

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

AS WE GO TO PRESS WE ARE ABLE TO BRING YOU, BY COURTESY OF TED RALEY AND DICK PETERS a full account of the meetings at Beaumont (Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8, 1956), although we regret to say that we must condense to fit the space available. Since the stories as to what happened at the banquet seem to vary a good deal, we are going to have to verify the facts before we can report them here.

All of the officers and all but three of the Regional Directors of the Association were present at the meetings. An excellent record.

TEXAS AND ESPECIALLY THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF JEFFERSON AND GALVESTON COUNTIES apparently gave such a royal welcome to everyone that no one was able to recall later whether or not he had felt any aches and pains from sitting through the paper-reading sessions. These had to be undertaken in four-hour, no-recess segments in order to accommodate all the fine program which had been arranged by Fred Stutz and Ernestine Thurman and their committees. The paper-reading sessions were ably presided over by past-Presidents Dorer, Twinn and Rees and by Don Micks.

A buffet supper on the first night, two (or was it three) hospitality hours and a trip for the ladies on the Texas Company's yacht *Ava*, were only part of the entertainment, most of which was so lavish that it has left our correspondents speechless. But even the business meeting was well and enthusiastically attended.

The enthusiasm stemmed from the exceptionally favorable reports made from nearly every quarter on the condition of our Association. Lester Smith reported that the treasury showed an increase over last year nearly sufficient to cover the next four issues of the News. Art Lindquist reported on a budget which showed expenditures safely below the most conservative estimates of income. Francis Creadon's report on the sale of advertising space in *Mosquito News* was more than optimistic and was proof of the hard work which he has put into this exacting task since he took it over in mid-year. In the opinion of everyone he and Bill Bickley and Bob Vannote deserve great credit for this feat. Archie Hess reported that the Good Neighbor Club is now entirely current and has had an increase of 55 accounts for 1956. There is also a list of names which can take care of many more sponsors and every agency is urged to adopt at least one person or office on a permanent status. Miscellaneous Publications are all in the black, though there are still some of Numbers 2 and 3 available and their sale should be pushed.

Tommy Mulhern reported a challenging membership situation since the Association gained by 50 memberships this year but there were 134 drop-outs which were food for serious thought; an excess of 50 newcomers over the resignations does not allow for complacency, for there should be few or none dropping out. On the encourag-

ing side, over 1,000 accounts were paid for 1955 and they are still coming in.

Bailey Pepper presented a completely revised Bylaws with the recommendation that they be reviewed and returned to his Committee by June. The final draft will then be presented to the Board of Directors and thence to the membership by mail prior to action at the next annual meeting. Johnny Mulreanan persuasively presented the case in favor of affirmative action by the Association on S 2870, a bill to promote research and development on mosquito control, urging that we make known our approval of further support for mosquito research whether or not we approved specific measures for implementing it. The following resolution on the subject was adopted at the session of February 7:

### AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC.

February 7, 1956

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC., within the stated objectives of its Bylaws is dedicated to the furtherance of research on mosquitoes and their control, and whereas Senate Bill 2870 and corresponding House of Representatives Bills propose to make possible the conduct of greatly needed research, technical development, and control demonstrations on pest mosquitoes throughout the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association does herewith and hereby endorse and urgently urge passage of this significant legislation by the Congress of the United States, *providing that this Bill and the operational plan* pertaining to it contain or incorporate the following:

1. The U. S. Department of Agriculture engage in broadened aspects of research pertaining to mosquitoes in relation to agriculture.
2. The amount of funds allocated the U. S. Department of Agriculture be substantially increased to permit investigations on agricultural practices related to mosquito production.
3. At least one-half (50 per cent) of the funds derived be applied to research on mosquitoes to develop methods of control.
4. Where practical and desirable, existing research organizations and facilities be utilized to the maximum in effecting the operational plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States House of Representatives; the United States Senate; the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

DR. PAUL R. MAYER, Chairman of the Jefferson County Mosquito Control District presented a