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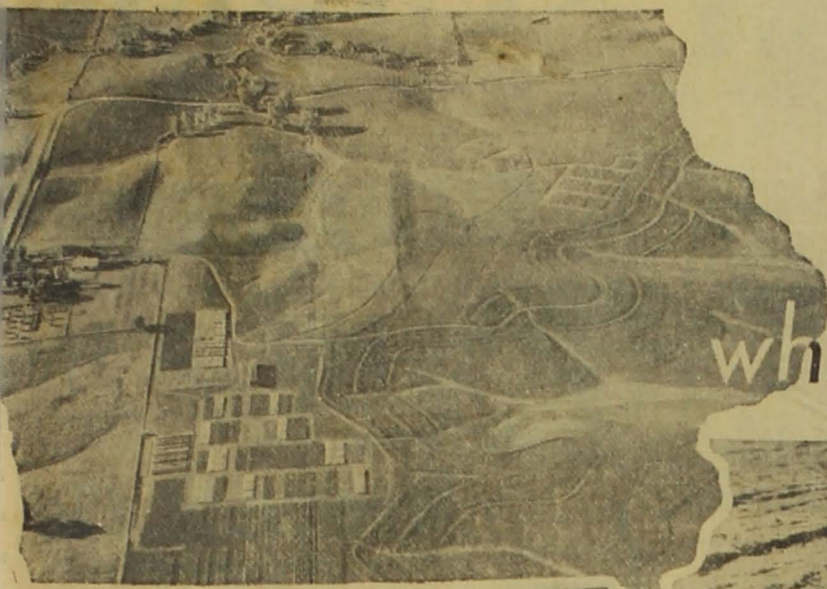
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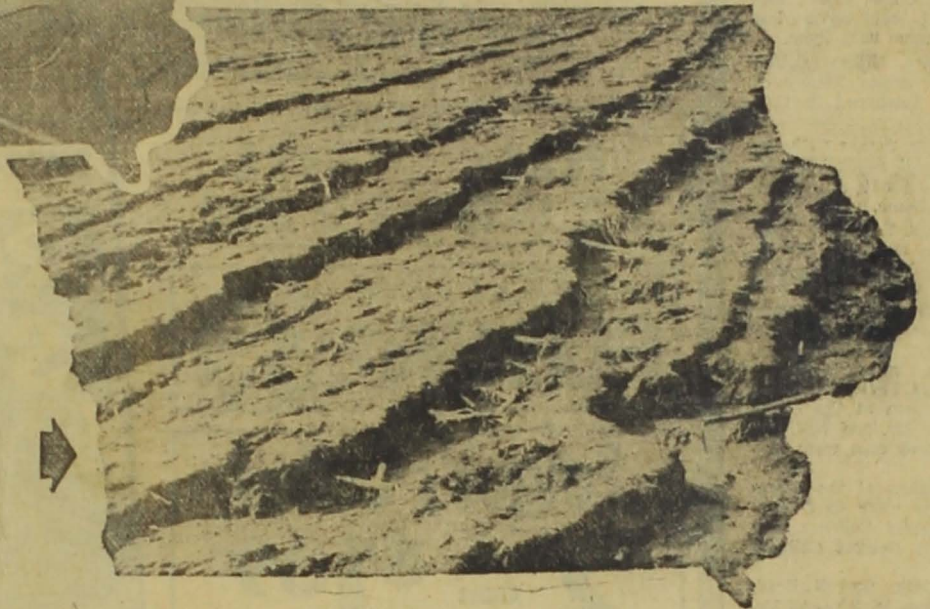
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In the 20 years since the Monroe County Soil Conservation District was organized, farmers in our community have made tremendous progress in conserving our resources: 13,071 acres of contour farming, 507 acres of grassed waterways, 1,143,075 feet of standard terraces, 1,050 farm ponds, 227 acres of tree planting -- and many other improvements.

But in order to have the Iowa we want in 1975 we must continue to improve our land use and to conserve our natural resources. Our conservation needs by 1975 in Monroe county will include:

31,194 ACRES OF CONTOURING.

75 MILES OF DIVERSION TERRACES.

1,493 FARM PONDS.

19,627 ACRES OF PASTURE SEEDING AND RESEEDING.

663 MILES OF TERRACING.

889 ACRES OF WATERWAYS.

151 EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES.

956 ACRES OF WOODLAND PLANTING.

The resources we have. The capabilities we have. But we also have the need and this coupled with the desire to further conserve our soil and water resources make for Monroe County and Iowa the land we need in 1975.

Shirley Calhoun Is In Speech Contest

Shirley Calhoun will represent the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional

conservation speech contest, which will be held July 28 at Chariton.

Applies for Permit To Withdraw Water

The Iowa State Highway Commission has applied for a permit to withdraw water for use in the construction of Highway 34 from Albia westward to Highway 68.

The Iowa Natural Resources Council has set July 10 at 9:30 a.m. (DST) as the time for a hearing on the application. It will be held in the office of the State Water Commissioner in Des Moines. Evidence can be given in support or opposition of the granting of the permit.

The application asks for permission to withdraw a maximum of 1,800,000 gallons of water at a rate of up to 70,000 gallons a day between June 15 and Dec. 15, 1964.

June 25, 1964

Soil Conservation Service Aids in Recreational Move

The Soil Conservation Service is now responsible for furnishing technical assistance to help farmers and land owners plan income-producing recreation enterprises on private land and for recreation development liaison with county, state and other federal agencies, says Art Thoreson, state soil conservationist at Des Moines.

Our procedures in assisting farmer-district cooperators in the development of farm conservation plans, Thoreson says, remain much the same as before the recent emphasis on recreation. Recreation is a suitable land use for all classes of land, he adds.

Soil Conservation Service technicians have provided assistance to 256 rural and urban groups in Iowa who own or lease land for outdoor recreation, SCS biologist Sylvan Runkel reports. And 157 land owners and operators receive income from their recreation enterprises.

Runkel cites the following examples of Soil Conservation Service assistance to farmer-district cooperators in developing the recreation potential of their farmland:

In the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, for example, a duck marsh was planned and developed during the course of the regular farm planning procedure. From soil maps, it was determined that the area would make a good marsh. Water could be brought into the area by diverting part of a large drainage area into the marsh development. A water control structure was designed and installed to allow management of desirable marsh vegetation to favor ducks. Quality duck hunting will be available during the season, and return from this source are expected. The remainder of the farm is under a complete soil conservation farm plan.

In the Jasper County Soil Conservation District, a bottomland, 80-acre woodland and lake area is being planned to make full use of the recreational possibilities.

The 18-acre lake is being planned for both fishing and hunting. In addition, an adjacent four to five acres are being developed to provide duck foods and will be flooded 12 to 15 inches during migrations to provide an attractive duck area.

In Mahaska County Soil Conservation District, a 120-acre river bottom farm is being planned to make a maximum amount of the open bottom fields into a marsh area. This will be used as a duck hunting area in the fall. Aquatic plants attractive to ducks will be grown. Income will be derived from this land use.

A former 80-acre rough pasture near Klemme in the Hancock County Soil Conservation District is being converted into a golf course. The Soil Conservation Service has assisted in furnishing soil maps, drainage design layout on wetland areas, seeding recommendations for grasses and legumes, and suggestions for erosion control with vegetation. Wildlife plantings of shrubs and trees suited to the soils have also been planned.

Technical personnel in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District have assisted in the planning and development of a camping and fishing recreation area a few miles east of Albia. Soils information furnished by Soil Conservation Service soil scientists have indicated where ponds could be built successfully and where tent and trailer camping could be worked into the conservation plan. Seedlings and tree and shrub plantings suited to the soils have been planned and management recommendations given for the various land use areas including fish ponds.

In the O'Brien County Soil Conservation Service assistance in planning a camping, fishing, and vacation farm has been given. Information on soils, ponds, camp sites, and vacation farms has been given. Information on soils, ponds, camp sites, and vacation farms has been supplied to the farmer-cooperator who is planning this development.

Queen of Conservation Contest to Be July 9

The Queen of Conservation contest for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District will be held July 9 following the band concert on the square.

Two winners will be selected to represent the district at the regional contest, which will be held at the Monroe County 4-H Fair

and Albia Fall Festival in August.

Judging of the local contest will start at 6 p.m., prior to the band concert.

The Rev. Lorents Flak, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, will be master of ceremonies for the July 9 contest.

The deadline for entering the

contest is July 2. Girls wishing to enter should contact the soil conservation office.

June 30, 1964

31 Ponds Stocked

Stocking of fish in 31 farm ponds in the county headed the list of conservation practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the past two weeks. Grassed waterways were also completed on two farms.

The waterways were on the farms of P. M. Bain, Bluff Creek township, 8 acre; and Leo J. Ryan, Jackson township, two acres.

Ponds were stocked on the following farms (one pond was stocked on each farm unless otherwise indicated):

Carl Carlson, Harold Gardner and Paul Stewart (two ponds), Bluff Creek township; Lloyd Ammons, D. E. Cooper and James Wilson (operator), Franklin township; George Ryan, Jackson township; Raymond Jones, Kenneth Newquist and Robert Stuchel, Mantua township; Delmar Hiner, T. J. Luse (three ponds), Claude Rogers, Francis Turner, Frank Wilson and Ted Wilson, Monroe township; Vernon Belzer, Robert Dykstra and John Fynaardt, Pleasant township; Floyd Bettis and Dean James, Troy township; Keith Carder, Francis Daub (two ponds), John Hollinrake and Dallas Tucker, Union township; R. A. Faber, Robert Goode and E. B. Mohr Ranch, Urbana township; and Robert Nastrum, Wayne township.

Soils District Has Its 20th Anniversary

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District this year observes the 20th anniversary of its organization.

What a change has been made in our landscape during those 20 years!

SCS personnel have, with the help of "cooperators," done wonders in conserving our natural resources. And it strikes us that "cooperators" is an excellent name for the farmer participants who have carried out the plans made in conjunction with SCS personnel.

Attitudes have changed over the years. Much of the early work of SCS personnel was concerned with "selling" the idea of soil and water conservation to the "doubting Thomases." Much of it was an educational program.

But attitudes have changed. Farmers have learned the dollars and cents value of conservation practices. Even this past week many of them learned that water still runs down hill and sometimes at a terrific rate and with a force which carries tons of topsoil with it.

Those folks who live in town have come to realize that soil and water conservation is also their concern. For upon it can depend the financial success of the biggest industry in Monroe county.

We're happy to congratulate the Monroe County Soil Conservation district on this 20th anniversary. Our congratulations, too, to the "cooperators" who over the years have done such an excellent job.

All of us in Monroe county are in your debt.

Queen of Conservation Winners Are Chosen

Martha Conway and Janice Crall were chosen Thursday night as winners of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District's Queen of Conservation contest. They will represent the district in the regional contest which will be held Aug. 3 at the Monroe County 4-H Fair.

Miss Conway is a graduate of Albia Community High School and plans to enter nurses training. She has received a March of Dimes scholarship for this purpose.

Her father farms 320 acres near Melrose with a crop and livestock operation. Conservation practices on the farm include contour plowing and planting, terracing, land seeded in trefoil, alfalfa, clover and orchard grass, and two ponds stocked with fish.

Miss Conway is a member of the Young Christian Students, her church choir, and in high school was president of the Nurses Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Latin Club and music groups. Her hobbies include sewing, reading and cooking.

She is 17 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway, Rte. 2, Albia.

Miss Crall, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Crall, 9 N. F St., Albia.

She is a graduate of Albia Community High School and plans to attend Centerville Community College and State College of Iowa, majoring in elementary education. She has a scholarship from the Farm Bureau.

Her father operates a 66-acre livestock and hay farm. Last year he seeded five acres of permanent pasture, and this year cleared five acres of brush and planted trefoil. He plans to add five acres of pasture each year. He also plans to tile a wet area.

In high school Miss Crall was a member of the Spanish Club, music groups, Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Girls Recreation Association and National Honor Society. She is also director of the high school choir at her church.

She has also been active in 4-H work and was a co-runner-up for outstanding 4-H girl in the county. She is a member of a local 4-H club, 4-H Automotive Club and 4-H Junior Leadership Club. She was attended the National Citizenship Laboratory in Washington, D. C., and the state 4-H health camp. She is county historian, and also a member of the 10-county 4-H council.

The two winners each received a silver charm bracelet.

The winner of the regional contest which will be held here will be awarded a wristwatch and will compete with 18 other regional winners for the state crown. The winner of the state contest Sept. 9 at the Plowman's Banquet in Adel will receive \$250 and will be official hostess for the Iowa Contour Plowing Match following the Plowman's Banquet. The plowing match will be held near Van Meter.

Others entered in the district contest Thursday were Lysle Bettis, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bettis, Rte. 5, Albia; Delores Amoss, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Amoss, Rte. 4, Albia; Kathryn Pirnat, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pirnat, Rte. 1, Eddyville; Sharon Chance, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chance, Lovilia; and Charlotte Kline, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Kline Jr., Rte. 4, Albia.

Judges were Mrs. H. C. Peterson, Mrs. C. J. Murray and Frank Bell. The Rev. Lorents Flak was master of ceremonies.

4-H Fair and Fall Festival Aug. 3-5

The Monroe County 4-H Fair and Albia Fall Festival will be held Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 3-5, at the fairgrounds three miles north of Albia on Highway 60.

A feature of the program this year will be a rodeo program Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8. The rodeo will attract some of the top performers from several states in the Midwest.

Monday night's program includes a tractor pulling contest

at 6:30 and the regional Queen of Conservation contest at 8:30.

Exhibits will include 4-H projects, a flower show, and entries in open classes. There will also be a large number of commercial exhibits.

Rock River Rides will provide the carnival.

Rodeo tickets will cost \$1.25 and 60 cents at the gate. They are available in Albia ahead of the rodeo for \$1 and 50 cents.

The sale of 4-H livestock will be Thursday night, Aug. 4, at 7:30 at the Albia Sales Co. across the highway from the fairgrounds.

Wins Soil Speech Contest

Shirley Calhoun of Albia is the winner of the Region 10 Soil Conservation Speech Contest held at Chariton Tuesday. She was awarded a certificate and a check for \$25.

The 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun, she is a senior at Albia Community High School. She represented the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest. Mrs. J. Logan Cain was her advisor.

Miss Calhoun will represent Region 10 in the state contest at Fort Dodge on Sept. 20. The contest will be held in conjunction with the 1964 Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners. Top prize in the contest is a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash.

Co-sponsors of the Soil Conservation Speech Contest are the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company of Grinnell.

12 Practices Completed

Twelve conservation practices were completed in Monroe county farms during the four week period which ended Thursday, according to the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office.

The practices completed are: Diversion terrace—Dale Williams, Monroe township, 950 feet.

Farm ponds—One pond each on the following farms: Charles Scott, Bluff Creek township; Mrs. Francis Heffron, Guilford township; Carl Martin, Jackson township; Earl Rowley, Monroe township; and Raymond Vance, Urbana township.

Grassed waterway—Wayne Thompson, Franklin township, 2 acre.

Wildlife habitat development—One acre each on the following farms: Charles Scott, Bluff Creek township; Mrs. Francis Heffron, Guilford township; Carl Martin, Jackson township; Earl Rowley, Monroe township; and Raymond Vance, Urbana township.

Teacher Attending Conservation Camp

Mrs. Alice Belzer, who will teach in Brooklyn, Iowa schools, is spending three weeks at the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp, being held at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center.

The camp started July 19 and ends Aug. 8. During the three weeks, Mrs. Belzer will learn about conservation by taking field trips, led by a number of

the best experts in the state.

She and approximately 150 other teachers from all parts of Iowa are attending the 15th year of the out door school, which was the first of its kind in the U.S. The camp is sponsored jointly by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, State College of Iowa, and the State Department of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Belzer received a scholarship from the Monroe County Soil Conservation District to attend the camp.

Martha Conway

Wins Conservation Queen Contest for Region 10

Martha Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway of near Melrose, was chosen as Region 10 Queen of Conservation Monday night. The contest was held as part of the Albia Fall Festival program.

Miss Conway, who graduated from Albia Community High School this year, will attend St. Joseph's School of Nursing at Ottumwa this fall. In high school she was active in several organizations, including the Nurses Club, Latin Club and National Honor Society.

She received a wristwatch for winning the regional contest, and will now compete in the state contest Sept. 9. The state contest will be held at the Plowman's Banquet in Adel, with the winner there to serve as official hostess of the 1964 State Soil

Conservation District Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match the following day near Van Meter.

The Conway family, which has nine children, lives on a 320-acre farm near Melrose. Several conservation practices are used on the farm.

Other contestants in the regional contest included Janice Crall, 18, of Albia.

More Conservation Practices Here

Fifteen additional conservation practices were completed on farms in Monroe county during the period Aug. 7-21. The Monroe County Soil Conservation Service office has announced. They are:

Farm ponds—One pond each on the following farms: Gerald C. Peterson, Bluff Creek township; Danny Curran, Jackson township; James Pasut, Monroe township; Martin Roberts, Pleasant township; Sam Bell, Troy township; and Herman Leffler Jr., Urbana township.

Grassed waterways—Ray Dhority, Monroe township, one acre; Greg Comstock, Pleasant township, 1.5 acres; and Martin Roberts, Pleasant township, one acre.

Wildlife habitat development—One acre each on the following farms: Gerald C. Peterson, Bluff Creek township; Danny Curran, Jackson township; James Pasut, Monroe township; Martin Roberts, Pleasant township; Sam Bell, Troy township; and Herman Leffler Jr., Urbana township.

Conservation Group Names Fynaardt

Henry Fynaardt, Rte. 1, Eddyville, was named an assistant commissioner at the Thursday meeting of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners.

Four initial conservation agreements were approved. They were for Raymond Dhority, Monroe township, 92 acres; Herman Leffler Jr., Urbana township, 210 acres; Howard Coe, Guilford township, 270 acres; and Ernest Dicks, Franklin township, 224 acres.

A basic plan was approved for Wayne Maddy, Troy township, for 56 acres. A re-plan was approved for C. T. Maddy, Union township, for 310 acres.

State Conservation Queen Contest Wednesday at Adel

Miss Martha Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway of near Melrose, will compete in the state Queen of Conservation contest which will be held Wednesday at Adel.

The contest will be held at the Plowman's Banquet, with the winner to serve as official hostess of the 1964 State Soil Conservation District Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match Thursday near Van Meter.

Miss Conway and Miss Janet Crall of Albia were winners in the district Queen of Conservation contest in Albia July 10. Miss Conway then won the Region 10 contest held at the Monroe County 4-H Fair and Albia Fall Festival on Aug. 3.

The two district winners received charm bracelets, and Miss Conway received a wrist watch for winning the regional contest. The winner of the state contest will receive \$250.

Miss Conway was graduated this year from Albia Community High School and plans to enter nurses training. She was awarded a March of Dimes scholarship for this purpose.

Her father farms 320 acres near Melrose with a crop and

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livestock operation. Conservation practices on his farm include contour plowing and planting, terracing, land seeded in trefoil, alfalfa, clover and orchard grass, and two ponds stocked with fish.

Miss Conway is a member of Young Christian Students and her church choir, and in high school was president of Nurses Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Latin Club and music groups. Her hobbies include sewing, reading and cooking.

Henry Conway Wins Contest

Henry Conway has been named the Monroe County Soil Conservation District winner in the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest for owner-operators.

Conway, who farms near Melrose, has the following conservation practices on his farm: terracing, 2,600 feet; waterways, 1.1 acres; one farm pond; wildlife area, one acre; contouring, 70 acres; and pasture and meadow renovation, about 50 acres.

One initial agreement has been approved by the district conservation commissioners, for Howard Davis, Bluff Creek township, for 348 acres.

Basic planned approved are for Clifford Lungren, Guilford township, 520 acres; Richard Maddy, Union township 80 acres; and Dale Williams, 275 acres.

A cancellation for L. E. Thompson, Urbana township, 194 acres, was also approved.

Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson was the winner of 1,000 feet of standard terraces in a drawing at the county fair last week.

Practices Completed

Thirteen conservation practices have been completed on Monroe county farms during the period July 24-Aug. 6. They are:

Farm ponds—One pond on each of the following farms: William K. Post, Bluff Creek township; Russell Hindman, Mantua township; Max Lewis, Mantua township; Lawrence Amoss, Troy township; Ed Crall, Troy township; and Ronald Storm, operator, Wayne township.

Grassed waterway—Lloyd Dykstra, Pleasant township, 1.1 acres.

Wildlife habitat development—One acre each on the following farms: William K. Post, Bluff Creek township; Russell Hindman, Mantua township; Max Lewis, Mantua township; Lawrence Amoss, Troy township; Ed Crall, Troy township; and Ronald Storm, operator, Wayne township.

Judge Native Pastures In This Year's Contest

This year's pasture contest will be divided into five classes with native pastures as well as renovated pastures to be judged.

The pasture tour and contest will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, sponsored by the Monroe County Extension Service and Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the Albia Post Office. The group will arrive back in Albia for lunch at noon, and will leave again at 1:30 p.m. The tour will end by 3:30 p.m.

The classes to be judged, by those on the tour, are:

- 1-A—1964 Trefoil seedings.
- 1-B—1964 seedings other than Trefoil.
- 2-A—Trefoil seedings prior to 1964.
- 2-B—Other seedings prior to 1964.
- 3—Native pastures (bluegrass).

Judging for the first four classes will be on this basis:

Establishment (soil test, lime and fertilizer, seeding methods, and stand)—20 per cent.

Management (grazing management, weed control)—30 per cent.

Conservation practices (erosion control, stable waterways)—20 per cent.

Land use-utilization (increased usefulness, adapted to location, use of season's growth)—20 per cent.

General appearance of farm and other pastures—10 per cent.

The basis for judging native pastures will be:

Management (control of medium to light brush, clipping, spray program to control weeds and light brush, light fertilization and liming, grazing management)—50 per cent.

Conservation practices (erosion control, stable waterways)—20 per cent.

Land use-utilization (increased usefulness, adapted to location, use of season's growth)—20 per cent.

General appearance of farm and other pastures—10 per cent.

Farmers wishing to enter pastures in any of the five divisions should complete the form below and send it to the soil conservation office:

Name	_____
Township	_____
No. of Acres	_____
Kind of Pasture	_____
Trefoil	_____
Other mixtures	_____
Native grasses	_____
Date Seeded	_____

Progress Is Being Recorded In Soil, Water Conservation

More than 79,000 Iowa farmers are applying soil and water conservation practices on 14.5 million acres of Iowa land.

"In reviewing the conservation achievements of Iowa's soil conservation districts, we just can't help expressing pride and thankfulness in their accomplishments," says William H. Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

Grainer says about 56,000 of the 79,000 district cooperators have now developed complete soil and water conservation plans on over 10 million acres of agricultural land. During the past year, 3,807 district cooperators developed complete farm conservation plans on 706,000 acres. According to Greiner, 1963 tops any other year for the number of farmers cooperating with Iowa's soil conservation districts.

During 1963 the Soil Conservation Service technicians provided services to more than 41,000 individual land owners and operators, 2,700 organized groups of farmers and over 1,600 consultative type services to urban people.

Terracing is the most significant of all the land treatment measures applied to Iowa farm land to control erosion, run-off water and siltation. In 1963 land owners and operators in Iowa installed 1,700 miles of terraces and 167 miles of diversion type terraces—about 12 per cent more than a year ago. As of December 31, 1963, 46,000 miles of terraces have been installed on Iowa farms.

The use of level terraces in the western Iowa deep loess soil area have been a major help in solving erosion problems. Here gullies have been retarded or stopped and floods drastically reduced by this practice.

Level terraces furnish a partial solution to the moisture shortage. For example, in 1956, a dry year, corn yields in Shelby county measured 104 bushels in the terrace channel and 41 bushels in

the area between terraces. Experimental plots in Castana have shown similar results in years with less than average rainfall during the growing season. However, in years in which rainfall is heavy, there may be a reduction in corn yield where too much water is concentrated in the channel area. Since dry years probably occur more frequently than wet years in this area, yields should be enhanced by use of level terraces.

Soil surveys were completed on over one million acres, bringing the total to date to almost 13.5 million acres in Iowa. Modern soil surveys have now been completed and published for the following counties: Adams, Allamakee, Humboldt, Jefferson, Monona, Lucas, Polk, Shelby, Tama, Taylor and Van Buren.

Construction operations in 1963 in 16 small watershed projects and 11 sub-watersheds of the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project show contracts totaling \$18 million.

As of January 1, 1964, total funds spent on construction of 21 small watershed projects, including three completed projects, totaled almost \$3.4 million.

Small watershed projects in Iowa now total 1.2 million acres.

The Little Sioux Flood Prevention projects embraces 2.9 million acres in northwest Iowa and southwestern Minnesota.

Farm Ponds Completed

Eight additional conservation practices—four farm ponds and four wildlife habitat developments—were completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the period Aug. 24-Sept. 3.

The farm ponds were on the farms of George Klobnak, Bluff Creek township; John J. Crall, Guilford township; W. W. Vance, Mantua township; and John Blomgren, Union township.

A one-acre wildlife habitat was completed on each of these four farms.

Farm Ponds Are Stocked

Twelve conservation practices were completed on Monroe county farms during the period Sept. 4 through Sept. 17. These include stocking of eight farm fish ponds.

The projects completed are these:

Farm pond construction—Carl Fisher, Urbana township, one pond.

Diversion terraces—G. C. Barnes, Pleasant township, 1,300 feet.

Fish pond stocking—One pond each on the following farms: Bill Hagerman, Franklin township; Lyle Cloyd, Monroe township; James Wilson (operator), Franklin township; Frank Wilson, Monroe township; Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township; Alva Chance, Bluff Creek township; Greg Comstock, Pleasant township; and James Wilkin, Bluff Creek township.

Open farm drainage ditch—Tom and Ed Luttrell, Guilford township, 1,450 feet.

Wildlife habitat development—Carl Fisher, Urbana township, one acre.

Plan Tour Of Pastures

The annual pasture tour and contest is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1, and will start at 9 a.m. at the Albia Post Office.

The tour will feature stops at farms using sorghum-sudan crosses for pasture and visits with farmers who have harvested trefoil seed.

Farmers can enter any of the five divisions which are 1964 trefoil seedings; old trefoil seedings; 1964 alfalfa seedings; old alfalfa seedings; and native or grass pastures. Entries can be made by contacting the Soil Conservation Office or the Extension Office located in the Post Office Building in Albia.

Farmers going on the tour will take part in the judging of the entries. Judging is based on stand establishment, preparation of seed bed, use of fertilizer and lime and control of weeds. Winners of each division will be presented plaques at the annual Alfalfa Banquet. Lunch will be furnished and the group will leave the Post Office at 1:30 p.m. after a short noon meeting.

Conservation Queen Named Wednesday

Miss Sherry Teachout of Faragut was named Wednesday night as the 1964 Iowa Queen of Conservation.

Miss Martha Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conway of near Melrose, was one of the 11 regional winners competing in the contest, held at the Plowman's Banquet in Adel.

Request Help In Watershed

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners Tuesday night approved making application for planning assistance by the Department of Agriculture in the Georgetown Watershed.

The Georgetown Watershed is an area of 5,568 acres, including 33 farms, south of Georgetown in Guilford and Franklin townships.

A watershed program provides conservation measures where a group of farms is affected by a conservation problem.

At Tuesday night's meetings, four initial conservation agreements were approved. They were for Jim Beary, Cedar township, 240 acres; William C. Derby, Troy township, 110 acres; Ed Crall, Guilford township, 40 acres; and George Rinehart, Franklin township, 400 acres.

Basic plans were approved for Edgar Weldon, Bluff Creek township, 448 acres; Vernon Belzer, Pleasant township, 184 acres; and James D. Areges, Urbana township, 118 acres.

A re-plan was approved for Ed Crall, Troy township, for 437.5 acres, in addition to 339.5 acres under another plan.

Cancellations were approved for Falvey Brothers, Wayne township, 244 acres; and H. J. Hodgson, Troy township, 110 acres.



On Pasture Tour

Part of the group on the Monroe county pasture tour last Thursday examines the trefoil pasture on the farm of Tobe Reed (second from right) north of Albia. Looking at the pasture are (left to right) an Anlington, Iowa, farmer, who came

here for the tour because he is interested in planting trefoil on his farm in northeast Iowa; Dale Uehling, county extension director; and Floyd Ransom, manager of the Albia Experimental Farm.

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12 Conservation Practices Here

Twelve conservation practices were completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the period Sept. 18-Oct. 1. They are:

Diversion terraces — Thomas McCarty, Jackson township, 735 feet; Ed Crall, Troy township, 150 feet.

Farm ponds — Elmer Vance, Mantua township, one pond; Lloyd Clark, Troy township, one pond.

Grassed waterways — Howard Davis, Bluff Creek township, .3 acre; Ollie Kaldenberg, Bluff Creek township, 2.5 acres; Beatrice Thorp, Mantua township, two acres; Russell Maddy, Cedar township, .3 acre.

Open farm drainage ditch — Thomas McCarty, Jackson township, 700 feet.

Pasture planting — Donald Berto, Pleasant township, 20 acres.

Wildlife habitat development — Elmer Vance, Mantua township, one acre; Lloyd Clark, Troy township, one acre.

Conservation Work Is Completed Here

Fourteen conservation practices were completed on Monroe county farms during the period Oct. 2-15, according to the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office.

The practices completed are:

Diversion terrace — Harold Noem, Union township, 2,400 feet.

Farm ponds — Walter Phippen, Jackson township, one pond; Mrs. Francis Shehan, Jackson township, one pond; Lawrence Dage, Mantua township, one pond; Fred Majors, Troy township, one pond.

Grade stabilization structure — Mrs. William Chidester, Mantua township, one structure.

Grassed waterways — Clifford Davis, Bluff Creek township, .8 acre; Carl Martin, Jackson township, two acres; Lloyd Clark, Troy township, 2.5 acres; Ed Crall, Troy township, .4 acre.

Wildlife habitat development — Walter Phippen, Jackson township, one acre; Mrs. Francis Shehan, Jackson township, one acre; Laurence Dage, Mantua township, one acre; Fred Majors, Troy township, one acre.

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15 Projects Completed

Fifteen conservation projects were completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the period Oct. 16-29. The projects completed were:

Contouring — John Peterson, Monroe township, 75 acres.

Farm ponds — Mabel Blomgren, Bluff Creek township, one pond; Edgar Weldon, Bluff Creek township, one pond; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, one pond; Albin Walberg, Wayne township, one pond.

Grassed waterways — Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, three acres; George Starcevic, Guilford township, 2 acre; James Bunch, Union township, one acre; Lloyd Hayman, Wayne township, .7 acre.

Open farm drainage ditch — John Yacko, Guilford township, 1,025 feet.

Tile — Virgil Scribner, Pleasant township, 4,000 feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Mabel Blomgren, Bluff Creek township, one acre; Edgar Wel-

don, Bluff Creek township, one acre; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, one acre; Albin Walberg, Wayne township, one acre.

The district commissioners met last week and approved five basic conservation plans. They were for the farms of Orval Thomas, Union township, 120 acres; George A. Rinehart, Franklin township, 400 acres; Carroll D. DeZwarte, Cedar township, 100 acres; Eldred Estlack, Urbana township, 263 acres; and Bob Faber, Urbana township, 195 acres. The conservation plan on the Ray Rinehart farm, Franklin township, 190 acres, was cancelled.

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Banquet Is Wednesday

The 26th annual Alfalfa Banquet will be held Wednesday evening in the Albia Community High School fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Wilbur Schaeffer, an authority on atomic energy, whose topic will be "The Food Industry in the Atomic Age."

The Old Gold Singers, a group from the University of Iowa, will sing. Shirley Calhoun, an Albia Community High School student, will give a soil conservation speech. A group from Central College in Pella will provide dinner music.

Ollie Kaldenberg will award plaques to winners of the Monroe county pasture contest.

Scholarship Is Approved

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners Tuesday approved a tuition scholarship for Mrs. Florence Turner, fifth grade teacher at Lincoln School, to attend the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp next summer.

The camp, at Springbrook State Park, is sponsored by State College of Iowa and the Iowa State Conservation Commission.

The commissioners also approved:

An initial conservation agreement for Lucille McCoy, Cedar township, 324 acres.

Basic plans for Owen W. Lewis, Franklin township, 120 acres; Maurice Seieszinski, Wayne township, 160 acres; Richard Dean James, Troy township, 130 acres; and Ed Kraber, Mantua township, 387 acres.

Agreement cancellations for Earl Griffin, Pleasant township, 49 acres; Conway Bros., Jackson township, 469 acres; and J. Carl Johnston, Mantua township, 154 acres.

13 Projects Completed

Thirteen soil conservation projects were completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the period Oct. 30 through Nov. 12. They were:

Drainage main — Dave Summers, Guilford township, 850 feet; Verla Martin, Union township, 1,800 feet.

Farm pond — Jim Beary, Cedar township, one pond; John Hollinrake, Cedar township, one pond; Paul Hollinrake, Cedar township, one pond; Alfred Blomgren, Wayne township, one pond.

Grassed waterway — Steve Kurimski, Cedar township, one acre; Ed Walsh, Cedar township, 2.5 acres.

Drainage field ditch — Dave Summers, Guilford township, 450 feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Jim Beary, Cedar township, one acre; John Hollinrake, Cedar township, one acre; Paul Hollinrake, Cedar township, one acre; Alfred Blomgren, Wayne township, one acre.

Conservationist Is Reassigned

Tom Brown, an agricultural engineer for the Soil Conservation Service, has been assigned from the Albia office to the office in Marion. He went to Marion Monday.

11 Practices Completed

Eleven conservation practices were completed on farms in Monroe county during the period Nov. 13 through Dec. 3, according to the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office. The completed practices are:

Contouring — Lloyd Hogeland, Cedar township, 12 acres.

Drainage main — Ed Clark, Franklin township, 1,135 feet; and T. J. Watkins, Guilford township, 2,050 feet.

Farm pond — Charles Ryan, Cedar township, one pond; Ed Kelleher, Guilford township, one acre; and Leo Cronin, Jackson township, one pond.

Grassed waterway — John Slagter Jr., Bluff Creek township, two acres; and Richard Maddy, Union township, 8 acres.

Wildlife habitat development — Charles Ryan, Cedar township, one acre; Ed Kelleher, Guilford township, one acre; and Leo Cronin, Jackson township, one acre.

Give Awards For Pasture Development

Four Monroe county farmers Wednesday night received awards for the 1964 pasture contest, sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District and the Monroe County Extension Service.

Charles Mock and Harry Keyes, Troy township, received plaques for winning the new trefoil seedling division of the contest. They jointly operate the farm on which the winning pasture has been seeded.

Wayne Clark, Monroe township, received the plaque for the best established trefoil pasture.

Lennart Larson, Bluff Creek township, received the plaque for the best alfalfa and orchard grass meadow.

Henry Conway, Jackson township, was presented a certificate for being the county winner in the owner-operator division of the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest.

The awards were presented at the 26th annual Alfalfa Banquet, held in the Albia Community High School fieldhouse.

Conservation Plans Approved Tuesday

The Monroe County Soil Conservation commissioners met Tuesday and approved five basic conservation plans for farms.

The basic plans are for Howard Davis, Bluff Creek township, 348 acres; Joe Hollinrake, Cedar township, 420 acres; Howard Coe, Guilford township, 270 acres; Herman Leffler Jr., Urbana township, 210 acres; and Mrs. Leota Elder, Troy township, 286 acres.

An initial agreement was approved for Charles S. Laughead, Troy township, 115 acres.

Cancellations were approved for Steve B. Sinnott, Wayne township, 200 acres; and Fred Strong, Urbana township, 105 acres.

The calendar of 1965 activities was also approved.



Soil Conservation District Now Has 617 Cooperators

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District added 36 new cooperators during the year July 1, 1963-June 30, 1964, the annual report of the district approved at last week's meeting, shows. The total number of cooperators in the district after June 30, was 617.

Twenty-six new basic farm plans were approved, with plans completed for 519 farms in the county. Nine plans were revised during the year.

Soil conservation surveys were completed for 6,610 acres, with total surveys of 186, 110 acres now completed.

Amounts of conservation work completed during the 12 months were:

- Brush control—214 acres.
- Contour plowing—1,019 acres.
- Diversion terraces—16,725 feet.
- Farm ponds—66.
- Fish pond stocking—36.
- Grade stabilization structures—four.
- Grassed waterways—173 acres.
- Drainage main—1,250 feet.
- Pasture and hayland renovation—288 acres.
- Pasture and hayland planting—164 acres.
- Spring development—one.
- Drainage field ditch—7,300 feet.
- Gradient terrace—14,350 feet.
- Parallel terrace—3,000 feet.
- Tile drainage—73,800 feet.
- Wildlife habitat preservation—24 acres.
- Wildlife habitat development—91 acres.

Activities of the district during the calendar year which just ended are also included in the report. They include:

The commissioners signed a request for Rural Renewal in Monroe county.

A resolution was approved to encourage further efforts on rural planning and zoning and appointment of a zoning commission in Monroe county.

The commissioners banquet and

election was held in April. Ollie Kaldenberg was elected commissioner. Commissioners' awards were given to Wayne Clark, H. A. Shafer and The Albia NEWSpapers.

Pat Carbin was elected chairman, Bob McGinnis, treasurer, Ollie Kaldenberg, member, and Dale Uehling, secretary.

A tour for ministers was held during Soil Stewardship Week.

Shirley Calhoun of Monroe county was the winner of the regional soil conservation speech contest.

Martha Conway and Janice Crall were county Queen of Conservation winners, with Miss Conway the regional winner.

Henry Conway was winner of the Register and Tribune owner-operator division conservation contest for the county.

Application was made for plan-

ning assistance for the Georgetown Watershed.

The pasture tour was held with Wayne Clark, Lennart Larson, Charles Mock and Harry Keyes the winners.

The program for 1965 was also approved at last week's meeting. Included on the program are:

April
County Conservation Speech Contest.

May
Tour for Soil Stewardship Week. Distribute material for ministers for Soil Stewardship Week.

June
Soil and Water Conservation Week.

July
Register and Tribune contest.

August
Queen of Conservation contest.

September
Annual pasture tour and contest.

November
Cooperate in Alfalfa Banquet.

December
Goodyear contest.

Initial Agreements For Two Farms

Initial conservation agreements for two farms were approved last week by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. The initial agreements were for the farms of Charles Scott, Bluff Creek township, 190 acres; and Mrs. Frank N. Bay, Mantua township, 405 acres.

A basic plan was approved for Germain C. Barnes, Pleasant township, 85 acres.

A re-plan was approved for Delbert and Guy Love, Bluff Creek township, adding 120 acres for a total of 320 acres covered by the plan.

Cancellations were approved for W. P. Lynch, Guilford township, 120 acres; Clell Plough, Pleasant township, 387 acres; Tom W. Forester, Troy township, 278 acres; L. A. Anawalt, Urbana township, 240 acres; Dave Nelson, Troy township, 120 acres; and John Landsperger, Union township, 320 acres.

Foster, 80, Dies Monday

James W. Foster, 80, a former state representative from Monroe county, died Monday night at Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield. He had had a stroke Dec. 28.

Foster was also a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee from 1948 to 1960 and twice served as chairman. He was a former Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioner.

He was also a past-president of the Monroe County Farm Bureau and had been active in 4-H work.

He was chairman of the local Farm Debt Advisory Council during the depression years.

For many years he was a Sunday school teacher at First Methodist Church in Albia.

He farmed four miles north of Albia.

The son of Samuel T. and Margaret A. Foster, he was born near Albia Nov. 2, 1884. On Aug. 4, 1910, he married Grace Adair in Kansas.

He attended a business college in Des Moines.

Surviving are his widow; three sons, Hoyle Foster of San Antonio, Tex.; Delbert Foster of Gaithersburg, Md.; and James Foster of Hebron, Neb.; four grandchildren; a sister, Miss Elva M. Foster of Hebron, Neb.; and a brother, Charles Foster of Wichita, Kan. Four sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

The funeral was today at 2:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Henry Hackman, officiating. Burial was in Oak View cemetery.

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SOIL CONVERSATION

"This Field Sure Sprung a Leak!"



Soil Conservation Society of America

The crows advise against such "leaks"! And they can be prevented. Terraces, contour farming, strip cropping, farm ponds, proper drainage, grass waterways — are some of the practices to save the valuable resources of soil and water. If your runoff problem involves more than your farm perhaps a community watershed project is the answer. See your local soil conservation district about the problem.

Conservation Group Approves Plans

The Monroe County Conservation District Commissioners met Thursday night.

Initial agreements were approved for George Starcevic, for 177 acres in Guilford township; Clayton Newell, 187 acres, Pleasant township; Paul Eugene Post, 320 acres, Union township; and the Monroe County Conservation Board, 40 acres, Bluff Creek township.

The 40-acre tract owned by the Conservation Board is to be developed as a recreation area adjacent to the Miami Lake tract. The lake is a State Conservation Commission project scheduled for construction this summer.

A basic plan was approved for James Beary, 240 acres, Cedar township.

A re-plan was approved for Mrs. Wilma Faber, adding 133 acres for 265 acres, Bluff Creek township.

A cancellation was approved for Ruben Faber, 167 acres, Urbana township.

Vote Scholarship For Mrs. Lindberg

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners Tuesday night approved a scholarship for Mrs. Hjalmar Lindberg of Albia to pay her tuition at the teachers conservation camp at Springbrook State Park this summer. The camp is sponsored by State College of Iowa and the Iowa State Conservation Commission.

Basic conservation plans were approved for the following farms: Ernest Dicks, Franklin township, 224 acres; Merwyn H. Gray, Bluff Creek township, 80 acres; Raymond Dhority, Monroe township, 92 acres; and William C. Derby, Troy township, 107 acres.

A re-plan was approved for Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, 417 acres, adding 279 acres.

Cancellations were approved for Lee Jones, Mantua township, 200 acres; and Everett Thurman, Mantua township, 165 acres.

SCS Is Assembling Data On Watershed Problems

Pat Carbin, chairman of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, announced Thursday that agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are making a joint study of watershed problems and project needs of all counties in Iowa.

Carbin said that Dale Parker, local Soil Conservation Service work unit conservationist, recently attended a training workshop at Ottumwa to obtain detailed procedures for conduct of the survey in Monroe county.

All interested government agencies and groups, Carbin said, have been invited to participate and assist in assembling data, problems and needs to complete the study.

Lyall Mitchell, Soil Conservation Service area conservationist at Fairfield, said the objectives of this study are to:

1. Determine the extent and seriousness of floodwater damage, sediment problems, water quality, water based recreation needs, farm drainage needs, rural and municipal water supply, and fish and wildlife development needs, in all watersheds of the state, county by county, which have potential and a possibility of being solved by projects now authorized by Public Law 566 (the Watershed Act) as amended by Congress.

2. To provide data on these same problems now needed for the comprehensive river basin study now underway in the Upper Mississippi River and Missouri River Basin states. These

river basin surveys are under the leadership of the Army Corps of Engineers with other departments of government and the states assisting.

Carbin pointed out that the present amendments to Public Law 566 permit federal cost-share assistance to locally organized groups of landowners for solving problems of floodwater and sediment damage, land drainage, rural water supply, fish and wildlife development, water quality control, and water based recreation.

Organized groups of landowners may apply for assistance under the Small Watershed Act, Carbin said. Detailed information on organization and development of watershed projects is available from the county extension office or Soil Conservation Service office.

Speech Contest Set for May 10

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners Tuesday set May 10 as the date for the district conservation speech contest.

Seven initial conservation agreements were approved. They were for Robert Black, Cedar township, 160 acres; John Joe Curran, Jackson township, 802 acres; Mary T. Seieszinski, Wayne township, 177 acres; Raymond Vance, Urbana township, 180 acres; Richard Van Loon, Pleasant township, 219 acres; Eugene Stewart, Mantua township, 200 acres; and Harry W. Wray, Jackson township, 236 acres.

A basic plan was approved for Francis Turner, Monroe township, 449 acres. A re-plan was approved for Michael Galer, Wayne township, 158 acres. A cancellation was approved for James W. Foster, Bluff Creek township, 73 acres.

Soil Tour Is May 10

The annual Soil Stewardship Week tour will be held next Monday, May 10. The tour will leave the Albia post office at 1 p.m.

The tour is sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District for all ministers of the county and others interested in conservation.

Those on the tour will see examples of conservation practices on farms in the county.

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Recreation Inventory Completed

An inventory of public and private outdoor recreation facilities in Monroe County has been completed for use of state and federal agricultural and recreational agencies, such as the Farmers Home Administration, Soil Conservation Service and State Conservation Commission.

The inventory was completed by Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation Service, who was assisted by Mark Uhlenhake, state conservation officer for this area.

The inventory lists four public and one private recreation area. They are:

PUBLIC Stephens State Forest

Operated by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, it is located in Cedar township. It is a woodland area, with plant and animal life as prominent features. The forest is 803 acres, with 3 acre of water area. None of the area is developed, with the entire 803 acres suitable for development. Recreation facilities are: scenery, nature observation, hiking, camping (tent or pack), picnicking (with two picnic tables), hunting for small game (squirrels, quail, fox, raccoon and rabbits), hunting for large game (white tail deer). There is no water, toilets or shelter.

Cottonwood State Park

Operated by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, it is located in Monroe township. It consists of grassland and water. Prominent features are its lakes, plant life and animal life. Its 55 acres includes 11 acres of lake. The remaining 44 acres is fully developed for recreation. Recreation activities are: scenery, nature observation, hiking, camping, picnicking (tent or trailer), picnicking, fresh water lake fishing, hunting small game (squirrels, quail and raccoon), hunting waterfowl (shallow feeding ducks such as mallard and pintail), and boating (rowboat or canoe). There are no tables or shelter.

Lahart Area

This area, operated by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, is in Union township. It consists of woodland, grassland, marsh and bog and brushland. Prominent features are its water area, plant life and animal life. The 186 acres include 30 acres of water, with the remaining 156 acres suitable for recreation development. Recreation activities are: scenery, nature observation, hiking, camping (tent or trailer), freshwater lake fishing, hunting small game (pheasants, squirrels, quail, fox, raccoon and rabbits), hunting large game (white tail deer), hunting waterfowl (shallow feeding ducks such as mallard and pintail), boating (canoe). There are no toilets or pure water.

Albia City Reservoir

This area, operated by the Albia Water Department, is located in Troy township. It includes grassland, water and developed areas, such as roads and parking areas. Prominent features are water, plant life and animal life. The 100 acres includes 30 acres of water, with the remaining 70 acres developed for recreation. Recreation activities are: scenery, nature observation, hiking, picnicking, fresh water lake fishing, waterfowl hunting (shallow feeding ducks such as mallard and pintail), deep feeding ducks such as canvasback and scaup, and geese, and boating (rowboat, mo-

SOIL CONVERSATION

"These Renovated Pastures Really are 'Bully'!"



The crows recognize that it may not be the farm for "peaches and cream" nor "milk and honey"—but it's a "honey" just the same. Economical beef production can be the secret to increased income on your farm. And renovated pastures supply young beef animals with a nutritious diet—and increase soil fertility at the same time. Get advice on such a practice from your local soil conservation district. Now!

torboat and canoe). There is no swimming. Fees are charged for blinds.

PRIVATE Curfew Acres

This recreation business, operated by Wayne Sample, is located five miles east of Albia on Highway 34. It includes 63 acres used for recreation, with 1.5 acres of water. Recreation activities offered are:

Camping—Tent camping with standard facilities, such as access roads, parking space, cooking and eating facilities, trash disposal, etc. Trailer park camping with standard facilities, and with sewage connections. Along with camping activities are nature observation, hiking, picnicking (four tables). There are 30 tent sites, 30 trailer camping sites, and 20 transient trailer camping sites.

Field sports—Five trap shooting units will be offered. Ponies are available for children. Group shelters and cord wood supply are available for picnicking.

Fishing waters—A pond stocked with catfish is available.

Riding stable—Horseback riding and a pony-drawn carriage are available.

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farm is only \$2,600 dollars. But many are far below that.

In West Germany the farm population has dropped since 1950 from 25 per cent to 14 per cent of the total population. Even so, farm incomes are estimated to be lagging 38 per cent behind those of the rest of the country.

OECD officials note that governments throughout the Western world have sought patched up solutions in the shape of farm subsidies, guaranteed minimum prices and tariff walls against agricultural produce.

But they say these are only unsatisfactory, short term measures.

OECD officials have concluded that only through further drastic reductions in farm populations and merging of small holdings into huge, commercially-operated farms can agriculture be made to pay.

They would combine this with scrapping of farm subsidies and a general drop in farm prices, which they argue would benefit industrial and commercial workers and encourage a further exodus from farming.

Tour and Speech Contest Today

The annual Soil Stewardship Week tour and the district soil conservation speech contest are being held today.

The tour began at 1 p.m. for ministers and other persons interested in conservation. The

group visited the Max Lewis, Russell Hindman and Wayne Sample farms.

The speech contest was held at 4 p.m. at Albia Community High School for students who attend high school in Monroe county.

