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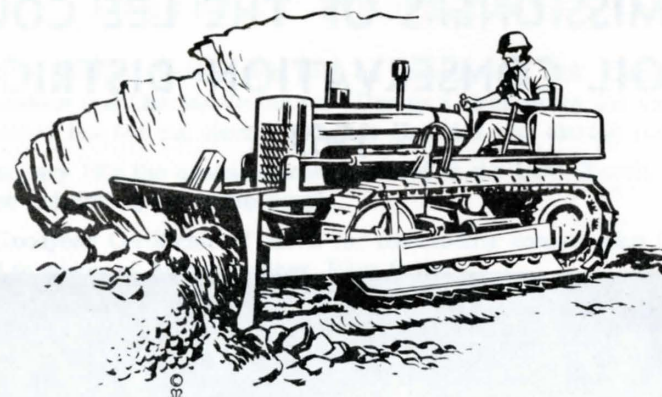
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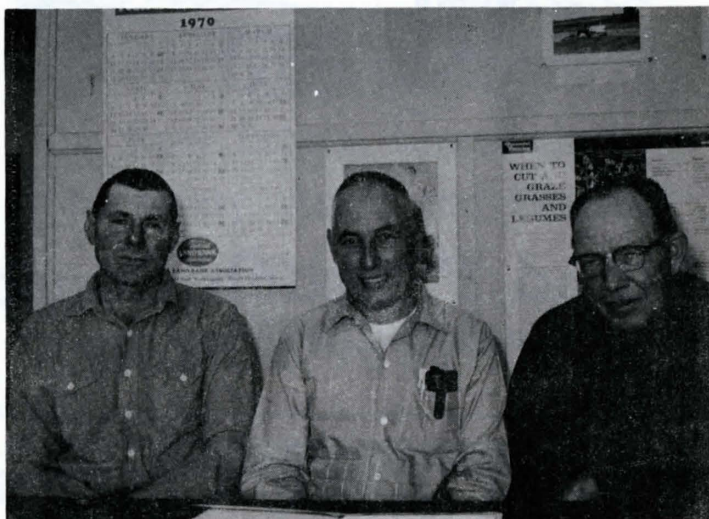


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COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1969



L to R: Raymond Hohl, Donnellson; Daniel Wilbert, Chairman, Fort Madison; James Hawkins, Argyle.

The Soil Conservation District Commissioners serve without pay. They are elected for a six year term. Terms of present commissioners are:

Daniel Wilbert, 1965 to 1971

Raymond Hohl, 1967 to 1973

James Hawkins, 1969 to 1975

Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee, Des Moines, allocates funds to the District each year for expenses and personnel. The commissioners receive mileage and expenses, through the 1M Budget. Salaries for District clerk and part time help is allocated through the 2M Budget.

The Soil Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Iowa.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

The Soil District election was held on January 15, 1969. Candidates were James Hawkins and Charles Vermazen. Due to a sleet storm the annual dinner was postponed but not the election. James Hawkins was elected commissioner.

On January 19th the annual dinner was held at the UCC Church, Donnellson. Dr. Wayne Scholtes spoke to 105 people.

The Goodyear Certificate of Merit for outstanding conservation farmer was presented to widow of Albert Panther, West Point.

The District annual planning meeting with all agencies was held on January 22nd.

The annual meeting for earth moving and tiling contractors was held February 19th.

District entered into Memorandum of Understanding with State Conservation, Forestry Division.

Lee District was runner up (second place) in Southern Iowa for the Goodyear 1968 Award Program.

Thirty Soil Stewardship Booklets were purchased and sent to Lee County ministers for Soil Stewardship Week in May. Place mats were distributed to cafes in rural Lee County during Soil Stewardship Week in May and Soil Conservation Week in June.

Annual report published in printed form and distributed to farmers in Lee County. Raymond Hohl sold advertising to finance publication.

Marjorie Stamps, District Clerk tendered resignation. Mrs. Stamps has been clerk for almost 15 years.

Tour for Webelos (junior boy scouts) was held on the farm of Reuben Neff by District Conservationist.

Mrs. Ralph (Isabelle) Campbell employed as District Clerk June 16, 1969.

Christams Tree Shearing Demonstration held on Clayton Todd farm June 25th.

Met with County Board of Supervisors about county soil survey. Additional soil survey personnel to be provided and county to assist with funds in order to complete survey in 1972.

