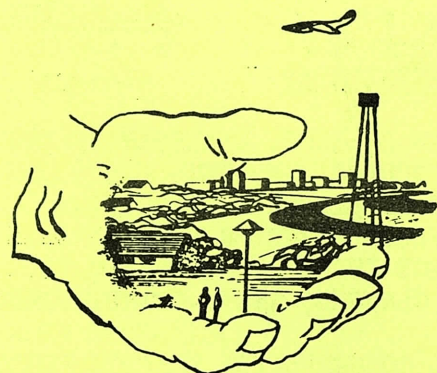




Our
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Our
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Black Hawk Soil Conservation District

MEET FOUR TON CLUB MEMBERS -

JOE & PEG FROST

The FROSTS own and operate a 160-acre dairy and hog farm in Lester Township, northeast of Dunkerton.

JOE & PEG have six children. Two boys are still at home, but the other son and three daughters are grown and have their own homes. The FROSTS are members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbank. JOE has been an ASCS Township Committeeman for many years.

He keeps much of his more rolling land in grass for his dairy herd. In the past year, he has also completed a waterway across his farm for better drainage off of the flat lower land. 93% of their land met minimum requirements for soil loss.



OUTSTANDING DISTRICT COOPERATOR FOR 1976

HAROLD C. BAUER



(Harold & Bart reviewing his schedule of operations)

HAROLD has been a Cooperator with the District since 1952. He farms 345 acres in Fox Township. He signed a Long Term Agreement with the County ASCS Office in 1975 which calls for more than 26,400' of parallel tile outlet terraces. In 1976 he installed nearly 8000' and is scheduled to complete the treatment on his farm in 1979.

HAROLD and his wife, BEUNAH, live near Jesup. They attend the Zion Lutheran Church in Jubilee. He is a member of the Jesup Lion's Club and has been active in various farm groups in past years. He was a Commissioner in the Black Hawk Soil Conservation District from 1951 to 1957.

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BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

JAMES E. SAGE, CHAIRMAN
CLIFFORD E. KNUDSEN
JOHN R. MILLER
CLIFFORD NIEMEYER
GEORGE ISLEY
BEN CLAUSEN, ASST. COMMISSIONER

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. MCANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
LOREN W. EICKHOFF, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
(to March)
GERALD C. STEVENS, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
(since August)

STATE EMPLOYEES

GERTRUDE BELL, CLERK
KEITH CROWLEY, AIDE

EXTENSION SERVICE

LARRY E. LOENSER, DIRECTOR
DR. BRUCE EASON, AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATE
(to August)

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ACTIVITIES

A schedule of operation for Dry Run Creek Watershed of Cedar Falls was developed with the City.

We also cooperated with the Planning and Zoning Committees of Cedar Falls and Waterloo with environmental considerations for development projects.

The Black Hawk County Farm Bureau and Commissioner CLIFF KNUDSEN provided conservation educational booklets to all 5th grade students in the District. Our local student chapter of SCSA distributed the booklets to the schools. Assistant Commissioner, BEN CLAUSEN, is their sponsor.

LOREN (IKE) EICKHOFF resigned in February to work for Sheffield Brick & Tile Co.

During the year - Memorandums of Understanding were signed with the following:—

Gilbertville	INRCOG
Dunkerton	La Porte City
Waterloo	Army Corps. of Eng.
Cedar Falls	

The Bicentennial slide set "Limits" was purchased for the District.

A Bicentennial Committee on Farming purchased 5000 booklets through the District which were given to children who visited their display at the Waterloo Recreation Center.

Soil Conservation District and ASCS officials of Buchanan County joined the same group of Black Hawk County to look at conservation practices, especially tile outlet terraces.

We visited the farms of RALPH GRADY, JIM PIERCE, QUINTER LICHTY, BURDETTE JANS, RON DEGENER, JOHN MILLER and JACK MILLER. It was an interesting day to see how these people used conservation practices on their farms, and to look at costs involved under various conditions.

Through the Soil Conservation Service and Manpower of Iowa, DEBI BALDWIN was employed as a Summer Aid, to assist us in the office and field during the summer months.

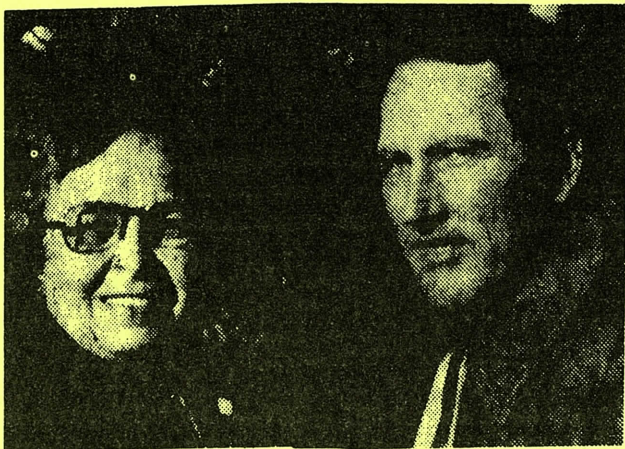
DIXIE HOFFMAN of Cedar Falls was our 4-H delegate to their State Conservation Camp. She was selected to return and assist with next year's program. We are pleased to be able to participate in this activity by sponsoring 4-H members to attend.

