

NEWS AND NOTES

WE WORKED RIGHT UP TO PRESS TIME LAST ISSUE AND THE PRESS CAME DOWN AND BIT OFF A PIECE OF OUR HAND SO WE RUSH UP WITH SOME BELATED NEWS NOW ABOUT PRESIDENT ART LINDQUIST. He was invited to attend and participate in the World Health Organization work conference held at Geneva, Switzerland, during July 25 through 31. The main objective of the meeting was to consider ways in which the amount of research being performed on the insect resistance problem can be increased, and to suggest means for improving world-wide coordination of research on this important problem. As representative, not only of the United States Government but also of our American Mosquito Control Association, two organizations in which we all take a fairly strong interest, it is obvious that Art's comments will be eagerly awaited upon his return.

DR. LINDQUIST ALSO ATTENDED THE RECENT INTER-AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM ON THE PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, which was held on May 13-16, at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island. He presented a paper reviewing recent work in the Entomology Research Division on the use of radioisotopes in studies on the biology and control of insects. The Conference was particularly intended for the benefit of the group of approximately 190 Latin-Americans in attendance, giving them information on nuclear physics, the management of atomic energy programs and the uses of radioisotopes in medicine, biology and agriculture. Talks were given by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, President of Johns Hopkins University, Lewis L. Strauss and Willard F. Libby of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. An interesting part of the program was a tour of the facilities of the laboratory, including the nuclear reactor, the Cosmotron and the huge new Synchrotron, the world's largest accelerator, which is now under construction.

ANOTHER ITEM FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK IS A LETTER FROM DR. I. R. MAXWELL OF THE PERGAMON INSTITUTE OF LONDON AND NEW YORK. This non-profit institute can make available English translations of results of research and development in various countries, including the U.S.S.R. They asked that the availability of this service be made public to the membership of the association. Also, if any of our members have a knowledge of Russian and are sufficiently qualified to take translations, they may become members of the Institute's panel of paid translators. It is the hope of the Institute that Societies such as ours will make use of the Institute's facilities and support its work in every way they can.

OUR MAIL HAS BEEN HEAVY THIS MONTH WITH NEWS OF CHANGES OF ASSIGNMENTS AND AD-

DRESSES. PRESIDENT-ELECT, COMMANDER, DOCTOR "MO" (JOHN M.) HURST leaves these shores on the 24th of August to sail for the paradise of the Pacific, where his new berth at Pearl Harbor awaits him. There he will be heading up Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6, whose address is Navy No. 128, FPO, San Francisco. Those in Mosquito Control activities in California especially bewail the separation and on 17 August tendered "Mo" and his family a farewell dinner where he was assured that nothing but holding the meetings next year in the soft surroundings of Hawaii (and at the reduced rates most of us would require to get there) will assuage their grief.

EXCHANGING WITH MO WILL BE DR. (AND ALSO COMMANDER) DICK HOLWAY, ALSO OF AMCA AND WIDELY KNOWN, who went to Hawaii after valiant service in Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D. C., and will now be the Insect Vector Control Officer, Office of the Inspector, Naval Medical Facilities, Pacific Coast, at Mo's old address, Bldg. 83, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. Dick's coming will be as welcome as Mo's leaving will be regretted. It's just a damn shame we can't eat our cake and have it too, ain't it?

AND SPEAKING OF MOVING, WHAT DID WE TELL YOU ABOUT UNCLE HARRY STAGE AND HIS GLOBE-TROTTING? This time it's only a little move . . . really just across the street for Harry. He's now with the Department of Health of Washington State, implementing their new enabling act so that the several counties of eastern Washington can get rid of their *Culex tarsalis* and accompanying encephalitis problem. "Have had 14 months vacation so thought I should settle down again," he notes, "We'll soon be writing mosquito control history in Washington State so brace yourselves." We're braced, Harry. Start the running commentary real soon now, hear? (Harry's new address is . . . and we hope this is still current when it gets into print . . . Box 624, Pasco, Washington.)

MILTON H. BUEHLER IS BEING WELCOMED ABOARD AS THE NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PEST CONTROL TO THE DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER, THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT, with headquarters in Seattle, Washington. He became entomologist for the District on July 10th after having resigned his position as Director of Mosquito Control Section, City and County Health Department, Eugene, Oregon, as of 31 May. Milt's joining is good news to the mosquito killing fraternity of the Navy.

ART KIDWELL DOFFED HIS ARMY UNIFORM SOME MONTHS AGO and is now entomologist with

the University of Maryland's Mosquito Control Program, according to Dr. WILLIAM E. BICKLEY. Dr. JAMES R. FOSTER and Mr. STANLEY R. JOSEPH are assistant entomologists in the same Program. On July 1, Dr. GEORGE S. LANGFORD became State Entomologist and Dr. Bickley, who has been acting in the capacity, became Head of the Department of Entomology of the University.

