

Business of the Eastern Association
Summary of Minutes of Meetings.

1. A meeting of this Association was held in Atlantic City on March 20, 1941, during the New Jersey convention. Mr. Botsford reported on the Membership Committee's conclusion regarding qualifications of membership. A resolution concerning cooperation of members in the National Defense program was adopted. Discussion occurred on summer trips of one day and a fall trip to inspect work of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

2. A meeting was held in Metuchen on July 29, 1941, following the North Jersey inspection trip. Treasurer's report revealed over 20 members have paid dues. Further discussion on the T.V.A. inspection trip took place and it was tentatively scheduled for late September.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Defense is My Job

With increasing frequency, of late, the slogan is heard, or is read, that "Defense is Everybodys' Job". There is also an old saying to the effect that "what is everybodys' job may readily become nobodys' job". Why not be more specific? If the effort on the part of the people of this Country is to prove effective in meeting the present emergency, defense must become my job - and yours.

What can we do, now, as mosquito-control workers, to further the program for national defense? In Delaware, we are attempting to answer this question by adjusting, as rapidly as possible, both research and control plans so that the information obtained and the operations carried out will protect the military forces stationed within the State from serious mosquito annoyance.

At the request of army authorities, breeding conditions have already been surveyed, the necessary work has been outlined and cost estimates have been prepared for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, for all posts in the Delaware area. This report covers Fort Mott, Finns Point, New Jersey; Fort Delaware, on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River; Fort duPont, at Delaware City; Fort Saulsbury, to the east of Milford; the extensive development about Cape Henlopen, near Lewes; and the Delaware National Guard Encampment, at Bethany Beach.

A W.P.A. mosquito and malaria-control project in the amount of \$62,693 for the area in Delaware within 5 miles of Fort duPont has also been developed and is now awaiting final approval. The certification of this project as a necessary adjunct to national defense and as beneficial to the health of troops at this Post is based upon trap records for the past nine years which show that every season approximately ten times as many Anopheles quadrimaculatus are collected here than at all other collection points in the State combined. Detailed specifications have been drawn up and the required permissions secured for work on all units within 1 mile of the Fort. Control operations on the Post itself have been in progress for some time in accordance with plans submitted by those responsible for mosquito-control activities in Delaware. Intensive trapping and breeding studies with special consideration to Mansonia perturbans and the several Anopheline species abundant here are being made.

The ability and the willingness of the responsible local agencies - the Delaware State Highway Department, the Delaware State Board of Health and the Delaware State Agricultural Experiment Station - to supply much-needed information and assistance in the general field of sanitation at the very outset of military expansion in the State has already established a fine relationship between these three organizations and army officials which augurs well for the future.

In Delaware, we are endeavoring to make defense our job. Has defense become your job as well?

By Dr. L. A. Stearns.

INSPECTION TRIP BY EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF
MOSQUITO CONTROL WORKERS - July 29, 1941.

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The group left Newark Pennsylvania Railroad Station and journeyed to Homestead, Hudson County where an inspection was made of an automatic vertical drainage pump, also some of Hudson County Mosquito Commission's billing equipment. Mr. McCarter, Superintendent, and Mr. M. E. Donnelly, Secretary of the Commission, explained the working of the pump. The pump, capable of 3,000 gallons per minute, lifts the water from a drainage ditch over a dam into a tidal stream. Many acres thereby being drained and a large mosquito area thus being kept under control. They also explained the use of their power spray truck which throws a stream of 100 feet from the nozzle of the hose. A motor-cycle catch basin unit was shown.

This machine makes it possible for one man to treat as many as 500 catch basins a day in heavy business sections. The hand spraying unit was also illustrated. Mr. Peterson, Superintendent of Bergen County and Mr. Leslie, Secretary, met the group here.

Next we viewed the dredging operation at Penhorn Creek, Secaucus. Here, because of the effluence from the piggeries, the creek has become filled and this dredging operation was opening up the creek so that the meadow could have the proper drainage. It was pointed out that many areas did not necessitate diking as the dredge material was deposited back in the low areas.