

Twenty-Third Annual Report

**Des Moines County
Soil Conservation District**

1968



it's LEVCO for all

METAL Drainage Products

- Corrugated Metal Culverts
- Anti-Seep Collars
- Diaphragms
- Risers
- Elbows
- Hooded Inlets
- Crosses, Wyes, Tees
- Laterals
- Reducers

Fabricated in compliance with all government specifications and available in steel and aluminum. plain or bituminous asphalt coated—custom design and fabrication of unique structures is our specialty! You're invited to see the unexcelled coating facilities at our Des Moines plant. Send us your inquiries.

FAST, FAST SERVICE



FABRICATORS
*Quality
Products
and
Equipment*
DISTRIBUTORS

The **LEVINE**
Company
DES MOINES • 4400 EAST 14TH STREET • PHONE 862-5613
CENTERVILLE • COTTAGE AT 18TH STREET • PHONE 856-3153

Hawkeye Skelgas Co.

“WORLDS FINEST LP GAS”

“HAWKEYE CERTIFIED NITROGEN”

and

A BRAND NEW PRODUCT

“NA - CHURS LIQUID PLANT FOOD”



If you need LP gas or Fertilizer



710 N. Roosevelt - Burlington

Phone 753-0147

Keep This Report

These are addresses and phone numbers of contractors and business firms throughout Des Moines County that can be of service to you.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT URGE YOU TO PATRONIZE THESE ADVERTISERS who have indicated an interest in you and your soil conservation efforts.

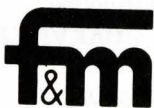
The SCD Commissioners of Des Moines County

- BURLINGTON -		- MT. UNION -	
	Page		Page back
B & M Construction	11	Hazen Farm Supply	
Benson Lumber	15	- MEDIAPOLIS -	
Burlington Banks	3	Allworth-Denniston Lumber	25
B - Fed. Savings & Loan	7	County Mutual Insurance	27
Dehner Seed & Supply	31	Despain Insurance	23
Duval Construction	9	Eland Insurance	22
Gustafson Dairy	11	Farm Service	42
Hawkeye Skelgas	1	K & M Implement	17
International Harvester	31	Mack Truck Sales	22
Iowa Southern Utilities	15	Mediapolis Bank	22
John Deere	33	Schrock Feed & Lumber	23
Turner Seed Store	33	Trucking - Ted Nelson	23
Vic Raider Concrete	7	Whipple Construction	25
Woodall Construction	13	Wilson Insurance	25
- BELLE PLAINE -		- MORNING SUN -	
Funk's Seed Corn	27	Tiling Construction	5
- COLCHESTER -		Weber Implement	5
Colchester Tile	5	- NEW LONDON -	
- DANVILLE -		Heckenberg Construction	9
Case & New Idea	37	Leitch Construction	9
Danville Bank	37	- OAKVILLE -	
Danville Trucking	37	Kuntz Saw Service	29
Farm Service	42	Oakville Elevator	29
Morrison Trucking	37	- SPERRY -	
- DES MOINES -		Linder Landscaping	7
Goodwin Tile	35	- WAPELLO -	
Levine Pipe Co.	1	Eastern Iowa Utilities	29
Pioneer Seed Corn	10	Livestock Auction	29
- FAIRFIELD -		- WINFIELD -	
Michigan - Wisconsin Pipe Line	39	Allgood Construction	39
- KINGSTON -		Hillyard Implement	35
Farmers Mercantile	42	78 Equipment Co.	35
Meekers Landing	17	- WEST BURLINGTON -	
- MT. PLEASANT -		Ideal Concrete	33
Bruggemeyer Construction	20	Kenny Construction	31
Case Implement	39	West Burlington Bank	7
Federal Land Bank	42	West Burlington Walnut	15
Waters Implement	39		

Burlington Iowa Banks

We congratulate the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service on the good progress toward putting every acre to its best use and the saving of our soil, our greatest resource.

Burlington Bank & Trust Company



FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK & TRUST

BURLINGTON, IOWA



National Bank

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Each deposit insured to \$15,000 in FDIC

INTRODUCTION

SCD Chairman - Harold Yohe

Greetings:

It has been my privilege to serve the Soil Commissioners Committee as Chairman this past year of '68. It has been a good year with a number of high-lights we may look back on. Our Soil Judging contest started two years ago, showed a healthy growth with more schools and more boys participating.

The Register and Tribune contest honoring the outstanding conservation farms in the district was a high success. With our winner in the landlord-tenant division taking the honors all the way to the state title. Congratulations Mr. Langwith and Mr. Carter.

Our banquet held annually in honor of our winners in county Tribune contest winners was expanded to honor District winners as well. The Banks of the county have been financing the banquet for which we are very grateful.

If the number of Farm Plans signed this year are any indication of how hard John and Harry have been working they have had a busy year. We may yet reach the goal of a Farm Plan for every farm. The number of Group Conservation Jobs are another thing I really like to see. It shows that neighbors are working together to get the all important jobs done. The title inlet terraces started in the county such a short time ago, have proven there worth and the number increases each year. I hope the good work and progress can go forward in the years to come.

DES MOINES COUNTY SCD COMMISSIONERS



L. to R. - Harold Linder, Sec., Henry Dockendorff, Harold Yohe, Chm., Rex Troute and Horace Sutton, Treasurer. These men have contributed a total of 33 years of service to the District.

Colchester Brick & Tile Company

COLCHESTER, ILLINOIS

PHONE 309-776-3333

Increase Your Profits With Drain Tile

CLAY PRODUCTS SINCE 1881

T
I
L
E

D
R
A
I
N



C
O
N
T
R
A
C
T
O
R

Kenneth Springsteen

- Field Tile
- Waterway Tile
- Terrace Tile
- Installation of Terrace Outlet Pipes
- Backfilling & Backhoe Work

Work Done To SCS and ACP Specifications

Morning Sun, Iowa

Phone 868-4156



Weber Implement, Inc.

