

## COUNTY PONDER'S SKOKIE REMEDY

### Engineers Discuss Plans for Permanent Drainage

Definite action looking toward relief from the seriously flooded condition of the Skokie region in the west of the village is expected to follow the conference, Wednesday, of village officials with representatives of the board of county commissioners and the Forest Preserve commission and the Chicago Sanitary district, called for the purpose of devising ways and means of securing adequate and permanent drainage facilities in the territory.

Wednesday's conference was attended by Frederick W. Penfield, of the board of county commissioners; Thomas M. Sullivan, representative of the Forest Preserve board; Ransom Kennicott, chief forester of the Forest Preserve; Langdon Pearse, sanitary district engineer; Frank Windes, Winnetka village engineer, and H. L. Woolhiser, Winnetka village manager. The conference was made possible through the courtesy of Mr Penfield, it was said.

#### Seek Cooperation

The announced purpose of the conference was to interest the Forest Preserve and Sanitary district authorities in cooperating with the village in opening up the Skokie channel in order to eliminate the standing water the Skokie region which has produced a condition that is detrimental to health and results in severe damage to public and private property in the territory.

It is confidently expected that plans will be worked out by the Forest Preserve and Sanitary district authorities to secure an adequate clearing out of the Skokie channel over its distance from Willow street to the Glenview road, according to a local official.

#### Permanent Relief In Sight

It is also possible, this official intimated, that steps will be taken by the county authorities to construct a channel midway in the Skokie that will connect with the present channel

in Lake county and extend south to the sanitary district channel, a project which, if realized, would result in adequate drainage to readily carry away all flood waters.

The Skokie channel, which was constructed by virtue of the initiative and at the expense of the late William Gold Hibbard, has, during the years since his death, become clogged with vegetation to the extent that it has been rendered practically impassable, it was explained.

Meanwhile, the village has instructed its department of public works to clean out the outlet ditches in the interest of securing temporary relief from the flooded condition.

### Sidewalk Scientist Has

#### Opinion on Skeeter War

The program is all set for the invasion of the mosquito settlements along the Skokie channel. The first operation is scheduled for Monday, July 28, when five salaried warriors under command of Dr. Harry W. Moore will move into the enemy's stronghold and begin the war of extermination. The campaign will continue until the last skeeter will have been slain.

One of the most eminent sidewalk scientists in the village, however, claims the "On to Skokie" movement will be of little direct benefit to Winnetka. "The skeeter," he says, "is never troubled with wanderlust, because it can't travel beyond 600 feet from the place of its birth.

"There's only two ways for a fellow to be sure of relief from the mosquito pest," he goes on; "one is to live on a patch of land 600 feet square and keep the skeeter off; the other—when one must live on a small lot—is to have an ordinance compelling one's neighbors to keep their live stock to home."

### Rev. Seashore to Preach

#### Farewell Sermon July 27

Rev. Paul T. Seashore will preach his farewell sermon at the First Scandinavian Evangelical church this Sunday. The Young People's group will meet at 5 o'clock and the evening services will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

The first of next week Rev. Seashore will leave for Wisconsin, where he will spend his vacation before taking the pulpit at Keene, Nebraska, on October 1. The Winnetka church will have visiting preachers for the remainder of the summer.



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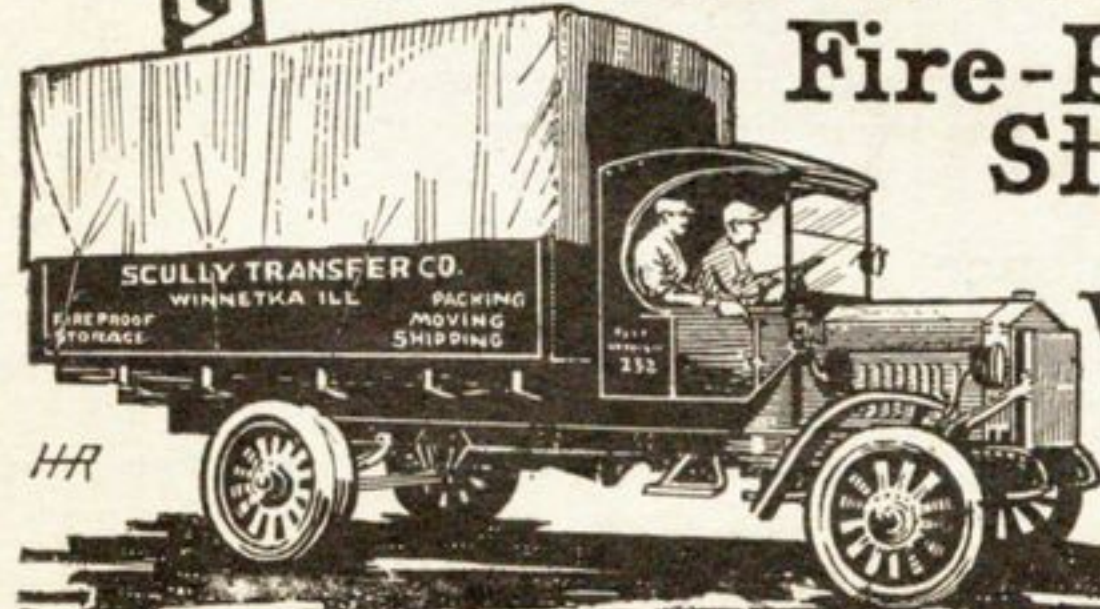
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