

## TREES DESTROYED BY TUSSOCK MOTHS

**Wilmette Resident Warns of Danger To Shade Trees by Ravages of White Marked Pests**

Warning that unless precautionary measures are immediately taken the trees of the north shore will be severely injured by "white marked tussock moths", is contained in a letter addressed to Peter Philmany, superintendent of parkways, Evanston, by Amy G. Weedon, a resident of Wilmette.

The writer explains that on a recent visit to Evanston a walk down Main street from Ridge avenue disclosed a large number of the moths on the walks of apartment buildings and the trunks of trees. The number of the pests was greatest, it is said, in the Central school district.

### Engaged in Campaign

The writer asserts that Oak Park is now engaged in a campaign to eradicate the moth from trees there and that it behooves all of the north shore municipalities to enter upon a crusade of extermination if the trees and shrubbery, which have been their pride, are to be preserved.

Several years ago north shore park superintendents and village foresters gave warning of the danger of the tussock moth destroying trees here. Citizens were urged to watch for the hairy cocoons of the worms upon tree trunks and along the ledges and angles of buildings and fences. The destruction of these cocoons by burning was the only sure way, it was pointed out, to rid the community of the moths.

Then after the trees were cleared it was advised that "tree tanglefoot" be purchased and a band three or four inches wide wound around the tree trunks. For ordinary smooth barked trees like young elms it was not necessary, it was stated, to scrape the bark before banding. The bands must be kept fresh until cold weather to prove effective.

### Now Being Urged

The same precautionary methods are now urged by park superintendents. Spraying is also advised wherever the foliage of trees is now full of worms. The caterpillars, however, are not affected by spraying and burning is the only preventive measure that will successfully combat the pest when the cocoon stage is reached.

Holland in his book on moths states

that the "tussock" is double and triple brooded. In the latitude of New York and Philadelphia the sec-

ond generation appears about the middle of July and the third in September. The eggs of the moths are

dormant during the winter months. The co-operation of every citizen is necessary if the trees and shrub-

bery, which have always added to the beauty of the village are to be protected, it is pointed out.

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