**Massey-Ferguson
Sales & Service**

Morning Sun, Iowa

**Heider-Kewanee
Long Drying Bins**

Phone 868-7586

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Rex Troute of Concordia Township was elected Commissioner to the District to replace Art Corman whose term expired in February, 1968.

Harold Yohe assumed the chairmanship of the District with the retirement of Art Corman as chairman and commissioner. Harold will be chairman for 1968 and 1969.

The District in cooperation with several other agencies in the county helped publish a CONSERVATION FIELD TRIP GUIDE BOOK for the schools of Des Moines County. These books name and describe locations for field trips in the areas of: Ecology, Geology, History, water resources and soil and water conservation practices.

218 different farms in Des Moines County applied conservation practices in 1968.

Lyall Mitchell - Area Conservationist for S. E. Iowa retired August, 1968.

John Eckes from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania succeeds Lyall as Area Conservationist. This area includes Mahaska, Keokuk, Lucas, Wapello, Monroe, Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Lee, Van Buren, Davis, Appanoose and Wayne Counties.



Office Staff: Back row: Harry Bryant, Sandy Hedges
Front row: John Baker, Mildred Kleinkopf

LANDSCAPE PLANTING

Farm Ponds — Windbreaks — Wildlife plots — Hedges
Nut — Fruit, & Shade Trees
General Nursery Stock — Lawn Grading & Seeding
Fertilizing, Service Work & Homes for birds

Bluebird Hill Nursery Service

Harold Linder

Sperry, Iowa Phone Dodgeville 388-2415

Burlington Federal
SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

323 JEFFERSON STREET

BURLINGTON IOWA 52601

754-7553



VIC RAIDER

PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS

Dial Office 752-8266 — Res. 752-0498

HWY. 34

WEST BURLINGTON, IA.

West Burlington Savings Bank

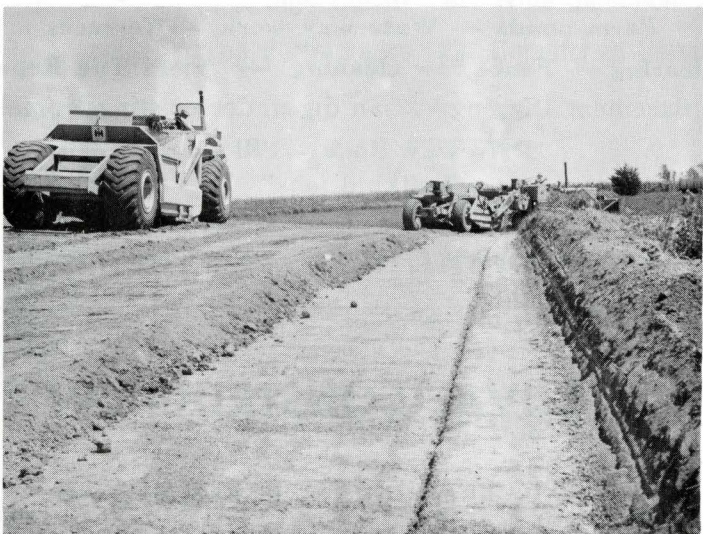
WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA

Member of the F.D.I.C. ---- Full Service Banking

Phone 754-7501



FRANK WOODALL contractor is placing a blanket of reeds canary sod at the end of a newly shaped waterway on the Max Dockendorff farm in Danville Twp. This field, containing sixty acres was also tiled and terraced with tile inlet terraces at this time, tying down another 60 acres of the Geode Lake Watershed.



ERWIN HELM CONSTRUCTION constructed 8700 feet of terrace using 13 tile inlet pipes on the Walter Lane farm in Yellow Springs Twp. These terraces give almost complete erosion control while providing straight, parallel rows for farming.

Al Heckenberg

All Types of Earth Moving

Land Clearing

Free Estimates

New London, Iowa

Phone 367-2607



R. L. LEITCH & SONS

— Any Kind Of Dirt Moving —

Farm ponds — Waterway work — Terraces

Clearing — Fence row cleaning — Field Tile Repair

Basement Digging - "Can dig under existing Home"

Driveway Rock - Fill Sand

"will bid jobs"

RR New London, Iowa

Mobil Phone 385-3572

Res. Phone 367-5556

DUVAL CONSTRUCTION

LAND CLEARING AND EARTH MOVING

Burlington, Iowa R.R. 2

Phone: Kingston 862-6297

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1968

STATE WINNERS: Warren Langwith and Wayne Carter were "Sweepstake" winners in the Landlord-Tenant division of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Achievement Awards Contest. Their farm was winner in the District, Southeast Iowa and State wide competition.

"Conservation Awards Banquet" was held at Hotel Burlington, honoring the local, regional and "Sweepstake" winner of the Register and Tribune "Achievement Award Contest", and the regional and district outstanding "Conservation Teacher Award" winners. The Banquet was sponsored by the Banks of Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis.

Over 130,000 feet of cut and fill, parallel, tile inlet terraces were built in Des Moines County in 1968. This exceeds the amount built in any previous year, and indicates the continued acceptability of this complete erosion control practice.

Earl Cosby, student from Alcorn University, Lorman, Mississippi worked as a student trainee during the summer.

The Des Moines County Conservation Education Committee was formed and a Conservation Field Trip Guide Book was developed. Over 800 copies were provided to the teachers of Des Moines County.

High Quality ■ Wide Selection
Top Performance ■ Unmatched Service



PIONEER.
BRAND

CORN, SORGHUM, ALFALFA

PIONEER HI-BRED CORN CO.

