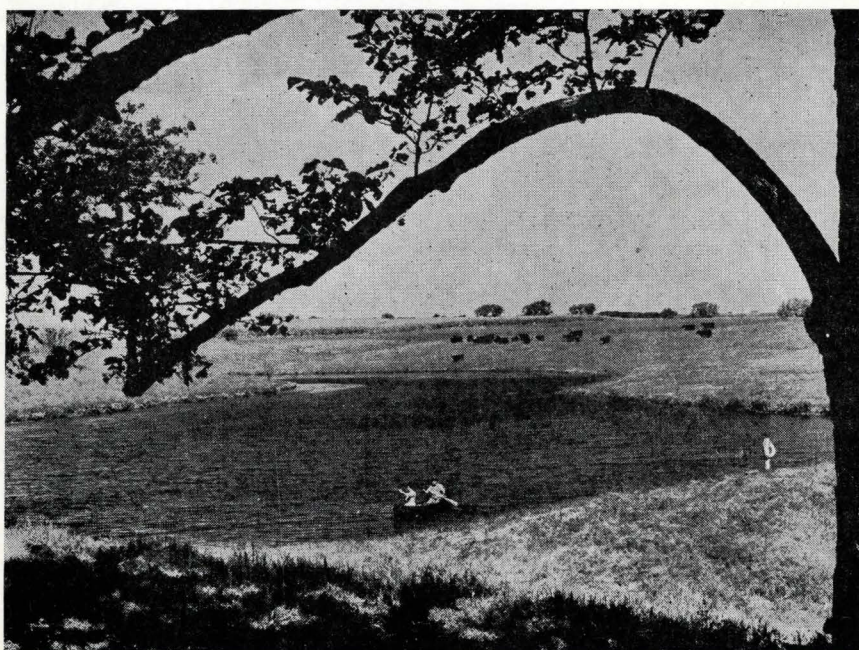


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If you are a modern farmer, I think you owe it to yourself to check with our office and see if John or Harry can't help you develop a conservation plan for your farm.

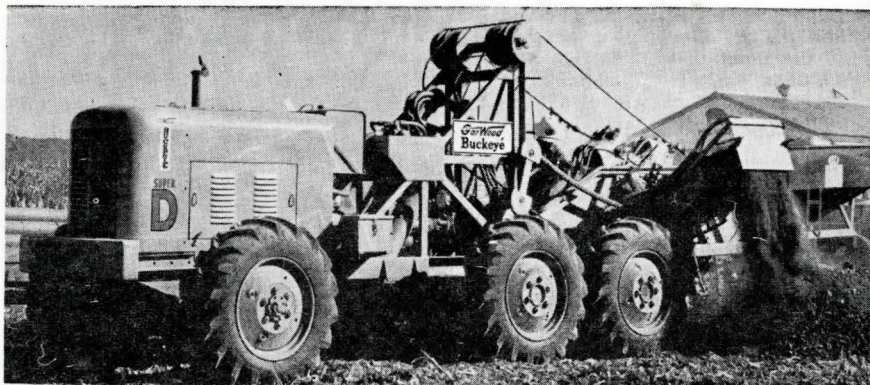
By signing up your farm with the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District your land will be soil surveyed and this together with an aerial photo will be your start toward developing a Soil Conservation plan for your farm. If you express a desire for a plan, the Work Unit Conservationists will develop this plan for your farm. The initiative to carry out all or any part of it rests with the landowner or operator.

Des Moines County SCD Commissioners



L. to R. - Horace Sutton, Treas.; Henry Dockendorff, Harold Yohe, Art Corman, Chairman; and Harold Linder, Sec. These men comprise the governing body of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

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Jack Jacobs, Conservation Technician for 12-1/2 years in Des Moines County, resigned and is now selling insurance.

Harry Bryant, from Corydon, Iowa, has assumed the duties as Conservation Technician. Harry worked at the Soil Conservation office at Corydon before coming to Burlington.

Des Moines County acquired its own tile drainage machine this winter when Kenneth Groe of West Burlington purchased a new Buckeye trencher. Des Moines County has not been able to keep up with the demand for tile drain installation the last two years.

Sandy Hedges, who farms in Huron Township, replaced LaVerne Lucas as part-time employee.

During the summer the District had Sheila Ferguson working in the office under the neighborhood Youth Corps program.

