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SOIL CONSERVATION DEPENDS ON YOU!



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Terraces Cheaper Than Tile Work

(Ed. note—The following article was written by Glenn O. Musil, Soil Conservation Service at Spencer. It fits Fayette county like a book, Leland A. McCord.)

by Glenn O. Musil

Although tile drainage accounts for by far the largest part of our

time during the summer layout season for soil and water conservation practices, we do not believe this should be so. We will grant that drainage is important. Any farmer who has had to "mud in" a field that's likely to produce as well as it would were it properly drained. But he knows that no real permanent damage had been done to that land.

He has suffered crop loss and inconvenience but the soil is still there. He can still drain it. It will be almost as good when drained as Class I land, but it will cost at least \$100 per acre to drain it. This cost is accepted as a normal part of producing crops on wet land.

Now let us consider the farmer who has sloping land that needs protection from run-off and erosion. Must such land be farmed up and down hill-wide open to loss of valuable water and soil? Of course not. Terraces and contouring will protect that land and keep it productive just as surely as tile will make wet land productive.

How does the cost of terraces

compare with the cost of tile? Based on the 100 foot spacing commonly used, tile to drain one acre will cost more than \$100 plus the additional cost of larger tile for submains and mains that must be prorated back into the acre cost. Tile drainage isn't cheap, but it is accepted as necessary and consequently much used.

What do terraces cost? Parallel cut-and-fill terraces can be built for less than \$110.00 per 1000 lineal feet. On a five per cent slope this amount of terrace will protect 2.3 acres. That makes the cost of terraces less than \$48.00 per acre.

What is the value of soil and water that may be lost from an acre of five per cent land in one year? One hard rain in May or June can easily remove a half inch of soil as well as 80 per cent of the water that falls.

This is positive, unreplaceable loss.

A four to six per cent slope that has lost six inches of top soil isn't very valuable anymore. About two-thirds of its value is gone. At \$270 per acre this would be \$180

or \$30 per inch or \$15 per half inch. The value of the water loss can easily amount to \$10 per acre in the average, some years much more. Two such \$25 per-acre losses amount to more than the cost of terraces.

Terraces pay for themselves more quickly than tile and prevent a permanent loss of soil and productivity. And what about God's free gift of water? It's almost an insult to be so careless about it.

Real soil and water conservation

is your Soil Conservation Districts' reason for existing. But soil and water conservation must be used to be useful. We want to help you.

Nonintervention

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigerias governor-general, Nnamdi Azikwe opened an African summit conference today with a appeal for all African states to "declare publicly their adherence to the policy of nonintervention in the internal affairs of each other."



Conservation Tour Highlights Fayette District Annual Report

A tour of conservation practices in Fayette county highlighted the full year of activities for the Fayette County Soil Conservation District.

Programs for the year also included a "Queen of Conservation" contest, district speech contest, conservation of Soil Stewardship week, sponsoring a student at Conservation camp, entering the National Soil Conservation District Award Program and awarding of outstanding soil conservation achievements.

The conservation practices tour was held Sept. 1 and gave those attending the opportunity to see the effects of soil erosion control by various methods such as farm ponds, concrete toe-wall construction to control waterway outlets and contour farming, strip-cropping and seeding practices. Assistance in planning and conducting the tour was given by the Extension service, ASC and Farmers Home Administration.

John Erickson, Wadena, and Michael Wiley, West Union, were selected to receive awards for outstanding soil conservation achievements to be presented at the annual meeting at Fayette, Feb. 12.

Maryann Stewart and Sue Giesenberger, both of Oelwein, were selected to represent the Fayette district in the "Queen of Conservation" contest. The local contest was held at the soil conservation office July 24.

Kenneth Lueder, Fayette, was judged the winner and represented the district in the regional speech contest held at New Hampton July 31. The district contest was sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Commissioners were held at West Union, Aug. 25. The contest was open to the students of all junior and senior high schools in the county and the topic for all contestants was "How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future".

Miss Judy Lueder, Fayette, student at Luther College, attended one of the summer sessions at

Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park under the sponsorship of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District.

Leslie Anderson, Castalia, was nominated as the district's entry in the National Soil Conservation District's Awards Program, sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

Commissioners Alfred Stewart and Hildor Gilbertson attended the 16th annual short course for soil conservation commissioners at Ames Jan. 10-11 and Stewart attended the 15th annual conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Des Moines home.

