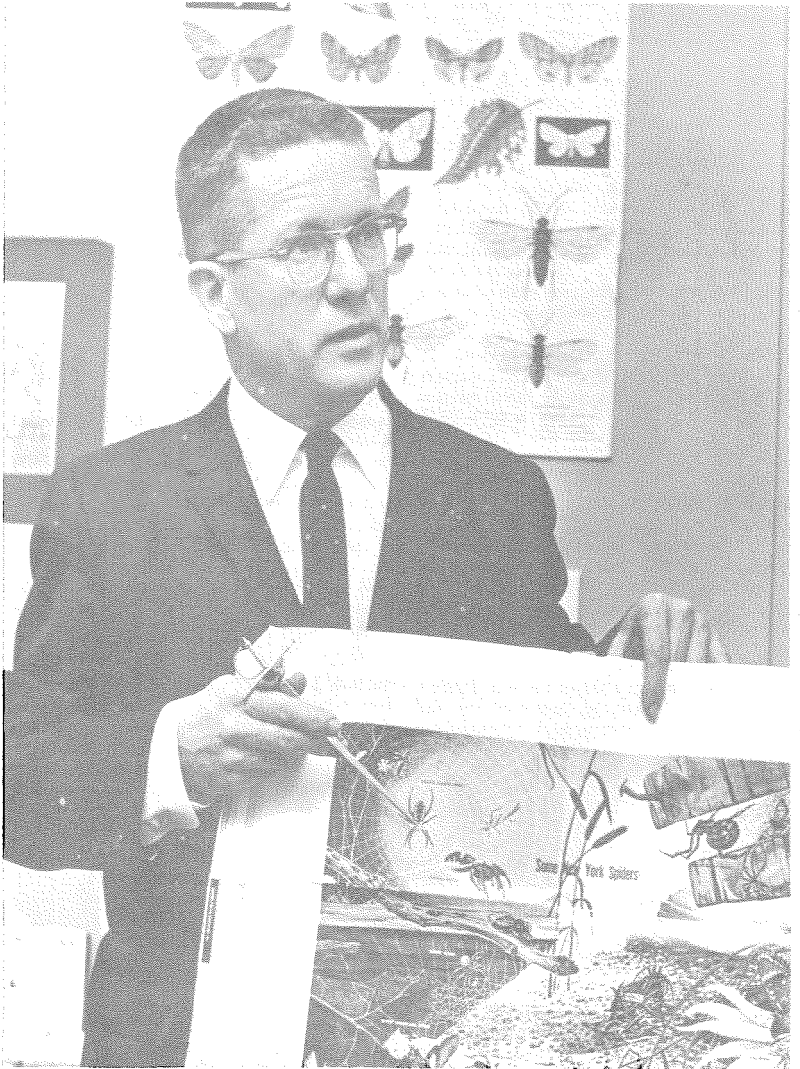


Dr. Donald L. Collins



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DONALD LOUIS COLLINS
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The A.M.C.A. lost one of its most valuable members when Don Collins' struggle against cancer ended shortly before his 65th birthday. Survivors are two sisters-in-law and four nephews.

Don was born in Union Springs, New York, attended high school in Geneva, and received the A.B. degree from Hobart College in Geneva in 1929. He went to Harvard for graduate work in zoology and was awarded the M.S. degree in 1930 and the Ph.D. in 1933. His first experience as an entomologist was as a research assistant for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1926. From 1927 to 1935 he conducted research on apple insects at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva and taught biology at Hobart College. In 1935 he accepted an assistant professorship in entomology at Cornell, and for 8 years he investigated insects affecting shade and forest trees and ornamentals. Following 2 years of research on agricultural chemicals with the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company he joined the staff of the New York State Museum and Science Service. From 1945 until his retirement in 1973 he was a senior scientist, later principal scientist and later chief scientist. He was State Entomologist from 1951 to 1973.

Don was a member of several scientific and professional societies including Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded an honorary Sc. D. degree by Hobart in 1968. Recently he was active in the affairs of the Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America. His major contributions to science dealt with insects affecting shade and forest trees and with

the biology and control of ticks, black flies, and mosquitoes.

Don Collins acquired an international reputation as editor of *Mosquito News*. He assumed this position in 1950. As a protégé of Dr. Robert D. Glasgow, Don was no doubt impressed with the importance of thoroughness and accuracy so that when he became editor it was natural that he continued to maintain the high standards that Dr. Glasgow had set for *Mosquito News*. To a great extent, in earlier days, *Mosquito News* was what the editor made it. Don knew that the A.M.C.A. should belong to mosquito control workers. He never lost sight of the fact that *Mosquito News* should have "operational" articles and should appeal to members outside of academic circles. Nevertheless *Mosquito News* does attract high calibre scientific articles. The appropriate mix of papers which Don was able to obtain has been a unique feature of the journal and a source of strength for the Association.

In the pursuit of excellence Don Collins was very patient, very tolerant, and very diplomatic. He was not the kind of editor who wrote nasty letters. Some of his letters were long, but the criticism was always constructive. He often juggled highly critical comments of reviewers so that authors would not take offense but changes in manuscripts would be effected. He gained the respect and friendship of hundreds of A.M.C.A. members. All of us will regret having to think of Don in the past tense.

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