

SCRAPS

Watershed Group Elects Cowles

A Georgetown watershed committee was organized at a meeting at Georgetown Thursday night, with John Cowles elected chairman for a three-year term.

Walter Lahart was elected secretary for a two-year term.

Committee members elected are Frank Ryan, for two years; and Mike Heffron and John Heffron, for one year.

Those attending the meeting also decided to call the watershed project the Georgetown watershed.

Camp, Fish Facilities Being Built

Wayne Sample, who farms east of Albia, is using 55 acres of his 215 acre farm to develop commercial camping and fishing facilities.

Sample is also building a new house on that portion of the farm.

The 55 acres is located five miles east of Albia on the new Highway 34, on the south side of the highway. It will have access at two points on the highway, plus an access on a county road. The accesses on the highway will lead onto a frontage road running parallel to the highway.

Showers, toilets and water will be furnished for campers, with the water coming from a well. One of four ponds will also provide water which will be filtered and chlorinated. The well water will be tested by a university laboratory.

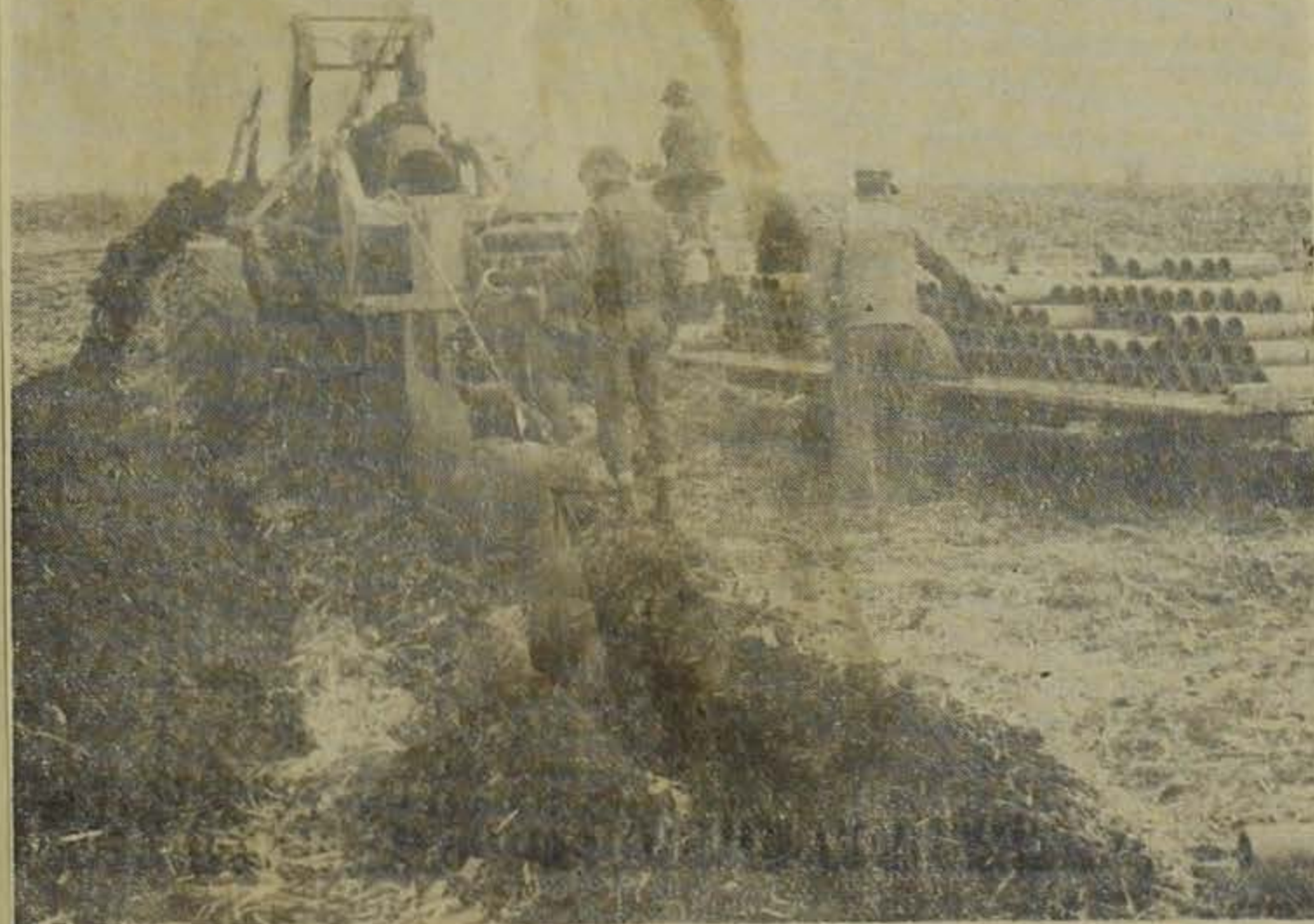
Plans are for camping sites for 100 units, including campers on pick-up trucks, sleeping trailers and station wagons and tents.

Four ponds will provide fishing. Sample has a hatchery license and will raise his own fish for the ponds.

Thirty of the 55 acres used for the recreational development has been in cropland. Sample is applying for cost-sharing on the earth moving for ponds and parking areas, tree planting and seeding in grass of areas where needed.

The application for federal assistance is under a new Department of Agriculture program for conversion of cropland to recreational use.

Polk and Dallas counties have been designated pilot counties in Iowa for the cropland to recreation conversion program. An additional \$50,000 in federal assistance is available to farmers in other counties in Iowa.



Installing Field Drainage Tile

Mrs. Deborah Scribner, whose farm is about 10 miles northeast of Albia, is having installed about 2,000 rods of field drainage tile. Russell Pence of Keota is the contractor. The conservation project will cost Mrs. Scribner about \$100 an acre, with federal funds under the Agriculture

Conservation Practices program providing about \$100 an acre. Other farmers in Mrs. Scribner's neighborhood installing drainage tile are Mike Berté, Virgil Scribner and Bill Hughes. John Goode is installing drainage tile on his farm south of Albia.

Seek Entries In Contest

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District is seeking entries for the Iowa's Favorite Farmer's Daughter contest, sponsored by the Iowa Electric Light and Power Company and Cedar Rapids television and radio stations WMT.

To be eligible for the contest, a girl must be between 16 and 21 years old as of June 1 and have a farm background. While she need not be living on a farm, her parents must be engaged in farming.

The winner will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., for two, a \$300 wardrobe, luggage and a radio and television set. Runners-up will receive luggage and radios, and semi-finalists will receive a gift from a jewelry store.

The deadline for entries, which must be accompanied by a photograph, is May 4. Girls interested should contact the conservation office in the post office.

Conservation Camp Applicant Sought

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District will pay the tuition of one teacher who wishes to attend the teachers conservation camp at Springbrook State Park this summer.

Peggy Collins of Albia, a student at State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, had planned to attend the camp, but informed the conservation district she will be unable to attend.

Teachers interested in attending the camp should contact the conservation office in the post office.

In Regional Speech Contest

Diane Botts, Albia Community High School student, has been declared by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners as winner of the county conservation speech contest. Her entry was the only one in the county.

She will compete in a regional conservation speech contest. The date and place of the regional contest has not been announced.

Tenco Area Recreational Sites Listed

A total of 259 recreational facilities will be included in a forthcoming brochure designed to advertise the facilities in the Tenco (10-county Rural Areas Development) region.

The economic base study prepared for the Tenco steering committee breaks down the 259 facilities according to type. They are:

Golf courses	13
Bowling alleys	14
Swimming pools	18
Movie theaters	20
Libraries	29
City parks	34
Teen centers	5
Drive-in theaters	5
Summer recreation	11
Auto race tracks	6
Airports	9
Ball parks	37
Roller Rinks	7
Tennis courts	11
Gun clubs	9
Community meeting halls	21
Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.	3
Museums	7

"As people's incomes increase and the time necessary to earn that income decreases there is an associated increase in demand for recreational and other leisure time activities," the report states. "This demand is reflected in the construction of new bowling alleys, golf courses, and in sales of boating and camping facilities."

This trend has been noticeable in Monroe county where in the last few years a bowling alley has been built, a drive-in theater has been re-opened, construction of a lake has been approved by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, a commercial camping and fishing facility is under construction, a municipal swimming pool has been constructed, a Little League baseball diamond has been built, a roller rink has been added, a Boy Scout camp is being constructed, the county historical society has plans for development of a country school building as a museum, a shelter house has been added at the city park, and the school's athletic program has been expanded.

Development of recreation in the 10 counties may be one of the methods by which basic employment (employment which brings money into the area from other areas) may be increased, the economic base study states. Preliminary reports of Albia's city planning have also indicated that development of recreational potentials may be wise.

Two federal projects will do much to stimulate tourism in the 10-county area, the economic base study points out.

One is the Red Rock Reservoir project in Marion county, now under construction. The other is the Rathbun Reservoir in Appanoose county, now in the planning stage. While both are designed primarily as flood protection projects, the Army Corps of Engineers has stressed that they will also have exceptional recreational potential.

Such projects have two effects on the local economy, according to the economic base study.

"In the short run, there is the impact on the economy of the area as a result of the money being invested in the labor for construction of the dams, and in the long run there is reasonable expectation that tourism will contribute to the income of the area. Current estimates place tourist expenditures at about \$5 to \$10 per day. This means a family of four people staying in a community for one day could spend \$20 to \$40 for various services."

Soil Stewardship Tour Next Week

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District is sponsoring a soil stewardship tour next Monday for ministers of Monroe county.

The tour will go to the following farms:

Gene Kromray farm, when the ministers on the tour last year saw an unimproved waterway, and will see the waterway improved this year.

A farm purchased during the past year by Roy Scott, also visited last year by the ministers. The land was in poor condition last year. It has now been cleared of brush, and a waterway has been filled and seeded.

Gerold Peterson farm, where terracing has been done in the past year.

The Clifford Belzer farm, which shows many conservation practices.

The Carl Carlson farm, where a waterway was improved several years ago.

If there is time, the ministers will also see conservation construction being done.

Three Conservation Plans Are Approved

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners at their last meeting approved three basic plans and one initial agreement.

The basic plans were for the farms of Wayne Sample, 215 acres; Howard Van Zante, 160 acres; and Gysbert Groenenboom, 305 acres.

The initial agreement was for the farm of Mrs. Frances Kosmach, 214 acres.



Freeman Signs Agreement

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman is shown signing a new memorandum between the department and the

Monroe County Soil Conservation District. At the left is Don Williams, administrator of the Soil Conservation Service.

Conservationists Are Commended

Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. J. E. Spencer
Chairman, Monroe County Soil Conservation District
Albia, Iowa

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I want to commend the governing body of your district for their progressive action in updating the soil and water conservation programs and modernizing the memorandum of understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is an important initial step in helping private landowners move forward more effectively with their soil and water conservation effort.

The District movement has gained enormous strength over the past quarter century because you and other dedicated men have given freely of your time, energy, and imagination in the finest tradition of democratic action and self government.

We are on the threshold of a new era in the management of our resources—of land and water, forest and wildlife—by our people. I am convinced that your District has an important part to play in giving reality to our broadened concepts of conservation and wise land use. I urge you to push forward in every way you can conceive to achieve maximum achievement in the conservation and development of our soil and water resources within your District.

I assure you of the Department's readiness to cooperate with you to the full extent of its ability.

Sincerely yours,
Orville L. Freeman,
Secretary.

Family Size Farm, 262-350 Acres; See Impediments in Tenco Area

How large is a family size farm? One thousand Iowa farmers participating in one survey indicated 262 crop acres would be needed to fully employ the labor of the members of a farm family. Other estimates are that the labor of a family would be fully used only when the average size of farms approached 300-350 acres.

If these estimates are correct, this would be achieved only as the number of farms drops to about half the number in this area in 1960.

Monroe county has an average of 75 crop acres per farm (1959 average). For the state, the average is 130 crop acres per farm. In the Tenco development area, the averages are below those for the state, ranging from the low of 75 in Monroe county to 111 in Mahaska county.

Will the average size of farms change to the extent needed to fully utilize the productive ability of a family? The economic base study of the Tenco area, prepared by the department of economics and sociology at Iowa State University, sees several impediments to this change in the Tenco area:

1. Many of the people migrat-

ing from agriculture are not specifically trained to fulfill many of the available jobs requiring specific skills.

2. The average age of present farm operators in the Tenco area is higher than for the state. The state average is 47.6 years. The average in the 10 counties is 50 years. People are less apt to change jobs as their ages advance. The higher average age means less likelihood of changes from agricultural jobs.

3. The higher age, and the higher rate of ownership of farms by the operators in the Tenco area, decrease the likelihood of population movement from the farms. Monroe county has one of the highest rates of farm ownership (85.6 per cent) in Iowa, and the rates in all 10 counties in the Tenco area are higher than the state average of 64 per cent. The over-all average for the Tenco area is 79.6 per cent ownership.

4. For farmers in the 45-55 age group, their ages, along with the high percentage of ownership and relatively small size of farm may act as an investment trap. He may have his life's investment in a unit which is not large enough to rapid increase income, yet small enough that recovery of his past investment would not provide a means of future retirement, or of transfer to a higher returning occupation.

5. The farmer over 55 may be in a fairly good situation from the standpoint of his individual welfare. This may hold him to his farm. Within a few years he will be able to retire on social security and either dispose of his investment or rent it out. While income in this group may be less than desirable, decisions about job changes must be made in view of the alternatives for employment and income until age 65, and living conditions after age 65.

The number of farms in the 10 counties is decreasing, and dur-

ing each five-year interval the percentage loss has been greater.

From 1945-1950, the decreases in numbers of farms for the 10 counties ranged from 3.0 to 9.9 per cent (7.2 per cent in Monroe county). From 1950-1955 the range was from 4.3 to 10.3 per cent (7.0 per cent in Monroe county). From 1955-1960 the range was from 7.2 to 1.9 per cent (10.9 per cent in Monroe county).

Towns such as Albia, Lovilia and Melrose would appear to face a dynamic impact from this loss of farm families. A severe impact has been felt, and the economic base study believes the pressure of a decreasing farm population will continue to be felt in these towns. An exception is the small town within commuting distance of a city which is a desirable place to live from the standpoint of the city worker.

The impact is moderated by two factors.

1. While the number of farms is decreasing, and will continue to decrease, the income of the remaining farms is growing. Total volume of farm sales in Monroe county, while it is the lowest for any Iowa county, has increased by a million dollars from 1954 to 1959. This change from \$5.2 million in 1954 to \$6.2 million in 1959 represents a 19 per cent growth. Average farm sales by 1959 were \$5,333, compared with about \$4,000 five years earlier.

2. Agriculture is becoming a better customer for several products, such as feed, seed, fertilizer and petroleum products which can be and are being supplied through retail outlets in the small towns.

Retail sales in Monroe county, adjusted to 1954 prices by using the Consumer Price Index, show an increase, despite a drop in population. The 1954 sales were \$6,626,000, while the adjusted 1960 sales were \$7,674,000. Per capita adjusted sales increased from \$588 in 1954 to \$753 in 1960. This increase, in part, re-

fects the higher cash sales of farms. The increase in retail sales and in farm income are close to the same amount.

Ministers Attend Conservation Tour

Four Albia ministers viewed conservation practices on Monroe county farms last Monday during the Soil Stewardship tour sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

The ministers on the tour were the Rev. Lorents Flak, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; the Rev. Donald M. Gruber, Evangelical United Brethren Church; and the Rev. Jeon Shoung Park and the Rev. John Patterson, First Christian Church.

Farms visited were those of Gene Kronway, Roy Scott and Gerald Peterson. The group also visited the site in Bluff Creek township where the Iowa State Conservation Commission plans to build a lake.

34 Landowners In Watershed

Thirty-four property owners have land in the area which has been organized into the Georgetown Watershed.

The purpose of the watershed is to prevent excessive flooding of 400 acres on the west side of Cedar Creek.

Those with land in the watershed area are:

Owner	Acres
Mike Heffron	40
Leo M. Flattery	15
Henry Flattery	120
Pat Judge	289
John Malone	300
William Sinnott	130
Dave Flattery	60
John Cowles	400
Frank Ryan	130
John Lynch	63
James A. Lahart	202
Fred Hilliard	205
Ed W. Lahart	304
John Heffron	339
Charles Summers	306
W. P. Lynch	120
P. E. Coady	120
William Patterson	320
Joe Judge	30
W. V. Lahart	40
Mike O'Neill	15
Walter Lahart	340
Tom Luttrell	250
John J. Crall	266
James McCarty	200
Ed Lahart	245
Homer Clark	103
Mrs. Frances Heffron	270
Mrs. Henry Nickolson	105
Roy Hayworth	50
William Summers	50
J. S. Judge	15
Jim Carr	15
LeRoy Wooloms	40
Total	5,382

Farmers Daughter Contest Nominees

Two Monroe county girls were nominated for the Iowa's Favorite Farmer's Daughter contest, sponsored by Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. and WMT Stations of Cedar Rapids and Ft. Dodge. They are Linda Davis and Susan Ryan.

