

IDA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1979 - 1980

July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 FINANCIAL REPORT 1M Budget (State Appropriated)

Commissioners expenses, mileage etc	\$ 666.19
Office supplies	443.00
Printing	300.60
Prizes for contests	227.50
Reimbursement for meetings	63.00
Office expenses	160.88
Meeting expenses	444.95
Total expended	\$ 2,305.62

2M Budget (State Appropriated)

Clerk's salary	\$ 12,051.10
Clerk's mileage and expenses	47.34
Office equipment and repairs	861.87
Total expended	\$ 12,960.31

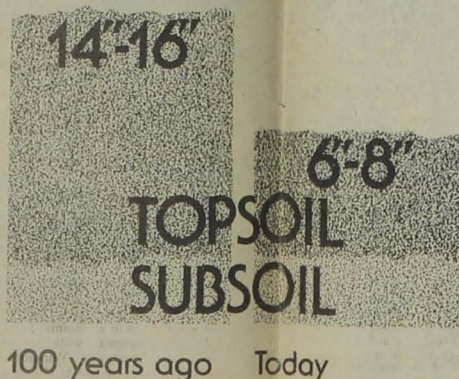
3M Budget (State Appropriated)

1979-80 Allocation	\$ 54,000.00
Funds obligated for conservation practices	\$39,355.97
Unobligated funds	\$ 14,644.03

3M Budget (State Appropriated)

Total State Allocation (1973-1980)	\$359,430.85
Reimbursed funds to date	\$6,891.43
Funds spent on Conservation Practices to date	\$337,895.39

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SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD--Front, L-R: Burdelle Knudsen, vice chairman; Lester Vohs, chairman; and Ramon Johnson. Back, L-R: Harlen Dausel and George Hartley.

SCD OFFICE STAFF



SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF--Front L-R: Clarence "Dutch" Kraft, Soil Conservation Technician; Russell Hatz, Soil Conservationist; and Lou Collins, District Clerk-Typist. Back, L-R: Don Kauffman, District Conservationist; and Randall Sohm, Soil Conservation Technician.

SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS - CALENDAR YEAR 1979

New Cooperators - No.	19
Conservation plans - Acres	1116
Contouring - Acres	157
Grassed Waterway - Acres	41.2
Drainage Tile - Miles	14.5
Farmstead Windbreaks - Acres	17.2
Terraces - Miles	51.6

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District representatives attended two regional meetings: one in Cherokee in November and another in March at Le Mars. The district holds a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, in the district office, and call special meetings whenever necessary.

POSSIBLE CONSERVATION TILLAGE FUNDS FOR IDA COUNTY

A group of Ida County conservationists will know by October 7th if they have been selected to receive cost-sharing funds for using conservation tillage on their farms, according to Don Kauffman, District Conservationist at Ida Grove.

A portion of Galva Twp. was nominated by the Ida County Soil Conservation District to participate in the "Iowa Till" program. This program, established in 1979, authorizes the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation to use up to 10 per cent of its annual cost-share appropriation for \$30.00 per acre, one-time incentive payments to landowners practicing minimum or mulch tillage. In return, landowners agree to maintain at least 50% residue cover on the field surface immediately after planting for a five-year period. Participating landowners must place at least half of their row crop acres under the "Iowa Till" program. In addition, all farming operations must be conducted on the contour.

Soil conservation districts and the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation had previously been restricted to cost-sharing only on the construction of permanent soil conservation measures like terraces, sediment control basins and grassed waterways. Approximately 14,000 acres in seven soil conservation districts entered "Iowa Till" contracts during the 1980 cropping season. More than 119 landowners are using more than \$400,000 of the \$500,000 available this year.

In the area nominated by the Ida County Soil Conservation District, 13 farmers have shown a strong interest in participating in the "Iowa Till" program and stand to collect over \$82,000 from the one-time \$30.00 per acre payment.

The reasoning for a one-time payment, according to Don Kauffman, District Conservationist, is to help farmers defray the costs of converting to a conservation tillage system. "Iowa Till" is only one of several programs available to landowners from federal, state and local government. Nearly \$14.7 million is being made available annually for various forms of cost-share payments and incentives.

