Since the county commissionerse decided to have a referendum on establishing a mosquito control dis-trict, quite a few questions have been asked. The questions being asked most frequently, and the answers to them, follow:

Q. If we would establish a mos-quito control district, would we be assured that mosquitoes would be eliminated?

quickly point out that eradicating the mosquito is impossible. Florida

has been working on mosquito con-trol since 1931 and only recently

do the health authorities feel that they are beginning to lick the problem.

Q. How could they begin to drain all the marshland in this

county? A. The State Health Department

says that ALL the marshland would not be drained, only the

'breeding areas". Health authori-

ties say that breeding areas are those places in which the tides do

not regularly ebb and flow. They contend that opening up the areas where water is brackish, by dig-

ging drainage ditches to them, would eliminate mosquito breeding

Q. What good would it do Car-

teret to be a mosquito control district if none of the other counties north of us try to con-

trol mosquitoes? A. Sidney H. Usry, who is with

the State Health Department, says mosquitoes don't get a quarter of a mile from the place they are

hatched. "When the wind blows they stay down," Mr. Usry re

Q. Does the mosquito we have here carry disease? A. It is mainly a nuisance, al-

though it has been shown in lab-oratory tests that it can carry en-

Q. If it's just a pest and not a health problem, why go to a lot of trouble to try to get rid of it?

A. Health authoirties say that anything that affects comfort is a health problem.

Q. If a county or town can now

get help from the state for mos-quite control, what's the advan-tage of forming a district? A. It is believed that in the fu-

ture the state may give priority to mosquito control districts when

comes to handing out funds.

Q. Why does the law require

that any program undertaken by a mosquito control district be cleared first with the state health

and to assure that programs un-dertaken would be useful control

Q. Is there anything in the law which would prevent the state health officer from requiring programs that would cost more

money than the mosquito control district may have available?

This was probably written into the law to permit coordination with other mosquito control projects in the same general area

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• Q. I heard that this mesquite control board, if it's appointed ran issue boads. Is this true? A. The law provides that the mosquite control board can call for an election on issuing bonds. for an election on issuing bonds. control district covers only a part If the people vote in favor of bor of a county (health autherities do

cent guests at the home of Mrs. Guthrie's parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Taylor and family.



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rowing money for mosquito o trol, the bonds can be issued.

Q. Who would appoint the mos-quito control board? A. County commissioners

Q. Row many are on the mos-nito control board? A. Five. Three are appointed by the county board, one by the state health officer and one by the diractor of wildlife resources.

Q. Why does the director of wildlife resources appoint one? A. The people interested in wild-life have stated from time to time that draining of pends affects fish population and that other mosqui-to control measures may be dan-gerous to wildlife, so they want to have some say-so in mosquito con-trol.

Q. If people want a tax for mosquito control, why don't the county commissioners just lovy a tax? Why do we have to have a mosquite control district? A. The county commissioners, have the power to levy such a tax.



of a county (health autherities do not recommend this) or more than one county. When a district cov-ers more than one county, the existing governing board, such as a county board of commissioners, could not act for persons living in another county. Furthermore, the state would not have the same degree of con-trol over a county as it would over a mosquito control district.

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