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It is with pride we present you our 25th Annual Report of the Ida Soil Conservation District. We will show you what has been accomplished during 1969 and during the years 1945-70.

Ida county farmers are to be commended. They have recognized their obligation to protect their basic resources and have applied much conservation work.

But as you will see, we still have a long way to go.



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IN APPRECIATION

Twenty-five years is a long time—or a short time—depending on what you compare it with. We have made good progress on the conservation problems we started working on in 1945. But many new and complex conservation and resource problems have arisen since then, and it's going to take 100% effort on the part of all of us to solve them. For that reason, we are especially appreciative of the financial and moral support we have received during the past year. We are fully aware that these problems are bigger than we alone can cope with. We definitely need your help and support. Therefore, we thank you for your support in the past and hope we will merit your continued support in the future.

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Henry Brueck, Jr.

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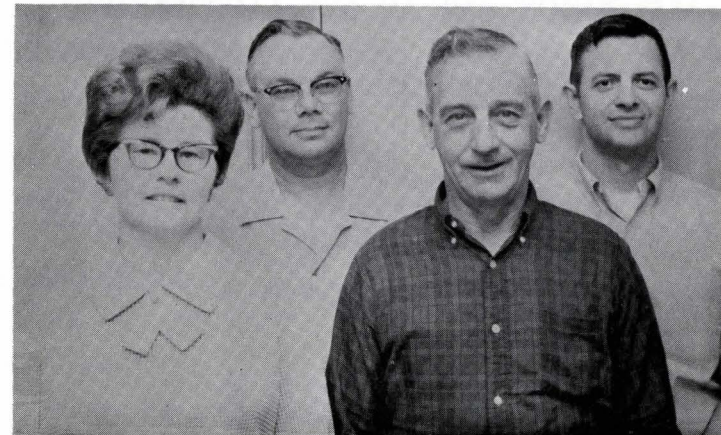
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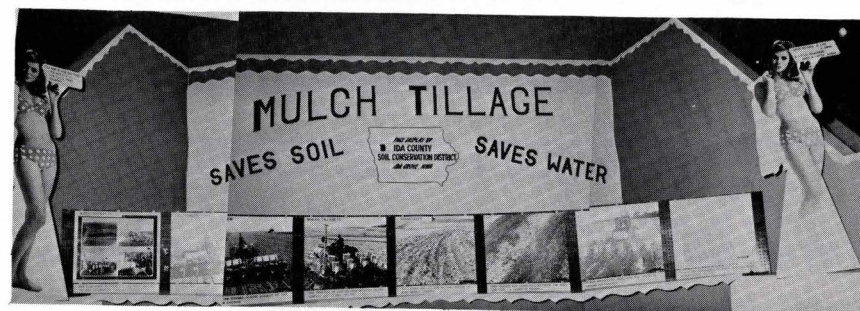
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July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969

Watershed Maintenance Fund

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Cash on hand, July 1, 1968	\$ 655.27
Receipts	3,958.47
Expenditures	3,542.79
Cash on hand, June 30, 1969	1,109.95
U. S. Government Bonds (Purchase price)	4,125.00
Time Certificates Accrued Value	22,064.75

General Fund

Cash on hand, July 1, 1969	\$ 527.59
Receipts (Advertisements in Annual Report)	623.09
Expenditures	998.15
Cash on hand, June 30, 1969	232.50

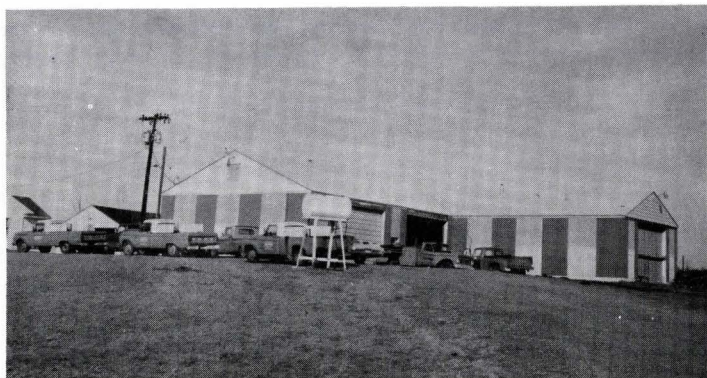
1M Budget (State Appropriated)