Des Moines, Iowa 50308

See Or Call Your Pioneer Seed Salesman —
Turner's Seed Store, Burlington Roger Parrott, Danville
Martin Beckman, Sperry Pearl Enke, New London
Leonard Schweitzer, N. Lon. Leonard Johnson, Wever
Theo Mohrfeld, West Point

Raid Quarries

Three Convenient Locations To Serve You Better

- **Heinold Quarry - Danville, Iowa Phone 392-3289**
- **Sullivan Slough Quarry - Burlington, Iowa
Phone 752-4425**
- **Mediapolis Quarry - Mediapolis, Iowa
Phone 394-3485**

Burl., Ia. - Room 217 F & M Bank Bldg. - Ph. 752-6388

B & M Construction

Burlington

Phone 752-2693



BACKHOE — DRAGLINE — TILING

Compliments of

Gustafson Bros. Dairy

Wholesale and Retail Distributors of

Dairy Products

We Have Been Conserving the Health

of Our Customers in the Burlington Area for 50 Years

Burlington, Iowa

845 Jefferson Street

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY: On the 19th the Soil Conservation District, ASCS and Extension Offices sponsored a meeting for the contractors of this area.

FEBRUARY: Rex Troute elected District Commissioner to replace Arthur Corman whose 6 year term expired. Rex farms in Concordia Township.

MARCH: The District wrote, published and mailed approximately 2,000 1967 "Annual Reports" of the District accomplishments.

APRIL: 56 Soil Stewardship Booklets and Annual Reports were mailed to 56 ministers in the county to emphasize Soil Stewardship Week.

MAY: 35 fifth grade students were taken on a conservation tour of the Geode Watershed by Harry Bryant.

JUNE: Letters sent to Senators Hickenlooper and Miller and Representative Schwengal, thanking them for assistance in Soil Conservation Legislation.

A conservation display of the Geode Watershed was displayed in the Banks of the county to observe Soil Conservation Week.

JULY: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yohe and Mr. and Mrs. John Baker attended the Commissioners Regional meeting in Ottumwa.

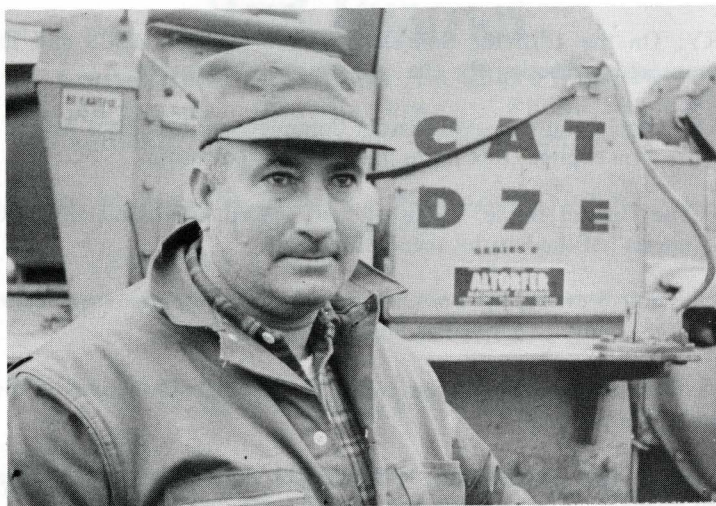
AUGUST: The District participated in the state wide Soil and Water Conservation Contest sponsored by the Register & Tribune newspaper. Three farms were selected and a teacher was named outstanding conservation teacher for the year.

SEPTEMBER: John Baker and Harry Bryant attended State Conservation Field Days at Eladora emphasizing conservation treatment in Pine Lake Watershed.

OCTOBER: S. E. Iowa Soil Judging contest held on William Grinstead farm. 55 students from Henry, Lee, Louisa and Des Moines Counties participated.

NOVEMBER: The State Forester and Des Moines County Soil Conservation District entered into a working agreement (Memorandum of Understanding). The State Forest Commission has agreed to provide forestry assistance to land owners and operators of the county.

DECEMBER: John J. Eckes, new area conservationist met with District Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting for the purpose of discussing the Districts responsibility for total resource development. The Districts are being charged with the responsibility to provide technical and consultative services to a greater segment of the public.



CONSERVATION WORK

BULLDOZERS - SCRAPERS

CONTACT

FRANK E. WOODALL

CONSERVATION CONTRACTOR

FOR

WATERWAYS
TERRACING

PASTURE RENOVATION

CLEARING
POND BUILDING

752-7792

Washington Road

West Burlington

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAJOR PRACTICES	UNIT	1968	TO-DATE
Contour Farming	Acres	977	33,988
Terraces:			
Parallel-Cut & Fill	Feet	132,300	360,520
Tile Inlet Terrace Pipes	Number	229	663
Diversion	Feet	6,075	85,464

OTHER PRACTICES

Waterways	Acres	46	7,878
Farm Ponds	Number	22	540
Drainage Tile	Feet	277,991	3,716,555
Erosion Control Dams	Number	23	455
Open Drainage Ditch	Feet	46,870	427,257
Pasture Renovation	Acres	1,140	12,479
Tree Planting	Acres	30	483
Conservation Cropping System	Acres	4,929	98,617
Acres Soil Surveyed	Acres		163,822
Crop Residue	Acres	5,758	62,333
Wildlife Habitat	Acres	315	1,156
Land Adequately Treated	Acres	5,646	26,079

PLANNING PRACTICES

New Cooperators	Number	75	923
New Farm Plans	Number	37	588
Revised Farm Plans	Number	37	
Farms Services	Number	270	
Planned Follow-Up	Number	221	
Group Conservation Jobs	Number	33	90

RECOGNITION

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 our efforts.

Office Callers	1229	News Stories	96
Telephone Calls	664	Radio Talks	36
Meetings attended or conducted . .	63	Demonstrations & Tours .	14

BENSON LUMBER COMPANY

COMPLETE BUILDING SERVICE

NEW HOMES — REMODELING — FARM BUILDINGS

**Wm. Gerdes
Manager**

Office & Yard

1207 Lucas Avenue Burlington, Iowa Phone 754-4606

When Time Is Money!