BILL BICKLEY ALSO SENT US A NOTE ABOUT DR. EUGENE J. GERBERG who has just returned from a trip to Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Aruba and Trinidad. In Trinidad, he visited with Dr. H. P. S. GILLETTE, who is now Director of Medical Services of Trinidad, though he continues his interest in yellow fever and malaria control.

DR. FRED BISHOPP SENDS US A REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. L. O. HOWARD, LONGTIME DEAN OF AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGISTS.

"The monumental work done by Dr. L. O. Howard on mosquitoes, flies and other disease-carrying insects as well as that done on various destructive and beneficial insects in general, was reviewed and praised at the celebration on June 11, 1957 of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

"This celebration was in the form of a banquet at the widely-known Cosmos Club in Washington, D. C. It was attended by 150 of his friends, and admirers of his great work. His daughters, Misses Lucy and Janet Howard and his grandson, Mr. Howard Payne, were honor guests. The banquet was under the auspices of the Entomological Society of Washington and the Insecticide Society of Washington. A joint committee made the arrangements, the committee consisting of W. G. Bruce, Paul Hubanks, Helen Sollers, J. S. Wade, and M. D. Leonard. The Presidents of the two Societies, Dr. F. L. Campbell and Dr. Elizabeth E. Haviland, spoke briefly and Dr. Mortimer D. Leonard, consultant to the Shell Chemical Corporation, was toastmaster.

"Interesting reminiscences of Dr. Howard were presented by Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, Director Emeritus of the National Bureau of Standards, Mr. John E. Graf, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, Dr. William M. Mann, formerly Director of the National Zoological Park, Dr. R. C. Roark, formerly Chief of the Division of Insecticide Investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Thomas E. Snyder, leading expert on Termites, and Col. F. S. Haydon.

"Dr. Fred C. Bishopp, formerly Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (and, of course, formerly President of the American Mosquito Control Association), gave an address reviewing the life and work of Dr. Howard, who served the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 53½ years, 33 of which were as Chief of the Bureau of Entomology. The outstanding role played by Dr. Howard in the de-

velopment of a sound basis for looking toward control and even eradication of flies, mosquitoes and other disease carriers of world-wide importance was especially emphasized by Dr. Bishopp, as was also Dr. Howard's remarkable ability to interest and obtain active support from people around the world in making war on insect pests."

THE INTERNATIONAL COÖPERATION ADMINISTRATION SENDS US A RATHER LONGISH NOTE ABOUT DR. JOSEPH M. BUTLER who has been following in the footsteps of ERNESTINE THURMAN and her late husband in Thailand. In summary, Dr. Butler, who received degrees from the Universities of Kentucky and Utah, accepted appointment to Saudi Arabia in 1953 and went directly from there to Thailand in 1955, where he plans to continue after a period of stateside leave. He is stationed at Chiangmai, in the Northern Regional Office, some 400 miles north of Bangkok. In his work with the Malaria Control Training School, training in malaria control techniques has been given not only to all doctors and technicians from Thailand but also from other countries such as Laos, Indonesia and Nepal. This Thai-U. S. coöperative effort in malaria control is one in which both countries may take great pride. The remarkable achievements to date have already put Thailand well up in the forefront among the nations approaching completion of their campaigns to eradicate malaria.

DON GRANT'S SAN MATEO COUNTY (CALIFORNIA) MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, CHET ROBINSON AND MARV KRAMER'S ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, AND DICK PETER'S BUREAU OF VECTOR CONTROL were hosts recently to two alert mosquito control enthusiasts from Liberia. Messrs. Bleabay Bedell and James Nimley, presently studying in this country, and whose mosquito control careers commenced during the period when Dr. GEORGE BURTON was with ICA in Liberia, hope to be able to cram as much American know-how into themselves as is humanly possible during their stay, and they seemed well on the way to realizing their goal already.

THE VIRGINIA MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION was able to make a very worthwhile contribution to its members recently when it sponsored an attractive eight-page booklet, nine by six inches, which tells the story of mosquitoes, and specifically Virginia mosquitoes, and of the control efforts exerted against them. Written entirely in non-technical language but in interesting, straightforward fashion, the booklet had a first printing of 26,000 copies and was distributed under their own names by the various mosquito control commissions.