The District purchased a complete set of "America The Beautiful" conservation pictures. Two picture frames were purchased and the pictures are changed regularly.



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Highlights Of 1966

Over 58,000 feet of cut and fill, tile inlet terraces were built in Des Moines County in 1966. More than 75,000 additional feet were being designed and laid out for construction when winter weather and frozen ground halted the contractors.

Henry Dockendorff of Danville Twp. was elected to fill the position of District Commissioner when Eugene Schulte's term expired last February.

The number of farms signed up with the Des Moines County increased again in 1966 to over 100 new District Cooperators equaling 14,060 acres.

Group jobs (two or more neighbors working together on a common conservation problem) increased again this year. Many erosion problems occur from small watersheds which involve two or more farms.

Three field tours and demonstrations were held in Des Moines County for State and Southeast Iowa SCS personnel for the purpose of studying the tile inlet terrace systems. Conservation programs emphasizing terraces are normally associated with western Iowa.

Over seventy news stories were written by the district staff. KBUR and KYED broadcast over fifty conservation comments. Six conservation tours and demonstrations were held.

More farms were serviced by the Des Moines County Work Unit Conservation office than in 1965.

More farms applied conservation practices in 1966 than they did in 1965.

Kenneth Smith, county engineer, Wallace Rayer, county supervisor, Deane Thorton, ASC office manager, and John Baker, work unit conservationist, attended a meeting at Centerville, Iowa. The Appanoose county engineer and the Soil Conservation District presented a program explaining the installation of earth dams to replace the rebuilding of needed county road bridges.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District and the Secretary of Agriculture was updated and signed. The original Memorandum of Understanding was written up in 1946 when the district was first organized.

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District Activities

January - The Soil Conservation District held a meeting for the Contractors of the district to discuss the coming year program.

February - The Soil Conservation District held an election for a district commissioner position. This election constitutes a legal election in Iowa. The District Commissioners are a segment of the state government of Iowa.

March - The Soil Conservation District published its annual report of the District's activities and mailed it to every landowner and operator in the county.

The District entertained two groups of southeast Iowa SCS employees on tours of the new parallel, tile inlet terrace jobs for training purposes.

May - The Soil Conservation District sponsored and conducted a conservation tour for the ministers of Des Moines County in preparation for "Soil Stewardship Week". "Soil Stewardship Week" is proclaimed by the Governor each year.

June - A Conservation tour was sponsored by the District to help emphasize "Soil Conservation Week" proclaimed each year by the Governor.

Inter-agency tour of conservation problem areas of the county by agencies interested in agriculture.

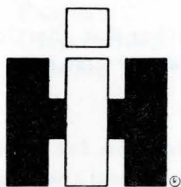
The District revised its "Work Plan and Memorandum of Understanding" with the USDA. This revision was the first since the District was organized.

August - The Conservation needs for Des Moines County was revised.

November - The Conservation Awards Banquet was held in Danville. This banquet was sponsored by the Banks of Des Moines County.

December - A meeting was called by the District for all interested agencies in the county to help develop a report on the "Potential Recreational Needs of the County."

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District Accomplishments

MAJOR PRACTICES	UNIT	1965	1966	Increase
Contour farming	Acres	876	956	9%
Terraces:				
Parallel-Cut & Fill	Feet	38,850	58,125	50%
Terrace outlet pipes	Number	91	104	14%
Diversion	Feet	14,450	3,795	-73%

Other Practices

Waterways	Acres	65	70	7%
Farm Ponds	Number	15	21	40%
Drainage Tile	Feet	145,577	169,110	16%
Erosion Control Dams	Number	22	21	-4%
Open Drainage Ditch	Feet	27,355	40,865	49%
Group Jobs	Number	6	9	50%
Pasture Renovation	Acre	856	723	-16%
Tree Planting	Acre	93	40	-57%
Tile System Structure	Number	9	10	same
Cons. Cropping System	Acre	2,553	1,966	-10%
Acres Soil Surveyed	Acres		7,915	

Planning Practices

New Cooperators	Number	78	102	31%
Revised Farm Plans	Number	28	9	-67%
New Farm Plans	Number	15	32	113%
Farms Serviced	Number	437	511	17%
Follow-Up	Number	168	275	64%

