

Md. completes gypsy month spraying

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Maryland Department of Agriculture's aerial battle against the gypsy moth has ended for the year as the last spray flights were flown in Baltimore, Frederick and Washington counties on May 26.

Approximately 120,000 acres were treated in the campaign waged in 11 counties of the state. Spray operations, ducking winds and rain on many days, were completed within the allotted period despite starting about a week late.

Robert H. Tichenor, Supervisor of Gypsy Moth Control for MDA,

had high praise for all involved in the complex and precisely timed effort. "The contract applicators, their pilots and ground support people and our MDA personnel all put in some long hours with most spray days beginning at 4 A.M. We also received help from members of the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, the U.S. Army, U.S. Forest Service, USDA's APHIS and especially, the Maryland Forest Service", he said.

1983 was the second year that MDA, in a cooperatively funded effort supported by the state, the

participating counties and the U.S. Forest Service, took to the air in a suppression campaign aimed at preventing widespread defoliation by the gypsy moth which is regarded as the most serious forest pest of the Northeast.

In 1982, a total of about 48,500 acres were treated in seven counties during the month of May. Turning for an effective spray program is critical, Mr. Tichenor pointed out, because the most effective control of the pest can be achieved with modest use of chemicals if the insects can be combated in their early stages of

growth.

Surveys from the ground and the air will be carried out later this season to determine the results of the spray campaign. These surveys will measure defoliation of

trees by the insect. Last year such surveys revealed that in the areas treated, the materials applied against the pest proved to be approximately 98% effective.

Conservation cooperator named

LEBANON — The Lebanon County Conservation District Directors recently announced Rev. Abram N. Hoover, R4, South Annville, as their selection for 1982 Outstanding Cooperator of the Year.

Rev. Hoover has been a conservation district cooperator since

1965 and has completed two conservation plans on farms which he owns. In addition, Rev. Hoover has been instrumental in encouraging the development of conservation plans on three farms which he rents.

According to Donald Bollinger, Lebanon Conservation District Board Chairman, "Rev. Hoover stresses the importance of good soil stewardship and conservation on all land. Not only on his own farms, but also on farmlands which he rents".

Bollinger concluded in saying that conservation farming has become a way of life for Rev. Hoover.

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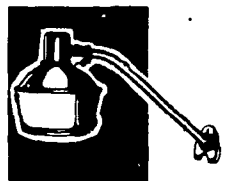
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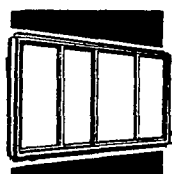
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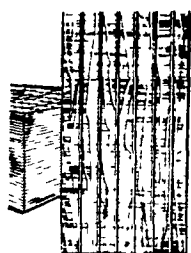
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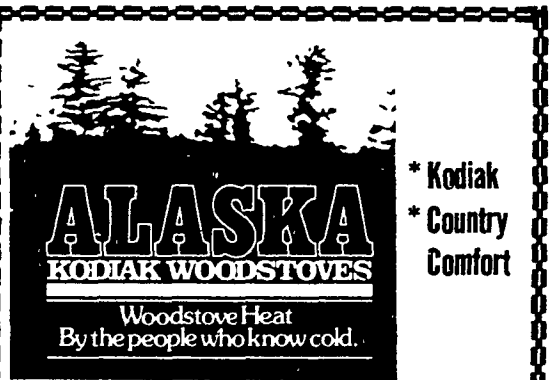
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