Commissioners, expenses, mileage, etc.	\$ 738.16
Office Supplies	35.40
Materials for Demonstration	20.00
Office Expense	275.66
Total Expended	\$ 1,069.22

2M Budget (State Appropriation)

Clerks Salary	\$ 3,785.99
Office Equipment	76.10
Total Expended	\$ 3,862.09

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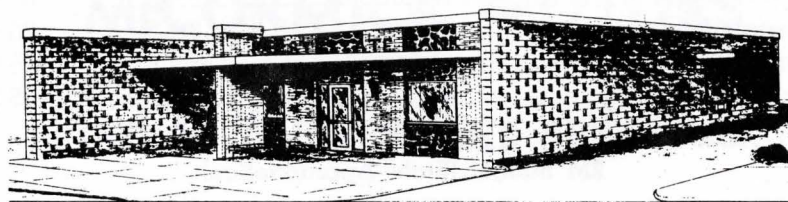


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Richard Brosamle
Martin Stading
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Harlan Heinse
Albert Todd

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Earl Mandernach (2)
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Vernis Giermann
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Otto Rehmke
Roland Loehr

CONSERVATION PLANS OR REVISIONS WERE PREPARED FOR THESE OPERATORS DURING 1969

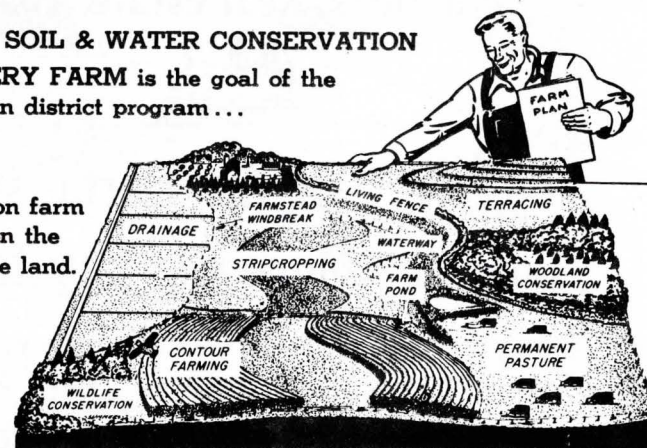
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Ben Barghols
Earl Anspach
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Max Hinrich
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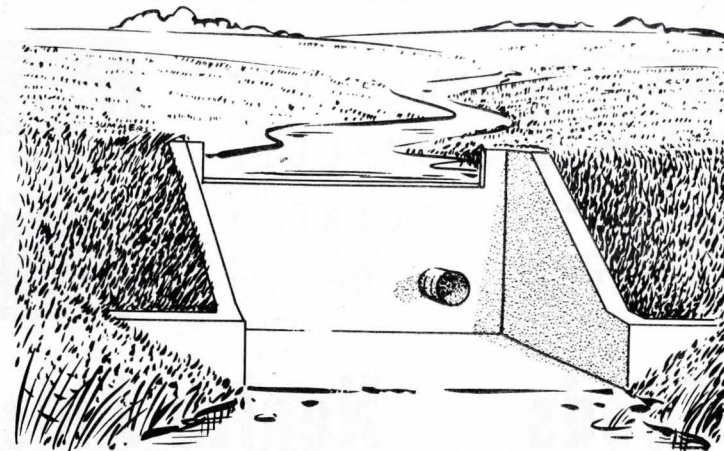
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Shaping, Tiling, and Seeding Waterways is a popular practice in the Ida District. During 1969 81.3 Acres of waterways were shaped and seeded and 31.3 miles of tile were placed along side to keep them dry. 1400 acres of waterways have been built or are in existence, but there is a need for 8,500 acres of properly designed waterways in the district.