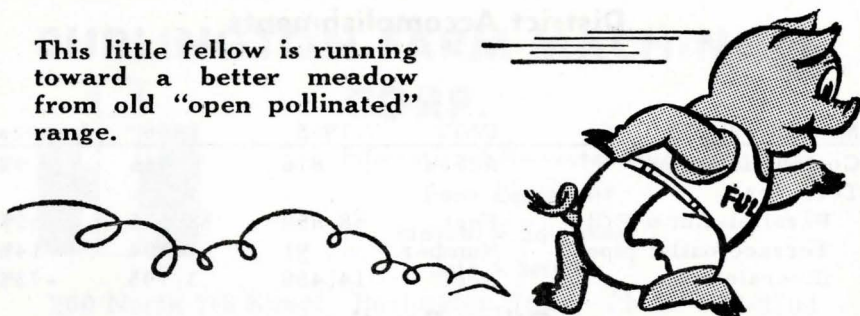
Credits

The Commissioners and staff of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District wish to thank those agencies and people who have helped to make these accomplishments possible. The Commissioners especially want to thank the Extension Service and the ASC Office Staff and County Committee for their support and cooperation.

The Conservation Contractors who work in Des Moines County play an extremely important part in the conservation program of the District. Without their concern and efforts all the planning, selling and engineering would mean little -- actual construction of these practices on the land is the real proof of the pudding.

Office Callers	1373	News Stories.....	71
Telephone Callers	619	Radio Talks.....	52
Meetings attended or conducted...	53	Demonstrations & Tours ..	6

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Ore H. Staub	Don Schnupper
Harold Linder	E. A. Schulte
Wendell P. Mathews	Ted Nelson
Gordon White	Camp L-Kee-Ta
Harvey Heiniger (2)	Karl Baker (2)
Clarence Roberts	Richard Baker
J. G. Pierson	Clarence Kuntz
Leroy Rauhaus	Marvin Meeker
C. C. Taeger	Henry P. Schulte
Donald A. Thie	Clayton L. Kerr
Lemoyne E. Witte (2)	Orttie O. Rocke
Harold Wallman	Harold Abel (2)
Paul Walker	Frances Cook (4)
Melvin Nelson	C. J. Schulte
Irwin Garrels	George Thie (2)
James Barr	Jack D. Inghram
Lester Dietsch	Clifford Wallman
C. Leon Kuntz	J. B. Vandemark (2)
Eugene Schulte	Harry Garmoe
Paul R. Wagenbach	Mary & Frank Wright
H. & L. Massner (2)	Earl J. Edwards
Wesley Hartman	Phillip R. Heiniger (2)
J. I. Case (Spencer)	Wingred Siems
Raymond L. Schmidt	Everett Schmidt
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Robert Oetken	George B. Suter
Arthur Corman	Irwin H. Saarmann (2)
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Harry Schrader	Mrs. Grace Miller
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Jasper L. Keitzer	Schrock Farms Inc.
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Otto Schmitz	Robert Gabeline (3)
Conrad Rynell	Chris Gerst (3)
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Harry Bryant - New Soil Conservation Technician for Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

Harry, his wife Janice and their five children, are from Corydon, Iowa. Their five children consist of four boys and one girl. The oldest, Dean is 12 years old, then Bruce 11, Beth 9, Blair 7 and the youngest, Steven is 5.

Janice teaches Homemaking in the Corydon School system and the family will live at Corydon until the end of the school year.

Harry has worked with the SCS for about 5 years with the local Soil Conservation District in Wayne County. Before spending 2 years with the Army, during the Korean conflict, Harry attended Iowa State University at Ames for 2 years.

The Bryants attend and are active in the Baptist Church in Corydon. They will make their home here after the school season.

Basic Conservation Plans For 1966

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Don Dockendorff
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Kenneth Groe (2)
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Raymond L. Schmidt
Roy Thomes
E. A. Schulte
Dale Hazen (2)
Holly Wagner (2)
Earl T. Walker
L. M. Edgar
Clyde Meeker
Lawrence Whiteford
Harry Goudie

Facts About These Farms

These 32 farms make up 5,511 acres. The owners and operators of these farms have to a varying degree committed themselves and their land to better management which includes:

1. Preservation and maintenance of the remaining top soil.
2. Farming their land as closely as possible within its capabilities.
3. Applying those conservation practices necessary to protect the land from erosion.
4. Accepting the responsibilities that go with Soil Stewardship. "To use but not use up."

