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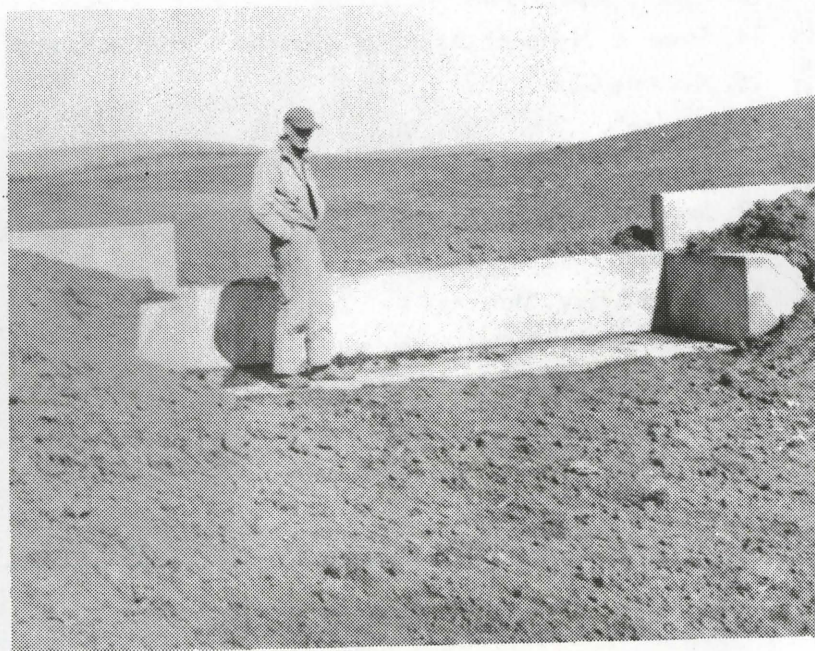
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Cover Photo: Pouring concrete on the Pauline Icenbice farm, 4 miles south-east of Deep River.



Gully before treatment -- Frank Wells farm 2 miles northwest of Montezuma.



Same gully after treatment -- Frank Wells farm.



DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND STAFF

Left to right: Eugene Merck, assistant comm.; Don Schuldt, comm.; Lawrence Wallis, comm., (chairman); Miles Clayton, assistant comm.; Glen Fernau, assistant comm.; Morton James, Work Unit Cons.; LaVonne Byers, Clerk, and Clem Mc Bride, technical aid. Commissioner Phil Eichhorn and Con. Aid Elmer Urfer were not present.

AREA STAFF WHO ASSIST WITH THE DISTRICT PROGRAM

Dale Shadle, area conservationist, Iowa City; George Fanken, area engineer, Iowa City; Thomas Brown, agri. engineer, Marion; Byron Miller, engr. technician, Marion; Marion Ebert, engr. technician, Iowa City; Edward Schmerhorn, soil scientist, Iowa City; Wayne Frederick, soil scientist, Iowa City; Darwin Hoeft, soil scientist, Iowa City; Stanley Barker, area clerk, Iowa City.

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1966

1. Annual Commissioners Short Course at Ames attended.
2. Meeting held for earth-moving Contractors.
3. Soil Conservation Speech contestant chosen to represent Poweshiek County.
4. BGM Vocational Agriculture tour on Ross Mintle farm.
5. Conservation Week observed in June by special issues in County newspapers.
6. Arthur Merck, Deep River, became 1000th cooperator to sign agreement with District.
7. Conservation Achievement Awards Program judged - Winners Division I, Eugene Merck; Division II, Philip Lamb and Charles DePauw and Division III, Arnout Dunnick.
8. Kiwanis Recognition Luncheon for Award Winners.
9. Excellent summer and fall weather for earth work -- record accomplishment for gully control structures and terraces.
10. Bids let on second phase of Diamond Lake Watershed Project -- structures A-2 and B-9. Structure B-9 completed and A-2 almost completed.
11. Conservation tours for school students of Montezuma and BGM Community schools.
12. Poweshiek District farmers Phillip Lamb and Charles DePauw declared Sweepstakes Winner in Conservation Awards Contest for Region VII.

Poweshiek District served as host for Regional Recognition ceremony December 1, at Colony Inn, Amana.



