

Summer Mosquito Control Knocked Out Pests

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Many Douglas County residents were relieved of a common summer annoyance this summer and weren't even aware of it. The annoyance: mosquitoes.

According to Arthur Woody, sanitarian with the Douglas County Health Dept., the mosquito abatement program this year was successful, but the problem is a long way from being completely controlled and the situation will require more stringent measures in the future.

Water is the primary consideration in dealing with mosquitoes. They must have water to breed and grow and can perform these functions in any small amounts of still water. Every article capable of holding a small amount of water is a potential breeder.

All mosquitoes go through four stages of development, the egg, which can hatch only in water, the

larva and pupa, which can live only in water, and the adult, which hatches from the pupa. This cycle occurs every six to 10 days during the summer months.

Citizens Want Control

There are many kinds of mosquitoes, divided into families and groups. However, the average citizen isn't interested in the scientific names or classifications, he just wants to get rid of them.

Only the females bite. Some prefer to do their feeding indoors, some out doors, some during the day and still others like to obtain their meals at night. This is why, as we all know, it is virtually impossible to escape the attack of mosquitoes.

The principal mosquitoes found in residential areas do not migrate very far, so it is almost a certainty that persons bothered by mosquitoes are breeding them themselves or their neighbors are to blame.

Methods of Control

The 1957 mosquito abatement program was conducted by Woody and crews from the County Health Dept. The program was started in April and was continued through

Three-Month Trial Expected For Scott

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jury selection in the murder trial of L. Ewing Scott goes on, though most of the prospective jurors questioned are balking at the expected length of the trial, estimated at up to three months.

The 61-year-old former stockbroker is being tried in connection with the 1955 disappearance of his wealthy wife, Evelyn Throsby Scott, 63. Her body has never been found.

September. Woody stated that nine varieties of biting mosquitoes in numbers warranting control had been identified in Douglas County, so it became mandatory that some program be instituted.

Woody reports that four different phases of attack are used in controlling mosquitoes, adult control, larva control, foliage spraying and source reduction.

Adult control consists of trying to hold down the mosquito population, and actually no controlled program can be effected after the adults are hatched, Woody said. Foliage spraying is used to reduce the number of adults and this is especially effective in recreational areas located near lakes and swampy areas. A heavy mist is sprayed on foliage in the vicinity and when mosquitoes touch the sprayed leaves with the pads on their feet they are immediately killed.

Insects "Smoked"

"Smoking" is also used against the adults and Douglas County now uses a "tifa" smoker. This is an insecticide vaporizing unit, and is mounted on a trailer so it can be towed around the area to be "smoked" while the unit is in operation. The "smoke" hugs the ground to a height of about three feet and remains for 15 or 20 minutes before dispersing. This "smoke" kills mosquitoes on contact.

A definite program can be instituted in larva control, Woody said, because breeding areas can be attacked and more definite results are realized. There are thousands of places in the county that are potential breeders. Woody said, such as river bank pools, drain fields, septic tanks and many others.

Woody and his crews sprayed 46

mill ponds this summer, although mill ponds only contribute about 30 per cent of the mosquito population.

For spraying standing bodies of water, the crews use a "Niagara" duster. This unit spreads a toxic dust over the surface of the water, killing larvae and pupa.

Oil Adheres To Logs

Oil or emulsion can't be used on mill ponds, Woody said, because they adhere to the logs and when the logs are moved, so is the oil. He reports that it is imperative to spray for surface water control during the first three stages of development or these efforts will be ineffective.

No chemicals or insecticides are used that are prohibited by the fish and wildlife service, and nothing is used that would be injurious to warm-blooded animals. Woody said he is careful to cooperate with all divisions of state and federal governments to prevent harm to any animals, even honey bees.

Films on mosquito control are now available, Woody said, and sanitarians will be pleased to show them to granges or other interested institutions. He asks that 10 or 15 days notice be given prior to a showing. The films are loaned from the U.S. Public Health Service and are principally educational films, but on a community level.

Started At Portland

Woody has been in the mosquito business for quite awhile. He set up the mosquito control program

in Multnomah County in 1945 during the Dorothy Lee administration. He was in Multnomah County from 1945 to 1953 and used the first air dusting mosquito control program in that county.

