

*Donald MacCreary Released by Navy*—Mr. Donald MacCreary, Associate Research Professor of Entomology, University of Delaware, after more than three years of active duty as Lt. Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve, serving both in this country and in South America, returned to his former position on October 15, 1945.

L. A. STEARNS

*Committee on Field Trip Arrangements*—Following the meeting of the Executive Committee in Baltimore in mid-September, President Ruth appointed a committee consisting of Dr. F. C. Bishopp, Chairman; H. H. Stage, H. L. Fellton and Miss Helen Louise Trembley to make the necessary arrangements for an American Mosquito Control Association field trip in the Washington, D. C. area. H. L. F.

*Nicholson Transferred*—Lt. H. P. Nicholson, Malaria Control in War Areas, USPHS, was transferred recently from Norfolk, Va. to the Carter Memorial Laboratory, Savannah, Ga. H. L. F.

*Osmun Promoted*—John V. Osmun, Entomologist, Second Service Command, Governors Island, N. Y. has been promoted to the rank of Captain. H. L. F.

*Russell Transferred*—Dr. A. E. Russell, for several years Liaison Officer from the U. S. Public Health Service to the Second Service Command, has been relieved from that assignment and transferred to the U. S. Quarantine Station, Rosebank, S. I. H. L. F.

*Fred L. Hayes Gone*—We regret to report the death of Fred L. Hayes, Superintendent of the Dr. Morris Mosquito Abatement District at Bakersfield, California, of pericarditis on October 16, 1945. He had been ill for about a year. He was one of the oldest and best liked of the district superintendents in California. In 1938 he was President of the California Mosquito Control Association. He was an excellent practical experimenter and developed several types of mechanized equipment especially suited to the peculiar terrain in his district. H. F. GRAY

*A New Mosquito Abatement District*—The Turlock Mosquito Abatement District has just been organized in Stanislaus County, California, comprising an area of 360 square miles in the southern part of the county east of the San Joaquin River. It is expected to start operations in 1946.

H. F. GRAY

*California Mosquito Control Association*.—It is anticipated that a meeting of the California Mosquito Control Association will be held sometime in January, 1946. It has been requested that an entire day be set aside for a joint meeting with health officers, for reports on practical experience with DDT during 1945.

H. F. GRAY

*Requests for Another Course on Mosquito Control*—Several requests have been received by the School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, to present another course on Mosquito Control. Unfortunately, it is probable that the conduct of such a course will not be possible until perhaps toward the end of 1946.

H. F. GRAY

*Educational Mosquito Control Conference in South Jersey*.

For many years, twelve of the twenty-one counties in New Jersey have had County Mosquito Extermination Commissions actively engaged in mosquito control. In 1945, the activation of county programs in Somerset and Mercer counties brought the total number of commissions to fourteen.

However, in some counties, particularly in the southern part of the state where no substantial mosquito control work has been done, there is a great deal of mosquito annoyance, and malarial mosquitoes are also present, though in smaller numbers than the pest forms.

The demands of the people and the civic bodies in these counties for mosquito control work have been increasing, and as a public service to the people, the Camden Courier and Post newspapers have carried in their columns during the past three years

a series of educational articles to indicate how mosquito control might be had in the South Jersey communities which do not now have such protection.

Largely through the efforts of these newspapers, in cooperation with the N. J. State Federation of Women's Clubs and the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association, the conference, the program of which is printed below, was held.

The attendance numbered 75 persons, and the information presented showed that the work of the presently active county commissions has been very effective in reducing malarial and pest mosquitoes, there is a demand for the extension of the mosquito control work to include the unprotected sections of the state, there is legal provision for the organization of commissions in the counties which do not now have them, and it is practicable to provide at reasonable cost for the reduction of pest and malarial mosquitoes in these areas.

In the few weeks that have elapsed since the conference was held, one new commission has been appointed, and two previously inactive commissions have been reactivated. These three commissions, in Salem, Cumberland and Burlington counties, plan to begin active field work in 1946.

The program of the meeting follows:

#### *Invitation and Program*

Auspices of N. J. Federation of Women's Clubs, N. J. Mosquito Extermination Association, Courier-Post Newspapers, held at Walt Whitman Hotel, October 31, 1945.

Visualizing the important public service of mosquito control, the undersigned have joined to bring about the desirable objective of complete control of mosquitoes in South Jersey counties. This is, of necessity, a co-operative undertaking in which every county is asked to join with its neighboring counties. In short, we are asking you to cooperate in having your county become a part of this good neighbor policy on mosquito control.

Mosquitoes, malaria-carrying or pest, do not respect county borders. So that the work, now under way, in some counties will not be offset or minimized in results

by lack of any control in a neighboring county, we seriously invite your interest and attention to *sending one or more persons to represent your organization or public body at this conference.*

Facts you should know as to *why* this conference, follow:

1. Malaria mosquitoes are fairly generally distributed in the Southern New Jersey counties of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and in lesser degree in Cape May and Atlantic.