Revised Farm Plans

O. D. White
Henry Dockendorff
Mrs. Ralph Jones
Ernest Ludeman
Sam Stonoff

Carl Shumaker
Frank Dockendorff
Wayne Sharp
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By Township

WASHINGTON 1. 15 2. 56 3. 3 4. 25	YELLOW SPRINGS 1. 8 2. 47 3. 5 4. 24	HURON 1. 13 2. 61 3. 4 4. 43	
PLEASANT GROVE 1. 7 2. 41 3. 3 4. 21	FRANKLIN 1. 13 2. 49 3. 3 4. 24	BENTON 1. 9 2. 47 3. 1 4. 22	JACKSON 1. 3 2. 9 3. 0 4. 4
DANVILLE 1. 16 2. 82 3. 6 4. 29	FLINT RIVER 1. 10 2. 41 3. 3 4. 20	TAMA 1. 4 2. 34 3. 2 4. 25	
AUGUSTA 1. 2 2. 4 3. 0 4. 1	CONCORDIA 1. 1 2. 7 3. 0 4. 1	UNION 1. 1 2. 33 3. 2 4. 18	

Legend:

No. below corresponds to No. in Township squares.

1. Is the number of New Cooperators signed up in 1966.
2. Is the number of farms assisted in 1966 by the SCS.
3. Is the number of new conservation plans written in 1966.
4. Is the number of farms applying one or more conservation practices in 1966.

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Office Supplies	59.23
Printing	12.50
Prizes for Contest	105.89
Office Expense	<u>117.91</u>
Total	\$ 516.65

2-M Budget

Technical	\$ 781.47
Clerical	<u>3,861.05</u>
Total	\$ 4,642.52

State Personnel

Mildred Kleinkopf	Clerk
Sandy Hedges	State Aid
LaVerne Lucas	State Aid

USDA Soil Conservation Service Personnel

John T. Baker	Work Unit Conservationist
Harry Bryant	Conservation Technician
Jack Jacobs	Conservation Technician
Sandy Hedges	Conservation Aid
LaVerne Lucas	Conservation Aid

Other SCS Personnel Assisting District

Lyall H. Mitchell	Area Conservationist
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Sam Stonoff of Huron Twp. completed this 2,300 ft. long open drainage ditch late last winter. This ditch will provide surface drainage and intercept some of the seepage water from the Mississippi River.



Chuck Allgood, Conservation contractor, is shown digging the core trench for the large livestock water and recreation pond on the Earl Edwards farm in Pleasant Grove twp.

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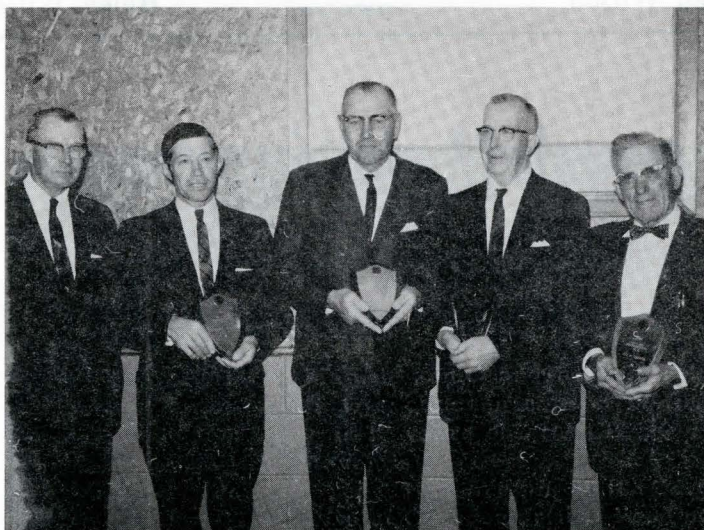
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Last springs unseasonably early hot weather encouraged excessive growth of filamentous algae better known as pond scum. Algae can usually be controlled by early applications of copper sulfate. As with most situations, preventative maintenance works best.



CONSERVATION AWARDS were given to four Des Moines County men for outstanding conservation work on their farms. L. to R. - Art Corman presenting the plaques, Eugene Schulte, Irish Ridge road; Ernest Ludeman, Danville; Paul Gustafson, Cliff road; and Roy Thomes, Danville. The Banks of Des Moines County sponsored this banquet. Frederick Leopold of Burlington presented a program.

