

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-

Treasurer. W. Payton May was appointed Commissioner from Princess Anne County. Dr. I. C. Riggin, Virginia State Health Commissioner is Chairman Exofficio. R. E. Dorer has been appointed Deputy Chairman and R. H. Baillio has been appointed Superintendent.

Motorcycle Equipment

by R. Dorer

During the past summer the City of Norfolk Bureau of Mosquito Control acquired a new and very efficient piece of equipment.

Specifications for a motorcycle rig for catch basin spraying were obtained from Mr. R. J. VanDerwerker, Supt. Union County Mosquito Commission, N. J. In general the Norfolk equipment follows the equipment built by Mr. VanDerwerker. A heavy duty motorcycle was obtained with a sidecar mounting on the left side. A 50 gal. tank was mounted on the sidecar chasis. The small motor with compressor specified in the Union County rig was left off. In place of this a small 10 gal. tank was mounted over the larger tank. The larger tank is filled about $\frac{2}{3}$ full with oil, air is pumped into the remaining space. The small tank is used as an auxiliary air supply. When the pressure goes down in the fuel tank due to the drawing off of oil a valve is opened from the smaller tank allowing the pressure to be built up. Air is obtained at some convenient filling station and it has been found that one filling is enough to last one day.

A neat sign has been painted on the machine which reads "Mosquito Control". The equipment has proven very efficient in oiling catch basins and in answering complaints, but aside from this it has been worth its weight in advertising.