Thirteen semi-finalists have been chosen on the basis of photographs and information submitted with entries. They are Barbara Jo Biensen, State Center; Rosalie Bowman, Mt. Vernon; Roxie Ann Bunda, Ft. Dodge; Mary Jane Danielson, Ellsworth; Judith Ann Derr, Arlington; Darlene Janice Goftry, Carson; Sharon Ann Lee, Mt. Union; Sandra Kay Lorenzen, Olin; Janet Lowenberg, Ottumwa; Norlene Pastour, Belmont; Patsy Jean Sexé, Pocahontas; Carolyn Jean Van Zee, Nevada; and Bonnie Jean Young, Traer.

Three finalists will be announced May 27, and the winner will be named May 31. She receives a trip to Washington, D. C., and other prizes.

60 Conservation Practices Completed Here by May 17

Sixty conservation practices have been completed on farms in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District (through May 17), the conservation office reports.

Practices which have been completed are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the district.

Brush Control (200 Acres)

Charles Maddison Estate, Bluff Creek Twp.	20 Acres
Sam Shepard, Bluff Creek Twp.	30 Acres
Lloyd Ammons, Franklin Twp.	36 Acres
Frank Ryan, Franklin Twp.	30 Acres
John Heffron, Guilford Twp.	30 Acres
Cecil Murphy, Jackson Twp.	10 Acres
Sadie Hager, Jackson Township	20 Acres
Lyle Cloyd, Monroe Twp.	5 Acres
Dale Barker, Troy Twp.	1 Acre
Ben Maddy, Troy Twp.	6 Acres
Raymond Winecup, Urbana Twp.	12 Acres

Contour Farming (500 Acres)

Mike and George Bodnar, Bluff Creek Twp.	25 Acres
Bill Mahin, Bluff Creek Twp.	17 Acres
Paul Stewart, Bluff Creek Twp.	10 Acres
Steve Kurimski, Cedar Twp.	30 Acres
Joe Boyer, Guilford Twp.	10 Acres
John Cowles, Guilford Twp.	12 Acres
Dick Hannam, Jackson Twp.	32 Acres
Ralph Prather, Mantua Twp.	15 Acres
Dennis Homerin, Monroe Twp.	5 Acres
Leo Mitchell, Monroe Twp.	5 Acres
John Peterson, Monroe Twp.	10 Acres
Clell Van Dorin, Monroe Twp.	33 Acres
Donald Berto, Pleasant Twp.	40 Acres
Donald Cook, Pleasant Twp.	16 Acres
Gysbert Groenenboom, Pleasant Twp.	40 Acres
Charles Mock and Robert Kaldenberg, Troy Twp.	20 Acres
Mrs. H. C. Peterson, Troy Twp.	60 Acres
Mohr Ranch, Urbana Twp.	100 Acres
John S. Judge, Wayne Twp.	20 Acres

Diversion Terraces (2,650 Ft.)

George Klobnak, Bluff Creek Twp.	750 Ft.
Roy Rinehart, Franklin Twp.	1,900 Ft.

Drainage Field Ditch (500 Ft.)

Roy Rinehart, Franklin Twp.	500 Ft.
-----------------------------	---------

Farm Pond (6)

Mark Carmody, Jackson Twp.	1
John P. Knowles, Jackson Twp.	1
Ed Crall, Troy Twp.	1
C. D. Talbert, Urbana Twp.	1
Wayne Sample, Mantua Twp.	1
Thomas D. Casady, Troy Twp.	1

Grassed Waterway (7.4 Acres)

George Klobnak, Bluff Creek Twp.	2.4 Acres
Sam Shepard, Bluff Creek Twp.	0.9 Acres
Matt Carmody, Jackson Twp.	0.5 Acres
Robert Overmyer, Mantua Twp.	0.6 Acres
Robert Castings, Pleasant Twp.	1.9 Acres
Falvey Estate Farm, Wayne Twp.	1.1 Acre

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (80 Acres)

Dave Flattery, Guilford Twp.	20 Acres
Mike Heffron, Guilford Twp.	15 Acres
John Knowles, Jackson Twp.	25 Acres
John and Clarence Toigo, Urbana Twp.	20 Acres

Pasture Planting (27 Acres)

Dave Flattery, Guilford Twp.	7 Acres
Sadie Hager, Jackson Twp.	20 Acres

Terraces (24,150 Ft.)

James McAninch, Jackson Twp.	1,750 Ft.
Robert Overmyer, Mantua Twp.	2,950 Ft.
Robert Castings, Pleasant Twp.	5,850 Ft.
Robert Dykstra, Pleasant Twp.	3,400 Ft.
Keith Carder, Union Twp.	3,050 Ft.
C. R. Sandifer, Urbana Twp.	7,150 Ft.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

Paul DeVos, Bluff Creek Twp.	3 Acres
------------------------------	---------

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

Dale Barker, Troy Twp.	1 Acre
------------------------	--------

Tile (5,200 Ft.)

John Tangie, Troy Twp.	5,200 Ft.
------------------------	-----------

Conservation Camp Costs To Be Paid

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners Tuesday night voted to pay the tuition of Mrs. John Bernard, who will attend the Iowa Teacher's Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park this summer.

Mrs. Bernard, who lives on the Mohr Ranch southeast of Albia, teaches in a rural school in Wapello county.

The district voted to participate in three contests this year.

The local Queen of Conservation contest will be held again this year. The district will also request that the regional Queen of Conservation contest be held here, if no other county in the district requests the contest.

The commissioners voted to participate in the Goodyear conservation contest for the period May 1 to Dec. 31.

Also approved was participation in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program, sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

The commissioners were told that Peoples National Bank has agreed to sponsor the district's booth at the county 4-H fair.

An initial conservation agreement for Jack I. Childers, for 400 acres, was approved.

Basic plans were approved for Donald Findley, 557 acres, and Clifford Belzer, 243 acres.

A cancellation for Wayne Sample, 160 acres, was also approved.

21 Conservation Practices Added During Two Weeks

Twenty-one additional conservation practices have been completed on farms in Monroe county during the past two weeks, May 17-May 30, the conservation office reports. A total of 81 practices have been completed thus far this year.

Practices completed in the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the district through May 30.

Brush Control (200 Acres)

No additional projects.

Contour Farming (553 Acres)

Carl Martin, Jackson township	10 Acres
Mrs. Frank Cook, Mantua township	18 Acres
C. R. Sandifer, Urbana township	25 Acres

Diversion Terraces (2,650 Feet)

No additional projects.

Drainage Field Ditch (1,375 Feet)

Albert Slofkosky, Cedar Township	875 Feet
----------------------------------	----------

Farm Pond (11)

Hugh Gray, Bluff Creek township	1
Pat Riordan, Jackson township	1
Kenneth Bonnett, Pleasant township	1
John Fynaardt, Pleasant township	1
Harold Noe, Union township	1

Grassed Waterways (14.3 Acres)

M. Leo Beary, Cedar township	.7 Acres
Paul Stocker, Monroe township	1.3 Acres
Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township	.3 Acres
John Nedderman, Union township	1.7 Acres
Harold Noe, Union township	1.3 Acres
Harold Parker, Union township	1.1 Acres
Dwight T. McDanel, Urbana township	.5 Acres

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (80 Acres)

No new projects.

Pasture Planting (49 Acres)

Lyle Cloyed, Monroe township	22 Acres
------------------------------	----------

Terraces (26,150 Feet)

Dwight T. McDanel, Urbana township	2,000 Feet
------------------------------------	------------

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No new projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No new projects.

Tile (38,272 Feet)

John Goode, Monroe township	16,297 Feet
Mike Berto, Pleasant township	10,775 Feet
Verla Martin, Union township	6,000 Feet

June 3
1963

June 6
1963

Conservation Queen Contest Is June 24

Monroe county Queen of Conservation contestants will be presented and the winner announced at the semi-annual Chamber of Commerce dinner to be held Monday, June 24, at St. Mary's Hall.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward W. O'Rourke, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, will be speaker at the dinner.

Tickets are available now at the Chamber of Commerce of-

fice. The public has been invited.

Two county "Queen" winners will be announced at the Chamber meeting. All of the contestants will be interviewed and will be judged during that day and all will be guests of the Chamber and of the Soil Conservation District at the dinner.

The Monroe county contest is one of 100 being held in Iowa. The two girls chosen in Monroe county will compete in the regional contest in Chariton Aug-

ust 4. The state contest will be held in conjunction with the annual conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Des Moines.

The state "Queen of Conservation" will reign as official hostess for the 1963 state conservation field day and plowing match and she'll be presented at the Farmers Grain Dealers Association convention and other state-wide events.

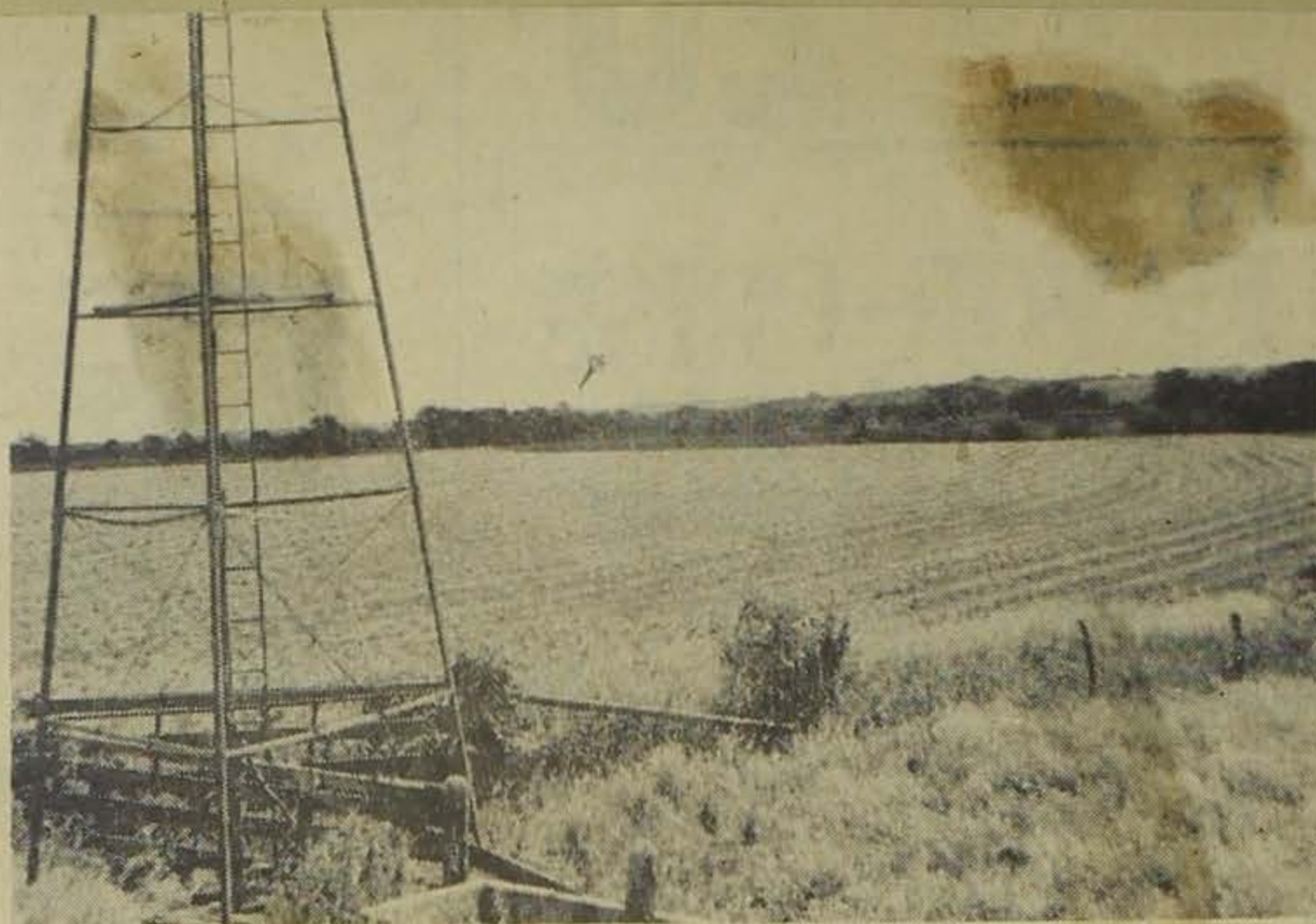
The contests throughout the state are sponsored by the Soil Conservation districts and by the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa.

Charm bracelets are given local winners, wrist watches are given each of the nine regional winners, and the state winner receives a \$250 cash award.

Entry blanks for the local contest are available now at the office of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District in the Post Office building. Contestants are required to have a general knowledge of soil conservation on their farm and of the district program.

During the interview the entrants will also be asked general information about herself, information about her activities, and information about the farm on which she lives.

Both of
these pages
were
"soil &
water"
conservation
week

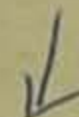


Tally Up 7 Bushels More

This picture taken on the Frank Bell farm in Pleasant township gives a view of a terraced corn field that winds its way around the gentle slope of the land. Bell's young crop is growing from land that has been carefully maintained and watched for signs of erosion. Conservation prac-

tices such as this will result in approximately seven bushels more to the acre than land that has not been properly maintained. For more pictures and stories on county and state conservation activities and progress, turn to pages 4 and 5 of today's Monroe County News.

June 17
1963



June 17
1963

Southern Iowa Offers Pines Ample Opportunity

Some Iowa farmers can think in terms of Christmas all year 'round when they plant and tend a stand of young pine trees. In Monroe county there are 25 to 30 such stands, some of which are cut and sold commercially

during the Christmas season.

The potential for such trees lies where the land is hilly and often poorer soils prevent any other crop from growing well. Grass and weeds will actually hurt the chances of young pines growing, so this type of land is ideal for their production.

As far as the conservationist is concerned, pine stands are a wise investment because of the erosion which they prevent. The farmer profits twice — once, when he stops his land from decaying and draining away, and twice, when he puts land into production which would otherwise remain barren.

After the young pines are planted they don't need to be treated except for protection against insects and disease. For four years the young plants will require no more care than that until, in their fourth year, they must begin to be sheared each year. The shaping will give the plants the commercial appeal they lack when left to grow on their own.

Msgr. O'Rourke Speaker At Chamber Dinner June 24



Msgr. O'Rourke

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward W. O'Rourke, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference since June, 1960, will be the speaker at the semi-annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting next Monday.

The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall.

Henry Kolling, president of the Chamber, invited non-members to attend also, saying, "We've been fortunate in obtaining a man of the stature of Monsignor O'Rourke for this semi-annual meeting." Tickets at \$1.50

each are available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Also to be presented Monday evening are the contestants and the winners in the Monroe County Queen of Conservation contest. The contestants will be judged during the day Monday, and will be presented briefly and the winners announced at the dinner meeting.

The speaker, who was born on an Illinois farm, is a priest of the Peoria Diocese. He's a member of the American Food for Peace Council and the National Public Advisory Committee for Rural Areas Development. In the latter capacity he has conferred here previously with local development officials.

He is the editor of Catholic Rural Life Magazine and writes for several other magazines. He's done graduate studies in theology and philosophy and has Licentiate degrees in both fields. He's also the author of two books: "Fundamentals of Philosophy" and "Marriage and Family Life."



Farm Ponds Prevent Water Shortage and Soil Erosion

There are over 1000 farm ponds scattered across Monroe county that were originally intended to create watering areas for livestock and prevent soil from washing away down gullies. In addition to these ponds, the Soil Conservation Service has been in charge of building 57 ponds which are technically more complicated than the regular ponds.

These 57 are of the type found on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Comstock in Pleasant township. Rather than simply stopping up a hole of water with a soil dam, drop inlet structures are built

which maintain a relatively constant water level.

Bulldozers on the Comstock farm have scooped out 6,769 cubic yards of earth from the base of a gentle slope, where water running off the hill had started three gullies. This earth has been built up to create the dam which will hold the 2.1 acre pond.

Through this dam, workmen are laying a hooded inlet pipe running in a downward direction. As the water in the pond rises above the point in the dam where the spillway opens out to it, excess water will flow down the pipe and out the other side of the dam to flow down to the creek.

Water running off the land should fill the pond by next spring. The dam is built so that it can take care of 1.3 acres of additional flooding, over and above that which the spillway pipe can drain off.