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT

1. Secured approval for Planning Priority from Little Sioux Works Committee Meeting for Elk Creek, Odebolt Creek and Badger Creek Watersheds.
2. Sponsored information meetings in nine local watersheds.
3. Crawford Creek Recreation Area - Contract for recreation and camping area and equipment.

WINDBREAK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Sold trees and shrubs to landowners for windbreak establishment. Assisted local Plant Iowa Program Committee in distributing free trees to all 5th and 6th graders. Also conducted information sessions with the students.

STATE COST-SHARE DISTRIBUTION

The local district received \$54,000.00 cost-share funds for FY 1980. The commissioners have determined that terraces are first priority. As of June 30, 1980, \$40,025.97 of that had been allocated for terrace construction.

July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND (Held in Trust by the District for Maintenance of Watershed Structures)

Cash on hand, July 1, 1979	\$ 580.34
Receipts	2,492.68
Interest	\$1,859.93
Maintenance payments	\$ 632.75
Expenditures	648.36
Pass book savings	1,700.00
Cash on hand, June 30, 1980	724.66
Check Certificates	30,140.71
Pass book savings, July 1, 1979	5,908.12
Interest	505.02
Pass book checking	1,700.00
Pass book savings, June 30, 1980	\$ 8,113.14

July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1979	\$ 1,502.65
Receipts	21,004.46
From General Savings	11,000.00
From Sales	7,951.90
From sales tax collected	238.57
From 2M reimbursements	1,813.99
Expenditures	\$ 18,218.02
Sales Tax	506.47
Equipment purchase & expense	4,246.25
Ida Co. Cons. Board	9,500.00
Crawford Creek W/S trees	
Office Equipment & repairs	328.31
Office Supplies	424.52
Office Expense	316.75
Donations & Contest prizes	329.88
Commissioners expense	131.46
State Dues	150.00
National Dues	150.00
Outdoor Classrooms	54.98
Subscriptions	26.50
Booth expense	45.00
Contractors dinners	187.68
Stewardship Material	148.22
Annual Report	172.00
General Passbook Savings	1,500.00
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1980	4,289.09
Pass Book Savings	11,946.48
General Time Certificate	2,000.00

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

1. Sponsor Ida County 6th grade outdoor classroom.
2. Sponsor Ida County Soil Conservation Art Contest = \$202.50.
3. Sponsor Ida County Soil Conservation Speech Contest - \$50.00 first place award to Steve Sick, Ida Grove.
4. Co-sponsor Conservation Tillage Meeting with Ida County Extension Service.
5. Contribute to and assist with the Northwest Iowa Lutheran Ministers' Conservation Day at Cherokee.
6. Host a Soil Stewardship Week breakfast for Ida County ministers.
7. Provide all churches in Ida County with Soil Stewardship materials.

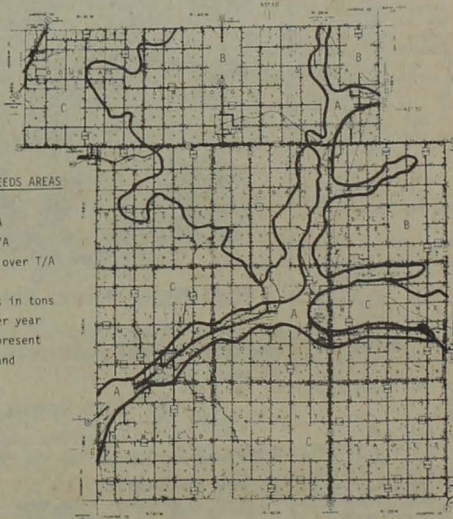
CONSERVATION AWARDS

- Selected the following individuals for these awards:
- Farmer Cox Permanent Agriculture Program - Farmer Award - Pat McGuire, Roland Jensen and Murl and Keith Brown.
 - Villalife Habitat - Lefroy Dose
 - Progress Winner - Vern Reitz
 - Short Course Award - Rex Williams
 - Regional Winner - Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Program - Roland Jensen

IDA COUNTY

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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They've Been Stewards Of The Soil

Stewards of the soil—It's how Ida's retiring Soil Conservation Commission members Harlen Dausel and Ramon Johnson like to think of themselves.

