

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT WORK GREAT SUCCESS

Sanitary District Officials Make Plans for Resumption of War on Pest Next Spring

After digesting reports submitted by field supervisors indicating the complete success of the five months extermination campaign, now drawing to a close, waged against the mosquito on the north shore by the Sanitary District of Chicago, President Lawrence F. King already is taking the necessary preliminary steps to assure an early launching of next year's campaign along identical lines.

Mr. King and the trustees of the Sanitary district are now formulating the specific program for operations in 1926, which will be under direction of Edward F. Moore, superintendent of maintenance and operation.

The north shore district, from Evanston to Highland Park, and the entire Des Plaines river valley, will again receive the benefit of the district's elimination activities, on a scale paralleling the present season's policy.

Gratifying results attending the current drive are attributed in large measure to the speed with which the ground was covered before the mosquito epidemic reached formidable proportions. Active field work was started in April, and it is Mr. King's intention to so marshal the district's facilities and to place all equipment in readiness that the winged bane can be dealt a decisive blow even earlier next year.

Oilers and clean-up squads will be on the job before the first hatching of the insect pest.

While careful investigation shows the mosquito menace reduced to a negligible minimum weeks ago, the district field forces remained in the field

until October 15, when the curtain was lowered on the campaign of the summer months. Up to that date, however, applications of oil and regular inspections at brief intervals were maintained in both the Skokie valley and territory adjacent to the Des Plaines river.

The effective scope of the work thus far is affirmed not only by official observation but in scores of appreciative letters reaching President King from virtually every section where remedial measures were applied. North shore country clubs, officials of villages formerly thickly infested, and other representative bodies have sent numerous acknowledgments of the value of the

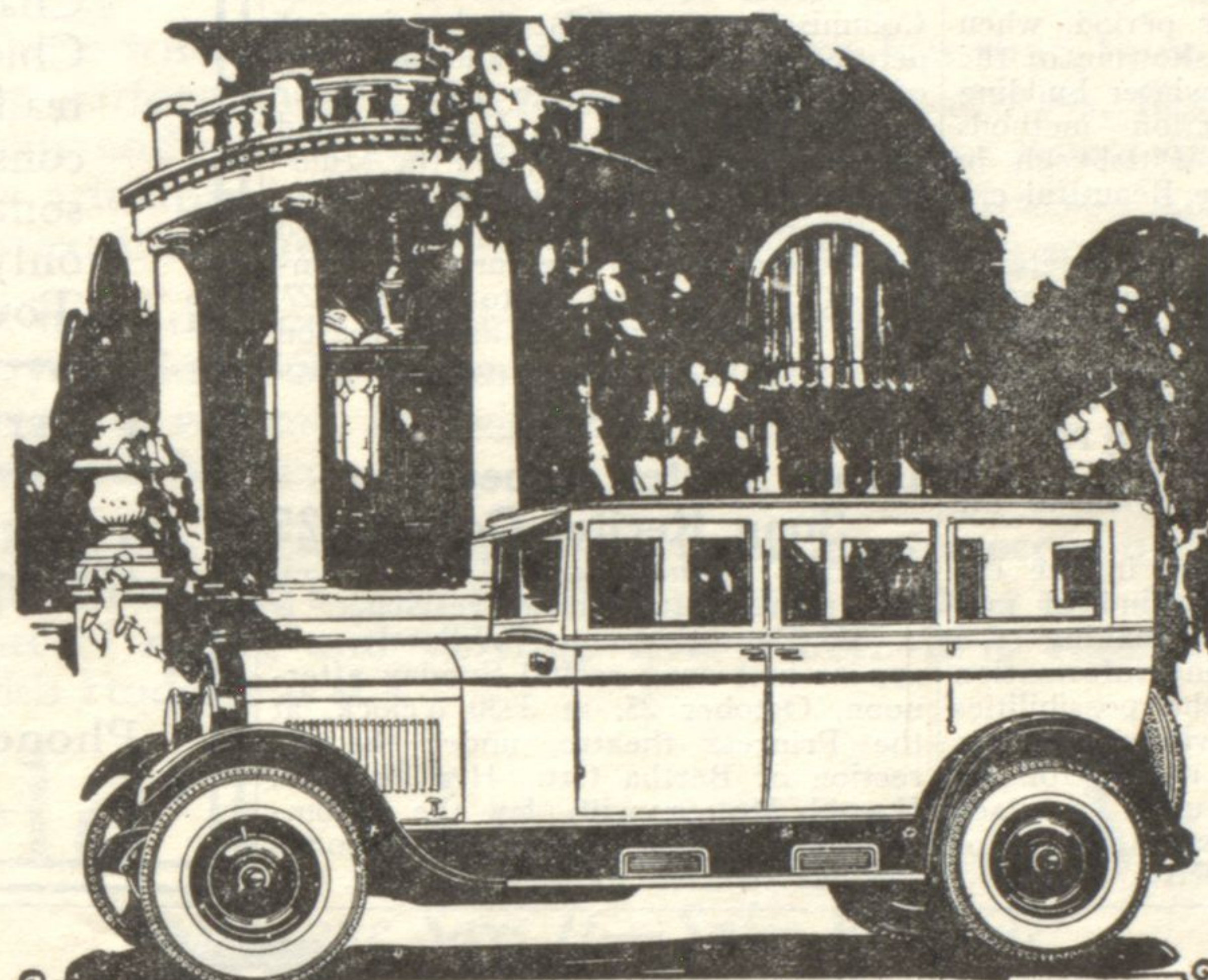
services rendered in fighting the mosquito, it is stated.

Without exception, these communications urge the continuance and extension of the work next year.

Success of the recently closed Ravinia Open-Air opera season, which enjoyed capacity audiences, was attributed in a marked degree to elimination of the mosquito nuisance. Louis Eckstein, president of the Ravinia company, in a letter to Mr. King, declares with reference to the cleaning up of the Skokie valley: "I think you are entitled to the thanks of the people for the interest you have shown and I want to add my gratitude by the

same token."

Figures in the office of Superintendent Edward F. Moore place the total amount of specially prepared oil used in treating spots adapted to mosquito breeding at about 115,000 gallons. Of this number, 40,000 gallons were applied in the Skokie valley district and 75,000 gallons went in the Des Plaines river valley. Since April a force of 50 men, divided into small crews, have been carrying on the oiling and inspecting, following an extensive program of clean-up work, which involved clearing the Des Plaines river of all debris and preparing all other places requiring attention for dosing with oil.



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