This s a Typical Gully Stabilization Structure

Twenty-five flood retarding or erosion control structures were completed in the Ida district during 1969. This figure is a little higher than usual because Quad Valley Watershed was completed during the past year.

So far, 136 flood control or gully stabilization structures have been completed in the Ida District. Because of the terrain in our district we have need for 1100 of these structures.

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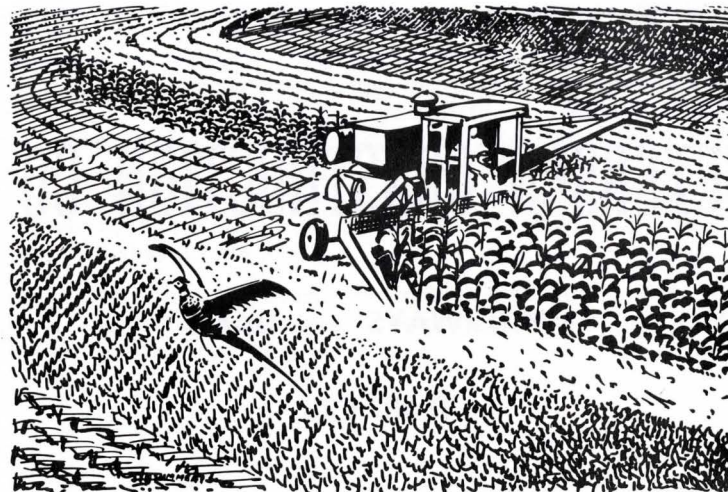
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Leroy Dose	Logan	6370		
Herb Wellendorf	Hayes	2985		
Harlan Dausel	Battle		3792	
Walter Hoppe	Douglas	540		
Bill Piper	Crawford City	2040		
Harvey Wellendorf	Hayes	2727		
Earl Mandernach	Maple	1749		
Eldo Hollander	Hayes	1370		
Harlan Wunschel	Blaine		5304	
Robert Smith	Maple	14569		
Merle Greenwald	Corwin	2194		
Cliff Tillotson	Maple	3897		
Richard Brosamle	Battle	2277		
Rudolph Jensen	Corwin		3552	
Henry Endrulat	Battle		430	
Tom Schmidt	Grant	5482		
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Fred Pausrud	Garfield			3135
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Presently about 45 percent of the cropland in rowcrops is being contoured. From the standpoint of need, 95 percent of the land could benefit from contouring.



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Left to Right—Henry Brueck, Jr., Ken Borchers, Marvin Volkert, Wiley Mayne, Wayne Bennett, Harlan Dausel, Robert Mitchell.

One of the highlights of the year occurred on April 30, when the district was host to Representative Wiley Mayne. This was in accordance with Mr. Mayne's wish to become better acquainted with the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project.

Community leaders gathered at Moorehead Park to welcome Mr. Mayne. From there the group toured a finished watershed, Pleasant Valley, and then an unfinished one, Crawford Creek. The differences and benefits were apparent. The group then returned to the picnic shelter at Moorehead park where the district commissioners' wives served a delicious picnic lunch. Mr. Mayne then discussed with the group the Little Sioux program, the ACP program, and related problems.

The district feels privileged to have had Mr. Mayne view and hear about some of the district's problems. We also appreciate the effort of Elvie Dreeszen in connection with the tour.



