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The year 1972 had its memorable events. Record rainfall and record yields, \$6.00 soybeans and \$40.00 cattle.

Less dramatic, but also important was the quiet conservation taking place throughout the country. The Ida district was no exception. Landowners furthered the cause of conservation in many ways. And it took cooperation from many people to do the job. We thank everyone who had a hand in making 1972 a successful year. Your assistance was appreciated greatly.

The Ida SCD Commissioners & Assistant

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Robert Bumann

Robert Mitchell
Harlen Dausel
J. Henry Brueck, Assistant.



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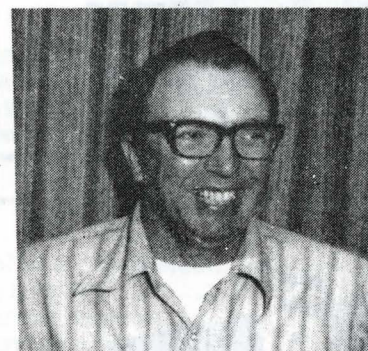
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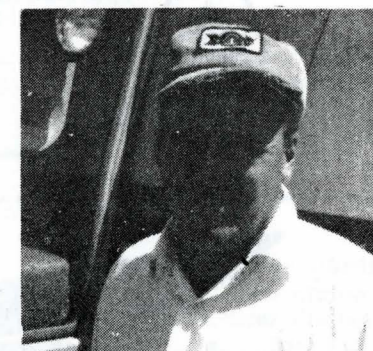
Wayne Bennett - Resigned after being elected State Representative served as chairman during 1972.



Robert Mitchell - "I do not choose to run" for another term. Mitchell served as an assistant commissioner for four years prior to being elected commissioner in 1971.



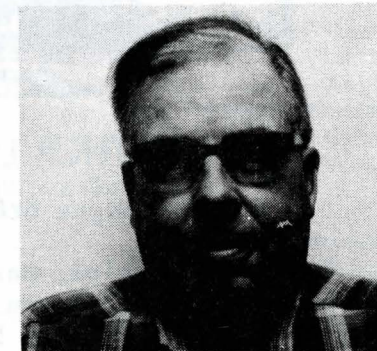
Ken Borchers - A hog farmer - can't you tell by the smile?



Bob Bumann - has served as commissioner since 1971.



Harlen Dausel - Re-elected to serve a second six year term starting February 1973.



J. Henry Brueck, Battle Creek. Appointed as assistant commissioner in 1967. Previously served as a commissioner for 6 years.

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PERSONNEL SERVING THE DISTRICT SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE STAFF

Donald G. Kauffman.....District Conservationist
 Clarence O. Kraft.....Conservation Technician
 Raymond W. Schumann.....Parttime WAE Technician
 Luella (Lou) Collins.....State Clerk

AREA STAFF - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Wallis R. Tonsfeldt.....Area Conservationist
 Richard Hall.....Area Engineer
 Vernon Meyers.....Little Sioux Engineer
 Fern Delbridge.....Area Clerk

AGRICULTURE STABILIZATION & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Edwin Hargens, Chairman.....Ida Grove
 Fred Harder.....Washta
 Russell Jensen.....Galva
 George Witters.....County Extension Director
 Marilyn Ernst, REAP Clerk.....Ida Grove

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

David L. Hessman.....Extension Director
 Nancy Streck.....Office Assistant

IOWA STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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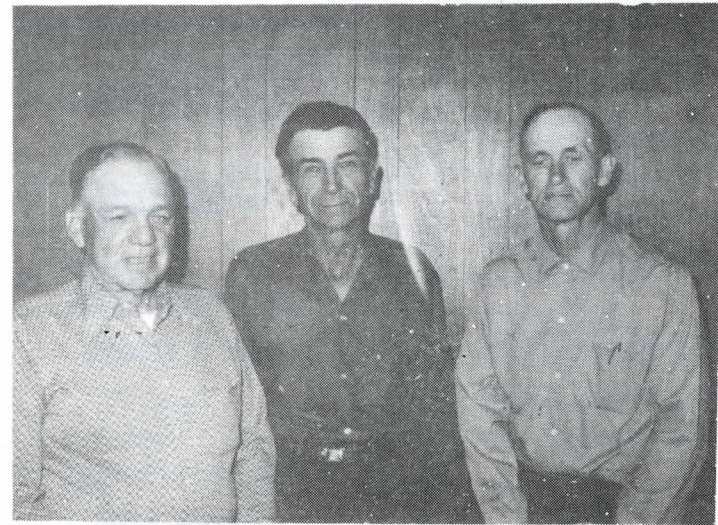


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Ida County ASCS Committee. L to R Fred Harder, Ed Hargens, Chm., Laverne Walters, Laverne took office Jan. 1, 1973 replacing Russell Jensen, who had served on the committee since 1968.

