

EDITORIAL SECTION

A PROPOSED SERVICE PROJECT— MEMBERS PLEASE COOPERATE

It has been suggested that a substantial part of an early number of *Mosquito News* be devoted to a series of special articles, or to an assemblage of material (possibly extracts from already published articles) presented in popular form so as to be clearly understandable to the layman, and designed to provide answers to a majority of the questions asked by correspondents about DDT and its uses, with special reference to mosquito control. With such an assemblage of material brought together in one place, portions might be found more conveniently accessible than the original articles for quotation; or the entire section might be recommended to correspondents by Mosquito Control Commissions and others.

It has also been suggested that if this section of the projected special number were reprinted in pamphlet form and made available at a nominal price, its sale might result in an appreciable addition to the Permanent Fund of the Association.

Mr. Stage, President of the Association, is much interested in the very obvious service value of the project, and assures me that other officers of the Association and of the Bureau also regard it as a very desirable contribution.

Mr. Stage tells me, however, that any original articles contributed as such by federal employees would have to have official approval before being released for publication; and that this would delay their availability for about a month. Many others are subject to similar restrictions and delay.

Because of the short time now remaining before such a special number should go to press, therefore, it may seem better, at least for 1947, to adopt the "Digest" idea which has proven so popular in other fields (*Readers' Digest*, *Science Digest*, *Magazine Digest*, and the like), and to

bring together an appropriate series of digests or reviews of, and abstracts from recent publications which, individually, would be accessible only with difficulty to the public, or even to many members of the Association.

It is our understanding that official approval of scientific contributions by federal employees and others subject to similar rules, is required only for original articles. If true, this requirement would not apply to digests of already published articles, including articles previously published (of course with official approval) by the authors of such abstracts themselves.

The following is a tentative plan for the proposed section of the projected special number, subject, of course, to modification as the work develops. Criticism, suggestions, citations of significant articles, photographs for illustrative material, and signed abstracts are needed urgently, and as promptly as possible. Please write to Miss Helen L. Trembley, Associate Entomologist, National Institute of Health, and Associate Editor in Charge of Reviews and Abstracts, *Mosquito News*, Bethesda 14, Maryland, at once, if you have in mind a contribution for this special section, or any suggestion which might add to its usefulness.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE FOR DDT DIGEST *USES OF DDT FOR CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES AND SIMILAR PESTS*

Answers to Questions Received by Mosquito Control Commissions

Digests of Contributions by Various Authors as Indicated

1. Facts and Fallacies About DDT.
2. Market Forms of DDT and How to Use Them (Illustrations?).

3. Equipment for Applying DDT (Illustrations needed).
 4. Mosquitoes: Their Ecology, Their Economic Significance, and General Measures Available for Their Control (Illustrations needed).
 5. Repellents.
 6. Other Pests Requiring Community Action for Their Control (Illustrations needed).
 7. Use of DDT for Control of Mosquito Larvae (Illustrations needed).
 8. Use of DDT for Large Scale Control of Adult Mosquitoes, Black Flies, Punkies, Sand Flies, and the Like (Illustrations needed).
 9. Use of DDT for Protection of Public Gatherings and the Like from Annoyance by Mosquitoes and Similar Pests (Illustrations needed).
 10. Use of DDT for Control of Warehouse Pests.
 11. Sprays, Aerosol Fogs, and Particle Size.
 12. Use of DDT for Household Control of Mosquitoes, Flies, Fleas, Bedbugs, and Other Household Pests (Illustrations needed).
 13. Use of DDT as an Indoor Residual Spray for Malaria Control (Illustrations needed).
 14. Use of DDT as a Residual Spray for Control of Flies in Dairy Barns, and in Similar Situations (Illustrations needed).
 15. Use of DDT to Protect Livestock from Injury or Annoyance of Insects and Related Pests (Illustrations needed).
 16. Use of DDT for Local Control of the Tick Carrier of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, of Q Fever, and the Like.
 17. DDT and Wildlife.
 18. Legal and Administrative Problems Associated with the Suppression of Mosquitoes, and of Other Pests Requiring Community Action for Their Control.
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