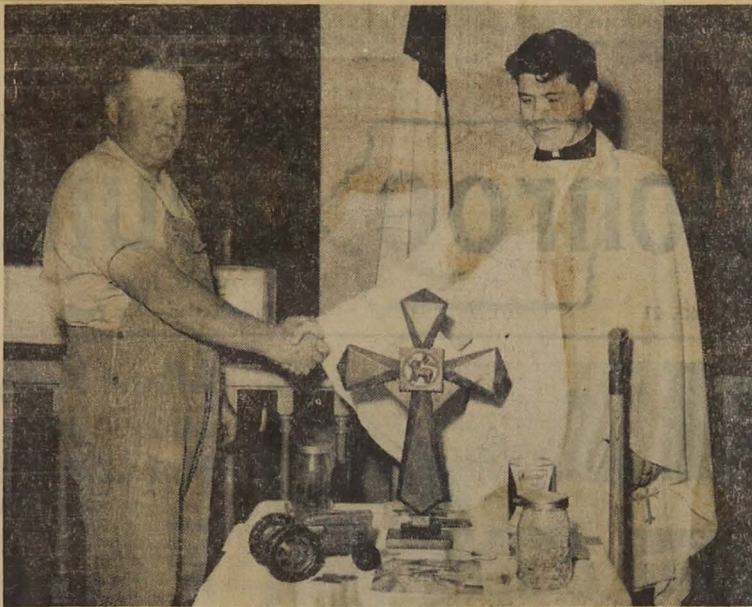
Judy Stuchel Is Winner

Judy Stuchel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stuchel of Albia, was the winner in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District speech contest held Monday afternoon at the high school.

She qualifies to compete in the regional conservation speech contest. The date of the regional contest, has not been announced.

David Shelquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shelquist of Moravia was second. Lysle Bettis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bettis of Albia, was third.

Six high school students competed in the contest.



Tools of Christianity

This display at St. Paul's Lutheran Church used Sunday for Rogate Sunday emphasizes the principal of the observance, that agriculture is a Christian ac-

tivity. With the pastor, the Rev. Lorents Flak, is Lorence Anderson, a farmer and member of the church.

Biblical and Social Basis Of Soil Stewardship Week

By Rev. Henry Hackman

Iowa State University has published a booklet titled "It's Your Soil, too!" It tells of early explorers coming to Iowa. Here they found hardwood forests growing along the larger streams. On the vast prairies grasses grew that were taller than man. Because of the cycle of living and dying among the plants and animals, there was very little waste.

Today the picture has changed. Wind and water are eroding soil on sloping land which is not adequately protected. Soil is being wasted by poor land use and through failure to use the right management practices. It is essential that we become aware of the proper use of land and learn good stewardship, for we are dependent on the soil. This is especially true in Iowa, which is primarily a farming state. Nearly three-fourths of the total area of Iowa is cultivated cropland. Iowa's prosperity depends on producing good crops, which in turn depends upon the productivity of

the soil. The best productivity will be obtained only through the practice of good soil stewardship.

This is our obligation as children of God, for so did God order:

"And God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creeps on the earth, every thing that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good."—Genesis 1:28-31.

Subsoil Moisture 6.6, Eight Inches in April

April subsoil moisture under corn and pasture at the Albia Experimental Farm was improved over the low measurements taken in November.

Moisture under land used for corn in 1964 was 6.6 inches in the top five feet. Under pasture, the measurement was eight inches in five feet. The measurements in November had been one inch and 2.3 inches.

The ideal moisture reserve for April would be around eight to nine inches. Above this, spring rains, particularly if above normal, could cause wet conditions. Below this the reserve is a little low.

In view of the present moisture situation in this area, the Cooperative Extension Service says there is not much point in aiming for corn populations below 16,000 plants per acre at harvest time. If populations are below this level and normal rainfall occurs, there won't be enough plants to take advantage of the moisture. In areas with less than eight inches of subsoil moisture, final stands should not be more than 16,000 plants per acre.

Regardless of the moisture sit-

uation, a good fertility program should be used, according to the Extension Service.

Measurements here under corn land in the spring have ranged from 10.6 inches in 1962 down to .7 inch in 1956. Under pasture, the measurements have ranged from 9.9 inches in 1962 down to 1.1 inches in 1965.

The location of the moisture measured on April 19 this year, according to depth, was:

Under Corn	
0-1 feet	2.6 inches
1-2 feet	1.6 inches
2-3 feet	1.1 inches
3-4 feet	.6 inch
4-5 feet	.7 inch

Under Pasture	
0-1 feet	2.1 inches
1-2 feet	1.7 inches
2-3 feet	1.7 inches
3-4 feet	1.3 inches
4-5 feet	1.2 inches

Other measurements in this area include 9.1 inches under corn at Knoxville. Results of measurements taken in Davis county are not available because the samples were lost in shipment.

READ THE WANT ADS

Rural, Urban Responsibility For Soil Stewardship

"Challenges of Growth" is this year's theme for the annual observance throughout the nation of Soil Stewardship Week, a hitherto rural activity that is going to town.

Special services in churches of varying faiths in this area Sunday opened the week. Other observances will take place next Sunday, May 30.

Chairman Pat Carbin of the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District Board explained that this year more than ever the responsibility of the town and city dweller is being emphasized in the annual observance.

"It is not an idea for farming areas alone," he pointed out. "Our neighbors in town have a great stake in what happens to the land that sustains us, and it is a stake that will grow in importance as our national family grows and producing acreages become less."

Carbin said that the present abundance in food and fiber is a blessing that we can't expect to last year after year but that conservation use of our resources now can mean a dependable agriculture for generations.

Booklets and other materials for the week's observance are being provided by the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Carbin said. The association has the help of an advisory committee of churchmen representing various denominations in developing the materials, he added.

Observance of Soil Stewardship Week usually is in the form of sermons on mankind's divine obligation in the use of the soil and its related resources, Carbin said. However, visits by pastor groups and members of their congregations to see conservation work are becoming more and more frequent. A Soil Stewardship tour

for local ministers was held earlier this month.

Many ACP Projects Completed

Work on Agricultural Conservation Practice projects on Monroe county farms were off to a slow start this year because of the wet spring. By Thursday, however, 24 practices had been completed. They are:

Contouring — Howard Davis, Bluff Creek township, 27 acres; Ollie Kaldenberg, Bluff Creek township, 17 acres; John Slagter Jr., Bluff Creek township, 40 acres; Steve Kurimski, Cedar township, 21 acres; William Hagerman, Franklin township, 50 acres; K. C. Potts, Franklin township, 20 acres; Mrs. Francis Heffron, Guilford township, 11 acres; Tracy Forsythe, Mantua township, 20 acres; Donald Berto, Pleasant township, 12 acres; Lyle Haselhuhn, Pleasant township, 20 acres; William C. Derby, Troy township, 12 acres; and Mrs. Leota Elder, Troy township, eight acres.

Diversion terrace—Henry Fynaardt, Pleasant township, 700 feet.

Farm ponds—Tom Barron, Cedar township, one pond; K. C. Potts, Franklin township, one pond; Dr. Ray Avera, Monroe township, one pond.

Grassed waterway — Richard Roberts, Pleasant township, three acres; Eldred Estlack, Urbana township, 1.5 acres.

Terraces—Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 2,850 feet; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, 8,100 feet.

Tile — Clifford Belzer, Bluff Creek township, 2,000 feet.

Wildlife habitat development

— Tom Barron, Cedar township, one acre; K. C. Potts, Franklin township, 5 acres; Dr. Ray Avera, Monroe township, one acre.

Conservation Group Meets Tuesday

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners met Tuesday night and approved three initial conservation agreements. They were for Loran Lamb, Guilford township, 520 acres; John Baugh, Cedar township, 260 acres; and C. R. Peterson, Wayne township, 257 acres.

A re-plan was approved for Lyle Haselhuhn, Pleasant township, 335 acres, adding 155 acres.

Cancellations were approved for James Hannum, Jackson township, 240 acres; G. C. and W. C. Stuart, Wayne township, 250 acres; and Walter Napier, Pleasant township, 155 acres.

Conservation Practices Completed in District

A total of 37 conservation practices has been completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the period

May 21 through June 3. The completed practices are:

Diversion terraces — Russell Hindman, Mantua township, 1-

300 feet; Max Lewis, Mantua township, 3,500 feet; Henry Fyn-aardt, Pleasant township, 800 feet.

Farm ponds — Raymond Hopwood, Cedar township, one pond; Chester Duer, Wayne township, one pond.

Fish Pond stocking — Alva Chance, Bluff Creek township; George Klobnak, Bluff Creek township; James Wilkin, Bluff Creek township; James Wilkin, Bluff Creek township; Jack Pope, Cedar township; Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township; William Hagerman, Franklin township; James Wilson, Franklin township; Ed Kelleher, Guilford township; Leo Cronin, Jackson township; Russell Hindman, Mantua township; LeRoy Brown, Monroe township; Emil Pasut, Monroe township; James Pasut, Monroe township; Frank Wilson, Monroe township; Greg Comstock, Pleasant township; Laurence Amoss, Troy township; Frank Lasko, Troy township; Fred Major, Troy township; James Bunch, Union township; Orval Thomas, Union township; Alfred Blomgren, Wayne township; Albin Walberg, Wayne township (each one pond); C. R. Peterson, Wayne township, three ponds.

Grassed waterway—Carl Martin, Jackson township, 1.3 acres; Russell Hindman, Mantua township, .2 acre; Max Lewis, Mantua township, .2 acre; Mike Koffman, Monroe township, .5 acre; and Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one acre.

Tree planting — Ora Klingensmith, Cedar township, one acre; Paul Silverio, Guilford township, .5 acre.

Wildlife habitat development—Raymond Hopwood, Cedar township, one acre; Chester Duer, Wayne township, one acre.

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Conservation Week Proclaimed

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Pond Construction

Two catapilla's team up to scoop up earth on a pond construction project on the Floyd Gray farm four miles east of Albia. Pond will be 16 feet deep and requires 2,250 cubic yards of earth to be removed from the fill.

Construction Scheduled

On 44 County Ponds

Total of 44 ponds have been constructed or are in the planning stages for Monroe County and others will be scheduled later in the year, reports Dale Barker, work unit coordinator for the area.

Such construction ranges in size from one-half acre to 100 acres and will cost from \$100 to \$150,000.

The pond will be the second for Gray who has just started in the conservation program. He farms 187 acres.

The pond presently under construction will contain an overflow device set several feet below the ridge of the pond.

An example of one of the smaller ponds, pictured above, will provide one-third of an acre of water surface, 16 feet at its deepest point. Located on the Floyd Gray farm four miles east of Albia, the pond will drain a four-acre area.

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the development of Iowa land and water resources through soil and water conservation, flood prevention, and wise land use, is essential to maintain agricultural income and protect the economy and tax base of this State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and the one hundred soil conservation districts within the State are coordinating and carrying forward a constructive program of soil and water conservation and flood prevention work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold E. Hughes, Governor of the State of Iowa, in order to call attention to the importance of this work, do hereby proclaim the week of June 20 through June 27, 1965, as

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

in Iowa, and respectfully urge organizations and citizens of our State to participate in the programs in order that we may place even greater emphasis on this important work.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-five.

HAROLD E. HUGHES, Governor.

ATTEST: Gary L. Cameron, Secretary of State.

Let's Talk Gardening

Of all the crops that you grow in your vegetable garden, perhaps tomatoes will respond best to a summer mulch, says Ben F. Vance, extension horticulturist at Iowa State University. Many garden vegetables will respond to a mulch, especially those that occupy the ground for most of the season.

Why is a summer mulch important around tomatoes? It will aid markedly in the control of weeds. Some of the more vigorous weeds may push through various types of mulches, but, in general, most of the mulches will effectively control most of the weeds. A black plastic mulch will control nearly 100 per cent of the weeds.

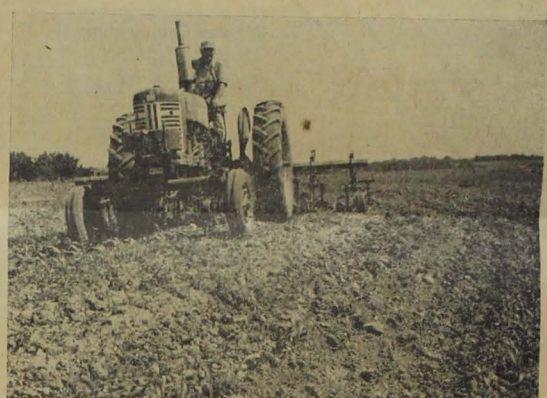
A summer mulch is very effective in conserving the soil moisture supply. Sun and wind can dry soil rather quickly. A summer mulch will protect the soil surface from both of these elements.

A mulch can aid considerably in disease control, particularly in the control of some of the soil-borne diseases that may attack the fruit and foliage after rains.

splash contaminated soil on the plant. A mulch can also aid in controlling blossom-end rot of tomatoes. A mulch will prevent rapid changes in the soil moisture level. Such rapid changes in the moisture supply can be a factor in bringing about the development of blossom-end rot of tomatoes.

Every gardener has available certain types of mulching material that could be used. Grass clippings from the lawn, for example, when applied two or three inches deep, make an excellent mulch. Sawdust or wood shavings at a 1½-inch depth is an inexpensive and effective mulch. Oak straw, or old hay, at a two or three inch depth, makes an excellent mulching material.

Black plastic mulching materials are available from garden supply stores. It's quite simple to lay the plastic, cover the edges with soil, and have an effective mulch around your tomatoes during the entire season. The regular black plastic, sold for mulching material, has small slits in the material to allow for water entry around the plants.



Working Terrace Ridge

Lloyd Dykstra plows one of many terraces on his son's 312-acre farm six miles northeast of Albia. He is using a four-row cultivator working a terrace ridge.

Avery Farmer Relies

On Use of Terraces

Terracing totaling more than 22,800 linear feet is just one of the conservation practices followed by Robert Dykstra who farms 312 acres six miles northeast of Albia.

In addition to the terraces, Dykstra has 105 acres of contoured land, a pond and another type of erosion control structure. Two acres have been allotted to wildlife development and two ponds stocked with fish.

Grassed waterways covering more than two acres have been added also.

Located just north of Avery in Pleasant township, the farm, until recently, was not included in the conservation program and, as a result, was overworked.

Dykstra left large sections of the land remain in seed for several years to build up the land's fertility.

This week, June 20 through June 27, has been proclaimed soil and water conservation week by Iowa Gov. Harold E. Hughes.

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Monday, June 21, 1965

The state contains 100 soil conservation districts. Each county constitutes a district with Pottawamette, county divided in two.

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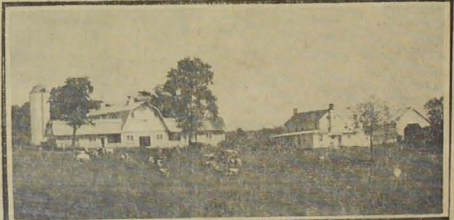
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Conservation Work Listed

Conservation projects initiated in Monroe county since January 17 of this year and through June 17 involving more than 300 acres of contouring, grassed waterways, tree planting, wildlife habitat development and ponds.

Following projects were completed:

- Farm ponds, 44—a larger number of ponds stocked
- Division devices, 7,500 linear feet
- Contoured land, 250 acres
- Grassed waterways, 10.4 acres
- Terrace, 17,250 linear feet
- Tile, 3,450 linear feet
- Tree planting, 15 acres
- Wildlife Habitat development, 173 acres
- Drainage field ditches, 600 linear feet

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Conservationists Tour Georgetown Area

Members of the advisory board to the State Soil Conservation Committee toured the Georgetown Watershed approximately five miles west of Albia Friday morning with Monroe county conservation officials and commissioners.

The purpose of the tour was to view the problems of, and the practices underway, within the area. A watershed is the entire area which contributes runoff water to a given location situated above stream.

The Georgetown Watershed, organized in 1963, encompasses an area of almost nine square miles or 5,568 acres. The upper border of the area runs along old Highway 34, approximately three miles on either side of Georgetown. The southern edge is bordered by Cedar Creek and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad.

Practices such as crop rotation, contouring, terracing and strip-cropping, the building of grassed waterways and the installation of drainage and smaller gully-controlled structures helps the watershed to act like a sponge—capturing the rain and allowing most of it to soak into the soil.

Problems encountered in this area, occupied by 33 farms, include flooding of lowland along Cedar Creek, clearing of wooded land for pasture restoration and eliminating sheet and gully erosion on upland crop areas.

Presently a maximum of 340 acres within the watershed is being flooded and an additional 1,061 acres is flooded by runoff from the watershed.

The advisory board will make recommendations to the state committee following Friday's tour. The committee will weigh the report and then determine what priority the projects needed for the area would receive.

Technical assistance is provided by the State Soil Conservation Committee through funds authorized by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 and amended in 1956. The law allows landowners, counties, cities, towns and state and federal governments to cooperate in planning and carrying out complete conservation programs on any natural drainage area.

Under this program, over 1½ million acres of Iowa farm land are in some stage of watershed development. Over 6,000 farmers are applying conservation treatments. Fourteen watershed applications for 263,500 acres have been approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee and are awaiting priority for work plans. Seven of Iowa's 61 watershed projects have been completed. Three of these, known as pilot projects, are Honey Creek in Lucas county, Mule Creek in Mills county and the Floyd River Tributaries in Plymouth and Sioux counties.

Four other completed projects are Harmony Creek in Harrison County Soil Conservation District, and Simpson Creek, Hamburg and Round Dog Watersheds in the Fremont County Soil Conservation District. Construction is now underway in 21



South Edge of Watershed

Lowland situated along the south border of the Georgetown Watershed receives a large amount of runoff water drained from the uplands to the north and right of the picture. To the left of the picture runs and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and Cedar Creek.

watersheds covering a total of 300,000 acres.

Iowa's watershed story would be incomplete without mentioning the 113 farmer-organized sub-watersheds of the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project covering 17 million acres of north-west Iowa. There, 4,500 farmer-district cooperators in seven soil conservation districts are applying soil and water conservation measures.

Terracing and contour farming are the most effective land treatments in Iowa's watersheds. Landowners and operators in organized watersheds have installed 8,800 miles of terraces and are contour farming over 500,000 acres.

Both research and lay people have wanted to study water behavior and soil loss on a fully terraced watershed. Such a project began in 1961 near Macdonia.

Cooperating in the project are the eight landowners in the watershed, the East Polk-Waterloo County Soil Conservation District and five government agencies.

About 26 miles of terraces have been built in the watershed and one-half mile of old terraces reworked.

Gauging stations since 1962 have recorded rainfall, water runoff, soil loss and other information. Other instruments measure and record gully movements.

Wells drilled at the side of gullies provide information on ground water table levels.

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Cattle Field Days Set

A series of seven junior beef cattle field days designed to help Iowa farm youngsters do a better job of feeding, fitting and showing their beef cattle projects has been scheduled to begin July 10. Dean Huribut, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association, reports.

The field days are being sponsored by the Iowa Junior Angus Association in cooperation with the Iowa and American Angus Associations. The programs will include demonstrations on clipping and grooming, showmanship and how to recognize correct beef type. Also on the program will be talks by leading cattlemen.

Lunch will be served at programs starting at 10:30, and all interested children and adults are invited to attend.

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July 10—10:30 a.m., Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids.
July 11—10:30 a.m., Fair grounds, Avoca.
July 12—1:30 p.m., Eldon Miner farm, Estherville.
July 13—1:30 p.m., Leone Hobbs farm, Glidden.
July 14—1:30 p.m., Miller and Bumgardner farm, Hampton.
July 15—1:30 p.m., Dale Porter farm, Linville.
July 16—10:30 a.m., Hawkeye Acres, Crawfordville.

BOAT REGISTRATION—Iowa boat owners are renewing boat registrations at a rate of 1,000 per day, the State Conservation Commission said today. The deadline for renewal is July 4, 1965. After that date motorboats covered by the registration laws must display the new red registration decal.

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County Conservationist

Monroe County Soil Commissioners toured the Georgetown Watershed with state officials Friday. From right, Pat Carbin, Melrose, chairman; Robert McGinnis, Rte. 3, Albia; Albert Etcher, Lovilia; Ollie Kaldenberg, Rte. 5, Albia.

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Application Deadline Set For Queen of Conservation

Deadline on applications for the Monroe County Queen of Conservation contest has been set for July 19.

Two queens will be chosen August 2 at the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair to represent the county at the regional contest. Applications are also open for the State Soil Conservation Speech Contest.

Regional winners of the Queen of Conservation Contest and the State Soil Conservation Speech Contest will compete for state titles early this fall.

The "queen" contest, co-sponsored by the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (Cooperative), Des Moines, and the 100 soil conservation districts, is open to single Iowa farm girls between the ages of 16 and 21. The first place winner receives a \$250 cash award.

The queen will be crowned at the Plowmen's Banquet in Corn- ing on September 9, and will reign over the 1965 State Field Day and Plowing Match near Corn- ing on September 9-10. Last

year's queen was Sherry Teach- out of Farragut.

"How Soil and Water Conserva- tion Affects My Future" is the topic of speeches presented by junior and senior high school students competing in the state speech contest.

The event, which is designed to familiarize Iowa's youth with the soil and water conservation program, is open to students in the seventh through 12th grades.

Last year's winner Gary Roewe of Laurens, now a student at Iowa State University, was award- ed a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash for his first-place ef- forts.

Entry blanks for the queen contest may be obtained at local soil conservation district offices or at member elevators of Farm- ers Grain Dealers Association.

Entry blanks for the speech contest are available at soil con- servation district offices. Spon- sors of the speech contest are the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company of Grinnell, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa As- sociation of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Build Six Area Ponds

Conservation practices under- taken in the period from June 18 to July 1 include the follow- ing Monroe County residents:

Diversion — Lloyd Ammons, 1,550 linear feet Franklin Town- ship. LeRoy Wilson, 900 liner feet in Monroe Township.

Drainage Field Ditch—Melvin Clark, 700 linear feet in Troy Township.

Farm Pond—Pat Judge, Guil- ford Township; Don Turbot, Jack- son Township; Mrs. Ada Bay, Mantua Township; Leo Caster, Monroe Township; Gerald Boen- der, Pleasant Township; and John Schleier, Troy Township.

Grassed Waterway — Lloyd Ammons, 3 acre, Franklin Town-

ship; Matt McEniry, .7 acre, Jackson Township.

Wildlife Habitat Development —Pat Judge, an acre, Guilford Township; Don Turbot, an acre, Jackson Township; Mrs. Ada Bay, an acre, Mantua Township; Leo Caster, an acre, Monroe Township; Gerald Boender, an acre, Pleasant Township; John

Schleier, an acre, Troy Township. Tile—William Welsh, 2,833 linear feet, Cedar Township.

July 8, 1965

Conservation Study Adopted by Two

Several soil conservation pro- grams were approved at the reg- ular monthly meeting of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners Wednes- day, June 30.

Initial agreements were approv- ed for Hazel Griffin, 80 acres, in Bluff Creek Township; and Louie W. McCoy, 154 acres, in Mantua Township.

Basic plan was undertaken for Charles Scott, 190 acres, Bluff Creek Township. Cancellation was passed of the program for Clifford Lungren, 520 acres, Guilford Township.

Girls Vie For Queen

Ten Monroe County farm girls will be competing for the title of "Queen of Conservation" at a contest to be held Monday, Aug. 2.

The girls will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Monroe County 4-H and F.F.A. Fair. They include the following:

Colleen McCombs, Irene Stewart, Janet Johnston, Shirley Ann Clark, Martha Jane Shepard, Shirley Calhoun and Charlotte Kline, all of Albia; Mary Kay Beary and Billie Christine Findley, Lovilia; and Cathy Faber, Blakesburg.

Two of the contestants will be chosen to represent the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional meet to be held at Fairfield August 18. Each district winner will be awarded an engraved sterling silver charm bracelet.

The winners will be selected on the basis of their poise, personality, intelligence, ability to converse and personal attractiveness, besides their knowledge of soil conservation, farmer cooperatives and agriculture in general.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa, Des Moines, and Iowa's 100 soil conservation districts. The purpose of the event, which had over 460 entries in 1964, is to increase public interest in Iowa's soil conservation program.

Prizes in regional and state competition include a ladies wrist watch and a cash prize of \$250 for being crowned Iowa's "Queen of Conservation." The state winner will serve as official hostess at the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match being held near Corning on September 9-10.

Wins Contest

Judy Stuchel, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stuchel of 1315 Benton Ave. E., Albia, won the regional conservation speech contest at Bloomfield Wednesday night.

Miss Stuchel, who will be a junior in high school next year, competed against six other contestants from a 12-county area. She now qualifies for the state contest scheduled for early September in Des Moines.

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List New Projects In Conservation

List of conservation practices undertaken by Monroe County residents during the first half of July has been released by the soil conservation office.

