
OSCAR VERNON LOPP (1905-1966)

Oscar Lopp, Manager-Entomologist of the Merced County (California) Mosquito Abatement District and 1966 President of the California Mosquito Control Association, was born in New Albany, Indiana, March 1905, and died suddenly of a heart attack on September 13, 1966, while attending the annual meeting of the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association.

He is survived by his wife, Drusilla (a native of Colbert County, Ala.) who lives at 1852 North Pira Drive, Merced, and two sons, Oscar, Jr. and William. His brother lives in New Albany, and his sister lives in Albuquerque.

The University of Louisville awarded him a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry in 1928, and he received his M.S. in entomology and forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1931. After two additional years of graduate study at Minnesota, he began the varied and productive professional career which won for him the esteem of his associates.

His career included tours of duty as Superintendent of the USDA Soil Conservation Service tree nursery at Havana, Illinois; worker on wildlife research problems for the Indiana State Department of Conservation; entomological and agricultural research worker for the Firestone Rubber Plantations Company, Liberia, West Africa (where he supervised malaria control measures in addition to his other duties); from 1943 to 1947 he was an officer of the U. S. Army Sanitary Corps, where as a Captain he performed a variety of entomo-

logical duties related to malaria control, aerial spraying, etc., with service in the United States, England, and France; CDC State Entomologist of Alabama (1947 to 1954); Entomologist for the CDC Cumberland Field Station, Prestonsburg, Ky. (1954); Entomologist for the South Cook County (Illinois) Mosquito Abatement District (1955 to 1959); and his aforementioned position in California (1959-1966).

His professional and community activities and associations were many, including: Entomological Society of America; American Mosquito Control Association; Commonwealth Club of California; Rotary Club of Merced; Masonic Order-32nd Degree, member of Scottish Rites Temple, San Jose and of Teheran Shrine, Fresno; Board of Trustees, First Methodist Church, Merced; and Merit Badge Counsellor, Boy Scouts of America, Yosemite Council.

Oscar Lopp will be long remembered with respect and affection by those who knew him well for his dynamic activity, his progressive outlook, his demand for scientific precision, his appreciation of ecology, his practical approach, his inner kindness to all about him, and the delightful humor which frequently bubbled to the surface, even when he was deeply and seriously engrossed in taxing problems.

(Submitted by Thomas D. Mulhern, Bureau of Vector Control, California State Department of Public Health, Berkeley, Calif.)