**Electric
farm equipment
pays for itself**

**Iowa Southern
Utilities Company**

Top prices paid for standing timber and cut logs.

WEST BURLINGTON WALNUT CO.

(Div. Hartzell Industries, Inc.)

**WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA
BOX 8**

Represented By:
CLINTON L. NELSON
Box 141
Gladstone, Illinois

Gladstone, Illinois
Phone 309 - 627 - 2369

"DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST FOR DES MOINES COUNTY"

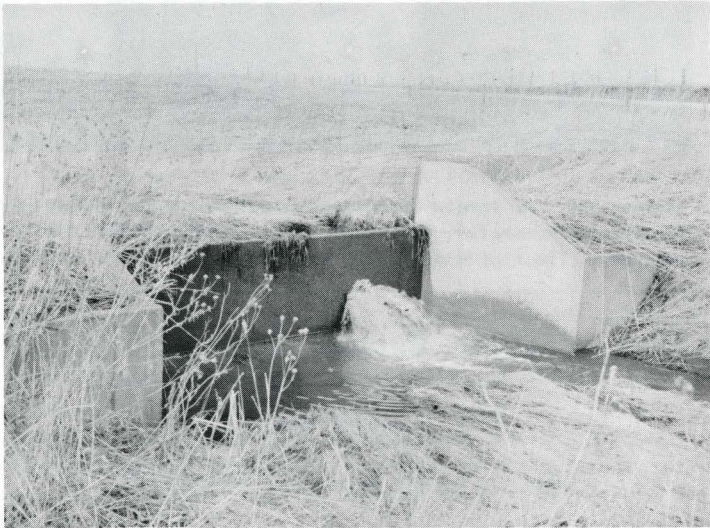
In the everyday rush and push to make a living, it is not always easy to be overly concerned about "conservation" of our natural resources. Here are some thoughts that someone has to face up to in planning for the future, writing next years laws or investing money in new industry, new homes and businesses.

By the year 2000, the land and water resources we use today will have to Provide:

- Double the food output.
- Double the water for municipal use, quadruple the amount for manufacturing use.
- Double the land used for homes, schools, factories and other urban uses.
- Double the production of wood products.

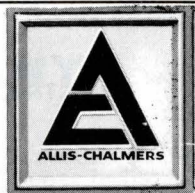
Only creative conservation policies and programs can meet this need while up grading the quality of the environment and strengthening the economy and standard of living in the communities of tomorrow.

The 94% of our population who lives off the farms in our cities and urban areas will not let you ignore the conservation needs of the land. The staff and commissioners of the Des Moines County Conservation District encourage you as a land owner or operator to accept the assistance of your conservation district.



This STRUCTURE built back in the early 1950's on the Warren Langwith farm in Washington Township is still doing a good job. It has all the appearances of being a permanent improvement on this farm.

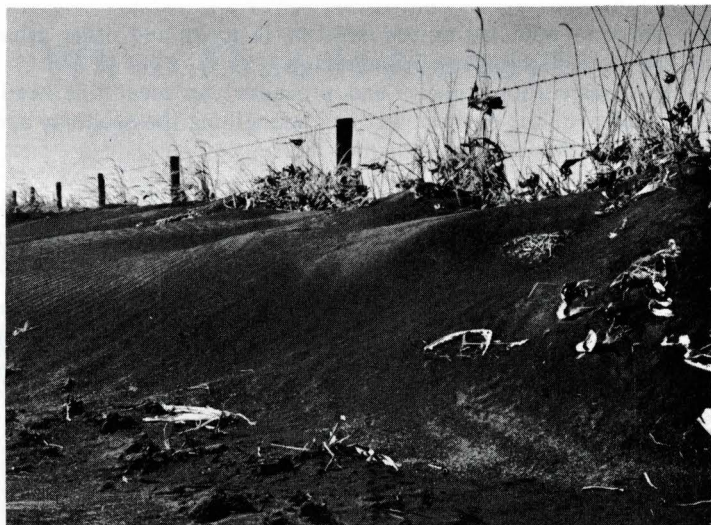
K & M IMPLEMENT CO.



**Allis Chalmers..Ford..New Holland
Sales Parts Service**

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3434



Fall plowing and wind erosion are becoming a problem in Des Moines County. Blowing soil can literally bury field fences, making them ineffective until the soil is moved away. The high cost of doing this may strain neighbor relationships.

Farmers Grain Dealers Ass'n. Of Iowa

(Cooperative)

Mississippi River Terminal

Route #2 Burlington, Iowa

Kingston, Iowa

Phone 862-6155

37 BASIC CONSERVATION PLANS FOR 1968

J. Walter Lane
Noah Schrock
William Grinstead
Russell Seymour
Clarence Miller
DMC-Conservation Board
Clyde Scherer
Ray Robertson
Glenn Wooldridge
Alvin Dockendorff

Darrell Sams
J. E. Horn
Raymond Reeb
Walter Senn
Harry Bryant
George Thie (2)
Leo Orth
L. B. Cady
Chris Gerst (3)
Ross Jones (4)

A. M. Wagner
F. L. Stewart
Virgil Landrum (2)
Max Dockendorff
Albert Heckenberg
Everett Burkhiser
B. Frank Hedges
Mrs. Ruby Mercer
Horace Robertson
Robert Jones

FACTS ABOUT THESE FARMS

These 37 farms make up 4,670 acres. A Conservation Farm Plan is the first step in effectively trying to control soil loss and drainage problems. A farm plan acts as a blue print for the location and type of conservation practices needed on the problem areas of your farm. Soil and water conservation is, in essence, part of the land management program every farm operator must face. Cost sharing can be arranged for most of the permanent improvement type conservation practices.