2. Malaria outbreaks, due to presence of these mosquitoes and return of servicemen who have suffered the malady (which is recurrent in the malaria victim for periods as high as 10 years) are considered as most likely during the years of 1946 and 1947. Camden county had an epidemic of 120 cases as recent as 1935-36.

3. This is not cause for alarm, but is cause for precaution.

4. Malaria and pest mosquitoes can be controlled at relatively small expense with every municipality and county willing to do its share.

5. The pest mosquito despite great strides and progress in control, is a tremendously big problem in South Jersey counties with deleterious effects upon general comfort of the people during summer months, upon agriculture and resort business. It is practicable to obtain satisfactory and permanent control over the pest mosquito.

The what, why, where and how of mosquitoes and their control will be fully covered at this conference by medical and control authorities. Motion pictures also will be shown.

As a contribution toward the public health of your community, may we urge you to attend, ask any questions you wish, and support the worthy objective of this undertaking?

This invitation has gone to the following, each of whom is asked to send one or more representatives:

Board of Chosen Freeholders of the seven South Jersey counties, Municipal governing bodies in all seven South Jersey counties, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs,

Women's Clubs, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Visiting Nurses Associations, County Medical Societies, County Boards of Agriculture Soil Conservation Committees, Lions Clubs, Exchange Clubs, P-T Associations, American Association of University Women Chambers of Commerce, Sorptimist Clubs, Boards of Trade, County Farm Agents, District Officers, State Department of Health.

Conference Committee: Mrs. J. Alonzo Williams, chairman, N. J. Federaiton of Women's Clubs, Mosquito Department; Bennett E. Tousley, preisident, N. J. Mosquito Extermination Association, Walter R. Batezel, editorial staff, Courier-Post Newspapers.

October 31, 1945—Morning Session, 10 to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session, 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

#### Main Ballroom

Introduction—Mrs. J. Alonzo Williams, chairman of conference. Address of Welcome—Mayor George E. Brunner. Representing Courier-Post—Frank H. Ryan. Representing N. J. Mosquito Extermination Association—Bennett E. Tousley. Representing Women's Clubs—Mrs. J. Alonzo Williams.

"United, Uniform Mosquito Control in South Jersey," Bennett E. Tousley, president, N. J. Mosquito Extermination Association—10 minutes.

Film—"Mosquito Control"—15 minutes.

"The Women's Clubs' Interest in Mosquito Control," Mrs. John Hilton, chairman, Mosquito Control Committee, N. J. Federation Women's Clubs—10 minutes.

"History of Mosquito Control in South Jersey," Dr. Thomas J. Headlee, Professor Emeritus of Entomology, Rutgers University—10 minutes.

"Mosquito Control—An Economical Public Service," Dr. William H. Martin, Director of N. J. Agricultural Experiment Station—10 minutes.

"Recent Developments in Mosquito Control," Perry W. Smith, president, American Mosquito Control Association—10 minutes.

"The Efficiency of the Commission Form of Mosquito Control," Fred A. Reiley, superintendent, Atlantic County Mosquito Extermination Commission—10 minutes.

"The Future in Mosquito Control in South Jersey," Thomas D. Mulhern, administrative assistant, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

"A Plan for Mosquito Control Education in South Jersey," Walter R. Batezel, Courier-Post editorial staff—10 minutes.

"Benefits South Jersey May Expect from Efficient Mosquito Control," Dr. Bailey Pepper, chief, Department of Entomology, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station—10 minutes.

"Potential Malaria Hazards in South Jersey," Dr. J. Lynn Mahaffey, Director of Health, State of New Jersey—10 minutes.

Discussion by Capt. Homer Carney, Sanitation Officer, England General Hospital Atlantic City—10 minutes.

"The Method of Appointing Mosquito Extermination Commissions," Hon. Frederic Colie, Justice of Supreme Court of New Jersey—10 minutes.

Status of Mosquito Control in South Jersey counties:

(a) Atlantic—Bennett Tousley, Atlantic County Mosquito Extermination Commission—10 minutes.

(b) Cape May—Richard E. Reeves, Cape May County Mosquito Extermination Commission—10 minutes.

(c) Cumberland—Dr. Joseph Lamb, Cumberland County Mosquito Extermination Commission—10 minutes.

(d) Salem—J. C. Kinahan.

(e) Camden—Walter G. Evans.

(f) Gloucester—Hugh L. Mehorter.

(g) Burlington—Francis C. Stokes, Burlington County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

(h) Ocean—Dr. Alan K. Brouwer, Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

#### *Nassau County Superintendent Retires*

Mr. Edward Butchard, formerly of Roslyn, Long Island, and now of Willow,