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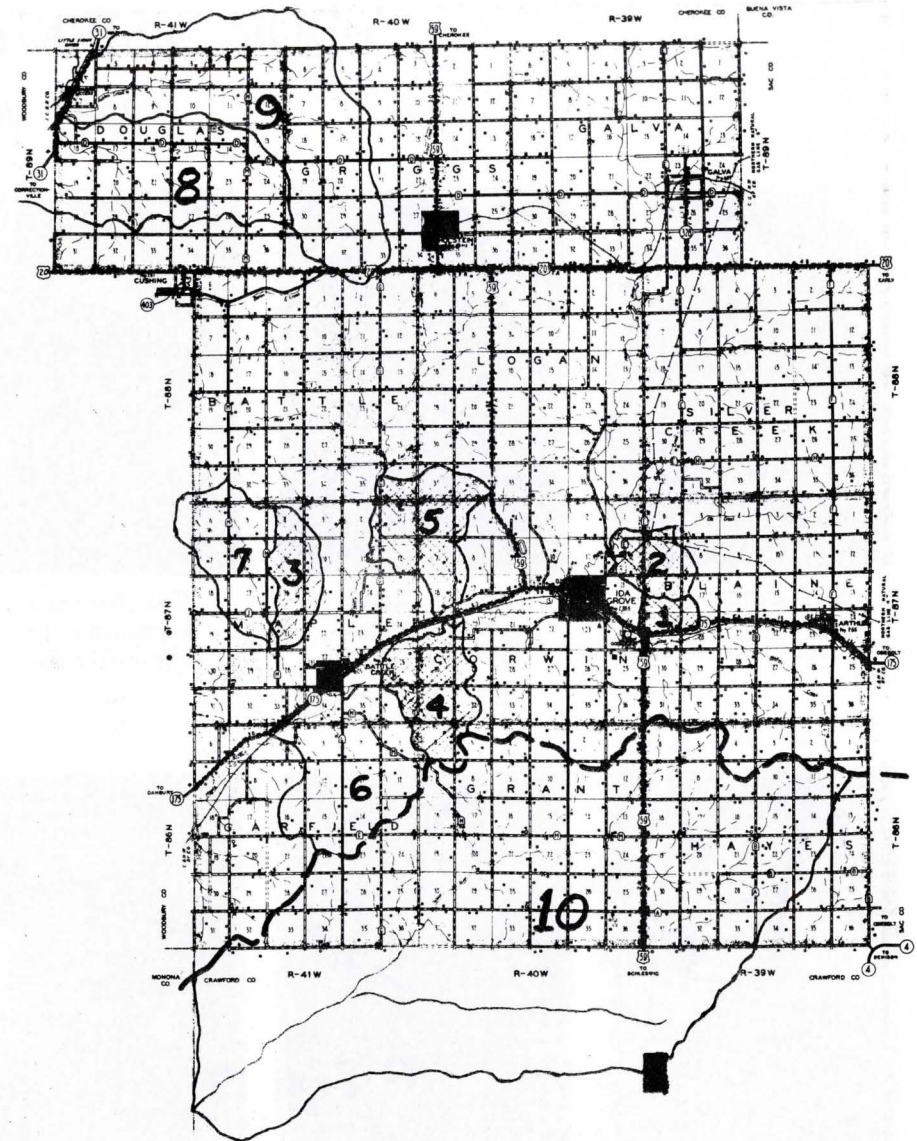
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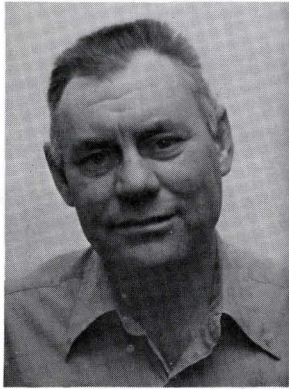


ORGANIZED WATERSHEDS IN THE IDA DISTRICT

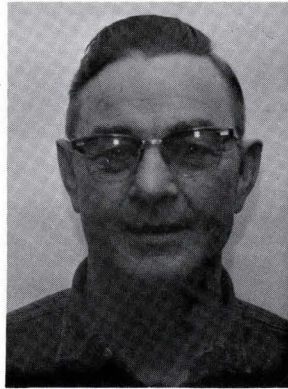
1. Kirkholm ***
2. Perion ***
3. East Aldrich ***
4. Pleasant Valley ***
5. Quad Valley ***
6. Crawford Creek **
7. West Aldrich *
8. Bitter Creek **
9. Ashton Creek *
10. Soldier-Beaver *
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YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

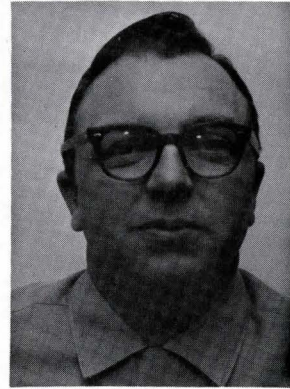
PAST AND PRESENT



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Commissioner
1965 To Present