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH REAP

The Rural Environmental Assistance Program provides financial assistance on a cost-share basis to farmers on conservation practices. According to George W. Witters, County Executive Director for the local ASCS office, the following funds were spent on a cost-share basis with farmers during 1972.

A 2 Permanent Veg. Cover	3 farms 56 acres	\$315.
A3 Rotation Veg Cover	22 farms 536 acres	\$4527.
A4F Liming materials	11 farms 245 acres	\$1111.
A5 Stripcropping	1 farm 186 acres	\$744.
A7 Planting trees and shrubs	169 acres	\$6393.
B1 Improv. Perm. Cover	1 farm 16 acres	\$64.
B5 Livestock water	15 farms	\$3217.
C4 Terraces	45 farms 25.3 miles	\$48425.
I1 Animal waste storage	3 farms	\$810.
J1 Structures	3 farms	\$1194.
J2 Runoff Control Measures	40 farms	\$12817
Lime	\$3991.	
Fertilizer	\$94. (on seeding practices)	

In 1972, 152 farms received cost-sharing from REAP funds. Total REAP earned \$83,702, including the six carryover practices.

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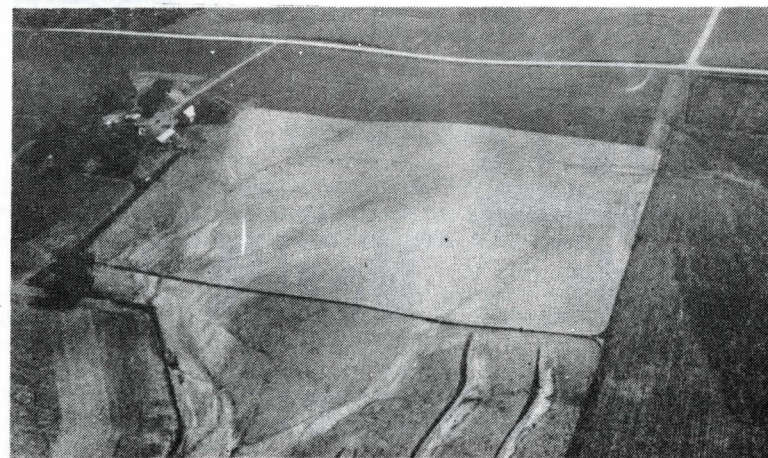
The following land owners signed district agreements requesting assistance on some conservation project during 1972.

Leonard Degen
Richard Foreman
Darrell Fish
Howard Lenz
Ray Henningsen
Herman Neubauer
Ervin Schoer
Wm. Schrader
Vernon Wolterman
James Werner
Darrell Bennigsdorf
Wm. Schirrmacher
Arthur Schumacher
Wilbur Rohlk
Edward Putensen
V. Elizabeth Kuart
Harlan Fries
Glenn S. Millice, Jr.
Charles Bruene
William J. Piper
William Schumann

GROUP PLANS prepared for:
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Conservation plans were prepared for the following land-owners during 1972.

David Volkert
William E. Law
Hans Greenwald
Schrader Brothers
Alden Backhaus
Farmland Swine Testing Station
Warren Carlson
Walter Hoppe
Richard Pickel
Carl Huth, Jr.
Vernus Wunschel
Hugo Ehler
Alvin Schultz
Annie Miller
James Young
Donald Lansink
Grace Reineke
Don Friedrichsen
Leonard Degen
Darrell Fish
Herman Neubauer
Goldie Timmerman
Verle Law
James Lansink
James Werner
Wilbur Rohlk



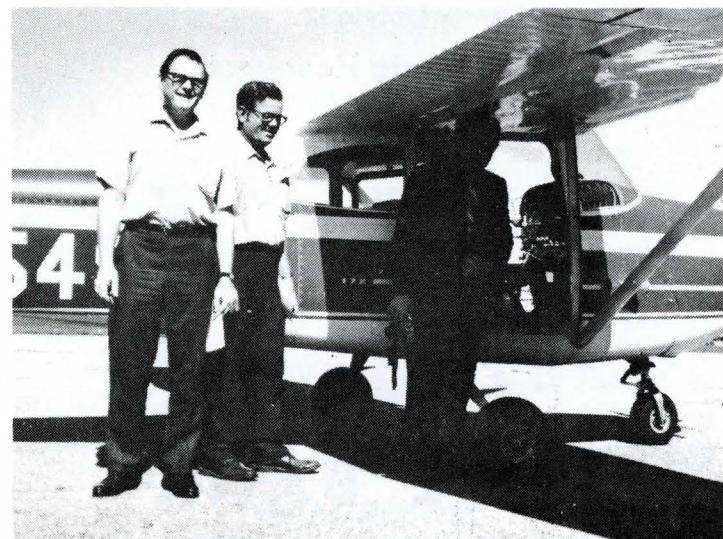
Unprotected farm ground is subject to the whims of Mother Nature. This site shows damage by water erosion.

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MINISTERS VIEW IDA COUNTY

A number of Ida County ministers took advantage of the SCD commissioners offer of a plane ride to see the county in June. Here Rev. Stanley Tyner of Battle Creek and Rev. Roger Petersen of Holstein board the plane with Wayne Bennett (center) District Chairman.



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SOIL STEWARDSHIP

Soil stewardship is evident in Ida District in a number of ways. In addition to actual application of conservation work by landowners, stewardship was being advocated from the pulpits of many churches of Ida County.

The Ida District commissioners have provided all churches in the county with stewardship material for some time. The ministers have used it commendably.

To acquaint the ministers of the county with some of the problems and accomplishments related to conservation, the district gave them an air tour of the area in June.

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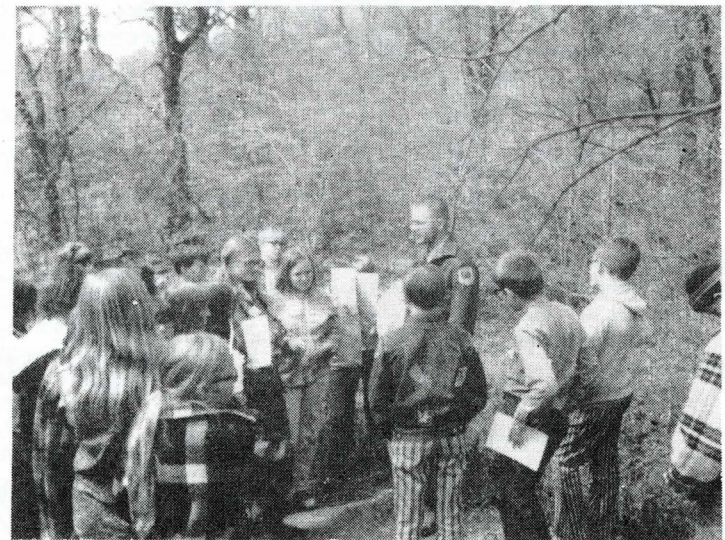
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FUN OF DISCOVERY

Three girls participating in the outdoor conservation classroom observe wild flowers growing in Moorehead Park.



Tom Neal, Game Biologist holds the attention of 6th graders of Holstein. This group was one of a number participating in Ida County's first outdoor conservation classroom held at Moorehead Park.

DISTRICT FINANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972
July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972
WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND

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

Cash on hand, July 1, 1971	-----	\$ 2,770.25
Receipts	-----	3,631.04
Expenditures	-----	3,389.50
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1972	-----	3,011.79
Time Certificates	-----	30,064.75

GENERAL FUND

Cash on hand, July 1, 1971	-----	\$ 547.36
Receipts	-----	1,255.82
Annual report Ads	-----	-557.50
Trees Sales	-----	436.28
1M & 2M Reimbursements	-----	262.04
Expenditures	-----	820.92
Postmaster	-----	80.64
Ads	-----	-32.81
State Dues	-----	200.00
Office Supplies	-----	203.51
Subscriptions	-----	16.00
Extension Council - Awards	-----	30.00
Watershed Expense	-----	44.41
Teachers Workshop	-----	11.50
Conservation Materials	-----	25.75
Safe Deposit Rental	-----	3.00
Stewardship Materials	-----	68.30
Art Contest	-----	105.00
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1972	-----	982.26

1M BUDGET (STATE APPROPRIATED)

Commissioners expenses, mileage, etc.	-----	\$493.51
Office Supplies and expenses	-----	206.77
Rental - Fair Booth	-----	20.00
Materials for demonstration	-----	79.72
Total expended	-----	\$800.00

2M BUDGET (STATE APPROPRIATED)

Clerk's salary	-----	\$5,393.01
Clerk's mileage, expenses	-----	61.82
Office equipment	-----	39.45
Total expended	-----	\$5,494.28



TERRACES "DOING THEIR THING"

Here terraces on the Leroy Dose farm north of Ida Grove show the water they captured from spring rains. Terraces can hold one-half million gallons of water per mile, retaining it for future use.

TERRACE CONSTRUCTION DURING 1972

Terraces are a very effective conservation practice. Since they represent a considerable investment on the part of the farmer and the Federal Government, we feel the individuals deserve special mention. Listed below are the farmers who built terraces on their land during 1972.

Owner (tenant)	Township	Feet
Tom Odgaard	Corwin	200
Roland Loehr	Maple	2675
Billy Jensen	Garfield	3609
Earl Ellerbusch (Croxell)	Battle	3515
Fed Harder	Douglas	5069
Harold Parker	Griggs	1980
C. Bryant (Rohlk)	Douglas	2108
David Volkert	Douglas	6527
Leon Neubauer	Grant	7318
Herman Neubauer	Grant	4409
Gordon Aldag	Grant	4881
Robert Tank	Garfield	5084
Millard Hoyt	Silver Creek	4324
Muriel Rathbun	Corwin	1891
Everett Still	Battle	2370
Herbert Wellendorf	Hayes	1692
Earl Evans	Douglas	2774
Ray Hinkley	Grant	3880
Murl Sievertsen	Corwin	460

TERRACE CONSTRUCTION DURING 1972

Owner (tenant)	Township	Feet
Laverne Grell	Douglas	3051
Bernhardt Schultz	Garfield	1186
Hugo Ehler	Logan	3759
Fred Paulsrud	Garfield	3465
Leo Treiber	Garfield	3175
Floyd Greenwald	Grant	3322
Alden Backhaus	Grant	2864
John Heilman	Logan	6462
Leonard Ernst	Corwin	3927
Verle T. Law	Douglas	1202
Merle Greenwald	Corwin	360
Robert Bumann	Garfield	4870
Wilbur Rohlk	Logan	1629
Lars Ludvigson	Battle	3469
Robert Smith	Maple	1371
Isabella Smith	Maple	900
William Volkert	Battle	5047
Peter Nielsen	Garfield	4333
LeRoy Dose	Logan	825
Ernest Schmidt	Maple	7248
Smith Rogge	Maple	2974
Chet Challman	Galva	5685
Elvie Dreeszen	Douglas	7807
Frank Myrtue	Douglas	4536
Charles Bruene	Battle	11715
Edward Putensen	Battle	1633

A total of 35.3 miles were built during 1972, in addition to several miles of repair work.

24.6 miles of terraces were cost-shared with REAP money at 70%. The balance, 10.7 miles were cost-shared at 80% under the Little Sioux Watershed program. The above terraces represent an investment of \$102,455.25.

Approximately 3.8 miles or about 11% of all terraces built are broadbase, the balance being "pushup bench" or seeded backslope. The opposite was true 5 years ago.

SIOUX CITY PERMANENT AGRICULTURE PROGRAM WINNERS

Ida County was privileged to have a trio of regional winners in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program for the second year in a row. Pictures of the winners and their accomplishments follow.



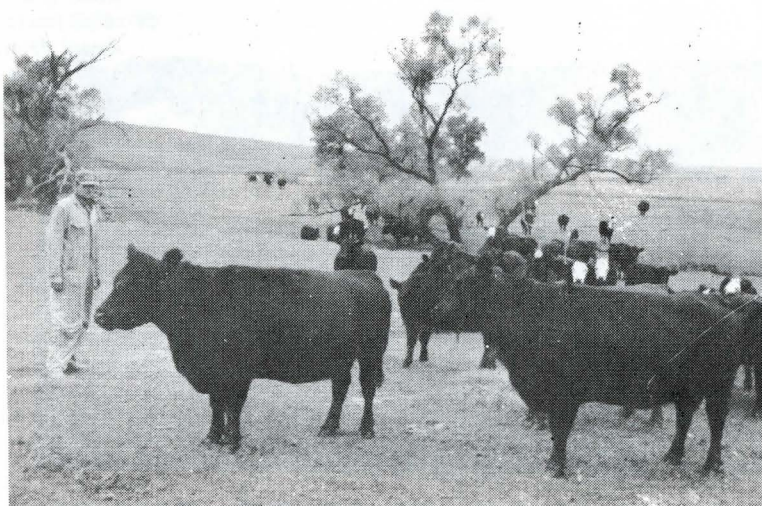
Walter Hoppe, Washta, tells Neil Helvig, Sioux City Perm Agriculture Committee member and Marc Cox, S.C. Journal farm editor about his Douglas Township farm.



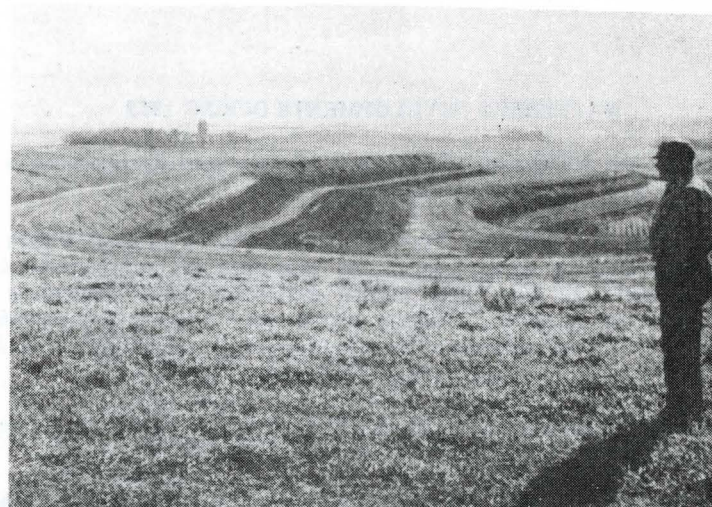
Walter Hoppe, pauses to reflect on his accomplishments that led to his being named a winner in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program. Beyond Walter can be seen part of his cow herd and the dam built with SCS assistance.



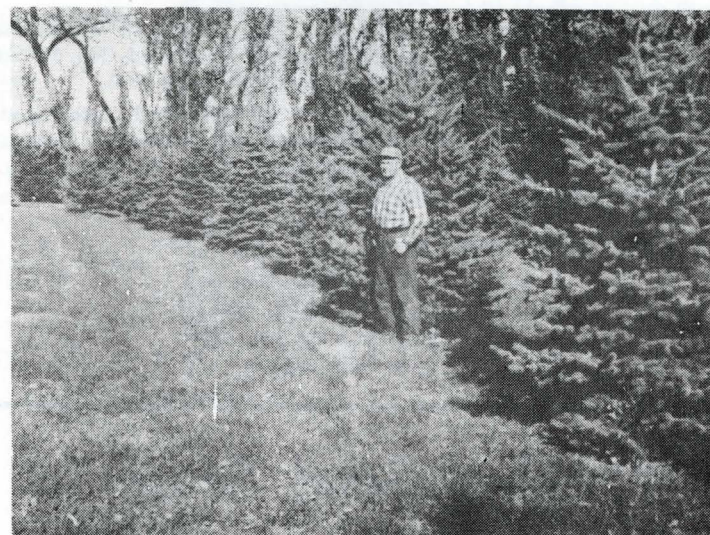
Carl Huth, Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Conservation Program winner, stops for a shot of coffee offered by wife Darlene and daughter Barbie.



