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Fly Menace Reported

From Our West Volusia Bureau

DELAND — Residents of the Marsh Road area near an egg farm, northeast of DeLand, complained to the County Commission Thursday that they've "been getting the runaround for four years."

Mrs. Gordon Skillman brought a petition to the Commission asking relief from the odor and "millions of flies" which plague residents due to the operation of the egg farm.

Mrs. Skillman said the County Health Dept. and the egg farm manager have refused to do anything about the situation and residents are desperate.

"We've put up a fly spray system and the other day my husband had to sweep out his shop seven times to keep from skidding on the bodies

of dead flies that covered the floor," she declared.

Sheriff Rodney Thursby added his comments to the complaint, telling the Commission the condition has existed for years and is "deplorable."

Commission Atty. Charles Luther said if the allegations are true, the situation constitutes a health menace over which the Health Dept. has police powers.

Dist. 1 Commissioner Hubert Jacobs commented that Health Dept. officials are strict about the operation of his dairy farm and he has to keep the fly and odor situation under strict control.

Commissioners promised Mrs. Skillman that they will investigate the Health Dept.'s reasons for refusal to clamp down on the egg farm manager and see that something is done.

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