

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.