An important part of Carl Huth's conservation farming operation is his herd of Angus stock cows.



Terraces are an important part of John Heilman's conservation program. These were built in 1972.



These spruce trees and poplars were planted about 1963. The poplars provided quick protection while the spruce are slower but longer-lasting protection for the John Heilman farm.

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENTS DURING 1972

Good things are happening with respect to watershed development in the Ida district.

First priority for action is Crawford Creek (No. 6 on map). With a goal of actually constructing structures in the east part of the watershed in 1973. Watershed directors were busy getting easements from landowners where structures would be built. Then a maintenance fund was being established. The fund would be turned over to the Soil Conservation District and the district would be responsible for maintenance after construction.

Easements, maintenance fund and construction of structures in the west part of the watershed will follow the east half, perhaps in 1974.

The same procedure will take place for Bitter Creek (No. 7 on map) during 1973, with construction scheduled for 1974.

Other watersheds are not far behind.

Westside (No. 8) and West Aldrich (9) are scheduled for planning. And Moorehead Creek (No. 14) and the Big Coon (No. 17) are mostly in Woodbury County, but are also scheduled for planning.

District officials are happy with the interest in two new watersheds in the district. Corwin-Logan (No. 11) and Garfield Watershed (No. 15) both have active interest which led to actual organization in January 1973.

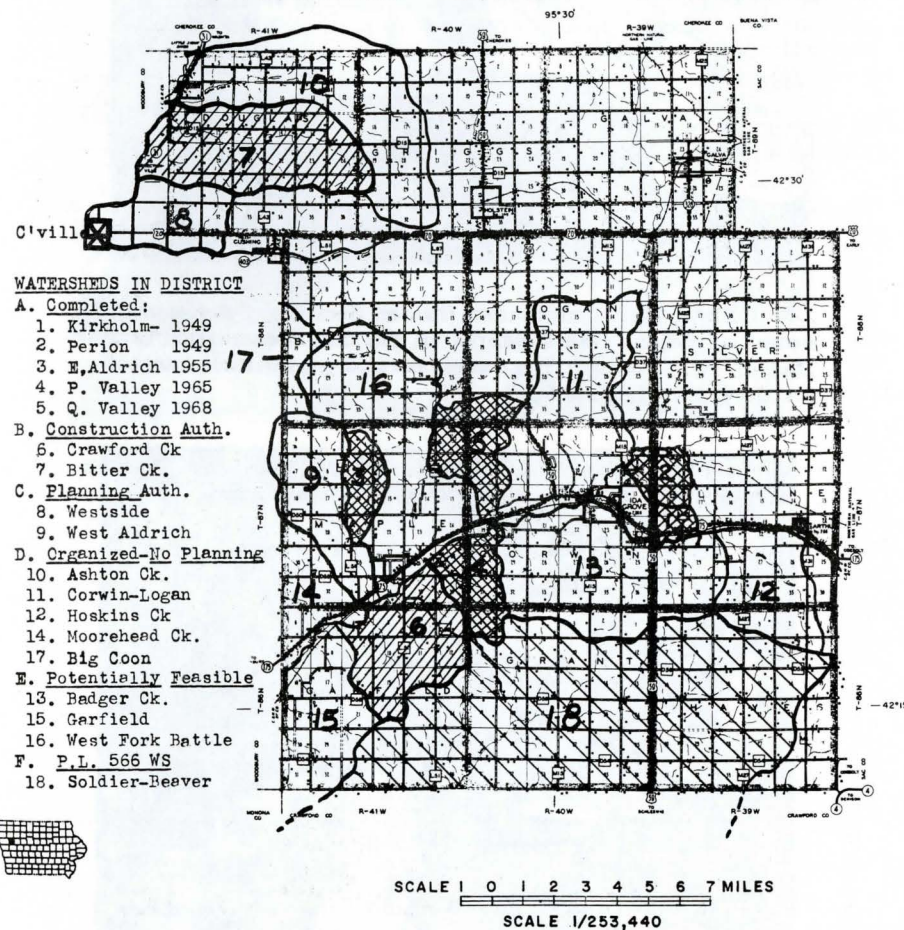
The Soldier-Beaver Watershed continues to be a actively interested group. The actual application for federal assistance was submitted in early 1973. Planning authorization in this watershed would hinge on interest and actual progress made toward getting needed treatment.

