

News Release - 1968 Iowa Conservation Field Days and Plowing Match

The 1968 Iowa Conservation Field Days and Plowing Match have been set for September 5 and 6, 1968 at a site of 400 acre tract of land $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Eldora. Involved are the farms of Delmar Swasand, Ed Wiesner, Ray McDowell, ~~And~~ Richard Crosser and Boyd Reese. Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock, who is serving as chairman of the Hardin County Central Committee, said the September 5 and 6 Field Days should attract one of the largest out-of-county attendance in history.

Chairman Primus is working with a Hardin County Coordinating Committee as well as a State Steering Committee composed of Keith Kirkpatrick of WHO Radio and TV; Wilson T. Moon, State Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service; Charles Ballantyne, Extension Soil Conservationist; and William Grainer, Director of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The Central Committee is planning a program for the 1968 Field Days that will be of interest to both rural and urban people. There will be commercial exhibits, field crops and varied industries exhibits. Also fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, new feed, seed and chemical plots, research station for study of soil erosion and surface relief (runoff) from grassed backslope terraced areas, wildlife exhibits, helicopter rides, wagon trains, and an outdoor conservation classrooms. In addition, there will be level land and contour plowing matches competing for the state championship.

The Church of the Brethren Camp on the southeast shore of the Lower Pine Lake area will be used as headquarters building for the two-day statewide event.

The Pine Lake watershed has some of the state's outstanding soil conservation practices underway and completed to make this area and Hardin county one of the outstanding conservation counties in the state. The drive to control erosion above the Pine Lakes came to the communities' attention when Upper Pine Lake had to be raised due to excessive erosion in the watershed area above the lake. As a result of the concentrated drive of the entire community, great strides have been made in controlling the erosion and the lakes are being protected for the future. It is this control through the use of grass backslope terraces that will be the theme of the 1968 Iowa Conservation Field Days and Plowing Match.