JUDD MEHARRY - farming problems

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The army worm is reported as having made its appearance in Montgomery County at the farms of Judd Meharry, Vincent and Allen Meharry and a farm rented by John Linville all adjoining just north of Wingate. This is the first report to the effect that the destructive worm is at work in this county.. Not much damage has been done as yet and the farmers in the vicinity of the affected farms are cooperating to destroy the past before it becomes widespread.. Trenches are being dug and the worms are being burned with gasoline torches similar to those used by plumbers. Poison is also used but this does not seem to be very effective under preset methods and there is also the danger that chickens will eat it. Many of the farmers feel that they are handicapped by the lack of a county agent. - kbz