

MOSQUITO LORE

With enormously increased popular interest and official, military and public activity in mosquito control and related work, mosquito control workers must, in the aggregate, have encountered a huge mass of resurrected mosquito lore; and now would be a good time to bring such material together.

Dr. Feemster's communication which follows is an interesting beginning. Perhaps other readers of MOSQUITO NEWS will follow suit.

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"Editor, MOSQUITO NEWS.

"Dear Sir:

"To add to your collection of mosquito lore, I am sending to you an account of an incident which occurred at the State House here a short time ago.

"When the subject of mosquitoes came up in a group of state employees, a woman from another department offered to sing to us a little ditty which she remembered from childhood because her mother had

sung it in an amateur musical comedy put on in her community.

"I cannot give you the musical score, but the words are as follows:

MOSQUITOES IN WINTER

Where do mosquitoes go, I'd like to know
In the winter time?

What do they wear for underwear
When they're under where?
I don't know.

Do the little hummerdingers
Sharpen up their stingers
In the winter time?

Where do mosquitoes go, I'd like to know
In the winter time?

"The idea seems to have been used with variations, as a worker in my office claims to have heard a similar ditty in regard to where flies go in the winter time.

"Very truly yours,
(signed) "ROY F. FEEMSTER,

"Director,
"Division of Communicable Diseases,
Massachusetts Department of Public Health."