Joseph Miguel, Jr., Keokuk, teacher at Washington Central attended Springbrook Conservation Camp with District tuition scholarship. Mr. Miguel also attended the Conservation Workshop at Luther in the fall.

Jim Hawkins attends Iowa Soil Conservation District banquet in Des Moines to receive plaque for District.

All area SCS area 8 personnel attend Woodland Workshop at Shimek State Forest.

District Conservationist gave Soil Conservation lecture to eighth grade students at Fort Madison Junior High in October.

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PRACTICE	UNIT	AMOUNT
Contour	Acres	229
Critical Area Planting	Acres	14
Diversion	Feet	5,785
Ponds	Number	21
Farmstead Windbreaks	Acres	1.3
Structures	Number	23
Waterway	Acres	50.4
Drainage Main or Lateral	Feet	15,536
Pasture & Hayland Planting	Acres	941
Drainage Land Grading	Acres	58.5
Pipeline	Feet	1797
Structure Water Control	Number	27
Drainage Field Ditch	Feet	19,220
Terrace Parallel	Feet	2,060
Tile	Feet	257,464
Tank or Trough	Number	24
Tree Planting	Acres	54
Wildlife Habitat Development	Acres	52

PLANNING PRACTICES

MAJOR PRACTICES	UNIT	AMOUNT
New Cooperators	Number	42
New Farm Plans	Number	35
Revised Farm Plans	Number	10
Recipients Technical Assistance	Number	421
Technical Services	Number	1,713
Group Job Services	Number	33
ACP Referral Serviced	Number	202
Landowners Applying Practices	Number	185

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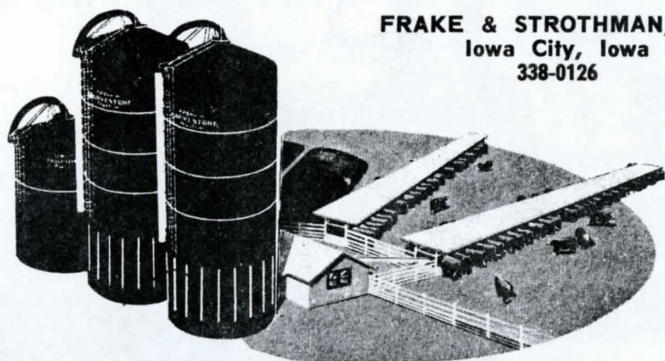
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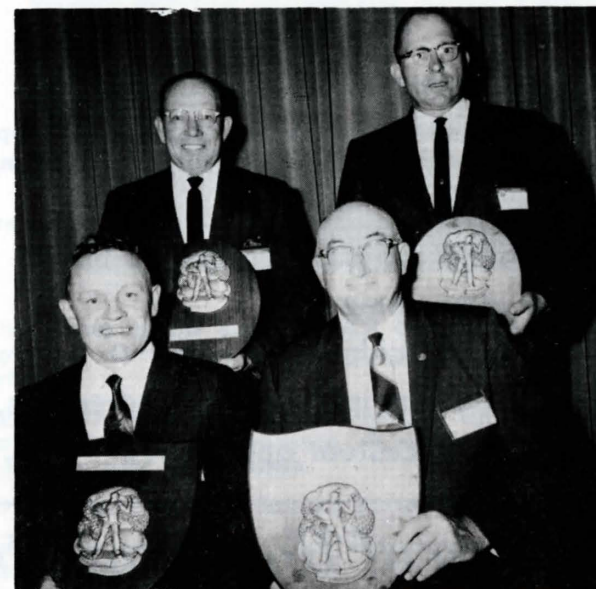


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**Lee Soil District Runner Up In
 Goodyear Soil Conservation Award Contest**



Pictured here are representatives of the 1969 Goodyear Award winning
 Districts.

Seated from (left) are Carroll Hobson, Hardin District, and Joe O'Hara,
 Page District.

Standing (left) James Hawkins, Lee District and Lester Lenhart, Tama
 District.

Lee County Soil Conservation District was runner-up (second place) in
 Southern Iowa in the annual Goodyear Soil Conservation Award. Receiving the
 plaque for Lee District was Commissioner James Hawkins, Argyle. The out-
 standing cooperators in Lee county were Henry, Steve, and Al Overberg, West
 Point.

