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EDWARD M. BECTON

Edward Major Becton, Director of the Indian River County Mosquito Control District, passed away suddenly at his home in Vero Beach, Florida, on the morning of April 23, 1955, at the age of 51.

He was elected president of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association this spring and was an active member of the American Mosquito Control Association. He attended the scientific meetings of the association and served on committees.

For many years Mr. Becton was associated in the development of a botanical garden in Vero Beach. He served as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Mosquito Control District of Indian River County from 1941 until he resigned to take over as director of the district in 1950.

Mr. Becton was reared in Palmyra, New Jersey. After graduation from Palmyra High School, he attended Dartmouth College. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Kansas, and his

M.S. degree from Ohio State University in 1930.

He was a civic leader in his community; a past president of the Vero Beach Rotary Club, a member of the Elks Lodge, and a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He worked hard and successfully to bring into realization state wide mosquito control in Florida. He was instrumental in procuring the passage of legislation for the establishment of an entomological laboratory for the study of mosquitoes and sand flies. This laboratory will soon be completed and is located in Indian River County.

The scientific background of Mr. Becton and his years of service on the board qualified him as one of Florida's most able directors. His counsel will be greatly missed, not only by his community but throughout the state.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Mae Becton; a daughter, Barbara; a son, Edward; and a brother, George T. Becton of Riverton, N. J.