Sept. 17, 18, 19. Regional commissioners' meetings were held at New Hampton in March and July and were attended by the Fayette District Commissioners.

The Fayette County district commissioners met on the second Monday of each month at the office of the Soil Conservation Service State Senator George Scott attended the January meeting.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Brockman and family of Cedar Rapids spent Sunday in the parental Elde Brockman home.

HILDOR GILBERTSON Commissioner

Hildor Gilbertson has his farm just east of Elgin, Iowa, in Pleasant Valley Township.

Having both upland, which he keeps in pasture, and bottomland that is in a good crop rotation, Hildor has a well-balanced livestock program to fit the farm.

Wife Preservers



To remove a heavy lime deposit from a teakettle, place kettle without water over low heat for several minutes, drying it thoroughly. Then top down, wash with warm soap or mallet, lime will fall out in chunks.

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Fayette County Soil Conservation District ANNUAL REPORT — 1961 DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY

Alfred Stewart, Oelwein, Chairman
Hildor Gilbertson, Commissioner
Melvin Wangness, West Union, Secretary
Assistant Commissioners: Ervin J. Burack, Arlington, Millard Nelson, Jr., Clermont, and John Graham, Hawkeye.

The commissioners hold twelve regular meetings each year and special meetings when necessary. Others usually attending are Leland A. McCord, Work Unit Conservationist, Melvin Wangness, County Extension Director, and Lois L. Heick, Clerk. Other interested parties are invited to attend.

The district commissioners are responsible for the administration of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District. Each meeting involves approval of requests for assistance from farmers and the approval of basic farm plans developed.

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Lois L. Heick, District Clerk
J. L. Cline, State Aid (part time)
LaVerne L. Krueger, State Aid (part time)
Leland A. McCord, Work Unit Conservationist
Howard K. Boyle, Conservation Aid
J. L. Cline, Conservation Aid (part time)

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1961	No.	Acres	To Date	Total
New Cooperators Approved	31	6448	767	124100
Basic Plans Approved	30	5509	405	72379
Soil Conservation Surveys	30	3550		112434
Farms Served	466			

MAJOR PRACTICES APLIED

Practice	Unit	Dist.	Other	Total
Cons. cropping systems	ac.	2995	0	2995
Contour farming	ac.	2473	244	2817
Residue use	ac.	3776	0	3776
Strip-cropping systems	ac.	192	0	192
Grassland renovation	ac.	15	0	15
Pasture planting	ac.	35	0	35
Farmstead windbreaks	ac.	1	0	1
Tree planting	ac.	5	6	11
Fish pond treatment	ac.	4	1	5
Hedge-row planting	rd.	30	0	30
Wildlife area treatment	ac.	44	0	44
Erosion control structures	ac.	1	0	1
Grass waterways	ac.	15	0	15
Outlet construction	ac.	300	11	309
Pond construction	ac.	3	0	3
Stockwater development	ac.	3	0	3
Terracing	mi.	3	0	3
Drainage improvements	mi.	1149	2840	3989
Mains and laterals	mi.	0	2	2
Surface field ditches	mi.	0	2	2
Tile drains	mi.	58544	102346	160890

Man's Duty To Conserve

People who live close to the land are people who live close to God. The Church is aware of the relationship between matter and spirit, includes in her ritual blessings for soil and seed and crops, while she observes, "Three Blessed be the work of the farmer who uses the sacramentals of the Church while, in close relationship with God, he produces both the essential matter of the sacrifice and the elements that nourish the body."

From the time that God placed man in the Garden of Eden and commanded him to dress it and keep it, the Good Earth has been man's sacred trust. It is his to use and to respect, not merely as a material thing of value, but rather as the beneficent expression of a Divine Providence, revealing the goodness of the Creator, the power of God in the hidden wonders of nature.

The teachings of Christ stress this theme through His many illustrations drawn from life on the land. "The sower went out to sow his seed." The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. "I am the vine; you the branches."

Like a grain of wheat which, if it dies it brings forth much fruit. But above all things, Christ used the product of wheat and grapes, bread and wine, for the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The Good Earth, then, is a sacred trust committed to man, and man's knowledge of its history and symbolism will bring into sharper focus his high office of stewardship.

Conservation District Annual Meeting Feb. 12

Annual meeting of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District will be held at the Farm Bureau building at Fayette Feb. 12, 1962 at 12 noon.

