

EDITORIAL SECTION

THE MEETINGS AND THE PROCEEDINGS

After the reorganization of the AMCA and the adoption of the new Constitution and bylaws in 1951 came a period of adjustment and settling. That so few changes have been proposed since their adoption attests to the careful work done by those who framed them and the consideration that was given to the diverse interests and viewpoints represented in the Association. The report of the bylaws committee included in this issue of *Mosquito News* contains recent suggested amendments.

One criticism that we have tried hard to meet, but have heretofore not been too successful in meeting, has been that we have not given enough space to Association business—both "official" business as embodied in the transactions of business meetings and the operation of committees, and "unofficial" as represented in news of more personal interest for and about members and local groups. This has been due largely to the financial outlay that would be necessary to add more pages to carry these additions without sacrificing the pace for articles.

Another proposed and admittedly desirable feature that we have been unable to adopt, for the same reason, has been the printing of a year-book to include all of the Proceedings, both business and papers, of the annual meeting, or at least the inclusion of these items in one issue of *Mosquito News*. Progress in the latter direction was made during the past two years, but even the funds set aside from the registration fees of the annual meetings and donated for the purpose to the AMCA by the local host association of the annual meetings were insufficient to meet the costs, except by postponing papers of current interest and timely importance.

Consequently, when the Directors and other officers and committees of the AMCA met with the local committee and

officers of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association to formulate plans for the Atlantic City meeting in April of 1954, the points mentioned above became an important part of the discussion.

The plan which was evolved was essentially this: All papers would be presented before the two Associations meeting jointly, and there would be no separate paper reading sessions of either group alone. Further, the New Jersey Association extended to the AMCA the courtesy and privilege of having all the papers published in their annual volume of *Proceedings*, which has been a distinguished contribution of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association for many years.

The registration fees were to be used to help defray the additional expense and to implement the sending of a copy of the *Proceedings* to each member of the AMCA.

The Editor of *Mosquito News* was first consulted in order to make certain that the proposed procedure would not result in reducing the size or quality of *Mosquito News*. It happened that *Mosquito News* already had on hand manuscripts for two issues ahead in addition to the one then in press. Had the *News* been obligated to publish and give priority to Proceedings papers it would have been forced to postpone many papers of immediate interest, and would not have been able to accept current manuscripts for early publication.

The editor therefore felt that the publication policy that had been proposed, as outlined above, would be of greatest service to the greatest number, and was especially desirable because we can now continue to solicit and accept current contributions with the expectation of early publication. The New Jersey *Proceedings*

should be in our hands by the time the September number of *Mosquito News* appears, probably before, which means earlier publication for most Proceedings papers than would otherwise be possible.

Unfortunately, before these arrangements were announced, a number of papers which had to be cleared through committees or other agencies of the organizations with which the authors were officially connected, had already been given clearance specifically for *Mosquito News*, and this clearance could not be changed without undue hardship and delay. Such papers will appear in *Mosquito News*.

There were one or two authors who disapproved of the arrangement for one reason or another, perhaps largely through misunderstanding of the details or because it was felt that a precedent was being established which might not be so easily followed in the future.

It should be pointed out, therefore, that the procedure described does not neces-

sarily establish a precedent which other host Associations would feel obliged to follow, for it is recognized by all that there are only one or two other Mosquito Control Associations in the entire country that have a sufficiently large membership to afford such an arrangement, or whose Proceedings are printed and enjoy sufficiently wide circulation to make joint publication of papers desirable.

A further point is that although *precedent* may not be established, an *example* has certainly been set. If this example could be followed from time to time it would relieve pressure on *Mosquito News*, at least once in several years, and release the space which so many members desire, as in the present issue, for more complete reporting of our business affairs and items of personal interest. This gives the growing list of members a better sense of "belonging" and gives *Mosquito News* greater freedom to publish their current contributions.

A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS should be given to Fred Stutz for his excellent reporting of the annual meeting and the assembling of the reports of the various committees. The minutes of the meeting are presented in this issue of *Mosquito News*, beginning on page 89, under Association News. The reports of the committees follow the minutes, identified by the attachment number headings with which they were submitted by Mr. Stutz