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Justus F. Mueller Papers, 1972-73

ca. 2 or 3 weeks after Brezhnev visit.

- 1 - 27           Introductory remarks by Justus Mueller on the recording of the remarks of the recipient of the Henry B. Ward Award.
- 28 - 84           Gerald Schmidt parasitology research on the common snipe and robins. Sow bugs. Prof. Olson.
- 85 -124           Colorado State University to University of Montana to University of Northern Colorado. Interest on wild animal parasitology. Parasite taxonomy.
- 125-170           Robert Kunz. Zoonotic research on Oceanic parasites.
- 171-186           Research work in Colorado and Australia. Names people who have been helpful.
- 187-209           Justus Mueller.
- 210-231           Taxonomy is as important as enzymes and antibodies.
- 232-281           Justus F. Mueller comments on scientific research.
- 282-307           Memories of Henry B. Ward.  
Bever, H. W. Stunkard and Hunter are here.
- 308-345           First met Ward in 1924 at the University of Michigan. I was an illustrator. Ward invited him to his laboratory as his personal research assistant. In Washington, they said "God help you." They said he was scientifically dishonest. They said "Go at your own peril."
- 346-387           Layout of Ward's office and laboratories. His office was absolutely inviolable. He gave desks and a bottle of worms to graduate students. After a year, he weeded them out. He asked students to accumulate questions and learn from each other. "You don't learn to walk by being carried."
- 388-420           If you took Ward's guff, you could stand anything. He had two compulsive natures. "A funny and odd, contradictory character." Both offices were a mess. He read rapidly and seemed to have a total recall.
- 421-439           A brutal critic of theses, e.g. Henry Dorman's.
- 440-459           He never looked through a microscope. "Let me see your drawings." He drove himself unmercifully. He worked at night. You didn't leave until his light went out.
- 460-496           I worked in biochemistry under W. C. Rose, a great teacher. When Ward found I was studying biochemistry, he became very disturbed. With Henry B. Ward, parasitology started in morphology and ended in taxonomy.
- 497-507           Life as Ward's assistant was unpleasant and frustrating. He never did any research, but waited for requests. I saw so little of him,  
1 - 15 we communicated by notes.
- 16 - 45           We argued about projects. He would not finish things. After three years I quit and began drawing fish for the Illinois Natural History Survey.
- 46 -100           I went to Dean K. C. Babcock to check on Ward's "funny" rules. Babcock knew nothing about them. Mueller resigned and came back. Babcock said he caused more trouble than the rest of the faculty put together. "He was

- murder on secretaries." He complained about secretaries.
- 101-130 I got a job with the N.Y. State College of Forestry and told Ward who said that he couldn't go until he had a replacement.
- 131-225 Ward called for Mueller's thesis and told him that he couldn't leave. Mueller went to see Babcock who told him to keep quiet. After a big argument, Mueller left on June 15.
- 226-234 I was angry for two or three years and then we became friends again.
- 235-260 He was a great teacher who taught his men to work. He was an "S.O.B.", but his students made contributions.
- 261-272 Nothing.
- 273-318 Resolutions of the 48th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists at the University of Toronto.
- 319-407 Presentation of gavel to the incoming president, Dr. William Trager.
- 408-424 Remarks by outgoing president, Justus F. Mueller.
- 425-462 Mueller's statement that the talk was given at the University of Toronto on June 28, 1973. Footnote on Ward's personal library and its value. Primitive laboratory equipment. Ward did not learn of Mueller's contacts with Dean Babcock until he was ready to graduate. Ward was always trying to get reliable help. My laboratory looks like Wards. Ward was a strong churchman and sang in choir and chorus. Music is a pleasant memory. Ward separated "the men from the boys." I helped Ward with the Journal.
- 463-484 Ward played a strenuous game of tennis. He traveled a great deal. He missed deadlines. "The deadly flat landscape of central Illinois was such a stark contrast to the beauty of Ann Arbor, and was so depressing to me, what with Ward's nonsense on top of it, that after four years, they couldn't induced me to stay if they offered to make me president of the university. Since leaving I have returned only once... in 1967 and if I never get back again it will be soon enough."
- Copy of "Some Recollections of Henry B. Ward, 1924-1928" by Justus F. Mueller. A tape recording of extemporaneous remarks, Toronto, Canada, June 28, 1973.