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Mosquito Abatement Group Makes Encouraging Report

The past season was the most successful of any in the five-year history of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district, according to the annual report as of Dec. 10 made by President Arthur Stringer to Dr. Andy Hall, director of the Department of Public Health of the state of Illinois.

The report is for the period from March to October, 1932, when, according to President Stringer, "the weather came to our aid and permitted a full season's operation for slightly less than 12,000."

Summarizes Report

In a summary of the report, President Stringer, says:

"Since the organization of the Mosquito Abatement district in 1928, mosquitoes have been steadily decreasing in numbers of species and individuals. Sixteen species of mosquitoes were found in the district when the abatement work was started, but during the 1932 season only eight species were found. Mosquitoes were 29 percent less numerous in 1932 than they were in 1931. Dur-

ing 1932 there were no large infestations of mosquitoes.

Make Weekly Inspection

"A systematic weekly inspection of the entire abatement district has again been carried on, but no special inspections have been made to locate these breeding places, which in previous years have been found on the premises of residents of the district. The district has attempted to locate as many as possible of these breeding places in the course of the regular weekly inspections. Fifteen hundred and eleven actual breeding places were found during 1932.

"Twenty thousand six hundred eighty-four gallons of larvicide oil were used during 1932. This total is 47 percent less than the amount used in 1931, the saving being due to the drainage work of 1931 and to a favorable breeding season.

Complete Main Channel

"The outstanding drainage project of the season was the completion of the main Skokie channel by the East Skokie Drainage district and the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district. The completion of this ditch now provides a good channel through the entire length of the Skokie march.

"Seventy-five hundred feet of ditch have been constructed by hand labor during the past season. This work was done only in those places

where drainage was less expensive than oiling. The regrading and cleaning of old ditches has been limited to removing the larger obstructions to the flow of water."

"What is more exasperating than an alarm clock that doesn't go off?" asks a correspondent. One that does. —The Humorist (London).

A statistical report shows that for every four men over eighty-five years old there are seven. But it's too late.—Atlanta Journal.

The trouble is that men who drink like a fish don't drink what a fish drinks.—Duluth News-Tribune.

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