

COMMUNICATIONS

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU MOSQUITO CONTROL
DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WELFARE
Norfolk, Virginia

July 25, 1945.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN
MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

DEAR FELLOW MEMBER:

It is unfortunately true that restricted travel may likely preclude any general meeting of the Association this year as well as the more informal inspection trips and regional gatherings of the past where friendly discussion and personal contacts have done so much to strengthen our organization.

Under such conditions the responsibility for maintaining our high standard of recognized usefulness throughout the country by our cooperative efforts rests more heavily than usual on our official publication, MOSQUITO NEWS. Contributions from the membership are not only welcome but are essential. Each of you has an item of news that would be of interest to others of us. If only one other person fully appreciated your item, his satisfaction would well repay the few minutes of your time it cost. It is only by such cooperative efforts that we can make progress during these trying times when we cannot afford to stand still. I shall strive to do my part and I am confident that I can rely on you to do yours.

Since I cannot go visiting, the next best thing would seem to be to address you in this way from time to time when there are matters to be discussed or happenings to be told. Since a general meeting was out of the question, I was inducted into office here in Norfolk and it would seem that a brief summary of what occurred might be of interest to at least some of the membership, so I am taking this opportunity of presenting it for your information.

The rites were conducted in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Saturday, June 30, and were brief but impressive. His Honor, Mayor Reed, presided and, being a speaker of no mean ability, as well as my personal friend, he performed his task most ably. The committee delegated to perform the induction consisted of the Retiring President, Robert L. Vannote; Dr. H. H. Stage, our new Second Vice-President; Secretary Thomas D. Mulhern; Dr. George A. Comstock, and Lester W. Smith, all of whom arrived by way of Baltimore for the occasion.

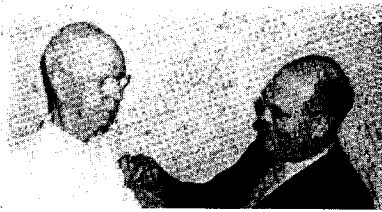
The proceedings were opened by invocation of the Reverend John W. Kincheloe, Jr. Mayor Reed then welcomed the out of town visitors to Norfolk, and after a few appropriate remarks he introduced Mr. Vannote, who made a strong and well considered address. At its close he pinned the symbolic badge of office on my coat and wished me well.

After my acceptance, Mayor Reed introduced Rear Admiral Luther Sheldon, Jr., and attorney Tazewell Taylor, each of whom made brief but pertinent remarks. Mrs. Charles C. Day, Past President of the Federation of Garden Clubs of Norfolk and Vicinity, then presented a floral tribute from that organization, and another was received from the Bureau of Parks. The ceremonies closed with a benediction by Reverend Sparks W. Melton.

The visiting members of the Association and myself were luncheon guests of Dr. H. G. Parker, Director of Public Welfare, at the City Welfare Center, and later a tour was made through the Naval Operating Base and the Naval Air Station, ending with an inspection of extensive drainage operations now under way under Navy supervision. Saturday evening a group of us were guests of the Navy at an informal buffet supper which was thoroughly en-



Rear Admiral Luther Sheldon, Jr., President Ruth, Past President Vannote, Mayor James W. Reed of Norfolk offering congratulations.



President Ruth receiving Badge of Office from Past President.



Mayor Reed presiding at induction ceremony.



President Ruth and Mrs. Charles Day, Past President Norfolk Garden Clubs.



Top, left—R. E. Dorer and PHS. Jeep. Top, right—Dr. H. G. Parker and guests at Norfolk City Farm.
Center—Equipment is presented to new President at informal initiation.
Bottom, left—The Induction Committee. Bottom, right—Evening relaxation as Navy guests.

joyed by all those present and was a fitting conclusion to the day's activities.

In closing I wish to express to you personally my appreciation for the honor which the membership has done me by entrusting to me its leadership for the coming year. I shall do my utmost to follow the able example of my distinguished predecessor and friend, and with your cooperation and help I believe that our continued progress is assured.

Yours very truly,

PERRY W. RUTH,
President.

Guests at the induction of Perry W. Ruth as President of the American Mosquito Control Association in Council Chamber at Norfolk on June 30, 1945:

Honorable James W. Reed, Mayor of Norfolk.

The Clergy—Dr. Sparks W. Melton, Pastor, Freemason Street Baptist Church; Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church.

The Bar—Captain Tazewell Taylor, Attorney-at-law.

The Press—Joseph R. Bobbitt, Virginian Pilot; Charles Borjes, Virginian Pilot; Charles Hoofnagle, Ledger Dispatch; D. H. Vollmer, Ledger Dispatch.

U. S. Navy—Rear Admiral Luther Sheldon, Jr., Captain J. M. Huff, Captain J. E. Andrews, Lt. Commander Donald MacCreary, C. H. Marsteller, Chief Civilian Sanitary Inspector.

U. S. Army—Major Charles W. Gamble, Major William Caverly, Captain D. W. LaHue, Captain Philip Stone.

U. S. Public Health Service—Roland E. Dorer, Assistant State Director, Malaria Control in War Areas; Lt. Col. M. A. Rowe, Captain William E. Bickley.

Norfolk City—Honorable Joseph D. Wood, former Mayor of Norfolk; C. E. Wright, Councilman; Col. Charles B. Borland, City Manager; Aubrey Graham, Postmaster; Edward W. Bray, Assistant Postmaster; Edwin E. Bibb, Civil Service Commission; George W. Price, Norfolk Housing Authority; George W. Price, Jr., Norfolk Housing Authority; Frederic Heutte, Superintendent of Division of Parks; G. R. McPherrin, Bureau of Mosquito Control; Harry L. Burns, Bureau of Mosquito Control.

Chamber of Commerce—W. S. Harney, Secretary and Manager, Norfolk Association of Commerce; Francis E. Turin, Manager, Norfolk Advertising Board.

Hampton Roads Entomological Society—Dr. H. G. Walker, President; Dr. Victor A. Tiedjens, Director, Virginia Truck Experiment Station.

Federation of Garden Clubs of Norfolk and Vicinity—Mrs. Charles C. Day, Former President; Mrs. Charles L. Voight, Chairman Radio Committee.

Mrs. Robert J. Upton, Co-Chairman of Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Julian Delk, Member Camp Committee of Girl Scouts of Tidewater, Virginia.

Mrs. C. R. White, Past President of the Federation of Missionary Societies of Norfolk.

Mrs. J. W. Reed, Member of the Executive Board of the Women's Auxiliary to the Norfolk County Medical Society.

Induction Committee from the Association

Robert L. Vannote, Morris Plains, N. J., Past President, American Mosquito Control Association, Director Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

H. H. Stage, Washington, D. C., Senior Entomologist, Division of Insects Affecting Man and Animals, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. George A. Comstock, Nassau County, N. Y., Nassau County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

Thomas D. Mulhern, New Brunswick, N. J., Associate in Mosquito Control, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

Lester W. Smith, Metuchen, N. J., Executive Secretary, Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission.