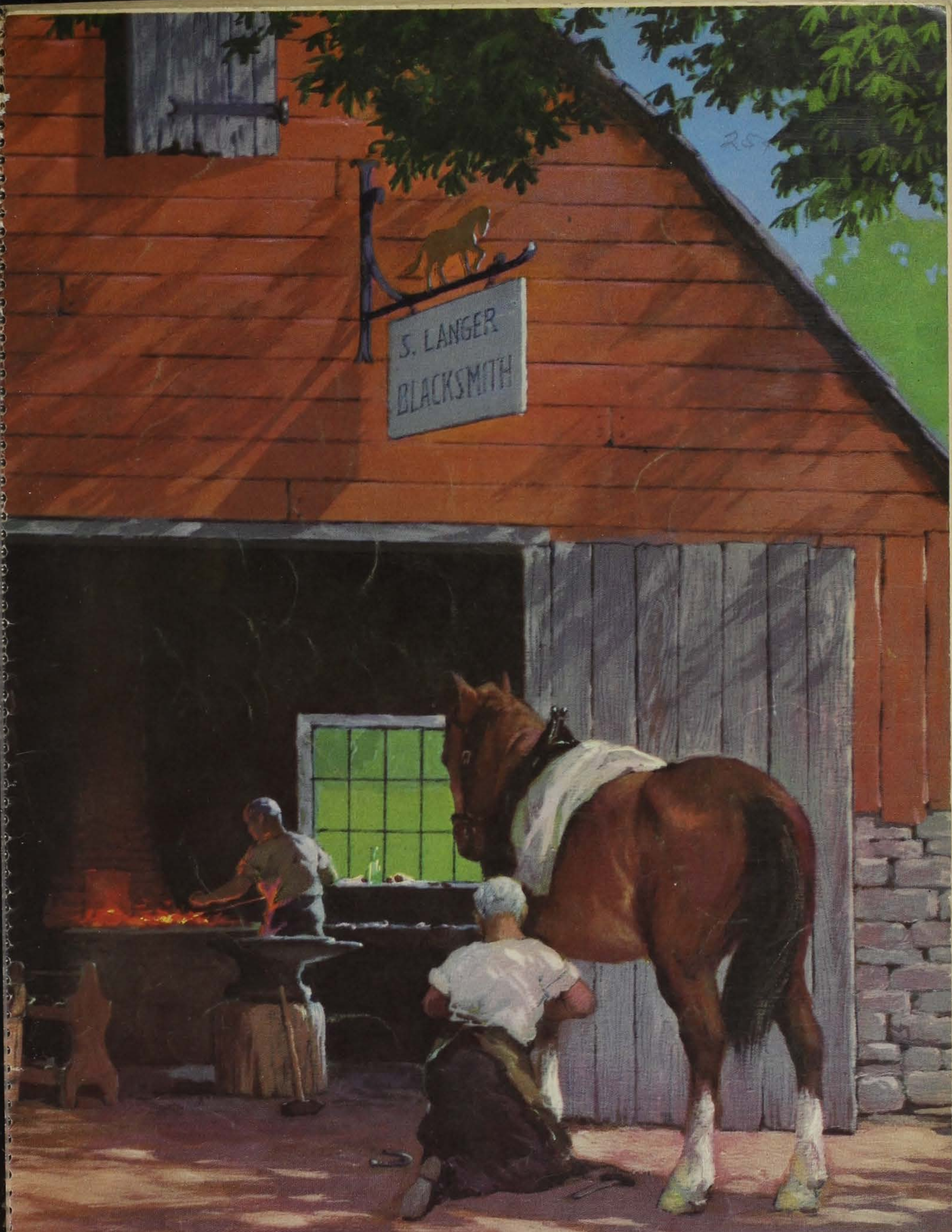




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Patty Gray Is Winner In Regional Queen Contest



Patty Gray, left, is pictured just having been named one of the two Clarke county district Queens of Conservation. Monday night Miss Gray won the coveted Regional Queen of Conservation title in competition at Albia. She will represent Clarke county and the region at the State conservation field day at Guthrie Center August 15. Linda Gonseth, who shared honors with Miss Gray in Osceola, is pictured at her right.

