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COVER PHOTO: Farm pond on Homer Ryan farm, 6 miles north-west of Brooklyn.



Soil losses were heavy during 1967 in many parts of Poweshiek County.



Tiling in early spring on John & Ferril Siehl farm, 4 miles north of Grinnell. During 1967 124 miles of tile was laid in the County.



DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Seated left to right: Mrs. Keith Brannian, Assistant Commissioner; LaVonne Byers, Clerk; Don Schuldt, Commissioner; Carroll Elscott, Commissioner; standing left to right, Morton James, Work Unit Conservationist; Clem McBride, Technical Aid; Miles Clayton, Assistant Commissioner & Elmer Urfer, Conservation Aid. Commissioner Phil Eichhorn was not present for the picture.

AREA STAFF WHO ASSIST WITH THE DISTRICT PROGRAM

Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, Iowa City; George Fonken, Area Engineer, Iowa City; Thomas T. Brown, Agricultural Engineer, Marion; Byron Miller, Engineer Technician, Marion; Marion Ebert, Engineer Technician, Iowa City; Edward Schmerhorn, Soil Scientist, Iowa City; Wayne Frederick, Soil Scientist, Iowa City; Darwin Hoeft, Soil Scientist, Iowa City; Stanley Barker, Area Clerk, Iowa City.

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1. Commissioners attend Commissioners Short Course, Ames.
2. Meeting held for Contractors.
3. Soil District Policy Meeting attended at Des Moines and Coralville.
4. Election and county speech contest held in March, Carroll Elscott elected to succeed Lawrence Wallis, Nancy Gorsuch named county speech winner.
5. Diamond Lake Watershed structures A-2, B-9 finished and seeded.
6. Conservation Week observed in June by special issues in County newspapers.
7. Conservation Achievement Awards Program judged--Winners--Division I, Marion Palmer; Division II, Earl Heishman; Division III, Charles Fenner.
8. Region 7 IASDC Meeting and Speech Contest.
9. Farewell picnic for Lawrence Wallis at Brooklyn Park.
10. Commissioners Annual Conference, Des Moines, September 17-19.
11. Record amount of earth work accomplished with good fall weather.
12. Annual Kiwanis Recognition luncheon held for County Conservation Award Winners.

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Conservation work accomplished in Poweshiek County during 1967 continued to accelerate with many new records being established.

Outstanding were water control structures built in connection with tile outletted terraces which permit disposal of run-off through drain tile. These structures increased 360 percent--from 32 in 1966 to 115 in 1967.

Farm ponds built nearly doubled--22 in 1967 compared to 13 in 1966.

There was a 12 percent increase in the miles of terraces built--16 miles in 1966 and 18 miles in 1967. These terraces are new design, cut and fill suitable for modern farm equipment and drained in most cases by tile outlets.

About 6 percent more gullies were filled, shaped and seeded for grassed waterways. In total length (38 miles) these waterways would more than reach across the County 1 1/2 times.

Drain tile installed in 1967 exceeded both 1965 and 1966 by approximately 36 percent. Enough tile (124 miles) was installed to reach from Grinnell to the Mississippi River.

Contour strip cropping increased from an estimated 18,000 acres previously on the land to 18,704 acres in 1967.

Lines were staked for 1314 acres of new contouring, adding to the estimated 38,000 acres of contouring already established.

The job of completing a soil survey of Poweshiek County made progress during the year. Approximately 6000 acres of new surveying was finished by Soil Scientist of the Soil Conservation Service. Out of the total of 366,000 acres of land in Poweshiek County, 191,000 acres have been surveyed to date.

Land is surveyed on an individual farm basis and show soil type, percent slope, amount of topsoil remaining, general recommendations for fertilizer application and information needed to develop a complete conservation plan.

During 1967 complete conservation plans were developed on 47 farms with the assistance of technicians of the Poweshiek Soil Conservation District. This was an increase of 37 percent over 1966. This assistance was without charge to the individual farmers helped.

The Soil District received requests from 59 farmers for such future mapping and planning service.

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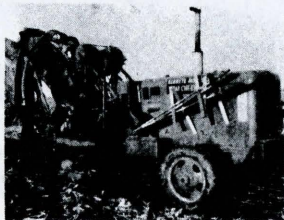


Seeded back-slope terrace. Carl Boget farm, 8 miles south of Grinnell. Such terraces are pushed up largely from the lower side.



Flood retarding structure on Miles Clayton farm, 5 miles northwest of Brooklyn. The pond provides temporary storage until it can drain away through a tile.

