

There is probably more anti-mosquito work going forward in Florida than in most of the Eastern States not in the Association. Seven counties have organized mosquito-control units dealing mainly with the salt-marsh problems. The necessity for controlling these pests, if the resorting possibilities of the State are to be fully developed, is being recognized.

Here and throughout the country local mosquito-control projects have been prosecuted during recent years largely with funds supplied by the Works Progress Administration. It is obviously impossible even to list these in a short article.

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#### ACTIVITIES OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL WORKERS

Twelve members attended the meeting and inspection trip in Virginia during the week of February 14th to 21st. At this meeting a committee was appointed to prepare this trial publication. Inspection of the work around Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Roanoke Island, North Carolina was carried on revealing a vast amount of mosquito control work in this area. Novel and interesting methods and equipment were viewed by the party. A very interesting feature was a boat trip through Dismal Swamp to Lake Drummond

In Atlantic City on March 21 while attending the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers was held at which the proposed new Constitution and By-laws were presented and discussed. An interesting feature to all of our members was a proposal to charge dues to cover the cost of a regular quarterly publication of which this is a sample.

It was also decided at this meeting to hold a series of one day inspection trips in Connecticut, New Jersey and Delaware and probably a fall discussion meeting shortly after the close of the mosquito breeding season. The first of these one-day inspection trips is now scheduled for Connecticut on June 27.

In January many newspapers informed us that Dr. L. L. Williams, Surgeon-General of the U. S. Public Health Service, Dr. H. A. Bush of Savannah, and Dr. Bruce Nayne of Columbia, S. C. had been sent to China to help institute a 5 year government campaign against malaria on the Burma-Yunnan border.

The Convention Banquet of the New Jersey Mosquito Association on Thursday evening, March 21 at 7:30 was a splendid dinner built up around roast breast of guinea hen as a piece de resistance. The address, an interesting recital of the growth and extension of mosquito control work, paying tribute to such devoted public servants as Doctors Howard, Smith and Headlee, and pointing out the results of such work, but stressing the need of publicity and educational work to overcome public ignorance and forgetfulness of mosquito control.

After everyone had partaken of this delicate and delicious feast and our very worthy President Siedler had given his address the new Association President Mr. Jalo W. Lehti was inducted into office and presented with his new gavel.

Mr. Robert D. Glasgow calls our attention to the following interesting results by Norman Taylor as presented in the New York State Museum Circular No. 23 (Nov. 1939, 42 pages, 19 figures and several tables) Norman Taylor reports field and laboratory studies exploring further one of the many avenues for investiga-

tion opened by his earlier studies of mosquito control ditching in relation to salt marsh vegetation (N.Y. State Museum Bulletin No. 316, 1938, pp 21-84 and Proc. of the 24th Annual Meeting of the N. J. Mosquito Extermination Ass'n., 1937 pp 211-217).

"In this circular, Taylor concludes that the very wide range of salt tolerance exhibited by all species of salt marsh plants, indicates that change of salinity resulting from ditching is probably of very minor importance among the factors which may be concerned in bringing about any change in the character of salt marsh vegetation."

Rowland E. Dorer of Norfolk, Va. disclosed to members of the Eastern Association a new and simple way of eliminating cattails in flooded areas.

At the New Jersey Convention Thomas D. Mulhern, Ditching Engineer of the N. J. Agricultural Experiment Station reviewed New Jersey mosquito work for 1939, and was very accommodating in giving us his concise report which also included his statistics on New Jersey work and trap catches.

Dr. Paul Jackmauh, Commissioner of Public Health in Massachusetts outlined the extensive and efficient survey made by his department on the relation of the mosquito to encephalomyelitis.

#### MOSQUITO CONTROL IN DELAWARE

For eight years the Department of Entomology of the Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station has been engaged in a campaign directed towards the elimination of the mosquito nuisance in that State. A basic survey of the local mosquito-control problem was made in 1932.