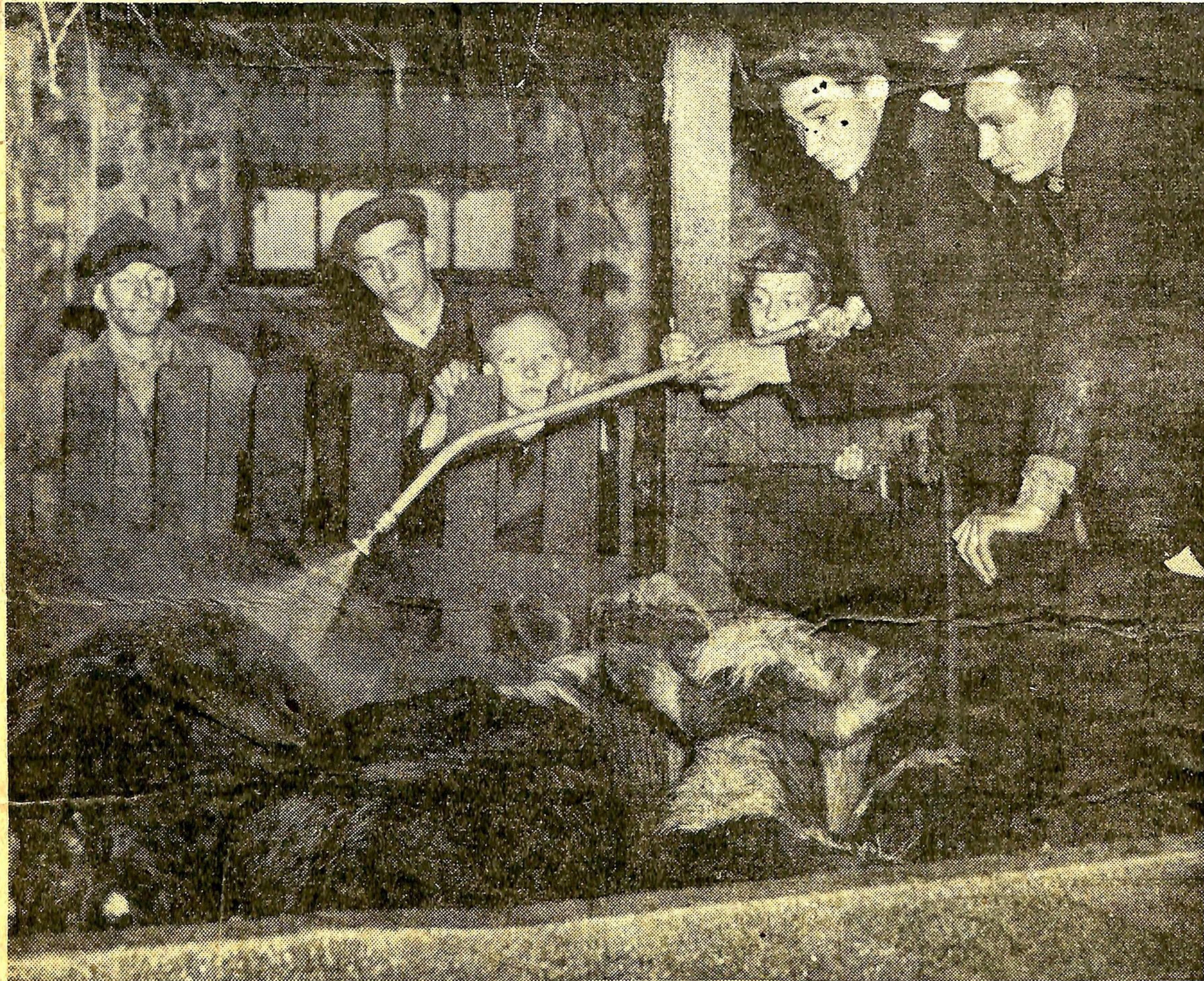


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TOWNSHIP FIGHTS WARBLE FLY

Twenty thousand head of cattle in London Township are due for two sprayings of "rotenone," within the next three months, as protection against the warble fly. The first sprayings were held on the farm of Clarence G. Lewis, on the 16th concession, yesterday and the upper photo shows cattle being given the treatment. Mr. Lewis, left, and his neighbor, Emiel DeBlock, watch as George DeBlock, holding the nozzle, and Frank DeBlock, right, saturate the cattle with the rotenone.

Battle Against Warble Fly Opens In London Township

Today will see the official launching of London Township's battle against the warble fly — the first municipal campaign of its kind in Middlesex County.

Between now and June 20, every single head of cattle (and Department of Agriculture officials estimate there are some 20,000) in London Township will receive two sprayings of "rotenone" as protection against the warble, long recognized as a serious menace to cattle.

Yesterday, township officials and neighborhood farmers gathered in the barn of Clarence G. Lewis, on the 16th concession, for a preview of the spray program.

From a tank mounted on one of the two converted army trucks purchased by the township for the purpose, extended a long hose terminating in a spray attachment. Held close to the animal's hide, it sprayed at high pressure one gallon of the spray mixture on each of Mr. Lewis' 50 head of Shorthorns.

Cost 20 Cents

The mixture used is rotenone powder with water. Cost of the service is 20 cents per animal for the first spray, and proceeds will go to the township to pay for the trucks and necessary machinery.

Treat New Entries

With the inauguration of the township warble fly program, municipal officials have also made a ruling which forbids the entry of any cattle into London Township which have not been treated.

Township Studies Use of Sprayers

Fate of two London Township spraying machines was discussed at a ratepayers' meeting in the township hall at Arva last night, without a decision being reached.

A small committee was appointed, however, to consider possible uses for the machines and report to the municipal council at its meeting on Monday. They were purchased last spring to spray township cattle for warble fly.

It has been suggested that they might be employed in the spraying of barns in which cattle have been found to be infected with T.B. in the course of the county-wide testing program. In such cases a thorough clean-up of the barns is required.

Junior Farmer Plan

Another suggestion forthcoming at last night's meeting was that the Junior Farmers buy the units and do the spraying for a fee, instead of on a municipal basis. Previously it was thought that they might be sold outright.

The committee appointed at last night's meeting is headed by Ex-Reeve William Goddard, and includes Frank Sceli, J. L. Robson, James Reader, Arnold Fraser, Eugene Wyatt and Clare Lewis.

The committee will meet later this week to consider the matter prior to submitting a report to council.

For the Medway Farm Forum, the London Township Federation of Agriculture and the Junior Farmers, the campaign is a dream come true.

The farm forum first stressed the need for a township-wide program. Later it was taken up by the federation, and just a few weeks ago the Junior Farmers presented a petition requesting the township council to "do something about it."

Council co-operated, passed an enabling by-law and purchased the trucks, which during the next few weeks will be a familiar sight on London Township farms.