37 REVISED FARM PLANS FOR 1968

Hugh Jamison
Clem Heiniger
Walter Heckenberg
Chas Tonkinson
Vernon Stoller
Ervin Bohlen

Robert Gerst
Arne Nielsen
Frank Hedges
John Henry
Chris Gerst (2)

John Wagenbach (2)
C. E. Pilling
Schrocks, Inc. (7)
Robert Fahlgren
IAAP Tract (14)

Older farm plans are revised as requested and as construction of new conservation practices or land-use changes indicate the need.

URBAN CONSERVATION

As more people build houses on more land, especially outside city limits, the need for planning and erosion control increases. Land being cleared for construction, trees pushed off, the land reshaped and considerable time involved during construction with no ground cover, produces silt and erosion at a rate of 7 to 10 times as great as that of comparable acres of farm land. The Des Moines County Soil Conservation District will also provide assistance to these people. City Planners, County and City Engineers, building contractors and the Highway Department can well make use of available soil data through the Soil Conservation Service.

STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

The financial assistance listed below was furnished to the SCD by the State of Iowa to further Soil Conservation in 1968.

1M Budget	
Commissioners Expenses . . .	\$122.05
Office Supplies	145.81
Printing	100.00
Contests	88.51
Demonstration	7.99
Office Expense	<u>36.32</u>
Total	\$500.68

1M-A Budget	
Office Supplies	\$ 23.67
Office Expense	<u>87.90</u>
Total	\$111.57

2M Budget	
Clerical & Technical	\$5177.78
Travel	43.60
Equipment	<u>126.08</u>
Total	\$5347.46

WORK UNIT PERSONNEL

STATE PERSONNEL

Sandy Hedges, Planner Aid
Charle Dodds, Planner Aid
Terry Benz, Planner Aid
Mildred Kleinkopf, Clerk

USDA PERSONNEL

John T. Baker, W. U. Conservationist
Harry N. Bryant, Consv. Technician

AREA SCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING DISTRICT

Lyall Mitchell, Area Consv.
John J. Eckes, Area Consv.
Margaret Dickey, Area Clerk

Marion Clark, Area Engineer
Dale Lockridge, Area Soil Scientist
Bob Bartels, Asst. Area Engineer



L. to R. - Stanley Tate, Roy Hatcher

**STANLEY TATE REPLACES ROY HATCHER
AS FORESTER FOR THIS AREA STARTING
JANUARY 1, 1969.**

The District Forester of the Iowa Conservation Commission for Des Moines County is Roy G. Hatcher of Muscatine. His services are available to all rural landowners. These services include advice on tree planting for reforestation or erosion control; timber management; including timber surveys; and marketing timber products.

Federal cost-sharing is available for tree planting and woodland improvement under the forestry supervision. Forest tree seedlings are available through the forester for reforestation and erosion control. Anyone interested in more information on these programs may contact the forester through the Soil Conservation District Office in Burlington.

75 NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS FOR 1968

These people have indicated an interest in conservation by signing up their farms with the District and becoming "cooperators".

Pauline Leffler (2)
Earl Stafford
Wayne Charbonneau
Edwin Schwerin
Richard Douglas
Robert E. Taeger
William Grinstead
Mrs. Grace Lyons
A. M. Wagner & Sons (2)
Max Dockendorff
Horace Robertson (3)
Darwin Campbell
Charles Tonkinson
Charles Nelson
Warren Wiegard
Russell Seymour
Maurice Hutcheson (2)
Carl Schwerin
Robert Mehaffey
Mrs. Robert Graham

Nelson Bros.
Emil Thie
Jack Naylor
Massner Bros.
Charles Dodds
Pierce Giffin
Earl Bonar
Henry Bohlen
Richard Wiele
Dr. Carl Hulen
John Latty (2)
Raymond Fritz
George A. Shaw
Ross Jones
Forrest Hunt
Boyd D. White
John Moehle
John Mehaffy
Wilbur Brown
Floyd Buxton (2)

Lemoyne E. Witte
Mrs. Ruby Mercer
Virgil Landrum (5)
Walter J. Kelley
Walter C. Fritz
Marvin Lange (3)
Clyde Scherer
Glenn P. Petersen
Earl J. Meeker
Everett Burkhiser
Glenn C. Wooldridge
DMC-Conservation Board (2)
Roger Campbell
Everett Schmidt
William Dowell
Arthur Rushill (2)
Wyman W. Wagner
Richard N. Mapel
William Simmons (2)

Charles Bruggemeyer

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Phone 385-8606



Equipped for all Conservation Work



HAROLD YOHE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT (standing in the light sweater) is shown swearing in Rex Troute of Concordia Twp. as a commissioner at the February meeting. Other commissioners, sitting from left to right: Harold Linder, Sec.; Henry Dockendorff, Danville and Horace Sutton, Treasurer.

Eland Agency

Farm Loans – Real Estate
Insurance – Tax Service

DES MOINES COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE BUILDING

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3106

MEDIAPOLIS SAVINGS BANK

Each deposit insured to \$15,000 in FDIC

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3191

Nelson Trucking Service

Local & Long Distance Hauling

H & L Mack Truck Sales

Parts & Service

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3181

WILLIS N. DESPAIN

Insurance

Real Estate

Farm Loans

Notary Public

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3161

Schrock Feed & Lumber Co.

Complete Building Service

-Specializing in Pole Barns -

Tiling Supplies Hardware Supplies

Building Materials-Sherwin Williams Paint

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3964

Limestone Spreading

Bulk Fertilizer

Driveway Rock.. Black Dirt.. Clay Fill

TED NELSON

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3486



S. E. IOWA SOIL JUDGING CONTEST. There were 55 students on hand representing Lee, Henry, Louisa and Des Moines Counties. Ralph Mendenhall, SCS Soil Scientist scored the contest soils and gave instruction to the students. Jim Hodges, Extension Service and SCS personnel from each of the participating counties helped with the contest and sponsored the prizes. Jim Howell, FFA Instructor at Mediapolis did most of the organizational work.