Those initiating projects are listed according to townships as follows:

Farm pond—Price Bain, Bluff Creek; James F. McCarty, Guilford; Mike Koffman, Monroe; Donald Patton, Troy; Wiley Hutchinson, Union; and Robert Baston, Wayne.

Diversion—Ed J. Welsh, Cedar, 1,430 linear feet.

Grade stabilization structure—Maurice Scieszinski, Wayne.

Grassed waterway—Dale Williams, Monroe, one-half acre.

Tile—Frank Ryan, Franklin, 13,900 linear feet; Virgil Scribner, Pleasant, 6,500 linear feet.

Wildlife Habitat Development—Price Bain, an acre; James F. McCarty, an acre; Mike Koffman, an acre; Donald Patton, an acre; Wiley Hutchinson, an acre; and Robert Baston, an acre.

Teacher Attends Conservation Camp

Currently enrolled at Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park Guthrie Center, is Mrs. H. A. Lindberg of Albia. Her attendance at the camp was made possible through a special scholarship granted by Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

Mrs. Lindberg is a substitute teacher in the Albia Community School District. She, along with approximately 150 other students from all parts of Iowa, will spend three weeks under the direction of the most qualified conservation experts in Iowa. By traveling over one thousand miles during a three-week session, she will gain first hand knowledge of a difficult subject—the preservation of mankind's home.

The camp, jointly sponsored by the State Conservation Commission, State College of Iowa and the Department of Public Instruction, is in its 16th annual session. Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp has been held at the group camp at Springbrook State Park since 1949. It is the oldest continuous school of its kind in the United States.

Opening Set For Sunday With Vesper

Hurried preparation is presently underway for the opening of the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair and Fall Festival Sunday and which will continue through Wednesday.

Although livestock projects, girls' exhibits and demonstrations have been planned for some time, final touches must be added. Work on the fair grounds and building have begun this week with 4-H members and dads pitching in.

Besides the livestock judging and exhibits, rides for youngsters will be provided by the Rock River Shows. Lunch stands will be set up by First Christian Church of Albia, the Saddle Club, and the Eastern Star.

The Iowa State Conservation wildlife exhibit will be on display, also.

An estimated 150 horses will be entered in the horse shows sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Albia Chamber of Commerce who also sponsors the tractor pulling contest.

The horse shows will be held on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights with the tractor pull on Monday night.

Contestants in the Horse Show will compete in 12 events beginning at 7:30 p.m. Classes are as follows:

(1) Pony Class, 50 inches and under (riders eight years and younger), (2) Western Pony Pleasure, under 14.1 (rider 13 years and younger), (3) Western Pleasure Long Mane and Tail, (horse 14.1 and under), (4) Junior Western Pleasure, 14.1 and over, (rider 17 years or older), (5) Clover Leaf Barrel Racing, (6) Junior Western Horsemanship, 14.1 and over, (rider 17 years and under), (7) Pole Bending, (8) Men's Western Pleasure, 14.1 and over, (rider 18 years and over), (9) Cowboy Rescue, (10) Women's Western Pleasure, 14.1 and over, (rider 18 years and over), (11) Stock Horse Class, horse 14.1 or over, (12) Calf Roping.

Monday night the queen of conservation will be presented. Ten girls are competing for the title including Colleen McCombs, Irene Stewart, Janet Johnston, Shirley Ann Clark, Martha Jane Shepard, Shirley Calhoun and Charlotte Kline, all of Albia; Mary Kay Beary and Billie Christine Findley, Lovilia; and Cathy Faber, Blakesburg.

Two of the contestants will be chosen to represent the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional meet scheduled for August 18 at Fairfield.

The Hy-Vee Food Store will award a pony at a drawing Wednesday night.

Twenty booths have been set up in Exhibition Hall. Five, sponsored by local businesses will be donated to local groups. Booth displays by the Cancer Society, 4-H Automotive Safety Club, Soil Conservation District and two Open Class exhibits have been sponsored by the Peoples National and First Iowa State Banks, the Albia Newspapers, Albia Light and Railway Co., and Iowa Southern Utilities.

Other booths will be sponsored by Vernon Appliance, Gambles, Hawkeye Lumber, Lindberg Insurance, United Telephone Co., Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Farm Bureau, National Farmers Organization, Williams Clothing Co., Goode Seed and Feed Co., and a sewing demonstration.

Monroe County is displaying implement Co., Ford Implement & Service, Henderson Implement Co., and Marlin & Son.

Parking will be handled by the Saddle Club, NFO, and Farm Bureau on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Opening of the fair officially will start with flag raising ceremonies Sunday at 7:45 p.m. by the American Legion Post. The event will be followed by vesper service and speeches.

David Shafer, historian, will give the scripture and Linda Johnson, girls' county president, and Benny Mitchell will recite the prayer and benediction respectively.

Talks on the 4-H symbols and meaning will be presented by Tom Moore, president; Patty Peterson, vice president; Lloyd Bettis and Delores Amoss. The 4-H credo will be given by Judy Stuchel while Sandra Whitehead will act as songleader.

Contest Queens Named

Miss Shirley Calhoun, 18, Rte. 2, Albia, and Charlotte Kline, 18, Rte. 4, Albia, were named "Queens of Conservation" for Monroe County Soil Conservation at presentation ceremonies Monday night at the fairgrounds.

Presented with sterling charm bracelets by Pat Carbin, chairman of the district commissioners, the girls were chosen from a field of 10 contestants. They will now compete with other district winners at the regional meet at the Junior Agricultural Show, August 18, at Fairfield.

Miss Calhoun, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun, placed second in the state speech conservation contest the past two years. She lives on a 160-acre farm which is entered in the soil conservation program.

A 1965 graduate of Albia Community High School, Miss Calhoun plans to continue her education at State College of Iowa where she will enroll in education.

Miss Kline, also a 1965 graduate of Albia Community High School, will attend Centerville Junior College and plans to become an elementary teacher. A contestant last year, she attended a one-week conservation camp this summer.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Jr., Kline, farm 188 acres and use conservation practices

such as crop rotation and are planning to construct a farm pond later this year.

Nine winners will be selected in regional contests throughout

the state. Regional winners will compete for the state crown and \$250 prize money at the Plowman's Banquet at Corning, September, 9.



Conservation Queens

Pat Carbin, chairman of District Soil Conservation Commissioners, presents Charlotte Kline, 18, and Shirley Calhoun, 18, with sterling silver bracelets after they were named "Queens of Soil Conservation" at ceremonies Monday night at the fairgrounds. Looking on is John Botts, right, master of ceremonies.

Enter Programs In Conservation

Monroe County farmers who have entered the soil conservation program are as follows:

Initial agreement—Donald McGee, 850 acres, Mantua Township.

Basic plans—Paul Eugene Post, 320 acres, Union Township; Richard Van Loop, 219 acres, Pleasant Township; and Clayton Newell, 187 acres, Pleasant Township.

Two Ponds Added To Farms in County

Construction of two farm ponds were undertaken in Monroe County during the period from July 18 to August 13.

Henry Peterson added a pond to his farm in Bluff Creek Township and John Besco authorized construction of one on his farm in Jackson Township.

Other conservation practices during this period were as follows:

Grade Stabilization Structure—Ray Dhority, Monroe Township.

Grassed Waterway—Lloyd McDowell, 4 acre, Jackson Township.

Terraces—Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson, 700 feet, Bluff Creek township; Lennart Larson, 500 feet, Bluff Creek Township; Henry Fynaardt, 900 feet, Pleasant Township.

Wildlife Habitat—Henry Peterson, John Besco and Ray Dhority.

Centerville Girl Is Named Region Conservation Queen

Patricia Elarton, 18, of near Centerville, was crowned region "Queen of Conservation" last week at the Jefferson County Junior Agriculture Show in Fairfield.

Miss Elarton won over 12 other contestants from a seven-county area including Monroe County. Representing the local county were Shirley Calhoun, Rte. 2, Albia; and Charlotte Kline, Rte. 4, Albia.

The two Albia girls were named district winners in competition during the Monroe County 4-H Fair.

Winners of each of the nine regions will compete for the state title at the Plowmen's Banquet September 9 at Corning. The contest is co-sponsored by the Farm-

ers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa and Iowa's 100 soil conservation districts.

Over 400 Iowa farm girls are competing in this year's contest.

County Conservation Exhibit Top at Fair

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District took first place in the judging of the Soil Conservation exhibits at the 1965 Iowa State Fair. The exhibit features a small ferris wheel and models of farms using Conservation practices and some common erosion problems.

There is a total of four exhibits in the Agricultural Building

at the State Fair including Monroe, East Pottawattamie, Monona and Fayette.

Pasture Contest and Tour County Entries Accepted

The extension Service and Soil Conservation District of Monroe County are making plans for a Pasture Contest and Tour to be held later this month. Entries for the contest will be accepted during the next couple of weeks at either the Extension Office or Soil Conservation Office.

The contest will be divided into the following four divisions: Birdsfoot trefoil seeded in 1965, Birdsfoot trefoil seeded prior to 1965, Alfalfa seeded in 1965 and Alfalfa seeded prior to 1965.

Anyone interested in the contest may fill out the following information and return to either the Extension Office or the Soil Conservation Office, both located in the Post Office Building.

Name _____
Township _____
Division _____ Acres _____

Pasture Entries Still Accepted

Entries for the Monroe County Pasture Contest will be accepted until Sept. 4, says Dale Uehling, County Extension Director. The contest is divided into four divisions and a tour of the contest entries, is being planned for Sept. 30.

The four divisions are 1965 Birdsfoot Trefoil Seedings and Old Birdsfoot Trefoil stand, 1965 Alfalfa Seedings and Old Alfalfa

stands. The stands can be a mixture of legumes and grasses but should be predominantly the legume in which you enter the field.

Those going on the tour will also take part in the judging of entries. Anyone interested should make their entry either at the Extension Office or at the Soil Conservation Office. A post card with your name and the type pasture or meadow will also be accepted.

Monroe SCD Completes 37 Practices in Month

New conservation practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District from Sept. 9 to Oct. 7 are as follows:

Drainage field ditch — Anna Conway, Jackson.

Farm pond — Charles Summers, Guilford; Joseph J. Murphy, Jackson; Louie McCoy, Mantua; T. J. Luse, Monroe; Geraldine Newell, Pleasant; Harry Keyes, Troy and Joseph P. Judge, Wayne.

Fish pond stocking — Walter Gardner, Gerald Peterson and

Edgar Weldon, all of Bluff Creek; Joe Hollinrake (2), Paul Hollinrake (4) and Paul Kurimski, all of Cedar; Joe Heffron, Dave Flatery and Maurice Sinclair of Guilford; Danny Curran, John Joe Curran and John F. Murphy of Jackson; Albia Pasture Farm and Don Beal, Monroe; John Schleier, Troy; John Blomgren, Union; R. R. Pearson, Milton Stocker and Raymond Vance, Urbana.

Wildlife habitat development — Charles Summers, Joseph J. Murphy, Louie McCoy, T. J. Luse, Geraldine Newell, Harry Keyes and Joseph P. Judge.

Apply Conservation Practices in County

A total of 27 conservation practices were undertaken in Monroe county during a three-week period from August 14 to September 8.

In addition, an initial agreement was signed by Geraldine Newell for 150 acres in Pleasant township.

Practices were applied by the following farmers:

Diversion — Donald McGee, 4, 100 linear feet, Mantua Township; Esther Agans, 750 linear feet, Union Township.

Drainage ditch — Jim Beary, 800 linear feet, Cedar Township.

Erosion structure — Dr. D. H. Nord, Wayne Township.

Farm Pond and Wildlife — Howard Davis, Bluff Creek Township; Robert Black, Cedar Township; Joe Hollinrake, Cedar Township; M. D. Conway, Jackson Township; John Knowles, Jackson Township; John Dale Sayres, Mantua Township; W. Dale Williams, Monroe Township; Germain Barnes, Pleasant Township.

Tile — Wayne Thompson, 5,200 linear feet, Franklin Township; Clell Van Dorin, 1,900 linear feet, Mantua Township.

Agreements Signed In Conservation

Three Monroe County farmers recently signed initial agreements for membership in the district conservation program.

Those signing agreements were Donald Beaird, 180 acres, Jackson township; Russell Hindman, 247 acres, Mantua township; and Mrs. Geraldine Newell, 150 acres, Pleasant township.

Basic plans have been adopted by Mrs. Ada Bay, 400 acres, Mantua township, and Mrs. Geraldine Nell, 150 acres, Pleasant township.

The conservation office reports one cancellation filed by Clay and Irvin Newell, 345 acres, Pleasant township.

SCS Announces Iowa Safety Speech Contest

Monroe County Soil Conservation District invites junior and senior high school students in the county to take part in the Sixth Iowa Safety Speech Contest.

Entries can be submitted on a postcard to the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office in the Post Office Building in Albia. "How Safe Living Affects My Future," is the contest title.

Each county will arrange a contest for the selection of the county winner who will enter the regional contests. The county contest will be completed on or before Nov. 22. A regional contest will be held in the Wapello District. Regional winners will com-

pete in the state finals to be held Dec. 3 in Des Moines. Cash prizes totaling \$950 will be awarded and also a \$250 scholarship for the first place state winner.

Larson, Davis, Thompson, Luse Win Pasture Awards



New Alfalfa Seeding

Lennart Larson, 10 miles north of Albia, is typical of the conservation-minded farmers in Monroe County. Winner in the new alfalfa seeding category in this year's

pasture improvement contest, he practices good management by careful pasture rotation with his cattle.



New Trefoil Pasture

Young farmers were represented when pasture improvement awards were handed out at the annual Alfalfa Banquet Wednesday evening. Jerold Luse, who

farms a mile and a half northeast of Moravia, was the winner for new trefoil seeding.



Old Trefoil Winner

Wayne Thompson, 15 miles southwest of Albia, won the old trefoil seeding in the pasture improvement contest. Although hogs are the mainstay of his operation,

he's properly proud of his cattle shown here on the 10 acres of lush trefoil and orchard grass which was his winning entry.

Monroe County farmers Jerold Luse, Lennart Larson, Clifford Davis and Wayne Thompson are this year's winners in the pasture improvement contest sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District and the Monroe County Extension Service.

Engraved plaques were presented at the annual Alfalfa Banquet Wednesday evening.

Luse, who farms a mile and a half northeast of Moravia, was the winner for new seeding of Birdsfoot trefoil.

Winner for alfalfa mixture seeding was Larson, who farms 300 acres in Bluff Creek township about 10 miles north of Albia.

Clifford Davis, also in Bluff Creek township, was the winner in the old alfalfa seeding division and Thompson, who lives 16 miles southwest of Albia, was the winner in the established trefoil seeding category.

Luse seeded 50 acres of trefoil this past spring. The Moravia High School graduate, who has been farming since 1957, follows in the path of his father, T. J. Luse, who won a similar award several years ago. In partnership with his dad and brother, G. E. Luse, Jerold farms some 1,100 acres. About 250 acres is corn land.

He currently has cattle on the new seeding. "We grass a lot of cattle," remarked Luse, who noted that if the market is good they sell calves as feeders. "Otherwise we feed them on out," he added. As a source of added

income and "to keep out of mischief," he is also a fertilizer dealer. Luse and his wife have a small son.

Thompson established his winning 10 acre entry of Orchard grass and Birdsfoot trefoil in 1963. The first two years it was in diverted acres. Earlier this season he pastured hogs on it. This was in combination with three fields which included Ladino clover. Hogs are the mainstay of his operation. He's been expanding it to where he will be marketing 600 a year. He took a crop of seed off the 10 acres and baled the straw. Right now the 10 acres is part of a 30-acre pasture carrying 35 head of cows and heifers and 24 calves. The winning field, exceptionally lush for steep land, is the preferred forage ground for the cattle. As soon as Thompson gets his corn out he will turn the cattle on it. He will then bring them back on the orchard grass and trefoil for wintering. In reference to the round bales in that field which cattle will winter on, Thompson noted that those kind are necessary for shedding rain.

Thompson, a temporary director of TENC (anyone interested in this new farm records and management area organization should contact him), has been farming since 1938, the year he graduated from Albia Junior College. He and his wife have three children: Bruce, attending Northeast Missouri State College; Marcia, a sophomore at Albia High School; and Constance, a fifth grader at Lincoln school.

Larson farms 300 acres and markets about 300 head of hogs a year. He has a Polled Hereford cow herd of 60 and feeds out about 50 to 80 head a year.

He feeds his own corn, which made about 90 bushel to the acre this year, and usually has to buy about 3,000 bushel more a year. He generally fills his 250-ton silo with corn silage.

The winner of the new alfalfa category figures it takes one and a half acres to take care of a cow and a calf on his pasture. He rotates his cattle grazing. He usually gets one cutting and sometimes two if he doesn't need the pasture. "After a month or so on one pasture I'll take them off for a couple of weeks and rotate them into another," said Larson who manages the operation pretty much on his own except for the help of an "uncle." Their son David is now in the army. Larson and his wife have two daughters, Karen, in Cedar Falls, and Judith in Oskaloosa.

Davis, a brother-in-law to Larson, has his 320-acre operation about three miles east. Davis, who has farmed his place since 1947, rents his cropland to another brother, Howard, and raises hogs and stock cattle. He has 35 head of registered Herefords. The operation also includes 30 sows. Davis markets about 250 head of pigs each year.

His winning field is 18 acres of trefoil, brome and alfalfa. The ground was broken up and newly reseeded after it was fertilized. This is the fourth time Davis has been picked for the award which gives him permanent possession of a trophy cup.

A former member of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors, he served two terms. He also served two terms on the Monroe County Extension Council.

The winners were the top scorers on a tour held earlier this year in which county farmers were judges. They were judged on four main topics including management, conservation practices, land use utilization and general appearances and yield. All awards are equal.



Established Alfalfa

Winner in the old alfalfa seeding for this year's pasture improvement contest is Clifford Davis, 10 miles northeast of Al-

bia, shown here getting ready to help his brother crib corn. Hogs and cattle are the mainstays of his operation.

Nov. 19, 1965
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Editorially Speaking:

One Needs the Other

This is farm-city week and it is being observed over the nation as a time to re-affirm the ties which bind rural and urban Americans. Monroe county is almost an ideal area for this consideration. Its population is about evenly split by rural and city residents. According to 1960 figures the total urban population is 5,433 and the rural number 5,030.

Agriculture is the main source of employment as well as income for the county. Of the 278,400 acres in the county all but about 10,000 acres is in the rural classification. The county has some 129,795 acres classified as cropland, 101,578 acres in pasture and some 34,000 acres in timber.

Agriculture is the foundation that cradles the rest of the county's economy. Studies have shown that retail sales in Albia figure out to about 50 per cent of the net spendable income of Monroe county. This is a figure almost equal to the gross farm income of the county. In 1961 retail sales in Albia were around \$7 million. The county's net spendable income was \$13½ million and the gross farm income for the county was \$7 million.

To illustrate how important farmers and farming is to the county here's a paragraph from the 1964 Comprehensive Plan report for the City of Albia:

"Farmers derive income from the export sale of farm products. This income is spent for wholesale and retail farm operation and consumer goods in Albia and elsewhere. As agriculture is the dominant industry in Monroe County, the general performance of the Albia economy can be equated with the general performance of the agricultural industry."

The upshot of this statement is: Monroe County farmers produce the raw material that can be sold for the most part outside the county. This money they get, mostly originating from outside the county, comes into the county, into Albia. It is spent here, circulated here and most of us non-farmers get a slice somewhere along the

line. The farmers get needed goods and services from us (food, machinery parts, clothes, cars, appliances; medical, mechanical, technical, legal, or social services; paint, wallpaper, drugs, home and family supplies, a myriad of materials—even newspapers) and we get needed dollars, on which to operate, from them.

This is something to take note of during farm-city week. Farmers need the city and its residents, and the city folks need the country and the farmer. It is simple logic. A smattering of respect and understanding for each group can make this bi-lateral system function a little smoother . . . because function it must.

It Merits Recognition

Farm-City Week, November 19 to 25, merits special recognition in the United States because farmers and city-folk so greatly depend on one another. The American farmer's efficiency allows Mr. Average Citizen to feed his family with only 19 per cent of his take-home pay, while the average Russian family spends half of its income

for food. Yet, the city laborers and manufacturers build the tractors and combines and process the fertilizers and seeds which make the American farmer efficient.

But even with all this production efficiency, much remains undone. Water pollution from factory waste, household sewage, sediment, and leached soil salts poison many streams making them little better than open sewers. Soil erosion which produces sediment in our streams harms both rural and urban landowners. To the farmer, it means reduced yields and deep gullies to farm around. To the urbanite, it means silted reservoirs and muddy basements after floods. No less alarming is the needless destruction of our scenic countryside by poor highway planning, expanding urban developments, and careless landowners.

"All these problems demand cooperative efforts among rural and urban citizens," says Dale C. Barker, Work Unit Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Albia. "The SCS can provide technical assistance for these efforts," he stated. Barker further pointed out that urban officials can use soil survey information to chart desirable areas for residential growth, to determine areas best suited for recreation or industry, and to reserve best sites for municipal water storage. Farmers can use SCS assistance to plan terraces, farm ponds, strip-cropping systems, and many other conservation practices which reduce soil erosion and stop floods before they start.

"Right now during Farm-City Week, everyone should think about what he can do along these lines to maintain and increase our high standard of living," Barker said.

Several things are being done in Monroe County. These include the Annual Alfalfa Banquet and the co-operation the Soil Conservation District gets from the Chamber of Commerce on the Queen of Conservation Contest each summer. There are also such programs as the Soil Conservation Speech Contest in co-operation with the schools.

Miss Ammons Wins Contest

Linda Ammons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ammons, won the speech contest sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District held Friday afternoon at Albia High School.

Linda Johnson was second and Carol Crall, third. There were five contestants.

Miss Ammons will go to Ottumwa today for the regional contest that will have winners from 13 counties. Regional winners will go to Des Moines Dec. 3 to compete in the state finals.

Students Participate in Safety Speech Contest

Albia Community High School and Junior High School students are eligible to participate in the Sixth Iowa Safety Speech Contest.

The Iowa Farm Safety Council, the Iowa Soil Conservation Committee, the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company are sponsoring the contest. The 1965 contest theme is "How Safe Living Affects My Future."

The local contest was Nov. 19 at the high school. Several businessmen judged this contest.

The local winner will enter the Region-9 contest. Regional winners will participate in the State finals Dec. 3 in Des Moines.

The nine regional winners will each receive a \$50 award. In each regional contest a first-place winner will receive \$25, a second-place winner will receive \$15 and

a third-place winner will receive \$10.

The state winner will receive a \$250 scholarship. The state first-place winner will receive \$100, the state second-place winner will receive \$75 and the state third-place winner will receive \$50.

Entrants must be residents of Iowa. All previous first-place state winners are ineligible.

A contestant's speech must be at least five minutes long and may not exceed 10 minutes. Contestants may not use any notes.

Originality, aptness of thought, accuracy of information and the manner in which the speech is delivered will be the basis of selection.

Contestants must answer two questions posed by the judges.

Applicants must submit three copies of their manuscript and its contents in the regional and state contests.

Conservation Practices Completed on 15 Farms

Conservation practices completed in Monroe County Soil Conservation District the past six weeks are as follows:

Diversions—Russell Hindman, 600 feet, Mantua.

Farm Ponds—Lennart Larson, Bluff Creek; Paul Hollinrake, Cedar; Emmett and Paul Grimes, Guilford; Roy Mitchell, Mantua; Kenneth Bonnett, Pleasant; Lyle Haselhuhn, Pleasant and Earl Albertson, Troy

Grassed waterways—Joe Boy-

er, 1.5 acres, Guilford; Ed Murphy, 5 acre, Jackson; Russell Hindman, 5 acre, Mantua and John Goode, 2.4 acre, Troy.

Terraces—Joseph J. Murphy, 400 feet, Jackson; Walter Tempier, 1,550 feet, Mantua; Lloyd Dykstra, 1,600 feet, Pleasant; and Robert Dykstra, Pleasant.

One acre of wildlife habitat development—Lennart Larson, Paul Hollinrake, Emmett and Paul Grimes, Roy Mitchell, Kenneth Bonnett, Lyle Haselhuhn and Earl Albertson.

Historical Sites TAP Meet Topic

Members of the Technical Action Panel, a group of federal and state employees from Monroe and Appanoose counties who find and suggest areas that others might work on, met last Monday evening at the Moravia High School and heard a report from Dale Barker, Monroe County Soil Conservation District Work Unit Conservationist, on historic sites in Monroe County.

