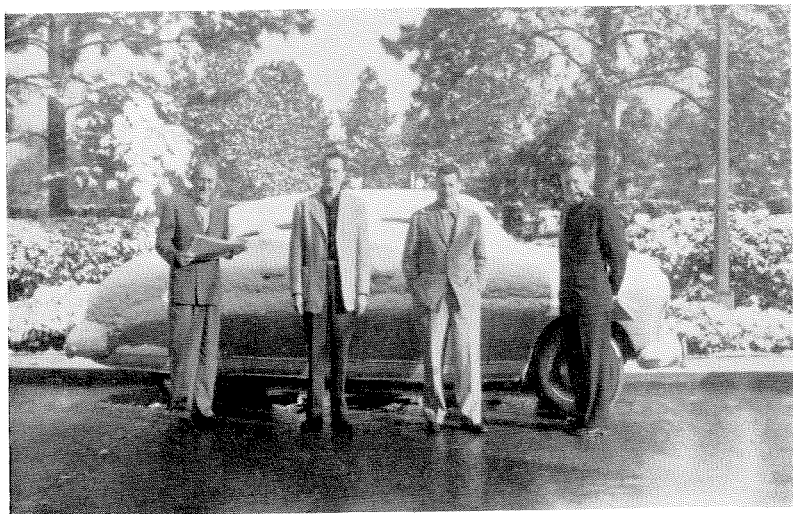
and influential leaders in Virginia are now aware of the mosquito movement.

ROWLAND E. DORR

*Chairman Committee on Arrangements*

PERRY W. RUTH

*Chairman Program Committee*



By special arrangement: A snowstorm on the cavalcade, for the benefit of the Florida and California delegates. Left to right, Fred Stutz, Art Geib, Lester Smith, Duke Peters.

## NOTICES

It was hoped to publish the membership list in the June number, but with the new names recently added and others being added as a result of the membership drive stimulated by the meetings at Virginia Beach, it became necessary to postpone publication of the list until the September number. It is planned that the September number, besides including the supplement containing the *Proceed-*

*ings* papers, will include the membership list, and the bylaws adopted at Virginia Beach.

Detailed information on the field trip in the Massachusetts Bay area is given in the March number of the News. The dates are July 11-14. See also letters printed in *News and Notes* in the present (June) issue on page 95.