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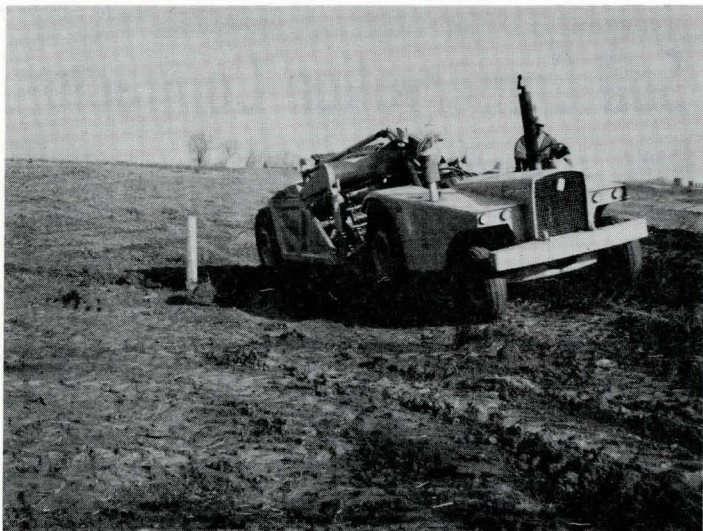
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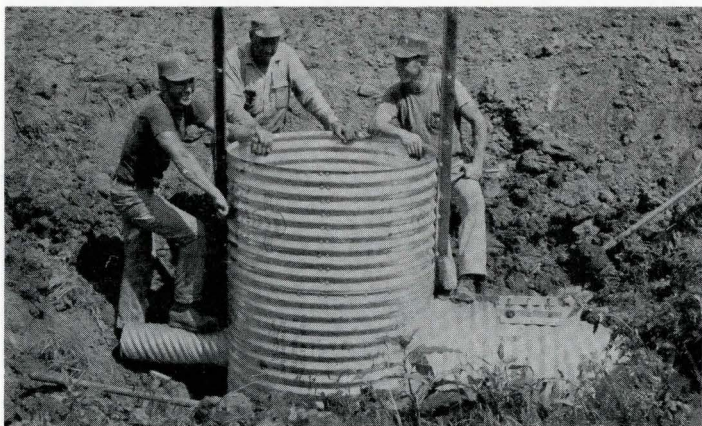
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EXPERIMENTAL: Lawrence Whipple tried out a little different kind of earth hauler while he was building terraces on the John Mehaffy farm in Yellow Springs Twp. Over a mile of terraces were built using the tile inlets to carry off the water instead of waterways.



Harold Massner, left and Lloyd Massner, right, look over the 42 inch riser they attached to a 30 inch road culvert on their farm in Franklin Twp. Lawrence Whipple, contractor, in the center was the conservation contractor on the job. The SCS provided the engineering.

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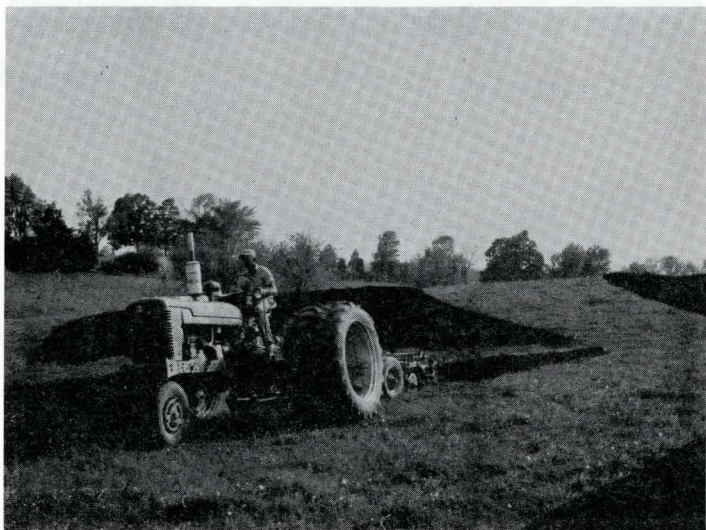
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SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK was emphasized in Des Moines County by the Conservation District and the county ASC office co-sponsoring a tour of conservation farms in the Geode Watershed areas.



