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In this issue we honor Dr. Clara S. Ludlow. Dr. Ludlow was one of the early pioneers in the United States in the field of mosquito taxonomy and certainly one of the leading female figures in the history of the discipline. She was a strong willed woman who more than held her own at a time when the field was dominated by men. She was said to be militant, aggressive and often caustic and abrasive and was not afraid to mix it up with the prominent male taxonomists of the time when opinions differed. Her verbal battles with Harrison Dyar, undoubtedly the most famous American mosquito taxonomist of the time, are legend. She was an important figure in the early history of mosquito taxonomy in this country and we are pleased to be able to recognize her accomplishments. We are grateful to the Entomological Society of America for permission to reprint portions of her biography from Jim Kitzmiller's book on Anopheline Names Their Derivations and Histories, and to Dr. Ron Ward for providing us with a picture (probably the only one in existence) and a list of Dr. Ludlow's publications. He also notes that "The Archives of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Medical Museum contain some of Ludlow's original mosquito identification records along with some correspondence. Other correspondence is present in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and in the British Museum (Natural History), London. The latter files contain some of her correspondence with F. V. Theobald which was kindly sent by Peter Mattingly."

Ron also informs us that virtually all of the papers listed in the John N. Belkin Bibliography which was printed in Mosquito Systematics, Vol. 12(2)285-290, 1980 are available for distribution. Exceptions are the "Contributions" issues on Collection and Preservation of Mosquito and M. Faran's *Anopheles* subgenus *Nyssorhynchus* monograph. Readers may obtain copies of these publications by writing to the Walter Reed Biosystematics Unit, Museum Support Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D. C. 20560. Only specific requests for reprints or "contributions" will be filled; blanket requests for all of Belkin's papers will not be honored. Shipment will be facilitated by enclosing an address label.