This year Dausel, a resident of Battle Township, Section 31, is leaving his official conservation post after serving 14 years; Johnson of Maple, Section Three, has served eight years. Both men say they have enjoyed their stewardship for the county.

Dausel goes so far as to say he'll even miss his job on the board, which has been completely voluntary. "I've been here for the past 14 years," he says, "and the most enjoyable part has been seeing the work that's been done around me right in my own neighborhood." To Dausel, it's not just the view from the window and see about three miles of terraces on the surrounding hills.

He farms 245 acres to y, always remembering that Soil Conservation practice will make the soil all the more precious. The Dausels have 127 acres of corn, 5 in soybeans, 25 in oats and 20 in pasture. Harlen also feeds out 350 cattle.

He has built two and a half miles of terraces, with a couple of waterways, since 1966. In recent years, Dausel has rebuilt some of the bad drainage terraces into better terraces. Just last year, he redid about 4,000 feet of terraces. His acres also include contour farming and minimum tillage.

A pond north of the Dausel house serves to catch water from 25 to 30 acres and he keeps the water in the soil. He says that's one of the marks of soil stewardship. Dausel has brought to his farm, purchased 19 years ago.

The Onawa native and 1935 graduate of Onawa High School has been in the Battle Creek area since 1938, and he's been farming since 1943. For the past 34 years, Dausel has been working in Soil, in Maple's Section 31.

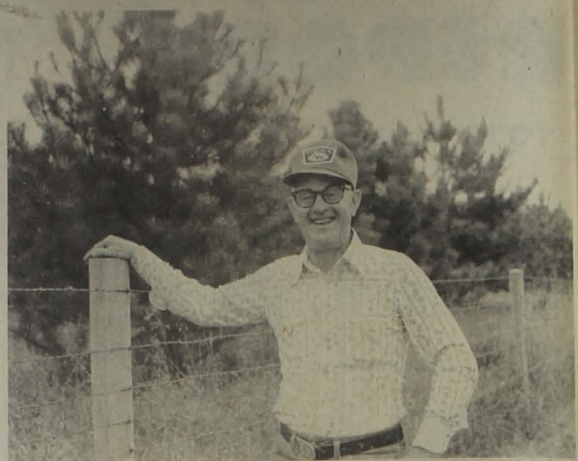
As he thinks back over 14 years on the Ida Soil Conservation Board, he says, "I think we've also kept our priorities on the farm. We don't think waterways will be enough without permanent practice. My goal was to see that a West Aldrich watershed would be in effect. The watershed should be opening within a couple of years. The Dausel farm is located just on the ridge of the Aldrich, and the watershed continues south to Battle Creek and the Maple River."

Dausel takes encouragement from realizing that in the past 14 years, his own example of good soil conservation practice seems to have taken hold with others. "They see it's paying off; it's saving the soil. I started thinking about soil conservation when I started putting on fertilizer in 1956. I was putting on fertilizer at \$100 an acre, and I could see it washing away into the gullies."

The conservationist says some folks still hesitate to build terraces because they think it takes the soil the first year. He recommends applying zinc and sulfur with extra fertilizer to bring the soil back in a hurry when a terrace is built. Most of the terracing begins around a farmstead to keep the water from running down into farm yards and buildings. "They'll see they're doing good, and they'll build some more."

Although Dausel would like to continue in active conservation work, he thinks it is time for younger leadership. He advises to try new members of the board in simple. "Keep an interest in simple. Keep an interest in watersheds and contouring with terrace work. This is where you have to sit, where you have to run the water from running down the creek."

In addition to his interest in terraces and watershed, Dausel also has a windbreak on his farm, which he planted in 1973. The break includes 800 honey-suckle, 176 Ponderosa Pine and 176 Hills Spruce as well as Austrian Pine. The windbreak surrounds the building and the cattle yard, and he



A CONSERVATIONIST FOREVER--Harlen Dausel, after serving 14 years as a member of the Ida County Soil Conservation Board, likes to think of himself as a conservationist forever, despite his approaching retirement from the board.

terraces are behind the windbreak.