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Accomplishment Summary 1967

Soil Conservation Surveys	5870 acres
New Soil District Cooperators	59
Basic Conservation Plans	47
Contour Farming (Newly Staked)	1314 acres
Strip Cropping (Newly Staked)	704 acres
Pasture Renovation & Planting	1529 acres
Grassed Waterways (38 Miles)	153 acres
Wildlife Habitat Development	86 acres
Ponds Built	22
Ponds Stocked	26
Terraces & Diversions (18 Miles)	94,830 feet
Gully Control Structures	37
Water Control Structures (Tile Outletted)	115
Tile System Structures	13
Tile Installed (124 Miles)	653,332 feet

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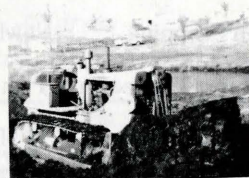
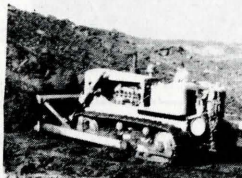
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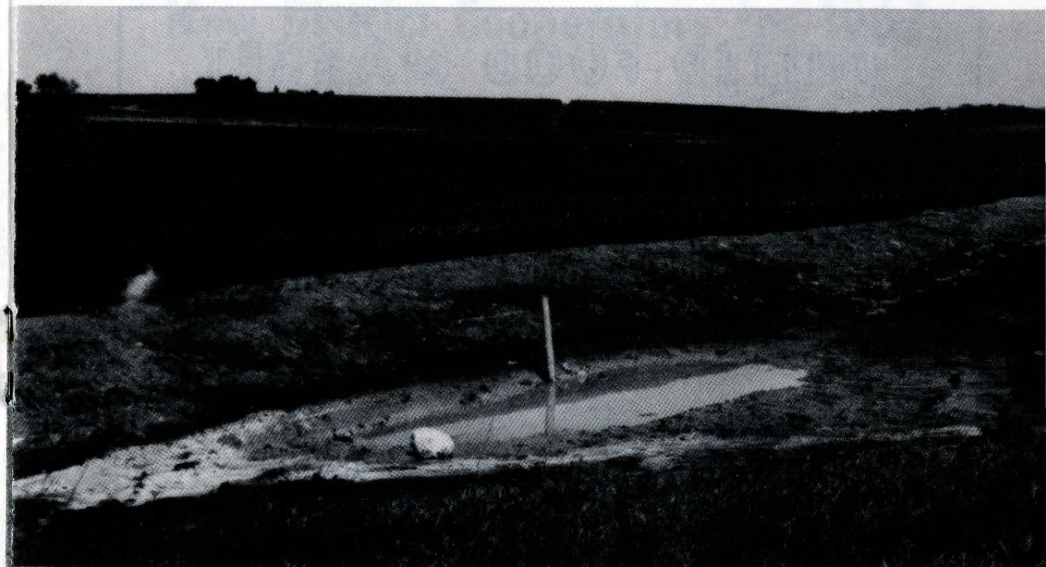
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Flood retarding structure on the Harry Taylor farm five miles south-east of Deep River. Because of this structure a grassed waterway and a more expensive concrete structure are not necessary.



Re-inforced concrete structure on the Robert Mitchell farm 8 miles north-east of Grinnell. Note the posts and plans to put a fence across the notch.

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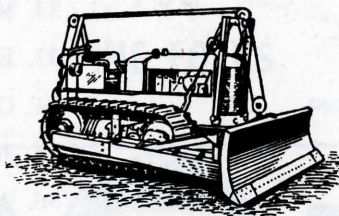
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| 2. Robert Maxwell | 30. Dale Lippincott |
| 3. Melvin Verwers | 31. Bess Armstrong |
| 4. Harley Burch | 32. Megis by Doane |
| 5. Valere Lavent | 33. Ed Peak |
| 6. Carl Orr | 34. Otto Dietze |
| 7. Ernest Selle | 35. John Neil |
| 8. Robert Dimit | 36. Albert Facile |
| 9. Edward Hall | 37. Don Renaud |
| 10. Edward Nikkel | 38. Lulu Edelen |
| 11. Raymond Olson | 39. Curtis Ferneau |
| 12. Ronald Allen | 40. Thomas Harris |
| 13. M. B. Davis | 41. Daryl Goodlow |
| 14. Bill Anderson | 42. Wm. Heitsman |
| 15. Sauter Brothers | 43. Eugene Mann |
| 16. Vernon Newport | 44. Paul Thompson |
| 17. Henry Thompson | 45. Lyle Sanders |
| 18. Lottie Hall | 46. C. R. Morrison |
| 19. Amos Kilmer (2) | 47. Adrian McKeag |
| 20. Marvin Vander Molen | 48. Raymond Vogt |
| 21. Sylvan VeVerka | 49. Warren James |
| 22. Paul Good | 50. Robert Ranfeld |
| 23. Wilbur Ebel | 51. Retha Van Omman |
| 24. Earl Hicks | 52. Marion Palmer |
| 25. Vere Henry | 53. Johnson & Johnson |
| 26. Blanch Brown | 54. Kenneth Bushong |
| 27. Josephine Schneekloth | 55. H. F. S. Timm |
| 28. Howard Johnston | 56. Kenneth Hoksbergen |
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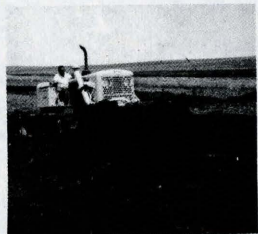
Seeding the silt detention dam, Hansen Farm, Diamond Lake Watershed. With the weather's cooperation the seeding resulted in an excellent stand.



