

CITE EFFECTIVE SKEETER DRIVE

Sanitary District President Makes Report

Almost complete extermination of the annual mosquito menace that makes life miserable for suburban residents is the gratifying result declared by President Lawrence F. King to have been achieved by three months of intensive field work engaging Sanitary District forces in the Skokie and Des Plaines River valleys.

"Employment of scientific methods since April 1, when the campaign got under way in earnest, has had a telling effect in riding infested areas of breeding places and destroying countless thousands of the pest in the "wriggler" stage," Mr. King declares.

"Numerous expressions commending the efforts of the district have reached our offices. These have come particularly from country clubs where the skeeters have constituted one of the pet peevs of golfers.

"The vigorous fight against the insect pest also has helped along the success of the Ravinia open air opera. Before the oil spraying crews started active operations in the north, opera audiences found their pleasure alloyed with the pain of mosquito bites. Effective results gained by the Sanitary district crews is said to be reflected in substantially increased attendance at the musical programs.

"Under the personal direction of Edward F. Moore, superintendent of maintenance and operation, a total area of approximately 75 square miles has been cleared and treated with oil spraying which is the main weapon against mosquito invasion. More than 30,000 gallons of specially prepared oil have been used up in this manner by the group of 30 in the Des Plaines river valley and a second of 20 covering the Skokie district.

Control Work Effective

"The situation is now well under control, according to Mr. Moore who announced, however, that this favorable condition would not involve any relaxation of care. He proposes to keep the crews at work until at least October, continuing the system of regular inspections of treated areas and repeated oil spraying at intervals brief enough to insure against a recrudescence of the mosquito epidemic. Workers probably will remain in the field until the advent of cold weather.

"According to reports reaching Superintendent Moore, there is no repetition of mosquito breeding in any place which has received attention from the oilers. These units are following a specific procedure calling for thorough applications of oil every seven to 10 days and a careful watch for any reappearance of breeding signs.

"In the Skokie district, the territory covered extends over the 22 mile stretch from Evanston to Highland Park. The area of treatment in the Des Plaines valley covers some 50 miles.

Clear Away Debris

"As part of the campaign, the Des Plaines river was cleared of fallen trees, rocks and other debris acting as channel obstructions, from Twelfth street to the vicinity of the C. B. & Q. railroad and received similar treatment from Washington boulevard to Madison street. Tall weeds and lily pad growths along both banks were removed. All swamps and bayous were cleared as were any other spots that seemed adapted to mosquito reproduction.

"Seven oil applications were given the river, Salt Creek and the various branches of these two streams, as well as swamps, woodland pools and other



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bodies of stagnant water wherever found in a district bounded by North avenue, the Santa Fe tracks, Harlem avenue and Wolf road. In the Skokie Valley the work was carried on along virtually identical lines."

Bad Check Man Preys on Winnetka Merchants

Several worthless checks were passed on business men of the community this week by a man who obtained blank checks on a local bank from a real estate office in the village and then made them out for \$5 each. They were cashed by Adams' pharmacy, the Community pharmacy and the Braun Tire shop. The checks were signed with the name L. Davison. Chief W. M. Peterson is attempting to trace the man through handwriting experts in Chicago and warns local business men to be careful about cashing checks for strangers and, in particular, not to give out blank checks to strangers who ask for them. This is the second time this summer that worthless checks have been accepted by business men of the village.

"Soul" to Be Subject at Christian Science Church

The lesson-sermon at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday morning, August 9, will be "Soul."

Services are held in the Masonic temple at 708 Elm street at 11 o'clock. Sunday school convenes at 9:35 o'clock and the testimonial meeting is held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The reading room at 526 Linden street is open daily except Sunday from noon until 5 o'clock and on Wednesday evening from 9 to 9:30 o'clock.

This Gentleman Bosses Winnetka Day Procession

R. H. Schell, owner of the chain of dry goods stores bearing his name, and president of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed chairman of the parade committee for Winnetka day. This celebration is being held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and will be a big community picnic for all residents of Winnetka and Hubbard Woods. Mr. Schell has been busily engaged arranging details of the parade, such as the line of march, the place of assemblage, the decoration of automobiles. Any resident of the village who wishes to enter his car in the parade and decorate it in hopes of winning a prize may call upon Mr. Schell for advice or assistance, it was stated. Only pleasure vehicles will be allowed in the parade.

R. H. Schell



Radio Thieves Annex Legionnaires' "Set"

Winnetka Post of the American Legion once boasted a fine radio set. Today the boys lay claim to a loud speaker but the "set" is gone—taken this summer from the Legion room at Community House.

"That was a gift from a Winnetka citizen and we naturally prized it highly," declared Arthur C. F. Gedge of the local post in commenting upon the mysterious disappearance of the radio set. "Someone has helped him-

self, though we can't imagine who might have turned the trick."

The theft of the set, which was an Aladdin 6-tube device, was discovered about two weeks ago, though the incident was kept secret in the hope that the "borrower" might return the apparatus. Now, however, it seems apparent that the legionnaires are just about out of luck.

Why the loud speaker was left behind, is a question no one has been able to answer. Nothing else in the Legion room was disturbed, according to Mr. Gedge.

LOSES FATHER BY DEATH

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Bard of 1035 Willow road were greatly shocked to hear of the passing of Mrs. Bard's father, James Channon of 220 E. Walton place, at his summer home at Grand Haven, Mich. Services were held at his home yesterday with burial at Rose Hill.

Miss Katherine Tomkins of New York City, who has been the guest of Miss Margaret Boyden, 725 Pine street, will leave today.

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