Ponds such as these are financed by the individual farmer and the federal government. A set rate has been established which the government will pay. The rates include: 14c per cubic yard of earth removed, 60 per cent of concrete and other materials used in the construction of

the dams, and 50 per cent of the cost of removing trees, brush and stones.

Land which is included in such pond building projects must be in approved conservation practices. It is the job of the Soil Conservation Service to evaluate the need and practicality of such construction practices, draw up the plans, supervise the construction, and attest to the quality of the job once it's completed. The cost of such drop inlet

structure dams is approximately \$2200. A statistical analysis of the county estimated that good land care requires a minimum of 448 similar structures still needed in the county.

Once built, farm ponds are left to the care of the individual owner, and he may put them to any use he wishes. Comstock has plans to create a recreation area on the edge of his pond, complete with a beach and fish stocked by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service.

Conservation Achievements Listed for Two Weeks

Nine additional conservation practices have been completed in Monroe county during the two weeks, May 31-June 13. A total of 90 practices have been completed thus far this year.

Practices completed in the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the county through June 13.

Brush Control (200 Acres)	
No additional projects.	
Contour Farming (653 Acres)	
Amoss Stewart, Bluff Creek township.	
Diversion Terraces (2,650 Feet)	
No additional projects.	
Drainage Field Ditch (1,675 Feet)	
Harold Parker, Union township	300 Feet
Farm Pond (17)	
Eugene Claver, Bluff Creek township	1
Paul Stewart, Bluff Creek township	1
D. E. Cooper, Franklin township	1
Walter Templer, Mantua township	1
Donald Beal, Monroe township	1
Francis Turner, Monroe township	1
Grassed Waterways (14.5 Acres)	
Howard Jennison, Troy township	2 Acre
Pasture and Hayland Renovation (80 Acres)	
No additional projects.	
Pasture Planting (49 Acres)	
No additional projects.	
Terraces (26,150 Feet)	
No additional projects.	
Tree Planting (3 Acres)	
No additional projects.	
Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)	
No additional projects.	
Tile (38,272 Feet)	
No additional projects.	



A Stitch in Time . . .

. . . can still save this badly eroded field found in northern Monroe county. Of course, it would have been easier to stop before it reached this severe a stage, but something can still be done. The soil that has been cut away can never be replaced.

Though proper conservation of land at this stage won't bring back the original land, it can stop the waste now, eliminate the safety hazard for tractors working the field, and put most of the area back into money-making production.

Work with Waterways Is Necessary But Delicate

Conservation officers will claim that gullies created by water running a jagged course down a field are the most stubborn, constant worry to a farmer practicing land conservation. Water insists on running down hill and

nature plays some frustrating tricks on the man attempting to heal the eroded slices.

Occasionally gullies will heal themselves and grass will grow down into the culverts, but good soil has been sacrificed in the meantime.

When conservation officers are called in to help eliminate the giant, 50 foot culverts that have been left to develop over time, the first step usually is to bring in bulldozers to fill the gullies.

Once the old gully is filled, a new way is plotted for the water to run. The new route will eliminate the meandering course of the old and follow a straight path down the hill. The water is going to run down hill, but if it follows a straight course over hardy grass, the soil won't run with it.

When the new waterway is plotted and planted it will be about ten feet in width. A covering of mulch to hold the seed and fertilizer to enrich the land will give the grass time to grow and hold the ground.

Cases have been known to occur where improper farming practices above the grass waterway have sent the soil down the hills to catch in the heavy grass. This results in a build up of soil in the waterway which makes it higher than the land draining into it, and soon the land next to the waterway is the new course for the water to erode.

The battle to maintain a waterway doesn't do much good if conservation practices aren't maintained throughout the field. Without contour farming a good waterway does little good in preventing the loss of soil.

SCS Camps In Session

The Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp has opened its fourteenth annual session at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center. The State Conservation Commission today announced that Session I, June 9 to June 29, has a full quota of 50 students, but Sessions II and III still have openings for more applicants.

Session II, which runs from June 30 to July 20, covers rocks and minerals, soil and land management, and water conservation in Iowa.

Session III, July 21 to August 10, is a repeat of Session I dealing with forest resources, ecology, and fish and wildlife management.

Graduate and undergraduate students may earn three semester hours of on-campus credit during each three week session. Scholarships are still available in many counties for students wishing to attend. The camp is co-sponsored by the Commission, Department of Public Instruction, and the State College of Iowa.

Visitors to the Camp and Springbrook Park are reminded that resurfacing of the park roads will close the park to traffic after June 18.



Constructing a Spillway

Workmen on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Comstock in Pleasant township lay a spillway pipe through drop inlet structure which will create a two-acre pond.

June 17, 1963

6-4

Bot
the
we
"S"
V
CO

June 17
↓

PROCLAMATION

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 of the State, and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa as a whole 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

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that we continue to advance our cooperative efforts in soil and water conservation work, particularly in small watersheds, where opportunities are offered to further this all important work,

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 declare and proclaim the week of June 16 through June 23, 1963, as

Soil and Water Conservation Week

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 very 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 18th day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three.

Harold E. Hughes
Governor.

(SEAL)

Attest: Melvin D. Synhorst,
Secretary of State.

S
P
in
to
at
the
30
are

Two Contestants In Queen Contest

Two Monroe county girls have entered the Queen of Conservation contest being sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

Those who had entered by this morning were Mary McEniry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McEniry of Melrose; and Linda Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis of Moravia.

Judges of the contest, which will be held Monday afternoon, will be Mrs. Louis Rosenthal, Mrs. Clell Smith and Frank Bell.

The winner will be announced and other contestants introduced Monday night at the summer meeting of the Albia Chamber of Commerce.

June 20
1963



Farmer, Plant That Tree!

Work Unit Conservationist Dale Barker, on the right, and trainee Tom Kaldenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Kaldenberg, examine a stand of six-year-old red pine trees on the Paul DeVos farm in Bluff Creek township. The long-needed

red pine and shorter-needed white not only serve to hold land that is too to grow other crops, but can also be used into a profitable commercial business as Christmas trees.

Two Conservation Queen Contest Winners Chosen

Mary McEniry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McEniry, Melrose, and Debbie Flanigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flanigan, Rte. 3, Albia, were chosen Monday afternoon as winners in the Queen of Conservation contest sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

Miss McEniry and Miss Flanigan were presented with bracelets by Frank Bell, a judge. They will represent the district in the regional Queen of Conservation contest at Chariton on Aug. 5. The winner there will receive a wrist watch and will enter the state contest.

The six contestants in the contest attended the summer dinner of the Albia Chamber of Commerce Monday night where they were interviewed by William Greiner, director of the state soil conservation committee. The two winners were announced at the dinner.

Other contestants were Shirley McDonald, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Rte. 1, Albia; Kathryn Schippers, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Schippers, Rte. 3, Albia; Linda Davis, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis, Rte. 1, Albia; and Connie Sue Sayres, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sayres, Rte. 1, Albia.

Miss Flanigan, 16, will be a senior in Albia Community High School this fall. She plans to attend college.

Her family operates a 120-acre cattle and tree farm. Conservation practices on the farm include contouring, terracing, a ponds, grassed waterways, and planting pine trees. Her favorite work on the farm is planting and taking care of pine trees.

At school she is a member of the student council, a home room officer and was a member of the prom committee. She was a homecoming and spring dance attendant. She is secretary of

the Luther League at her church. Her hobbies include art work and hiking.

She has a brother, Stephen, 20, and a sister, Christine, 8.

Miss McEniry, also 16, will also be a senior at Albia Community High School this fall. She plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames and major in home economics.

Her family operates a 300-acre beef cattle and corn farm, with conservation practices including terracing, grassed waterways, ponds and contouring. Her favorite activity on the farm is feeding the cattle.

She is a member of the Jackson Stars and Melrose Majors 4-H clubs, and recently received a God-Home-Country award. Her hobbies include sewing and cooking, and she is active in many community activities.

At school she is a member of Future Teachers, Girls Recreation Association, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Projectionist Club and music groups. She has been a home room officer and served on the prom committee. She is a member of the Y.C.S. group at her church.

She has a brother, Bill, 27. Judges were Bell, Mrs. Louis Rosenthal and Mrs. Clell Smith.

June 27
1963

More Soil Conservation Achievements Are Listed

Forty-two additional soil conservation practices have been completed on Monroe county farms in the last three weeks (June 14-July 5). A total of 132 practices have been completed thus far this year.

Practices completed in the past three weeks are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the county through July 5.

Brush Control (200 Acres)

No additional projects.

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional projects.

Diversion Terraces (6,625 Feet)

Tom Hollinrake, Cedar township	2,050 Feet
Pat Riordan, Jackson township	300 Feet
Leroy Brown, Monroe township	250 Feet
Ted Wilson, Monroe township	600 Feet
Greg Comstock, Pleasant township	725 Feet

Drainage Field Ditch (3,625 Feet)

Mohr Ranch, Urbana township	1,950 Feet
-----------------------------	------------

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

Allen & Barron Farm, Cedar township	1 Pond
Wayne Thompson, Franklin township	1 Pond
Jack Hager, Jackson township	1 Pond
Mrs. R. K. Mulhern, Mantua township	1 Pond
H. L. Remington, Mantua township	1 Pond
Mrs. Augusta Vance, Mantua township	1 Pond
Elmer Vance, Mantua township	1 Pond
Clayton Newell, Pleasant township	1 Pond
A. L. Smith, Monroe township	1 Pond
Keith Carder, Union township	1 Pond
Loren McGee, Union township	1 Pond
H. W. Phipps, Union township	1 Pond
George Leffler, Urbana township	1 Pond
Vern Goudin, Wayne township	1 Pond

Farm Ponds (24 Ponds)

Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township	1 Pond
Jack Childers, Guilford township	1 Pond
Greg Comstock, Pleasant township	1 Pond
Leroy Brown, Monroe township	1 Pond
Emil Pasut, Monroe township	1 Pond
Gene O'Connor, Troy township	1 Pond
Joe McEniry, Wayne township	1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (22.8 Acres)

Gerald Peterson, Bluff Creek township	.6 Acres
Paul Stewart, Bluff Creek township	.5 Acres
Amos Stewart, Bluff Creek township	1.6 Acres
Tom Hollinrake, Cedar township	2.0 Acres
Greg Comstock, Pleasant township	.6 Acres
Henry DeJong, Pleasant township	.3 Acres
Versal Hough, Pleasant township	.3 Acres
H. A. Shafer, Pleasant township	1.0 Acres
Ben Maddy, Troy township	.3 Acres
Robert Lewis, Wayne township	1.1 Acres
Leroy Brown, Monroe township	14 Acres

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (140 Acres)

Mike and George Bodnar, Bluff Creek township	20 Acres
Leo M. Flattery, Guilford township	26 Acres

Pasture Planting (49 Acres)

No new projects.

Terraces (27,450 Feet)

J. V. Nash, Cedar township	1,300 Feet
----------------------------	------------

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No new projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No new projects.

Tile (62,552 Feet)

Deborah Scribner, Pleasant township	24,280 Feet
-------------------------------------	-------------



Visit Moulton Watershed

This is part of a group of about 20 persons from the Georgetown Watershed area who toured Branch "B" of the Moulton Watershed recently. They are shown viewing the grade stabilization structure built on the Harold Winans farm west of Moulton. This structure, built a year ago, has a drainage area of 195 acres and will have a permanent water area behind the dam of 4.3 acres. The Georgetown group, which has formed a watershed commit-

tee in the area between Georgetown and Cedar Creek to the south, was told how a watershed operates. Farmers use Agricultural Conservation Practices programs to eliminate erosion on their own land, followed by the construction of needed larger projects benefitting groups of farms. These are built with government funds, with the farmer providing the needed land and easements.

They Converted 96 Acres of Brush to Crops

By Glenn Cunningham

(Register Staff Writer)

MELROSE, IA. — "Land down here is highly underrated," says Howard (Jack) Hager, a tenant farmer in north central Iowa before buying a 222-acre farm near here six years ago.



Hager and his wife Sadie, who moved onto the Monroe county farm three years ago, have been busy renovating the land and so far have converted 96 acres of brushland to cropland.

"When we came here there was only 86 acres of cropland on the place with 47 acres of that in corn," said Hager. "All but 40 acres is in crops now."

"That 40 acres will be twisted around soon. It's rocky land that needs to have the boulders taken out, and wetlands converted to timber."

The Hagers paid \$50 an acre for the farm. They say they've been offered \$125 an acre and have no intention of selling. They bought it for a home — the first farm they've ever owned.

HAGER said timber and brush were slowly taking over the farm when they bought it. They were advised against buying it and were told they couldn't make a living on it.

Now after a few years of hiring bulldozers and other heavy equipment and clearing the land of trees and brush and native osage orange fence rows, the Hagers have wonderful crops.

"We're getting corn

yields of 100 bushels per acre and I've never seen any better oats in Hardin county," Hager said as he viewed a field near the house. He formerly farmed near Union in Hardin county.

"Sure there's a hardpan here but it's not bad enough that alfalfa won't grow on it. Alfalfa roots will bore right through this hardpan and produce a big yield."

Their hay crop totaled only 1,000 bales the first year they were on the place. Last year they got 3,000 bales for their 50 per cent share. (The Hagers

rent out their farmland on a crop share basis.)

Hager got 630 bales of first-crop alfalfa off of 10 acres at the first cutting this summer. "And there'll be three crops of hay off that piece," he said. "When we came here that same 10-acre field was in corn and it yielded only 40 bushels of corn per acre. Our share — half of the corn — was only worth \$200."

THE HAGERS' two sons, Jim and Bill, have both purchased farms nearby since their folks bought this place.

The two sons and

Charles Giles, the tenant, have helped considerably in making over the farm.

Hager cleared 24 acres of brush and renovated nine acres of pasture under the special cost-share government program in Monroe and Appanoose counties this past year. Under this program, the government paid 80 per cent of the cost.

"This program may be one of the best things that's ever been done for this part of Iowa," Hager said. "But it should be a three-year program, at least, to show farmers how the land can be improved."

Mr. and Mrs. Hager in field of oats on their farm near Melrose.



*Des Moines Register
July 11, 1963*

11 More Soil Conservation Achievements Completed

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District reports 11 more conservation practices have been completed in the district during the two weeks ending Thursday. A total of 143 practices has been completed thus far this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the district through July 18.

Brush Control (220 Acres)

Russell Maddy, Cedar township	10 Acres
Walter Judge, Wayne township	10 Acres

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional projects.

Diversion Terraces (9,075 Feet)

Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township	400 Feet
E. B. Mohr (Mohr Ranch), Urbana township	2,050 Feet

Drainage Field Ditch (3,625 Feet)

No additional projects.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional projects.

Farm Ponds (27 Ponds)

Lloyd McDowell, Jackson township	1 Pond
Gene Walsh, Jackson township	1 Pond
Mrs. Urada Tibbals, Monroe township	1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (24.8 Acres)

J. V. Nash, Cedar township	1 Acre
William A. McEniry, Jackson township	1 Acre

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (140 Acres)

No additional projects.

Pasture Planting (119 Acres)

Russell Maddy, Cedar township	40 Acres
Walter Judge, Wayne township	30 Acres

Terraces (27,450 Feet)

No additional projects.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional projects.

Tile (62,552 Feet)

No additional projects.

Approve One New Conservation Plan

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners met Tuesday and approved an initial agreement for Roger H. Lientz, 240 acres; a basic plan for Laurence Dage, 115 acres; and a re-plan for Mrs. Vivian Townsley, 160 acres.

Lois De Tar will represent the district in the regional conservation speech contest. She was named to replace Diane Botts, who will be unable to attend.

The regional Queen of Conservation contest will be held Monday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Chariton. It is being held as part of the Lucas County 4-H Achievement Show program. The district will be represented by Mary McEniry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McEniry, Melrose, and Debbie Flanigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flanigan, Rte. 3, Albia. Contestants will attend a dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Hotel Charitone.

More Soil Conservation Projects Completed

Monroe County Soil Conservation District farmers have completed nine conservation practices in the past two weeks (July 19-Aug. 1), the district office reports. A total of 152 practices have been completed thus far this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parentheses are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Aug. 1.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

Henry Reis, Wayne township	18 Acres
----------------------------	----------

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional projects.

Diversion Terraces (9,075 Feet)

No additional projects.

Drainage Field Ditch (3,625 Feet)

No additional projects.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional projects.

Farm Ponds (27 Ponds)

No additional projects.

Grassed Waterways (27 Acres)

Russell Maddy, Cedar township	2.0 Acres
D. W. Cooper, Guilford township	.2 Acre

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

William Hughes, Pleasant Township	10 Acres
-----------------------------------	----------

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

Henry Reis, Wayne township	18 Acres
----------------------------	----------

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

John Blomgren, Union township	2,800 Feet
-------------------------------	------------

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional projects.

