

NEWS AND NOTES

CALIFORNIA SUGGESTS COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF DDT. Does your agency wish to jointly purchase DDT? In view of the saving to mosquito abatement districts and other mosquito control agencies which would result from the purchase of DDT and other insecticides in mass volume, the California Mosquito Control Association is proposing that such action be taken. Several mosquito abatement districts have begun to dicker with chemical companies for reduced price on car-load delivery of DDT, but it is probable that a much lower price on mosquitocides to the individual agency could be obtained if collective purchase were made by all of the mosquito control agencies in California.

It is suggested that each mosquito control agency supply the California Mosquito Control Association with an estimate of its DDT and other mosquitocide needs for the calendar year 1948, stating exact type of material and quantity desired and preference for size of container, type of emulsifier if desired, type of solvent desired, etc.

On the basis of the aggregate needs of the mosquito control agencies in California, chemical companies will be contacted and requested to supply bids with the understanding that the low bidder would be expected to assume the bookkeeping requirements in delivering the amount and type of DDT or other chemicals desired by the individual agency, in accordance with each agency's wish.

The price to be expected depends, of course, upon the number of agencies participating and the volume of the order. It is estimated that if a large share of the control agencies cooperate, the prices of the various materials should be considerably reduced over present quotations.

It is anticipated that an order could be placed some time in early November and that delivery would be expected early in 1948. This would conveniently find districts flush from receipts of monies due to the first collection of taxes. If your agency desires to participate please submit a tentative itemized request or order to the California Mosquito Control Association, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California, by October 15, 1947. Your request or order will be accepted as an intention to purchase and the amount and type of materials will be transmitted to the chemical company supplying the low bid as part of the total order.

This action is being taken in response to the requests of a great number of the mosquito abatement districts for their economy.

MOSQUITO BUZZ

(Have other regional Mosquito Control Associations likewise considered cooperative buying?—*Editor's Note.*)

COLONEL WILLARD V. KING, CITED FOR LEGION OF MERIT, performed exceptionally meritorious services in the Southwest Pacific Area, from February 6, 1943, to July 1, 1945. He demonstrated notable qualities of professional knowledge and leadership in directing the initial Malaria Survey Units assigned to New Guinea. As Commanding Officer of the 4th Malaria Survey Unit, 3d Medical Laboratory, Colonel King resourcefully prepared and executed plans for conducting comprehensive mosquito surveys, rendering outstanding service in reducing a malarial rate which was causing widespread hospitalization among combat elements. Despite hospitalization for serious illness, he refused evacuation, remaining to serve with great distinction as Theater Entomological Consultant, accumulating information of vital consequence concerning more than 100 species of mosquitoes, of which many were new to science.

SERVICES OF ENTOMOLOGIST REQUIRED. BUREAU OF VECTOR CONTROL (CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) SUGGESTS ENTOMOLOGIST DUTIES. In a memorandum to all mosquito control agencies participating in the mosquito vector control subvention program, the Bureau of Vector Control outlined the functions which an entomologist might provide any agency. In general they are:

1. Accurate appraisal of the existing and potential mosquito sources within and adjacent to the district, with such information systematically recorded on appropriate maps and records.
2. Evaluation of adequacy and efficiency of control program.
3. Training of organization personnel.
4. Testing of control methods, materials and techniques, to determine their reliability in obtaining control, and the degree of control.
5. Assist in planning, preparing and carrying out public relations and educational programs, which in the long run serve to document the district's activities by recording its history.
6. Immediate application of new methods, materials and techniques developed by contemporary entomological, chemical, medical and veterinary workers.
7. Investigation of encephalitis, encephalomyelitis and malaria cases, including epidemiological analyses of their occurrence.
8. Assist in district administration, particularly in decentralized districts.

All mosquito control agencies participating in the State subvention program are required to include the services of an entomologist as a part of the technical guidance of the mosquito vector control activities, the amount of service to depend upon the needs of the agency.

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EASTSIDE AND TURLOCK (CALIFORNIA) MADS' CONSIDERING FLY CONTROL. Inasmuch as DDT residual operations for mosquito control in the Eastside and Turlock MADS' have incidentally accomplished such drastic reduction in the fly population of the two districts, both are seriously

considering undertaking the control of flies in addition to mosquito control as a district function. Tentative estimates indicate that fly control could be obtained by increasing the tax approximately 3¢ to 5¢ per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

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