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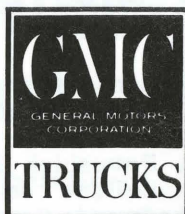
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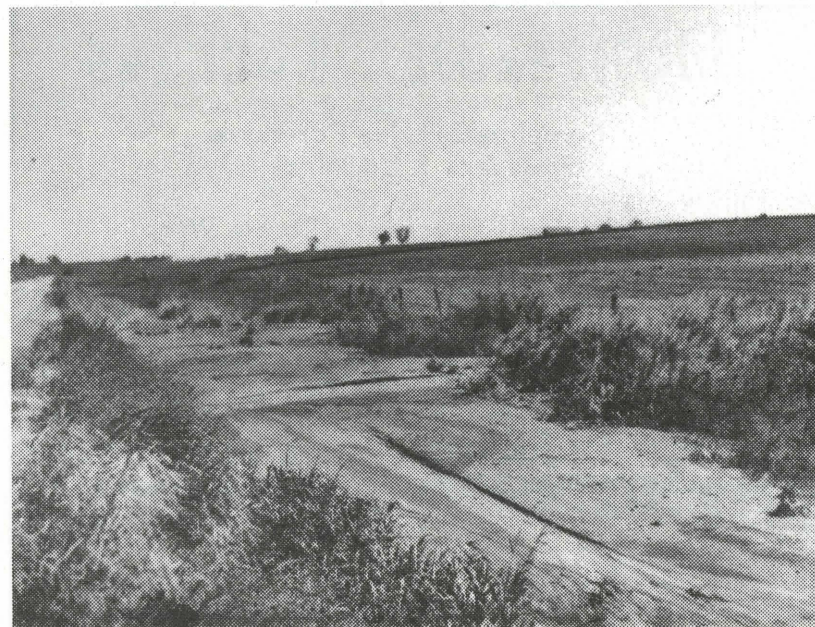
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Double loss. Productive topsoil from the field clogged this county road ditch.



Unprotected road ditches eroded badly from May and June rains.

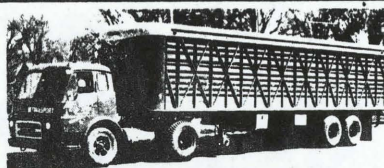
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Strip cropping Vere Lavent farm, 1 mile east of Brooklyn. Strip cropping reduces soil loss to 1/4.



Tile outletted terrace. Lauren Wright farm, 1 mile south-east of Montezuma. The metal culvert pipe drains water into a tile eliminating need of a grass waterway.

Conservation Accomplishments For 1966

Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District

Gully control structures and terraces built in 1966 hit a new high for Poweshiek County exceeding the previous record established in 1965.

The 34 structures built topped those installed in 1965 by 54 percent and the 16 miles of terraces built was 7 percent more than the previous all time high in 1965.

Other conservation structures (not previously classified) built during the year included 42 "tile system" structures and 32 "water control" structures. Water control structures are installed in connection with tile outletted terraces.

Terraces built are of new design, cut and fill and parallel, suitable for modern farm equipment and drained in many cases with tile outlets.

Enough gullies to more than cross the county (36 miles) were filled, shaped and seeded for crossable waterways, exceeding the 1965 figure by 9 percent.

Lines were staked for 1267 acres of new contour farming adding to the estimated 37,000 acres of contouring already established in Poweshiek County.

Contours strip cropping was increased from the estimated 17,000 acres already established by 878 acres of new stripping --this to conserve soil and to make "America Beautiful."

The water conserving capacity of Poweshiek County farms was enlarged by the construction of 13 livestock ponds, averaging well over a million gallons of storage each.

The task of surveying Poweshiek County's soils passed the half-way mark in 1966. Out of a total of 366,000 acres of cropland 185,000 acres were surveyed in 1966.

Soil maps prepared by trained soil scientists show soil type, percent slope, the amount of topsoil remaining, general recommendations for fertilizer application and information needed to develop a complete conservation program.

During 1966 complete conservation plans were developed on 30 farms with the assistance of SCS technicians from the Poweshiek Soil District. Such assistance was without charge to the individual farmer.

During the year the District received requests from 48 farmers for such soil mapping and planning service.

