

## **OBITUARY**

## Robert L. Vannote

Robert L. Vannote died suddenly on September 23, 1975 at his home in Gulfport, Florida. Bob, who was the first President of the American Mosquito Control Association, was born in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey on November 11, 1907. While attending college, he served as a seasonal inspector with the Bergen County Mosquito Extermination Commission from 1923 through 1927. Upon completion of his academic career at Cornell and New York Universities, he joined the permanent staff of the Bergen County Mosquito Extermination Commission, where he served as Assistant Superintendent until 1929, at which time he was appointed Superintendent of the Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission, a position he held until his retirement in 1968.

After his term as President of the American Mosquito Control Association during 1944–45, Bob served as National Advisor to the Board of Directors of the Association until 1962.

During World War II, he served as Assistant to the President of Newark College of Engineering in the capacity of Director, War Training Division, U. S. Office of Education.

Bob Vannote was a pioneer in the regional approach to mosquito control and surface drainage, both locally and nationally. He also was a leader in the development of mosquito control and wildlife re-

lationships, serving as a long-time member and Chairman of the National Mosquito Control-Fish and Wildlife Management Coordination Committee.

In 1962 he was appointed to the subcommittee on the Evaluation of Pesticide-Wildlife Problems, National Academy of

Science, Washington, D. C.

Included among his many activities, Bob was Past President of the Eastern Association of Mosquito Control Workers; member of the American Public Health Association; member of the New Jersey Public Health Association; member of the Entomological Society of America; member of the Governor's Interdepartmental Committee on Disease Control (New Jersey 1959-69); Chairman, Legislative Committee, N. J. Mosquito Extermination Association.

At the Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon in 1970, Bob was elected to Honorary Membership in the American Mosquito Control Association as a testimonial to his many contributions to his life-long

profession—Mosquito Control.

Mr. Vannote is survived by his wife, Mrs. Erene Barnes Vannote who resides at 3030-50th St. South, Gulfport, Florida; a daughter, Mrs. William Starrett of Lincroft, New Jersey; a son, Dr. Robin L. Vannote of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and five grandchildren.—John C. Kuschke