Hardin District in Northern Iowa and Page District in Southern Iowa were
 selected on the basis of district planning, organization and accomplishment
 during the year.

Tama Soil and Water Conservation placed second in Northern Iowa.

The Lee County Soil Conservation District has entered the Goodyear contest
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Picnic table serves as the stage for SCS biologist Sylvan Runkle as he speaks to a group of 148 teachers attending the Conservation Workshop Conference for Teachers.

Joseph Miguel, Jr., 1314 Leighton, who teaches 5th grade at Washington Central in Keokuk attended this conference. It was held last October 10th and 11th at the 4-H camp near Luther, Iowa.

Theme for the conference was "Creating Environmental Integrity."

Attendance at the annual event has been increasing steadily each year since the project was begun more than twelve years ago. At the 1969 Conference a total of 180 were registered and of this total 148 were teachers. Scholarships for 90 teachers were provided by Iowa's Soil Conservation Districts either directly or through funds secured for the purpose from local banks, business and civic organizations.

The Conservation Workshop Conference is sponsored annually by the Iowa Conservation Education Council, the State Department of Public Instruction and the Iowa Conservation Commission assisted by the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa.

Also, from July 20th to August 9th Joseph Miguel attended the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp. This was for three weeks at the Springbrook State Park, near Guthrie Center.

He attended as a graduate student and was enrolled in Biology 104—Iowa Conservation Problems. Biology 104 emphasizes forest resources, ecology and fish and wildlife management. Three semester hours of on-campus credit is given by the University of Northern Iowa.

It is co-sponsored by the State Conservation Commission and the University of Northern Iowa.

The Lee County Soil Conservation District each year will grant several tuition scholarships for the Springbrook Conservation Camp. Also, they sponsor one teacher to the Conservation Workshop Conference for Teachers. In 1969 Joseph Miguel received a tuition scholarship to Conservation Camp and a sponsorship to Conservation Workshop from the Soil District.

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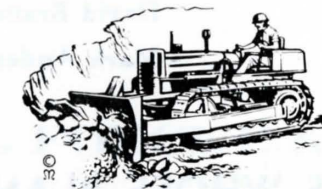
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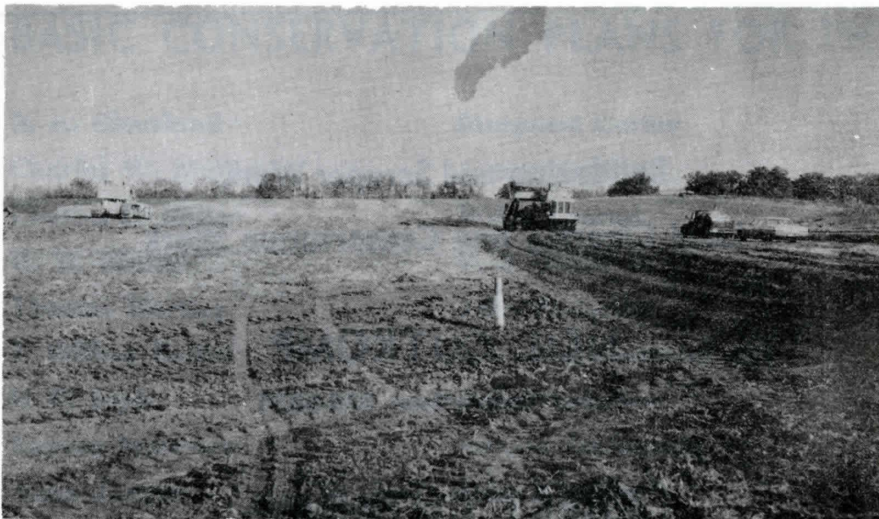
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Tile outlet terraces constructed in 1969 on the Ludwig Beach farm in West Point township. There were six terraces constructed totaling 4950 feet and 9 tile outlets. These terraces are straight and have no curves.

Also in 1969, P. A. Staub, Wever, constructed 1950 feet of tile outlet terraces with 2 tile outlets in Denmark township.

Contour farming and conventional terracing methods no longer fit into many farm operations because larger machinery can't function well on the sloping curves of conventional terraces and with point rows.