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| 1. Roger Clayton | 22. Gerald Byerly |
| 2. Marvin Eflin | 23. Mrs. Milton Cronbaugh |
| 3. Clitus Allen | 24. Milton Cronbaugh |
| 4. Cory Carson | 25. Russell Reynolds |
| 5. Meeks Brothers (2) | 26. Alfred Steen |
| 6. Tomas Lowry (2) | 27. Warren James |
| 7. Frank Clements | 28. Ralph Phillips |
| 8. Adrian McKeag | 29. Mern Ranfeld (3) |
| 9. Conrad DeBondt | 30. August Claeys |
| 10. L. W. Spooner | 31. James Peak |
| 11. Arthur Merck (3) | 32. Russell Wiley |
| 12. Alice Eames | 33. Horace Davidson |
| 13. Keith Downey | 34. Paul Krumm |
| 14. Charles Fenner | 35. Ruby Fleener |
| 15. Allan Moyer | 36. Harry Crowder |
| 16. Ray Hall | 37. Leonard Fisher |
| 17. A. E. Hautekeete | 38. John Graham |
| 18. Given Johnson | 39. Louis Wauters |
| 19. Marion Palmer | 40. Donald Van Kampen |
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Marion Palmer, Division I winner in the 1967 Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

Division I is for owner-operator who has maintained a complete conservation program for a period of years.

Palmer has been conservation farming for the past 17 years. Presently he owns and operates 685 acres.

Some of the conservation practices on the Palmer farm include; reorganized fields, soil building rotations, all crops on the contour, over five miles of terraces, approximately eleven mile of tiling, 15 acres of waterways, two farm ponds and two gully control structures.

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The 1967 Conservation Achievement Award Winners



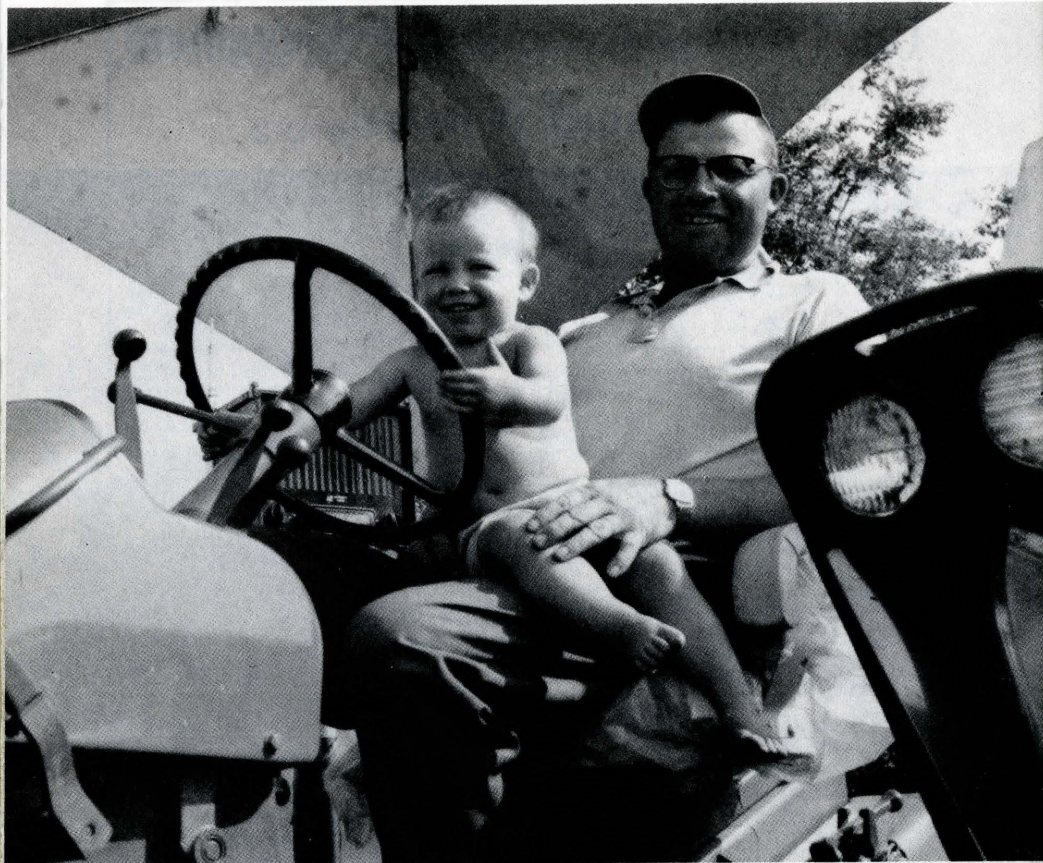
Earl Heishman, winner in the 1967 Division II Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