The annual report and election will highlight the business meeting. The report will feature the year's accomplishments.

Charles R. Ballentyne, Extension Soil Conservationist from Iowa State University will be the featured speaker following the dinner.

Stewart Credits Conservation For Well-Being of US Farmer

By Alfred Stewart
County Commissioner and
State Vice President

Once again the American farmer has harvested a bumper crop. The great majority of our people are comfortably housed, well-fed and gainfully employed.

The American farmer has consistently shown the greatest increase in our output per man-hour of any major segment of the American economy in the last 20 years. He has done this despite the fact that there has been a continual decline in number of actual farmers, a disappearing supply of agricultural labor and a constantly diminishing acreage of prime agricultural land.

The secret of his success is based upon many factors, but chief among them has been his ability to use his land, labor and capital in a more efficient manner. Soil and water conservation—or, as I like to think of it, proper land use—has been a major factor in his ability to produce.

The origin of conservation of our natural resources on a nation-wide basis is credited to the

turn of this century when President Theodore Roosevelt, who, with Gifford Pinchot as chief, started the first forest service. He also was quoted as saying then, "when soil is gone, man is gone."

Though the forest service was the first conservation organization in the United States, its field was limited to forestry problems only. Although some soil conservation districts were in operation prior to 1937, it was not until then that a suggested soil conservation district law was sent to each state governor asking that they request their legislatures to enact laws permitting, but not forcing the local people to organize themselves into local, self-governed soil conservation districts.

Within eight years all states had passed such a law. Districts have since been organized at a rapid rate until now we have almost 2,900 districts in 50 states covering 50 per cent of the area.

Between 1940 and 1952, the number of Iowa organized 100 self-governed districts covering the en-

FAYETTE COUNTY

District cooperators and basic farm plans by townships, December 31, 1961.

APRIL 31, 1961.				
1	EDEN	AUBURN	DOVER	CLERMONT
1	Dist. Coop.	15	Dist. Coop.	40
1	Basic plans	3	Basic plans	17
1	BETHEL	WINDSOR	UNION	PL. VALLEY
1	Dist. Coop.	29	Dist. Coop.	44
1	Basic plans	15	Basic plans	14
1	BANKS	CENTER	WESTFIELD	ILYRIA
1	Dist. Coop.	25	Dist. Coop.	37
1	Basic plans	8	Basic plans	19
1	FREMONT	HAULAN	SMITHFIELD	FAIRFIELD
1	Dist. Coop.	40	Dist. Coop.	42
1	Basic plans	33	Basic plans	23
1	OSKANS	JEKENS	RECOVERY	STEWART
1	Dist. Coop.	14	Dist. Coop.	34
1	Basic plans	1	Basic plans	20

DISTRICT OPERATION

The district operation is based on the premise that conservation of the country's soil and water resources, for sustained productive use, is an undertaking of vital concern to citizens in all walks of life. Therefore, effort is made to encourage and help everyone—individuals and groups, town and country, private and public—to make contributions to the conservation objectives in a truly American way. Various activities are directed toward marshalling the interest and efforts of all the people.

Respectfully submitted,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
Alfred Stewart, Chairman
Hildor Gilbertson
Carl Lueder

The Arlington Cooperative Commission Company—

ANNOUNCES

1962 'RATE-OF-GAIN' CONTEST

To promote better management practices, the Arlington Cooperative Commission Company is offering a new, gas clothes dryer (\$220.00 value) as first prize to the contestant who markets fifty (50) hogs with the best DAILY RATE OF GAIN.

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- Contest runs from February 3, 1962 through December 15, 1962.
- The fifty hogs marketed under this contest must be farrowed within a 2-week period.
- Contestant must fill out an entry form prior to farrowing. Entries to be in the office of the Arlington Cooperative.
- All commercial feed used to be purchased from the Arlington Cooperative Commission Company, Arlington, Iowa.
- The hogs comprising each entry must be sold in a weight range of 200 to 240 pounds.
- The Arlington Commission Company reserves the right to mark or in some way identify each entry as they see fit, and to be present when the hogs are weighed and marketed.
- The Arlington Cooperative's service representative will work with each contestant to help on feeding and management problems.
- The decision of the judges will be final. Final results of this contest will be available to all contestants.
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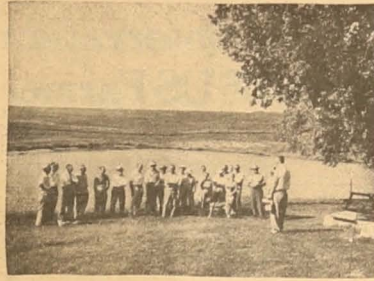
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COUNTY EXTENSION Director M. C. Wangness discusses the advantages of a farm pond for livestock and recreation at the J. A. Langerman farm two miles southeast of Fayette in Westfield township.

Stewart Active In Conservation

Alfred Stewart, Chairman of the Commissioners, with his wife Florence live on their farm just east of Oelwein.

Stewart has been very active in soil conservation for a number of years and has followed a good crop rotation on his farm, along with cultivation practices that include

contouring, tiling, and rock removal. At a recent Annual Meeting of the State Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners held in Davenport, Iowa, Alfred was elected Vice-President of the State Association.

The Stewarts are members of the Presbyterian Church in Oelwein and Alfred is an Elder in the church.

Having served ten years as a District Commissioner, Stewart is Township Clerk, on the National

Policy Committee of the Farm Bureau, and a Director of the Carrington-Clyde Experimental Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, in addition to the daughter Mary Ann, have two sons, James, on a farm near Oelwein, and Alvin, in the army in Alaska.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Al Clasen of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Decker.

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That Gully On The 'Back 40'

Some years ago we received a request in our Soil Conservation office for assistance in erosion control. Upon further investigation we found that the landowner not only wished to establish control on one field but desired complete control for the entire farm. This, the attitude we found in a man who, during the first few years the district was in existence, had declared he could never resort to such "crazy" practices.

But during those years he had made observations of the favorable results obtained by neighbors using terraces, strip-cropping or contouring practices. He also watched that gully on his "back 40" get longer and wider.

Although resolute of character, this man was nevertheless broad-minded and was not one bit hesitant to admit that the program his neighbors had pioneered could do him some good, also.

Needless to say, when finally convinced, he went all out for our program. He agreed to a plan of conservation operations for entire farm, rearranged fields and fences and set up a relation and practices to fit the land classification for his farm. This was all accomplished in a matter of one or two years.

It would be silly to assume that conversion could be accomplished that swiftly and that completely on every farm. But in Soil Conservation Service firmly believe that every farm can make immediate use of some of the practices we have to offer.

We also feel that eventually, at the convenience of the individual complete conservation should be achieved on every farm. If every farmer who has not tried the program would just consult with a friend or neighbor who has, very likely such consultation, would confirm the facts we endeavor to present to the public. Quite possibly that friend or neighbor may also have a story to tell similar to the farmer mentioned at the beginning of this article whose gully on the "back 40" healed itself after using our program a few years.

AURORA BRIEFS

Mrs. Charles Kivell entertained at a farewell courtesy at her home Monday afternoon for her daughter, Mrs. Harry Grove and daughter, Diana, who are moving from Elmhurst, Ill., to Tacoma, Wash. Guests were present from Stanley, Oelwein and Aurora. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Grove and Diana left Tuesday by jet from Waterloo. They were accompanied to Waterloo by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kivell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kivell and family, where they had breakfast together at the air port.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Irene Geske of Des Moines spent several days in the parental Otto Geske home and attended the funeral services for her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Kneif, Monday.



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WORK UNIT STAFF in Fayette district includes, left, seated, Leland A. McCord, work unit conservationist and Lois Heick, district clerk; standing, left, Howard Boyle, conservation aid and J. Leslie Cline WAE Aid.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rueber were Sunday afternoon and supper guests in the parental John Becker home at Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Buhr, Elaine and Richard were Sunday afternoon and supper guests in the parental Fred Westendorf home at Redlyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nook of Oelwein were Tuesday afternoon and supper guests in the Mrs. Charles Bruns home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rummel and sons were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Raymond Rummel home at Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barile were Monday evening guests in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wegner at Sumner in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Al Clasen of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Ed Decker and Colette attended a bridal shower for Gladys Demuth at the Farm Bureau building at Fayette Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Steege and Terri of Denver and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Potratz and Steven of near Maynard were Sunday dinner guests in the Mrs. Sophie Kneif home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schellhorn and sons of Waterloo were Sunday afternoon callers in the Mrs. Will

Sabin and Don Tellin homes.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hurd and family were Sunday evening guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. Nodah Hurd at Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voelker, of Independence were Sunday dinner guests in the parental Walter Voelker home and the ladies attended a bridal shower for Gladys Demuth at Fayette in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lange and Ernest Hopka were Sunday afternoon visitors in the R. G. Buhr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Weaver of Hazelton were Tuesday evening callers in the W. F. Plaster home.

Henry Ross of Oelwein, Mrs. Charles Bruns and Mrs. Warren Rueber, Royce and Reita were recent callers in the P. C. Kauten home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Wenle and Duane were Sunday evening guests in the Erhardt Haar home at Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hurd and family spent Sunday afternoon in the parental Frank Lockard home near Maynard.

Mark and Bert Mahoney of Oelwein spent Sunday and Monday in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolf.

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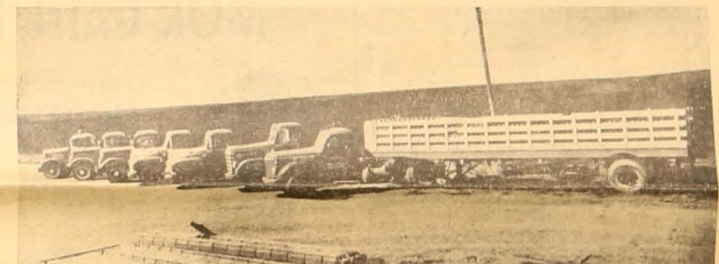
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CONSERVATIONISTS and interested farmers observe a drop spillway, tile outlet on the Art Malt farm in Clermont township. The spillway is used to stop a gully and is located at the bottom of a grass runway. Malt also takes advantage of the tile outlet for livestock watering.

Conserving The Soil

There is an old myth which tells of an evil being who drew all of his strength from the ground. When an adversary learned this he was able to engage the evil being, and by holding him off the ground, the evil one died.

A civilization without practices of conservation may be likened to

an evil being who receives his strength from the soil, but is way up in the air.

It is said that the tillable soil of the earth would not be over one-fourth inch in depth if spread over the entire surface of the earth.

Anything this important should be conserved if present and future generations are to be fed, clothed, and housed.



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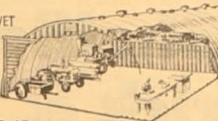
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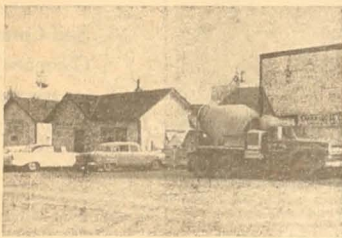
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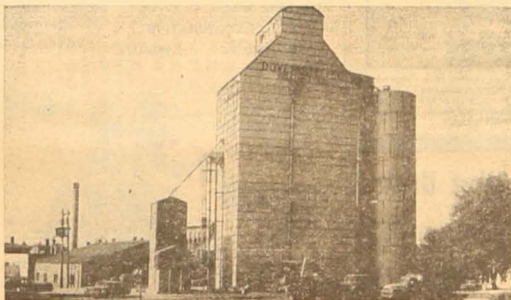
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SCOTCH PINES planted six years ago on Richard Gross farm six miles northeast of West Union were planted on land unsuitable for cultivation. Timber will be his crop instead of corn. Leland A. McCord is shown with the trees.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. David Kauten were Sunday dinner guests in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Schuller at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boehr and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meyer attended a 500 party at the Harold Meyer home Sunday evening.

Michael Holitz spent Sunday afternoon with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Deville Holitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steinbronn and John and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steinbronn and family were Sunday dinner and supper guests in the Keith Snodgrass home at Readlyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snodgrass of Waterloo were also guests.

Ray Mahoney, Oelwein, and Mrs. John Mahoney spent Sunday in the Bob Mahoney home at Clarion. Ray was sponsor for Sheryl Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mahoney, who was baptized Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Potrate were Westgate dinner guests in West Union and also visited with Mrs. Gertrude Downing at Fayette on route home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barz of Young America, Minn., were called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. Anna Knief. Their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barz also attended the funeral services Monday.

