

Public Forum

IN RE MOSQUITOES

Editor, WINNETKA TALK:
The public accepted the explanation of the "Mosquito Abatement" with doubt. Anyone having common sense knows the drought of the spring retarded the breeding of mosquitoes.
How could the "Mosquito Abatement" be expected to combat this enemy with just a few motor trucks and a few dozen men. We suggest a few motor boats, several airplanes, and vacuum machinery be added to the equipment in order to eliminate this pest properly.
We find the 1928 mosquito is quite different from his ancestors, lighting upon his victim in a most silent manner, possibly caused by his drinking much oil, and shell-shocked from free use of dynamite.
The dynamite method was instrumental in killing many birds and other wild life in the Skokie, which if we remember right was bought by the Forest Preserve to promote "wild life."
Truly yours,
A. Burmeister.

MORE ABOUT MOSQUITOES

Northbrook, Ill.,
July 18, 1928.

Editor, WINNETKA TALK:
I shall indeed appreciate the publication of the following in the next issue of your valued medium:
The mosquito condition of the Skokie and neighborhood sites is certainly to be deplored in view of the recent expenditures of the Mosquito Abatement organization on this work. Insofar as the Skokie itself is concerned, perhaps a few trillion have been eliminated from this mortal existence—but, what are a few trillions compared to the many brethren still left to chew their way through the homes of the north shore residents?
The many pounds of dynamite used in this work during the last couple of months have surely done wonders to lessen the population of some of our beautiful birds residing in the Skokie area; have perhaps made some headway toward increasing the flow of water in the Skokie Ditch; and undoubtedly have caused much speculation as to whether Cicero had moved a few wards to our beautiful area, or that the wild and woolley West had really moved itself back to what we thought had become civilized.
In the past several years, the writer can think of nothing proving itself more effective in the abolition of the mosquito reign of terror than those poor chaps who travel around all day with a tank of oil and kerosene on their backs, feeding our winged enemies a drink which would put the cheapest bootlegger to shame. This method has certainly proved itself effective and starting with the territory immediately surrounding Ravinia park, gradually spread over the entire north shore with unanimous acceptance.
To us, it would seem far more practical to widen, deepen and increase the flow speed of the Skokie Ditch by the utilization of a tractor and plow or ditch digger and at the same time employ those aforementioned "sprayers" to keep working the residential districts, than the method now used. We believe the above suggestion will also tend to alleviate the present heavy drain on the local governmental treasury.

Very truly yours,
Jirah D. Cole, Jr.,
Northbrook, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Newton and son left Kenilworth Tuesday for Roaring Brook, Mich. Mrs. Newton and Alexander Jr. will be gone a month.

Automobiles Damaged in Center Street Collision

In making a left turn at Center and Cherry streets, Tuesday afternoon, a car driven by J. F. Meyer, of 953 Willow street, collided with a car driven by John Walter, of 1044 Dewey avenue, Evanston. The front end of the car driven by Walter was caved in and the front part of the other car also badly damaged. The windshields on both cars also were broken, according to the report of Sergeant J. G. Boyd of the local police.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kelly and daughter, Elizabeth, of Kenilworth, are leaving Saturday, August 4, for Leland, Mich. to be gone until school opens on September 12.

Mrs. Carroll Ridgway has returned to California after spending several weeks in Kenilworth.

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