Mr. Franklin C. Wray, Technical Director of the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District (Cook County, Illinois) unexpectedly passed away on the 16th of July 1966. Mr. Wray had been employed by the Des Plaines Valley District for over 30 years and had been Technical Director of operations for the past 13 years. He served as the first President of The Illinois Mosquito Control Association in 1955 and was called on again in 1964 to head the Illinois Association. He also served as a regional director of the American Mosquito Control Association from Illinois and on various important committees of the national association throughout the years.

He was born in Chicago and took his undergraduate degree at Marietta College in Ohio and later received his masters in geology from the University of Chicago. Under Franklin Wray's leadership the Des Plaines District developed into one of the outstanding mosquito abatement agencies in the U. S., but his interest in vector control was not limited to mosquitoes. He was keenly interested in all arthropods of medical importance and published several papers on bionomics and control. He was an active Mason and had served as Master of Maywood, Illinois, Lodge #869 F.A.M.

All of us who knew Frank Wray and cherished his friendship will miss his presence from the scene. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Wray, and their son Walter.—Robert A. Hedeen, South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District, Harvey, Illinois.