

WHO'S WHO IN MOSQUITO CONTROL*

STANLEY B. FREEBORN, TRUSTEE, ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

An almost life-long interest in mosquitoes and their control certainly qualifies Stanley B. Freeborn to be a Trustee of a mosquito abatement district. Brought to California in 1914 as Instructor in Entomology in the College of Agriculture, University of California, he was at once in direct contact with the late William B. Herms, and no one could be associated with Bill Herms for any length of time without acquiring an intense interest in mosquitoes and their control. And although since that time Dr. Freeborn has acquired a wide variety of academic and non-academic interests, he has continuously maintained a high order both of productive scholarship and practical achievement in culicidology.

Stan was born at Hudson, Massachusetts, December 11, 1891, the son of Franklin King and Addie M. (Houghton) Freeborn. He was educated at Massachusetts Agricultural College, receiving his B.S. in Entomology in 1914, and the Ph.D. in 1924. In 1949 the University of Massachusetts conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

He married Mary B. Chase, March 15, 1917, and they had two children, Stanley B., Jr., and Joyce. Stanley Junior attended the University of California, and rowed in the varsity crew (1937-40). He is now a Commander in the United States Navy. Joyce married H. J. Jensen and lives in Berkeley. Mrs. Freeborn died in January 1946; in December 1949, Stan married Mrs. Marian G. MacIise.

In 1913-14 Stan was Deputy State Quarantine Officer for Massachusetts, and in 1914 he was called to the University of California at Berkeley as Instructor in Entomology. In 1918 he was promoted to Assistant Professor of Entomology, in 1925 to Associate Professor and Associate Entomologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station, and in 1933 to Professor and Entomologist in the Experiment Station. In 1935 he took on the added duties of Assistant Dean of the College

of Agriculture and Assistant Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and has since continued in these capacities.

In 1918-19 he served as a Second Lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps, U. S. Army, and was engaged in malaria control work in the tide-water Virginia area. From 1919 to 1936 he held a reserve commission as Assistant Sanitarian and later Associate Sanitarian in the U. S. Public Health Service. In 1942-44 he was on active duty as Senior Malarialogist and Director of Operations for Malaria Control in War Areas, USPHS.

Since 1947 he has been a member of the Vector Control Advisory Committee, and since 1949 Consultant in Entomology, to the California State Department of Public Health, and has taken an active interest in the epidemic virus encephalitis control problem in California, as well as in other insect transmitted diseases.

He has a wide range of interests, particularly in sports. For many years he has been the University of California representative on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Coast Conference. In 1949-50 he was a member of the Federal Water Pollution Control Board. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a Member of the Entomological Society of America, the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the American Society of Parasitologists, the Pacific Slope Entomological Society, Sigma Xi, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega, etc.

Much of his mosquito lore he learned at first hand in the field. There is extant a motion picture showing Stan wielding a shovel to dig a ditch to drain a mosquito producing pond. He accompanied Professor Herms on many of his field surveys and collection trips throughout California. He has taken an active interest in the California Mosquito Control Association, and has contributed several valuable papers at its meetings. His scientific writings in the field of Entomology are extensive.

On the death of Professor Herms in 1949 the Berkeley City Council appointed Dr. Freeborn to succeed him as a Trustee of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.—H. P. G.

* Who are some of the men who act as commissioners and trustees? This is the first of a series of articles on the men who occupy the important posts in mosquito control work.