Tile (85,452 Feet)

William Hughes, Pleasant township	7,700 Feet
Virgil Scribner, Pleasant township	12,000 Feet
D. E. Wynes, Troy township	3,200 Feet

Seven Soil Conservation Projects Are Completed

Monroe County Soil Conservation District farmers completed seven conservation practices during the two weeks ending Thursday, the district office reports.

A total of 159 practices has been completed this far this year. Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district this year through Aug. 15.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional projects.

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional projects.

Diversion Terraces (9,425 Feet)

T. J. Watkins, Guilford township 350 Feet

Drainage Field Ditch (4,075 Feet)

Dave Summers, Guilford township 450 Feet

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional projects.

Farm Ponds (32 Ponds)

Joe Hollinrake, Cedar township 1 Pond
D. W. Cooper, Guilford township 1 Pond
John Murphy, Jackson township 1 Pond
John O'Connor, Jackson township 1 Pond
Irvin Mahin, Troy township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (27 Acres)

No additional projects.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional projects.

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

No additional projects.

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional projects.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional projects.

Tile (85,452 Feet)

No additional projects.

Nine New Soil Conservation Practices Are Reported

Nine new soil conservation practices were reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office during the two-week period of Aug. 16-Aug. 29.

A total of 168 practices has been completed this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district this year through Aug. 29.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional projects.

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional projects.

Diversion Terraces (10,625 Feet)

Drainage Field Ditch (4,075 Feet)

No additional projects.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional projects.

Farm Ponds (39 Ponds)

Wendell Claybrook, Cedar township 1 Pond
J. C. Pope, Cedar township 1 Pond
Charles Wilson, Cedar township 1 Pond
William Heffron, Guilford township 1 Pond
George Ryan, Jackson township 1 Pond
Dean Hough, Pleasant township 1 Pond
Melvine Clark, Troy township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (27 Acres)

No additional projects.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional projects.

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

No additional projects.

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional projects.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

Raymond Jones, Mantua township 1 Structure

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional projects.

Tile (85,452 Feet)

No additional projects.

Three Basic Plans Approved Tuesday

Basic plans for three farms were approved Tuesday by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. They were for the farms of James McAninch, 627 acres; Ed Mahoney, 243 acres; and Irvin D. Post, 185 acres.

Three initial agreements were approved. They were for the farms of Richard Maddy, 80 acres; Dean Hough, 220 acres; and Versal Hough, 233 acres.

A re-plan for the 314-acre Max Lewis farm was approved.

William K. Post was the winner of the 1,000 feet of terraces at the county fair. It was donated by Mervin Ellison, Moravia contractor.

Speech Contest Will Be Sunday

The state soil conservation speech contest will be held in Des Moines Sunday in conjunction with the annual conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Sunday through Tuesday at Hotel Savery.

Nine regional winners will compete for prizes worth \$500. A total of 270 contestants participated in the district and regional contests this year.

Lois DeTar, Albia Community High School student, represents Region 6 in the state contest.

The top prize is a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash.

Second and third place winners receive \$75.

Miss DeTar Wins \$350

Miss Lois DeTar was the winner in the state Soil Conservation Speech Contest held in Des Moines Sunday.

Miss DeTar, 17, an Albia Community High School student, received a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 cash from the Grinnell Mutual Re-insurance Co., co-sponsor of the contest.

She was a regional winner last year and competed in the state contest, but did not place.

The contest was held along with the annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Hotel Savery in Des Moines. Robert McGinnis, a Monroe county district commissioner, also attended.



Miss DeTar

Speech Winner

Lois DeTar, Albia Community High School student, is shown Monday after she had won the State Soil Conservation Speech Contest held in Des Moines. Miss DeTar received a \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash.

Miss De Tar Spoke In Benton County

Lois DeTar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli De Tar, participated in the afternoon program of the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match in Benton County Sept. 17.

Lois, who won the State Conservation Speech Contest Sept. 8, gave her winning speech on "How Soil and Water Conservation Will Affect My Future."

Highlights of the program included remarks from Governor Harold Hughes and L. B. Liddy, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. Connie Peterson, 1963 "Queen of Conservation," was presented; she in turn presented the awards to the winning plowmen.

Tom Dougherty, who lives at 202 Sixth Avenue East, was one of the judges of the plowing contest.

A unique part of the program was the Parade of Agricultural Progress, showing how mechanization has improved farming efficiency. A demonstration of plowing with two horse-drawn plows, one a single-bottom walking plow pulled by two horses and the other a 2-bottom ridden plow pulled by five horses, was shown in comparison with a 6-bottom plow pulled by a tractor.

There was also a demonstration of the old-fashioned method of threshing with a steam engine.

ACP Program Helps Pasture Acre Increase

An increase of approximately 10 per cent in the improved pasture in Monroe county has been estimated for this year, according to Dale Uehling, Monroe county extension director.

Uehling credited the increase in the improved pasture to the 80 per cent cost sharing program of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and to the interest it has created in pasture renovation.

In practice No. 1 in which cropland has been taken out of production and the land put into permanent pasture, a total of 1018 acres was seeded to birds-foot trefoil with farmers earning \$14,448 by this practice. A

total of 2937 acres was seeded in alfalfa with the farmers earning \$42,418.73.

In practice No. 7 the land had been in pasture or in brush. In this land grouping a total of 2233 acres was seeded to trefoil with farmers earning \$38,178.87. Acres seeded to alfalfa totaled 1504 and farmers earned \$25,824.98.

Land cleared by dozing totaled 747 acres under the program, with \$17,439 paid to the farmers as the 80 per cent share of this work. Under the same practice No. 8 a total of 441 acres of land was cleared by disking and \$2,723.80 paid to the farmers.

A total of 347, or well over 25

per cent of the commercial farmers in Monroe county participated in the program and there were approximately 112 farmers who did not receive any cost sharing even though they had filed requests, a recent report indicates.

Uehling pointed out that the seeding must remain for five years and that if the same rate of pasture improvement is followed in the next five years Monroe county will have a total of approximately 100,000 acres of improved pasture, or close to 40 per cent of the total land in pasture and crop in Monroe County.

Pointing out the potential for cattle in this area Uehling pointed out that with unimproved land it takes eight to 10 acres of pasture to support a cow and calf unit.

Under the pasture improvement program three to four acres will support a cow and a calf, giving enough pasture for five months from May through September and also providing enough hay during the winter and giving the pasture a chance to come back.

Uehling pointed out that at the experimental farm in Monroe county a cow and calf unit is being supported on 1.8 acres of improved pasture, an exceptional record, he pointed out. Other Monroe county farmers are accomplishing similar results.

Uehling pointed out the potential for farm improvement in the area through the pasture improvement program and through the improvement of the cattle herds in the area.

He expressed wholehearted approval of the Albia Feeder Calf Days designated by the Albia Chamber of Commerce, pointing out that such an emphasis will encourage farmers in building their cattle herds and also provide them with a market for them in the fall.

173 Soil Conservation Practices During Year

Five new soil conservation practices were reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office during the two weeks of Aug. 30 through Sept. 12.

A total of 173 practices has been completed this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district this year through Sept. 12.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional practices.

Contour Farming (653 Acres)

No additional practices.

Diversion Terraces (10,625 Feet)

No additional practices.

Drainage Field Ditch (4,075 Feet)

No additional practices.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (42 Ponds)

Clayton Sheldon, Franklin township	1 Pond
John Joe Curran, Jackson township	1 Pond
Dave McGrath, Jackson township	1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (27.5 Acres)

Dean Hough, Pleasant township	.5 Acre
-------------------------------	---------

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

No additional practices.

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile 87,722 Feet)

Verla Comstock, Pleasant township	2,270 Feet
-----------------------------------	------------

Seven Project

Monroe County
seven conservat
the district offi

A total of
Practices &
The figures in
pleted in the d

No additiona

No additiona

T. J. Watkir

Dave Summ

No addition

Joe Hollinr

D. W. Coop

John Murp

John O'Co

Irvin Mahu

No additio

No additio

No additio

No additio

No additi

No additi

No additi

Three I Approv

Basic pl
were app
Monroe C
tion Distr
were for
Aninch, 6
243 acres
acres.

Three
approved
farms of
acres; D
and Vers

A repl
Lewis fa
Willia
ner of t
at the c
ted by
contract

Hold Pasture Tour Oct. 8

September
26, 1963

The annual pasture tour sponsored by the Soil Conservation District and Extension Service will be held Oct. 8.

Entries are needed in two contest categories—pastures seeded in 1962 and spring seedings. The tour will include the fields entered in the contests.

Three initial soil conservation agreements were approved at the meeting Tuesday of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. They are for A. M. Ostermeyer, 80 acres; Donald Beal, 280 acres; and Jack Klinker, 696 acres.

Two basic plans approved are for Verla Comstock, 243 acres; and Louis Kristof, 120 acres.

Two cancellations approved are for Cyrus Hall, 208 acres; and L. B. Verwers, 360 acres.

Bill Hughes is the district's winner in the Des Moines Register and Tribune soil conservation achievement contest.

More Soil Conservation Practices Are Listed

Five additional soil conservation practices were reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office for the two weeks of Sept. 13 through Sept. 26.

A total of 178 practices has been completed this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Sept. 26.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional practices.

Contouring (683 Acres)

K. C. Potts, Franklin township 30 Acres

Diversion Terraces (10,625 Feet)

No additional practices.

Open Field Ditch (5,475 Feet)

No additional practices.

Pat Knowles, Franklin Township 1,400 Feet

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (45 Ponds)

T. J. Luse, Monroe township 1 Pond

Frank Wilson, Monroe township 1 Pond

Dallas Tucker, Union township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (27.5 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

No additional practices.

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (87,722 Feet)

No additional practices.

Judge Native Pastures In This Year's Contest

This year's pasture contest will be divided into five classes, rather than the one class used in past years, with native pastures as well as renovated pastures to be judged.

The pasture tour and contest will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, 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—1963 Trefoil seedings.

1-B—1963 seedings other than Trefoil.

2-A—Trefoil seedings prior to 1963.

2-B—Other seedings prior to 1963.

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 manage-

ment, 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	Date Seeded
Trefoil	
Other mixtures	
Native grasses	

Hold Contest Of Pastures

The annual pasture tour and contest, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service, will be held Tuesday.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the Albia Post Office. After lunch in Albia, the tour will resume at 1:30 p.m. and will end by 3:30 p.m.

Five classes of pastures will be judged by the persons on the tour. They include new and older pastures of trefoil, new and older pastures other than of trefoil, and native bluegrass pastures.

October
7, 1963

Hold Pasture Tour Oct. 8

The annual pasture tour sponsored by the Soil Conservation District and Extension Service will be held Oct. 8.

Entries are needed in two contest categories—pastures seeded in 1962, and spring seedings. The tour will include the fields entered in the contests.

Three initial soil conservation agreements were approved at the meeting Tuesday of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. They are for A. M. Ostermeyer, 80 acres; Donald Beal, 280 acres; and Jack Klinker, 696 acres.

Two basic plans approved are for Verla Comstock, 243 acres; and Louis Kristof, 120 acres.

Two cancellations approved are for Cyrus Hall, 208 acres; and L. B. Verwers, 360 acres.

Bill Hughes is the district's winner in the Des Moines Register and Tribune soil conservation achievement contest.

September 26, 1963

More Soil Conservation Practices Are Listed

Five additional soil conservation practices were reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office for the two weeks of Sept. 18 through Sept. 26.

A total of 178 practices has been completed this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Sept. 26.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional practices.

Contouring (683 Acres)

K. C. Potts, Franklin township 30 Acres

Diversion Terraces (10,625 Feet)

No additional practices.

Open Field Ditch (5,475 Feet)

No additional practices.

Pat Knowles, Franklin Township 1,400 Feet

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (45 Ponds)

T. J. Luse, Monroe township 1 Pond

Frank Wilson, Monroe township 1 Pond

Dallas Tucker, Union township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (27.5 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (137 Acres)

No additional practices.

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (87,722 Feet)

No additional practices.

Judge Native Pastures In This Year's Contest

This year's pasture contest will be divided into five classes, rather than the one class used in past years, with native pastures as well as renovated pastures to be judged.

The pasture tour and contest will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, 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—1963 Trefoil seedings.

1-B—1963 seedings other than Trefoil.

2-A—Trefoil seedings prior to 1963.

2-B—Other seedings prior to 1963.

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 manage-

ment, 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	Date Seeded
Trefoil	
Other mixtures	
Native grasses	

Hold Contest Of Pastures

The annual pasture tour and contest, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service, will be held Tuesday.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the Albia Post Office. After lunch in Albia, the tour will resume at 1:30 p.m. and will end by 3:30 p.m.

Five classes of pastures will be judged by the persons on the tour. They include new and older pastures of trefoil, new and older pastures other than of trefoil, and native bluegrass pastures.

October 7, 1963



Tour Sees New Trefoil Pasture

Persons on the annual pasture tour held Tuesday saw a new trefoil pasture on the Frank Ryan farm, shown here. The pasture is one of those planted under the special Agricultural Conservation Practices program in Monroe and Appanoose counties, with federal funds paying 80

per cent of the cost of the improvement. The annual tour is sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District and Monroe County Extension Service. Winners will be announced at the Alfalfa Banquet.

192 Soil Conservation Practices Completed

Fourteen more soil conservation practices were reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District for the two weeks of Sept. 27 through Oct. 10.

A total of 192 practices has been completed this year.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are listed below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Oct. 10.

Brush Control (238 Acres)

No additional practices.

Contouring (727 Acres)

John A. Peterson, Monroe township 44 Acres

Diversion Terraces (11,625 Feet)

Roy C. Rinehart, Franklin township 1,000 Feet

Open Field Ditch (6,975 Feet)

Roy C. Rinehart, Franklin township 400 Feet

Margaret L. Johnson, Guilford township 1,250 Feet

Drainage Main or Lateral (1,250 Feet)

Mrs. Ada Bay, Mantua township 1,250 Feet

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (46 Ponds)

M. Leo Beary, Cedar township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (34.7 Acres)

Merwyn Gray, Bluff Creek township 1.2 Acres

A. B. Van Houwelling, Troy township 5.0 Acres

Richard Maddy, Union township5 Acre

Maurice Scieszinski, Wayne township5 Acre

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (150 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (163 Acres)

H. A. Shafer, Pleasant township 26 Acres

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (103,547 Feet)

John Mellick, Bluff Creek township 1,200 Feet

J. V. Nash, Cedar township 2,450 Feet

A. B. Van Houwelling, Troy township 12,175 Feet

Nine More Conservation Practices Are Reported

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District office reports that nine additional soil conservation practices have been completed in the two weeks from Oct. 11 through Oct. 24.

A total of 201 practices has been completed this year on farms in Monroe county.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are shown below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Oct. 24.

Brush Control (241 Acres)

Howard Jennison, Troy township 3 Acres

Contouring (742 Acres)

Ronald Goode, Urbana township 15 Acres

Diversion Terraces (12,575 Feet)

Russell Gillaspie, Monroe township 950 Feet

Open Field Ditch (6,975 Feet)

No additional practices.

Drainage Main or Lateral (1,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (48 Ponds)

James McCarty, Guilford township 1 Pond

Alton Wileox, Mantua township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (35.5 Acres)

Ronald Goode, Urbana township 8 Acre

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (168 Acres)

Thomas D. Casady, Troy township 6 Acres

Howard Jennison, Troy township 12 Acres

Pasture Planting (188 Acres)

Mrs. Selma Judge, Wayne township 25 Acres

Terraces (30,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (103,547 Feet)

No additional practices.

October 14, 1963

October 28, 1963

14 New Conservation Practices Reported

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District office reports that 14 additional soil conservation practices have been completed in the two weeks of Oct. 25 through Nov. 7.

A total of 215 practices has been completed this year on farms in Monroe county.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are shown below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Nov. 7.

Brush Control

No additional practices.

Contouring (742 Acres)

No additional practices.

Open Field Ditch (7,275 Feet)

Clifford Belzer, Bluff Creek township 300 Feet

Drainage Main or Lateral (1,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (52 Ponds)

John Heffron, Guilford township 1 Pond

Ted Wilson, Monroe township 1 Pond

Dean James, Troy township 1 Pond

Henry Reis, Wayne township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (36.5 Acres)

William K. Post, Bluff Creek township 1 Acre

Diversion Terraces (13,775 Feet)

Lloyd Clark, Union township 1,200 Feet

Grade Stabilization Structure (2 Structures)

John Peterson, Monroe township 1 Structure

Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township 1 Structure

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (213 Acres)

William K. Post, Bluff Creek township 20 Acres

Pasture Planting (206 Acres)

Silverio Bros., Guilford township 25 Acres

Henry Reis, Wayne township 18 Acres

Terraces (35,850 Feet)

William K. Post, Bluff Creek township 3,000 Feet

Jack Childers, Guilford township 2,600 Feet

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional projects.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional projects.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional projects.