Harlen Dausel
Commissioner
1967 To Present



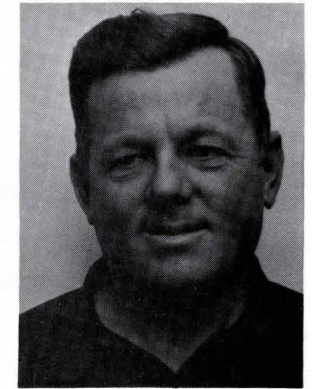
Ken Borchers
Commissioner
1969 To Present



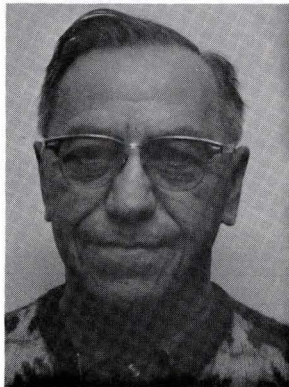
Robert Mitchell
Asst. Commissioner
1967 To Present



H. Brueck, Jr.
Commissioner
1961-67
Asst. Commissioner
1967 To Present



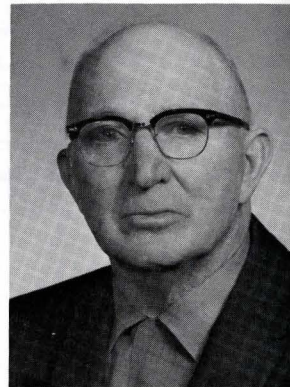
Wayne Bennett
Asst. Commissioner
1967 To Present



Abel Peters
Treasurer
1962 To Present



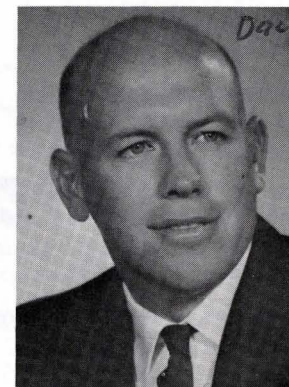
Ray Bresnahan
Treasurer
1945-1962



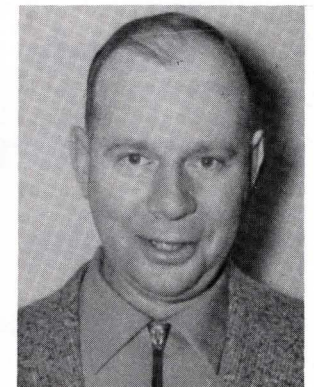
Walt Burow
Commissioner
1952-1962



Wm. Rossow
Commissioner
1953-1963



Dave
Dave Brueck
Commissioner
1952-1965



Arnold Putensen
Commissioner
1963-1969

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Henry Dall
Edward Perion
James B. Scott

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WATERSHED ACTIVITIES IN 1969

The Little Sioux Watershed picture became a little brighter in 1969.

Construction and seeding in Quad Valley was completed in 1969. Now only overseeding will be needed where stands are poor in 1970. All in all, Quad Valley watershed is a very satisfactory development. The cooperators in that project are to be commended for their foresight and diligence in completing it.

Bitter Creek and Crawford Creek watersheds were taken off the "stalemate" list. With renewed hope, cooperators in these areas agreed to try to get the necessary land treatment so construction could begin once the usual preliminary preparation was completed.

Another "break" in the watershed picture was the decision to add extra land to the Crawford Creek watershed. This would add the three streams east of the main Crawford Creek to the original watershed area. The reason for the decision was that it would be easier to administer the area as one unit rather than as two separate ones.

Several other areas in the district are considering organizing a watershed. Most of the district could benefit from his type of development.

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3. Eliminate active gullies and uncrossable waterways. (Gullies make it impossible to use some land and make it impossible to get to others.)
4. Reduce flooding on lowlands. (Flood prevention structures and proper land treatment prevent flood water from accumulating and causing the usual damage.)
5. Watershed developments improve the appearance and value of the farms within the watershed area. (Gullies are eye-sores and lower the value of the farm)
6. Watersheds provide fringe benefits. (Wildlife and recreation developments can be included as a part of the watershed development.)

