

Coughlin replaces Forest as AMS dairy division head

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Edward T. Coughlin has been named acting director of the dairy division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, effective June 14.

William T. Manley, AMS acting administrator in Washington, D.C., said Coughlin will become permanent director if a survey of available senior executive service personnel shows none are more qualified for the job. He said

Coughlin was selected for the position following an open competition for the career appointment over a period of several months.

The dairy division administers 49 federal milk marketing orders throughout the United States, provides market reports and statistical information on milk and dairy products, and carries out grading and inspection for dairy plants and products. More than 80

percent of the fluid milk consumed in the United States and 66 percent of all milk is covered by the milk marketing orders.

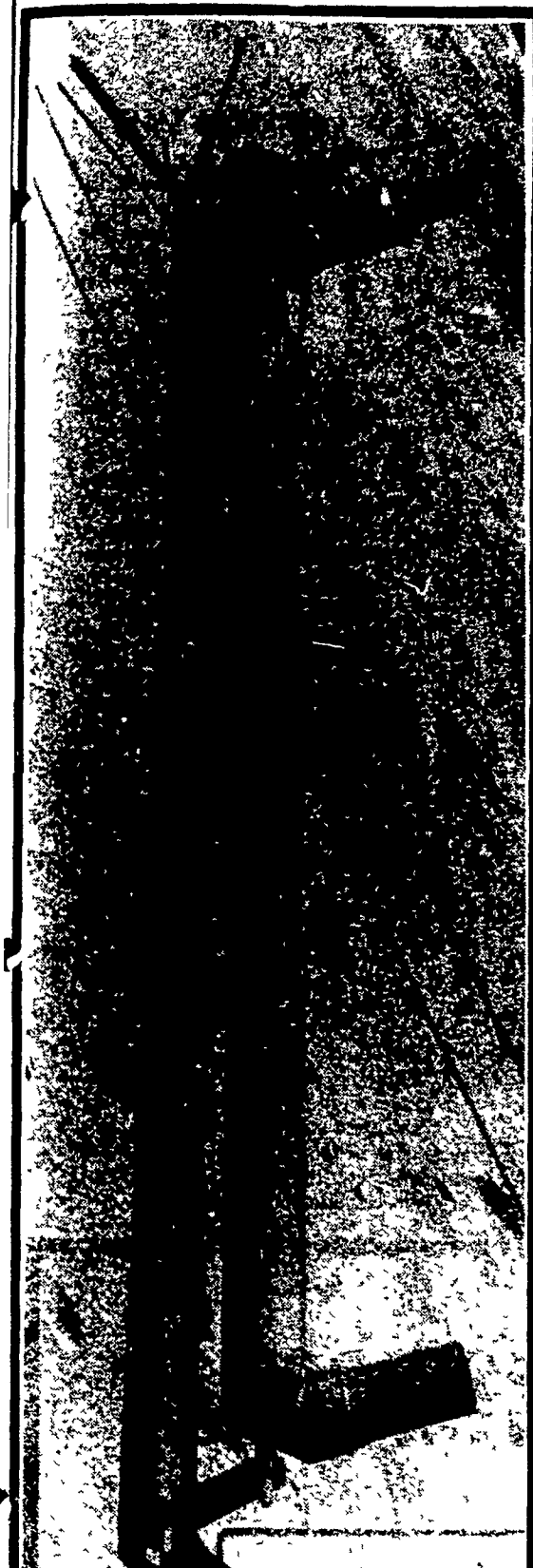
Coughlin, 47, has been a USDA employee since 1959. Since January 1980 he has been a deputy director of the dairy division, supervising the milk order market administrators. He received a bachelor's degree with a major in accounting from Bentley College in Massachusetts. He served two years in the U.S. Navy.

A native of Milton, Mass., Coughlin is married to the former Kathy Murphy. They reside in Alexandria, Va. The Coughlins have six children — two sons and four daughters, ranging in age from 20 to 11.

Coughlin succeeds Herbert L. Forest, who is retiring after 48 years with USDA. Forest has been director of the dairy division since 1954.



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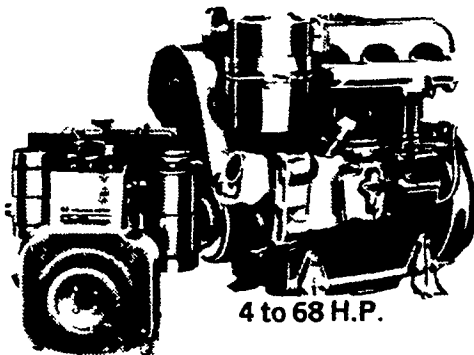
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