Plowing on the contour is Henry Dockendorff of Danville Twp. Henry, who is also a commissioner of the Soil Conservation District, is plowing up old pasture as part of his pasture improvement program.

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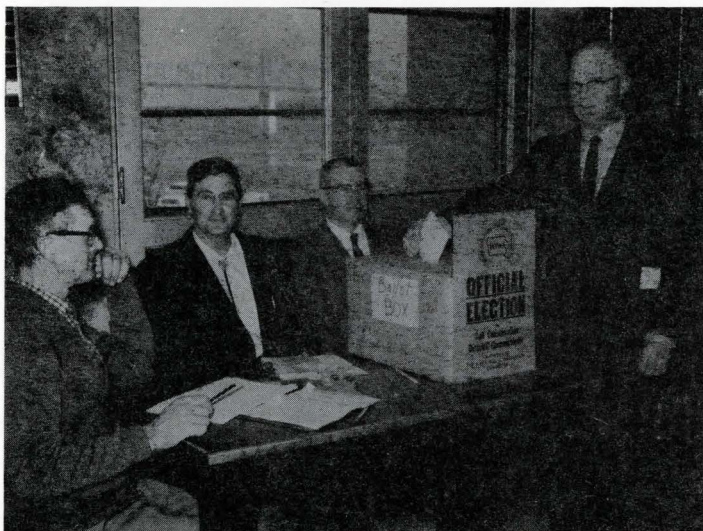
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The "TAP" technical action of Des Moines County invited other involved agencies in and an appraisal of the potential for outdoor recreational development in the county was made. Present were federal, state, and local agencies.



Commissioners: L. to R. - Harold Linder, Harold Yohe, and Art Corman at the election booth as Conrad Rynell voted for a new District commissioner to replace Eugene Schulte whose term just expired. Candidates for the office were Keith Renner and Henry Dockendorff.

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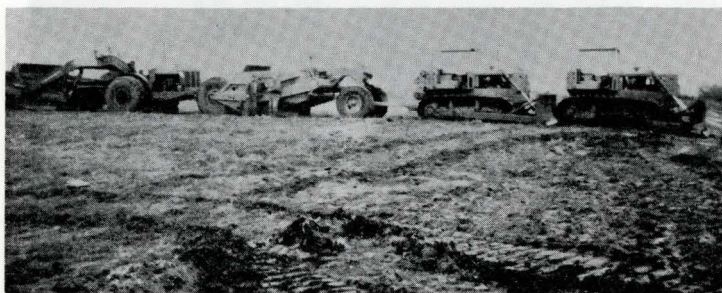
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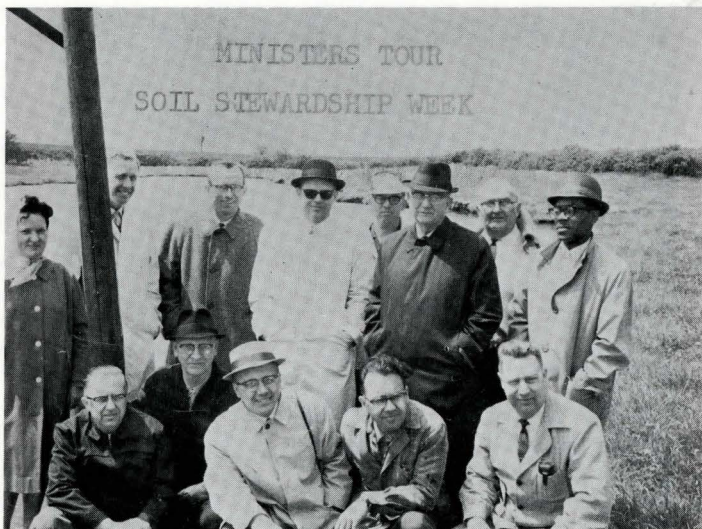
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Back L. to R. - Frances Wahl, Rev. Mayer, Rev. Koepke, Rev. Meissner, John Baker, Rev. Ireland, John Welter, Rev. Williams. Front L. to R. - Rev. Sesion, Rev. Mansen, Rev. Jordon, Deanne Thorton and the Rev. Taylor. The noon meal was served on the tour by the SCS.



Harold Grinstead farm in Danville Twp. Shown are some of Harold's terraced land immediately after a spring rain. These pools of water are held on the land by the terraces being built across the old waterways and ditches. The water is drained off through tile inlets on a tile system after the water is de-silted.