Barker reported on individual contacts that had been made in Monroe County concerning historical points of interest. These included the old stage coach station on the Sterling Martin farm on U.S. 34 almost to the west county line and also the area in and around St. Patrick's Church at Georgetown.

Barker noted that the house of the old stage coach station is still standing. This site has tourist potential that could be developed along pioneer lines. He noted Georgetown has tourism possibilities with a religious theme.

It was noted at the meeting that the Rev. Charles Gannon expressed a willingness to co-operate in such a venture although he indicated his time was taken by other duties.

A wayside rest area for travelers is near the noted stone church. There is also a guest registry in the church for tourists.

Mildred Gale, secretary of the Historical Society of Moulton, gave a report on the activities of their new historical society and how it was organized. Documents pertinent to organizing the society were presented and discussed. These included incorporation papers. It was noted that efforts were being made to

reactivate the Monroe County Historical Society.

William Stark of Centerville Soil Conservation Service, suggested the development of maps showing historic spots in the two counties. The panel agreed that this was a future possibility.

Barker narrated a showing of TENCOS slides. Mark Uhlenhake, Conservation officer for Appanoose and Monroe counties, suggested the hunting aspect of TENCOS be included when future promotional presentations of this kind were prepared. The panel agreed.

The group agreed that future TAP meetings be held on a quarterly basis. However, it was noted that if any urgent business came up, the chairman could call a meeting as necessary.

In other business Mary Ellen Anderson, Monroe County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office manager, was appointed secretary to the panel.

Feb. 15 was set as the date for the next TAP meeting.

Presiding at Monday's session was Richard P. White, Farm Home Administration supervisor of Centerville.

Linda Ammons Wins Regional

Linda Ammons, winner in the Monroe County safety speech contest, went on to win the regional contest held Monday in Ottumwa.

Miss Ammons received \$25 for her talk: "How Safe Living Affects My Future." This was the topic for all contestants.

She will now represent this region at the state contest in Des Moines Dec. 3.

The contest is sponsored by several groups including insurance, farm and soil conservation associations.

L. Ammons Wins Speech Contest

Linda Ammons, Albia Community High School senior, placed first in the county and region 9 Safety Speech contest. She will compete in the state contest Dec. 3.

Second-place winner in the county contest was Linda Johnson of Moravia; Carol Crall, a junior at ACHS, won third place.

Judges for the local contest were Mrs. Ernestine DalPonte, Mrs. Anna Vandike and Donald Plum.

Complete 15 Conservation Practices Past Two Weeks

Conservation practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District from Nov. 20 to Dec. 3, were as follows:

Contouring — Laurence Dage, Mantua, 12 acres.

Erosion Control Structures — Dick Flattery, Guilford, one, and John Peterson, Monroe, one.

Farm Ponds — Ellsworth Kline, Jr., Troy, one; James Henderson, Union, one, and Carl A. Sampson, Wayne, one.

Grassed Waterways — Esther Agans, Union, .5 acres.

Wildlife Habitat Development — Dick Flattery, two acres; John Peterson, three acres; Ellsworth

Kline Jr., one acre; James Henderson, one acre, and Carl A. Sampson, one acre.

At the Commissioner's meeting Nov. 23, initial agreements were made on 77 acres in the Lake Miami area in Bluff Creek Township. Basic plans were made for 158 acres in the Lahart area in Union Township and 324 acres for Lucille McCoy in Cedar Township. Cancellations were Mrs. J. C. Cottrell, Urbana, 200 acres; Lon Piper, Mantua, 173 acres; Sam Wilcox, Mantua, 255 acres, and John Weir, Urbana, 160 acres.

L. Ammons Places Third in Contest

Linda Ammons, a senior at Albia Community High School, received \$50 by placing third in the Iowa Safety Speech Contest at Ames on Friday, Dec. 3.

The Iowa Farm Safety Council, the Iowa District Soil Commissioners, the Iowa Soil Conservation Commission and the Grinnell Reinsurance Company sponsored the contest.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ammons, Route 2, Albia.

Christmas Trees Means Joy to Some, Work to Others

By GERALD F. GRIMMOND

Even in a close-knit community like Albia where many events and situations are shared, seldom does the chance come along to write about something that every reader has had a direct experience with.

The Christmas tree offers that chance.

In the Albia area the Christmas tree is especially significant since the downtown area practically bristles with them. This is also the case in Lovilia.

In nearly all households they can be seen gleaming, reflecting considerable time, effort and frustrations for those who had to pick out, purchase, transport them home, and then decorate them.

Few are the folks who fail to be impressed by a Christmas

tree. And even those who begrudge the work involved usually end up enjoying the enchantment and cheerfulness a Christmas tree brings.

Legend has it that Christmas trees came into being during the 16th Century. This symbol of the holiday season emerged from a 15th Century German drama commemorating the story of our first parents, Adam and Eve.

The play, held every December 24th, had only one prop—an evergreen tree decorated with apples. Year after year parents took their children to see this and other plays which depicted episodes from the Bible. After a time, the lusty spirit of that era led to abuses and irreverences of speech and action in these plays, so they were discontinued. But the memory of the fir tree

decked with apples lived on, and German parents set these trees up at home to convey the message of the Adam and Eve play to their children. After a time, the evergreen tree became a symbol of Christmas. Because it was ever green, it was a symbol of immortality.

Christmas trees were introduced in the United States about the time of our independence. Popularity spread rapidly and with the advent of electric lighting, Christmas stars gleamed anew.

Today, growing and selling Christmas trees is big business in the United States. Balsam, spruce, hemlock, Douglas fir, cedar, cypress, pine—they're all Christmas trees. We harvest over 30 million every year. Another 10 million are imported from

Canada. According to statistics of the USDA's Forest Service, over 40 million trees are marketed annually at a value of greater than 50 million dollars.

Among those in the Christmas tree business in the Albia area, on a commercial basis, is H. L. McIntire, east of Albia on the Monroe-Wapello County Line.

He sees an increasing interest in home-grown trees and says that their business has increased considerably this year over past years.

They started selling trees about Thanksgiving. Last Saturday and Sunday were their busiest days as sales ran into the hundreds. Most buyers select their tree ahead of time. It is marked and they pick it up later.

Growing Christmas trees takes a lot of care and patience. Mc-

Intire points out, however, that weather isn't an important factor with the kind of trees they grow. He observes that they don't require too much moisture except in the spring when they are first planted.

Because of customer preference for various size trees, it takes three years to sell off one plantation, said McIntire, who added that it takes six or seven years to grow a six foot tree.

Many hours of work go into marketing Christmas trees including the final phases of cutting, tying in bundles and storing the trees under cool temperatures until the Christmas season arrives.

Soil Conservationists with the United States Department of Agriculture believe Christmas trees can provide alternate use for

excess crop acres. But, like all farming, it takes a lot of work. Before a tree can reach maturity it must be planted, watered, pampered and trimmed during its growth years.

A fellow who knows about this aspect is Leroy Hogeland, who farms six miles west of Lovilia and whose trees provide the Christmas decorations in downtown Albia and Lovilia.

It was in 1937 that Hogeland decided to grow Christmas trees. At the time he wasn't farming and figured this was a way "of keeping my hand in."

He put out 1,000 Red Pines that first year on some rough ground that wasn't suitable for corn or grain crops. It meant filling in gullies and a lot of ground work.

It was mostly a venture just

to see what they would do, remarked Hogeland.

What 400 did was die. They were machine planted and didn't get tamped solid around the roots, explained Hogeland, who also noted rabbits and mice killed off a number.

Undaunted, Hogeland planted 1,000 more the next year, only this time Scotch Pines. Some of these he interplanted where the Red Pines didn't make it. The trees took hold and did well. Since then Hogeland, who is now farming 540 acres, has added 1,000 Douglas Firs, 500 White Pines and several hundred Colorado Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce.

Although he hasn't planted any trees in the past four years, he now has nearly 3,000 on about two acres.

Originally the trees were planted two feet apart. However, thinning has given them more growing room which is what Hogeland has in store for them.

"I feel that the Red and White Pines will be valuable for lumber some day," says Hogeland, "and what I have should make quite a lot of lumber in about 30 years." He may harvest some younger than that for poles.

Those robust 14 and 15 foot tall trees that can be seen shimmering around Albia and Lovilia were from the crop Hogeland planted in 1937. He sold 156 to the Monroe County Jaycees for the Community Christmas program and also donated about 10. He also donated about 10 to Lovilia which this year has Main Street decorated with Christmas trees, for the first time.

After his present trees are thinned out, some of which may turn out to be Christmas trees, Hogeland won't be planting any more.

Recalling the hard hours spent several days last summer trimming the trees, Hogeland concedes that the job isn't an easy one. The tree area has to be fenced.

But it has its satisfactions. "When I want to look out and see some greenery during the winter, I can just look at my pine grove," smiles Hogeland.

The Monroe County Soil Conservation Service has about eight other farmers they have assisted in a tree-planting program. They include Wayne Thompson of Moravia, Francis Daub, Paul DeVos, Chester Strait of Lovilia, Leo Mitchell, Bob Flanagan, R. E. Reiman and John Cowles.

Dale C. Barker, work unit conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Albia, says SCS technicians can assist private landowners in planning a sound woodland conservation program on their farms.

9 Complete Practices

Practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District the past two weeks include:

Diversion — Earl Albertson, Troy township, 500 feet.

Grassed waterway — Merwyn Gray, Bluff Creek, 15 acre; D. W. Cooper, Guilford, 2 acre; David Flatley, Guilford, 3 acre; Paul Stocker, Monroe, 8 acre; John Goodie, Troy, 2.4 acres and Tom. Sieszinski, Wayne, one acre.

Terrace — William Moyle, Troy, 800 feet.

Tile — Russell Maddy, Cedar, 19,700 feet.

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County's Soil Conservation Activities Continue Strong

January 10, 1966

Twenty-nine new cooperators were added bringing the total in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District to 621 according to a fiscal year report from July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965.

During this same period the Albia SCS office reports the following practices accomplished:

New basic farm plans 29, total basic farm plans 531, revisions of farm plans seven, soil conservation surveys 2430 acres, total soil conservation surveys 188,540 acres, brush control 514 acres, contour farming 297 acres, diversion terraces 17735 lineal feet, farm ponds 63, fishpond stocking 66, grade stabilization structure one, grassed waterway 43 acres, drainage main or lateral 5,835 lineal feet, pasture and hayland renovation 648 acres, pasture and hayland planting 107 acres, drainage field ditch 4925 lineal feet, terrace gradient 10, 150 lineal feet, terrace parallel 1600 lineal feet, tile drainage 10, 283 lineal feet, tree planting 12.5 acres and wildlife habitat development 63.5 acres.

District activities during the calendar year from Jan. 1, 1965 to Dec. 31, 1965 included:

—The Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners held twelve regular Commissioner's meetings during 1965.

—Tour held for Ministers of County during "Soil Stewardship Week." Ministers of county were sent material and the Rev. Henry Hackman wrote a special article for the Albia NEWSpapers. The newspaper also ran a special picture and story page.

—Mrs. Florence Turner and Mrs. Hjalmer Lindberg were sponsored by the District for a

session at the Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park.

—A special page for "Soil & Water Conservation" Week was run by the Albia NEWSpaper.

—Members of the Advisory Board to the State Soil Conservation Committee and other interested people toured the Georgetown Watershed.

—Winner of the District Conservation Speech Contest and the Region 9 Contest was Judy Stuchel who went on to compete in the State Contest.

—Shirley Calhoun and Charlotte Kline were named as County "Queen of Conservation" winners and competed in the Regional Contest.

—The District had an exhibit and drawing at the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair and Fall Festival. Gerald Gay named winner of 1,000 ft. of standard terraces given by the contractors of the District.

—The District received first place for their exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.

—The District also took their exhibit to the Moravia Fall Festival.

—Henry Reis was winner of District Register and Tribune Contest in Division I, Owner-Operator.

—Bob McGinnis, Pat Carbin and Janet Maddison attended the Annual Conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

—Pasture tour held and Lenart Larson, Clifford Davis, Ger-

old Luse and Wayne Thompson presented with plaques at the Alfalfa Banquet during Farm-City Week.

—Entered Goodyear Contest with Leo V. Mitchell being named as District winner.

—There were 59 articles printed in the Albia NEWSpaper during the year.

In their forward in the four page mimeographed publication the Commissioners—Pat A. Carbin, chairman, Bob McGinnis, treasurer and Ollie Kaldenberg—stated:

"We or the Monroe County Soil Conservation District take pride in presenting the 1965 Annual Report.

"This is the twenty-second year we have made this report and we feel that with the assistance of many individuals and organizations much has been accomplished.

"We plan to continue striving in this important field of Soil and Water Conservation with increased emphasis on water supplies, rural beauty, and other allied government programs. We as District Commissioners will be on the alert to give assistance to those individuals who can use our services."

Conservation practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District from Dec. 19 to Jan. 14 came to 21 and are as follows:

Diversions—Robert Black, Cedar township, 200 feet; Ed Luttrell, Franklin Township, 400 feet, and Donald Bettis, Union Township, 600 feet.

Grade stabilization structure—Lucille McCoy, Cedar Township, one.

Farm ponds — Ralph Bunnell, Bluff Creek Township, one; Ambrose Kearney, Cedar Township, one; Clark Ryan, Cedar Township, one; Paul Silverio, Guilford Township, one; James McAninch, Jackson Township, one, and Lloyd Clark, Troy Township, one.

Grassed waterways—Dale Madison, Bluff Creek Township, .5 acre; Pat Crall, Jr., Guilford Township, .25 acre and Robert Dykstra, Pleasant Township, .8 acres.

Open drainage — Erven Long, Monroe Township, 1300 feet.

Tile—Patrick Riordan, Jackson Township, 16,322 feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Bunnell, Kearney, Ryan, Silverio, McAninch and Clark, each one acre.

January 17, 1966

January 27, 1966

Refutes Story in Des Moines Register on Lake Miami

Glen Yates, superintendent of federal aid for the Iowa State Conservation Commission, was in Albia Wednesday and refuted parts of an article that appeared in Sunday's Des Moines Register concerning Lake Miami near Albia.

Yates, in reference to a paragraph in the story that said the Conservation Commission would have to obtain easements from neighboring landowners because the lake will back up on private property, said this was not so. Several residents in that area were alarmed by the report.

He also questioned the statement that the Commission will have little control of surrounding soil erosion surrounding the lake. "By and large the watershed is in good shape," said Yates.

He pointed out that 62 per cent of the watershed is in permanent grass or pasture and not over 15 per cent of the approximately 3,300 watershed is in row crops in any one year.

He also blasted a statement in the Sunday article that said "No such protection (soil retention) is possible along the sides of the lake unless more land is purchased."

Yates said they have easements on the west side of the lake for two points where water will enter. Both of these are 20 acre easements, under a 99 year lease.

The federal aid superintendent also said they have been negotiating for an easement on the east side of the lake where incoming water is expected to cause a silting problem. He noted it was just a matter of picking up the easement.

The main inflow of water and possible problem spot for siltation is on the south end of the reservoir. Yates said they have an option for 80 acres and are planning several silt retention dams in that area on the south end that draws heavy run-off from both the southwest and southeast.

Yates said these structures will be put in sometime this summer with the Commission's equipment and will be built according to Soil Conservation Service specifications.

Sunday's article cited the ruling that the commission shall not build an artificial lake "unless and until soil conservation practices are in effect on at least 75 per cent of the land comprising the watershed . . ."

Yates said this applies only to lakes where money is appropriated by the state legislature. He noted the Miami Lake is being built primarily with Dingell-Johnson funds from the federal government.

The state conservation commission official went on to refute the Des Moines Register's contention that the lake was too small for the large size of the watershed. He cited the depth and "acre feet" as compensating factors. The official noted that although the lake is just 145 acres in size, its depth will average around 12 feet and it will hold some 1720 acre feet of water.

An acre foot is a volume of water one foot high and taking in one acre in area.

Concerning completion of Lake

Miami, Yates said it should be finished by spring and ready for stocking. He estimated concrete work on the spillway was 70 per cent completed and the overall project was also about 70 per cent completed.

The contractor should be done with concrete work and the earthen dam by June 1, said Yates who noted that would be just about right for stocking with pan fish fry such as bass, bluegill and crappie.

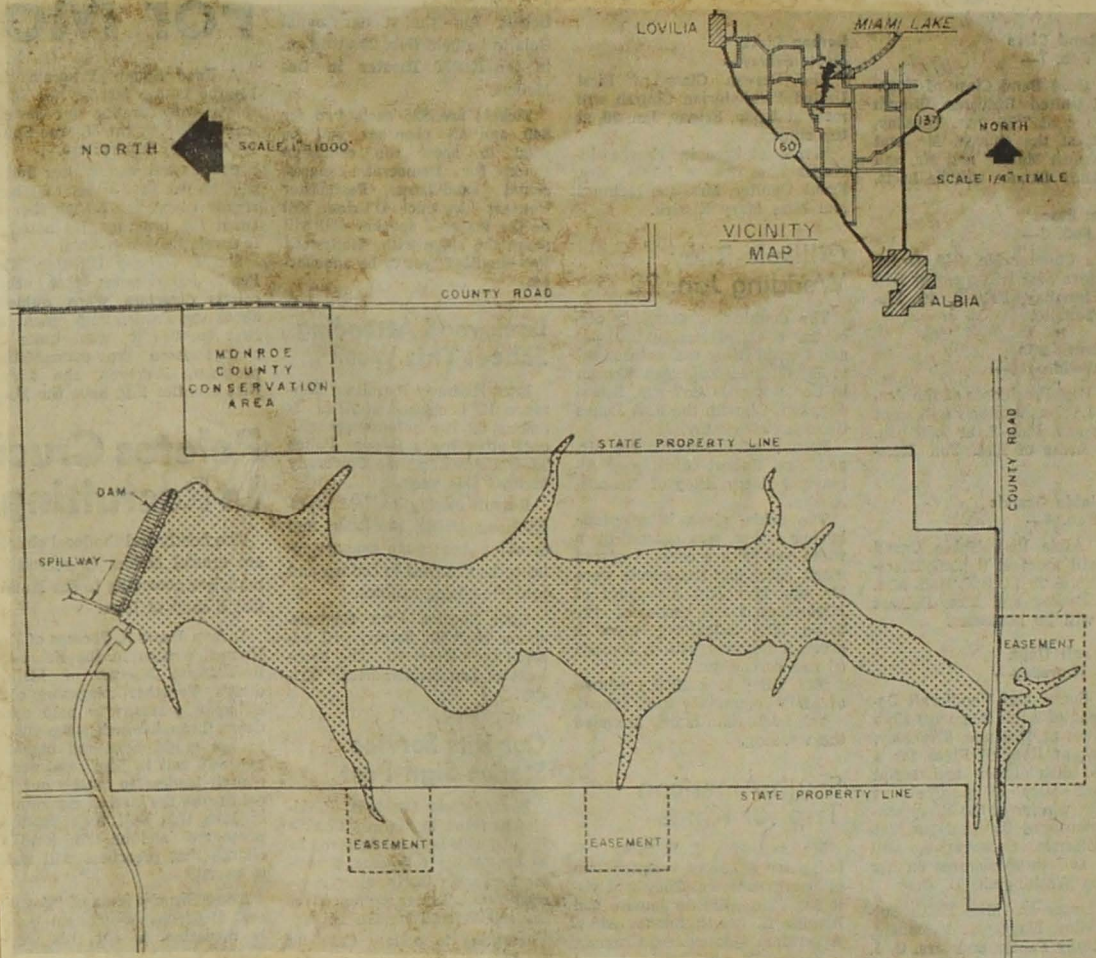
The new lake about eight miles north of Albia will be primarily a fishing lake, said Yates although he noted the Commission would put in some boat ramps, access roads and there would be other recreational development.

Records in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office show there are 24 farms involved in the 3,320 acre Lake Miami watershed. Out of these 24 farms there are 10 with a basic farm plan although not all of these 10 farms are entirely wholly in the watershed.

In the watershed there are 16 farm ponds and two drop inlet structures, methods of lowering water without erosion. The ponds by themselves act as silting basins.

Soil conservation technicians said they "do not think siltation will be too much of a problem in the watershed."

They noted there are some scattered gullies on the hillsides but that any soil that washes out will be caught in grassed areas somewhere between the gullies and the lake.



Lake Miami

The finger-like draws leading off Lake Miami set for completion in the spring and located about eight miles north of Albia have come into contention recently because of problem spots of siltation. However, Conservation Commission officials, in answer to an article in last Sunday's Des Moines Register, note that easements have been obtained on the two inlets on the west side of the lake (bottom of drawing) and an 80-acre easement, that is much

larger than the dotted line so marked on the south end. Negotiations are just about completed for an easement on the east side of the lake. Silt retaining structures will be built on these easements. The new lake is on Bluff Creek, which is generally dry during the summer. The smaller sketch shows access roads to the new lake. Note the Monroe County Conservation area slated for development.

1966 Conservation Speech Contest Has Water Topic

January 8, 1966

"Water Conservation — Vital to All" is the topic for the 1966 Soil Conservation Speech Contest to be co-sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company of Grinnell.

Entry in the contest is open to all junior and senior high school students living in Iowa. Contest information is available at the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office located in the Post Office Building in Albia.

Judy Stuchel of Albia was the winner of the 1965 district contest. She received a medal as the district winner and represented the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest. She also won the regional contest.

Regional prizes in the 1966 contest will be furnished by the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. Regional prizes will be \$25, \$15 and \$10 for first, second, and third places, respectively.

A \$250 scholarship to any accredited university, college, or junior college, plus \$100 in cash

will be won by the winner of the state contest. Second prize in the state contest is \$75 in cash and third prize is \$50 in cash.

Over 380 contestants participated in the 1965 contest. State contest winner was Mike Swenson of Shenandoah, and runners-up were Alan Schallock of Osage and Eddie Wiederstein of Audubon.

Students in Soil Speech Contest

February 21, 1966

Albia Community High School and junior high school students may participate in the 1966 Soil Conservation Speech Contest.

The topic is "Water Conservation—Vital to All."

Speeches given by contestants must be at least five minutes long and no longer than 10 minutes.

Contestants cannot use notes or visual aids of any kind while delivering their speeches.

Judges will base their selections on originality, aptness of thought, accuracy of information and the method the contestant uses to deliver his speech.

Contestants will have to answer two questions asked by the judges who will score each contestant's answer.

Winners in the district contest will compete in the region 9 contest. Prizes for regional winners are \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place.

The contest is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Iowa, the Association of Soil District Commissioners and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company.

Annual Conservation Banquet Is April 11

February 28, 1966

Albert Etcher, Rte. 1, Lovilia will be a candidate for commissioner of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District. Chairman Pat Carbin, Rte. 1, Melrose, after 12 years is stepping down.

The District's annual Commissioners Banquet and Election will be held April 11 at the First Christian Church Service Center.

Polls will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. with the dinner at 7 p.m.

Nomination papers are now being circulated on Etcher who is presently serving as an assistant commissioner. The other two assistant commissioners declined to run.

Another candidate is considering running. There will be another besides Etcher. Terms are for six years.

Plans for the annual event were made at a commissioner's meeting Tuesday evening.

Joe Phillips, extension agronomist at Iowa State University where he is working on his doctor's degree, will be the featured speaker for this year's banquet. Phillips at one time was an agronomist for this area and worked

out of the Monroe County Extension office.

Pianist Carbin will furnish music for the banquet.

Tickets can be purchased from Carbin, Commission members Robert McGinnis or Ollie Kaldenberg, or at the district office in the Post Office building.

At the Commissioner's meeting initial agreements were approved for the following:

Bill Franklin, 243 acres, Pleasant; Lewis R. Printly, 196 acres, Jackson; Lawrence Johnson, 200 acres, Mantua; Delbert Calhoun, 245 acres, Franklin; Albert Pirnat, 280 acres, Bluff Creek; Dale Maddison, 183 acres, Bluff Creek; Floyd Bates, 240 acres Mantua and Kenneth K. Shilling, 177 acres, Pleasant.

Basic plans were also approved for Lewis Printly, 196 acres; Louie McCay, 154 acres, Mantua; Donald McGee, 635 acres, Mantua and Eugene Stewart, 200 acres, Mantua.

There were cancellations for Marvin Callen, 288 acres, Franklin and James Shovlain, 196 acres, Jackson.

March 7, 1966

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Pay-to-Fish Project May Be a First for Albia Area

It was a scene to stir the fishing fever despite the weather.

Being dumped by the dip nets and can fulls were over 30,000 fat and wriggly 9 to 10 inch bullheads.

The place was the nearly one

acre pond of Wayne Sample at his Curfew Acres camp grounds about four miles east of Albia.

For about two hours Friday morning, amid biting wind, snow and cold, the special tank truck that brought in the 30,000 bullheads from a fisheries out of

Minnesota, was unloaded and the fish stocked in the small lake.

