

## EDITORIAL SECTION

### THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION AND MOSQUITO NEWS

During the past three years, under pressure of the war emergency, mosquito abatement work has advanced prodigiously; both in volume of effort, and in the refinement of old, and the development of new techniques. As never before, public interest has been focused through direct or indirect personal experience upon the importance of mosquitoes as a health hazard, not only in war areas abroad, but at home as well.

Much of this activity and public interest will continue into the post war period. Then, however, with the withdrawal of the present coordinating war agencies, the work will doubtless revert largely to the status of dependence upon local interest, local initiative, local administration, and local resources.

The organization of active regional associations will help, as it has helped in the past; but until recently, no over-all, nation-wide, much less continent-wide, or hemispheric agency had been developed to provide a medium through which those concerned with mosquito control and related work in all of its forms might work together to advance their common interests.

The AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION can become such an over-all agency if its members wish. As such, it can become a medium for the mutual integration of activities in its field; a medium through which all can work together for their common good; through which moral support for beginning, or for weaker mosquito control agencies can be given by those which are already well established and secure. Within some regional areas, these things can be done by members of the regional group; but in other regional areas this may not be practicable, with the result that there is large field for inter-regional cooperation that will add strength even to the strongest local, and even regional agencies.

At present, the rapidly expanding literature of mosquito control and related work is widely scattered in a multitude of periodicals, to which the average mosquito control worker does not have ready access. Even those who are most favorably situated find it difficult to cover the field thoroughly enough to keep fully up to date.

For the majority of workers in this field, it would be a great convenience if a really considerable, and appropriately selected portion of the literature of mosquito control and related work could be brought together in one periodical. MOSQUITO NEWS can do this if our members wish to have it so.

MOSQUITO NEWS can serve to keep individual mosquito abatement agencies as well as regional groups profitably in touch with each other. It can provide a medium for the exchange of information about new ideas and new developments. It can interpret new mosquito abatement techniques and resulting new requirements for manufacturers and suppliers; and, in turn, it can bring to the attention of practical mosquito control men, new mechanized equipment and the like, which could be used in, or adapted for this work.

But just how can the ASSOCIATION and MOSQUITO NEWS accomplish all of this?

First and most important comes increase of membership. If each member would exert himself to induce all of his associates and acquaintances who should be interested, to apply for membership, MOSQUITO NEWS could very quickly be increased in size, and even changed from a quarterly periodical to become a bi-monthly or perhaps even a monthly journal.

Nothing worth while is impossible if we will only work for it hard enough, and all together.

### A NEW FORMAT FOR MOSQUITO NEWS

This december number of MOSQUITO NEWS is experimental, and is offered for your comment and suggestion. The dimensions are the same as the three preceding numbers, so the four numbers of Volume 4 can be bound together if desired. Tentative plans for the first (March) number of the next (1945) volume contemplate a slightly larger page, 6 inches by 9 inches, which would make it standard bulletin size. This would permit a two column page, which is easier to read. Please let us have any ideas that may occur to you for further improvement of MOSQUITO NEWS. Also, please keep on sending items for the *Notes and News section*, and any other matter that might be of interest to your fellow mosquito control workers in your own, and other regional areas.

R.D.G.

### WHY NOT WRITE TO MEMBERS WHO ARE OVERSEAS?

Below are the names and addresses of several members of the American Mosquito Control Association who are overseas. Those of us who are not yet privileged to share their work in war areas can prepare ourselves better for that work if it should come to us later, and we can in some measure contribute vicariously to it even now by writing to these men overseas. In doing so, we can keep them in touch with new developments at home before knowledge of these developments can be put into general circulation through publication; and from them we can get much general information about their

problems, such as may be passed by censor, which would prepare us better to meet overseas problems if we should eventually be called ourselves. R.D.G.

**SOME MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION WHO ARE OVERSEAS, AND HOW THEY MAY BE REACHED BY LETTER.**

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