

EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS TO RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION AT AMCA CONVENTION

Malaria has been virtually eradicated in the United States, but mosquitoes menace humanity from other fronts. At present, viral encephalitis appears to be the mosquito-borne disease most feared by health agencies and mosquito control workers. A discussion of this disease will therefore be a part of the program of the convention of the American Mosquito Control Association at the Drake Hotel March 5 to 8 inclusive.

Fear of the disease, however, has not been widely felt by the public. The epidemics of viral encephalitis which occurred in St. Louis in 1933 and 1937 aroused panic because the symptoms were similar to those of the African sleeping sickness. The epizootic of sleeping sickness which occurred among horses and mules in Illinois, and at least a dozen states in the Union, was also called by the press "sleeping sickness." It was not until 1938 that an epidemic near Boston, Massachusetts revealed human cases of so-called "sleeping sickness" in an area where equine en-

cephalomyelitis occurred among horses and mules. During this epidemic it was definitely determined that the eastern type of viral encephalitis in humans was the same as that occurring among horses.

In recent investigations by the Hooper Foundation in the states of Washington and California, the virus of encephalitis was found in several species of wild mosquitoes in the area where encephalitis among humans exists.

In the St. Louis epidemic where 1,653 people were afflicted by the so-called "sleeping sickness," the mode of transmission was unknown at the time. Now that the mosquito has been incriminated it is likely that a movement will be started to prevent occurrences similar to those in St. Louis, Boston, Minneapolis, Chicago, Yakima Valley, Washington; Kern County, California; Florida, Texas and Arizona.

It is planned to have several speakers discuss this subject at the convention.

THIRD REPORT OF THE AMCA GOOD NEIGHBOR CLUB

The Good Neighbor Club of the American Mosquito Control Association has been unusually active during the past six months. No doubt this renewed interest has been activated by the appointment of several new lady members. Our appreciation of their interest and of the contributions given below are gratefully acknowledged.

Receipts, Good Neighbor Club subsequent to February 15, 1950.

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| Dr. John F. Weber, Perth Amboy, N. J. | 10.00 |
| James T. Brennan, Jersey City, N. J. | 5.00 |
| Fred A. Bailey, Atlantic City, N. J. | 5.00 |

\$149.92

Two exceptionally fine contributions were received. First, a check in amount of \$30.00 from the Edwin Gould Malaria Fund by H. W. Van Hovenberg, Sanitary Engineer, St. Louis Southwestern Railway, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Colonel Van Hovenberg's letter follows:

"There is enclosed check in the amount of \$30.00 drawn on the Gould Malaria Fund, to provide five subscriptions to Mosquito News at \$3.00

each during 1950 and like amount during the year 1951.

"I think the idea of such contribution toward building up monthly scientific libraries in needy countries is very fine indeed and the Rockefeller Foundation is to be congratulated for its part in providing the list of key institutions to which subscriptions will be sent."

The second fine contribution included 10 copies of an excellent textbook on mosquitoes by the late Thomas J. Headlee. These were sent us by Thomas D. Mulhern, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Twenty-seven sets of two volumes each of Mosquito News and the 10 copies of Dr. Headlee's book have been sent to the following libraries:

National Committee for Chile
Room 318
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Anopheles Eradication Service
Medical Department
The Island of Cyprus

Economic and Scientific Section
General Headquarters
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
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A total of \$241.91 in cash and 10 copies of Dr. Thomas J. Headlee's book "The Mosquitoes of New Jersey and Their Control," have been received by the Good Neighbor Club to date. This sum has been used to purchase 2 volumes (8 numbers) of Mosquito News for each of 47 foreign libraries. All postage expense has been borne by the International Exchange Service of the Smithsonian Institution here in Washington.

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