Thus was put into being a long-considered plan by Sample to provide a pay-for-what-you-catch fishing pond.

It's probably the first of its kind in this area.

Come spring or warm weather the operation will be open to the public. Sample plans to charge 25 cents for each fish caught.

"This is called controlled fishing," explained Sample. "The fishermen will pay for what they catch."

In reference to the large stocking in such a small pond, Sample noted that this was the way to guarantee people they would catch fish.

He said the lake must be stocked heavy and they will keep it stocked.

The lake is about three years old. Although Sample built it with his own money, he received technical help from Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

Sample said the fishing lake

will not only be for the cross-country travelers which his business depends on, but also for local anglers.

The camping operation has hook-ups for some 20 permanent trailers and is nationally advertised in camping magazines.

The spread itself takes in some 300 acres.

"This spring a small lake will be built back there for pleasure fishing," said Sample pointing off in a southerly direction. He noted that this wouldn't be controlled fishing and it will be stocked and open to anyone without charge.

Also in connection with the recreational development of Curfew Acres, Sample said they will have a trap shoot facility this spring. It will be located north of U.S. 34 across the highway from the camping area and fishing pond. Sample noted the concrete has been poured for the

trap shoot walkways. Traps and a trap house will go in this spring, he said.

There will be no registered shoots. Trap shooting will be open to the general public probably in the evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

All that remains to do on the pay to fish project is the erection of a woven and barb wire fence around the pond. Poles and bait will be provided for those who want them. There are also plans to have a place where people can have the fish cleaned at the recreation area.



Bullhead Stocking

About 30,000 bullheads were stocked in a new pay-for-fish pond at Wayne Sample's Curfew Acres camp

grounds east of Albia Friday morning. Watching the fish being served up are Sample (right) and John Fonti-

nel. The camp is located four miles east of Albia on Highway 34.

Live Rich and Rewarding Lives in Rural America

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman said the Nation's soil and water conservation districts have an exciting and challenging role in rebuilding the gates of rural America so they open in as well as out, reports Pat A. Carbin, chairman of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

Freeman, in a talk prepared for the 20th annual meeting of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at New Orleans, said the greatest contribution that rural leadership can make today is to enable more people to live rich and rewarding lives where the space is . . . in the countryside.

Freeman emphasized the countryside must be equipped with adequate educational and health services, water and sanitation systems, facilities for job training, social services and cultural activities. It also must provide more industries, businesses and service institutions, since the people who live there must be able to work there.

Soil conservation district leaders who today apply their skills in conservation planning and practices to the broad range of natural resource uses essential to community development have a vital role to play in this undertaking, he said.

Of the new tools in rural development, Freeman cited President Johnson's proposed Community Development District con-

cept as one of the most promising for the advancement of the soil conservation district principles.

Through these new proposed districts, he said soil conservation district leaders can help achieve the conditions necessary for economic and social advancement in rural areas and provide greater opportunity for more people.

When wise use of natural resources is combined with the programs of health and education to improve human resources, we see more clearly that conservation is concerned not with nature alone but with the total relation between man and the world around him, Freeman said.

"The objective is to raise the quality of life and to give it new dimension."

Awards Set for Conservation District Banquet April 11

The biennial Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioner's Banquet and Election will be held Monday evening, April 11, at the Christian Church Service Center in Albia. Dinner will be at 7 p.m.

A commissioner will be elected for a six-year term to replace Pat Carbin, who is not a candidate for re-election. Two men Albert Eteher, Lovilia and Dave McGrath, Melrose, are candidates.

The polls will be open between 4 and 8 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Joe Phillips, extension agronomist.

A Goodyear Conservation Award and a Register and Tribune Award will be given. Three district commissioners plaques will also be presented. The plaques are donated by the Albia Rotary Club.

The Monroe County Corn Yield Contest winners will be presented.

Tickets may be purchased from Pat Carbin, Bob McGinnis, Ollie Kaldenberg or the District Office in the Post Office Building.

Phillips, who has worked in this area, joined the Iowa State University staff in 1955 as an associate and was promoted to the rank of area agronomist in 1958 and extension agronomist in 1964.

Born in Jackson, Tenn., he attended the University of Tennessee where he received the bachelor of science degree in 1951. He received the master of science degree in 1958 from Iowa State Uni-



Phillips

versity. He is currently working on a doctor of philosophy degree at Iowa State.

He is a member of the Reserve Officers Association and the American Society of Agronomy. He served two tours of duty in the Army Infantry and was discharged with the rating of captain. He is married to the former Nancy Lou King of Greeneville, Tenn., also a graduate of the University of Tennessee. They have three children, Joe, Mark and Robin.

Another Honor For Miss Findley

Billie Christine Findley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Findley of Lovilia, won first place in the Monroe County Soil Conservation Speech contest held Friday at the Albia Community High School.

The runner-up was Donna Beary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beary of Lovilia.

Miss Findley was also a winner in the state Youthpower program along with Mary Beary,

Commissioners Of SCSD Meet

Business at a meeting March 22 of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners included:

Initial agreement — William Welsh, Cedar Township, 70 acres.

Basic plan—Floyd Bates, Mantua Township, 240 acres.

Replan—Harold Parker, Union Township, 307 acres.

Cancellations — P. E. Coady, Guilford Township, 120 acres and Verla Comstock, Pleasant Township, 243 acres.

Search On For Queen

The soil conservation districts of Iowa will again sponsor the 1966 "Queen of Conservation" Contest making the seventh consecutive year a "Queen of Conservation" Contest has been held in Iowa. Plans are being made now by the Monroe County Soil

Conservation District.

The crowning of the state winner will be the culmination of district and regional contests as Iowa's one hundred soil conservation districts search for the girl that will reign as state queen. The state contest will be held Sept. 8 in Jefferson, Iowa, during the Plowmen's Banquet, an event planned in connection with the National Soil Conservation Districts' Field Day and Plowing Matches being held east

of Jefferson Sept. 8 and 9, 1966.

A total of 411 girls entered the state-wide contest in 1965 and Mrs. Donna Wilson (formerly Donna Chandler of Marengo) was named the state winner. Contestants are first selected on a district basis at which time two winners are selected to advance to regional competition. A total of nine regional winners are selected for state competition.

Contestants are judged on personal attractiveness, personality,

ability to converse, and general knowledge of agriculture and soil conservation. To be eligible to enter the contest a girl must be single, reside on a farm, and between 16 and 21 years of age. Prospective candidates may secure information regarding the contest at local soil conservation district offices.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF IOWA — NOTICE OF ELECTION OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE MONROE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, EMBRACING LANDS LYING IN THE COUNTY OF MONROE IN THE STATE OF IOWA:

To all owners and/or operators of lands lying within the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, comprising the territory described as follows:

All land lying within the boundaries of Monroe County, Iowa, exclusive of incorporated cities and towns.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of April, 1966, between the hours of 4:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., an election will be held for the election of a commissioner for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

All owners and/or operators of lands lying within the above mentioned territory are eligible to vote.

Polling places for the election are as follows:

Eligible voters residing within the district shall cast their ballots at one of the polling places. Eligible voters not residing in the district, or who will be absent from the district on the day of election may apply in person or in writing to the County Auditor at Albia, Iowa, for "absentee ballots." Each applicant for an absentee ballot shall state his name, residence, location, and acreage of land owned or possessed, and interest therein.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Wendell C. Pallett, Chairman.
Mar. 31, Apr. 7.

Bandstra Scores Cut-back In SCS Watershed Program

Congressman Bert Bandstra, (Dem., Iowa) today warned that Budget Bureau limitations threaten a "severe cut-back" in the U. S. Soil Conservation Service watershed program.

Bandstra, from Iowa's Fourth Congressional District, said the Budget Bureau has imposed "sharply curtailing" limitation on the number of S.C.S. watershed projects that can be approved for planning and construction during the next fiscal year.

In addition, Bandstra said the Budget Bureau has placed a limitation on S.C.S. restricting the number of watershed planning approvals for this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Bandstra, in a statement to the House of Representatives, said the Budget Bureau has limited S.C.S. to providing planning for 50 watersheds and new construction approval for only 35 projects during fiscal year 1967.

Bandstra, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, said the Budget Bureau also has limited S.C.S. to making 100 watershed planning approvals for the current fiscal year.

"Thus far in fiscal year 1966, S.C.S. to providing planning for 92 projects," Bandstra said, pointing out that this leaves only 8 possible planning approvals from now until June 30.

At present, S.C.S. has pending 47 requests for watershed planning approvals, Bandstra said,

adding that more are expected in the near future.

Among the pending planning requests, he pointed out, is the Carter Creek Watershed, located in Davis and Appanoose counties in Iowa.

"In my view, these planning limitations for fiscal year 1966 are unfair, both to S.C.S. and to the local people who are awaiting approval of watershed planning requests, and I feel very strongly that the Budget Bureau should remove them," Bandstra declared.

He also urged removal, by Congressional action if necessary, of the Budget Bureau limitations on planning and construction of watershed projects for the next fiscal year.

"In comparison with the past operation of the watershed program, these limitations are extremely severe," he said.

"For example, from fiscal year 1963 through 1965, S.C.S. has made an annual average of 114 planning approvals and 62 construction approvals, Bandstra pointed out.

"Thus, if the Budget Bureau's limitations for fiscal year 1967 are not removed, the scope of the present watershed program will be virtually cut in half," he declared.

Since 1954, when Congress established the S.C.S. watershed program, local watershed projects have provided much-needed measures for soil and water conservation and for flood control, Bandstra said.

"Moreover, S.C.S. now provides assistance or recreational development at watershed projects, and this can be a big help in promoting economic growth in some rural areas," he added.

Bandstra noted that new legislation has been proposed for both conservation and rural development, and added:

"In my view, it makes no sense at all to propose new programs in these areas and, at the same time, sharply curtail the highly successful and widely supported S.C.S. watershed program."

March 31,
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Banquet is Monday

Over 100 are expected for the biannual banquet and election of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Monday at the First Christian Church Service Center.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. Polls will be open from 4 to 8 p.m.

Joe Phillips, extension agronomist from Ames and formerly with the extension service in this area, will be the main speaker.

Linda Ammons, regional winner of the safety speech contest, will give her talk. There will also be a number of awards presented.

Tickets are now on sale at the Soil Conservation office or from commissioners. They will also be sold at the door.

April 7,
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STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Wendell C. Pallett, Chairman.
Mar. 31, Apr. 7.

Conservation Winners Announced

April 11,
1966 →

An Albia teacher who has promoted soil conservation through speech contests, four farmers who have put Conservation into extensive practice, and 10 top corn producers will be honored this evening at the biannual Monroe County Soil Conservation District banquet at the First Christian Church Service Center.

Mrs. J. Logan Cain, speech and English instructor in the Albia Community High School, will receive one of the three commissioners' plaques for her work with students in the various speech contests sponsored by the

Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Carl Kitsman, Jr., of Bluff Creek Township and Mike Koffman of Monroe Township are the other two winners of the conservation plaques which will be provided by the Albia Rotary Club and presented by Rotarian Frank Bell.

Henry Reis of Wayne Township will receive the Des Moines Register and Tribune award and Leo Mitchell of Monroe Township will receive the Goodyear award.

Farmers who will be presented awards for top yields in the Master Corn Growers Contest are as follows:

Robert Goode of Blakesburg, 117.71 bushels per acre; Donald Bettis, 117.09; Melvine Clark, 111.24; Ollie Kaldenberg, 110.46; Lloyd Goode, 110.41; Edward Crall, 109.26; Gene Kromray, 108.22; Howard Davis, 103.89; Walter Gardner, 100.65 and Ivan Shelquist of Moravia, 82.69.

Kitsman farms 430 acres. His conservation practices include 41 acres of contour farming, 32 acres of pasture development, six miles of terraces and 4.9 acres of waterway.

Koffman owns 200 acres and is one of the younger cooperators with the district, working with about three or four years. His conservation practices include 30 acres of contour farming, 70 acres of pasture improvement, one acre of wildlife habitat, one farm pond, 1050 feet of terracing and 1.6 acre of grassed waterway.

Reis farms 365 acres of which 1.3 acres is grassed waterway, 4,160 feet is diversion terraces, 68 acres is improved pasture, and 138 acres in brush control. He has two farm ponds and 2100 feet of tile drainage.

Mitchell's 213 acre farm include 62 acres of contour farm-

ing, 33 acres of pasture improvement, 25 acres of brush clearing, two acres of tree planting, 2,460 feet of open drainage, 500 feet of tile drainage, one farm pond and .3 of an acre of grassed waterway.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. Joe Phillips, extension agronomist, will be the main speaker.

Election of commissioners will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Over 150 are expected for the event.

Urges More Improved Pasture

Speaking to an unexpectedly large turn-out of about 175, Extension Agronomist Joe Phillips said at the Soil Conservation District banquet Monday night at the First Christian Church Service Center that the cow numbers in Monroe County could be tripled bringing an increased income of about \$4 million.

Citing recent statistics he noted there were between 17,000 to 20,000 head of cows in the county, and asserted that with pasture improvement this figure could be raised to 60,000.

The former resident believes the county will have to do better in the number of cow-calf units per acre.

In 1959 it took 11 acres of hay and pasture for one cow and calf in Monroe County, said Phillips. In 1964 this figure was down to about nine acres per cow and calf.

"From a tax assessment standpoint you can't stay at this level of production," said the agronomist from Iowa State University who would like to see the

figure down to three acres per cow-calf unit. He pointed out this could be done with liming, fertilization and pasture renovation. He noted Floyd Ransom at the Albia Experimental Farm had the figure down to less than two acres per cow-calf.

In his talk entitled, "What's Ahead for Monroe County," the featured speaker sees and approves of more "intense cropping on the high fertility or better land in the county."

After discussing the five general soil areas in the county and their uses, he told the listeners that demand for farm products would mean they are going to have to get the maximum production out of their acres.

Foremost in this effort should be pasture improvement.

Phillips noted that about half of Monroe County had the Weller-Lindley soil type that is best suited to a grassland agriculture. He asserted that all farms in this soil association should be in improved pasture or meadow for hay.

The agronomist said there was about 151,000 acres of pasture in Monroe County and about 16,000 to 20,000 of this was improved pasture. About one-third the county is in cropland, he said. Phillips warned about trying to make the Weller-Lindley areas compete with corn land.

Monroe County Agent James

Johnson was master of ceremonies for the biannual affair which saw the presentation of some dozen awards.

Albert Etcher was elected as the new member of the County Soil Conservation Commission. He will take the post June 1 replacing Pat Carbin who is resigning after 12 years. Carbin was presented a certificate for his service by William Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Commission who was at the meeting along with other state and area conservation officials.

Also addressing the group was Linda Ammons, regional winner of the safety speech contest, who warned about the hardships caused by accidents.

In her winning speech entitled, "How Safe Living Affects My Future," Miss Ammons traced what could happen if a member of her family had an accident.

She traced the grief and hardship that is brought to a family through accidents and how accidents deprive families of much needed funds. "Remember this the next time you are five minutes late and are bawling," she declared.

Miss Ammons noted there are five people who died each day in Iowa through accidents.

The turn-out for the banquet and election was the largest in the last 10 years.

David McGrath was the other candidate for the commissioner post.



Award Winner

Joe Phillips congratulates Albert Etcher (left) following the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Banquet Monday night at the First Christian Church Service Center. Etcher was elected district commissioner and will start serving the six-year term in June. Phillips was the main speaker at the event. An Extension Agronomist, he formerly lived in Albia and served a four-county area here in that capacity. Monroe County Extension Director James Johnson who was master of ceremonies is in the background.

April 14, 1966

THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS

Public Legal Notifications

- Iowa law requires that the residents of this area be notified of certain legal proceedings. Individuals as well as groups may have a personal interest in these notifications. Often the publication is the only public notice.

State Soil Conservation Committee of Iowa

NOTICE OF ELECTION RESULT OF COMMISSIONER OF MONROE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To All Persons Interested, Notice is hereby Given:

That the tabulations set out below give a full, correct, and true report of the result of an election of a commissioner for the Monroe Soil Conservation District held on the 11th day of April, 1966.

(A) Total votes cast in election	50
(B) Votes cast for commissioner	50
Names of Candidates	No. of Votes
Albert Etcher	30
Dave McGrath	20

Albert Etcher, being the candidate who received the largest number of votes, was declared the elected commissioner for said district.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Wendell C. Pellett, Chairman.
Dated this 11th day of April, 1966.
Apr. 18.

April 18, 1966

April 28, 1966

SOIL STEWARDSHIP—

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District office is now making plans for "Soil Stewardship Week" to be observed May 15 to 22. Among the events will be the annual tour for ministers.

Approves 11 Conservation Practices

The eleven following practices were approved by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners at their regular meeting last Thursday.

Initial agreements — Floyd Gray, Troy Township, 187 acres; William L. Spaur, Mantua, 303 acres; Lloyd A. Morgan, Monroe, 445 acres; Maurice A. Sinclair, Franklin, 221 acres; Stanley Pfeifer, Guilford, 280 acres and John Mahin, Mantua, 72 acres.

Basic plans—Earl Albertson, Troy Township, 263 acres and Charles Laughead, Troy, 115 acres.

Replan—Lloyd Clark, Troy, 296 acres.

Cancellations—Roy F. Chidester, Guilford, 118 acres and Roy S. Hayworth, Franklin, 51 acres.

Ministers to Meet Friday For Soil Conservation Tour

Monroe County ministers, priests and laymen interested in soil conservation will meet Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the County Extension Office for the annual tour in connection with Soil Stewardship Week May 15 to 21.

The annual event is sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

This year emphasis will be on showing how a complete conservation farm plan is developed.

Work Unit Conservationist Dale Barker will show the steps and methods involved. A conservation plan, explains Barker, is based on a soil survey made by a soil scientist and also the desires of the farmer.

After hearing an explanation from Barker the group will visit the Jerold Gillaspie farm, Rte. 1, to view the different practices connected with the conservation plan.

Conservation Queen Sought

A farm girl from Iowa will be crowned Iowa's "Queen of Conservation" in ceremonies at the Plowman's Banquet in Jefferson Sept. 8, 1966. The banquet is a part of the National Soil Conservation Field Days and Plowing Matches which will be held near Jefferson on Sept. 8 and 9. The newly crowned queen will reign as the official hostess of the National Field Days.

The winner of this state-wide contest and recipient of a \$250 cash award could be a Monroe County farm girl. The Monroe County Soil Conservation District is sponsoring a local "Queen of Conservation" Contest and the winners of the local contest will be competing in the regional contest to be held later this summer.

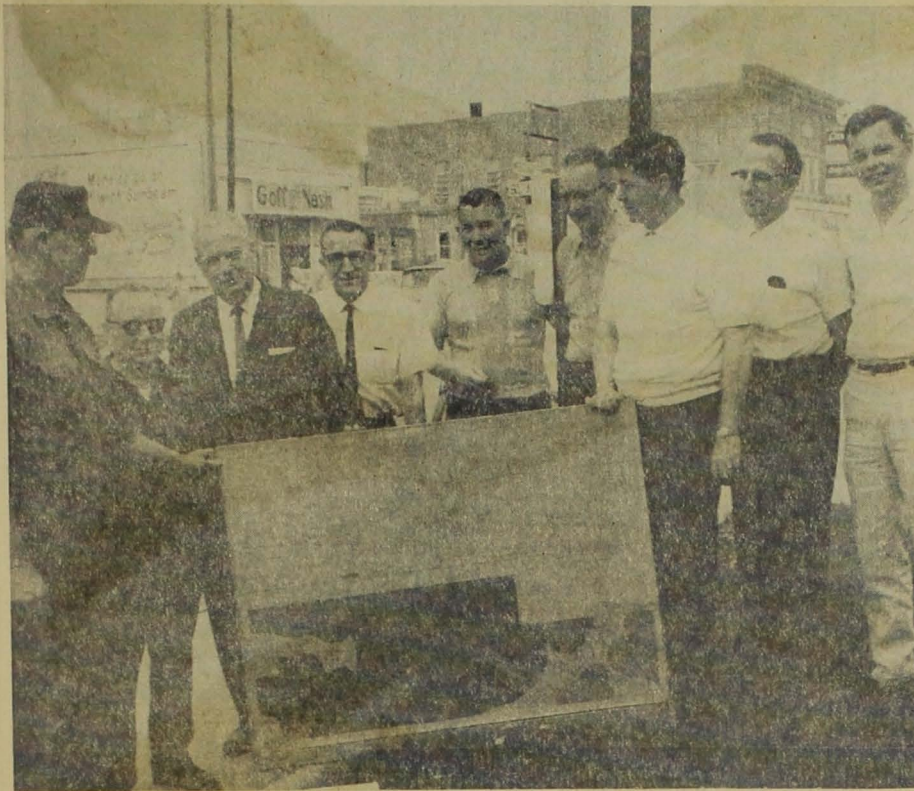
The contest is open to all single Iowa farm girls between the ages of 16 and 21 who will not be over 21 by the time of the state contest. The queen will be chosen for her poise, personality, ability to converse, and personal attractiveness. She will also be required to have a general knowledge of soil conservation and agriculture in general.

Entry blanks and other contest information may be obtained from the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office located in the Post Office building in Albia.

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All Facets of Farm Plan Explained



Clergymen's Conservation Class

Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, briefs local clergymen on what they can expect to see at the Jerold Gillaspie farm. The group visited the farm after hearing an explanation from Barker on what is involved in a basic conservation farm plan which the map helped to illustrate. The talk and tour Friday afternoon was in connection with Soil Stewardship Week May 15 to 22. Left to right are the Rev. Charles Gannon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Georgetown; the Rev. Frank Marler, pastor of the First Christian

Church; the Rev. Donald Gruber, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church; Elder David Gordon, pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; the Rev. Eugene Hoenig, pastor of St. Mary's Church; the Rev. Lorents Flak, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; The Rev. Paul Cousins, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church and James Johnson, Monroe County Extension director. The lower part of the illustration shows the various individual land uses and practices of each area of the 105-acre farm.

Five ministers and two priests of Monroe County took a first hand look Friday at how a basic conservation plan is arrived at and carried out.

Meeting first in the County Extension office, the clergymen were shown how a farm is classified according to soil type and best land use.

An enlarged drawing which showed the various classifications of the Jerold Gillaspie farm was used by Dale Barker, work unit conservationist, to illustrate his Soil Stewardship program which afterwards included a tour of the 105 acre Gillaspie farm.

"For a long time we were thought of as pond builders," said Barker at the beginning of his talk.

"Later we were thought of as dirt movers," continued the work unit conservationist who has been at the local office a dozen years.

"By and large that is where we are still today," continued Barker as he cited stock ponds, terraces, diversion terraces, grass waterways a few drop-inlet structures and in recent years some tile drainage, all carried out with the technical assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and ACP cost-share funds from the federal government.

"But our prime objective in developing basic conservation farm plans," said Barker who noted these include the above practices when needed as well as field arrangements, crop rotations, tillage practices and seeding recommendations.

"This is all set out on an aerial photograph of the farm with the accompanying colored soil survey. Included is a narrative of the use of the fields and the practices agreed to," said Barker who added that this information is "all contained in a blue folder entitled Soil and Water Conservation Plan."

Barker noted increased emphasis was now being put on basic conservation farm plans. He pointed out that the first step to obtaining one is for the farmer to become a cooperar with the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

There are some 600 cooperators in the district which has about 1074 farmers.

The work unit conservationist explained the organizational arrangement of the local district which was formed about 21 years ago.

The three commissioners are elected for six-year terms. They

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part of state government and provide the liaison between the federal government, the Soil Conservation Service, and the farmer, explained Barker.

Mentioning other full-time workers, Barker said an appropriation from the state of Iowa pays the salary of the office clerk and part of the salary of a conservation aid.

He noted that Mrs. Janet Madison was a very efficient office clerk.

Barker went on to point out that he was responsible for administration and making farm plans. "I leave the layout of soil conserving practices to John Botts," said Barker, "an employee with a high technical proficiency." He is assisted by Don Beal, state aid.

Moving to his colored illustration, Barker said "we work from a soil survey in developing a conservation plan."

He noted that this was done by one of the two soil scientists at present working in this 13-county area. With a nod to how much work these soil scientists do, Barker remarked that he has 2,200 acres in the county that need soil surveying.

Soil borings are taken on the farm, continued Barker, and the land is classified according to soil type and degree of slope and erosion.

It is from these findings that "farm land resources" are obtained, said Barker, who added this also includes findings on slope length, water infiltration rate, crop residue and type of cultivation done.

"Now we talk to the farmer

and discuss how it should be cropped and what practices should be developed," said the conservationist in explaining the next step.

