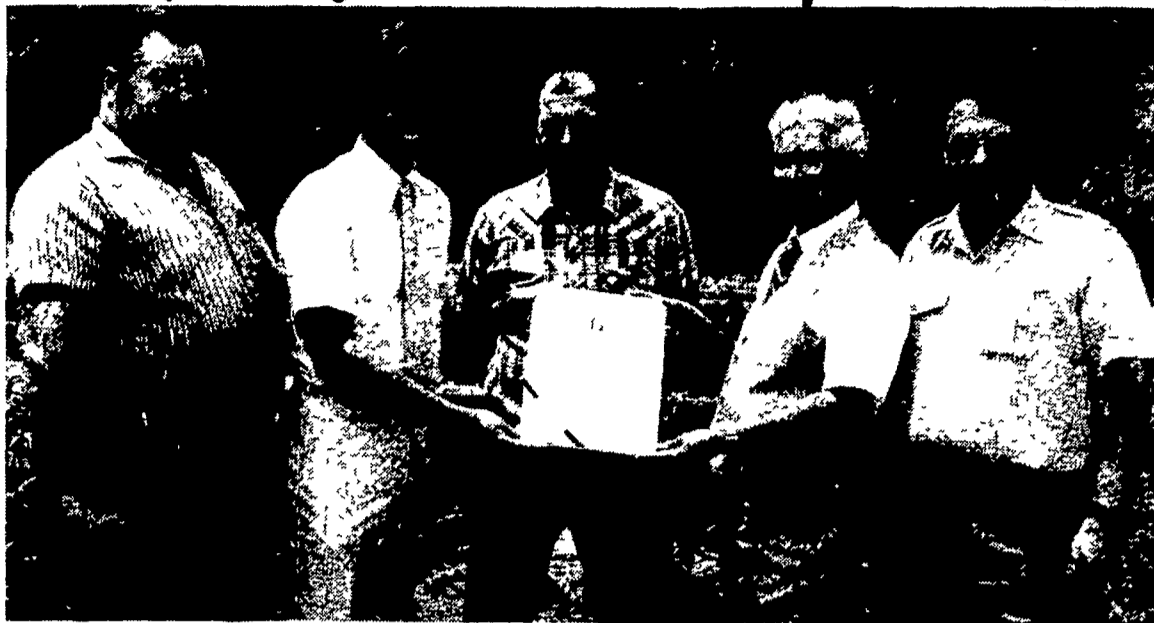


Maryland agriculturalists honor peach month

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These five Maryland agriculturists took a few minutes out the other day while touring orchards to accept a Gubernatorial Proclamation from Governor Harry Hughes naming July as "Peach Month" in the state. These fellows know a bit about peaches, as they are (from left to right): Washington County fruit grower Walter Bromley, Jr.; Maryland Ag Commission

Executive Secretary Ernie Shea; Harford County orchardist Andy Lohr; Somerset County fruit tree producer Robert Kemp, who happen to be president of the National Peach Council this year; and Anthony Rubino of Blue Goose Growers, Hagerstown, which is a major marketer of fruits.

Thymian named as USDA Market Chief

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Assistant Secretary of Agriculture C.W. McMillan has named Mildred Pyle Thymian, a Minnesota farmer and senatorial assistant, as administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service.

According to a recent Mid-Atlantic Market Administrator's bulletin, Thymian will head a 2,160-person agency concerned with a variety of marketing activities, including: classing and grading of cotton and tobacco; gathering and reporting wholesale market news for various commodities; regulation of packers, stockyards, seed and fruit vegetable handlers; federal warehouse inspection and licensing; market research and development; and administration of marketing orders for milk, fruits and vegetables.

In 1960 Thymian was the first Republican woman in Minnesota to

seek national office when she vied unsuccessfully for Republican endorsement as a candidate for the state's 6th U.S. Congressional district seat.

With her husband Donald, Thymian owns a dairy farm in Ortonville, Minnesota. Their sons share in managing the family farm.

Thymian was a legislative assistant to Senator David F. Durenberger in his Minneapolis-St. Paul office during 1980 and 1981.

She was born in Davis, Illinois and received a bachelors degree from the University of Minnesota.

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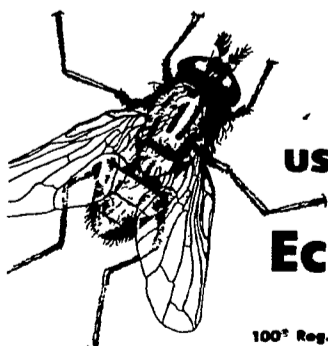
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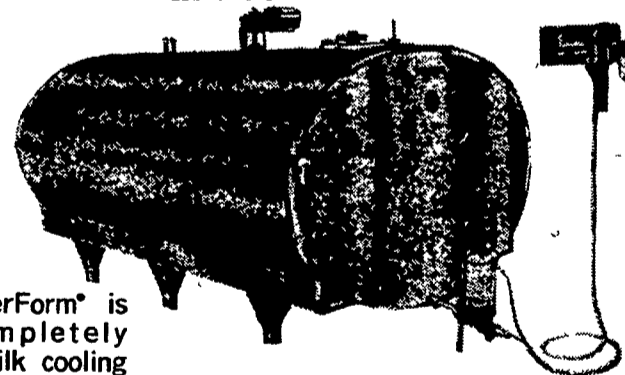
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