



LESTER W. SMITH
1901-1965

Lester W. Smith was born on December 1, 1901, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He came to Metuchen, New Jersey in 1907, where he died on Sept. 28, 1965. He attended the Metuchen public schools through his junior year in high school, completing his senior year at the Mt. Hermon Preparatory School. He attended Pace Institute, majoring in Business Administration.

In 1922 Mr. Smith began his career in

mosquito control work as an inspector on the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission under Mr. Frank W. Miller, superintendent. He took a leave of absence from the Commission in 1923 to work with Mr. W. Walden of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station under the direction of the late Dr. T. J. Headlee.

Mr. Frank W. Miller assumed Mr. Walden's duties in 1925 and Mr. Smith became superintendent of the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission, a position he held until the time of his retirement in 1964.

Dr. F. C. Bishop requested the services of Mr. Smith in 1933, to assist in establishing mosquito control projects in the southeastern United States. Through his efforts projects were started in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Texas. In 1935 the C.C.C. for mosquito control was started in New Jersey and Lester Smith returned to New Jersey to assist in this endeavor. Mr. Smith's broad experience, dedication and wide contacts soon made him a key figure in mosquito control work.

Mr. Smith was one of the founders and a charter member of the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers. He took an active role in the enlargement of this association into the A.M.C.A. Mr. Smith served as the treasurer of the

A.M.C.A. from its inception until the time of his retirement. He was the first editor of Mosquito News in 1941. Through the years he has also served as President, Past-president, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Association. In 1960 Mr. Smith was one of the delegates chosen to represent the A.M.C.A. at the 11th International Congress of Entomology in Vienna, Austria.

In 1943, he became treasurer of the N.J. M.E.A., a post he held until his retirement in 1964. He had been a member of the Associated Executives of Mosquito Control Work in New Jersey since 1925, where his wise counsel and guidance has been of inestimable value.

Mr. Smith will long be remembered in the annals of mosquito control work throughout the United States as well as in several foreign countries. It is with a deep feeling of personal loss that we note his passing. (—From Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission)

IN MEMORIAM¹

William Edward Goersmeyer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, left the cares and troubles of this transitory existence on August 24, 1965 after an illness of several years' duration.

He had been a trustee of this District for nearly nine years and was highly regarded by his fellow board members and the employees of this District for his deep and constant interest in mosquito control activities and his quiet and gentle friendliness.

He had been employed by the National Malleable and Steel Castings Company since August 1922, shortly after graduation from high school in Cleveland, Ohio, and for many years had been Purchasing Agent for this company.

He had been active in civic affairs, serving as President of the local school board. He was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity and a Past Master of Maywood Masonic Lodge.

With those of his immediate family who are most heart-stricken at his loss, the Board of Trustees sincerely and deeply sympathize.

¹ Contributed by Franklin C. Wray.