

MOSQUITO CONTROL HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEW JERSEY

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In bringing the greetings of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association to this Annual Meeting, I would like to note that since the last AMCA meeting in Texas, the New Jersey Association has held two meetings, the 43rd and 44th annual affairs which are well known to many of you. The Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting have been published and constitute a volume of some 210 pages. The 44th Meeting just con-

cluded was attended by representatives from most of the eastern and central states. In connection with these meetings, our group regrets that it has not been possible to have a broader representation from the American Association's official families.

During the past year there have been several events in New Jersey mosquito control which may be of interest to you. Among the highlights was the enactment

of legislation attempting to modernize our mosquito laws and to tailor the control programs for more efficient solution of present-day problems. Under this legislation the State Commission was created, which among other responsibilities, has the obligation of reviewing the mosquito problem on a state-wide basis and allocating such state funds as may be available for bolstering county programs. This Commission is busily engaged in developing its program and preparing a state assistance budget. The Commission includes the Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station as an ex-officio member and two members, Mr. William Dillistin, who is chairman and Mr. Jesse Leslie, who have had long experience with the New Jersey program. Mrs. Eleanore Martin, who was a member of the State Mosquito Control Study Commission which assembled the information leading to legislation, is also a member. Mr. George Spangenberg and Dr. Michael Pacicco are energetic citizen members new to mosquito work.

The state-supported program of aircraft spraying in our tide-water resort counties successfully completed its seventh successive year under the direction of the Experiment Station. At the present time the Experiment Station is also directing the allocation of a \$75,000 state appropriation for aid to counties which is specifically earmarked for the construction and reconstruction of water-management installations. This rather limited fund is being applied to specific projects of high-priority in a few counties.

The New Jersey Association has taken

a major part in the modernization of legislation and has carried forward its general program along the lines followed for many years past.

The 44th Annual Meeting Proceedings are being dedicated to the memory of Dr. Leland O. Howard, pioneer in all mosquito control, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. The contributions of Dr. Howard were featured in the opening session of the program. Representatives from many states contributed to the formal session of the 44th annual meeting, which also included the survey of mosquito work throughout the world and contributions from Federal Agencies engaged in mosquito investigation, in an attempt to improve the appreciation of the administrative groups for technical and legal matters concerned with the increasingly complex problems of mosquito control in rapidly-developing New Jersey. A round-table discussion was held in one session which permitted the informal exchange of information on subjects of particular interest to this group. Local problems of high interest, such as research on viruses transmitted by mosquitoes, and up-to-date information on the use and effect of chemicals completed the program.

The New Jersey group, including many of those who would have liked to be present at this meeting of the American Mosquito Control group, continue their high interest in the national organization and, as President of the New Jersey Association for this year, I extend to you a warm invitation to visit our next meeting in New Jersey.

The deadline for submission of titles and abstracts for the annual meeting in February is November first. See notice on page 218.