Conservation Comment

Work Unit Conservationist - John T. Baker

A comment to those farmers who are still waiting to see if soil and water conservation is really needed.

If Christopher Columbus had applied modern research methods to his proposed voyage, a consumer jury test would have told him in advance that the world was flat. Depth interviews with expert seamen would have revealed the impressive monsters that awaited him hungrily at the end of the sea; motivational studies among his crew would have shown that they were only interested in money. Ferdinand and Isabella would have canceled their appropriation; America would never have been discovered, and you would all be Indians.

The Indians were not too interested in plowing the prairies, so if you're not an Indian and you are farming, then you are probably responsible for some of the erosion taking place in Des Moines County.

The Des Moines County Soil Conservation District may not have all the answers, but we would like to have you sort over the answers we have and try one for size.

It is one thing to disregard the conservation needs of your cropland, but it is another thing when this erosion is deposited on other people's property or land held by the State or Federal Government for the benefit of the general public. Eroding topsoil deposited in drainage ditches, streams and rivers add substantially to the flooding, pollution and maintenance problem of our public water courses. The cost of treating silt laden waters for human consumption is very costly when you consider how many times water is reused in the Mississippi River before it reaches the Gulf.

Research has indicated that it may be cheaper to treat the return water and sewerage directly from the city sewer system than to take in silt laden, polluted river water and process it for human consumption. With over 90% of the population living in towns and cities, it should behoove us to act on our own before Legislators act for us.

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L. to R. - ASC office mgr. Deane Thorton, county committeemen Art Laue, Chm. Ralph Kupferschmid, and Joe Walljasper, also Francis Wahl the ACP clerk. These people handle your requests for cost sharing.

Conservation farming is more than "just good farming." It includes protection and benefits for the public, as well as for the farmer in both the short and long range future.

The Agricultural Conservation Program is an arrangement by which the public joins with farmers to share the cost of needed conservation measures that protect, improve and renew soil, and water resources on private land.

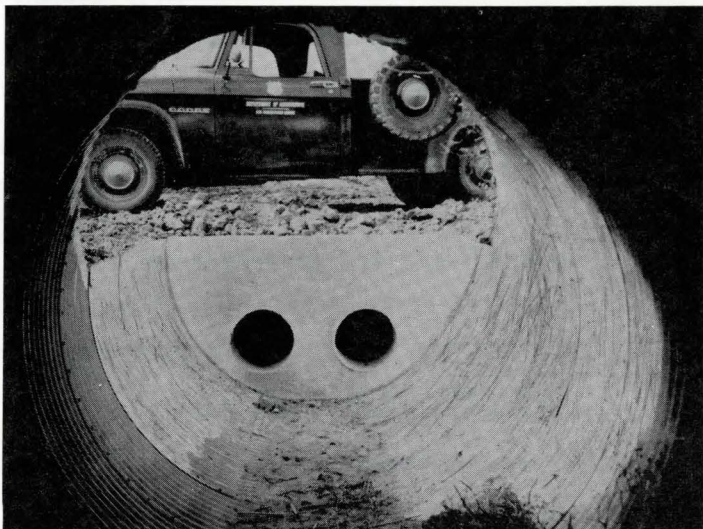
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The ACP in your county is run by your ASC County Committee, composed of three farmers, and ASC Community Committeemen, also farmers, who assist their neighbors and the county committee. They are elected by you and your neighbors to make fair and just decisions.

ACP funds are limited. Decisions as to the best use of these funds are made by the county committee.

ACP arranges for the required technical services needed in establishing approved practices. These services are made available with the Soil Conservation Service, State Forester, County Extension Agent, and others. For a practice that requires technical aid the agency concerned will determine the need and practicability before final approval is issued.

To be assured of cost-sharing, do not start the practice until you get a definite notice of approval from the ASCS County Office.



Donald Nelson farm Danville Twp. The view from the inside of a 72 inch diameter road culvert shows how 4 ft. of control height was fabricated onto a culvert to raise and stabilize the ditch which was shaped and tiled above the road.



Dick Phillips, assistant state Soil Conservation Engineer, in the white shirt explains the new tile inlet terrace systems to SCS personnel of SE Iowa. The demonstration was held on the Roy Thomes farm in Danville Twp. Roy's completed terraces were also studied.



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