



Weed killer is sprayed on honeysuckle and poison ivy as a part of the Montgomery County program. Joe Huttons, farm bureau secretary is atop the truck; Jack Arnold holds the spray, and Mr. Small operates the motor.

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THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Md.) Farm Bureau this summer is bringing new contentment to hundreds of the county's prize dairy cows—and, indirectly, an increased flow of milk to Washington homes.

Cows without flies are contented cows—and contented cows give from a pint to a quart more milk a day. James D. King, president of the organization, says. To rid the county's dairy barns and cows of flies the Farm Bureau has purchased from the Government a surplus 400-gallon, high-pressure spray outfit mounted on a truck, and will treat more than 800 farms with a 1 per cent solution of DDT.

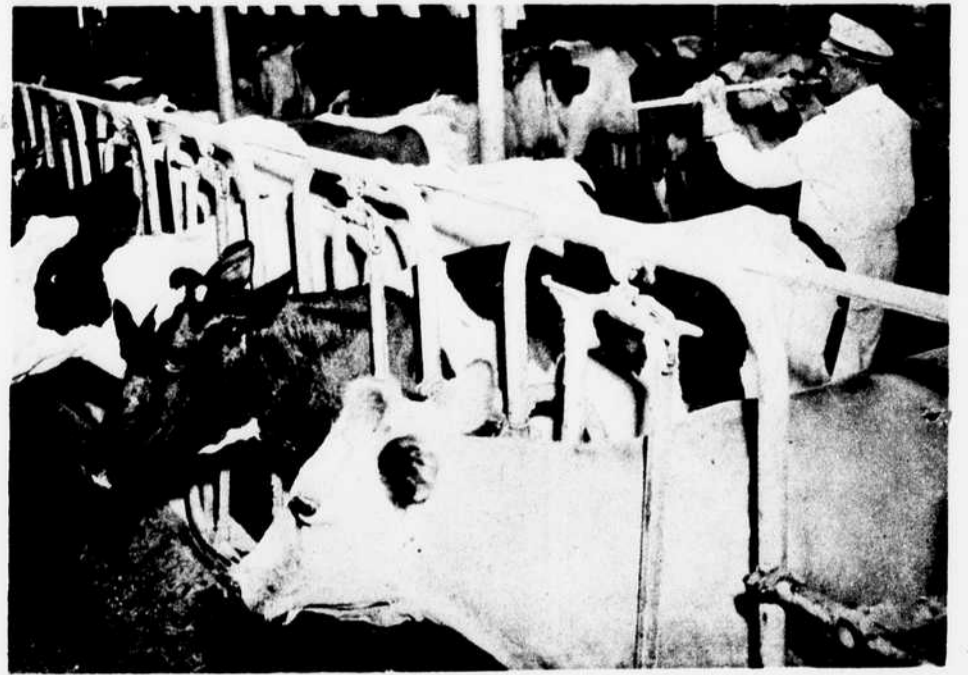
Visiting from seven to nine farms a day, the bureau's spray crew treats dairy and horse barns, poultry houses, pig pens and even the farmer's porches with DDT.

The secret of the effectiveness of DDT in the low concentration used lies in the high pressure spray which applies the solution in droplets under 300 pounds pressure. A white residue remains on the walls and ceilings that will give fly control for a period of several months.

Aside from increasing milk production through contented cows the use of DDT in dairy barns and other farm buildings aids in sanitation. In addition to covering dairy barns and animals, the treatment of other buildings, such as poultry houses, hog lots and stock barns, will eradicate fly breeding places.

The bureau also plans to use the spray outfit to control honeysuckle and poison ivy along fence rows throughout the county. In this program an .8 per cent solution of 2, 4-D, the recently perfected chemical, will be used.

# Cows Content With DDT



Bill Small sprays the cows on the James D. King farm near Gaithersburg, Md.



DDT is sprayed in pig pens to kill flies where they breed. Star Staff Photos by John Horan.

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