\$20,000.00 was received from the Department of Soil Conservation for cost-sharing in Black Hawk County.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd.)

We won First Place in the Goodyear Conservation Awards Contest in the northern Iowa Division.

MRS. HAROLD SCHOEMAN of Cedar Falls was our Outstanding Soil Conservation Cooperator. She and JIM SAGE, as District Chairman, received an expense paid trip to the Good-year Farms of Litchfield Park, Ariz., as part of the award.



DAVE SPARKS of KWVL-TV developed a thirty minute documentary on Soil Conservation in Iowa. Commissioner JOHN MILLER, Area Crop Production Specialist, KAY CONNELLY and District Conservationist, BART MCANINCH assisted locally with the production. Several State officials also assisted with the program. We thought it "told the story".

The District entered into an agreement with Rockford Map Publishers to provide an updated Black Hawk County Plat Book. We felt it was an opportunity to provide a needed service and possibly make some money for the District.

A chisel plow was purchased by the District and rented to farmers who have not yet tried that kind of tillage. Several farmers took advantage of the offer, before making the decision to buy a new piece of equipment.

We met jointly with ASCS Committee to work out details of cost-sharing programs involving State Department of Soil Conservation and the ACP. We felt such a meeting would help us provide better service to local people.

Scholarships were provided for the following teachers who attended Camp Ewalu in October:—

BEVERLEE BELL
MOLLY COUGHLON
JO ANN JUNTILLA
JEAN KETCHUM
JOAN REIMER
EMILY STENSLAND
ALMA STREMPKE
ELAINE VOGEL

For the first time our District Election was included on the ballot of the General Election. GEORGE ISLEY was elected to fill an unexpired term and JIM SAGE was unopposed in his bid for reelection.

Through the three-way cooperation of our District, STEVE FINEGAN of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board and State Forester, BOB HIBBS and State Biologist, JIM ZOHRER, of the Iowa State Commission, we had another good day for tree and wildlife planning.

The State Conservation Nursery furnished much of the stock and cost-share was provided to several landowners through ACP. In several cases a tree planter was made available through the County Conservation Board.

Overall, we feel there was progress in several areas of our soil and water conservation program. We were disappointed that no agreeable decision was reached in Virden Creek and still no noticeable landowner interest in conservation measures in Dry Run Creek Watershed of Cedar Falls.

GERALD STEVENS joined our District Staff as Conservation Technician on August 1st. He was formerly with the Benton County District. He and his family live in La Porte City.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

1M BUDGET - Allocation.....\$ 1,475.00

Commissioners' Exp....\$279.83
Office Supplies..... 229.56
Prizes & Rental..... 6.69
Office Expense..... 913.30
Meeting Expense..... 42.52
Returned to State..... 3.10 \$ 1,475.00

Balance..... -0-

2M BUDGET - Allocation.....\$14,120.00

Salaries.....\$11,908.10
(Clerk & Aide)
Employee Benefits 1,518.01
Equipment..... 19.50
Travel..... 117.77
Returned to State.. 556.62 \$14,120.00

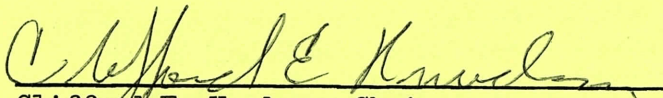
Balance..... -0-

REVOLVING FUND - 1976 (1-1-76 to 12-31-76)

Contributions.....\$ 1,836.10

Nat'l. SCD dues.....\$200.00
Iowa SCD dues..... 100.00
Iowa SCSA dues..... 96.00
Newsletter..... 500.00
Educational material.. 533.75
Misc. Expense..... 406.35 \$ 1,836.10

Balance..... -0-


Clifford E. Knudsen, Chairman

3M BUDGET (7-1-75 to 6-30-76)

Allocation.....\$13,858.82
Reserved for LTAs..... 2,244.28
\$11,614.54
6 requests approved.....\$11,614.54

1975-76 LTAs allocation.....\$ 2,244.28
2 requests approved.....\$ 2,244.28

Balance..... -0-

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1976

NEW COOPERATORS.....16
CONSERVATION PLANS.....33
REVISED PLANS..... 6
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORIES.....21
UNITS OF GOV'T. ASSISTED.....23
INVENTORIES-UNITS OF GOV'T..... 5
GRASSED WATERWAYS.....43.9 Ac.
MINIMUM TILLAGE.....3532 Ac.
PARALLEL TERRACES.....61,510 Ft.
TREE PLANTING.....4 Ac.
TILE..... 713,389 Ft.



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