

OBITUARY

Milton E. Tinker

1927-1983

It is with considerable regret that we report the untimely death of our colleague and friend Dr. Milton E. Tinker in Bogota, Colombia, on March 3, 1983, from complications of a cancer operation.

Milton was born September 26, 1927, in Westfield, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Florence, had seven children: Kevin, Claire, Barraquiel, Katrina, Edita, Timothy and Laurie. He studied at the University of Minnesota, where he was awarded the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Zoology in 1949 with honors, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, and the Master of Arts Degree in Zoology in 1951. At the University of Illinois he studied until 1954 when his university career was temporarily interrupted by military service, and from 1954 to 1957 he served as Lieutenant (Entomologist) in the First United States Army Medical Laboratory, New York City. In 1957 he was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Illinois. His doctoral dissertation was entitled "The effects of DDT on the bionomics of the Putnam Scale *Aspidiotus ancyllus*." Thereafter, his entire professional life was dedicated to the study and control of the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*.

From 1957 until 1966 Dr. Tinker was Medical Entomologist in the U.S. Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia in charge of evaluation of the U.S. *Aedes aegypti* Eradication Program. In 1966 he joined the Pan American Health Organization, where he worked for the rest of his career. While stationed in Jamaica for eight years, he conducted insecticide trials and susceptibility surveillance of *Aedes aegypti* for several countries of the region. In El Salvador from 1974 to 1976, he continued to study this mosquito and to advise and train personnel in control methods. He came to the *Aedes aegypti* unit in Colombia in 1977 where he carried out investigations on biology and control and continued susceptibility surveillance.

He was the author of 16 scientific articles (see below), was a member of the American Mosquito Control Association, the Entomological Society of America and was listed on The American Registry of Professional Entomologists.

We all grieve Milton Tinker's premature death. He will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues and the scientific community.—Michael J. Nelson, Pan American Health Organization, Apartado Aereo 29668, Bogotá, Colombia

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