

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-

tered at Selma. A visit to Yosemite Valley, combined with a look at some of the giant redwoods, was followed by an inspection in Merced and an explanation by John Stivers of the Merced County Mosquito Abatement District program. This group then headed for the San Francisco-Bay Area and departed California by various routes.

The third motorcade, conducted by John R. Walker and Richard F. Peters, visited the attractive city of Santa Barbara, then followed the route up along the scenic rugged California coastline for several hundred miles until reaching the Monterey Peninsula, with visits to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, and the city of Monterey. Next, Howard Greenfield and Jerry Lant of the Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement District, explained that district's program. This was followed by a swing through the Santa Cruz County redwoods en route to an inspection and narration by Edgar A. Smith, head of the Santa Clara County Vector Control Division, of their mosquito and fly control activities. The San Francisco-Bay Area then

held the interest of this group until their subsequent departure for home.

All in all, everyone participating in these motorcades seemed to have an entirely happy and worthwhile experience.

SUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS AT THE JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC., AND CALIFORNIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC., AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF., JANUARY 23-27, 1955.

Out-of-State Registrations: Canada, 2; Rockefeller Foundation, 3; Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 3; U. S. Public Health Service, 7; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 6; U. S. Armed Forces, 3; 15 states (exclusive of California) 61; total out-of-state registrations—85.

California Registrations: 6 institutions of learning, 9; 3 state agencies, 19; 6 city and/or county health departments, 10; 1 irrigation district, 1; 33 mosquito abatement districts, 103; 20 commercial firms, 27; total California registrations—169.

Total recorded registrations—254.

Total ladies' registrations—52.

NOTICE

The Proceedings of the 1954 Joint Meeting of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association and the American Mosquito Control Association held in Atlantic City last year have now been printed and more than a thousand copies have been distributed. This volume contains 310 pages of excellent material that would make a valuable addition to any

library on mosquito control work. Additional copies may be obtained from Dr. Bailey B. Pepper, N. J. Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dr. Pepper and his associates who assisted in the compiling of the Proceedings are to be complimented on the excellence of the publication.



AMCA leaders and distinguished guests at the AMCA Toledo Seminar. Left to right, beginning in upper picture: President R. E. Dorer; National Advisor R. L. Annotte; Dr. P. Bruce Brockway, Director of Toledo Sanitary District; John D. Jiggers, Chairman of the Board of Libbey-Owens-Ford; Grove Patterson, Editor of the *Toledo Blade*; Otto McFeely, AMCA Director for North Central District; and Lester W. Smith, AMCA Treasurer. (Photographs courtesy of Willys Motors.)

This *Fogs and Mists Seminar*, which was held September 29, 30 and October 1, 1954, as announced in the June, 1954 number (Vol. 14, No. 2) of *Mosquito News*. The program was printed in the September number (Vol. 14, No. 3) and an account of the meeting appeared in the December number (Vol. 14, No. 4). In the latter notice it was stated that the complete Proceedings would be published early in 1955. **The Proceedings are now available as promised**, in the form of a well printed 56-page booklet. This booklet contains not only the technical and operational papers that were presented, but also verbatim transcripts of the discussion (occasionally quite printed and lively) which enlivened the proceedings. These papers and proceedings contain valuable information, not available elsewhere, which should be in the hands of anyone who is interested in fogging or mistblowing. Price \$1.00, from P. Bruce Brockway, Jr., Superintendent, 5015 Stickney Ave., Toledo 12, Ohio.