THE VIRGINIA "SKEETER" ALSO TELLS HOW TWO OF THEIR MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN REPAIRING LEAKY SPRAY CANS, using a simple, inexpensive, durable and highly ad-

hesive commercial plastic mending material. We'd be glad to give the name of his product if the company will buy an ad in Mosquito News, but pending the appearance of the ad, members wishing to know may write for a copy of the May and June SKEETER. The stuff is 80 percent steel and 20 percent plastic and is non-shrinking and non-expanding. It works like a good grade of putty and after hardening can be dressed with a file. Seven cans which would otherwise have been a total loss were reported to have been mended with this material with excellent results and at nominal cost.

MO HIRST IS RESPONSIBLE for the limerick on page 216. Any more limericks, anyone?

RECENTLY WE HAVE MENTIONED VARIOUS FAMOUS MEMBERS OF A.M.C.A. WHOSE WHO'S WHO'S (NO THAT IS NOT WHOAS) WE HAVEN'T RUN. There are so many famous persons in A.M.C.A. that we have a dickens of a time selecting whom to run, like the famous centipede that couldn't decide which leg came first. Well, we usually pick them by plunging our arm into the pile, and if you have any favorites we seem to have slighted, remember that we'll be until 1998 running everybody; so ask for the one you want.

ANYHOW, HERE'S CHARLIE WHITE OF NORTH CAROLINA. We've always considered that what the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of North Carolina was "What can we do to get us a man like Charlie White?" Well, North Carolina got him by his being born there, in Manson, on 27 September 1900 (Happy Birthday, Charlie!). He received his B.Eng degree from N. C. State and his Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina. After finishing college he worked as resident engineer with the Tennessee State Highway Department until 1933, when he began to be introduced to malaria control by the North Carolina Department of Health and the U.S.P.H.S. He was State Director of Malaria Control in War Areas, during the war and of the CDC activities to 1950, and still holds a commission in the U.S.P.H.S. as a senior sanitary engineer. He is presently the Chief of the Insect and Rodent Control Section of the State Board of Health, of course, and also Chairman of the Salt Marsh Study Commission, as we indicated last issue. He is a member of a number of professional societies, is married, with a son in college, and says hunting, fishing, poker and gardening are his hobbies.

BILL FROHNE, who was recently noted as having moved from Alaska to the Philippines, was born in Nyack, N. Y., in 1908 and was married in 1935 (according to American Men of Science, which tells us more than most of our biographees ever do). He has three children and three degrees, his doctorate coming in 1937, from

Michigan. He was with the U.S.P.H.S., beginning in 1936 at Savannah, Georgia, and was an associate entomologist and sanitarian-scientist with the U.S.P.H.S. Malaria Control in War Areas and Communicable Disease Center, after 1942. He was a member of the U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Administration mission to Greece in 1945 and then went to the Arctic Health Research Center. In addition to his numerous papers on mosquitoes and malaria control, he has also written on desmids, asilids and other infrequently studied but important insects.

THE PERIPATETIC OTHER HALF of the California Bureau of Vector Control doesn't get around *quite* as much as its even more peripatetic chief but he's widely known in his own way so this can't be made into much of a guessing game. He was born in Bend, Oregon, in 1915, and went to San Jose State and Stanford, gaining his B.A. and M.A. from the latter institution, while simultaneously achieving the difficult feat of being a research assistant at said University and with Wallace and Tiernan. The Army had him from '42 to '45 and then he was a research associate for two years and then entomologist with the East Side Mosquito Abatement District (California) for two more. Since then he's been with the Bureau as Senior Vector Control Specialist, where he is noted (as are all in that organization, it seems) for his hard work. He says even his *hobby* is Natural History. WHO? Why JOHN R. WALKER. We already told you.

TRAVIS MCNEEL, one of the famous three authors of the famous reference bulletin on the mosquitoes of the Southeastern States, was born in Mississippi (we guess) and anyway went to school there, graduating from Mississippi State in 1923 to join the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, in research on, of all things, cotton insects. Well, *that* didn't last long. In 1924, he was transferred to the Division of Insects Affecting Man and Animals and has been working ever since on mosquito ecology and control. He was stationed in Mound, Louisiana, for a number of years and later in Orlando, Florida. A few months before the war began he was transferred to the U.S.P.H.S. to work on salt marsh mosquito control; when the war started he was placed in Malaria Control in War Areas. After rendering great assistance to the military mosquito control effort (and we *do* mean great) he joined the CDC Malaria Eradication Program. In 1950 he was assigned to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he chairmanned the program on Insects of Public Health Importance in the eight Basin States. In 1954 he became Chief Malariologist to the United States Operations Mission to the Philippines where he stayed until this last year, when he went on to join the eradication program in Mexico, as we have recounted earlier.