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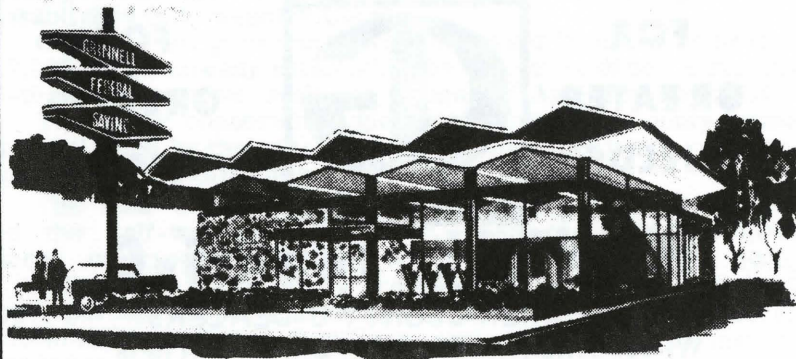
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Accomplishment Summary 1966

Soil Conservation Surveys	7410 Acres
Soil District Cooperators	48
Basic Conservation Plans	30
Contour Farming	1267 Acres
Strip Cropping	878 Acres
Pasture Renovation and Planting	1030 Acres
Grassed Waterways (36 Miles)	144 Acres
Field Border Planting	73,340 L. Ft.
Wildlife Habitat Development	29 Acres
Ponds built	13
Ponds Stocked	28
Terraces and Diversions	87,480 L. Ft.
Gully Control Structures	34
Water Control Structures (for tile outlets)	32
Tile System Structures	42
Tile Installed (92 Miles)	486,085 L. Ft.

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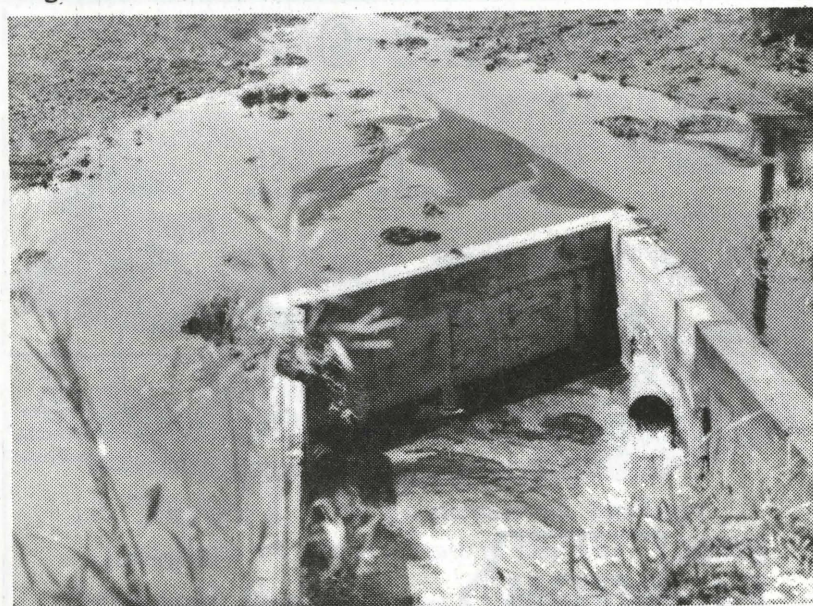


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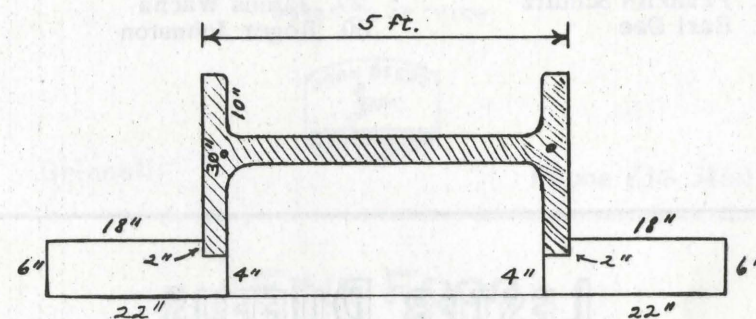
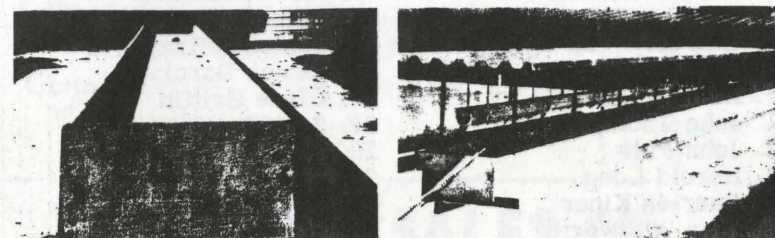


Mrs. Don Vogt and daughter, Brenda, on broadbase terrace. Don Vogt farm 4 miles north-east of Grinnell.



