

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HAROLD FARNSWORTH GRAY HONORED AT JOINT AMCA-CMCA CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES

Harold Farnsworth Gray became willing victim to a two Association conspiracy and difficult as it was, he exhibited at least partial surprise to the variety of honors which were presented to him at the recent AMCA-CMCA joint conference in Los Angeles, California. As the printed program revealed, an appropriate picture of Harold appeared on the cover and the following statement appeared on the inside cover:

"This joint conference of the American and California Mosquito Control Associations is dedicated as a tribute to Harold Farnsworth Gray in appreciative recognition of his dynamic influence upon and his outstanding contributions to the field of mosquito abatement.

"In March 1955 he will retire from active service with the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, Oakland, California. This program he initiated





BANQUET IN HONOR OF MARCO FABRISERTH GRAY
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in 1930 and since has successfully managed into deserved worldwide recognition. His professional career in mosquito abatement and related public health work began in 1908 and will be continued into his retirement, which, although not subject to schedule, will undoubtedly be characteristically active.

"Harold Farnsworth Gray, your mosquito abatement associates salute you!"

Harold Gray Day was really Monday, January 24 when tributes came from the opening address and concluded with a banquet appropriately honoring him. Dr. Lewis W. Hackett, worldwide authority on malaria control and member of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Directors, delivered a delightfully entertaining banquet address about him which brought out highlights of his life, both in factual account and anecdotal vein. Upon concluding, Dr. Hackett presented Harold with a beautiful leather-bound book entitled "Harold Farnsworth Gray, 1955" which contained approximately 100 letters from well-wishers lauding Harold for his outstanding career in mosquito control, and wishing him happiness and continued accomplishments in his impending retirement. Amer-

ican Association President Rowland E. Dorer presented Harold with an honorary membership in the American Mosquito Control Association. California Association President C. Donald Grant presented him with a companion honorary membership in the California Mosquito Control Association.

Presentations continued with a variety of gifts being placed before Harold and Mrs. Gray, the sum of which produced a warm and wholly appreciative glow as the accompanying picture illustrates. The gifts included a desk set consistent with the theme of the leather-bound book previously mentioned and included a leather-bound blotter pad, an onyx pen set centered with a barometer, a leather-bound dropover clock, an address book, letter opener, a leather-bound cigarette case with lighter, a beautiful silver tray, and last but not least, a "Texas fifth" of liquid hospitality contained within a decanter. These gifts were the result of voluntary contributions of nearly 100 well-wishing friends. Visibly touched and warmly happy over the entire matter, Harold delivered a short, heartfelt response. Yes, Harold Farnsworth Gray really had his day!—R.F.P.

JOINT CONFERENCE GUESTS VISITED CALIFORNIA SCENIC SPOTS AND MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCIES ON THREE MOTORCADES

Following the joint conference, motorcades took off in three directions to visit scenic points of interest and representative mosquito control programs in California.

Dr. John N. Belkin served as host to a group of entomologists on a tour to various points of interest in the Mojave Desert area and which culminated in some ultra culicidology inspections of localities where a scarce genus of mosquito, *Uranotaenia*, is struggling for existence.

The next motorcade, led by Thomas D. Mulhern and Earl W. Mortenson, routed along the edge of the Mojave Desert, on

to Bakersfield where Arthur F. Geib and Gordon F. Smith of the Kern Mosquito Abatement District explained their operational program. Next was a visit to the University of California—U. S. Public Health Service encephalitis research station at Bakersfield where Dr. Wm. C. Reeves and Dr. R. Edward Bellamy explained the research program under way in that area. This was followed by a tour along the Orange Belt Highway, ending with an inspection and explanation by Ted G. Raley of the Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District operations, headquar-