Tile (103,547 Feet)

No additional projects.

(Twenty-five acres of pasture and hayland renovation on the farm of Mrs. Selma Judge was incorrectly listed as pasture planting in the Oct. 28 newspaper.)

Pasture

Awards

Presented

At Alfalfa Banquet Wednesday

John Peterson, Everett Thurman, and Rodger Carlson won the top pasture improvement awards presented by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District at the Silver Anniversary Alfalfa Banquet held Wednesday evening at the Albia Community High School Field House.

Peterson was the winner in the group with new seedings of Birdfoot Trefoil in the spring of 1963. Thurman's pasture was judged the best of the old, established Birdfoot Trefoil pastures. Rodger Carlson's award was based on his native Bluegrass pasture.

Bob McGinnis, Soil District Commissioner, presented the awards.

Among the guests of honor at the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lineweaver of Ames, Lineweaver, now an extension 4-H leader on the staff of Iowa State University, was extension director in Monroe County at the time of the original Alfalfa Banquet in 1939 and is generally credited with being the organizer of the affair.

Lineweaver spoke briefly on the beginnings of the banquet and called for a show of hands of persons who attended the first banquet 25 years ago. More than 50 persons attending last evening, had also attended the first banquet.

Miss Lois DeTar was presented in her winning soil conservation speech.

The Story City Men's Chorus furnished the musical entertainment. George Wilkinson provided the dinner music.

Kenneth Bettis, Monroe County Farm Bureau president, officially welcomed the group and guests were introduced by Henry Koling, president of the Albia Chamber of Commerce.

Countess Maria Pulaski, the speaker of the evening told of her activities as a spy in Poland during World War II. Halfway through her speech the Countess took off her wig and revealed herself as Martin David Hughes of Park Ridge, Ill., a character actor who has entertained groups throughout the country with his impersonations.

More Soil Conservation Practices in County

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District office reports that eight additional soil conservation practices were completed in the two weeks of Nov. 8 through Nov. 21.

A total of 223 practices has been completed this year on farms in Monroe county.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are shown below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Nov. 21.

Brush Control (241 Acres)

No additional practices.

Contouring (774 Acres)

Mrs. Frank Cook, Mantua township 32 Acres

Open Field Ditch (7,275 Feet)

No additional practices.

Drainage Main or Lateral (1,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (55 Ponds)

Kenneth Newquist, Mantua township 1 Pond

Claude Rogers, Monroe township 1 Pond

John Ed Hollinrake, Union township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (38.3 Acres)

Russell Maddy, Cedar township 1.25 Acres

Bernard Kitterman, Franklin township25 Acre

Everett Gardner, Troy township2 Acre

Henry Reis, Wayne township1 Acre

Diversion Terraces (13,775 Feet)

No additional practices.

Grade Stabilization Structure (2 Structures)

No additional practices.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (213 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (206 Acres)

No additional practices.

Terraces (35,850 Feet)

No additional practices.

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (103,547 Feet)

No additional practices.

November
27, 1963

December
16, 1963

11 More Soil Conservation Practices Are Reported

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District office reports that 11 additional soil conservation practices were completed in the two weeks of Nov. 22 through Dec. 5.

A total of 234 practices has been completed this year on farms in Monroe county.

Practices completed during the past two weeks are shown below. The figures in parenthesis are the total units of the practice completed in the district through Dec. 5.

Brush Control (277 Acres)

James Starcevic, Monroe township 36 Acres

Contouring (813 Acres)

Jerald Gillaspie, Monroe township 6 Acres

Lawrence Livengood, Union township 28 Acres

Ed Nedderman, Union township 5 Acres

Open Field Ditch (7,275 Ft.)

No additional practices.

Drainage Main or Lateral (1,250 Feet)

No additional practices.

Fish Pond Stocking (14 Ponds)

No additional practices.

Farm Ponds (56 Ponds)

Pat O'Brien, Cedar township 1 Pond

Grassed Waterways (42.2 Acres)

Floyd Bates, Franklin township 8 Acre

Russell Brown, Franklin township 1.2 Acres

D. E. Cooper, Franklin township5 Acre

Jack Childers, Guilford township 1.4 Acres

Diversion Terraces (14,975 Feet)

Melvine Clark, Troy township 1,200 Feet

Grade Stabilization Structure (2 Structures)

No additional practices.

Pasture and Hayland Renovation (213 Acres)

No additional practices.

Pasture Planting (206 Acres)

No additional practices.

Terraces (36,700 Feet)

Floyd Bates, Franklin township 850 Feet

Erosion Control Structure (1 Structure)

No additional practices.

Tree Planting (3 Acres)

No additional practices.

Wildlife Habitat Preservation (1 Acre)

No additional practices.

Tile (103,547 Feet)

No additional practices.

Five Basic Plans Are Approved

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners met Monday night and approved five basic conservation plans. They are for Roy C. Rinehart, 353 acres; Jack I. Childers, 400 acres; Donald Beal, 280 acres; Jack Klinker, 696 acres; and Amos Stewart, 345 acres.

Three initial agreements were approved. They are for Wayne Maddy, 56 acres; Carroll De Zwarte, 100 acres; and Delbert Leonard Bailey, 97 acres.

A re-plan for Mrs. Beulah Cook, for 160 acres, was approved.

Two cancellations were approved. They are for Mike Knowles, 630 acres; and Gerald Schmitt, 75 acres.

December
25, 1963

Build Three New Ponds

Completion of three new farm ponds was reported by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office for the two-week period ending Friday.

The ponds were built on the farms of J. A. McVay, in Franklin township; Robert Stuchel, in Mantua township; and Robert Goode, in Urbana township.

A total of 59 ponds is included in the total of 237 conservation practices reported in the county from Jan. 1 through Dec. 19.

December
26, 1963

Conservation Group Plans 1964 District Activities

Participation in numerous activities during 1964 was approved at a meeting of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners held last week.

The district will participate in the annual district commissioners short course, the commissioners banquet and election, the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp, the conservation speech contest, a tour for ministers during Soil Stewardship Week, the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest, the Queen of Conservation contest, the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners convention, the county pasture tour, the Alfalfa Banquet and the Good-year conservation contest. The district will also have an exhibit at the Monroe County Fair.

April 7 has tentatively been set as the date for the annual banquet and election.

Pat Carbin and J. E. Spencer stated they plan to attend the annual short course, which will be held at Ames Tuesday and Wednesday.

Paul Zeck, a Knoxville contractor, agreed to donate 1,000 feet of standard terrace to the district to be given away in a drawing at a future county fair.

An initial agreement for James D. Areges, Urbana township, for 118 acres, was approved. Basic plans approved were for Andy Kametz, Guilford township, 154 acres; LeRoy Wilson, Monroe township, 160 acres; and Mrs. Frances Kosmach, Bluff Creek township, 214 acres. A Cancellation for John Malone, Guilford township, 447 acres, was approved.

Completion of the following conservation practices between Dec. 20 and Jan. 2 was reported:

Terraces—George Moore, Bluff Creek township, 2,650 feet; Bernard Kitterman, Franklin township, 600 feet; and John Goode, Troy township, 1,150 feet.

Wildlife habitat developments (one acre each) — Hugh Gray, Bluff Creek township; Eugene Claver, Bluff Creek township; Paul Stewart, Bluff Creek township; Pat O'Brien, Cedar township; M. Leo Beary, Cedar township; Wendall Claybrook, Cedar township; J. C. Pope, Cedar township; Charles Wilson, Cedar township; Joe Hollinrake, Cedar township; James Wilson (McVay), Franklin township; Clayton Sheldon, Franklin township; Lloyd

Ammons, Franklin township; D. E. Cooper, Franklin township; John Heffron, Guilford township; James McCarty, Guilford township; William Heffron, Guilford township; D. W. Cooper, Guilford township; Jack Childers, Guilford township; John Joe Curran, Jackson township; Pat Riordan, Jackson township; Dave McGrath, Jackson township.

George Ryan, Jackson township; John Murphy Jr., Jackson township; John O'Connor, Jackson township; Lloyd McDowell, Jackson township; Gene Walsh, Jackson township; Mark Carmody, Jackson township; John P. Knowles, Jackson township; Kenneth Newquist, Mantua township; Alton Wilcox, Mantua township; Walter Templer, Mantua township; Bob Stuchel, Mantua township; Wayne Sample, Manaua township; John Peterson, Monroe township; Ted Wilson, Monroe township; T. J. Luse, Monroe township; Frank Wilson, Monroe township; Mrs. Urada Tibbals, Monroe township; LeRoy Brown, Monroe township; Emil Pasut, Monroe township; Donald Beal, Monroe township; Francis Turner, Monroe township; Claude Rogers, Monroe township.

Bob Dykstra, Pleasant township; Dean Hough, Pleasant township; Greg Comstock, Pleasant township; Kenneth Bonnett, Pleasant township; John Fyn-aardt, Pleasant township; Dean James, Troy township; Melvine Clark, Troy township; Irvin Mahin, Troy township; Gene O'Connor, Troy township; Ed Crall, Troy township; Thomas D. Casady, Troy township; John E. Hollinrake, Union township; Dallas Tucker, Union township; Harold Noe, Union township; Bob Goode, Urbana township; C. D. Talbert, Urbana township; Henry Reis, Wayne township; and Joe McEniry, Wayne township.

SOIL CONVERSATION

"Crooked Rows—Straight Thinking"



Soil Conservation Society of America

We can crow about conservation accomplishments, forgetting our gullies, floods and droughts. But even the crows know conservation and successful resource projects result from cooperative action and not talk alone. See your local soil conservation district today.

SOIL CONVERSATION

"This May Be God's Country But It Looks
Like the Devil Has Been Farming It!"



Soil Conservation Society of America

We can talk our way into oblivion. Even crows know that. Action to correct our major resource problems of droughts, floods and improper land use can come only through really cooperative conservation projects, not words alone. See your local soil conservation district today.

Conservation Achievements Listed in Annual Report

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District has prepared an annual report outlining conservation accomplishments by farmers in the district for the fiscal year July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963.

The report shows there were 27 new cooperators in the district during the year, with the total number of cooperators reaching 599. Thirty new conservation farm plans were prepared. A total of 504 plans had been prepared by the end of the fiscal year. Two plans were revised during the year.

The amounts of different conservation practices by farmers in the district during the fiscal year were:

Contour farming—902 acres.

Ask Rural Renewal

The Monroe County Conservation District commissioners Tuesday signed a request for rural renewal for Monroe and Appanoose counties.

Lloyd Scott of Centerville, rural renewal representative for the two counties, attended the meeting of the commissioners and explained the rural renewal program. He stated that a rural renewal program now is an acceleration of existing programs for self help.

E. L. Smith of the Caterpillar Co. has accepted an invitation to speak at the commissioners' banquet and election, which will be April 7.

Initial agreements approved were for Francis Turner, Monroe township, 449 acres; Paul Hollinrake, Cedar township, 740 acres; Arlin Hagerman, Mantua township, 190 acres; Harvey C. Newman, Monroe township, 366 acres; M. Dwight Johnston, Union township, 140 acres; Richard Bentzinger, Urbana township, 110 acres; and W. Dale Williams, Monroe township, 275 acres.

One basic plan was approved. It was for Roger Lientz, Cedar township, 240 acres.

Three re-plans were approved. They were for Walter E. Lahart, Guilford township, adding 203 acres for a total of 428 acres; Vince Tierney, Jackson township, adding 214 acres for a total of 331 acres; and John Peterson, Monroe township, adding 206 acres for a total of 840 acres.

Cancellations were for Walter Napier, Mantua township, 190 acres; A. E. Larson, Bluff Creek township, 75 acres; Harold Hawk, Urbana township, 263 acres; A. E. Kness, Franklin township, 212 acres; Samuel P. Coady, Franklin township, 224 acres; Fred Dewberry, Wayne township, 100 acres; George Thompson, Franklin township, 160 acres; Ben Jones, Franklin township, 139 acres; and Richard Bentzinger, Monroe township, 160 acres.

Brush control—612 acres.
Pasture planting—268 acres.
Pasture and hayland renovation—244 acres.
Fishpond stocking—18 ponds.
Grassed waterways—77 acres.
Standard terraces—68,100 feet.
Parallel terraces—17,100 feet.
Diversification terraces—15,751 feet.
Drainage field ditch—4,335 feet.
Tile drainage—93,597 feet.
Farm ponds—37 ponds.
Drop inlet structures—1 structure.

Tree planting—1 acre.
Highlights of the district's activities during 1963 included:

The district workplan and program was re-written and a new memorandum of understanding between the district and Department of Agriculture was signed. Clifford Belzer of Albia was named top conservationist among implement dealers of Iowa.

The district held a soil stewardship tour for ministers of Monroe county.

Miss Lois DeTar, who represented the district, was the winner of the state conservation speech contest.

The district held a pasture tour. Everett Thurman, John Peterson and Rodger Carlson were winners.

The district entered the Des Moines Register and Tribune contest with William Hughes receiving recognition.

The Georgetown Watershed was started at Georgetown, with John Cowles being named as chairman.

SOIL CONVERSATION

"Grasses and Legumes Make a Salad Bowl Out of a Dust Bowl"



Soil Conservation Society of America

Crows know that grasses and legumes make a nutritious diet for livestock and safe cover for the land. No "black dusters" on this farm. You too can grow such crops. See your local soil conservation district soon.

Resolution Asks Action On Rural Zoning Plan

The Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners Tuesday approved a resolution encouraging further efforts on rural planning and zoning, and requesting the appointment of a county zoning commission made up primarily of rural people.

Rural zoning is being encouraged in Monroe, Appanoose, Wayne and Lucas counties, since these counties have land which will border on the Rathbun Reservoir when the dam is constructed.

A county board of supervisors is responsible for starting the rural zoning procedure. The Monroe county board a year ago approved a planning resolution, but no commission has been appointed to act under the resolution.

A copy of the resolution ap-

proved Tuesday is to be forwarded to the board of supervisors.

The annual district commissioners' dinner, which will be held April 7, was discussed at Tuesday's meeting. A special meeting will be held March 19 to decide winners of the commissioners' conservation achievement awards.

The regional soil conservation speech contest will be held July 28, it was reported at the meeting.

Five initial conservation agreements were approved Tuesday. They are for Edwin Kraber, Mantua township, 477 acres; Don Patton, Troy township, 190 acres; Roy S. Hayworth, Franklin township, 51 acres; John E. Hollinrake, Cedar township, 280 acres; and Joseph J. Murphy, Jackson township, 200 acres.

Three basic plans were approved. They are for Arlin Hagerman, Mantua township, 190 acres; Clarence Stocker, Monroe township, 434 acres; and R. E. Reiman, Urbana township, 135 acres.

Eight conservation practices have been completed in Monroe county since Jan. 1. They are:

Farm Ponds

Joe Hollinrake, Cedar township; Robert Bastrum, Wayne township.

Grade Stabilization Structure

Pat Riordan, Jackson township.

Grassed Waterways

Pat O'Brien, Cedar township, .3 acre; Lawrence Livengood, Union township, .7 acre.

Tile

Ray Meyer, Urbana township, 4,250 feet.

Wildlife Habitat Developments

Joe Hollinrake, Cedar township, 1 acre; Robert Bastrum, Wayne township, 1 acre.

January 30, 1964

February 20, 1964

January 30, 1964

Soil Districts Are Realigned

The U. S. Soil Conservation Service announced Saturday the districts in the state are being realigned into new areas. The number of area offices is reduced from 11 to nine under the new plan.

Headquarters offices at Charleston and Spencer are being closed.

Under the new alignment, Monroe county will be part of area nine, which has its headquarters in Fairfield.



Smith

Will Speak Here

Elmer L. Smith, agricultural representative of the market division of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., will be the speaker April 7 at the annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners' banquet. His talk will be "The Need for Better Water Management." Smith works with personnel of the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and with conservation contractors in the interest of soil and water conservation. He promoted permanent conservation practices on farms and ranches, small watershed programs, and the Great Plains conservation program. He is an officer of the Soil Conservation Society of America and belongs to the American Society of Range Management.

Conservation Dinner to Be Held April 7

The annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners' dinner and election will be held April 7 at First Christian Church.