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| 6. Russell Stoker | 21. Clyde Griffin |
| 7. John Thompson | 22. Jack Grier |
| 8. John Puls | 23. Glen Strand |
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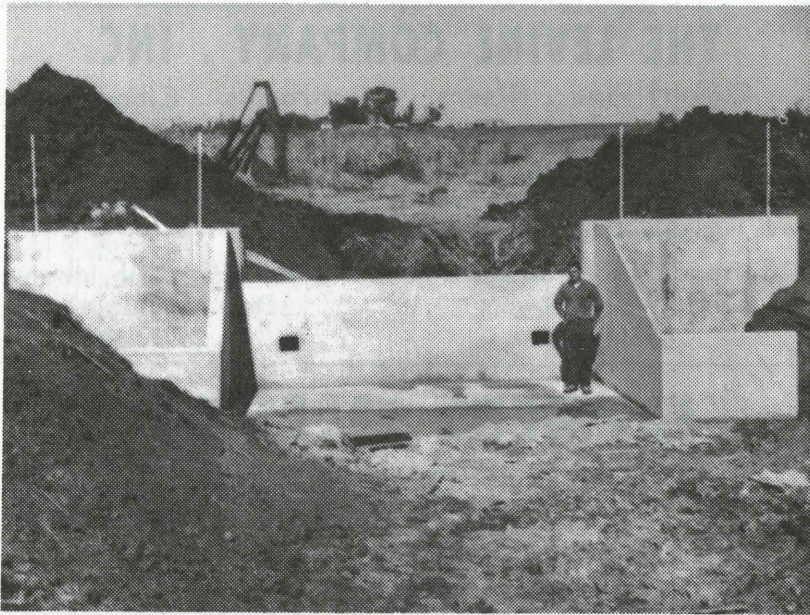
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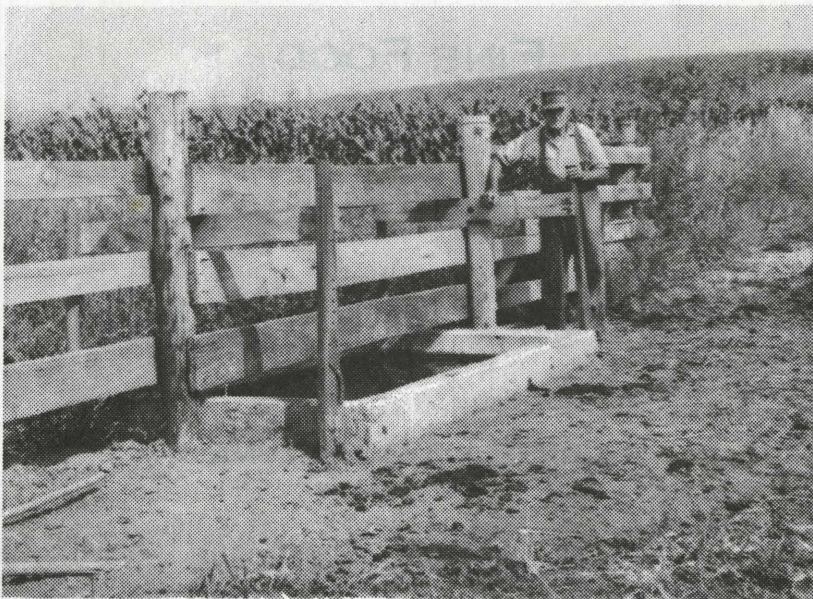
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Re-inforced concrete gully control structure on the Robert T. Mitchell farm, 9 miles north-east of Grinnell. Structures built in 1966 exceeded all previous years by 54 percent.



Livestock watering system developed from tile on the Ray Anthony farm 5 miles north of Brooklyn. Since the tank is on the boundary line, Anthony shares the water with his neighbor.