WESTGATE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stohr and Mrs. Winnie Webb were Sunday dinner guests in the Clark Balfour home at Traer, and to make the acquaintance of the Stohr's new grandson, Michael Lee Balfour.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Smith of West Union are maternal great grandparents of Michael Lee and Mrs. Edna Stohr of Oelwein is the paternal great grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gipper visited with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Gipper, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holtman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holtman and family of Oelwein were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Mary Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Bartels of Oelwein, were Tuesday supper guests in the San Bartels home. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Noack of Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fink and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fink attended a dinner Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Lena Reiter at Fairbank in honor of their mother, Mrs. Emelia Fink's 90th birthday.

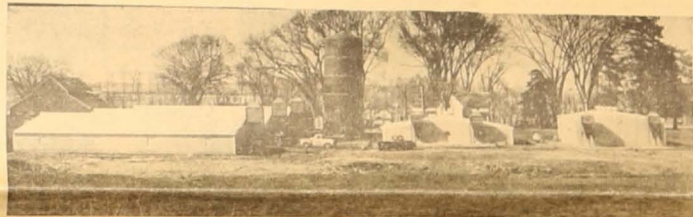
Gerhart Potrate of Clermont was a Sunday afternoon visitor in the Carl Potrate home.



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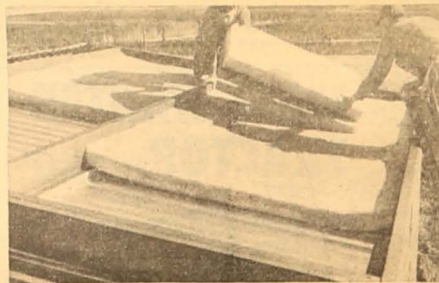
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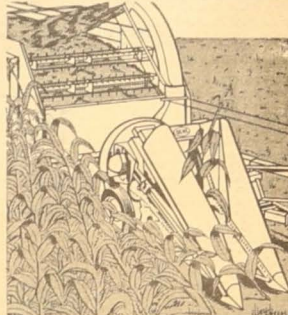
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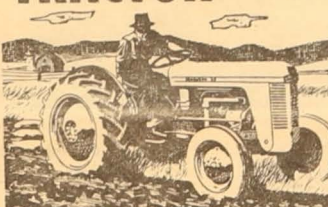


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Standard Soil Survey In 1962 For Fayette Co.

A standard soil survey is scheduled to get under way in Fayette County Soil Conservation District in 1962.

What is standard soil survey? It is a map showing all the different kinds of soils in the county and where they occur. The map also shows the slope of every acre, whether it is level, sloping or steep. The map also shows the thickness of the topsoil remaining, the natural drainage system, the roads and farmsteads.

When completed the map will be published in a bulletin and be available to the public. In the bulletin the soils will be rated according to (1) use capability (2) yielding potential, and (3) engineering.

How is a standard soil survey made?

The Fayette County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Extension Director, and others in the county interested in agriculture will meet with the Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey personnel and representatives of the Iowa State University Experiment Station. This group will determine the final starting date and other work plan details.

Then soil scientists of the Soil Conservation Service will start the long, intriguing, perplexing task of working over all the land in the county determining the kind of soil occurring on each acre. One man can map about 400 acres a day. Completing the county will take a long time and depends on the number of Soil Scientists assigned to the task. Kenneth K. Kittelson, Kenneth Hinkley and Herbert Holdorf are the three Soil Conservation Service soil scientists now assigned to soil survey activities in this 16 county northeast Iowa area.

They make soil surveys for all farm plans worked out between the farmers and the Soil Conservation Service. The survey is scheduled to complete a standard soil survey in Winnebago County Soil Conservation District in 1961.

The soil scientist examines the soil to at least three and one-half feet deep. He removes samples of the soil with an auger and examines it for changes in (1) combination of sand, silt and clay, (2) color and (3) other characteristics. From these observations he identifies the soil. He also determines the slope of the land with an alney level, a small level designed for that purpose. The soil scientist records all the soil survey information on an aerial photograph while right out in the field.

Preparation for the standard survey in Fayette County Soil Conservation District is now underway. Soil scientists are now making detailed examinations of soils of the county and describing them. These descriptions will enable any number of soil scientists to consistently identify the group soils.

The more precise the soils are described and mapped the greater the number of interpretations that can be made about the soils. In Fayette County there are over 125 different soils.

Who can use the standard soil survey? Farmers, farm managers, Soil Conservation Service and anyone else planning, farm operations. Realtors, buyers, sellers, renters, counselors, money lenders and anyone else interested in land transactions.