A commissioner will be elected for a six-year term to replace John Spencer, who is not a candidate for re-election. Two assistant commissioners, Ollie Kaldenberg and Albert Etcher, are candidates. The election will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The speaker will be E. B. Smith, agricultural representative for the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Four conservation awards will be presented at the dinner. A Goodyear conservation award will be presented. Three district commissioners' plaques will also be presented. The plaques are donated by the Albia Rotary Club.

The district commissioners met Tuesday and approved entering the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest this year.

Three initial conservation agreements were approved. They are for Eldred Estlack, Urbana township, for 263 acres; Orval Thomas, Union township, 120 acres; and Merwyn Gray, Bluff Creek township, 80 acres.

Basic plans approved were for Joseph J. Murphy, Jackson township, 233 acres; Dean Hough, Pleasant township, 220 acres; and Cecil Murphy, Jackson township, 215 acres. A re-plan for Ed J. Lahart, Guilford township, 244 acres, was approved. A cancellation for Bernard Lee, Jackson township, 116 acres, was also approved.

The district commissioners will sponsor one teacher who wishes to attend the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp this summer.

The camp, co-sponsored by Iowa State Teachers College and the Iowa State Conservation Commission, will be held at Springbrook State Park north of Guthrie Center.

Two courses will be offered.

Biology 104, emphasizing forest resources, ecology and fish and wildlife management, will be held June 28-July 18.

Biology 105, which includes rocks and minerals, soil and land management, and water conservation, will be held June 7-27, and July 19-Aug. 8.

Teachers interested in attending the camp should contact the soil conservation office.

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 7th day of April, 1961, between the hours of 4:30 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 place for the election is as follows:

Service Center, First Christian Church, Albia, Iowa.

Eligible voters residing within the district shall cast their ballots at the polling place. 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 Wayne Casey,
Chairman.
Mar. 30, Apr. 6.

Conservation Practices Are Reported Completed

Twenty-three conservation practices have been reported completed on Monroe county farms during the period Feb. 15 through April 2. They are:

Farm ponds—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one pond; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one pond; Irvin Dale Post, Franklin township, one pond; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one pond; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one pond; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one pond; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one pond.

Wildlife habitat development—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one acre; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one acre; Irvin Dale

Post, Franklin township, one acre; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one acre; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one acre; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one acre; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one acre.

Contouring—Harold Town, Franklin township, 12 acres; and Albert Benson, Troy township, 17 acres.

Grassed waterways—Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 9 acre; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, 7 acre; D. W. Cooper, Guilford township, 1.5 acres; Jack Hager, Jackson township, three acres; and Ed Crall, Troy township, 7 acre.

Standard terraces—Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 1,450 feet; and Albert McFarland, Guilford township, 1,650 feet.

The annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners' dinner and election will be held April 7 at First Christian Church.

A commissioner will be elected for a six-year term to replace John Spencer, who is not a candidate for re-election. Two assistant commissioners, Ollie Kaldenberg and Albert Etcher, are candidates. The election will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The speaker will be E. B. Smith, agricultural representative for the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Four conservation awards will be presented at the dinner. A Goodyear conservation award will be presented. Three district commissioners' plaques will also be presented. The plaques are donated by the Albia Rotary Club.

The district commissioners met Tuesday and approved entering the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest this year.

Three initial conservation agreements were approved. They are for Eldred Estlack, Urbana township, for 263 acres; Orval Thomas, Union township, 120 acres; and Merwyn Gray, Bluff Creek township, 80 acres.

Basic plans approved were for Joseph J. Murphy, Jackson township, 233 acres; Dean Hough, Pleasant township, 220 acres; and Cecil Murphy, Jackson township, 215 acres. A re-plan for Ed J. Lahart, Guilford township, 244 acres, was approved. A cancellation for Bernard Lee, Jackson township, 116 acres, was also approved.

The district commissioners will sponsor one teacher who wishes to attend the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp this summer.

The camp, co-sponsored by Iowa State Teachers College and the Iowa State Conservation Commission, will be held at Springbrook State Park north of Guthrie Center.

Two courses will be offered.

Biology 104, emphasizing forest resources, ecology and fish and wildlife management, will be held June 28-July 18.

Biology 105, which includes rocks and minerals, soil and land management, and water conservation, will be held June 7-27, and July 19-Aug. 8.

Teachers interested in attending the camp should contact the soil conservation office.

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

Polling place for the election is as follows:

Service Center, First Christian Church, Albia, Iowa.

Eligible voters residing within the district shall cast their ballots at the polling place. 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 Wayne Casey,
Chairman.
Mar. 30, Apr. 6.

April 6,
1964

Conservation Practices Are Reported Completed

Twenty-three conservation practices have been reported completed on Monroe county farms during the period Feb. 15 through April 2. They are:

Farm ponds—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one pond; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one pond; Irvin Dale Post, Franklin township, one pond; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one pond; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one pond; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one pond; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one pond.

Wildlife habitat development—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one acre; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one acre; Irvin Dale

Post, Franklin township, one acre; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one acre; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one acre; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one acre; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one acre.

Contouring — Harold Town, Franklin township, 12 acres; and Albert Benson, Troy township, 17 acres.

Grassed waterways — Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, .9 acre; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, .7 acre; D. W. Cooper, Guilford township, 1.5 acres; Jack Hager, Jackson township, three acres; and Ed Crall, Troy township, .7 acre.

Standard terraces — Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 1,450 feet; and Albert McFarland, Guilford township, 1,650 feet.

Conservation Dinner Is Tuesday Night

The annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners' dinner and election will be held Tuesday at First Christian Church.

A commissioner will be elected for a six-year term to replace John Spencer, who is not a candidate for re-election. Two assistant commissioners, Ollie Kaldenberg and Elbert Etcher, are candidates. The election will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m. The speaker will be E. L.

Smith, agricultural representative for the Caterpillar Tractor Co. His talk will be "The Need for Better Water Management." Smith works with personnel of the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and with conservation contractors, in the interest of soil and water conservation.

He has promoted permanent conservation practices on farms and ranches, small watershed programs, and the Great Plains conservation program. He is an

officer of the Soil Conservation Society of America and belongs to the American Society of Range Management.

Four conservation awards will be presented at the dinner. A Goodyear Conservation Award will be presented. Three district commissioners' plaques will also be presented. The plaques are donated by the Albia Rotary Club.

Both the Rotary Club and Albia Lions Club will attend the conservation banquet rather than having their own meetings this week.



Conservation Awards

Three of the four farmers who received conservation awards Tuesday night are shown here. From left to right, they are H. A. Shafer, who received a plaque from the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners; Gerald Peterson, who received the Goodyear award; and

William Hughes, who received the Des Moines Register and Tribune award. On the right is Robert Davis of Chariton, who represented the Goodyear Co. at the banquet. Not present was Wayne Clark, who also received a commissioners' award.



Kaldenberg

Kaldenberg Is Elected

Ollie Kaldenberg, a Bluff Creek township farmer, Tuesday was elected to a term as a Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioner. He replaces John Spencer, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Kaldenberg has been an assistant commissioner about a year.

He owns a 240-acre farm which includes 148 acres of crop land, 66 acres of permanent meadow and 76 acres of permanent pasture.

Among the conservation practices in his farm plan are contouring, pasture and hayland renovation, brush control, standard terraces, sod waterways, irrigation development, tile drainage and two wildlife areas, including one pond.

Conservation Awards Made At Banquet on Tuesday

Five conservation awards were presented at the annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners' banquet.

Farmers receiving the commissioners' awards were H. A. Shafer of Pleasant township and Wayne Clark of Monroe township. William Hughes of Pleasant township received the 1963 Des Moines Register and Tribune award for owner-operators. Gerald Peterson of Bluff Creek township received the Goodyear conservation award.

Shafer owns 457 acres which includes 160 acres of crop land, 233 acres of permanent pasture, 40 acres of permanent meadow and 4½ acres of wildlife area.

A total of 44 acres is farmed in row crops each year. Shafer rents out the crop land and keeps livestock himself.

He has been a district cooperator since Jan. 25, 1945.

His conservation practices include contouring, standard terraces, pasture improvement, waterways, farm pond, open drainage, diversion terraces, fish pond improvement and wildlife area development.

Clark farms 240 acres which includes 70 acres of cropland, 160 acres of grassland and two acres of wildlife area.

His conservation practices include contouring, brush control, pasture planting, a farm pond, fish pond stocking, sod waterway and contour fencing.

Hughes owns a 181-acre farm which includes 103 acres of cropland, 49 acres of pasture, seven acres of woodland and 16 acres of wildlife area along Gray's Creek.

His conservation practices include contouring, pasture improvement, woodland improvement cutting, a farm pond, fish pond stocking, standard terraces,

diversion terraces, open ditch drainage, sod waterway and tile drainage.

Peterson, who has owned his farm about three years, received the Goodyear award primarily because of the quick action he took to protect his cropland by installing 7,750 feet of terracing the first year he owned the farm. He also has three acres of grassed waterways.

His 200-acre farm includes 137 acres of crop land, 49 acres of permanent pasture and eight acres of wildlife area.

The Albia Newspapers also received a district commissioners' conservation award for assistance to the conservation program through publicity of the program.

The Rev. Donald M. Gruber, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Shirley Calhoun, Albia Community High School student, gave a talk on farm safety.

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 7th day of April, 1964.

(A) Total votes cast in election

—50—

(B) Votes cast for commissioner

—30—

Names of Candidates No. of Votes

Ollie Kaldenberg 20

Albert Etcher 10

Ollie Kaldenberg, being the candidate who received the largest number of votes, was declared the elected commissioner for said district.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Wayne Casey, Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1964.

April 9.

April 9,
1964

April 9,
1964

Soil Districts Are Realigned

The U. S. Soil Conservation Service announced Saturday the districts in the state are being realigned into new areas. The number of area offices is reduced from 11 to nine under the new plan.

Headquarters offices at Charleston and Spencer are being closed.

Under the new alignment, Monroe county will be part of area nine, which has its headquarters in Fairfield.



Smith

Will Speak Here

Elmer L. Smith, agricultural representative of the market division of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., will be the speaker April 7 at the annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners' banquet. His talk will be "The Need for Better Water Management." Smith works with personnel of the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and with conservation contractors in the interest of soil and water conservation. He promoted permanent conservation practices on farms and ranches, small watershed programs, and the Great Plains conservation program. He is an officer of the Soil Conservation Society of America and belongs to the American Society of Range Management.

Conservation Dinner to Be Held April 7

The annual Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners' dinner and election will be held April 7 at First Christian Church.

A commissioner will be elected for a six-year term to replace John Spencer, who is not a candidate for re-election. Two assistant commissioners, Ollie Kaldenberg and Albert Etcher, are candidates. The election will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The speaker will be E. B. Smith, agricultural representative for the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Four conservation awards will be presented at the dinner. A Goodyear conservation award will be presented. Three district commissioners' plaques will also be presented. The plaques are donated by the Albia Rotary Club.

The district commissioners met Tuesday and approved entering the Des Moines Register and Tribune conservation contest this year.

Three initial conservation agreements were approved. They are for Eldred Estlack, Urbana township, for 263 acres; Orval Thomas, Union township, 120 acres; and Merwyn Gray, Bluff Creek township, 80 acres.

Basic plans approved were for Joseph J. Murphy, Jackson township, 233 acres; Dean Hough, Pleasant township, 220 acres; and Cecil Murphy, Jackson township, 215 acres. A re-plan for Ed J. Lahart, Guilford township, 244 acres, was approved. A cancellation for Bernard Lee, Jackson township, 116 acres, was also approved.

The district commissioners will sponsor one teacher who wishes to attend the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp this summer.

The camp, co-sponsored by Iowa State Teachers College and the Iowa State Conservation Commission, will be held at Springbrook State Park north of Guthrie Center.

Two courses will be offered.

Biology 104, emphasizing forest resources, ecology and fish and wildlife management, will be held June 28-July 18.

Biology 105, which includes rocks and minerals, soil and land management, and water conservation, will be held June 7-27, and July 19-Aug. 8.

Teachers interested in attending the camp should contact the soil conservation office.

State Soil Conservation Committee of Iowa NOTICE OF ELECTION OF COM- MISSIONER 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 7th day of April, 1964, between the hours of 4:30 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 place for the election is as follows:

Service Center, First Christian Church, Albia, Iowa.

Eligible voters residing within the district shall cast their ballots at the polling place. 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 Wayne Casey,
Chairman.
Mar. 30, Apr. 6.

Conservation Practices Are Reported Completed

Twenty-three conservation practices have been reported completed on Monroe county farms during the period Feb. 15 through April 2. They are:

Farm ponds—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one pond; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one pond; Irvin Dale Post, Franklin township, one pond; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one pond; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one pond; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one pond; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one pond.

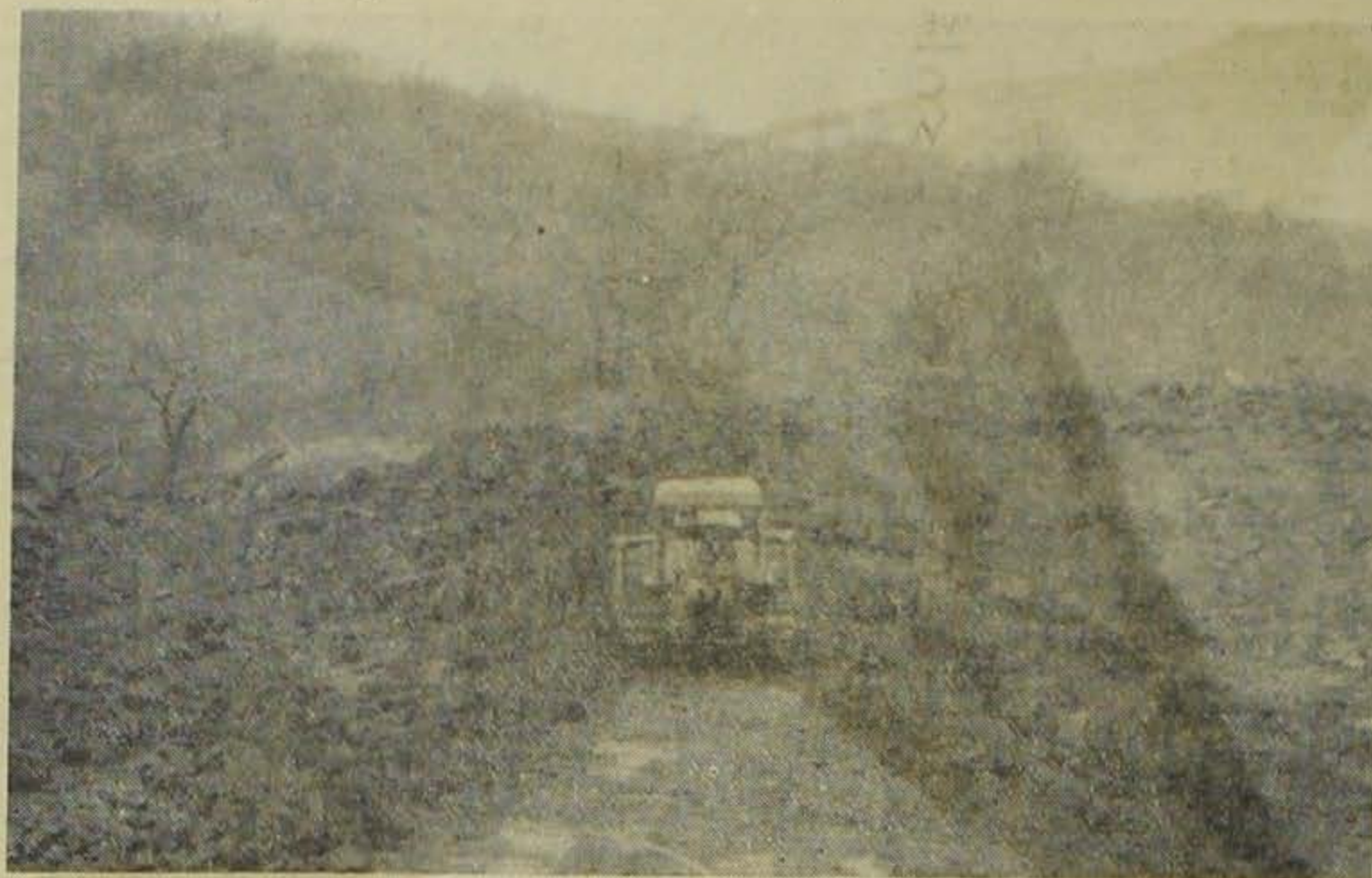
Wildlife habitat development—W. A. Peter, Cedar township, one acre; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, one acre; Irvin Dale

Post, Franklin township, one acre; Delmar Hiner, Monroe township, one acre; Robert Dykstra, Pleasant township, one acre; J. W. Raybourne, Union township, one acre; and Milton Stocker, Urbana township, one acre.

