

EDITORIAL

Swan Song

The word is volunteerism. With this number of *Mosquito News* I end my tenure as Editor, and I am writing in a somewhat personal vein. The AMCA is very fortunate to have outstanding volunteers who keep things going. Dr. Ronald A. Ward, who has volunteered to become the next Editor, knows a good deal about volunteer work. He has served with distinction in several capacities with the Entomological Society of America and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Ron's most important contribution to the AMCA, up to this point, has been as second (junior) author of the book, *Identification and Geographical Distribution of the Mosquitoes of North America, North of Mexico.*" He has done a superb job as an author of this book, and he will do a superb job as Editor of *Mosquito News*.

In terms of length of service, one of our oldest volunteers is Margaret Slater. Mrs. Slater was honored in San Antonio. Hugo Jamnback accepted for her the Presidential Citation Award. It is fitting that the

AMCA presented the plaque to Mrs. Slater. It is something tangible to let her know that all members genuinely appreciate her superlative efforts which have kept *Mosquito News* alive and healthy for over 30 years. The long relationship which Margaret has had with *Mosquito News* has been a very meaningful relationship. She has been responsible for over 19,000 printed pages. She has been through a lot of drudgery. Her editorial expertise has eliminated much bad grammar, many inaccuracies in spelling and punctuation, and many obfuscations. Her skill as a redactor is unequalled.

For about 8 years it has been my privilege to work closely with Mrs. Slater. We communicate almost entirely by mail. I have been amazed that the production of each number of *Mosquito News* proceeds so smoothly. I want to say to Margaret, "Thank you. Please keep up your volunteer work. We need your talent."—W. E. Bickley

It is appropriate, and fitting, to quote the last paragraph of a letter to the Editor from Dr. L. J. Bruce-Chwatt, as follows:

"I have learned at the San Antonio meeting that you will be retiring as editor of *Mosquito News*. This gives me the opportunity of expressing to you my admiration at the success of your editorship of the journal. It has become one of the world's leading periodicals in the field of mosquito studies and control. I congratulate you on this achievement, shall be regretting your departure from the editorial chair and wish you many years of happy retirement."

Certainly all of us in AMCA join Dr. Bruce-Chwatt in extending our best wishes to Bick. M.G.S.