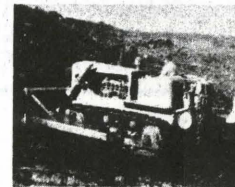
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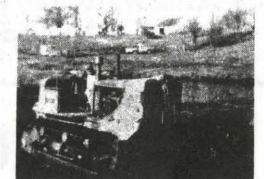
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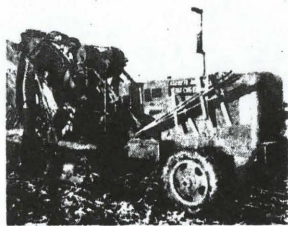
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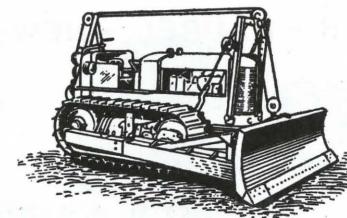
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New Cooperators For 1966

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| 2. Donald Pederson | 25. Menzo Seaton |
| 3. Jack Wilkinson | 26. Melvin Elliott |
| 4. Howard Raffety | 27. Eva Lundeen |
| 5. Paul Van Roekel | 28. Bernard Combs |
| 6. Lawrence Pidima | 29. Merle Harris |
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| 8. Virgil Lester | 31. Harry Dugan |
| 9. Frank Herbrandt | 32. Eldrid Adkins |
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| 12. Max Dolmage | 35. John Dawley |
| 13. David Ferneau | 36. Afton Gause |
| 14. Leroy Sterk | 37. Ronald Adams |
| 15. Clair Hutchison | 38. Harold Long |
| 16. Milton Cronbaugh | 39. R. R. Sams |
| 17. Mrs. Milton Cronbaugh | 40. Bert Ranfeld |
| 18. Donald Brau | 41. Melvin Kriegel |
| 19. Edward Watkins | 42. Arthur Merck (3) |
| 20. Clarence Van Wyk | 43. Charles Fenner |
| 21. Raymond Koger | 44. Robert Van De Krol |
| 22. C. C. Wickman | 45. Moorie Poots |
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Eugene Merck, Montezuma, 1966 Division I Winner.

Division I recognizes Owner-Operator for longtime, complete conservation program.

Merck has been interested in and practiced conservation for the past 15 years. At present he operates 480 acres, 320 acres of which is owned and 160 rented.

Merck follows a soil building rotation with a balance of supporting practices including: contouring, strip cropping, diversions, terraces, grassed waterways and tile.

All farm produced feed plus considerable purchased grain and commercial concentrates is fed on the farm. Approximately 200 beef cattle and 800 hogs are marketed yearly.



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Charles DePauw, Malcom, operator, Poweshiek County Division II Winner and Region VII (12 county area) Sweepstakes Winner.

Division II recognizes Landlords and Tenants for outstanding achievement in conservation through joint efforts.

DePauw operates 400 acres, 80 of which is owned. The rented acreage belongs to Mr. Phil Lamb of Malcom.

With the cooperation of the owner, DePauw has completely reorganized the fences and fields on one half section of rented land. On the owned 80-acres a complete conservation program has also been developed.

Conservation practices include: improved classification of soil for crops, soil building rotation, tiling, contour farming, strip cropping and grassed waterways.

During the seven years the conservation plan has been followed livestock has been increased and all farm raised feed plus considerable purchased feed is fed on the farm. The livestock enterprise includes 50 beef cows, 42 beef cattle marketed, 300 hogs marketed and 12-cow dairy herd producing grade B milk.



Soil Conservation or Starvation - Which

Arnout S. Dunnick, Barnes City, 1966 Winner in Division III. Division III recognizes farmers for the most rapid progress in installing conservation practices on their farm after a conservation plan has been developed. Dunnick's plan was developed after January 1, 1964.

Since the plan was developed two years ago, Dunnick has removed interior fences, dozed out hedgerows, re-organized fields, established waterways, built almost two miles of terraces, laid out contours and strips and installed almost 8000 feet of tile. In addition to this 110-acre Poweshiek County farm which is owned, Dunnick operates 240 acres in Mahaska County. The latter farm has been conservation farmed for the past several years.



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Earl Lidka is well along with this beautification project on his farm 3 miles south of Sheridan. The trees are 9 year-old concolor fir.



Mrs. Howard Sears and son, James, enjoy boating on their farm pond 1/4 mile south of Sheridan. Recreation is a legitimate use for land in the District Program.