Contouring—Harold Town, Franklin township, 12 acres; and Albert Benson, Troy township, 17 acres.

Grassed waterways—Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 9 acre; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, 7 acre; D. W. Cooper, Guilford township, 1.5 acres; Jack Hager, Jackson township, three acres; and Ed Crall, Troy township, 7 acre.

Standard terraces—Delbert Love, Bluff Creek township, 1,450 feet; and Albert McFarland, Guilford township, 1,650 feet.



Building Farm Pond

One of the conservation projects currently under construction on Monroe county farms is this farm pond on the

Wayne Sample farm, four miles east of Albia in Mantua township.

Report More Conservation Projects Finished Here

Nineteen additional conservation projects have been completed in Monroe county during the two weeks ending Thursday, the Monroe County Soil Conservation District reports. The completed projects are:

Contouring—Mrs. Francis Kosmach, Bluff Creek township, 15 acres; Lloyd Hogeland, Cedar township, 30 acres; Carl Martin, Jackson township, 20 acres; John D. Sayres, Mantua township, seven acres; Mrs. J. C. Cottrell, Urbana township, five acres; and Dallas Faber, Urbana township, 30 acres.

Farm ponds—Paul Kurimski, Cedar township; Albert Slofko-

ky, Cedar township; John Crall Jr., Guilford township; Frank Lasko, Troy township; George Bunch, Union township; each one pond.

Grassed waterways—Carl son, Bluff Creek township, 5 acres; Leo T. Flattery, Guilford township, 5 acre; and J. W. bourn (Ray Mosley, opera Union township, 7 acre.

Wildlife habitat development—Paul Kurimski, Cedar township; Albert Slofko, Cedar township; John J. Crall, Guilford township; Frank Lasko, Troy township; and George Bunch, Union township, each one acre.

Soil Group Picks Carbin

Pat Carbin was chosen as chairman of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District commissioners at a meeting held Tuesday. Bob McGinnis was chosen as treasurer.

The reorganization is effective May 25.

The commissioners named Dale Barker to arrange a tour for Monroe county ministers during Soil Stewardship Week, which begins Sunday.

The group also approved having the regional Queen of Conservation contest held at Albia Aug. 3 as part of the Monroe County 4-H Fair and Albia Fall Festival.

Teachers have been requested by the commissioners to apply by the end of May for a scholarship to be given to attend the state conservation camp courses.

Shirley Calhoun will represent the district in the regional Conservation speech contest to be held in Chariton July 28.

Initial conservation agreements were approved for these five farms: Bob Faber, Urbana township, 195 acres; Owen W. Lewis, Franklin township, 120 acres; John Fynaardt, Pleasant township, 80 acres; Vernon E. Belzer, Pleasant township, 184 acres; and Leota E. Elder, Troy township, 278 acres.

Two basic plans were approved. They are for George Ostermyer, Franklin township, 80 acres; and Richard Bentzinger, Monroe township, 110 acres.

A replan was approved for C. R. Davis, Monroe township, for 342 acres.

Cancellations were approved for Ralph Van Zante, Pleasant township, 160 acres; Alice Belzer, Pleasant township, 184 acres; Delbert L. Bailey, Troy township, 97 acres; M. F. O'Neill, Franklin township, 250 acres; and Roy Wilkin, Troy township, 95 acres.



Stewardship Tour Today For Pastors

Monroe county ministers were guests of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District on a Soil Stewardship Week tour which started this afternoon at 1:30.

Stops planned for the tour were these:

At the McIntire tree farm.

At the campground built on the Wayne Sample farm.

At the Harvey Newman farm, where a pond is being built.

At the Dale Williams farm, where the ministers will see contouring.

Dale Barker, work unit conservationist who arranged the tour, said the ministers would also see the Miami Lake area if there was enough time.

Soil Stewardship Week began Sunday.

The Soil and Stewardship

By THE REV. PAUL COUSINS

(Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church and
Service United Presbyterian Church.)

All too frequently our minds turn to money when the word stewardship is mentioned. Yet the Scripture nowhere limits our responsibility as his stewards to this one area. A steward is one who has been put in charge of the possessions of another. To be a good steward is to faithfully discharge one's duty as manager of these things. The Scripture thus portrays man as a steward of such things as God entrusts to him. God grants to our keeping such things as our health, our families and those items we may accumulate as a result of our labor. We are to manage these items, remembering that we are answerable to God for their use or misuse. The Apostle Paul reminded the Corinthian church that "it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

Our greatest natural resource is the land which covers the earth. The chief support of life is that relatively thin layer of topsoil which covers the land. Many years are required by nature to produce a single inch of topsoil. Yet many years of building may be destroyed by man in a very few years by poor stewardship. Man as a being responsible to God is charged with the care and use of this most significant natural resource. If good stewardship of the soil is practiced the results will affect all mankind by raising his standard of living. Untrustworthy stewardship will affect us here and now, but even more our children with the increasing demands of a growing world.

In a recent address President Johnson reminded us that we can no longer think of ourselves as an island to ourselves. Our action may very well have adverse effects not only upon ourselves but also upon our neighbor. A disinterested attitude toward this great natural resource, the soil, and its use may mean added hardship on our neighbor. It becomes our duty as those who confess faith in God to avail ourselves of every means to improve and conserve the soil.

The Psalmist reminds us that "the earth is the Lord's." As trustworthy servants let us show our concern by being informed and by working for better soil stewardship.

Conservation Practices Are Completed Here

Sixteen new conservation practices on Monroe county farms have been reported completed during the period May 1 through May 14. The new practices are:

* Contouring—J. D. Sayres, Mantua township, 10 acres; and Mrs. Leota Elder, Troy township, seven acres.

Diversion terraces — Steve Slofkosky, Bluff Creek township, 700 feet.

Farm ponds — Louis Kristof, Bluff Creek township, one pond; and Delbert Gray, Cedar township, one pond.

Grassed waterways — M. D. Conway, Jackson township, .5 acre; Andy Chance, Monroe township, .2 acre; Mike Koffman, Monroe township, .5 acre; Harvey Newman, Monroe township, .3 acre; Mrs. Urada Tibbals, Monroe township, .5 acre; Frank Easko, Troy township, .1 acre; Arthur McDonough, Wayne township, .7 acre; and J. Vin-

cent O'Brien, Wayne township, two acres.

Terraces — Harvey Newman, Monroet township, 200 feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Louis Kristof, Bluff Creek township, one acre; and Delbert Gray, Cedar township, one acre.

May 18, 1964

May 18, 1964

Trailer Area Will Open In Few Days

A modern camping area and trailer court on a farm near Albia will be opened soon, possibly this week end.

The recreational development is on the Wayne Sample farm, five miles east of town on Highway 34.

It includes utilities for campers, campsites for self-contained trailer units, picnic tables and fireplaces, trail rides and other services.

The development was partially financed by a long-term \$20,000 loan through the Farmers Home Administration under a program which encourages conversion of agricultural land to recreational purposes. Sample is using about 80 acres of his 214-acre farm for the project. He raises cattle on the rest of the farm, and also is employed at the John Deere Ottumwa Works. He is on a leave of absence this summer, however.

When the area is opened it will be equipped for 20 trailers to be hooked up to the utilities system. This can be expanded later, since the lagoon used to treat sewage is adequate for 200 persons.

Trailers using this part of the area will have water and electricity, as well as sewage.

The campsite for tents and self-contained trailers can accommodate 40 to 50 units.

One building includes showers and toilets for men on one end and the same facilities for women on the other. The center of the building has a room which

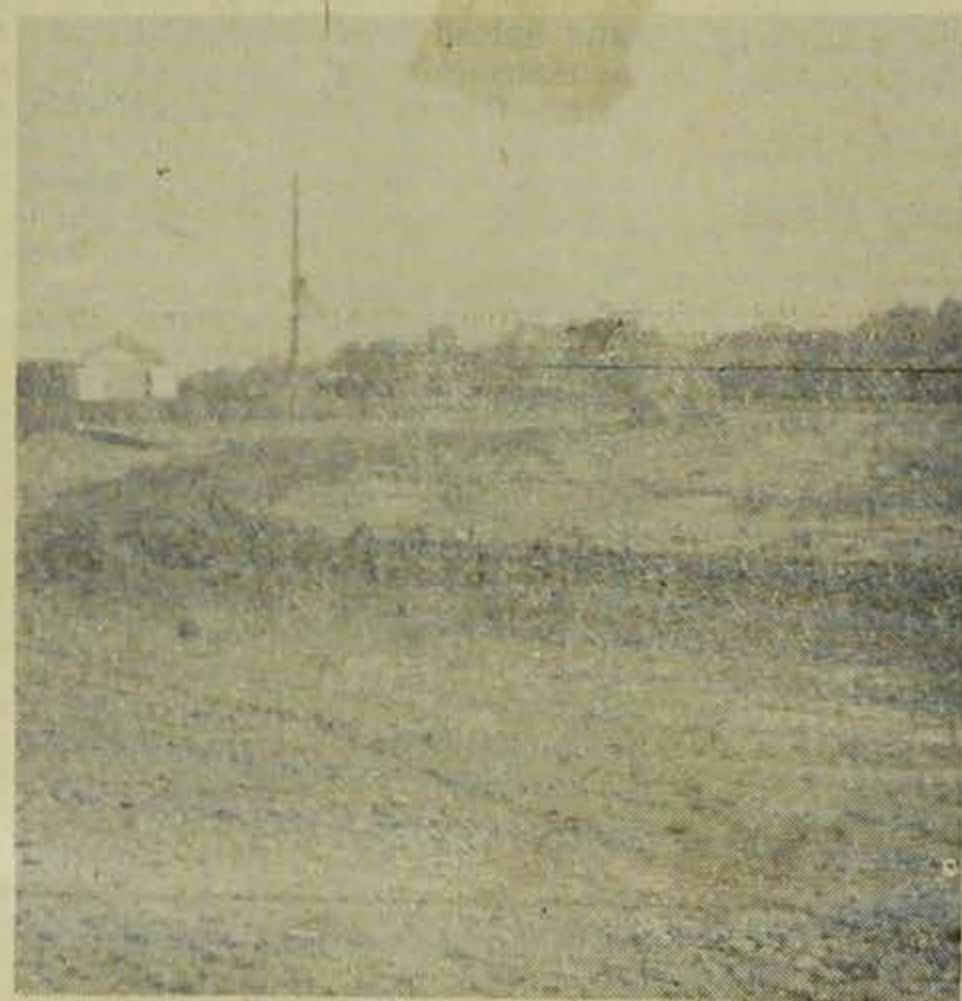
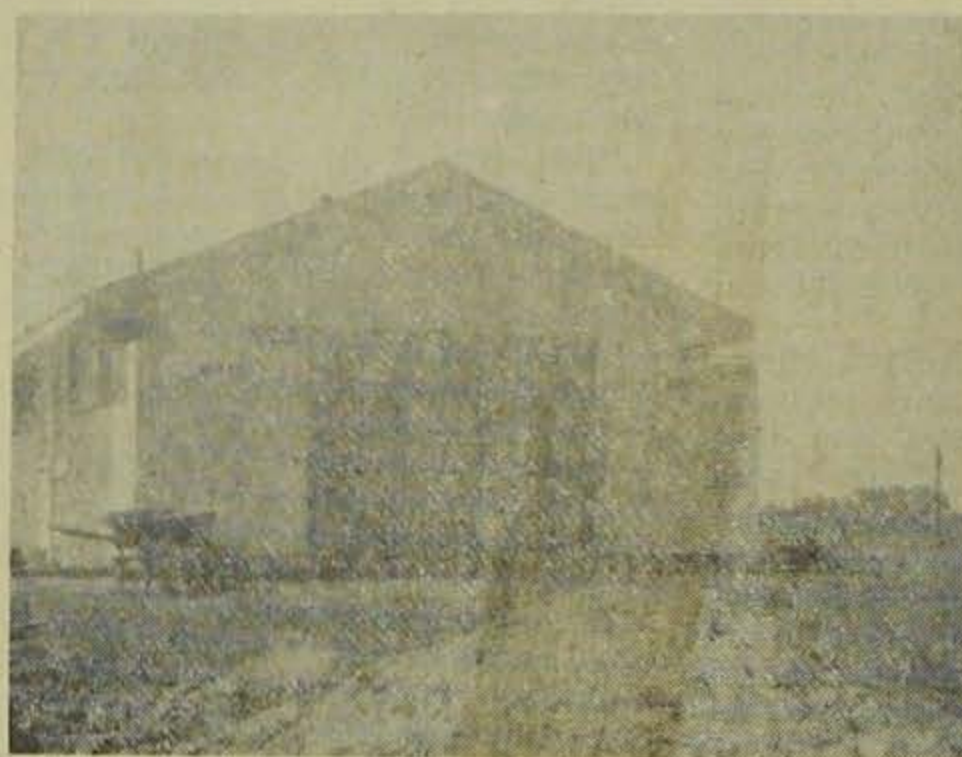
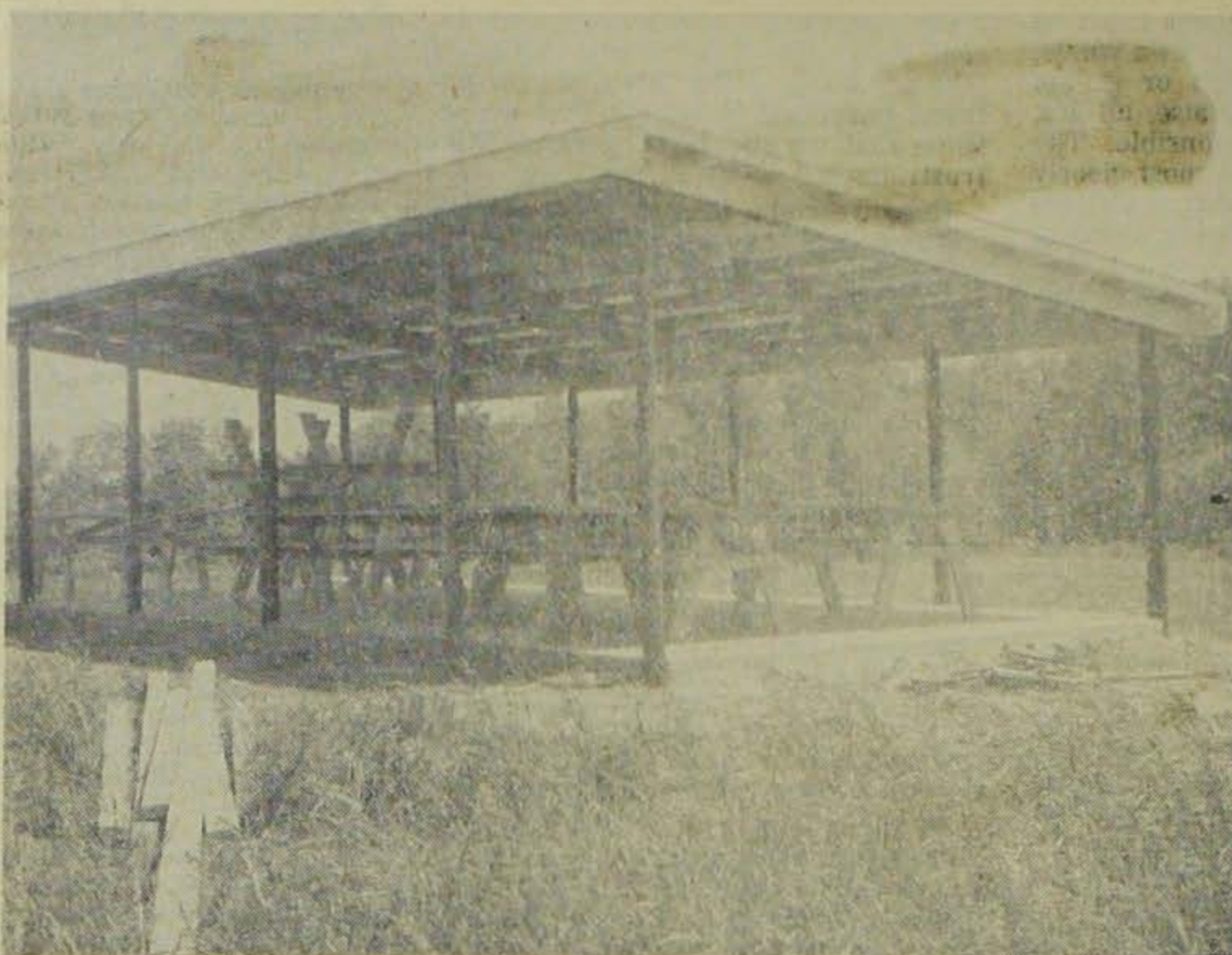
will be used for an automatic laundry and storage space.

