

EDITORIAL SECTION

Important—ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

The Association is confronted with an embarrassing situation with reference to the publication of the Proceedings of the last annual meeting, which was held at Virginia Beach in February, 1950. It was proposed and decided to publish these Proceedings, including some forty scientific papers, as a special supplement to one of the regular numbers of Mosquito News. To defray expenses of such a special issue, a \$2.00 charge was to be made. Unfortunately, these decisions were not made in advance of the meeting, so that a usual method of paying for Proceedings, namely, the collection of a registration fee, could not be utilized. The collections made during the remainder of the convention and in the months following, have not been sufficient to keep pace with rising printing costs. In the meantime, although the editorial staff has spent many hours assembling and editing the material and actually had it at the printer's, the Association finds itself without sufficient funds to proceed as planned. Even a photo-offset treatment seems beyond our resources at the present time.

Ideas and suggestions have been solicited from the Interim National Board, and from the Publications Committee of the Association. Although there is no unanimity of opinion, the suggestion most generally favored seems to be the mimeographing of the Proceedings, so that there may be as little further delay as possible in getting them out.

Besides causing general disappointment to everyone, this regrettable situation may result in more specific complaints from (1) those who contributed scientific papers with the understanding that they would be printed either in a regular issue of Mosquito News or in an equivalent special issue; and (2) those who contributed the \$2.00 Proceedings fee, expecting the Proceedings to be printed as described above.

It has been suggested that (1) contributors of scientific papers may, if they wish, withdraw them for publication elsewhere; if they do this, it is requested that regardless of that decision, the paper also be included among the Proceedings. Contributors are hereby notified of the situation so that they may take whatever steps they desire. If papers are not withdrawn, some of them can be published in regular issues of the News as has been done in the past.

(2) It could be considered that the \$2.00 contributions already collected were made (a) to help defray expenses of publishing proceedings in any form eventually chosen or (b) specifically as a special supplement of Mosquito News. If it happens that the Proceedings are released in mimeographed form, and if contributors feel that, as a result, they are not given their "money's worth," it is probable that arrangements would be made to refund their money. It would be hoped, however, that the contributions would be left in the treasury for the considerable expenses that would still be incurred, even in mimeographing.

It is evident that we have reached a point where printing costs definitely limit scientific non-profit publications more than ever before. The dilemma outlined above should be a lesson to all, and should convince every member that at the coming AMCA meetings in Chicago standard procedures for future Proceedings must be adopted.

It is expected that a meeting of as many officers of the Association as possible will be held in advance of the convention, and that there will result from this meeting some concrete proposals for financing future Proceedings on a sound and regular basis. One of the proposals will be to charge a registration fee at all conventions including that of 1951, the proceeds to be used to finance, at least in part, the publication of the Proceedings.