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MOSQUITO FIGHT ON IN EARNEST

Heavy Rainfall Gives Commissioners Harassed Look – CCC, WPA Aid in Campaign

It never rains, but it pours! And on thirteen of the first fifteen days in April, it rained.

Rainfall has a direct bearing on mosquito control. Mosquitoes cannot develop without water. This year they have not had to look very hard for casual water in which to wiggle to the wing.

Add to this the many larger swamps not yet reached for drainage by the Mosquito Commission's ditchers, and you see why those in charge of mosquito control measures in Bergen County have that grim, somewhat harassed look right now.

In the early season, the working force is not built up to full strength. Resources must be conserved for fear of further rainy spells bringing on a peak load later in the season when failure to check a brook means even more acute trouble. Nevertheless the Bergen County Mosquito Extermination Commission is already diligently at work. With the CCC camp at Teterboro, extensive salt marsh drainage is being carried forward. With federal fund, WPA projects are going on in the upland. With its own personnel, the commission is busily inspecting and oiling each day.

Mosquito control today is big business and is being conscientiously and efficiently conducted in Bergen County.