

mosquito annoyance to outdoor gatherings. Several have tried the mixture with wonderful success in rear yards.

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Most boat owners will be surprised to hear that they are breeding mosquitoes, says the Suffolk County Mosquito Extermination Commission. As this is the boating season it seems wise to explain what is meant by this. Fuel rationing is partly to blame for this situation. Owners can no longer use their boats at will and consequently large numbers of open boats are on dry land or up to moorings for weeks at a time. Idle boats collect rain water and rain water breeds mosquitoes. This is not supposition because breeding has often been observed in unused boats.

Small boats on shore are the worst offenders. There are three ways to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in the water which collects in such boats. The best thing to do is to turn the boat upside down. If this is impracticable the boat should be completely covered or stored in such a way that no water collects in the bilge.

Open boats in the water will also breed mosquitoes if allowed to remain idle for as little as two weeks. If the boat cannot be covered a good larvicide should be sprayed in the bilge every ten days. Some people believe that mosquitoes do not breed in salt water. As a matter of fact salt water accounts for half the mosquito population in the county.

This boat situation demonstrates only one of the various conditions under which mosquitoes breed. Another

interesting breeding place was recently uncovered. To the collection of scrap rubber, large numbers of automobile tires are allowed to stand outside of garages. One such pile was recently inspected and it was found that the rain water in these old shoes was actually breeding mosquitoes.

The tin can and cesspool situation has been adequately dealt with in previous articles but households are urged to watch several other breeders. Uncovered rain barrels and cisterns, for instance, always breed mosquitoes. They should be covered or screened. Ornamental urns should be emptied after every storm. Water in bird baths should be changed every three or four days. Ornamental pools should be emptied or stocked with fish. Inspect roof gutters for stoppages and those which prevent water from flowing freely.

Owners and tenants are urgently requested to heed by the messages contained in these appeals and help the Mosquito Commission to control this most annoying insect, remembering that the Commission, like most other enterprises, is working under difficulties and will be seriously handicapped for the duration of the war.

Pyrethrum Shortage and the New Jersey Mosquito Larvicide

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Since pyrethrum was temporarily placed by the W. P. B. (War Production Board) under complete allocation control by general preference order M-170, anxiety has been aroused among mosquito control workers concerning the possibility of obtaining pyrethrum extract for the New Jersey mosquito larvicide in the future. The order provides that no pyrethrum may be delivered without express authorization of the director.