

Editor's Corner

Formalization of our cover structure has resulted in my being displaced from inside the front cover to inside the back cover. Notice of the transfer of Mosquito Systematics to the American Mosquito Control Association has been announced in several previous issues, as has the change in cover format. It is hoped that our readers will find this to be a pleasing change.

Perhaps you have guessed that I take pleasure in finding outstanding cover illustrations. If so, you have guessed correctly. The drawing that will grace our cover during 1974 is of a quality comparable to those used each of the past five years and, in addition, sets several new firsts for Mosquito Systematics. First, it is a half tone illustration; second, it is of the larval stage and third, it is more than 60 years old.

Our cover illustration is of *Psorophora ciliata* (Fabricius) and is taken from the original drawing published in 1912 as Plate 57 in Volume 2 of "The Mosquitoes of North and Central America and the West Indies" by Howard, Dyar and Knab. The drawing itself was prepared by Frederick Knab. Some details of the life of this talented man are carried on an earlier page of this issue. I am grateful to personnel of the Southeast Asia Mosquito Project at the U. S. National Museum for being permitted access to the original of this beautiful drawing.

Efforts were described in the September issue of Mosquito Systematics directed towards the creation of a National Mosquito Identification Service. NMIS is now officially in being. Anyone desirous of identification is encouraged to write the NMIS Coordinator, Dr. Lewis Nielsen, Biology Department, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

It is planned to publish in the December issue the names and addresses of individuals known to have an active interest in any phase of mosquito systematics. Names on our subscription list will be automatically included. Your help in getting names and addresses of others will be greatly appreciated.

As previously detailed here, Dr. Botha DeMeillon retired last year from his position as Principal Investigator for the Southeast Asia Mosquito Project and returned to his home at P. O. Box 31, Tzaneen, N. Tvl., South Africa. In a recent letter he said, "I am very busy farming and have a small laboratory where I do some mosquito work. It can safely be said that 'once bitten twice as keen'! They really are the most remarkable and cooperative beasties until you try to exterminate them."

Dr. John N. Belkin has been invalided for the past many weeks with a heart attack. The latest news heard is that he continues to recover nicely. Our sincerest wishes for his total recovery are directed to him.