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4-H NEWS

Buffalo Happy Hustlers

AURORA (Special) — The Buffalo Happy Hustlers 4-H club met at the home of Bonita, Donita and LeLoie Gushee. The meeting was called to order by Barbara the home of Candee Flickinger.

Craig and the minutes of the last meeting read by Bonita.

LeLoie Gushee gave a talk on "Pillows." Bonita and Donita Gushee gave a team demonstration on "Remodeling a Kitchen."

Lunch was served by the Gushee girls and their mother. The next meeting will be held Feb. 17 at the home of Candee Flickinger.

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Scott Hotshots

The Scott Hotshots 4-H club met at the home of Rex Lincoln. Roll call was "Name of favorite school subject." Sixteen members were present.

The discussion topic was on "Finding the Hazards" by Rex Lincoln. There was a demonstration given by Connie Chase on photographing livestock. The county 4-H party was discussed.

Those attending were: Phillip James, David James, Greg James, Larry Mueller, Rex Lincoln, Clyde Huggson, Jerry James and Jon James. It was decided to have an ice skating party at the Lee Mueller farm Sunday, Jan. 28.

Buffalo Rangers

STANLEY (Special).—The January meeting of the Buffalo Rangers 4-H club was held at the home of John Snyder. The roll call "Your Favorite Song" was answered by 25 members.

Business consisted of making final plans for the annual swim-

ming party to be held Jan. 20. The club voted to buy a wheel barrow, barn broom and a pair of pries for ear tagging calves.

Richard Vande Voorde gave a discussion on "Ear Notching Pigs." Margaret Dange gave a discussion on "Farm Economics." Talks were given by John Snyder on "Buying a Farm Tractor or Truck" and Don Kremer on "Keeping Water Free of Ice in Winter."

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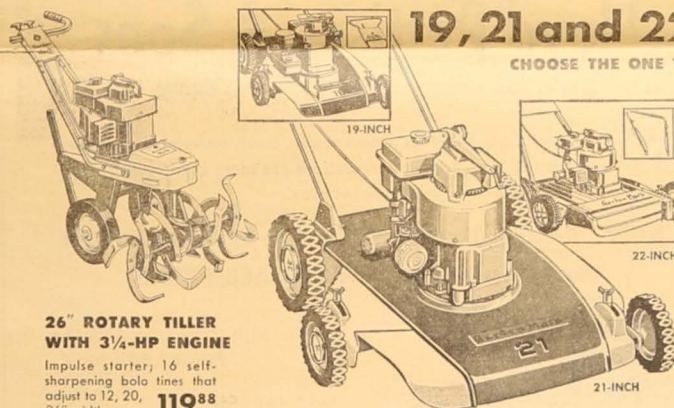
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Extension Service Has Many Meanings In County

The term "Extension Service" in Fayette County has had many different meanings ascribed to it. The "Extension Service" in Fayette County is really the county branch of Iowa State University's land grant college. As such its purpose is purely a function of carrying out an educational process.

The Fayette County educational program in soil conservation dates back to its beginning in 1917. Its educational program is based on the premise that conservation means the use of land for the benefit of mankind. These benefits bring the production of food and some fiber with a profitable return to the person producing. These people are known as farmers.

Using soil and not wasting it was recognized as a problem by the people who first cleared this land and put it into production. They noticed that when the natural cover was removed, there was loss of soil by water erosion and some wind erosion. There was also loss of soil as a result of field crops removing some of the holding qualities of soil, such as humus, in the form of plant roots and plant residue being removed.

Roughly one-third of Fayette County is windblown soil of rather rolling topography. Here, water erosion is a serious problem in the form of sheet erosion and gulches. Approximately two-thirds of the county is soil of glacial origin laid down by water. These are long gentle slopes with sheet erosion the serious problem and some gully erosion.

The early educational work was to provide information on the need of time to correct soil acidity. This in turn made better growth of legumes, such as clover, and made possible the introduction of alfalfa. The people who farmed in Fayette County in the early twenties tell of the four years they visited demonstrations on planting of alfalfa and how this helped to hold the hillside and greatly reduce the water run-off. In the late twenties, the four county demonstration soil conservation area came into being. Floyd Parks was assigned to do full time work on soil erosion control.