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WATERSHED COOPERATION—OR COMPETITION???

by Don Kauffman, District Conservationist

Our society is getting more complex each day. As it does, it becomes imperative that we work even closer together, not fight with each other more. A team of horses that doesn't pull together is headed straight for "Gravy Train." And when it comes to watershed development, the neighborhood that doesn't work in harmony is also headed for failure. Neighbors need to bury the hatchet, forget petty differences, and realize watershed development is a cooperative effort. When one man is concerned that he needs more in terraces than his neighbor, the terraces won't get built—and neither will the watershed structures. The man that says he'll build terraces **just as soon** as his neighbor does, is not an asset to watershed development, he's a liability. And the man who agrees to build terraces **if** he gets a watershed structure is not really in favor of a watershed.

Successful watersheds are completed by people that realize the benefits of land treatment to the farm itself and apply it willingly, not waiting and looking for excuses as suggested above. None of us ever get anything for nothing, why expect to get a watershed development without land treatment, cooperation and hard work????

MINIMUM TILLAGE

Seldom talked about just a few years earlier, minimum or mulch tillage was a hot topic in Ida County during 1969. Considerable numbers of farmers have adapted some variation of minimum tillage. We're sure the successful Minimum Tillage Field Day on the Geo. Hoffman Jr. farm in 1968 influenced many people.

A by-product of the interest in this topic lead to preparation of a fair booth display by the district. The booth was intended for both the Ida County Fair and Iowa State Fair, but when both fairs were held at the same time, it went to the State Fair. It was selected as the First Place display in the Conservation District Exhibit division.

Besides the State Fair, the Minimum Tillage Display has been exhibited at the Guthrie County Fair and the Regional Register and Tribune Awards Banquet at Le Mars in December.

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The Ida District selected winners in two important conservation contests during 1969. The winners in the respective contests were:

Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Contest sponsored by Des Moines Sunday Register.

Owner-Operator Division—Merle Greenwald
Landlord-Tenant Division—Helen Andresen, Owner
Earl Hammer, Operator
New Cooperator Division—Tom Conover

Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program sponsored by the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and Sioux City Journal-Tribune.

Farmer Group—Merle Greenwald
Elvie Dreeszen
Hazel Welch, George Dreeszen
Progress Winner—Leon Neubauer

Miss Isabella Smith, Howard Parker, and Maynard Hogberg served as judges. The District thanks the judges for serving.

THE DISTRICT CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES



Conservation Education

The District Conservationist contacted administrators or teachers to determine what the district could do to improve conservation education being offered in the county. The district purchased Conservation

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Workbooks for all 5th or 6th grade students in the district. Other conservation booklets and materials were provided teachers wishing them.

A unit on conservation is now being taught in the sixth grades in Battle Creek, Holstein, and Ida Grove Elementary Schools. Besides the materials mentioned above, some teachers utilize field trips, films, and other teaching materials in their conservation study. Don Kauffman, District Conservationist presented a slide talk on conservation to the sixth grade classes of the schools mentioned above during 1969.

The district has a standing offer of a tuition scholarship to an Ida district teacher who would attend the 3-week Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park. Every teacher who has attended the Camp has spoken highly of it. The course is applicable to undergraduate or graduate credit toward a degree at University of Northern Iowa. No Ida county teachers attended in 1969.

Soil Stewardship Week (May 11-18)

The district provides all churches in the district with Soil Stewardship bulletins or bulletin inserts. A number of ministers in the district delivered Stewardship messages during the special week. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of those ministers.

Conservation Comments

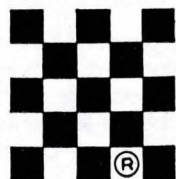
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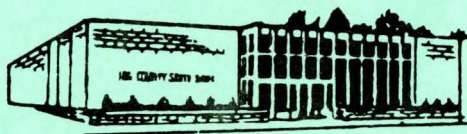
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