Now Dausel would like to see the federal government step up its support of all conservation work, at least to 75 per cent cost. "They subsidize everything else," he declares, "I think our land is the most important natural resource we have. I see more people getting interested in soil conservation than 14 years ago. They're beginning to realize the thin spots are getting thinner." The costs for fertilizer also are increasing, Dausel adds.

Although plenty busy on the farm, Dausel also finds time to serve his community. He is an elder at the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Midway and was the first male Sunday School superintendent ever to serve in the church. He has been serving as vice chairman of the Little Sioux Watershed, which includes Ida and several other counties.

The Dausels have six children: Colleen Brown of Battle Creek; Mrs. Doug (Laurel) Nailor of Carson;

Dennis, in the Air Force in Washington; Merle "Butch" Dausel of Battle Creek; Doug of Battle Creek; and Byron of Battle Creek.

Ramon Johnson after eight years agrees with Dausel that terrace work must continue to be the priority for the Ida Soil Conservation Board. He has a couple of miles of terraces on his farm and also has been using the Buffalo till method since 1970 to save the soil. "We've really pushed terraces, but we haven't even scratched the surface. I'd like to see all of Ida county terraced."

Waterways are good, Johnson says, but he adds, "I feel you have to keep the water up on the hill." He also is concerned with the planting of more windbreaks. "We really need a lot of trees."

Helping to organize the Corwin-Logan Watershed through the past years has been one of the highlights of Johnson's Soil Conservation Commission work, he says. But he says there is still a need for more education on

soil conservation. Large equipment is hurting the farmers in many ways by destroying more of the land, he says.

For the past eight years, Johnson has sandwiched the Soil Conservation Commission meetings into his week every third Tuesday, along with his commitment to the Holstein Co-op Elevator Board, which he has served for 10 years. He has been president of the board and has been active on the Holstein Methodist Church Board. He also was a 4-H leader with the Logan Hot Shots for five years.

Johnson farms approximately 620 acres, with 350 in corn, 125 in beans, 35 in oats and another 35 in hay. The balance is pasture on which Johnson keeps a beef cow herd of 75 cows.

The conservationist began farming in 1954 in Logan Township and has been on his present farm since 1964. Even after retiring from the Soil Conservation Commission, Johnson says he will continue to farm the way he has and do what he can to



EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE--Ramon Johnson of rural Ida Grove will be leaving his post on the Ida Soil Conservation Board after serving for eight years. An election of new commissioners is set for the November general.

save the soil.

One of the highlights of the Soil Conservation Board meetings is an annual meeting with the ministers of the county to show them what good and bad soil conservation practices are at work in Ida County. "That goes along with soil stewardship," Johnson says.

The retiring commissioner says he would like to see the Soil Conservation Commission obtain more federal funds for soil conservation work. The legislation

is enacted, but often there are no funds with which to carry it out, he says.

The Johnsons are the parents of three children: Leanne Hammer, R.N.; Joni, a computer programmer; and Randy, a junior at Iowa State University in public service agriculture work, preparing for a career in extension or other ag-related work.

Trees: Ida's Limited Resource

Ida County has a severe shortage of trees, says Russell Hatz, Soil Conservationist with the Ida County Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

With less than 2,000 actual acres of woodland in the county, he's probably right. After coming from an area that was predominately forest, Hatz has a good basis for his assessment.

Hatz is currently a soil conservationist with the SCS even though he graduated in Forest Management from Iowa State University in 1975.

After graduating, Hatz joined the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Liberia. He spent his first year as a district forester and his second teaching at the Liberian Forest Ranger Training Institute.

After completing his Peace Corps service, Hatz moved to Neah Bay, Wash., where he worked for the Makah Indian Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a forester.

Although the climate and soils in Ida County don't lend themselves to the growing of commercial timber, a need for increased tree planting does exist, according to Hatz. "Few farmsteads in the county have adequate windbreaks, and the few woodlots that exist could be greatly improved with proper forest management," he adds.