Many farmers are eliminating the oat-legume portion of their crop rotation system. They have found it is cheaper to purchase nitrogen fertilizer than to raise through the legume portion of a crop rotation. It is this more intensive row cropping in the absence of supporting conservation practices that is aggravating erosion.

However, two types of terraces are compatible with both larger machinery and continuous row cropping. These are the broad-base parallel terraces for slopes up to six percent and the parallel, seeded back slope terraces in steeper terrain. The width between these parallel terraces is constant so there are no point rows.

In 1969 Clifford Pohren, Farmington, constructed the first set of tile outlet terraces in Lee County.

The following farmers have constructed tile outlet terrace systems in the intervening years:

Archie Millmier, Donnellson
 Andrew and Joe Holtkamp, West Point
 Charles Buford, Donnellson
 Kenneth and Raymond Tull, Donnellson
 Delbert Burdette, Donnellson
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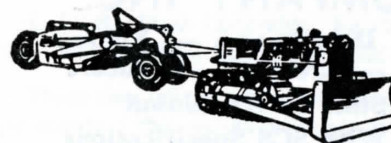


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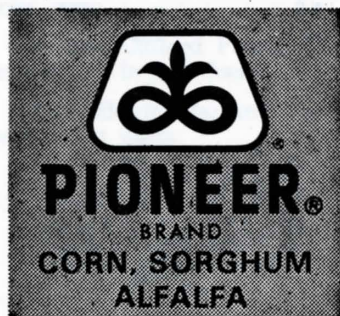
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L to R: Dale Lockridge, Fairfield, SCS Soil Scientist and Party Leader
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These two soil scientists will be responsible for completing the soil survey in
Lee county. The completion date is sometime in 1972.

Charles Kiepe was transferred from Sac City in January 1970 to Donnellson.

The Lee county survey is a joint project by the Soil Conservation Service,
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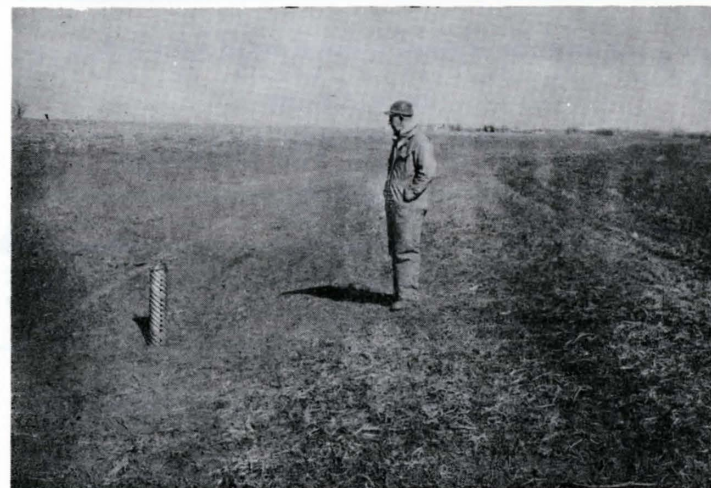
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Andrew Holtkamp, West Point, standing on berm of tile outlet terrace. These terraces were constructed in 1967. There were 5700 feet of terrace, nine tile inlets and 2860 feet of tile installed.



Clifford Pohren, Farmington, standing by inlet on tile outlet terraces constructed in 1966. This was the first tile outlet terrace constructed in Lee County.

There were three terraces constructed amounting to 4370 feet, six tile outlets and 1140 feet of tile used.

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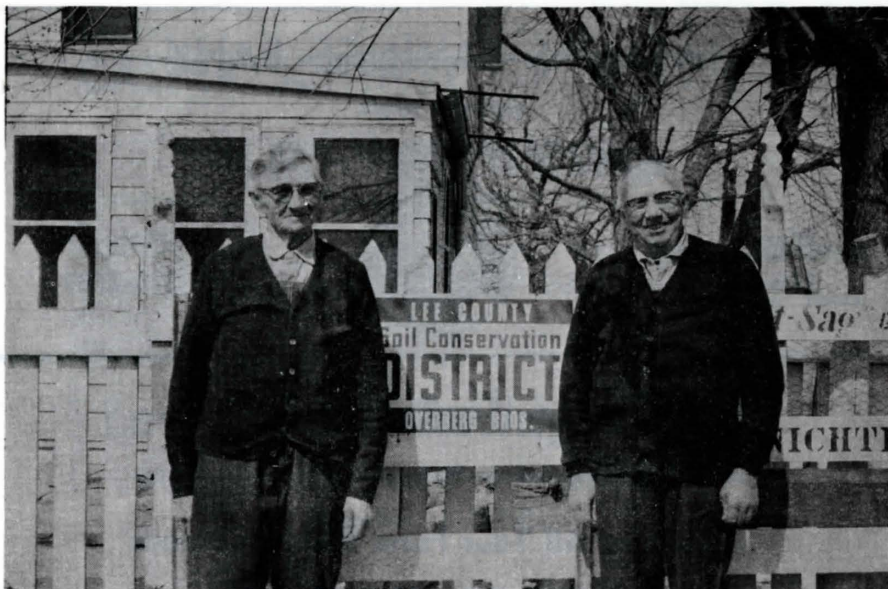
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Henry (left) and Steve Overberg, West Point, Iowa. Al was missing when Fort Madison Evening Democrat took this picture.