He noted that the wishes of the farmers are considered in setting up the farm plan but he also emphasized the SCS has standards that must be met.

Barker then showed how the Gillaspie farm, southeast of Albia near Cottonwood Pits State Recreation Area, was fitted for a conservation plan.

The farm was broken down into 10 areas which showed the general soil types. About 35 acres of the 105 acre farm as cropland with the rest mostly pasture.

Monroe County Extension Director James Johnson who also assisted with the tour and program noted that the per cent of cropland on this farm was a little higher than most in the county. Johnson also noted that the farm was smaller than the average Monroe County farm which is 235 acres.

He noted the farm had rolling land which was typical of this area. The extension director went on to say that corn and hogs have traditionally provided income to the farmer. But with the rolling land in this area farmers can't make it on a corn-hog operation, said Johnson, so emphasis has been put on greater pasture renovation to improve beef cattle operations.

Barker explained the various areas on the Gillaspie farm and the uses put to each.

Noting the meadow areas he reminded that there is no such thing as permanent meadow. It must be renovated, said Barker who suggested a corn crop periodically on meadow ground to "break up a disease and insect cycle."

It was observed during the discussion that Gillaspie was like many farmers in the county in that he worked part-time off the farm. He's an employee of John Deere Co. in Ottumwa.

Barker said 26 per cent of the 600 plus district cooperators in the county work full time at another job and another 25 per cent work more than 100 days a year off the farm.

Many farmers can't afford or can't get the land to go into farming full time, it was noted by the ministers in discussion. But many farmers like the freedom of the farm plus a steady income from a regular job so they farm part-time and work in industry also, the ministers added.

In other remarks Barker said his office and the county extension office compliment each other.

In reference to the different roles of the two agencies, he noted they sometimes have to run people with questions up and down the stairs to get the right answers for them.

After the discussion the ministers toured the Gillaspie farm to

view the various fields and practices in the farm plan.

Ministers taking part in the tour as part of Soil Stewardship Week which will be May 15 to 22 were the Rev. Lorents Flak, the Rev. Don Gruber, the Rev. Eugene Hoenig, the Rev. Charles Gannon, Elder David Gordon, the Rev. Frank Marler and the Rev. Paul Cousins.

Speaker Here Asks 'Where Are Pleaders'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Harold M. Anderson, Work Unit Conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District for 10 years before leaving in 1954 to go to Osceola, gave the following talk at St. Paul's Lutheran Church here last Sunday. Anderson who comes back to Albion for periodic visits is now Work Unit Conservationist at Indianola. The talk is keyed to Soil Stewardship Week May 15 to 21.

In the beginning when God formed the earth and created all living things, he endowed man with special gifts and placed him in charge of the earth and everything upon it. It was then that man assumed the responsibilities of stewardship.

Throughout history man's responsibilities have increased and stewardship has become more significant.

The wonders of creation will doubtless always remain a mystery, but we do know that the earth has sustained man through the ages. We also know that progress almost beyond all comprehension has been made.

We are all aware of the fact that we have witnessed within our lifetime the most profound changes which have ever taken place. Right now, changes are occurring 20 times as fast as they did early in this century. Scientific knowledge doubles every 15 years.

But man still depends on the land upon which he lives for sustenance. However, we have reached the point where there is real concern for man's continued welfare—not too many years in the future.

Presently the supermarkets are full and it seems that in our affluent American society the good things of life are endless.

Upon taking a closer look we find that trouble spots are appearing.

Today, there is indeed a "crisis in the countryside"—or rather, two crises. One is the continued wastage of the land through erosion and improper use. The other is the result of man's partial success. This is the crisis of complacency about conservation.

Why this complacency? Perhaps it is because the need for increased conservation measures does not immediately strike the eye. The supermarkets are full today. The dust may not be blowing today. And so we concern ourselves with the big headlines—wars, space, missiles, murders. These are serious matters indeed. But, we lose more of our

land every year to silent erosion than we have ever lost, or shall ever lost to a foreign foe.

What happens to the eroding lands of the midwest affects us more directly than our landing on the moon. Where are the pleaders for this? And no matter what weapons of the future we develop the most modern army in the world still travels on its stomach, still depends on the bountiful earth that we take for granted.

Our activities around the world, and out of it, are very necessary. But I firmly believe that there is no more important work, now or in the future, than conserving and enriching our own land, the basis for our life, our living and our national wealth.

At the moment there is no shortage of acres for crop production for our own use. We choose to misread and misinterpret government statements that we have 40 to 50 million acres that are not needed at this time for the production of certain crops already in surplus. The headlines report "excess" acres. We forget this condition is temporary. We delay the time consuming, exacting work of soil stewardship, of soil protection, of land-use planning. What's the rush?

The supermarkets are still full. We lose each year, through erosion and other preventable damage about 500,000 acres of formerly productive land. The bulldozer and the builder take another one and one-third million acres of the best land every 365 days for highways, factories, housing and so on. Our rivers continue to flood and destroy homes and hopes. Our water supply runs short, becomes polluted and erodes the land. And, as much of our land disappears, our population and that of the world increases.

What then are our responsibilities?

The wide-spread hunger which stalks the underprivileged people of the world is a well known fact. Yet, we cannot feed the whole world if we would. If all of our stored surpluses were distributed to the areas in need, these so-called surpluses would last but a few weeks. We do furnish large amounts of feed grains to critical areas to arrest famine, and we will no doubt continue to do so. But our greatest contribution to the underdeveloped nations will be to provide the educational and technical help

needed for them to increase their own productivity, both in agriculture and industry.

A new generation of young people is growing up in our ever-increasing urban areas. If they are to gain an understanding of soil and water conservation and all their implications, the schools will have to include this in the curriculum.

Our churches which are to be commended for their support of conservation programs will need to step-up their efforts in this field. Carelessness in spiritual matters leads to carelessness in all other matters of life. Carelessness in other matters of life leads to carelessness and poverty in spiritual matters. One cannot divorce responsible concern for the gifts of God from spiritual truths to land, cattle and crops from the love of God without distorting and ultimately destroying the things God loves.

Urban and rural people alike will need to keep themselves informed by reading, listening and observing. A drive through the countryside to compare, first hand, examples of conservation and soil waste is highly recommended.

We call our land "God's country" and so it is. Let us clearly acknowledge it is our job to keep it that way. Land-owners and farmers, as the chief soil stewards, have the heaviest responsibility. They, of all people, know the conservation job is far from done. Each year their numbers are declining. They will need the full support of all of the other segments of the population. Thirty per cent of our land is being properly treated. What about the other 70 per cent?

As we acknowledge Soil Conservation Week, let us indeed thank God for this great country, and for the thousands of dedicated people working to keep it rich and bountiful—especially the officials and cooperators of our 3000 soil and water conservation districts. And then let us get off our knees and go back to work.



Soil Stewardship Week

Worship service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday concluded with the blessing of the seed, soil and sower by the Rev. Lorents Flak, pastor. To add further emphasis to the Soil Stewardship Week theme, Harold Anderson of Indianola

spoke of the responsibility of conserving the soil and the dangers facing the country if it isn't. Soil stewardship is ever man's responsibility, said Anderson in his talk at St. Paul's and also at Munterville Lutheran Church.

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The Stewardship of the Land

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By REV. FRANK MARLER

Not all the nation's problems are international.

Not all the threats to our future come from Moscow and Peking.

We can win the war or even win peace in the cold war and still suffer death at home.

Our children and our children's children can have more cause to curse our memory as unfaithful stewards of their heritage in the national domain than for anything we do or fail to do fighting communism.

Behind the headlines telling of dust storms and floods and state lawsuits over water rights, there is emerging the terrifying prospect of vast areas turning to desert and industrial centers strangled to death for lack of water.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has enlisted state officials, and faculties of agricultural colleges have organized the Great Plains Council to study the problem.

They tell us that 18 million acres of submarginal land in five western states should be freed from the plow immediately.

Perhaps our most serious prob-

lem is the drying up of water supplies. The bitter fight over the Colorado River water, the plan to take Idaho water for California and to bring Canadian water to Texas, reminds us that water is life.

Water holds the key to the growth of our cities, the maintenance of our living standards, the expansion of our industries. The underground water level is

going lower and lower and Einstein has said "Once you lower the water table, you do not get it back."

All this is a challenge to government, to science, to industry and to the churches.

At bottom the problem is an ethical one. It is a failure in good stewardship, the consequence of greed for quick profits, without thought of long range communi-

ty welfare.

A responsible society looks beyond the profits of today unto the needs of tomorrow and is concerned for the welfare of all people.

We shall do well to remember that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

McGinnis New SCD Chairman

Bob McGinnis, Rte. 2, Albia, was elected chairman of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District at a reorganization meeting of the district commissioners May 24.

Albert Eicher took office as a new member replacing Pat Carbin who retired after 12 years. The other member is Ollie Kalenberg.

Other business at the meeting included:

Initial agreements—Robert and Lloyd Dykstra, Mantua Township, 96 acres.

Basic plans—Maurice Sinclair, Franklin 223 acres; George Teno, Bluff Creek, 206 acres; Albert Pirnat, Bluff Creek, 280 acres and Donald Beard, Jackson, 180 acres.

Conservation Practices for SCD Past 3 Months Cited

Conservation practices completed since mid-March in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District are as follows:

Contouring

Eugene Kromray, 10 acres, Bluff Creek; Mrs. Wilma Stewart, 12 acres, Bluff Creek; Steve Kurimski, 14 acres, Cedar; James McAninch, 15 acres, Jackson; Loren Bay, 5 acres, Pleasant; William Franklin, 47 acres, Pleasant; Clay Newell, 15 acres, Pleasant; Floyd Bates, 25 acres; Mantua and Albert Benson, 10 acres, Troy.

Diversions

Maurice Sinclair, 650 feet, Franklin; John Mahin, 1100 feet, Mantua; Donald Beal, 500 feet, Monroe; Harvey Newman, 400

feet, Monroe and Germain Barnes, 1400 feet, Pleasant.

Grassed Waterway

Ralph Bunnell, 8 acre, Bluff Creek; Floyd Bates, 8 acre, Mantua; Germain Barnes, 1.0 acre, Pleasant; Vernon Belzer, 6 acre, Pleasant; Kenneth Shilling, 1.8 acre, Pleasant; Melvin Clark, .5 acre, Troy and John Blomgren, .7 acre, Union.

Spring Development

Roger Lientz, 1, Cedar.

Standard Terraces

Floyd Bates, 5700 feet, Mantua and Lloyd Clark, 3250 feet, Troy.

Tile

Frank Ryan, 5200 feet, Franklin and Maurice Sinclair, 1462 feet, Franklin.

667 Farm Ponds Stocked in County

According to records in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Office in Albia there is a total of 1,289 farm ponds and grade stabilization structures in the county.

Of these 667 have been stocked with state or federal fish.

Grade stabilization structures are dams to control water erosion which fill with water.

Mrs. Janet Maddison, office secretary, said there could be some ponds stocked by individuals with other than state or federal fish.

Announce SCD Practices Here

Practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District from May 27 to June 9 are as follows:

Contouring—Robert and Lloyd Dykstra, Mantua, 25 acres.

Farm Ponds — Floyd Bettis, Guilford, one; James Starcevic, Monroe, one; and John Schleier, Troy, one.

Grassed waterway — John Schleier, Troy, three acres.

Tile — Pat Riordan, Jackson, 11,614 linear feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Floyd Bettis, Guilford, one acre; James Starcevic, Monroe, one acre and John Schleier, Troy, one acre.

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Soil Conservation Has Bonus Benefits For Monroe County Farmers This Year

By GERALD GRIMMOND

"In a wet year like this one farmers with soil conservation practices really get their money's worth," remarked Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District as he drove the green pickup along Iowa Highway 137 last Saturday afternoon.

His comment came as we were beginning a two-man tour of the various conservation practices about Monroe County.

Our objective was to get photos of typical conservation practices for the district's office file and also to pick up a story for this special Soil Conservation Week (June 19-26) section.

Barker's remark about farmers benefiting from soil conservation was in light of the large amount of rainfall this spring.

Water that could have caused damaging loss of topsoil and land disfiguring erosion was checked in many places by proper conservation measures.

This was self evident as we crossed the county from the northeast to southwest in our 1 to 5 p.m. impromptu tour.

The data gathering and picture taking expedition gave a first hand look at the agricultural resources of the county, the land capabilities here, the uses of the local farmland and its soil and water conservation needs.

Our first stop was at the farm home of Frank Bell, a cooperater with the Monroe County SCD for over 20 years. Our attention was to a field demonstrating how effective terraces are in holding water from heavy rains. Corn stalk debris could be seen along the high water mark in the terrace. This was proof that the water stayed in the terrace instead of running over the hill and eroding the top soil.

Another practice at Bell's was a contour field division, a practice designed to hold back soil erosion. The field above was in corn and the one below was in

red clover.

Bell was one of the first co-operators with the Monroe County Soil Conservation District. He has been a past district commissioner and past chairman.

Some of the practices we viewed were doing a good job. Others weren't. We stopped by one field which had an inadequate grass waterway. Grass waterways are important practices in Monroe County, Barker stated. This is because there are a lot of places in fields where the water drains. Where tile is sometimes used for drainage under the ground, grass waterways are used for drainage on top of the ground, said Barker. Their purpose, he observed, is to provide for the orderly disposal of water without causing erosion problems.

On this particular grass waterway not all the water that comes on to it was being carried. This was evidenced by the erosion along the sides. Marks could be seen where the field alongside

was scoured. Barker suggested this this waterway was probably too high in the center and not wide enough. It probably should have been 15 feet wide and perhaps a foot deep in the center, he offered.

Another farm about a mile down the road had a field that didn't have any waterways. But it should have. Two scars could be seen running down this field across the rows of corn that were properly planted across the slope. "If you don't grass the natural water ways the water will cut out a deep one for itself," remarked Barker.

Also near this same field could be seen a crop covered by silt from an adjoining hillside.

Our next stop was the Dale Maddison farm. A good example of contour strip cropping can be seen on this farm five miles northeast of Albia. In this instance, Maddison had strips of meadow and strips of oats in a field about 30 acres in size. The strip of oats was seeded for meadow which it will be next year. The men were cutting hay on this slope which made an impressive pastoral scene when viewed from a distance.

"Contour strip cropping is a soil saving device which we don't have too much of in Monroe County," said Barker. He explained that it takes a long slope. "We don't have too many places in the

county where contour strip cropping fits."

Joe Pearson, Jr., and Bob Gray were among those helping Maddison put up hay. Heavy rains have been rough on the crop so far this year. Rain on freshly cut hay tends to wash the nutrients out of it causing it to loose much of its value.

Sam Shepard's field contour farming was the next stop. It showed corn coming up in good shape with only a few traces of rill erosion. Like many of the other practices, contour farming is to keep the water from washing soil down the slopes. There is quite a bit of contour farming in the county, remarked Barker. However, he expressed some concern of farms abandoning this important practice. These farmers claim that large tractors and machinery make it difficult to farm on the contour.

Along Highway 137, about three miles north of Albia, we stopped to look over the farm pond belonging to Earl Abertson. The pond had a diversion terrace on the left side. This is a significant practice in that it keeps barn lot drainage out of the pond.

To round out the tour we decided to drive across the county to see another farm pond which had a picturesque planting of pine trees around it. This pond was on the B. F. Ullem place

about 1½ miles northwest of Iconium. Wayne Christy was the tenant. A drop inlet structure was with the pond. Purpose of the pines was mostly "to look

pretty." However they had a practical effect of holding the soil in place. Besides they were on land which not much of anything else could grow.

This was the last stop on our outing. It was a tour that ranged from the Taintor-Mahaska-Otley soil association of the northeastern part of the county to the Grundy-Haig soil association, with Shelby soil type on the hillsides, in the southwestern part of the county.

In general the Taintor-Mahaska-Otley is one of the more productive soil associations in the state. Not the most productive, cautioned Barker. He observed that by using the same conservation practices on it as on the Grundy-Haig, the Taintor-Mahaska-Otley would stand more intense cropping.

Coming back to Albia we passed through Franklin and Monroe townships. These townships probably have some of the roughest ground in the county.

But just about all the land in the county is pretty rough and it all needs conservation practices, remarked Barker.

A drive through Monroe County this time of year is an eye pleasing affair. The countryside fairly glows with the varying hues of green. The pastures particularly look lush and green.

Pasture improvement has been the big practice here, observed Barker. He noted it is a very satisfactory use to be made of the land. This, he added, is because farmers can get a good return through livestock and it is a practice that keeps the soil in place.

Keeping the soil in place is one of the main goals of the Soil Conservation Service and district cooperators. Susceptibility to water erosion is the most widespread hazard limiting land capability and causing need for conservation treatment when land is cultivated, says an SCS brochure.

This statement is particularly true in Monroe County. It was underscored when at the end of our tour the clouds built up and we finished our drive in another soil-pounding downpour.

A Dollar Spent in Monroe County Helps to Build Monroe County.



Strip Cropping

The alternating strips of oats and alfalfa provide a picturesque backdrop for these three young men making hay quickly while the sun shines. On the tractor is

Joe Pearson, Jr. He is getting directions from Dale Maddison and Bob Gray, right. This picture was taken on Maddison's farm north of Albia.

TO COMPETE—

Billie Christine Findley of Lovilia, winner of the Monroe County Soil Conservation Speech Contest, will compete in the Regional soil conservation speech contest July 27 in Ottumwa.

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Field Division

Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, checks over this contour field division on the Frank Bell farm. On the land

above is a terraced cornfield. Below is a field of windrowed clover awaiting the baler.

Four Here in Youth Corps

Assignments of work experience projects for four Monroe County youths under the Neighborhood Youth Corps program have been announced.

Purpose of the nine-week program is to provide jobs and training for youth from low-income families. A part of the Economic Opportunity program, it is known as the Youth Opportunity Corps.

Participants are:

—Dale Frye of Frederic (Pleasant Township) who started Monday in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District's office in the Post Office Building. A graduate this spring of Eddyville High School, Frye's objective is to acquire work experiences and to earn money for future schooling.

—Pam DeMoss of Avery is now working in the SCD office helping the clerk, Mrs. Dale Maddison. Miss DeMoss, a junior at Albia Community High School this fall, will be typing, filing and performing general office work.

—Virgil Richardson of Albia started Monday at the Albia Police Station. He will answer the police radio, telephone and do general office work.

—Donald Harr of Albia has been assigned to the Iowa Highway Commission.

Dennis Carr, Monroe County deputy sheriff and chairman of the Youth Opportunity Committee, said a work-station opening is available for another enrollee.

Members of the committee who reviewed the applications and made the selections were John Douglas, police chief; Dale Barker, work unit conservationist; Mrs. J. Logan Carr, high school guidance counselor; the Rev. Frank Marler, pastor of the First Christian Church; James Johnson, extension director; and Keith Meyer, welfare worker.

The youths will receive a \$1.25 per hour under this federally financed program which started June 20 and ends Aug. 19.

Miss Findley To Contest

Billie Christine Findley of Lovilia, winner of the Monroe County Soil Conservation Speech Contest, will compete in the regional soil conservation speech contest to be held July 27 at Ottumwa.

Miss Findley will be competing with youths from other soil conservation districts for the regional title and the \$25 first-place cash award. Cash awards of \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place will be awarded also. "Water Conservation — Vital to All" is the topic for the 1966 contest.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company of Grinnell, Iowa, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Winners of the nine regional contests to be held throughout Iowa during June and July will compete for top honors at the state contest which will be held September 18, 1966, at the Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A cash award of \$100 and a \$250 college, university, or junior college scholarship will be awarded the 1966 state contest winner. Second and third place winners will receive cash awards of \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Redman Moved To Creston

Donald D. Redman, area engineering technician with the Soil Conservation Service in Albia, has been transferred to Creston where he will hold a similar position.

Mr. and Mrs. Redman and their three children left Friday for Creston.

Redman has worked out of the SCS office in Albia the past three years. He is originally from Leon.

Area personnel from Chariton will now serve Monroe County SCD cooperators in place of Redman.

This marks the first time since 1953 that the local SCS office hasn't had any area personnel.

Approve 11 SCS Practices

The following practices were approved by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners at the regular meeting Tuesday.

Initial agreements — Gary L. Steele, 51 acres, Pleasant Township; David Gordon, 33 acres, Union; Lawrence Bernard, 37 acres, Monroe; Dr. Dean Stocker, 100 acres, Bluff Creek; John Schleier, 180 acres, Troy; Kenneth Trotter, 260 acres, Urbana and Harry L. McIntire, 40 acres, Mantua.

Basic plans — Raymond Vance, 652 acres, Urbana; Haskell Davenport, 242 acres, Pleasant; Mary T. Scieszinski, 197 acres, Wayne and C. R. Peterson, 257 acres, Wayne.

Cancellations — Frank Steele, 51 acres, Pleasant.

Mrs. Spencer, 67, Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Wretha E. Spencer, 67, died this morning at the Monroe County Hospital where she had been a patient for some time.

She was born in Appanoose County in 1898 to John D. and Mabel Caster Pence.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Carol Maberry of Kensington, Md.; Mrs. Rosemary Thomas of Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Earlene Davis of Missouri; two sons, Robert Spencer of Wahoo, Neb. and Richard of Albia; two sisters, Mrs. Lela Spencer of Moravia and Mrs. Verna Burnett of Newton; three brothers, Orman Pence of Nevada, Carl Pence of Monmouth and Virgil of Knoxville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Methodist Church. Downs Funeral Home is in charge. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery.

Mrs. Spencer had been a resident of Monroe County since her marriage to John E. Spencer in 1923.

Officiating clergymen will be the Rev. Henry Hackman, pastor of the First Methodist Church and her nephew, the Rev. Larry Pence of the First Baptist Church in Parker, S.D.

Only Final Details Remain for County Fair August 1-4

With most of the major work accomplished, the push is on for the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair and Fall Festival here Aug. 1-4.

Main activity is among the 4-H and FFA youngsters getting their livestock and exhibits into shape for the big annual event which this year will feature many new improvements at the fairgrounds.

About every night there is activity of some kind going on at the fairgrounds including saddle club workouts and ground and building sprucing up.

Leaders, 4-H and fair board committee members have been spreading orders the last several

days in the livestock barns as a base for the straw.

July 23 will be the big night for pre-fair work. This will be clean-up night starting at 7 p.m. and be done mostly by 4-H clubs.

Posters announcing the fair and carnival went into circulation last week. Handbills are being printed for the horse show, pony and tractor pulling contests and Conservation Queen contest.

And the fairbooks, out about a month now, list the following schedule for the annual event:

Friday, July 22, entries close for livestock at 5 p.m.

al and related subject demonstration contest.

Saturday, July 30, preparation day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, flag raising, vesper service at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, entering of girls 4-H exhibits, boys 4-H exhibits and FFA exhibits from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; judging 4-H and FFA dairy, girls 4-H exhibits and girls 4-H judging contest at 1 p.m.; judging 4-H dogs and flower show at 2 p.m.; judging of all other open class at 3:30 p.m. and tractor pulling contest at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, judging 4-H and FFA swine and girls 4-H

demonstrations at 9 a.m.; judging 4-H and FFA sheep and horse show at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, judging 4-H and FFA beef heifers and judging girls 4-H demonstrations at 9 a.m.; judging 4-H and FFA baby heifers at 10 a.m.; showmanship contest at 3 p.m. and Pony Pulling Contest and Queen of Conservation Contest at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 4-H judging contest at 8:30 a.m.; release livestock and moving of swine and lambs at 11 a.m.; clean up fairgrounds at 1 p.m.; deadline for taking away feed and water for livestock sale at 4 p.m.; transfer of baby heifers at 6 p.m.; live-

stock sale at 7:30 p.m. and 4-H dance at 9 p.m.

All organizational details have been attended to for this big annual event, unique among fairs in that the Fair Board Association takes care of the 4-H and FFA arrangements and the Albion Chamber of Commerce handles the shows, carnivals and merchant and machinery exhibits.

J. Logan Cain, president of the Chamber, reports all space in the Merchants Building has been sold.

The Monday night tractor pulling contest will be open to all contestants including those from other counties. However, only those from Monroe County who make the longest pull in each division will represent the county at the Iowa State Fair. This year the tractor pulling contest will be assisted by members of the new Southern Iowa Tractor Pulling Association. There will be a charge this year of 50 cents for spectators. Last year it was free, probably the only fair in southern Iowa that was.

over Iowa. Many are expected to be among the top horses who will later be at the State Fair.

Admission to the horse show will be \$1 as will the admission to the pony pull on Wednesday evening. The pony pull will be put on by officials of the Iowa Pony Pulling Association at 7:30 p.m. Expected here are ponies from Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. Many of the same animals will be seen later at the State Fair. A County Conservation Queen Contest will precede the pony pull at 7 p.m.

