

DYNAMITE AND OIL TO CHASE SKEETERS

Abatement District Gets Job Under Way in Township; Other Agencies Give Aid

The mosquito warfare, preparations for which have been underway for a long time, is now in full swing, according to Superintendent William Edwards of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district.

A crew of fourteen men is working south from County Line road to Howard street, Evanston, the southern limits of the district, draining and oiling. These men are under the Mosquito Abatement district, and their number is being gradually augmented, the plan being to use the recruits, as soon as they become familiar with the work, to go into other sections of the territory, including the villages, on special cases, where the trucks cannot do the work.

Oil Trucks on Way

The four special oil trucks, each with 300 gallon capacity, the truck company announces, will be ready for delivery May 20. Each truck will be manned by a driver and a helper. Truck No. 1 will be assigned to the territory between the south line of Evanston to Lake street, Wilmette; truck No. 2 will operate from Lake street to the County line; truck No. 3 will serve all the villages west of the Skokie in the district; truck No. 4 will supply oil to any point in the district, where needed.

Township Highway Commissioner J. A. Williams is co-operating effectively in the work, by deepening and widening the channel at the bridges on Willow and Happ roads and Winnetka avenue.

Sanitary District Helping

In hearty co-operation with the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district, the Sanitary district has started the work of dynamiting the river channel. There are three gangs of dynamiters, with six experts in each group. All are under the direction of Tony Ronzani, a man who has had years of experience in this kind of work.

They go into the middle of the channel, and with steel rods jab holes about two and one-half feet deep in the river bottom and insert a stick of dynamite. The holes are about three feet apart. About 200 feet is thus prepared, when one stick is "touched off," the concussion thereof exploding the rest, the result being the opening of a deep, wide gap in the center of the river, insuring a free flow of water. After the ditch is thus bombed out, men with shovels, from the Mosquito Abatement district force, will keep the channel open.

The dynamiting crew began work last Monday, south of Glenview, and will continue north to the County Line, following the east branch of the North Chicago river up through the Skokie. Superintendent Edwards says it is assumed they will be in the territory west of here next week, and the blasts which north shore residents have been hearing, but somewhat faintly, may become more pronounced.

Know Their Business

"Do not be alarmed," he says, "there is no danger. Tony and his men have all been approved by the Dupont Powder company, understand thoroughly the dynamiting game in which they are engaged and their work cannot be accomplished without a little noise resulting from the explosions, but there is absolutely no danger.

"Be a little patient while the noise from the blasting is going on, keeping in mind that this is, in reality, the first and foundation step in real

accomplishment of that for which the entire north shore for so many years has been clamoring, eradication of the mosquito menace.

"The boards of trustees of the several villages, as well as the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district, appreciate the co-operation being given in this work by the Chicago Sanitary district."

Superintendent Edwards regrets the District was late in getting started. The work should have been under way in April, he said, but the delay was due to the fact that the election creating the district, and providing the

finances did not make the latter available sooner. And, in the meantime, there was also a vast amount of preliminary work to be done in the way of organizing, laying out plans, and obtaining equipment.

Villages Promise Help

Practically all the towns have written to the Mosquito Abatement district assuring their support and co-operation in every way.

Superintendent Edwards again urges all householders to do their part in seeing to it that no mosquito breeding places are permitted to exist about their premises. Should they know of

such places they will confer a great favor to not only the Mosquito district organization, but to the entire community as well, by telephoning Mosquito Abatement district headquarters, Glencoe 314.

BROADCAST PROGRAM

New Trier Glee clubs and orchestra were presented in concert over WLS, the Sears Roebuck radio station, last Wednesday evening. The selections were presented under the leadership of Mrs. Marian Cotton, director of music at New Trier High school.



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