

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. Lisciotto 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.

DR. ENGEL L. R. GILBERT left the University of Maryland on April 1st to take a position with the Production and Marketing Administration, Livestock Branch, Insecticide Division. His work will involve the certification of labels under the Insecticide, Rodenticide, and Fungicide Act of 1947. During the month of January Dr. Gilbert was on active duty as Lieutenant, MSC, U. S. Naval Reserve, Jacksonville, Fla.

ERNESTINE THURMAN has just become a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service. As a Senior Assistant Sanitarian, Reserve, she will identify mosquitoes which her husband, Deed C., seeks to control in Thailand (Siam). Ernestine with her 4-months old daughter flew from New York the last of May, en route to Bangkok via London, Paris, and Rome.

H. L. T.

DR. AYROZA L. GALVÃO, whose name appeared in a news note on page 153 of the September 1950 issue, has announced the following change of address:

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Caixa Postal 8099 (formerly 99-B)
São Paulo, Brazil

Dr. Galvão is associated with the Department of Parasitology at the University of São Paulo.

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DR. LLEWELYN F. GUNARATNA, Medical Officer, Antimalaria Campaigns, in Ceylon, was a visitor to the United States in May. During the first part of that month, he inspected the laboratories of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Md., and those of the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md. Dr. Gunaratna was en route from England to the southern states and South America. He will visit Cyprus, Sardinia, Greece, and India before he returns home five months hence, where his permanent address is Torrington Square, Colombo, Ceylon.

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IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY, Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo was decorated a Commendator of the Military Order of San Georgio de Antioquia by the Vatican State. The decoration included the Star of Merit and was awarded to Dr. Castillo because of his studies having to do with the control of disease-carrying mosquitoes in the Catholic Missions in Ecuador. Dr. Castillo is now lecturing in the University of Cuenca on "Diseases Transmitted by Mosquitoes and Their Control."

H. H. STAGE

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED IN STATE ASSOCIATION:
The new officers of the California Mosquito Con-

trol Association (elected at Riverside, March 13, 1951) are:

President—Edgar A. Smith, Merced
Vice-President—Rolland L. Henderson, Tulare
Secretary-Treasurer—Arthur F. Geib, Bakersfield
Directors—Adolph E. Preuss, Selma; Jack H. Kimball, Santa Ana; G. Paul Jones, San Rafael; Joseph D. Willis, Redding; Edward D. Davis, Fresno; Norman Ehmann, Los Angeles.

AT THE SPRING MEETING of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association, the following officers were elected:

President—Maximilian M. Stallman, East Orange
First Vice-President—Floyd P. Ayres
Second Vice-President—Charles T. Foulk, 2nd
Secretary—Dr. Bailey B. Pepper
Treasurer—Lester W. Smith.

AT THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association held at Key West, April 29th to May 2nd, 1951, the following officers were elected:

President—LCdr. John M. Hirst, Jacksonville
President-elect—V. Samuel Minnich, Daytona Beach
First Vice-President—J. Melton Williams, Sarasota
Second Vice-President, Dr. Maurice W. Provost, Orlando
Secretary-Treasurer—John A. Mulrennan, Jacksonville.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS of the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association were elected at the annual meeting, March 19 and 20, 1951:

President—Dr. O. Whitney Young, Weber County Mosquito Abatement District
Vice-President—Harry Drew, Box Elder Mosquito and Fly Abatement District
Secretary-Treasurer—Robert A. Wilkins, Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District.

W.H.O. EXPERT COMMITTEE ON INSECTICIDES

Word has been received that the next meeting of the W.H.O. Expert Committee on Insecticides will be July 30–August 4, at the Communicable Disease Center Laboratory in Savannah, Georgia. A.M.C.A. members on the committee are: T. H. G. Aitken, J. M. Andrews, G. H. Bradley, A. D. Hess, C. W. Kearns, F. W. Knipe, K. D. Quarterman and H. H. Stage. The provisional agenda includes a discussion on the establishment of specifications for sprayers, dusters, and mechanically operated compressors for compression sprayers.