With the demand for fuel wood in Iowa rising, it pays to look upon your windbreak

or woodlot as a source of income to be managed. "Nobody's going to get rich off of a 1.5 acre windbreak, but why let what little profit that can be realized rot on the ground, asks Hatz.

More than weed seeds can be harvested from those odd corners in a farm. Although the 20 to 40 required to get a finished timber product is a long time, benefits from wooded areas can be realized almost immediately. Trees not only break the wind and anchor the soil, they also serve as sources of food and shelter for wildlife.

Several programs are available in Iowa to assist people interested in managing small woodlots. Along with Russell Hatz of the SCS, Joe Schwartz of the Iowa Conservation Commission is available to assist individuals with free advice concerning woodlot management and marketing.

The cost of managing timber or improving forest land can be reduced through services and benefits available to private woodlot owners. These include: (1) State Forest Nursery of Iowa, which provides inexpensive trees for planting programs; (2) Forestry Incentive Program, which is a federal cost-sharing program for woodland development and improvement; (3) Iowa Forest Reserve Law limits tax evaluation of woodland to \$14.82 per acre; and (4) income from forest land can be treated as capital gains rather than ordinary income.

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Three Running for Soil Posts

Three candidates are in line for a spot on the Ida County Soil Conservation Board this coming fall when they place their names on the general election ballot.

Leonard Degen of Holstein, LeRoy Dose of Ida Grove and Roger Schmidt of Battle Creek are in the running.

Leonard Degen of Holstein is no newcomer to the world of soil conservation having been singled out in 1978 by the Ida County Soil Conservation Board as one of the area's top conservationists. Degen went on to compete in the Mace Cox Permanent Agriculture Competition. In 1980, he won the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Award.

Degen has been practicing soil conservation tillage with a Buffalo tillage planter for 11 years. In 1974, he installed one half mile of terraces on his Griggs Township farm. His reduced runoff from area is seven per cent. Degen also has installed tile in waterways to stabilize the soil and has been busy building a windbreak.

The candidate has been farming in Ida County since 1972. Formerly, he farmed in Cherokee County from 1962 to 1972. The 57-year-old farmer has 196 acres, all in corn. He also has a farrow-to-finish hog operation. His hobby is collecting antique tools, gasoline engines and cars.

For more than 25 years, Degen has been farming on the contour and thinks conservation needs all the help it can get.

The candidate is a member of the adult education board in Holstein, a past member of the Holstein Library Board and belongs to the Ida County Pork Producers. He also is active in the Holstein Kiwanis Club and The Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

The candidate has a simple reason for running: "I've gotten a lot of benefit from the Soil Conservation office. I thought maybe it was time to give something in return."

LeRoy Dose is the second candidate running for a Soil Conservation post. He raises corn and beans on his 200-acre farm in Logan Township and includes hay and oats in rotation. Dose and his wife, Helen, take pride in their wildlife habitat, located in the Corwin-Logan Watershed in the northeast corner of their farm.

In 1978, they officially signed an Iowa Wildlife Habitat Development Agreement. A wildlife biologist from the state has helped the Doses with the planting of trees and shrubs in the area for the past three springs. The candidate now is planning to build a structure at his farm.

This past July, Dose was awarded the Wildlife Habitat honors from the Ida Soil Conservation District. In 1966, Dose received an award for general conservation terrace work.

He grew up on his present farm, his parents having moved to the Ida County land in 1940. In 1965, the Doses started building a windbreak, which includes honeysuckle, spruce and Concolor fir.

The Doses have about 80 acres of corn, 50 in soybeans and 15 in hay. They also raise hogs.

The couple has three children: Mrs. Carl (Ellen) Schable, 25; Larry, 26; and Dan, 22.

The candidate not only loves wildlife but also is an avid hunter. He says he is running for a position on the board "basically because I'm interested in conservation and believe in it."

Roger Schmidt at 51 says he would like to be a Soil Conservation Board member because of his strong interest in conservation of the soil. "Soil and water really are our most important commodities. I feel our loss in this area has been greater than in most parts of Iowa."

