

REVIEWS PROGRESS IN MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Chairman of North Shore Association Outlines Work Leading Up to Election

At the meeting held at the Skokie Country club, Glencoe, Wednesday evening for the purpose of formulating plans for raising money necessary to defray the expense of the special election approving the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district and to carry on the work until funds thus authorized are available, the following review of the mosquito abatement campaign on the north shore was given by Chairman William Edwards:

"As you probably know, mosquito abatement work is not a new thing on the north shore. In 1925, George A. Hughes, of Riverside, spoke before the Glencoe Men's club on mosquito abatement work. At that time, Glencoe formed the Glencoe Mosquito Abatement Association, with Arthur Burrage Farwell as president. We raised a fund during that year of \$7,500, but when the year was over, we realized that our territory was too small to do effective work.

"Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Hughes, former Senator Thurlow G. Essington and Senator Arthur A. Huebsch, on June 29, 1927, a bill was passed in Springfield, providing for the establishment of mosquito abatement districts, the bill being signed by Governor Small on July 7, 1927.

Form Association

"Shortly after this time, a meeting of representative citizens of the north shore was held at Evanston, at which time the North Shore Mosquito Abatement association was formed, with a view of establishing a permanent abatement district and carrying on the work of the Gorgas Memorial Institute. Officers of this organization were appointed, with myself as chairman; John F. Hahn, as treasurer and James A. Williams as secretary, together with a board of twelve directors, as follows:

"H. W. Butler, J. F. Calef, L. W. Coons, A. B. Farwell, John F. Hahn, T. J. Lynch, Paul A. Hoffman, George Loutsch, H. C. Phillips, Arthur Stringer, F. L. Streed and A. J. Therrien.

"I wish, at this time, to extend my appreciation for their loyal help and cooperation in bringing this organization to its present state of success.

"The territory included in this district comprises the townships of Evanston, New Trier, Niles, and Northfield east of Pfingston road. In that territory we have secured, as required by the statute the signatures of more than 5 percent of the legal votes, the number secured being 3,059. These petitions have been filed with County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki, who has set Tuesday, December 6, 1927, as the date for the election on the question of establishing a permanent Mosquito Abatement district.

Much Work Ahead

"We are now confronted with the task of providing polling places, judges of election and election supplies, the

expense of which will have to be borne by this association. We will also be confronted, after election, with the task of proceeding with the organization of the district, making surveys and examinations and providing labor and equipment to carry on the work.

"This work must be done through the winter, so that actual field operations may be initiated in the spring, as early as the weather will permit, and it will be necessary to employ competent engineers, experienced in mosquito control to work with the trustees of the district. There will be no funds available from the county treasurer to meet the expense of this work until May, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sancher of Evanston left Monday on a trip to New Orleans and Florida.

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