SOIL JUDGING CONTEST WINNERS. The front row consists of the winning Soil Judging team from Mediapolis. L. to R. - Craig Wagenbach, Ron Pilling, "Captain", David Pforts and Gary Schultz. In the back row is Tom Smith from Columbus Junction Community School who won third place in the individual division. Gary Schultz won first and Craig Wagenbach won second in the individual division.

**Insurance
Income tax**

**Real Estate
Notary Public**

WILSON AGENCY

Mediapolis, Iowa
Phone 394-3733

Evan Wilson

Helen Wilson

L.M. Whipple



Bulldozing and Scraper Work Conservation of All Kinds

- Ponds
- Terraces
- Diversions
- Erosion Control Dams
- Surface Drainage
- Waterways

Brush Discing & Pasture Renovation

All work meets SCS and ACP specifications

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3363

ALLWORTH - DENNISTON LUMBER CO.

Quality Building Material, Paint and Glass

Maplewood Park Sub-Division

Building lots available to suit your needs

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3195



NEARLY 12,000 FEET of parallel, tile inlet terraces were constructed on the Warren Langwith farm in Washington Twp. Harry Bryant, top, SCS and Wendell Wilson, contractor are checking a section of seeded backslope as the terraces are finished up.



HARRY BRYANT, SCS checks the depth of silt that was desilted from the first heavy rain behind one of Walter Lanes new tile inlet terraces. The top soil would have washed off the farm had the terraces not been there. Years of farming and depositing of silt in the old waterway areas will help level this farm and improve its farmability.

**Soil Conservation Protects Your Land
County Mutual Insurance Protects Your Farm**

See Your Neighbor – The County Mutual Agent

**Des Moines County
Mutual Insurance Assn.**

AGENTS

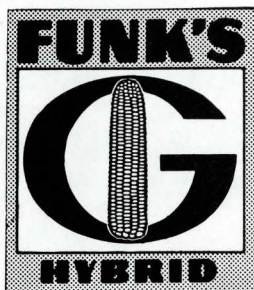
Paul Moore, Danville
Willis DeSpain, Mediapolis
Raymond Sharp, Winfield

J. Kermit Eland, Mediapolis
C. W. McNeil, Middletown
Jack Roth, Burlington

Dan Scott, Burlington

MAKE EVERY ACRE COUNT

FOR
GREATER
YIELDS



FOR
GREATER
PROFIT

PLANT ALL FUNK'S-G

Kenneth Baird, R-2, Wapello
Beckman & Johnston, Sperry
Louis Gustafson, R-2, Mediapolis
Don Lounsbury, R-2, New London
Mrs. Grace Mellinger, Oakville

C. C. Taeger, R-4, West Burlington
D and M Implement, Box 6, Danville
Merle Boling, R-1, Morning Sun
Maurice Schuler, R-2, Burlington
Crafton E. Meeker, R-2, Burlington

Funk Bros. Seed Co.

BELLE PLAINE, IOWA

ACP – A CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Stable soil that resists erosion. Healthy stands of trees and pasture. Disposal of excess water or conserving it. Plentiful habitat for wildlife and a beautiful countryside are the goals of ACP.

It functions on three levels; National, State and County. The National—broad guidelines authorized by Congress; State—adapted to state needs; County—refined to problems peculiar to it's area.

Administered by a farmer-elected committee of three who will evaluate each request giving careful consideration to the overall conservation needs in their county and funds available. The need for this work always exceeds the funds available. An application must be on file before any work is started to be eligible for payment.



L. to R. - ASC Office Manager Deane Thornton, county committeemen Art Laue, Chm. Ralph Kupferschmid, and Joe Walljasper, also Frances Wahl, the ACP clerk. These people handle your requests for cost-sharing.

DES MOINES COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE



Front row: Jane Bechtel, Franny Peck
Back row: Jim Hodges, Les Schoffelman

PURPOSE: Education related to the economic and social needs of people.

FUNCTIONS: Provides a wide range of educational services and programs including:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
HOME AND FAMILY LIVING
HORTICULTURE
AGRICULTURE
COMMUNITY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MANAGEMENT
CONSUMER INFORMATION
PROGRAM REFERENCE

The above programs illustrate some of the educational efforts planned by the Des Moines County Extension Council on behalf of the Des Moines residents.

KUNTZ SAW SERVICE

our 17th year

Homelite Chain Saws

Sales - Service - Rentals

Oakville, Iowa

Phone 761-3228

OAKVILLE FEED & GRAIN, INC.



Grain — Feed — Seed
Fertilizer — Chemicals
Custom Grinding, Mixing
— Bulk Delivery —

Oakville, Iowa

Phone 2617 or 2751

Serving Des Moines County With Power for Progress

Owned By 12,000 Consumer-Members

**EASTERN IOWA
LIGHT & POWER
COOPERATIVE**

Wilton Jct.
Wapello

Lone Tree
DeWitt



Wapello Livestock Sales, Inc.

Wapello
Iowa



Phone
523-2571

Auction Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

Maurice Beckman
Mediapolis

Paul Heindel
Columbus Junction

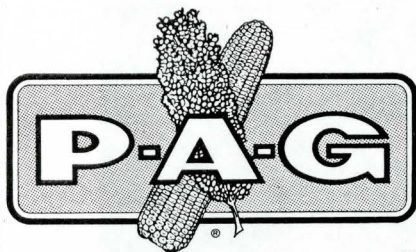


KEN GROE, Pleasant Grove Twp. does a lot of conservation work on his farm with his own equipment. Shown here Ken is building another diversion terrace. This diversion protects the bottomland from the run-off water from the hills to the left. The storage area and tile inlet in the center of the picture will desilt and carry off most of the water. For very heavy storms the diversion is relieved at the far end into a grass waterway.



