

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, MARCH 2, 1951

As President of the Illinois Mosquito Control Association it has fallen to my lot to open this session of the American Mosquito Control Association. This is indeed a great honor. We welcome you as our guests and we hope that your stay may be enjoyable as well as instructive.

Activities in mosquito control in Illinois started back in the 1920's. We in the neighborhood of Chicago were infested with the pestiferous mosquito, *Culex pipiens*, largely because of polluted swamp conditions in the Skokie Valley district north of Chicago, and many polluted shallow streams and the old Illinois-Michigan Canal that contributed to ideal conditions for the breeding of mosquitoes as they multiplied toward the fall of the year. Residents in the neighborhood of High-

land Park where a music festival was held at night, and people along the valley of the Desplaines River were especially interested in controlling hungry hordes of the floodwater mosquito, *Aedes vexans*. Their efforts led finally to the passage of a bill in the 1927 legislature allowing the formation of districts to be financed by taxes on personal property and real estate.

Four districts in the neighborhood of Chicago, and five others downstate have been formed. It is the four districts in the neighborhood of Chicago that have just joined together into the formation of the Illinois Mosquito Control Association. These districts will be your hosts on the afternoon bus trip.—SPENCER S. FULLER, M.D. (Dr. Fuller died on April 3. See page 109.)

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, MARCH 2, 1951

To the membership of the American Mosquito Control Association; Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is customary, at the close of the year, for the retiring President to make a report accounting for his stewardship in directing the affairs of the Association, and relating its accomplishments.

For the past two years the affairs of our Association have been managed by an Interim Board chosen by the membership for the purpose of directing our business until such time as the permanent organization could be established.

The year 1950 was marked by the completion of the By-Laws establishing the Rules and Regulations for the management of the Association, and the submission of these By-Laws to the membership at this Annual Meeting for ratification.

This was a tremendous task, and was complicated by the desire of the Board to

anticipate all the problems that might arise and to provide for their solution in a democratic manner. The fact that all communication between members of the Board was conducted by mail made the consideration of the problem time-consuming, and resulted in considerable expense on the part of all concerned. Nevertheless, all did their part and it is the opinion of the Interim Board that the course of our Association will be well charted in the future. To your Interim Board and to Dr. Glasgow must go the thanks of our membership for this job, well done.

The efforts of the Publication Committee and the Editor of MOSQUITO NEWS have resulted in the ever growing reputation of our quarterly journal, MOSQUITO NEWS. This too is the result of personal sacrifice on the part of all those accepting the responsibility and to them must go our appreciation.

During the summer of 1950 a Field Inspection was held for our membership in New England. Under the guidance of our members in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Vermont many worthwhile mosquito control accomplishments were inspected and the opportunity was provided for our membership to spend several days together. These inspection trips have proved to be one of the most valuable activities of the Association.

At this time I wish to thank all of the members of our active committees for their unselfish assistance and cooperation during the past year. These committees form the

backbone of the Association; without them we would cease to function. My special appreciation goes to Mr. Otto McFeely and his associates for producing this outstanding convention.

In conclusion may I say that our efforts during 1950 have been aimed at the completion of our organization plans without interrupting our usual and customary activities. To me it has been a real pleasure to have had a part in this work, and to your new President will go the privilege of setting our Association on its permanent course toward the accomplishment of its objectives.—LESTER W. SMITH.

NEWS AND NOTES

OF INTEREST TO American Mosquito Control Association members are the activities of the Public Health Insect Control Study and Report Group of the recently organized New England-New York Inter-Agency Committee.

The Group's job is to study and present the existing problems having to do with insects of public health importance in the New England-New York river basins area, to determine the inter-effects of water resources developments on these problems and to recommend basic procedures for their prevention and/or control.

The Group membership includes representatives of the Federal Security Agency (U. S. Public Health Service), Department of Agriculture (Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine), Department of Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service), Department of the Army (Corps of Engineers), and a representative designated by the Governor of each State within the New England-New York area. American Mosquito Control Association members include: Dr. Herbert Knutson, Coordinator of the Group, in the capacity of Special Consultant; Frank R. Lisciotta and John C. Kuschke, who are the Federal Security Agency representatives with headquarters in the Regional Federal Security Agency Office in Boston; Dr. G. H. Bradley, liaison representative with the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta; and Dr. E. F. Knipping, the U. S. Department of Agriculture representative.

Individual planning conferences have been held

in most instances with the State Group representative, who has in turn referred the Coordinator to medical entomologists within the State; however, initial contacts with these medical entomologists, many of whom are American Mosquito Control Association members, have not been completed at the time of this writing (April 30).

HERBERT KNUTSON

DR. SPENCER S. FULLER, author of the Illinois state law authorizing formation of mosquito control districts in Illinois and tax levies for the work, died in his 78th year on April 3, 1951 while working in his garden in Riverside, Illinois. The law was enacted in 1927 and The DesPlaines Valley District was organized at once. Dr. Fuller was elected president and served for 24 years with such success that no complaint was ever made by taxpayers. All flags in Riverside were at half mast on April 6, day of funeral services for Dr. Fuller.

The only other member of the board of trustees of the DesPlaines Valley District who has served since 1927 is Otto McFeely, who was Chairman of Arrangements for the 1951 conference of the American Mosquito Control Association in Chicago. Mr. McFeely was a newspaper writer for 50 years in Indiana and Illinois. He retired in 1941, and since then his only duties have been as a trustee and Treasurer of the District. He was elected by the board to be President pro-tem on April 3.