

Now Is the Time to Attack Fly Menace, Health Officer Reports

ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., County Health Officer. The best period of the year to attack and destroy the housefly is in the spring. Every time a fly is destroyed during this season, it could mean that there will be millions fewer making pests of themselves in the late summer months. The fly in Los Angeles County is largely a public nuisance.

and is not the disease menace that it once was. This is chiefly due to the fact that sanitation inspections and County ordinances have eliminated disease reservoirs, including the open privy which is no longer permitted to exist in this area. Nonetheless, this section of the country has its own peculiar problems. Expansion of urban communities has taken place so rapidly that residential areas are right next door to chicken, hog, and dairy ranches, and wherever these exist flies will be found.

ANIMAL manure may serve

as a first-rate breeding place for flies, it is true, but home owners should be aware of the fact that refuse left in gardens or yards, or garbage thrown in dirty, loosely-covered or uncovered garbage containers, provides an almost equally favorable breeding environment in many instances.

Insecticides can control flies to some extent, but after a season or two the fly tends to develop an immunity to whatever substance is used. Ranchers, householders, and others must therefore rely on good basic sanitation if these pests are to be kept under control.

ABOUT 90 per cent of adult houseflies stay within a one mile radius of their breeding places, and have a life span of about 6 weeks. They carry filth on their finely-haired bodies and legs and, in addition, usually leave some of their own intestinal contents upon whatever they touch.

However, as already stated, sanitation efforts in Los Angeles County have largely eliminated human filth conditions, so the germs that local flies carry are not usually pathogenic. In other words, the germs are not usually capable of causing disease.

STILL, when such filth is permitted to exist, and when flies are allowed to multiply at will and wander about on food, toys, or other articles that may go into the human mouth, then indeed they are potential disease carriers.

But, disease carrier or no, flies breed in filth and, to a great degree, live and thrive in it, and no cleanly, health-conscious person wants them around.

The best solution to the problem of the fly nuisance is to keep the home and the community as clean as is humanly possible. As a fly control measure, meticulous cleanliness cannot be surpassed.

A pamphlet on fly control will be mailed to anyone sending a card of request to the Division of Public Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

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El Nido Church To Show Movie Sunday Evening

"Going Steady," a Christian motion picture, will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the El Nido First Baptist Church, 4558 West 182 St. Produced by Bible Institute of Los Angeles, this film examines problems of teenage courtship.

Many adults do not understand the teenage practice of going steady and through this picture will understand better the problems. The public is invited to this film presentation and there is no admission charge. A nursery will be provided for small children.

Rev. Leland L. Pisel, pastor, will deliver the morning sermon at 11 a.m. and at the close will be communion and new members received. B. Y. F. groups for all ages at 6:30 p.m.

The ladies of the church are making plans to attend house party to be held at Redlands starting June 9th through the 12th.

The men's brotherhood is busy making plans for a father and son banquet to be held at the church June 20th.

Last Thursday evening June 28th the Rev. and Mrs. Pisel entertained the Choir in their home at 18235 Kingsdale Ave., honoring Mrs. Jean Elmore, choir director, on her birthday.

Adam and Eve Subjects for Schatz Topic

"Adam and Eve are asked big questions."

This will be the sermon topic Sunday morning to be delivered by the Rev. William K. Schatz at the Seaside Community (E & R) Church at 230th St. and Ocean Ave. It will be the first of a series of summer sermons around the theme, "building character with characters of the Bible."

Church school classes for all ages are held at 9:20 a.m. Child care is provided during the worship services.

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