ALLGOOD construction out of Winfield built these terraces and installed this years tile inlets on last years tile system. This is part of the conservation work completed by Mrs. Elizabeth Jones on her farm in Yellow Springs Twp. Over 6,000 feet of parallel, tile inlet terraces using 8 inlet pipes were completed.

CORN - SINGLE CROSS - 3 WAY CROSS
SORGHUM - ALFALFA



You can do better with **P-A-G**

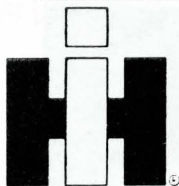
DEALERS

John Heizer - Mediapolis

Bob Wagner - Danville

Dehner Seed and Supply - Burlington

BURLINGTON FARM MACHINERY CORP.



International Harvester Trucks

Farm Equipment

Industrial Equipment

Sale & Service

200 North 7th Street Burlington, Iowa Phone 752-2794

Kinney Construction .

- SINCE 1947 -

for
Estimates &
Information
call

We'll dig any kind of hole
And we'll do a doggone good job-too

**Basement
Backhoe
Clearing**

**Grading
Bulldozer
Sewer Work**

ask about
our
liability
insurance
coverage

Washington Road, West Burlington

Phone 752-6450



LOCAL WINNERS OF A STATE WIDE CONSERVATION CONTEST. L. to R. by Division: Mrs. Jack Inghram - Danville Twp., new cooperator div. Wayne Carter - Washington Twp., Landlord-Tenant div. Raymond Schmidt - Flint River Twp., long time cooperator div. and Mrs. Ruth Mertens, Middletown schools, the outstanding conservation teacher for 1968. These winners were honored at a Banquet in their honor sponsored by the Banks of Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis.



Ralph Yohe of Yellow Springs Township votes for a new Des Moines County Soil Conservation District Commissioner to replace retiring Art Corman. Attending the ballot box are Commissioner Henry Dockendorff and past commissioner, C. E. Pilling.

SIEMS FARM EQUIPMENT CO.

Our 31st Year

John Deere Equipment

Lawn & Garden Equipment

Farm Hardware & Supplies



1212-14 Agency Street Burlington, Iowa Phone 754-7613

This little fellow is running toward a better meadow from old "open pollinated" range.



Windshield surveys won't tell how forages are doing.

Why not ask us about new selections of Alfalfa, Red Clover, Orchardgrass & Timothy for that new Soil Conservation Plan.

TURNER SEED STORE

Burlington, Iowa 812 Jefferson 752-6819

IDEAL CONCRETE CO.

Radio
Dispatched
Trucks

THE MODERN WAY TO POUR BETTER
CONCRETE

Ready-Mix Concrete

Donald Chicken, President 2880 Rear Mt. Pleasant St.
West Burlington, Iowa Phone 752-8471



ROY HATCHER, STATE FORESTER is shown cruising a 15 acre timber tract on the Harry Bryant farm in Flint River Twp. Roy inventoried the existing timber stand and helped work out a management plan to develop the full potential of the tract.



BUCK LA MAR, OPERATOR FOR KINNEY CONSTRUCTION, was clearing the dam site as Harry Bryant, holding the survey rod, helped survey the site for construction of a combination erosion control and wildlife - recreation pond on Carl Schwerin land in Flint River Twp.

for High Quality

CLAY DRAIN TILE



DES MOINES SALES DIVISION

101 ASHWORTH RD., WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

101 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

(formerly Adel Clay Products and Ottumwa Brick & Tile Co.)

SEE YOUR DEALER

OR

Phone (515) 279-9721

Des Moines, Iowa



HILLYARD IMPLEMENT CO.

Choose

from the long line of John Deere Equipment

GMC Trucks ●●●● Farm Equipment

● Sales

● Parts

● Service

Winfield, Iowa

Phone 257-6265



78 EQUIPMENT CO., INC.

M. & M. - New Idea - Lundell - Bearcat

— Parts —

— Service —

Winfield, Iowa

Phone 257-6256



HELP FROM THE TOP - Wilson T. Moon, State Conservationist for the SCS in Iowa, 3rd from the left, visiting the work unit happened to pick the night that the Commissioners, staff and their wives were getting the ANNUAL REPORT sorted and bundled for mailing.



A WORKING AGREEMENT between the Des Moines County SCD and the State Forestry Commission of Iowa was signed by Harold Yohe, Chm. of the SCD. John Stokes, State Forester (center left) and his two representatives in this area, Roy Hatcher & Stanley Tate (in uniform - right) were on hand to discuss this arrangement to provide forestry service.

MORRISON TRUCKING

**AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE
FERTILIZER SPREADING — ROCK — SAND**

— Call Collect —

Danville, Iowa

Phone 392-4411

DANVILLE STATE SAVINGS BANK

Each deposit insured to \$15,000 By FDIC

**"Large enough to serve,..
Small enough to know you"**

Danville, Iowa

Phone 392-4261

Danville Truck Line

**Local and Long Distance
Livestock Hauling**

Danville, Iowa

Phone 392-4234



Farm Equipment Service Inc.

**Case & New Idea
Sales, Parts & Service**



Wever, Iowa

Hwy. 61

Phone 372-4341



ALLEN MASSNER is shown planting a new windbreak around the home site on his farm in Flint River Twp. This practice which is eligible for cost sharing is needed on many farms in Des Moines County.



THIS SEEDED BACKSLOPE, tile inlet terrace is located on the property line between the Russell Seymour and Robert Wagner farms in the Geode watershed. Earl Cosby of the SCS is shown checking the design just prior to re-establishing the line fence on the terrace ridge.

Waters Implement Company



Heider owatonna, Roof

with us . . Service is a profession — Not a sideline

Rt. 5, Box 43A

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Phone (319) 385-2626

Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Company

In the interest of public safety, protection of personnel and property. Please telephone collect one of the following, when any work is to be done near or over any of our pipelines.