He says another reason he is running for a seat is because he would like to see the Little Sioux Watershed completed. Time is running out on the project, and federal dollars will end in the 1990's, Schmidt explains.

On his own farm, he has been practicing conservation for several years. He has about a mile of level terraces and diversion terraces, having completed the last of the terraces last year. He also has been practicing minimum tillage for 15 years.

Schmidt has two ponds on his land, with two grade or diversion terraces at each of the ponds. "It keeps a lot of water off my lowlands."

Schmidt also strip crops a portion of his farm.

The native of Ida County has been farming at his Battle Township acres since 1953. Today he farms 400 acres, growing mostly corn and soybeans. He also has a cow-calf herd of 45 cows.

The Schmidts have four children: Tony, 23; Sara, 21; David, 18; and George, 15.

Schmidt has been a member of the Ida County REC Board and has been active on his church board.



ROGER SCHMIDT



LEONARD DEGEN



LEROY DOSE

Alcohol Fuel Seminar Set

Persons interested in learning details of the federal government's new program for financing alcohol fuel projects under the Synthetic Fuels Act recently signed in law are invited to attend a seminar sponsored by Congressman Berkeley Bedell.

The seminar features top officials from the Department of Energy, Agriculture and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (as well as private investment firms who have experience in structuring alcohol fuel deals). It will be held at 1:30 p.m., at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Bedell said the seminar will cover financing for alcohol fuel production at the farm or community level and will include a review of new changes in the law which govern alcohol production and use.

Bedell advised that anyone seeking additional information should contact his Sioux City office at (712)233-3281.

The preliminary schedule for the session includes these speakers: Tom Burgum, assistant secretary of agriculture for rural development; William Holmberg, deputy director for marketing, office of alcohol fuels, department of energy; Ted Tarr, deputy director for financing, office of alcohol fuels, department of energy; Merle Moore, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Bob Gereg, president, Transfirst Corporation; and Tom Leonard, representing Rauscher, Pierce, Refnes Leasing.

Eagle Honor To Godbersen

Grant Godbersen, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Godbersen of Ida Grove, will receive the Eagle Scout award at 2 p.m. ceremonies Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Ida Grove High School cafeteria.

Godbersen, who is a high school junior, will be honored along with other Boy Scouts receiving skill awards and merit badges or advancement during a court of honor. His Eagle Scout project was the design and construction of the lighted flagpole at the Grant County Schoolhouse in Moorehead Park.

His Scouting activities included Cub Scouts, Webelos, summer and winter camps, fall jamboree, Klondike Derby, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, scribe and paper drives.

Ray Isom, Scoutmaster, will lead off the program, followed by Verdean Kruse distributing awards. Jerry Brownlee will present Godbersen's Eagle Trail while Fred Krenk Sr. will give the charge. Mayor Theo. Murphy will give the Eagle Badge presentation and the Eagle oath while Ernest Brenden will give closing remarks. The Rev. John Latta will give the invocation and benediction.

The ceremonies are open to the public.

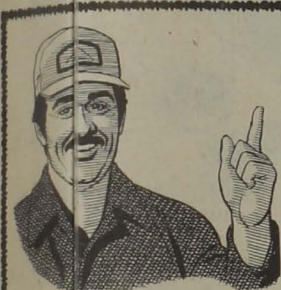
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New Wildlife Biologist

Glen Jones, right, wildlife biologist with the Blackhawk unit of the Iowa Conservation Commission, recently retired after serving Ida County for eight years. He also was responsible for Sec. Calhoun, Carroll and Greene counties in working with farmers to establish wildlife habitat areas in Ida. Bob Dolan, left, has been named to succeed Jones. He will assume duties at Rockwell City in October. He may be reached by contacting the Soil Conservation Service at Ida Grove or by calling him directly at 297-7824, Rockwell City.