The Division II Award is for landlords and tenants who have made outstanding progress in conservation through team efforts.

The farm owner is the E.L. York Trust. The conservation work was begun by the Late E. L. York of Grinnell. Management is now by Mr. Merlin Lander, Central National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa.

Heishman has operated the 320 acre farm for the past five years. Conservation practices established and maintained are; re-organized fields, soil building rotations, fertility management, contour farming, grass border strips, grass waterways, strip cropping and six miles of tile.

Supporting the conservation plan is a livestock program which utilizes all farm produced crops (or equivalent) on the farm.



Charles Fenner, farmer, chosen in 1967 for the most rapid progress in establishing conservation practices.

Division III in the Conservation Achievement Awards Program recognizes farmers who have made the greatest progress since January 1, 1965.

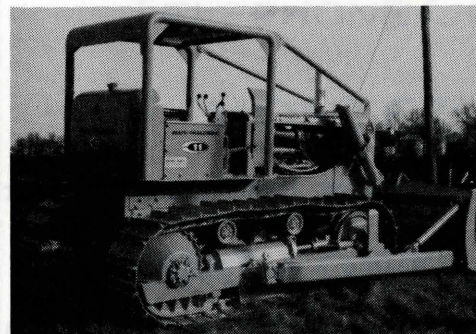
All of Fenner's work has been done since late in 1966.

Fenner operates 645 acres, 165 acres of which was purchased two years ago.

Practices established in one year's time include; complete re-organization of fields, grassed waterways, 110 acres of strip cropping, initiation of a soil building rotation and extensive fertilization, one farm pond and two gully control structures.

In support of the conservation plan Fenner maintains a sizable livestock program which utilizes farm grown crops on the farm. Yearly he markets 120 fat cattle and 800 market hogs.

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- 1959 - Alvin and Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnutt
- 1960 - Waldo and Harold McLennan, Benedict Peterson, Milfor Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer
- 1961 - James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke, George Morrison
- 1962 - David Anthony, Louis Newkirk, Edward Henry, Philip C. Eichhorn
- 1963 - Ed Lowe, Roger Sampson, Byron Goldwaite, Marvin Montgomery, George Houser
- 1964 - Melvin Price, Julia Vogt, Wesley Meyers, Lauren Wright
- 1965 - Arlo Taylor, Henry Rolffs, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate, Frank and Madeleine Herbrandt
- 1966 - Eugene Merck, Phillip Lamb, Charles DePauw, Arnout Dunnick
- 1967 - Marion Palmer, E. L. York Estate, Earl Heishman, Charles Fenner

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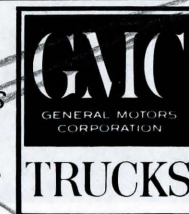
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Newly built pond on the Gale Latham farm, two miles north-east of Montezuma. Note outlet pipe at point of arrow. Observers left to right: Auditor, Nellie Urich, Margaret Stemsrud, Katherine Yount and Marjorie Dieterich of the ASCS Office.



Personnel from the County ASCS inspect a flood retarding structure on the Ronald Bates farm, 5 miles north of Montezuma. Standing in the channel and on the dam, left to right Ronald Bates, Melvin Kasal, Gordon Braley, John Puls, Evan Johnston, Frances Schlesselman and Elizabeth Hewitt.