The Kenneth Kerr farm and the Jerry Spencer farm in Clermont Township were two of the first farms in the county to have fields laid out into contour strips for the purpose of erosion control. These farms have the good fortune of a deep clay subsoil. Although the topsoil was eroded to the point where the nitrogen level would not support a corn yield of twenty bushels on the Spencer farm, he was able to control erosion and grow nitrogen in the form of legumes. All the soil needed was limestone to correct acidity. The added legumes provided more food for livestock, thus more manure phase of the educational program was to explain the need for a soil conservation district and to assist in the organization work of establishing the district. This was done in 1946.

In 1960 Fayette County farmers were faced with the pressure of economies forcing them to grow a maximum of high income crops. This means that there is more corn being grown. More of the nitrogen for corn and grass production comes from commercial sources rather than legumes. It also means that more emphasis is placed on erosion control practices such as contour strips and terraces.

The present educational program has a background of contour field day demonstrations, such as was held on the I. P. Stewart farm in Harlan Township, where fences were removed and contour strips laid out.

Today the educational program is geared to a county-wide meeting where the basics of plant science and how plants use plant food will be presented. These were held in January and February, 1961. People taking the four day

course were enrolled. It involved, as part of the course, the effectiveness of terraces, contour strip crops, wheel track planting of corn as erosion control measures etc.

Other ways that information is brought to the people in the county is through the soil testing program, which is promoted by the ASC, by newspapers and radio publicity, by working with the county soil conservation district on tours, etc.

Demonstration plantings of birdfoot trefoil on steep land suited only to pasture are in use in Putnam, Fairfield, Iliya, Clermont, Dover, Westfield, Auburn and Eden Townships. These are in the windblown soil areas and makes it possible for people to see the process of pasture renovation and erosion control and to visit with the people using them.

The soil testing service, with its fertilizer recommendations, makes

it possible to grow heavier yields of crops that eventually add humus in the soil through the county's heavy livestock program. Our farmers have developed good techniques of conserving hayland manure and utilizing it.

Grass waterways have proved their effectiveness and value, especially since the use of heavy farm machinery which must be able to cross waterways.

The county extension program has its purpose the close cooperation of the soil conservation district, the county ASC program and the four county vocational agricultural departments, and making available publications and technical help from Iowa State University.

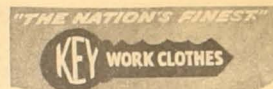
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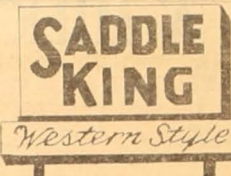
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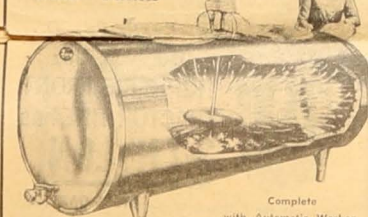


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James Stewart Fallon, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fallon enlisted for three years in the United States army. He reported at Duquesne Friday and from there was assigned to Ft. Carson, Colo. He attended Iowa Wesleyan college at

Mr. Pleasant last year

Mrs. Paul Boehnisch received word of the death of her brother, Joseph Boehnisch, 65, at his home in Dortmund, Germany. Funeral services were held Jan. 18. Mrs. Boehnisch and her husband visited her brother last July and other relatives in Germany.

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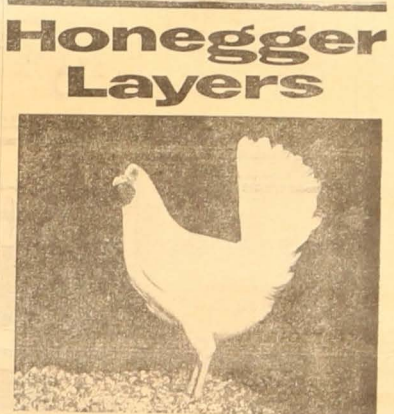
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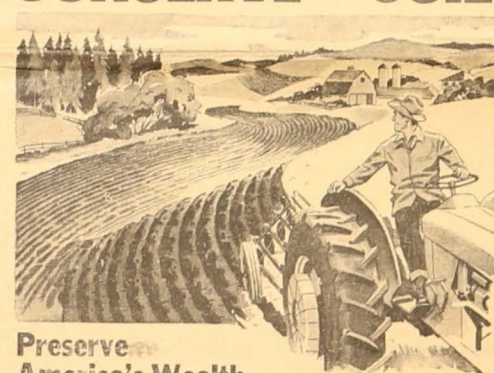
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