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Agriculture

Soil
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Service

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March 24, 1995

Mr. Stan Geiken
Chairperson
Benton County Soil and Water
Conservation District
1705 West D Street
Vinton, IA 52349-2505

Dear Mr. Geiken:

As you celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District this year, congratulations! This milestone marks many years of dedicated volunteer service to the community by commissioners and many others.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to recognize that service, as well as the accomplishments you have made in natural resources care over time.

Thank you for your commitment to a very worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Leroy Brown
State Conservationist

Enclosure



The Soil Conservation Service
is an agency of the
Department of Agriculture

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District

Commissioners from 1945 to 1995

Herman Franzenberg, Keystone	7/45 to 8/51
Horace Thompson, Vinton	7/45 to 8/49
Harold Miller, Vinton	7/45 to 8/47
Arvid Shogren, Vinton	8/47 to 8/49
Earl Wallace, Vinton	10/49 to 8/51
Glenn Christy, Garrison	8/51 to 1/56
Henry Grunewald, Jr., Blairstown	8/51 to 1/56
S. E. Wallace, Vinton	8/51 to 2/54
Harry Horak, Vinton	2/54 to 9/71
Howard Knupp, Vinton	1/58 to 2/62
Edwin Niebuhr, Blairstown	2/62 to 8/67
Leland Goodell, Vinton	9/63 to 9/71
John Richard Schild, Belle Plaine	8/67 to 11/80
Henry Lyphout, Vinton	7/69 to 11/82
Don Weichman, Atkins	7/69 to 11/82
Roman Gardner, Garrison	9/71 to 11/82
Paul Anderson, Vinton	9/73 to 11/84
Stan Geiken, Vinton	11/80 to 1/87 and 11/90 to present
Dennis Duello, Vinton	11/82 to 9/86
Leland Schrader, Jr., Dysart	11/84 to present
Maynard Krug, Atkins	11/84 to 1/91
James Hanna, Jr., La Porte City	11/86 to 1/93
David Schirm, Garrison	11/86 to 1/93
Wayne Siela, Vinton	11/86 to 1/95
Randy Schirm, Garrison	11/92 to present
Kevin Robinson, Blairstown	11/92 to present
W. Robb Morrow, Vinton	11/94 to present

These people, and many others in the county, looked to the future and took advantage of opportunities to protect our Soil and Water Resources.

July 17, 1995

To The Benton County Soil
and Water Conservation District;

It is with a great ^{deal} of pleasure
and satisfaction we say "Happy 50th."

It was most interesting & sometimes
frustrating to watch the district start and
now develop into an agency protecting
our natural resources.

There is a great deal of satisfaction
derived by those who first started practicing
soil and water conservation. They were
ridiculed & criticised, but still they persisted,
now the public mandates conservation of
our natural resources by law.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated
office staff and local people who get
involved to carry out the daily
operations of the Benton County District.

We would like to thank any and
all who in any way helped to upgrade our
farms and our natural resources.

The generations to come will thank
all of us for our diligent work.

"Yours in Conservation"
Mildred & John "Dick" Schild

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