

numerous duck ponds.

As to fresh water work, most of it will be efforts to control the breeding of the house mosquitoes on Absecon Island and, where possible, places on the Shore Road. We cannot carry on this work in the entire County. Other upland fresh water breeding will be confined to the control of A. quadrimaculatus in the northern end of the County.

Two new trucks or second-hand trucks equipped with power sprayers will be used for control of breeding in low lots of Margate, Ventnor Heights, West Atlantic City and Brigantine; also for spraying breeding waters under buildings in Atlantic City.

Every effort will be made to protect our summer visitors. Our public expects this. But with so much territory to be cared for - territory that has not been covered for from five to ten years - there will be times when the County will have more mosquitoes than it will feel it should have. The fact that it will require several years of work to regain the lost years will be hard to explain to the general public.

The most we can do is work to the full limit of our resources and perhaps offer a little prayer for a dry season, and not too many mechanized mishaps.

Monmouth County, N. J.

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The five military camps situated along the shore area in Monmouth County will be in a possible vulner-

able position for attacks from the salt marsh and upland species of mosquito pest in the event of abnormal rainfalls descending during the mosquito season from May to September 15th.

The Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission is making preparations to prevent as much as possible such attacks with its limited funds by reconditioning the ditches on the salt marsh and upland with its labor force, augmented by the labor group of the Works Progress Administration, whose work is confined exclusively to recutting old ditches and installing some new ditches in accordance with the plan of the National Defense Project, for mosquito control, which started on the second day of last September, 1941.

In addition to the labor groups, the inspection force of the Mosquito Commission will be urged to put forth their best efforts to search out and destroy all existing mosquito larvae within their territory. It will be impressed upon them that they have a patriotic duty to perform in the National Defense Program.

The Commission will be handicapped this season in carrying out its program for mosquito pest control because of the high prices of necessary equipment to be purchased. Indications at the present time also reveal that the scarcity of mosquito oil has caused a priority to be placed on that commodity which necessitates the substitution of pyrethrum larvicide to be used this season.

No effort will be spared in informing the residents of Monmouth County, through the Press, of the important and patriotic duty they have to perform by

cooperating with the Mosquito Commission in reducing mosquito breeding for the duration of the mosquito breeding season by turning-over or eliminating all water-holding containers on their property. It will also be impressed upon them that the Military Personnel residing in the encampments along the shore area cannot prepare to fight the human enemy in foreign countries unless the mosquito is fought at home.

Plans For 1942 Season In Norfolk, Va.

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Mosquito Control

Our plans for 1942 had been well developed during the preceding winter. Personnel had been lined up and equipment was ready, including a new Spencer stereoscopic microscope - thanks to the invaluable assistance of Thomas D. Mulhern with the specifications - which arrived just in time to beat the "priorities".

Then the Japs threw our lagging war machine into high gear and when we caught our breath after the first take-off it was hard to get our bearings from unfamiliar land marks. We found swamp land and wooded hollows of yesterday now supporting air plane runways, barracks and hospitals and surface drainage problems which we had nursed and doctored for years were now being disregarded by Army and Navy engineers who had more pressing matters to attend to.

Undoubtedly the Hampton Roads defense area is one of the most vitally important on the Atlantic coast and rather resembles a great wheel with Norfolk