Next year he hopes to start the program earlier in the year, possibly in January or February, and hopes to survey the whole county for breeding places between now and next spring with the cooperation of the public.

He would appreciate any information regarding potential breeding places, and can be contacted at the County Health Dept. in the county courthouse, Roseburg.

Fumigation Requirement Protested By Director

SALEM (AP)—State Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward protested Wednesday against British Columbia's requirement that gift packages of fruit from Jackson County be fumigated against Oriental fruit moth.

He said it is impossible to fumigate the gift packages, and unnecessary because there is no Oriental fruit moth in Jackson County.

EXPLODED ATOMIC BOMB

MARALINGA, Australia (AP)—Britain exploded a balloon-suspended atomic bomb about 1,000 feet over the semiarid Maralinga wastes Wednesday.

It was Britain's first test of an atomic weapon from balloons and its 15th atomic weapon explosion.

Yoncalla Navy Man Slated For School In Chicago

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

Ralph Sheffel of Yoncalla, now on leave from the Navy in San Diego, Calif., will soon leave for Chicago to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sheffel, will drive him to Portland this weekend where he will take a plane for Chicago.

Undergoes Surgery

Gard Burchard underwent surgery last week at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weatherly received word Sunday that their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Johnston of Portland, gave birth to a son Oct. 6. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morin are the parents of a son born Oct. 1 in Ketchikan, Alaska. He weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and was named Johnny Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Morin moved from Elktion this summer and Mrs. Morin is the daughter of Mrs. Bill Todd.

Word was received last weekend of the sudden death of Dale Shoemaker in Morton, Wash. Dale was employed by the Nansen Logging Co. before his car accident in late July in Gardiner. After being hospitalized in Coos Bay for one month, he was taken to his home in Morton, where he had been recuperating satisfactorily until a blood clot took him very suddenly. He has two brothers in this area, Clyde and Dave, Shoemaker. The funeral was in Morton.

Washington Plans Lifting All Forest Restrictions

OLYMPIA (AP)—Virtually all forest entry restrictions ordered by the state early in the summer will be lifted at midnight Thursday, L. T. Webster, state natural resources supervisor, announced Wednesday.

The only exception will be in the Whatcom County where a forest fire hazard still exists, he stated. The restrictions were placed on wooded areas of the state considered to be extra hazardous. They were due to have expired Oct. 15.

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Dried Milk Shipment Gift To Japan Children

PORTLAND (AP)—A U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman said this week \$5,500 labels have been ordered here to let the Japanese people know a shipment of dried milk is a gift of the United States to Japanese children.

Earl C. Corey of the Portland Commodity Office said 42,200 of the labels are to be delivered at Portland, with the possibility of the shipment being divided with Vancouver, Wash., and 8,300 at Seattle.

These words, in Japanese, will be printed on the right of a clasped hand emblem: "contributed by the people of the United States of America to the Japanese school lunch program."



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LOCAL NEWS

Carol McKee, student at Rose School, is ill of influenza at her home on SE Kane Street.

Mrs. John Horn has gone to work in the dental offices of Dr. Verner Anderson. She replaces Mrs. Donald Crume.

C. M. McDermott, distributor for Tide Water Oil Company here, spent Wednesday in Portland attending to business.

Mrs. Matilda Rapelje returned to her work in the office of Montgomery Ward this week following a vacation which she spent in San Francisco and Calistoga, Calif.

A. H. Jaeger is presently visiting in Salem with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen. The Hansens made the trip to Roseburg to get Mr. Jaeger.

Jack Ryan of Lebanon spent the weekend in Roseburg as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and family on Maple Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jacobsen and children have returned to their home in Willow Creek, Calif., following a visit here with relatives and friends.

Linda Weaver, who is employed as bookkeeper at the U. S. National Bank in Myrtle Creek, is attending night classes at the Robertson School of Business in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Roop and sons, Christopher and Michael, of Harrisburg, Ore., spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl West.

H. L. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Mae Wood have returned home from a week's deer hunting trip in the Steen Mountain area. They bagged three bucks.

Don Buckman of Chico, Calif., has returned to his home, following a business trip to Roseburg and an overnight stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paulus McKee on SE Kane Street.

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