K. R. Chandler, District Superintendent

Business phone: Birmingham, Iowa 698-4300

Residence phone: Fairfield, Iowa 472-2126

L. W. Harris, Division Superintendent

Business phone: Fairfield, Iowa 472-2175

Residence phone: Fairfield, Iowa 472-3180



Case Power And Equipment

Sales — Parts — Service

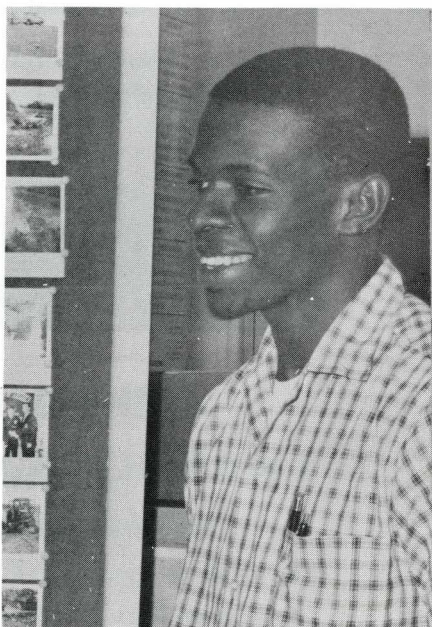
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

P. O. Box 436

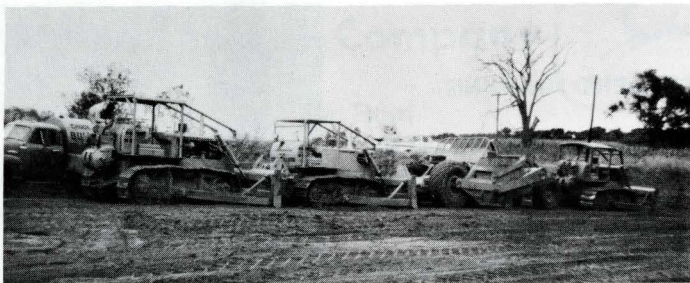
Phone 319-385-3314

STUDENT TRAINING

Earl Cosby of Enid, Miss. worked as a Soil Conservation trainee in Des Moines County last summer. Earl is an AG. student at Alcorn A & M College, Lorman, Miss. The SCS training program is designed to give potential soil conservationists job experience and encourage them to seek a career in the conservation field. Earl is the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Cosby, has three brothers and three sisters. Earl's father operates a farm in Mississippi.



DIVERSION TERRACE, this terrace, located on the Harry Bryant farm in Flint River Township protects the bottomland (to the left) from all the run-off water draining off the rolling pasture land to the right. A Tile Inlet pipe desilts most of the run-off water and carries the water away under ground. Very heavy flows, beyond the capacity of the inlet, outlets into a waterway located at the end of the field.



Chuck Allgood

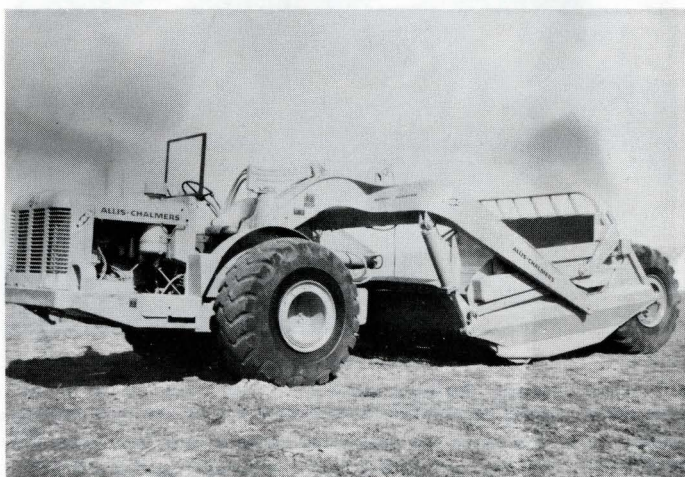
-Earth Moving- Conservation Contractor

- 3 Caterpillars
- Brush Disc
- Sub Soiler
- Backhoe
- Motor Scraper
- Pull Scraper

P.O. Box 118

Winfield, Iowa 52659

Phone 257-3137



CIRCLE STEEL GRAIN BINS AND GRAIN HAULING EQUIPMENT
Fertilizer — Insecticides — Herbicides

— General Merchandise —

Farmers Union Mercantile Company

KINGSTON, IOWA

Phone 862-6475

DES MOINES CO.

FARM SERVICE COMPANY

Everything for the Farmer

Feed-Seed-Grain-Grinding & Mixing

Storage-Anhydrous Ammonia

Bag or Bulk Blending Fertilizer

Petroleum Products-Animal Health Products

Elevators At

Danville-Mediapolis Donnellson



FELCO.

Bulk Plants At

Danville — Mediapolis — West Point, Iowa



TRADE MARK



Farm Loans

— you can live with —

Long Term — Low Rate

Phone 385-8131



V. M. Boshart, Mgr. - Haydn Owens, Asst. Mgr.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

811 E. Washington Street

**Soil Conservation Service
Box 637 Fed. Bldg.
Burlington, Iowa 52601**

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 553
Burlington, Iowa
52601

CHAS E PILLING

MEDIAPOLIS, IA 52637

Hazen Supply Co.

Mt. Union, Iowa

Tiling Supplies — Hardware — Farm Equipment

Fencing Supplies — Seeds — Ortho Fertilizers

Chemicals — Feed

**Behlen Grain Drying & Storage Bins
(erected if desired)**

Buy The Best For Less At Hazen Supply

— For Name Brand Quality Products —

Phone 865-7641 or 865-7651

Located

**7 mi. NE of New London - 10 mi. W. of Mediapolis - 7
mi. SW of Morning Sun**

Hazen Supply Co.