

## MOSQUITO CONTROL NOTES FROM PENNSYLVANIA

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The following is a very brief summary of the mosquito control work in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

There is no State Mosquito Control Association as yet, but in addition to overall supervision and advice of the State Health Department of Pennsylvania, there are three active Mosquito Control Commissions—one, the Delaware County Mosquito Extermination Commission, Media (just outside the City of Philadelphia)—Russell W. Gies, Director and Executive Secretary; two, the Bucks County Mosquito Control Commission, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and three, the Blair County Mosquito Control Commission, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

The work is being carried out under a recent revision of the law which places the responsibility for mosquito control work under the governing boards of each county, or in the case of cities or other local municipalities, with authorities which may be set up, or under local auspices,

usually under City Health Departments.

The first Mosquito Control Commissions were established in 1935 but as the intensity of mosquito trouble in Pennsylvania is rather localized, there has not been the wide-scale control set-up for whole regions as has occurred in some other states; there simply has not been the demand for mosquito control work to that extent.

The most serious problems have been where fresh-water mosquitoes, primarily house mosquitoes and fresh-water swamp varieties have been troublesome. We have no salt marsh in the State but get occasional flights in from Delaware to the south, and possibly from New Jersey to the east, into some sections of southeastern Pennsylvania.

Also, the City of Philadelphia is doing considerable control work. Dr. Newell E. Good is Entomologist and Director, and is located in 624 City Hall Annex, Philadelphia.