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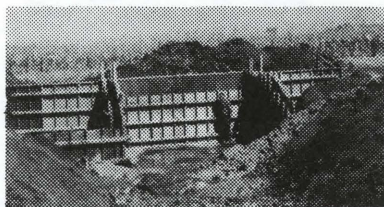
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1949 - Lauren W. Wright

1950 - Albert Pleisek

1952 - Myron and Richard Sears

1953 - George Norden, A. L. Leydens, Elmer Dunnick, Kenneth L. Dieterich

1954 - Wayne Reams, Harry Edelen, Arnold Bastian

1955 - Lewis Schultz, Earl Fowler, Robert McWilliams, Dean McWilliams

1956 - Gerrit Septer, Jean Cavell, Miles Clayton, Raymond Vogt

1957 - Arthur Blome, Janet Wilkins, Calvin Korn, Paul DeJong

1958 - Lawrence Wallis, Forrest Read, Keith Davis, Gilbert Phipps

1959 - Alvin and Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnutt

1960 - Waldo and Harold McLennan, Benedict Peterson, Milfor Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer

1961 - James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke, George Morrison

1962 - David Anthony, Louis Newkirk, Edward Henry, Phil Eichhorn

1963 - Ed Lowe, Roger Sampson, Byron Goldwaite, Marvin Montgomery, George Houser

1964 - Melvin Price, Julia Vogt, Wesley Meyers, Lauren Wright

1965 - Arlo Taylor, Henry Rolffs, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate, Frank and Madeleine Herbrandt

1966 - Eugene Merck, Phillip Lamb, Charles DePauw, Arnout Dunnick



The Montezuma 8th grade science class line up on a terrace during a tour of the Eugene Merck farm 5 miles north-east of Montezuma.



Tenth grade Vocational Agriculture students, Montezuma, inspect conservation work on the Eugene Merck farm.

Expenditure of Funds Provided by The State of Iowa 1965 - 1966 Fiscal Year

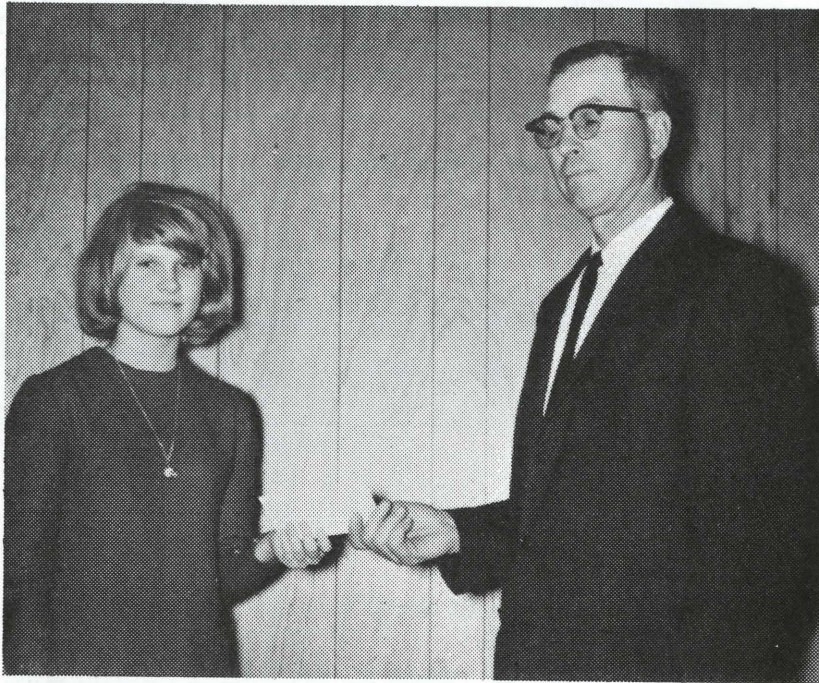
I-M BUDGET	\$500.00
Commissioners Mileage, Meals, Hotel	265.59
Office Supplies	101.22
Prizes for Contest	25.00
Meeting Expense	8.40
Office Expense	129.67
TOTAL	\$529.67

II-M BUDGET	\$5403.00
Salary-Clerk	3610.00
Salary-Technician	822.50
State Retirement	155.15
Federal Retirement (Social Security)	175.60
Technician Travel	21.50
Health Insurance	21.00
TOTAL	\$4805.75

Soil and water are Siamese Twins



Vocational agriculture class of BGM High School observe operation of a diversion terrace on the Ross Mintle farm, 5 miles north-west of Malcom.



District Chairman Lawrence Wallis, Grinnell, awards 1st place to Kathy Anthony in the County speech contest. Kathy represented Poweshiek County in the Region VII State contest.

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