A pop machine, milk, ice and possibly other merchandise will also be available.

Seventeen horses will be available for one-hour trail rides. Sample also has a buggy and buggy rides.

Fishing is planned in the future, with a seven-acre lake on the north side of the road, across the highway from the camping area, also being planned.

Sample is also a dealer for King Kamper trailers, camping trailers which are manufactured in Centerville.



Camping Area

These three pictures were taken Friday while work was continuing on the Wayne Sample farm, where a trailer and camping area, "Curfew Acres," is being constructed. The first picture shows a shelter house with picnic tables, the second shows a building which will contain showers and toilets, an automatic laundry, and storage space, and the third shows trenches being cut for the water lines to the trailer parking spaces.

May 18,
1964



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sample and shelterhouse at "Curfew Acres," near Albia.

80 ACRES NEAR ALBIA

\$23,000 FHA Loan to Farm For Campsite Development

By Nick Baldwin
(Tribune Staff Writer)

ALBIA, IA. — A \$50,000 recreational development built by a farmer will be opened to the public June 7.

On an 80-acre tract four miles east of here, the new Monroe County attraction is the brain-child of Wayne Sample, 41, and of his wife, Grace. Christened "Curfew Acres," the area has been developed to accommodate mobile homes as well as tents. It also will offer a picnic area with shelter house, horseback riding and buggy riding. The project has toilet and shower facilities.

Loan

Sample says he has invested all he has and more into the venture.

Besides sinking all available capital into "Curfew Acres," Sample was able to obtain a \$23,000 Farmers Home Administration insured loan.

The Farmers Home Administration (not to be confused with another federal agency with the same initials, the Federal Housing Administration) moved into insuring loans for recreational purposes about a year ago.

The basic thought behind the program is that this is a way to bring additional income to the farm and to stabilize the farm community without the government having to pay for unproductive soil.

The terms of Sample's loan

are five per cent interest and 40 years in which to pay.

First in County

His is the first such loan to be made in Monroe County.

The FHA loan to the Samples includes funds for a new house, a barn for the horses to be used in the recreational program, and a sewer system.

Just off Highway 34, "Curfew Acres" has a mobile home parking area with electricity, water and sewer hook-ups for 20 mobile homes.

The picnic area boasts of 20 tables, 12 fireplaces, and a shelter house in case of rain.

In a heavily wooded area — mostly oak and hickory — Sample has started to clear the underbrush to make room for tent sites. His stable has 17 horses awaiting the pleasure of patrons who wish to ride.

Another attraction, a buggy with two-horse hitch, should prove to be particularly popular with youngsters.

Ottumwa Job

Sample, part-time farmer and a full-time employe of the John Deere Ottumwa Works for the past 23 years, says he decided to invest his money in the project because "I have been indoors too much and I like the outdoors."

Other than the "Curfew Acres" site, he now owns 134 acres on which he raises 39 head of beef cattle.

The recreational development has not caused him to give up his job as a set-up man for John Deere but he hopes the development will be sufficiently successful to enable him to devote full-time to it eventually.

Leave of Absence

In the meantime, because of accumulated vacation time

and a leave of absence, he does not have to return to work until Aug. 1.

What are the advantages of an operation such as this over the security of a salaried job in town?

"This is something we can do together as a team and the children can help, too," he said.

The youngsters are Gary, 13, Joyce, 12, David, 10, and Guy, 7.

The Samples also have a married daughter, Mrs. Frank DeGens of Highland Center, and a son, Lee, stationed with the Navy in Hawaii.

It was Lee who suggested "Curfew Acres" as a suitable name for the development, his father said.

"He told us that curfew meant a time to come in and that since that's just what we wanted people to do it would be a good name for the site," Sample explained.



Buggy with two-horse hitch will be a favorite with youngsters visiting "Curfew Acres." Wayne Sample and his wife are in the front seat. Their passengers are Sample's father, Roy, and the elder Sample's grandchild, Eddie, 10, visiting from his home in Clarksville, Tenn.

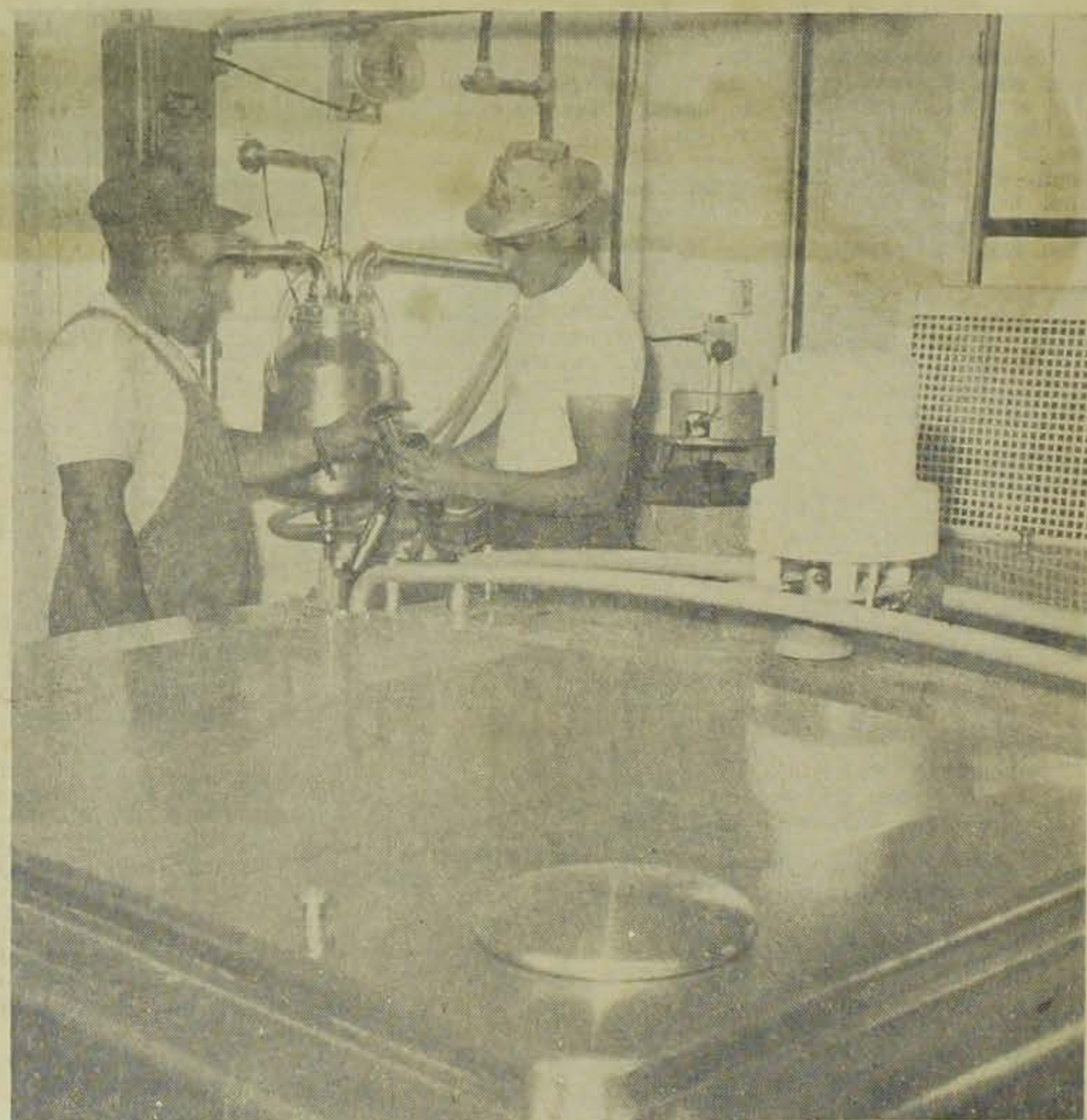
Registered
Tribune
June 1, 1964
6-13



New Silos Serve

Albert Etcher and his son Don pose before two 535-ton capacity silos, completed within the past year to replace the old pit silo storage method. Chopped hay is augered into the silo from an automatic unloader wagon. From the ground level Don and his father flip switches which start a 100-foot tube feeder moving silage

and corn into the feed bunker. The sound of the auger motor brings the 67-head Holstein herd to the lot, ready for milking. Brome Orchard hay and alfalfa is cut in windrows for pick-up by the chopper—eliminating the necessity for raking. Less spoilage, easier feeding are added advantages of the twin silos.



Record Keeping

All records of the Etcher herd are kept in the milkhous by Don who makes a monthly check to keep tabs on individual cow production. "Automation helps our operation," Don comments, "but it's not a substitute for personal care and management." The Etchers are planning now to alter their loafing stall program where

12 bales of hay are required daily for bedding in the 52 by 75 foot loafing barn. They're going to go into the "free stall" operation—open individual stalls without stanchions—which will allow cleaning of the barn regularly and will eliminate the daily spreading of straw.



Down on Dairy Farm

June is Dairy Month . . . and no better example of efficiency on the farm can be found in Monroe county than by observing the automated operation of Albert Etcher and his son Don near Lovilia. The 67 head of Holsteins—producing an an-

nual average of 12,000 pounds of milk each—show that management plus mechanization brings results all dairy farmers seek. On today's Farm Page more information on the Etcher operation appears in pictures.

June
1, 1964



Forty Cows an Hour

A 4-stall milking parlor is located adjacent to the milkhous and 630-gallon cooling tanks. One man can milk 40 cows an hour while a 6-ton feed bin above lowers high protein feed to the cattle. A feed grinding and mixing center is being completed by the Etchers presently which will allow on-the-farm storage and mixing of shelled corn, concentrated protein, bean meal, salt and mineral. It will be augured direct to the parlor. "We use shelled corn since the cattle aren't in the parlor long enough otherwise to consume the needed feed during milking," Don explained.

Now think of all the cars you could buy for under \$1000. Wouldn't you really like to have one?



Corn Planted on Contour

The contoured rows of corn in a field on the Henry Fynaardt farm are shown in this picture. Fynaardt has a conservation farm plan, with all crops planted on the contour of the fields.

Conservation Practices Completed in County

Thirty-three conservation practices have been completed in the Monroe County Soil Conservation District during the four weeks of May 15 through June 11. They are:

Brush control—John Knowles, Jackson township, 25 acres; and Francis Daub, Union township, 10 acres.

Diversion terraces—John Coady, Jackson township, 650 feet; and Frank Lasko, Troy township, 200 feet.

Farm ponds—Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township, one pond; Dave Flattery, Franklin township, one pond; Maurice Sinclair, Franklin township, one pond; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, one pond; Ed J. Lahart, Guilford township, one pond; Harvey Newman, Monroe township, one pond; and Francis Daub, Union township, one pond.

Grassed waterways—Andy Kametz, Guilford township, 1.5 acres; John Coady, Jackson township, 1.1 acres; John Knowles,

Jackson township, 1.1 acres; and Jerold Gillaspie, Monroe township, 1 acre.

Pasture renovation — Pat Knowles, Franklin township, 25 acres; Ed Mahoney, Franklin township, 25 acres; Francis Daub, Union township, 10 acres; and John Knowles, Jackson township, 50 acres.

Farm drainage ditch — Price Bain, Bluff Creek township, 250 feet; Albert Slokosky, Cedar township, 550 feet; and William Knowles, Franklin township, 900 feet.

Terraces — John Patrick Jr., Monroe township, 2,150 feet.

Tile — C. R. Davis, Monroe township, 4,275 feet.

Wildlife habitat development — Lloyd Ammons, Franklin township, two acres; Dave Flattery, Franklin township, one acre; Maurice Sinclair, Franklin township, one acre; Pat Crall Jr., Guilford township, one acre; Ed J. Lahart, Guilford township, one acre; Harvey Newman, Monroe township, one acre; and Francis Daub, Union township, one acre.

Wildlife habitat preservation — Ed H. Clark, Franklin township, 12 acres; and Harvey Newman, Monroe township, one acre.



Gully Eliminated

What last year was a deep gully on the farm owned by Albert Van Hawelling has been replaced by this sod waterway. The gully was cleared, and the waterway was shaped and tiled to produce a good sod. The waterway carries water from 220 acres. Lawrence Amoss operates the farm.

Entry Blanks Are Available For Local Queen Contest

Entry blanks for the local Queen of Conservation contest are now available at the Monroe County Soil Conservation District office in the post office.

The date for the county contest has not been announced, but it will probably be held in about a month. Two winners will be chosen to compete in the regional contest, which will be held Aug. 4 at the Monroe County 4-H Fair and Albion Fall Festival.

The contest is open to all single girls between the ages of 16 and 21 who live on farms in Iowa. The queen will be chosen for her poise, personality, intelligence and personal attractiveness. She will also be required to have a general knowledge of soil conservation, farmer cooperatives and agriculture in general.

The state winner will receive a wrist watch and \$250. She will serve as hostess at the Iowa Soil Conservation District's Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match near Van Meter Sept. 9-10.

The 1964 Queen of Conservation contest is co-sponsored by

the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (Co-operative) of Des Moines. The county contest is sponsored by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

page
soil

June 15, 1964

Conservation Award Made to Teacher

Mrs. Alice Belzer of Eddyville, who will teach school at Brooklyn, Iowa, next year, has been awarded a \$42 scholarship by the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

The scholarship is for attendance at the teachers' conservation camp, held each summer at Springbrook State Park. It is sponsored by the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts and State College of Iowa.

At its recent meeting the soil conservation district commissioners approved a re-plan for Edward H. Clark, Franklin township, 608 acres; initial agreements for Richard D. James, 130 acres, Troy township, and G. C. Barnes, 85 acres, Pleasant township; and basic plans for Harvey Newman, 366 acres, Monroe township, and Donald Patton, 190 acres, Troy township.

CONSERVATION—

Soil conservation includes any and all measures that will in any way increase the productivity of the land and cause the land to keep on producing satisfactorily.



Hay on Terraces

This wind-rowed hay helps point out the terraces in this field on the Junior

Keitzman farm, another of the conservation practices on local farms.



Plants Pines

Six acres of these small pines have been planted on the farm in Pleasant township owned by Howard Van Zante. A pond recreation area and wildlife area are also planned.



On Road Project

Soil conservation is also used on a new farm-to-market road being built in Pleasant township, east from Pleasant Corners. W. C. Stone, county engineer, says this is the first project where the top soil

has been saved to be replaced on the cuts. Jake Dahm of Pella is the contractor on the project. Another contract will be let to seed the cuts.

SCRAP BOOK

OR ADDITIONAL SHEETS ASK
FOR SCRAP BOOK REFILL

No. 755

A PRODUCT OF
WESTERN TABLET & STATIONERY CORP.
DAYTON, OHIO



Scarcely a tree for the crow
find the habitat and environment
living conditions. Instead of leaving
them a farm in better condition.
See your local soil conservation

Soil District 20 Years Old

This year is the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Monroe County Soil Conservation District. It was organized in May, 1944.

The district now has 599 co-operating farms, with 504 farm plans.

The total amount of conservation practices in the district during these 20 years has been:

Contour farming—13,071 acres.
Brush control—2,415 acres.
Pasture and hayland planting—6,968 acres.

Pasture and hayland renovation—8,833 acres.

Fish pond stocking—542 ponds.
Grassed waterways—507 acres.

Standard terraces—1,143,075 feet.

Parallel terraces—51,670 feet.
Diversion terraces—398,430 feet.

Drainage field ditch—110,095 feet.

Tile drainage—1,193,597 feet.
Farm ponds—1,050 ponds.

Drop inlets—57 structures.
Tree planting—227 acres.

Wildlife habitat preservation—1 acre.

Wildlife habitat development—240 acres.

Critical area planting—10 acres.

Farmstead and feedlot windbreaks—14.

Field border planting—19,500 feet.

Hedgerow planting—32,720 feet.

Drainage land grading—8 acres.

Contour stripcropping—926 acres.

Woodland weeding—991 acres.

All Articles on this page
were in special "Soil
& Water Conservation"
Week section June 15, 1964

6-14

No. 2076

SCRAP BOOK

OR ADDITIONAL SHEETS ASK
FOR SCRAP BOOK REFILL

No. 755

A PRODUCT OF
WESTERN TABLET & STATIONERY CORP.
DAYTON, OHIO



Soil Conservation Society of America

Scarcely a tree for the crows! Like all wildlife—and humans too—they find the habitat and environment on conservation farms makes for improved living conditions. Instead of leaving a neglected farm for your heirs, leave them a farm in better condition than when you obtained it. Such is possible. See your local soil conservation district today.

All Articles on this page
were in Special "Soil
& Water Conservation"
Week section June 15, 1964