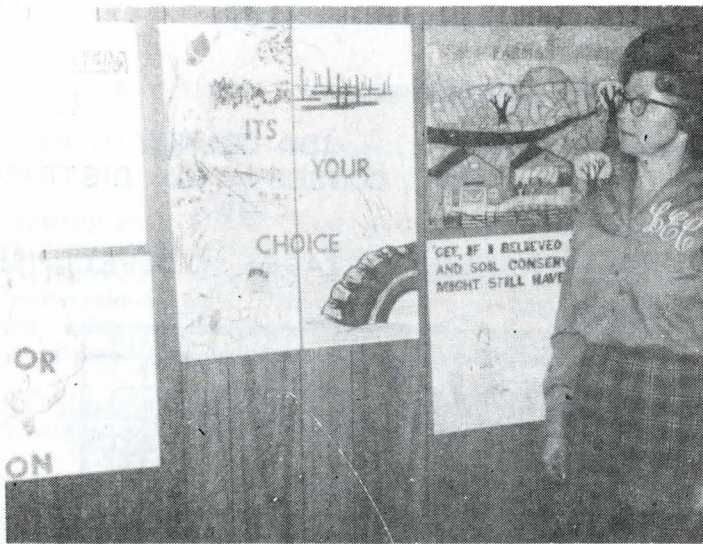
Overall, the watershed picture is good.

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WATERSHEDS - STAGES of DEVELOPMENT





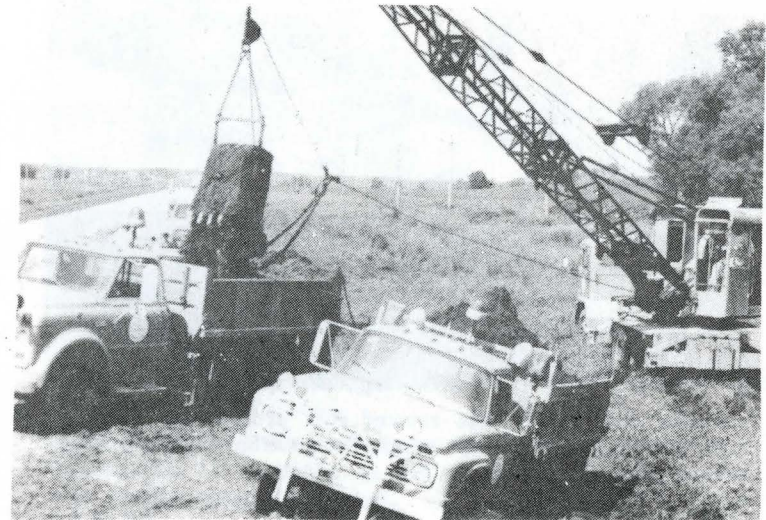
Lou Collins, Soil Conservation District Secretary, looks over some of the art work entered in the Soil Conservation 1972 District Art Contest. The contest created considerable interest and drew many fine entries.



Steve Sholty, is assisted by his father, Art and brother in pouring a reinforced concrete riser attached to a road culvert. The riser will provide gully control upstream in Sholty's farm.

EROSION HAS NO BOUNDS

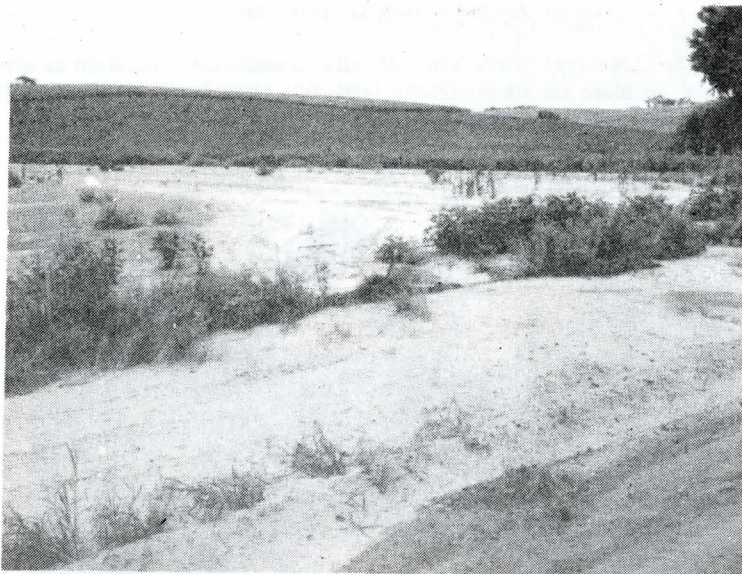
Soil erosion problems don't stop at city boundaries. Erosion or silt deposition is a problem on state, county, and municipal lands, as these pictures illustrate. In the end, someone pays for its removal.



