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"Everybody Works" Fly War Being Waged in Evansville

► AN "everybody works" fly war is being waged in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Ind., to rid this community of that dangerous and pesky insect menace, the housefly.

The local war on flies was started by the Evansville Press as a part of the Science Service National Anti-Fly Campaign. The fight on flies in this section is now being conducted with the cooperation of the city-county health department, city and county administrations and the Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

As A. P. Eberlin, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, explains, "An 'Everybody Works' campaign will do the job."

City workmen launched the attack by spraying DDT solution on city dumps, garbage cans, ash pits, trash bins and alleys. Local fly and mosquito breeding areas were treated with DDT.

Creameries, dairies, restaurants, taverns, soft drink places, clubs, hospitals and other establishments were covered by the DDT offensive.

Everyone in the area has been urged to wage war on flies in a five-point individual anti-fly program:

1. Supply your industrial or business property and home with sufficient DDT solution, in aerosol bomb, spray or paint form. It can be obtained at modest cost from drug stores, paint stores, groceries, service stations, etc.

2. Follow carefully detailed instructions that come with every package or can of DDT.

3. Use DDT liberally in your business or industrial establishment and in

your home—in your kitchen, basement, dining room, on your porches, screens and in your garage. Make both your home and your place of business fly-free.

4. Encourage your friends and business associates and employees to follow the same program.

5. Boost the campaign in your lodges and clubs and publicize it in club news letters and house organs.

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Boy Scouts Shock Troops In Birmingham Fly War

► ARMED with DDT-filled spray guns, boy scouts are the shock troops in Birmingham, Ala.'s all out war on flies.

As the Birmingham Post's Anti-Fly editor, Mel Snyder, explained, the city's Health Department became "the arsenal for a fly-less democracy" when health officials supplied 750 gallons of DDT solution to be "shot" at the insect enemy by scouts.

The Post launched the fly war in Birmingham as a part of the Science Service National Anti-Fly Campaign.

When boy scouts volunteered to do outdoor spraying, the Post challenged, "Housewives . . . you get the ones indoors."

With the support of civic leaders and city and county officials, the Birmingham campaign was headlined by a two-day chemical assault on flies by the boy scouts.

Birmingham's scout troops were assigned various areas and met at central locations in each area to receive their supply of DDT. Sprayers for the fly war were supplied by the scouts themselves. For two days, adult leaders at the 16 DDT distributing points were kept busy directing the "ammunition loading" as the scouts searched out fly-breeding spots.

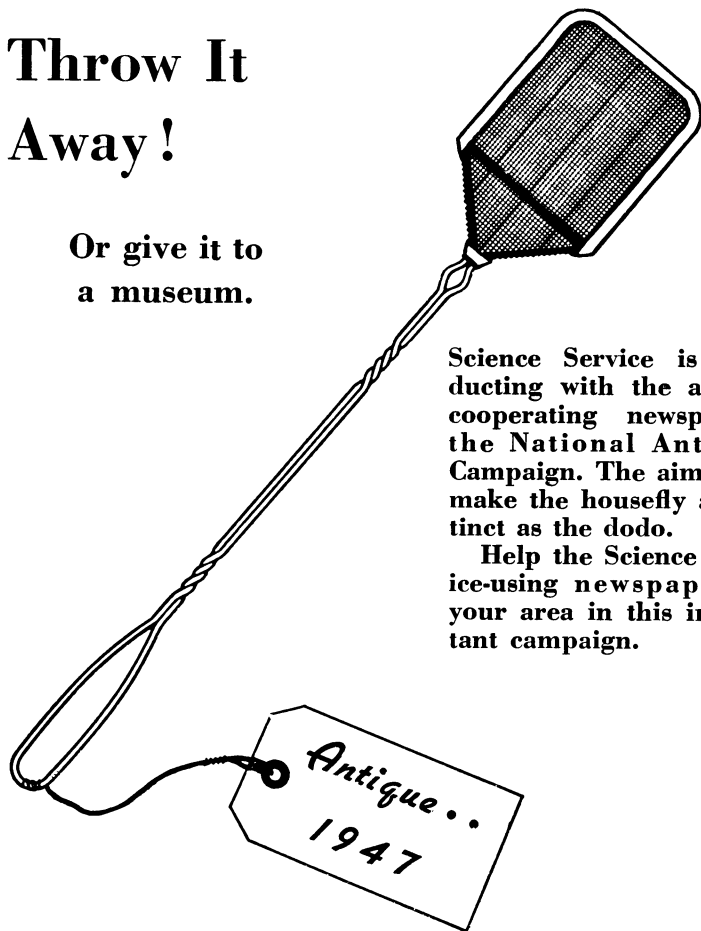
While flies in Birmingham were reduced by the two-day attack, health officials and leaders in the campaign explained that the big achievement of the campaign was to give the people of the city "the DDT habit."

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An electric lamp for underwater work has been developed; it can be used only under water because the liquid is necessary to keep the glass cool from the 1,000-watt light within, with filaments almost touching the bulb.

**Throw It
Away!**

Or give it to
a museum.



Science Service is conducting with the aid of cooperating newspapers the National Anti-Fly Campaign. The aim is to make the housefly as extinct as the dodo.

Help the Science Service-using newspaper in your area in this important campaign.

Complete instructions on how to get rid of flies are contained in Dr. Frank Thone's articles carried in cooperating newspapers or in the June issue of CHEMISTRY, Science Service monthly. Send 25 cents to Science Service, Washington 6, D. C., and ask for the Anti-Fly or June issue of CHEMISTRY.