The three brothers were named as outstanding conservation farmers by the Lee County Soil Conservation District.

They were presented the Goodyear Certificate of Merit at the annual dinner for their conservation achievement.

They farm 300 acres that is located two miles south of St. Paul in Marion township. In 1946 they became cooperators with the Soil Conservation District. A farm plan was prepared with them and is number 39. This farm plan was revised in December 1962.

The farm land is moderately rolling to rolling. The soil types represented in the land are Clinton, Pershing and Weller silt loam.

Contouring has been used continually on the more rolling fields.

The farm consists of 152 acres in cropland, 77 acres in rotation pasture, 44 acres in permanent pasture, 15 acres in woodland, the remainder in lots and roads.

They have cleared several acres of timberland and reseeded into pastureland. Several acres of waterway shaping has been completed.

A forty acre tract lies about one mile west of the homestead. On this forty a livestock pond has been built and fenced.

The farm enterprise consists of a 40 cow herd of Shorthorn beef cattle. They also raise 150-160 head of hogs yearly.

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FURNISHED THE DISTRICT BY THE
STATE OF IOWA THROUGH THE STATE SOIL CONSERVA-
TION COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1968-69**

1M BUDGET	2M BUDGET
Allocation July 1, 1968 ----- \$500.00	Allocation July 1, 1968 ----- \$5304.00
Additional 1M Allocation	Personal Salaries ----- 5389.68
June 17, 1969 ----- \$ 47.00	Travel ----- 77.73
Total Allocated ----- \$547.00	Total Expended ----- 5467.41
Commission Expense ----- \$186.84	
Office Supplies ----- 219.33	
Printing ----- 10.50	
Prizes for Contest ----- 13.00	
Materials for Demonstration -- 147.57	
Office Expense ----- 181.41	
Meeting Expense ----- 5.17	
Total Expended ----- \$763.82	

WORK UNIT PERSONNEL

State Personnel

Marjorie Stamps, District Clerk, resigned July 1, 1969
Isabelle Campbell, District Clerk, June 16, 1969
Dallas Kerr, Planner Aid (part time)

USDA-SCS Personnel

Franklin H. Mullen, District Conservationist
E. Burdette Stamps, Conservation Technician

AREA SCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING DISTRICT

John J. Eckes, Area Conservationist
Margaret Dickey, Area Clerk
Marion Clark, Area Engineer
Dale Lockridge, Area Soil Scientist

GROUPS WHO ASSIST THE DISTRICT

Soil Conservation Service
State Soil Conservation Committee, Des Moines
Lee County Agricultural, Stabilization and Conservation
 Service
Lee County Extension Service
State Conservation Commission
 a-District Forester
 b-Area Forester
Federal Fish and Wildlife Service
Newspapers
Radio Stations
County Board of Supervisors
County Engineer
Iowa Highway Commission
Earth Moving Contractors
Tilers
Public and Parochial Schools
County Superintendent of Schools
County Farm Bureau
Farmers Home Administration
FFA (Vocational Agriculture)
County Conservation Board
Professional and Businessmen
Consolidated Packaging Company



Tiling on the Raymond Hohl farm three miles west of Donnellson. Operating the tiler was Casper Schinstock and son, Salem, Iowa.

The tile lines were spaced fifty feet apart. Four inch tile was used for laterals. Each lateral emptied into a six inch main 1,000 feet long.

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