State Highway crews haul silt from the Highway 141 right of way. The silt has accumulated from adjoining farm ground during recent years.



Here, an Ida Grove city maintenance crew man cleans the sediment from a ditch just North of the National Guard Armory.



Primarily one severe rain created this problem south of Ida Grove. The county road ditch is full of silt washed from adjoining farm land.



This truck-mounted Hydra-Seeder rented from Cherokee County by Ida County applies a complete seed, fertilizer, and mulch mixture to the steep slopes of the road project southeast of Battle Creek.



Glenn Jones - Wildlife Biologist for the Iowa Conservation Commission is available to assist Ida County land owners with wildlife related problems. Jones is showing off a "box of quackers".

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Iowa's No. 1 game bird, the ringnecked pheasant must have nesting cover. The best nesting cover is hay fields. However, most hay is cut just at the peak of hatching time which usually destroys hens, eggs and all. Up until now, diverted acres could be depended upon for nesting cover, but most diverted acres have been eliminated from the 1973 program. The pheasant must nest in what is left, which is roadsides, odd areas, and unmowed areas of State and County land. Glenn Jones, Wildlife Biologist for the Iowa Conservation Commission urges farmers not to mow or burn highway right of ways next to their farms. If you must mow these areas, delay it until after July 15th which will allow a big majority of pheasant broods to hatch.

Planting odd areas to shrubs will furnish winter cover which pheasants also need. Adapted species are plum, multiflora rose, red cedar and pines.

Glenn Jones is available for technical assistance on these plantings. He may be scheduled thru the local Soil Conservation District Office. He will be glad to assist farmers in planning such areas. Drop him a line or give him a call.



Clarence "Dutch" Kraft, Conservation Technician and Ray Schumann, Parttime Conservation Aid lay out a terrace on the Elvie Dreeszen farm in Douglas Township.



"Pushup" terraces are the style now. Here, Bob Ruser pushes put a terrace on the Murl Sievertson farm north of Ida Grove.

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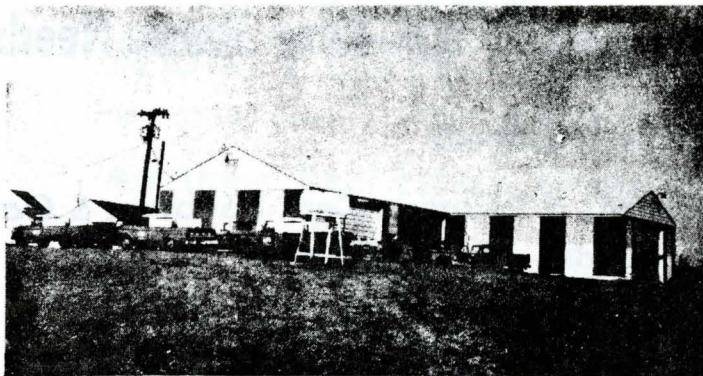
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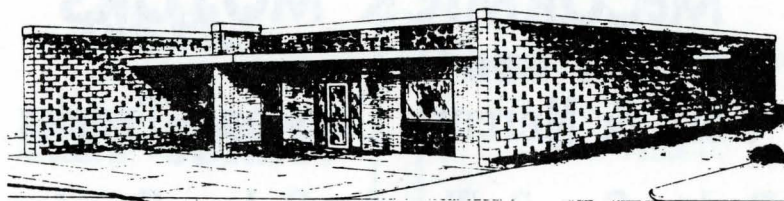
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