

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1955 MOSQUITO CONTROL CONFERENCE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,

JANUARY 24-27, 1955

On November 29 the Program Committee for the Joint American-California Mosquito Control Association Conference met in full force to bring into finality the various aspects of the program, local arrangements and ancillary aspects of the conference.

Mr. Norman R. Ehmann, formerly Entomologist of the Los Angeles City Health Department and now an integral member of the McLean Chemical Company, who has performed an outstanding job as General Chairman of the Conference planning activities, moderated the meeting. Dr. John N. Belkin, Associate Professor of Entomology at the University of California at Los Angeles and Program Chairman of the meetings, reported on the program which is in the closing stages of completion. Invitational papers to be presented the first day of the Conference will cover a broad spectrum of mosquito control developments throughout the United States as well as from Canada, Latin America, India, Hawaii, and elsewhere throughout the world. All four of the symposia scheduled for the second and third days have been effectively developed and the outstanding moderators and speakers appearing on each subject should offer considerable of interest to the audience. Dr. Fred M. Truxal, Curator of the Los Angeles Museum, reported that the call for submitted papers has thus far received only a moderate response. Mr. Gardner C. McFarland of the Los Angeles County Health Department and Manager of the Southeast Mosquito Abatement District, in his capacity as Exhibits Chairman, has been lining up an encouraging number of exhibits, but reports that the

help of everyone is needed in order to assure adequate funds by which to make the Conference hospitable to the maximum. Mr. W. Earle Duclous of the Los Angeles City Health Department, Mr. Jack H. Kimball, Manager, and Mr. John G. Shanafelt, Entomologist, of the Orange County Mosquito Abatement District, and Mr. Harvey I. Magy, Area Representative of the Los Angeles office of the Bureau of Vector Control, are effectively carrying out their responsibilities in local arrangements to assure smooth functioning of the meetings.

The Committee on ladies' entertainment, headed by Mrs. Ora May Ebeling, wife of University of California at Los Angeles Professor of Entomology, Walter Ebeling, and composed of all the wives of the aforementioned members of the Committee, submits a calendar of events for the ladies which is in the nature of a mandate that the wives accompany their husbands to this Conference. On Monday afternoon, a get-acquainted tea will be held at the Hotel Statler. This will be followed by the Hospitality Hour, Banquet and Dance for all. On Tuesday morning the ladies will tour the U.C.L.A. campus and Art Gallery, arriving at Bullocks Westwood by noon for a luncheon and fashion show. Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ebeling will be hostess to the ladies at her home for bridge. On Wednesday, the day will be unscheduled with respect to group activities other than for one function—a trip through the Fox Movie Studio, Hollywood.

In addition to the series of activities for everyone on Monday evening, plans are being made for the entire group to

visit a telecast of some major program being beamed from Hollywood on Wednesday evening, January 26. Also, passes will be available to the ladies, should they wish to attend other major radio and television programs during the few remaining available hours of the day.

As a climax to the Conference, plans are under way to provide transportation for a three-pronged motorcade in order to show off California to our visitors. One motor excursion will depart Thursday afternoon for the Coachella Valley, Palm Springs, Death Valley, and elsewhere mutually desired by this group wishing a looksee at the beautiful features of Southern California. The second prong of the motorcade will head north Thursday afternoon through the great Central Valley, stopping from time to time to visit various mosquito abatement districts and detouring to the extent possible into the high Sierras to see the big trees, the snow, and the panoramic scenery. Destination will be the San Francisco-Bay Area. The third option will be a trip northward to the Bay Area via the Coastline, stopping as desired at such points of interest as Santa Barbara, the Hearst Castle at San Simeon, Point Sur, Carmel-By-the-Sea, etc.

These motorcades will be able to be arranged for at the Conference. The important thing is for everyone to allow an additional several days on their trip itinerary in order to make it possible. Those who come to the Conference by air,

rail or bus and who intend to go on the motorcades heading northwards, should make reservations for departure from either Oakland or San Francisco at their time of convenience after Sunday, January 30. It is hoped that those who travel north to the Bay region will also take time to visit the University of California at Berkeley, the various mosquito abatement districts in the Bay area, and the Bureau of Vector Control of the State Health Department. Time should also be allowed to see San Francisco by day and by night.

So, how does all this sound? If you haven't already done so, be sure to make your reservation beginning the night of Sunday, January 23, at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles. Identify your name and that of your party with the AMCA-CMCA Conference. A wonderful time is guaranteed!

Everyone on the "Mosquito News" mailing list is slated to receive a personal invitation from Mr. C. Donald Grant, President of the California Mosquito Control Association, to attend this Joint Conference. A copy of the full printed program is also scheduled for mailing to everyone by early in January.\*—R. F. Peters.

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\* The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has already seen to it that the members have received copies of the tentative program of the Joint Conference. Note that registration is at 9:00 A.M. Monday the 24th of January at the Statler