

OUTLINE WORK DONE TO BANISH MOSQUITO

Sanitary District Officials Explain Methods Pursued in Skokie Region

With virtually its entire area of 439 square miles brought within the scope of intensive anti-mosquito warfare, the Sanitary District of Chicago's campaign against the winged pest this season has succeeded in bringing the situation well under control, according to officials of the district.

Gratifying results of the drive, which got under full stride July 1, were announced this week by President T. J. Crowe after an analysis of the first official reports submitted by those in active charge of the field operations. Mr. Crowe, Trustee James M. Whalen, chairman of the committee on engineering and Trustee Henry A. Berger, chairman of the committee on federal relations, constitute a special committee named by the drainage board to supervise the abatement campaign.

Despite eight inches of rainfall in seventeen days during the early part of July, that impaired the effectiveness of preliminary measures, the field forces have recovered the lost ground and the mosquito hosts are rapidly approaching extermination. The Sanitary District crews, however, will be retained on duty until at least October, President Crowe said, to insure success of the work.

Work in Five Groups

To facilitate operations, the field crews have been divided into five groups which are directing particular attention to localities where mosquito infestation is known to concentrate. These strategic bases include the Skokie valley and the Des Plaines River valley. A third unit has been assigned to the Riverside district, another in the vicinity of Palos Park and a fifth to western sections requiring relief.

The program includes thorough preliminary clean-up measures, under careful supervision, such as channel clearing and underbrush cutting followed by periodical applications of oil and germicide in spots where conditions stimulate mosquito breeding, particularly stagnant pools and swamps. Spraying with pine oil and muskale has been found a greatly effective deterrent.

Make Work Permanent

With a view to securing benefits which will outlast a single season, all of the present work wherever possible is of a permanent character, Mr. Crowe said. This includes the use of explosives to widen, deepen and clear stream channels, assuring an unimpeded flow, a measure which has been applied in the case of Skokie creek, Stoney creek south of Oak Lawn and Mill creek near 143rd street.

Draining of numerous swamps and installation of permanent ditching is another method being used and expected to have a durable value. Engineers were assigned to survey all such swamp lands under the abatement program, and as a result adequate drainage has been provided at Skokie Marsh on the north, Hodgins Marsh near Western Springs, McCook Marsh and the Bemis Forest Preserve, while the Union Drainage Ditch at Harvey is being midchanneled.

The Des Plaines river valley already has been cleaned up from Wheeling to Lyons, and as an additional permanent improvement a by-path was constructed around the Hoffman dam furnishing an outlet for the water impounded behind the barrier.

According to report from the field workers, mosquito infestation this year reached high proportions. One

reason for this is seen in the fact that the average flight of the insect, ordinarily about two blocks, was extended to four or five blocks by the assistance of strong winds. Complaints were received from numerous localities not affected last year, and investigation revealed no evidence of mosquito breeding, indicating that the aerial intruders had lengthened their flights to reach regions not previously afflicted.

In outlining plans for the remainder of the season, Mr. Crowe said the policy would be continued of sending investigators to all affected towns and villages and co-operating to the fullest extent with municipal authorities in efforts to combat the mosquito pest. The present program of the district is also in co-operation with the Gorgas Memorial Institute.

First Scandinavian Ev.

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Sunday, September 2

10:00 a. m. Children's Hour
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
5:00 p. m. Young People's meeting
7:45 p. m. Gospel Service

Tuesday, September 4

8:00 p. m. Monthly business meeting of the Congregation.

Thursday, September 6

8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting.

Sunday school re-opens Sunday, September 9. All members are urged to be on hand at 9:30, sharp. Come and bring your friends.

Christian Fellowship

Parish House, Oak street, Winnetka

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Marjorie Mitchell Summer Playground School Closes

The summer playground school held annually at the Kenilworth community grounds and beach under the direction of Miss Marjorie Mitchell has just closed. With the help of Ralph Kline, a boy scout of Wilmette, several small children of Wilmette and Kenilworth learned to swim. The children had two weeks preparatory training in the gymnasium at the grounds.

In addition to her summer work, Miss Mitchell also conducts a junior and senior kindergarten during the winter months in the Episcopal church at Kenilworth. Here the children are taught how to play together and how to develop projects. These projects include the building of a miniature city and the conducting of a toy store and postoffice to show the value of money.

The senior kindergarten children are instructed in reading through the method taught by Miss Marjorie Hardy, head of the primary school of the University of Chicago.

Mrs. William F. Babcock, of Winnetka, her daughter Jane, and son, Richard, sailed for Cherbourg, August 29. They will spend the winter at Lausanne, Switzerland. In June they will be joined by Elizabeth Babcock for a tour of the continent.

School Days to Begin at Church, September 9

Vacation days are almost over. A week from tomorrow—Sunday the 9th—just one day before the public schools resume their educational program, the Sunday school of the First Scandinavian Evangelical Church, 886 Elm street, will again be in full swing, after a two months' vacation.

The boys and girls who have been members of this Sunday school are urged to be on hand the very first day if possible, in order that they might work toward a perfect attendance record. Children not enrolled in any other Sunday school are invited to join the ranks in the Elm street church school.

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