

EDITORIAL SECTION

Under date of August 1, two communications, one from Harry Stage and one from the AMCA Membership Committee, were sent to each of the 250 mosquito abatement agencies in the United States.* The points discussed are so timely and significant that all AMCA members should read them. They are reprinted herewith as the editorial section.—D. L. C.

At the Chicago meetings of the American Mosquito Control Association last March, Mr. E. J. Stansfield, Manager, Greater Winnipeg Anti-Mosquito Campaign of Manitoba, Canada, gave a very interesting paper, "Red River Flood Aftermath," in which he described the decontamination work of their mosquito control district during the flood disaster. The work of the Winipeg Mosquito Control Agency made us all proud of their accomplishment. It was a fine example of how well-trained men familiar with effective equipment were instantly available with the needed "know how" to relieve their community's distress.

If you are confronted with an emergency of equal degree, for example, an enemy air attack, are you ready to meet it? Do your men know their job—their responsibility—and do they have the proper equipment instantly available?

Many mosquito abatement agencies in the United States have already contacted their local Civil Defense agencies and are taking an active part in the planning program to meet national emergencies. Perhaps the Civil Defense agencies in your area would like to know of your local mosquito abatement district; of its men and available equipment. It is possible they might be able to cooperate in furnishing your district with suitable spray or fogging equipment so as to have it surely available and manned by trained operators in case of need. Perhaps here is an opportunity to provide and obtain mutual

assistance: you furnish the "know how," the Civil Defense agency furnishes the equipment.

If the Civil Defense agency wishes to purchase fogging equipment for adult mosquito control they may wish to use military specifications. As far as we have been able to determine, there is only one specification now available for fogging equipment (MIL-A-898A: November 1950), furnished Civil Defense agencies by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, U. S. Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C. Additional specifications are now in the making which will permit the purchase of a number of fogging and misting machines.—H. H. STAGE.

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To All Mosquito Control Agencies:

The American Mosquito Control Association is a non-profit organization, engaged continuously in activities leading to more and better mosquito control. Obviously it must use educational means as its primary vehicle to attain this end.

Every mosquito control agency now in existence and every mosquito worker, member of the association or not, has received some benefit from the work of the association. In exchange, all of the participating agencies or persons have contributed to its accomplishments, whether by supplying information resulting from original research or observation; by effort put forth in committee activity; or merely by the financial support provided by the payment of dues or subscriptions.

If you will critically review the program of your own agency, you will see immediately that its progress has largely resulted from the wise use by you of information which has come to you from others! Most of your knowledge of materials, equipment, and even the living habits of the mosquitoes you are fighting has been de-

* See *Mosquito News*, Vol. 11, No. 1, March 1951, for a list of mosquito control agencies.

veloped and contributed by others! But developments you have contributed may today or tomorrow be highly important somewhere in the world—perhaps in places so remote that you may never know the worth of your contributions.

It is in the exchange of information that AMCA contributes most directly to the practical work of mosquito control. But this means publication, and publishing costs are high indeed. The latest number of *Mosquito News* cost for printing alone about \$1400.00, approximately three times as much as the first all-printed number, which was distributed a few years ago! Even though all services are contributed by members and officers (there are no paid officers, no paid clerks or secretaries) the out-of-pocket expenses for printing, postage and stationery continuously tax the resources of the association, and limit the rate at which its publications can be increased in size and quality. Only by increasing its income can AMCA increase its services to mosquito control. This means more dues-paying members, more subscribers, and more advertisers.

Every member, every participating agency, is urged to accept a part of the responsibility for increasing the size and the prosperity of AMCA! If each one would consider himself part of the "volunteer membership and circulation committee" and get *just one new member*, the job would be done. Don't put this matter aside! Resolve instead to get your new member within the next 30 days! And

remember—if you do not have a membership blank at hand, an application in letter form is equally acceptable.

President Rees has written: "Some mosquito control agencies have enrolled all their board members or commissioners, as well as their technical and supervisory personnel as members of AMCA. Others have not realized the value to their own local programs of utilizing this means of aiding the Board personnel to better discharge the responsibilities they assumed upon accepting appointment to a mosquito control agency. To have *Mosquito News* coming regularly to the home of administrative officers provides a steadily increasing fund of information readily available for use when they have leisure time for reading. It also stimulates them in their work through the friendly contact provided by the *News*, with other mosquito workers in remote places. Board Members and Commissioners make a personal sacrifice every time they desert their private business to give time and effort to mosquito control. The meetings of the mosquito control boards are usually so full of the immediate business of the organization that there is little if any time for anyone to present an account of what is being done elsewhere. A membership in AMCA and a subscription to *Mosquito News* is surely but a small reward for a district or commission to provide each of its board members for their service to the community!"

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

AIRSPRAY BULLETIN STILL AVAILABLE

Inquiries have been received as to the availability of the AMCA's Bulletin No. 1 "The Use of Aircraft in the Control of Mosquitoes." This bulletin, which comprises 46 pages of text and 45 illustrations, is still available at \$1.50 per copy. Orders should be sent to Mr. Thomas D. Mulhern, 334 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Calif.