

EDITORIAL

NEWS, VIEWS AND DUES

At the last previous annual meeting of the AMCA held in Salt Lake City, the Editor was requested to publish a revised membership list in an early number of *MOSQUITO NEWS*. We have been trying ever since to bring the list up to date.

Along with this never really completed task has gone a parallel effort to bring the dues and subscription payments up to date and the sad duty of dropping from the list the names of those too long delinquent.

Naturally, the latter operation is performed only after it is reasonably certain that the member is no longer interested, either through a definite statement from the person or agency involved, or after a reasonable length of time has passed without answers to inquiries.

There have been a number of instances, however, where it is known beyond reasonable doubt that a member is still interested; he contributes to *MOSQUITO NEWS* and attends meetings, but forgets to pay his dues.

In such instances we have not dropped the name from the list, because it is apparently only a case of oversight, but sooner or later we must have this action confirmed. There have also been instances where address changes have been originally entered as new subscriptions, especially where an agency or group was involved, because adequate information did not accompany the request for a change. Thus, for instance, a subscription entered under the name of a librarian might be renewed in the name of the library or laboratory with which the librarian was connected, with or without

an address change. Unless specifically requested to replace one subscription with the other, the result might be two copies of the *NEWS* going to the same institution, one as to an old subscriber who had not paid dues but was given the benefit of the doubt, and one as to a new paid-up subscriber. This is not so unreasonable as it sounds when it is known, further, that some institutions actually do take out more than one subscription, and pay for them.

A further source of confusion is the fact that many an AMCA member seems to be of the roving kind, especially if he is in the armed forces. Thus he may not receive his *NEWS* promptly after an address change. Also, he may not receive dues notices either, and we temporarily lose touch with him.

The most recent list of members and subscribers was received in the editor's office on December 24, some time after the copy for the December number had been in the hands of the printer. Since it was too late to edit this for the printer and have it set without causing further delay in the December number, it was decided to save it for the March number.

In the meantime there is this one last opportunity for all of you who read this editorial, who have any reason to think that we do not have your latest address, to give complete information to the secretary or to the editor.

It is to the advantage of all concerned that immediate attention be given to this request.