

## ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER STATES

Mosquito Control Maintenance Work In Delaware  
1940

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Due to a legislative act in September, 1939 mosquito control work was transferred to the State Highway Department. Funds made available for this project totaled \$25,000.00. Actual operation did not begin until April, 1940, thus allowing approximately fifteen months to use allotted amount. This amount, being insufficient to carry on the work properly, made it necessary to do spot cleaning, in order to clean up many of the most serious breeding areas before the summer season. Very little new work was undertaken in order that most of the allotment could be used for actual ditch maintenance. The greater part of the cleaning being done by hand labor.

All experimental work was conducted by University of Delaware Agriculture Experimental Station and only a small percentage of the appropriation was used for that purpose.

The actual cleaning done for the season up to December 31, 1940 totaled about 11% of the total linear feet of ditch dug by the C. C. C. in Sussex County. In addition to the regular cleaning program the department was able to get a W. P. A. new ditching, outlet box and bridge project started. By the aid of this project several new arrowhead outlets were constructed in order to protect main ditch systems from being clogged with sand. The ditching being done in connection with outlet work. In addition to that several tractor bridges were constructed in order to facilitate transportation across the marshes.

Inspection was on a somewhat smaller scale

than usual, thus we were able to inspect only about half the marsh acreage in Sussex County. This acreage inspected being near the summer resorts. In addition to regular inspection work the force gave considerable assistance towards spot cleaning, and spray work.

Spraying last season was on a larger scale than for previous seasons due to the urgent need of ditch maintenance. Previous to last season practically all the spray work was done by use of a spray mounted on a pickup truck or by hand sprays. With the increase in the size of breeding areas and the many places found not convenient for pickup use, made it necessary to plan and mount spray equipment on our special marsh tread Cletrac tractors.

#### Rhode Island Mosquito Work

Milton H. Price reported that Mosquito work, as far as new construction is somewhat at a standstill and at the present time they are trying to obtain funds to maintain over \$2,000,000 worth of work done. Since December 1st results look much more favorable and he believes that practically all of the work in the State will be maintained this spring.

#### Virginia Beach Organizes Mosquito Control District

by R. Dorer

On July 1, 1940 the Mosquito Control Commission of Virginia Beach and Princess Anne County began operations. The district was formed under a State Law passed in the legislature during the 1940 term. This law provided for a tax of 25¢ to \$100. and has the added feature of the State contributing 25% of the funds collected locally up to \$5,000.

B. G. Porter was appointed Commissioner from Virginia Beach and was elected Secretary-