Little Sioux Watershed Program: A Unique Program for Iowa Land

Ida County is very fortunate to be located in the Little Sioux Watershed drainage area, say Ida Soil Conservation personnel. Only six other counties located near Ida County are eligible for the program. The specially authorized Little Sioux Watershed area is one of 11 areas nationwide. The Little Sioux program is not new and also not going to be around much longer. According to Don Kauffman, district conservationist at Ida Grove, the program's funding is destined to run out in 1992. If a group of landowners want to take advantage of the program, they must do so within a few years. It takes a minimum of eight to 12 years "lead time" to complete a watershed. Therefore, there is very little time to get into the program, says Kauffman. Presently, approximately one half of Ida County is at

some stage of watershed development. Only a small part—11 per cent—of the county is complete, another five per cent is near completion and the balance—85 per cent—is in various stages of development. Watershed development comes in two stages—namely land treatment and gully stabilization. Land treatment refers to any combinations of conservation practices that results in controlling soil loss. Permanent pasture is ideal treatment, but not possible for many. Therefore, contouring, conservation tillage, strip cropping and terraces are necessary to keep soil losses under control on cropland. When 75 per cent of the area above a proposed gully control structure has acceptable soil loss, the structure can be installed. These may be either a "full flow" concrete or pipe structure

that doesn't hold permanent water, or a detention structure—one that does have a permanent pond. Watershed development, according to Kauffman, takes time, cooperation between neighbors and a vital concern for food production for future generations. In addition, some conservation is expensive. For this reason, the federal government provides cost-share incentive for terrace construction. "With a 1992 deadline, things are going to have to operate very well to complete the job. It's worth a try," Kauffman says.

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'Iowa Soil 2000' Law Could Make a Difference

"The significance of 1980 soil conservation legislation most likely will begin to be felt in 1990 years," according to Lester Vohs, chairman of the Ida Soil Conservation District. That is the year landowners will begin necessary work to reach the acceptable soil loss goal of five tons per acre. The meaning of the Iowa Soil 2000 is that the goal and intent of the law is to achieve acceptable soil losses on all Iowa land by the year 2000. "That's a fantastic goal," says Vohs. "We've been working on soil conservation for nearly 40 years, and we're not half finished."

Important features of the law taking effect Jan. 1, 1981, are:

1. Provision for special funding for "mini-watersheds." These areas would be at least 500 acres and include five landowners. Three-fourths of the land in the watershed must be included in the project.
2. Require local soil conservation districts to pro-

vide schools assistance in providing soil conservation education.

3. Summer construction incentive funds, providing the local district has not spent its allocation on the regular program.
4. Broader powers for soil conservation district commissioners to inspect soil erosion situations and take corrective action.

5. Provide soil conservation folders for all landowners by Jan. 1, 1985. The folders would include soils information and other information necessary to make conservation decisions.
6. Provision that within five years after preparation of the conservation folder, a definite conservation plan be developed for applying soil conservation practices necessary to reach five tons per acre soil loss.
7. Require housing or other soil-disturbing developments to have an erosion control plan prior to receiving a building permit.

These and other provisions combine to make this a very important soil conservation law, Vohs says.

Edsen Wins Park Bid

Edsen Electric of Ida Grove received the bid for the electrical and water systems at Crawford Creek park after a special meeting of the Ida County Conservation Board last week. The bid of \$28,180 was accepted, even though earlier estimates

had put the project at \$23,200.

The only other bid was submitted by Henrickson Construction of Ida Grove for \$34,999. The bid covers playground equipment, water disbursement system and electrical service for camping pads. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

The county pays half of this cost while the Soil Conservation Service will pick up the other half. The Board's next regular meeting is Thursday, Oct. 9.

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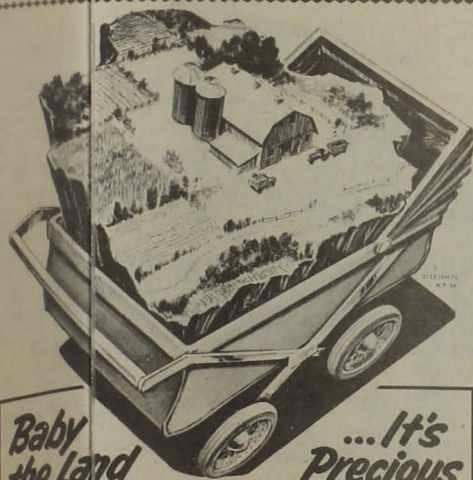
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