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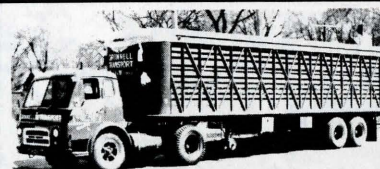
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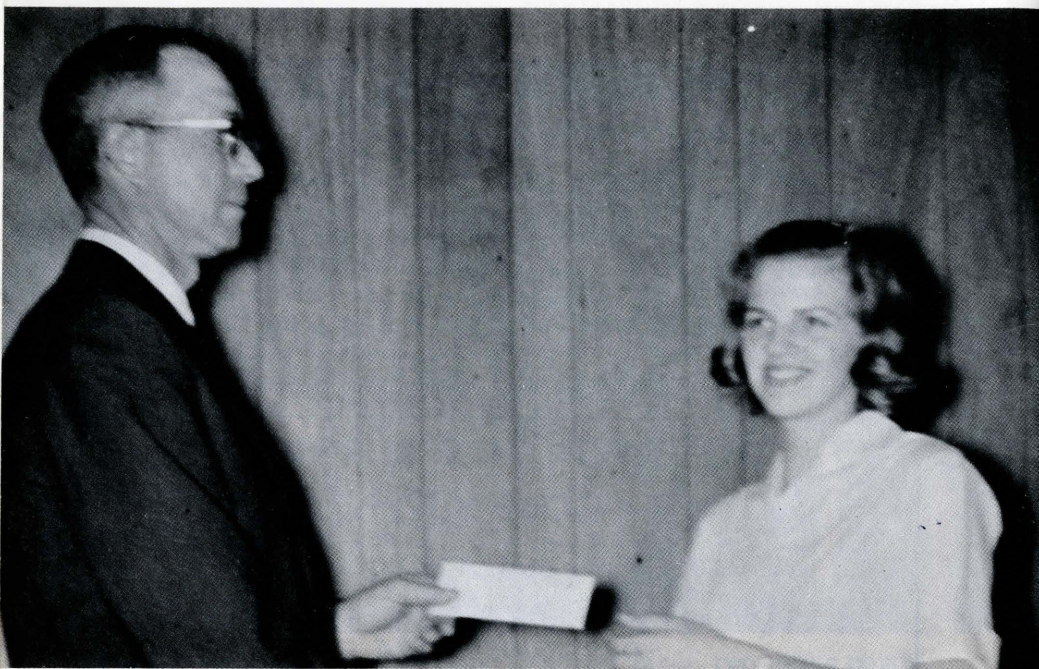
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Nancy Gorsuch, Montezuma, winner of the 1967 Conservation Speech Contest receives the award from Soil District Chairman, Lawrence Wallis.



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I-M BUDGET	\$470.33
Commissioners Mileage, Meals, Hotel	431.04
Office Supplies	20.59
Meeting Expense	11.60
Office Expense	7.10
TOTAL	\$470.33

II-M BUDGET	6163.52
Gross Earnings (Clerk-Technician)	5394.12
State Retirement	177.56
Federal (SS tax)	232.19
Health Insurance	36.00
Equipment	315.05
Tech. Travel	8.60
TOTAL	\$6163.52

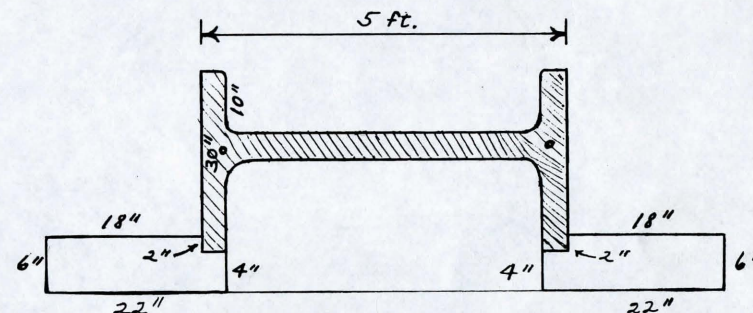
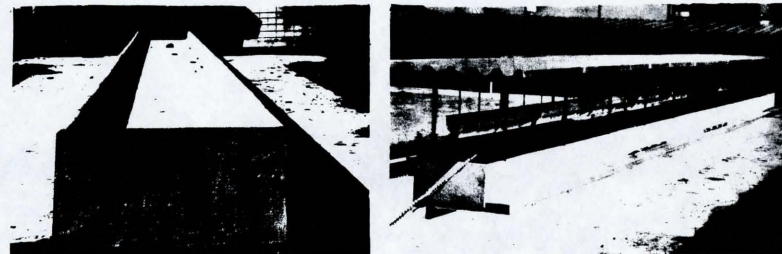
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