Albion merchants will have advance tickets on sale soon for the horse show and pony pulling contest.

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Home for Young Bass

This one-acre farm pond of Earl Albertson's, about two miles north of Albion off Iowa Highway 137, was one of 35

ponds stocked with bass fingerlings from a federal fish hatchery.

Annual Affair

Stock 35 Farm Ponds in Monroe County With 3,200 Largemouth Bass Fingerlings

Foundation work for good bass fishing was initiated on 35 farm ponds in Monroe County last month.

June 29 a truck carrying fingerling largemouth bass pulled up to the County maintenance shop.

Farmers with containers of water from their farm ponds met the truck carrying these fingerlings from the Fairport National Fish Hatchery at Muscatine.

The containers of farm pond water was to get the fingerlings—about an inch long—acclimated to their new environment.

About 3,200 largemouth bass were destined for local farm ponds dispensed from the special tank truck that has its own oxygen pumping and refrigeration unit.

This is an annual fish stocking, according to John Botts, conservation aid for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District. He added that this year's stocking was a little larger than normal.

He noted that most of the farm ponds stocked were built the year before.

They had been filling with water since then.

Farmers and the number of bass fingerlings they received were as follows:

Tracy Forsythe, 320 fingerlings for two ponds totalling 1.6 acres in size.

John Peterson, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

Sterling Martin, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Earl Albertson, 200 fingerlings, 1 acre pond.

Germain Barnes, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

Kenneth Bonnett, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Dave Heffron, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

Joe Hollinrake, 220 fingerlings for three ponds totalling 1.1 acres.

John Hollinrake, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

Robert Kaldenberg, 140 fingerlings, .7 acre pond.

Joseph Judge, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

Ellsworth Kline Jr., 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Lennart Larson, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Louis McCoy, 200 fingerlings, 1 acre pond.

Charles T. Maddy, 180 fingerlings, three ponds each .3 acres in size.

Phillip O'Brien, 180 fingerlings, three ponds each .3 acres in size.

Donald Patton, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

K. C. Potts, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Floyd Ransom (Albia Experimental Farm), 240 fingerlings, 1.2 acre pond.

John Ed Robinson, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

John Dale Sayres, 140 fingerlings, .7 acre pond.

Paul Silverio, 60 fingerlings, .3 acre pond.

Ronald Storm, 120 fingerlings, two .3 acre ponds.

Charles Summers, 160 fingerlings, two .3 acre ponds.

Dale Williams, 100 fingerlings, .5 acre pond.

These fingerlings from the federal hatchery are provided free.

In about two years they should be in the 1½ to 2 pound category.

Approve 4 Farm Ponds

Four new farm ponds on Monroe County farms are among the conservation practices approved the past month by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

District commissioners approved pond construction for Reuben Gaines, Bluff Creek Township; D. E. Cooper, Franklin Township; James Lahart, Guilford Township, and Louie McCoy, Mantua Township.

On the McCoy farm construction of 1,000 feet of diversion terraces and a grassed waterway of .3 acre as well as a one-acre wildlife habitat development were approved.

Grassed waterways were approved for James Henderson of 4 acres and for Kenneth Newquist of 5 acres. Wildlife habitat developments were approved for Reuben Gaines, 1 acre; D. E. Cooper, two acres; and James Lahart, one acre.

8 Candidates, 3 Judges For Queen Contest Here

Nine attractive Monroe County farm girls will be competing for the title of "Queen of Conservation" at a contest to be held Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fairgrounds.

Candidates to date include Miss Margaret O'Brien, Rte. 5, Albion; Miss Kathryn Ann Pirnat, Rte. 1, Eddyville; Miss Sheryl Jean Brown, Rte. 1, Albion; Miss Corinne Sayres, Rte. 1, Albion; Miss Billie Christine Findley, Lovilia; Miss Anne Galer, Rte. 3, Albion; Miss Cathy Conway, Rte. 1, Melrose; Miss Jerilyn Echer, Rte. 1, Lovilia and Miss Linda Ammons, Rte. 2, Albion.

Two winners will be chosen to represent the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest to be held at Bloomfield Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Each district winner will be awarded a charm bracelet.

The "Queen of Conservation" Contest is co-sponsored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the State Soil Conservation Committee, and Iowa 100 Soil conservation districts.

Serving as judges for the district contest will be Mr. John Heffron, Mrs. Doiny Homerin and Mrs. George McCombs. These judges will select the winners on the basis of their poise, personality, ability to converse, and personal attractiveness. Contestants will also be judged on their

knowledge of soil conservation and agriculture in general.

The two district winners will compete in a regional contest to be held later in the summer with girls from other soil conservation districts in the region. Regional contest winner will receive a beautiful ladies wrist watch and the state winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$250 for being crowned Iowa's "Queen of Conservation." The state winner will serve as official hostess at the National Soil Conservation District's Field Day and Plowing Matches which will be held near Jefferson, Iowa, on September 8 and 9, 1966.



Miss Findley Has Top Speech

For the sixth straight year the regional winner in the Soil Conservation Speech Contest has been from Monroe County.

At the regional speech contest Wednesday in Ottumwa Miss Billie Christine Findley won first place.

She will compete in the contest Sept. 18 in Cedar Rapids.

Miss Findley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Findley of Lovilia.

Last Minute Rush

Many are the people—young and old—preparing for the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair Aug. 1-4. Among those rushing for the deadline is Mrs. Dale Maddison, clerk in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office. She is shown here touching up this creative and diverse drawing which will be used in the dis-

trict's exhibit at the fair. The free-hand drawing by Mrs. Maddison illustrates the various roles of plant and animal life in keeping the balance of nature. This display will be in the Merchant's Building and will be part of an exhibit that will feature live fish and quail.

Miss Findley's Speech Is on Water Conservation

Miss Billie Christine Findley, 18, of Lovilia, Iowa, captured top honors in the Region 9 Soil Conservation Speech Contest held Wednesday at the Holiday Inn at Ottumwa for speech on the topic, "Water Conservation — Vital to All." won her first place awards of a certificate and a \$25 check. The contest is sponsored by the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company of Grinnell and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Miss Findley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Findley, who farm 360 acres near Lovilia. She represented the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the regional competition.

Second place contest honors went to Russell Mott II of Oskaloosa. Gerald Klodt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klodt of Ottumwa captured the contest's third place honors of a \$10 check and a certificate. Miss Findley

will represent Region 9 in the state contest, which will be held in Cedar Rapids Sept. 18. The contest will be held in conjunction with the 1966 Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners. Top prize will be a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash.

Board Approves SCD Practices

Commissioners of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District at a regular meeting Tuesday approved the following:

Initial agreements—Julia Harrell Miller, 370 acres, Urbana; Robert D. Wilson, 217 acres, Urbana; Iowa Agricultural Development Corporation, 289 acres, Pleasant; Bernard R. Scieszinski, 200 acres, Jackson and Edward P. Scieszinski, 280 acres, Jackson.

Cancellations—Bert Hollingshead, 37 acres, Monroe and Robert Stuchel, 250 acres, Mantua.

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Contour Plowing Matches Want Local Contestants

The Soil Conservation Service is seeking to stir up interest in what has apparently become a lost art in the Albia area.

Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, reports there are no local contestants yet entered in the state and national contour plowing matches to be held in September at Jefferson.

He asks anyone interested to contact him at the SCD office or Lloyd Goode, a farmer long active in the plowing matches.

Monroe County hasn't had an entry in the contour plowing matches for several years.

The reason, observes Barker, could be because there isn't as much contour plowing in the county as there used to be.

Many farmers in the county have seeded hillsides to hay, he added.

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County SCD Queens to Contest in Bloomfield

Linda Ammons, Rte. 2, Albia and Sheryl Brown, Rte. 1, Albia, will compete Wednesday with other winners of Soil Conservation District contests Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Davis County Fair in Bloomfield.

Miss Ammons and Miss Brown were picked as the Queens of Conservation for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District at the contest Aug. 3 during the Monroe County 4-H and FFA Fair. They were picked from among eight contestants and received bracelets.

The girl chosen as the state "Queen of Conservation" will be awarded a \$250 cash prize. The contest is co-sponsored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conser-

vation District Commissioners, the State Soil Conservation Committee, and the soil conservation districts of Iowa.

Nine winners will be selected at regional contests held throughout the state during July and August and each will be awarded a beautiful ladies wrist watch. The nine winners will then compete for the state crown on Sept. 8, 1966, at the Plowman's Banquet to be held in Jefferson. The "Queen of Conservation" will be the official hostess for the National Soil Conservation Districts' Field Day and Plowing Matches which will be held September 8 and 9, 1966, on a site east of Jefferson, Iowa.

Conservation Queen Picked

Deborah Ann Beswick, a pretty blue-eyed blonde, from Stockport, was named the Region 9 "Queen of Conservation" during the regional contest ceremonies held at the Davis County Fair in Bloomfield, Wednesday.

Miss Beswick represented the Van Buren County Soil Conservation District in the contest, representing Monroe County SCD were Sheryl Brown and Linda Ammons. Fifteen girls competed in the regional contest.

Miss Beswick will now compete with eight other regional "Queens of Conservation" for the state crown. The state contest will be held September 8 at Jefferson, Iowa. The contest will be held during the Plowmen's Banquet, which is a highlight of Agri-rama USA, the 1966 National Soil Conservation Field Days and Plowing Matches.

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Pasture Contest Set; Tour Oct. 6 Is Open to Everyone

The Extension Service and Soil Conservation District of Monroe County are making plans for a Pasture Contest and Tour to be held Oct. 6. Entries for the contest will be accepted before Oct. 3 at either the Extension Office or Soil Conservation Office. The public is invited to attend the tour.

The contest will be divided into the following four divisions:

Birdsfoot trefoil seeded in 1966; Birdsfoot trefoil seeded prior to 1966; rotation pasture seeded in 1966 and rotation pasture seeded prior to 1966.

Anyone interested in the contest may fill out the following information and return to either the Extension Office or the Soil Conservation Office, both located in the P. O. Building.

NAME _____

TOWNSHIP _____

DIVISION _____

ACRES _____

Pasture Tour Contest Oct. 6

The annual Monroe County Pasture Tour and Contest will be held Thursday, Oct. 6.

Entries for the contest will be accepted until Oct. 3, says Jim Johnson, county extension director.

The contest is divided into four divisions: They are 1966 Birdsfoot trefoil; 1966 Rotation Pasture; Old Birdsfoot trefoil; and old rotation pasture.

Those going on the tour will also take part in the judging of the entries. Anyone interested

should make their entry either at the Extension office or at the Soil Conservation Office. A post card with your name and the type of pasture will also be accepted.

Those entering the contest or wishing to go on the tour should meet at the Albia Post Office the morning of Oct. 6.

A noon meal will be provided by J. E. King of the Peoples National Bank. Pasture awards will be presented at the annual Alfalfa Banquet.

Emphasize Management On Today's Pasture Tour

Gathering this morning outside the Monroe County Extension Office, some dozen judges of the annual Monroe County Pasture Tour and Contest heard James Johnson, county extension director, emphasize the importance of pasture management.

The pastures should probably be judged at least 50 per cent on management, said Johnson as the group prepared to visit some 10

farms.

John Botts, conservation technician, said that in the past motivation was an important factor in pasture improvement but now the practice has become so accepted that management is the main thing.

The group had lunch at the Monroe Hotel Coffee Shoppe courtesy of the Peoples National Bank.

Complete Six Types of SCS Practices in Two Months

Conservation practices completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District the past two months are as follows:

Diversions—Earl Rowley, 1000 linear ft., Monroe Township and Clell Van Dorin, 150 linear ft., Monroe.

Farm ponds—Paul Hollinrake, 3, Cedar; Delbert Calhoun, 1,

Franklin; Lewis Printy, 1, Jackson; Ed P. Scieszinski, 1, Jackson; Wilbur Henderson, 1, Mantua; Wayne Sample, 1, Mantua; Harvey Newman, 1, Monroe; LeRoy Wilson, 1, Monroe and Mrs. Julia Harrell Miller, 1, Urbana.

Fish pond stocking — Robert Black, 1, Cedar; Howard Coe, 1, Guilford; Michael Koffman, 1, Monroe; Lyle Haselhuhn, 2, Pleasant; Geraldine Newell, 1, Pleasant; Floyd Gray, 1, Troy; John Schleier, 1, Troy; Harlan Dunkin, 1, Union; Elmer Vance, 1, Urbana and Sterling Martin, 1, Wayne.

Grade Stabilization Structure — Pat Riordan, 1, Jackson.

Grassed Waterways — Delbert Love, 1.5 acre, Bluff Creek; James F. McCarty, 1.2 acre, Guilford; Walter Phippen, 1.6 acre, Jackson; Pat Riordan, .8 acre, Jackson; Everett Long, 1.6 acre, antua and Clell Van Dorin, .8 acre, Monroe.

Wildlife Habitat Development — Paul Hollinrake, 3 acres, Cedar; Delbert Calhoun, 1 acre, Franklin; Lewis Printy, 2 acres, Jackson; Pat Riordan, 4 acres, Jackson; Ed P. Scieszinski, 2 acres, Jackson; Wilbur Henderson, 1 acre, Mantua; Wayne Sample, 1 acre, Mantua; Harvey Newman, 1 acre, Monroe; LeRoy Wilson, 1 acre, Monroe and Mrs. Julia Harrell Miller, 1 acre, Urbana.



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Pasture Judges

Judges Thursday for the annual Pasture Improvement Tour and Contest check over the new score sheets used this year. The sheets were changed to put emphasis on management practices.

Pasture Improvement Progresses

This area still provides the best pasture and the lowest production cost per beef animal of any place in the nation—Nebraska Sandhills included—and trefoil is the main reason.

This could have been the theme as judges and observers on the annual Monroe County Pasture Tour and Contest Thursday met at the Monroe Hotel cafe for a dinner of chile compliments of J. E. King, local banker.

Floyd Ransom, superintendent of Iowa State University's Albia Experimental Farm which pioneered pasture renovation with Birdsfoot trefoil, said:

"There's no doubt about it, the quality of pasture is improving every year."

In years back this wasn't the case suggested Ransom. But over the years and this year, he pointed out, the progress has been such that it is getting awfully hard to choose between the pastures.

The contest is divided into four divisions—1966 Birdsfoot trefoil, 1966 rotation pasture, old Birdsfoot trefoil and old rotation pasture.

Ransom, in commenting on the various fields looked at, cautioned about red clover. He said it has a tendency to become too aggressive and in some cases can take over the trefoil in the year following the seeding year.

The experimental farm superintendent suggested that some thought be given in future contests for a comprehensive pasture program.

This would mean more than just renovating old pasture. He said this could include such aspects as temporary pasture to put cattle on in the late August or September and give the legumes (trefoil) a rest.

In reference to this he said he sees more sudan grass being utilized here in the future.

Ransom, in tracing some of the

research projects now underway at the experiment farm, said they are now working with straight grasses and the use of nitrogen fertilizers.

The most promising grasses so far from various aspects including total digestible nutrients are Reed's canary, tall fescue, orchard and brome. Fescue is seen as a good fall and winter grass.

A general discussion followed.

King praised the work of pasture improvement by farmers and those agencies promoting it. Forty years ago a farmer had to fatten a cow up to get through the winter months but with improved pasture that isn't necessary anymore, said King.

It was noted that cattle will generally graze grass before legumes.

This came amid some comments that trefoil may be losing some favor with area farmers and cattle.

But it was noted trefoil is still the best bet for pasture for this area just as this area is still the best in the nation — all factors considered—for raising cattle.

Awards to winners in the pasture improvement contest will be presented at the annual Alfalfa Banquet Nov. 16.

In commenting on the condition of pasture this year, Dale Barker, work unit conservationist for the Monroe County Soil Conservation District pointed out the fields looked good.

The reason for this, considering the shortage of rainfall, said the conservationist, was because of good management.

He explained that the pastures were not grazed down too far and that weeds were kept under control so they didn't rob pasture of moisture.

Practically all of the new seeding had been grazed. But rotation grazing was used.



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Announce Practices For SCD

Conservation practices approved by commissioners of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District from Sept. 16 through October were as follows:

Diversions—Carl Carlson, 400 ft., Bluff Creek; Raymond Vance, 1300 ft., Urbana and Pat Knowles, 900 ft., Franklin.

Drainage field ditches—Pat Knowles, 200 ft., Franklin; James Gilland, 600 ft., Pleasant and Hubert Steele, 900 ft., Pleasant.

Farm ponds—Bob Gibb, 1, Bluff Creek; Carl G. Stewart, 1, Bluff Creek; Ed Welsh, 1, Cedar; Ed Mahoney, 1, Franklin; Bernard Scieszinski, 1, Jackson; Roy Hayworth, 1, Monroe; Nina Timm, 1, Troy and Robert Wilson, 1, Urbana.

Grade stabilization structures—Sam Shepard and Paul Morehead, 1, Bluff Creek; Russell Brown, 1, Franklin; James McAninch, 1, Jackson.

Grassed waterways—Earl Rowley, 2 acre, Monroe; Donald Teno, 8 acre, Pleasant; Vincent O'Brien, 5 acre, Wayne and Maurice Scieszinski, 4.7 acres, Wayne.

Terraces—Paul Hollinrake, 700 ft., Cedar.

Wildlife habitat development—Bob Gibb, 1 acre, Bluff Creek; Carl G. Stewart, 1 acre, Bluff Creek; Ed Welsh, 1 acre, Cedar; Ed Mahoney, 1 acre, Franklin; Bernard Scieszinski, 1 acre, Jackson; Roy Hayworth, 1 acre, Monroe; Nina Timm, 1 acre, Troy; Robert Wilson, 1 acre, Urbana; Russell Brown, 1 acre, Franklin and Sam Shepard and Paul Morehead, 2 acres, Bluff Creek.

Initial agreements at the September and October commissioners meetings were:

Keith Hoyt, 180 acres, Bluff Creek; Nina Timm, 79 acres, Troy; Paul V. Koffman, 520 acres, Monroe; John Almond, 89 acres, Mantua; Dr. W. J. McEniry, 101 acres, Jackson and Donald J. VanGorp, 819 acres, Wayne.

Basic plans were approved for Lloyd Morgan, 445 acres, Franklin; William L. Spaur, 306 acres, Mantua; Dr. Dean Stocker, 100 acres, Bluff Creek; William Franklin, 243 acres, Pleasant and Delbert Calhoun, 245 acres, Franklin.

Cancellations were Mrs. H. C. Peterson, 200 acres, Troy; Francis Bateman, 80 acres, Troy and Mrs. Lloyd Spaur, 120 acres, Jackson.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Set 28th Annual Alfalfa Banquet

A gymnasium full of farmers and city folks are expected to sit down to overflowing tables of food at 7 p.m. Wednesday as the 28th Annual Alfalfa Banquet gets underway in the Albia Community High School Fieldhouse.

The annual event aimed at solidifying the bonds between rural and city residents and providing a means of mutual appreciation and cooperation is sponsored by the Monroe County Farm Bureau and the Albia Chamber of Commerce. Forty-seven tables will be prepared for about 750 to 800 diners.

The speaker for the evening will be Paul E. Bessellville, manager of a statewide tourist promotion agency in South Dakota.

The famed Creston Chorus will provide one of the entertainment highlights.

Master of ceremonies for the diversified program will be Loren Hardinger, Albia insurance man.

Local farmer George Wilkinson will provide dinner music with the organ.

The audience will join in singing America prior to the dinner.

Anyone is welcome early but is not to start eating until 7 p.m.

The Rev. Henry Hackman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

Merle Illingworth, Jr., will lead in group singing. Mrs. Marie Cain will be the piano accompanist.

J. Logan Cain, president of the Albia Chamber of Commerce, will give the welcome.

James Wilson, president of the Monroe County Farm Bureau will introduce guests and award prizes. Each year one host and hostess from the country and one host and hostess from the city are given an unusual and expensive gift. Last year coin-glass utility dishes were presented.

Bob McGinnis, chairman of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District, will award plaques to winners in the annual pasture contest.

Ralph Goode of Goode Seed and Feed Co. will present Master Soybean Growers awards and James Johnson, county extension director, will present Master Corn Grower awards.

The Rev. James Kelly, pastor

of St. Patrick's Church at Georgetown, will offer the closing prayer after entertainment by the Creston Chorus and Bessellville's talk.

The Creston Chorus is a non-profit choral organization sponsored by the Creston Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of bringing quality musical entertainment to civic, religious and social organizations in the area, explains Cain, chamber president.

The group, he noted, is made up of farmers, salesmen, teachers and it also claims a plumber, mailman and a doctor among its 27 voices under the direction of Lionel V. Foley.

The group will be prepared to sing selections ranging from spiritual and classical numbers through popular, novelty and blues.

Originally organized as an all male group, six women were later added. The chorus also features the "Sophisticated Six," the women of the group in ensemble; "The Uncalled Four," a barber-shop quartet and several other group and solo combinations.

Larson, Luse, Potts Get Pasture Awards

Two of this year's three winners in the pasture improvement contest sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District and the County Extension Service are repeaters and the third is a Franklin Township farmer whose field was first entered in 1963.

Lennart Larson who farms 300 acres 10 miles north of Albia is a winner for the third straight year. This year he won in the rotation pasture category.

Jerold Luse who farms 1100 acres 1 1/2 miles northeast of Moravia in partnership with his dad, T. J. Luse and his brother, G. E. Luse, was the winner in the new Birdsfoot trefoil seeding category. He was also a winner last year in this category.

K. C. Potts and his son, Robert, who farm 15 miles southwest of Albia, were the winner in the old Birdsfoot trefoil seeding category.

The 20-acre field the Pottses entered this year was the same one they entered in 1963 for first year seeding.

"It has improved quite a bit," said Potts in commenting on his entry.

This past summer for about six weeks he grazed 100 head of cows and calves on the 20 acres.

"After a little rest I then had lambs on it," he said in reference to the 60 head that grazed it this fall.

The 460 acre Potts' operation includes about 100 to 150 acres of corn each year along with cattle, hogs and sheep.

Their cow herd, Black Angus,

numbers about 50 head.

The Pottses usually sell their calves in the spring.

This year they fed them on out for slaughter.

"We wanted to gamble," said Potts.

The father and son team raises all its own feed—mostly corn.

Although the Pottses' corn isn't drying as well as they would like this year, they look for the yields to be good.

Management, something that was given emphasis this year and will be more heavily weighted in future pasture improvement contests here, was a factor in the success of the Pottses' entry.

"We just tried to use good rotation," said Potts. He also noted they gave the field "an extra charge of fertilizer every other year."

Plaques from the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners were presented to the three winners by Bob McGinnis, chairman, at the Alfalfa Banquet Wednesday night.

This year there were three winners instead of four as in past years. The categories are expected to change more in the years ahead and take in the aspect of year round pasture programs and management.

The rotation pasture category won by Larson is new this year.

Conservation Publication Cites Work of Mrs. Cain

Mrs. J. Logan Cain, Albia Community High School guidance director, was featured in the December Iowa Soil Conservationist, a publication of the State Soil Conservation Committee of Iowa.

Mrs. Cain was cited for her work with conservation speech contestants in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District the past six years.

In each of those six years the county has had the notable distinction of having a regional winner and in 1963 had a state winner. The state winner was Miss Lois DeTar.

Mrs. Cain has been a teacher for 23 years. The past 14 years she has taught in the Albia com-

munity schools. Her sub included English, speech, dramatics.

Appoint 3 Assistants For SCD

Commissioners of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon appointed three new assistant commissioners.

They are Robert Dykstra, Rte. 3, Albia; Pat Carbin, Rte. 1, Melrose and Lloyd Clark, Rte. 1, Lovilia.

Their function will be to initiate programs of the district, carry out requests of the commissioners and help with the exhibit at the fair. They draw no salaries but are eligible for expenses, usually involving travel. They can also attend commissioner meetings. The appointments are one-year terms.

Several of the commissioners and assistants are expected to attend the 22nd annual short course for soil conservation district commissioners in Ames Jan. 17.

At the meeting the following was approved:

Initial agreements — Kelley Brothers, 467 acres, Jackson Township, and H. W. Henderson, 217 acres, Mantua.

Basic plans — Harry L. McIntire, 40 acres, Mantua; John Schleier, 160 acres, Troy; Robert and Lloyd Dykstra, 96 acres, Mantua; Lawrence Johnson, 200 acres, Mantua; Robert Wilson, 217 acres, Urbana, and Dale Maddison, 181 acres, Bluff Creek.

Cancellations—Thomas McCarty, 320 acres, Jackson; John Tur-sic, 195 acres, Guilford and Joe D. Boyer, 338 acres, Guilford.

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