County Girls Set Record

Patty Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray of Osceola continued the Clarke Conservation district's record of winning Conservation queens at the regional Queen contest in Albia Monday night.

Miss Gray was named Queen over a field of 14 from 11 county districts. She received a wrist watch from the region, and the honor of competing for the title of State Queen of Conservation at the annual field day to be held near Guthrie Center Sept. 16.

This is the third year that the Clarke district has won regional honors in the contest. In 1958 Judith Blakely took first honors in the region, and in 1959 Peggy Fenn was named Regional Queen. The title of the contest for these two years was "Queen of the Furrows."

Competition for Iowa Queen of Conservation will take place at the annual Plowman's banquet in Guthrie Center Monday night, August 15. The new Queen will be named at that time to reign until the 1961 Conservation field day.

Linda Gonseth was picked with Miss Gray at the July 4th elimination contest in Osceola. She was named a runnerup in the Albia contest.

Miss Gray is active in 4-H work and is secretary of the Osceola Atomettes 4-H club. She lives with her parents and brother, Gary, 17, on the 280-acre family farm 1 1/2 miles southeast of Osceola.

Other candidates in the July 4th Osceola contest were: Bonnie Gibson, Sue Smith, Wanda Thompson, Barbara Garner, Linda Ramsey, Mildred Osgood, Nancy Schultz, Rose Edgington, Reba Hendrickson, Arlene Gross and Donna Sheesley.

3 FARMERS WINNERS IN SOIL CONTEST

Bowlsby, Jefferson and Milligan, Millsap Given Top Ratings By Contest Judges in County

Addison Bowlsby, M. I. Jefferson and Earl Milligan, and Marion Millsap have been chosen to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the three divisions of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program, according to Adrian Fuller, chairman of the district commissioners.

The winning farms were selected by a committee consisting of Adrian Fuller, Doyce Miller and Harold Brim, district commissioners; Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist and Steve Evans, county extension director. The committee visited the farms and reviewed the records of accomplishment on each.

Addison Bowlsby, a long time conservation farmer, operates his 300 acre farm in Ward township and, in addition, operates 130 acres of land owned by his mother, Mrs. C. A. Bowlsby.

He was chosen in Division No. 1 which recognizes the farm on which the cooperators has accomplished the most complete conservation program as determined by the land use program and soil conservation practices adopted.

There is an excellent land use and crop rotation program on this farm. All of the cropland and the upland, open pasture areas have been limed. Phosphate fertilizer is used with all new seedings. For corn, nitrogen is plowed under and a complete fertilizer is added with planter attachment.

Other practices include standard terraces, contour farming, a diversion terrace, grassed waterways, a farm pond, pasture renovation and establishment of permanent meadows.

Earl Milligan and his landlord, M. I. Jefferson of Des Moines, were the winners in Division No. II which is open to tenant operated farms on which the best conservation programs have been established and maintained by the joint effort of the landlord and tenant.

The conservation plan for this farm of 480 acres in Fremont township was developed in 1957. Jefferson and Milligan have done an excellent job of applying and maintaining conservation practices in cooperation with the soil conservation district.

Outstanding on this farm are pasture renovation and establishment of permanent hayland to provide adequate forage for beef cattle which is the main enterprise. Other practices include contour farming, standard terraces, grassed waterways and farm ponds.

Marion Millsap, who owns and operates a 720 acre farm in Madison township, was named the winner in Division No. III. This division is open to any farmer who became a new soil conservation district cooperator during the year 1958 or later.

Millsap is a firm believer in mulch tillage, using a chisel plow instead of the conventional moldboard plow for all seedbed preparation. He has also built one and one-half miles of standard terraces with his own equipment. Other practices include contour farming, grassed waterways, diversions, farm ponds, brush control and establishment of permanent hayland. He plans to do more terracing, to start renovating permanent pastures and to build a large erosion control dam.

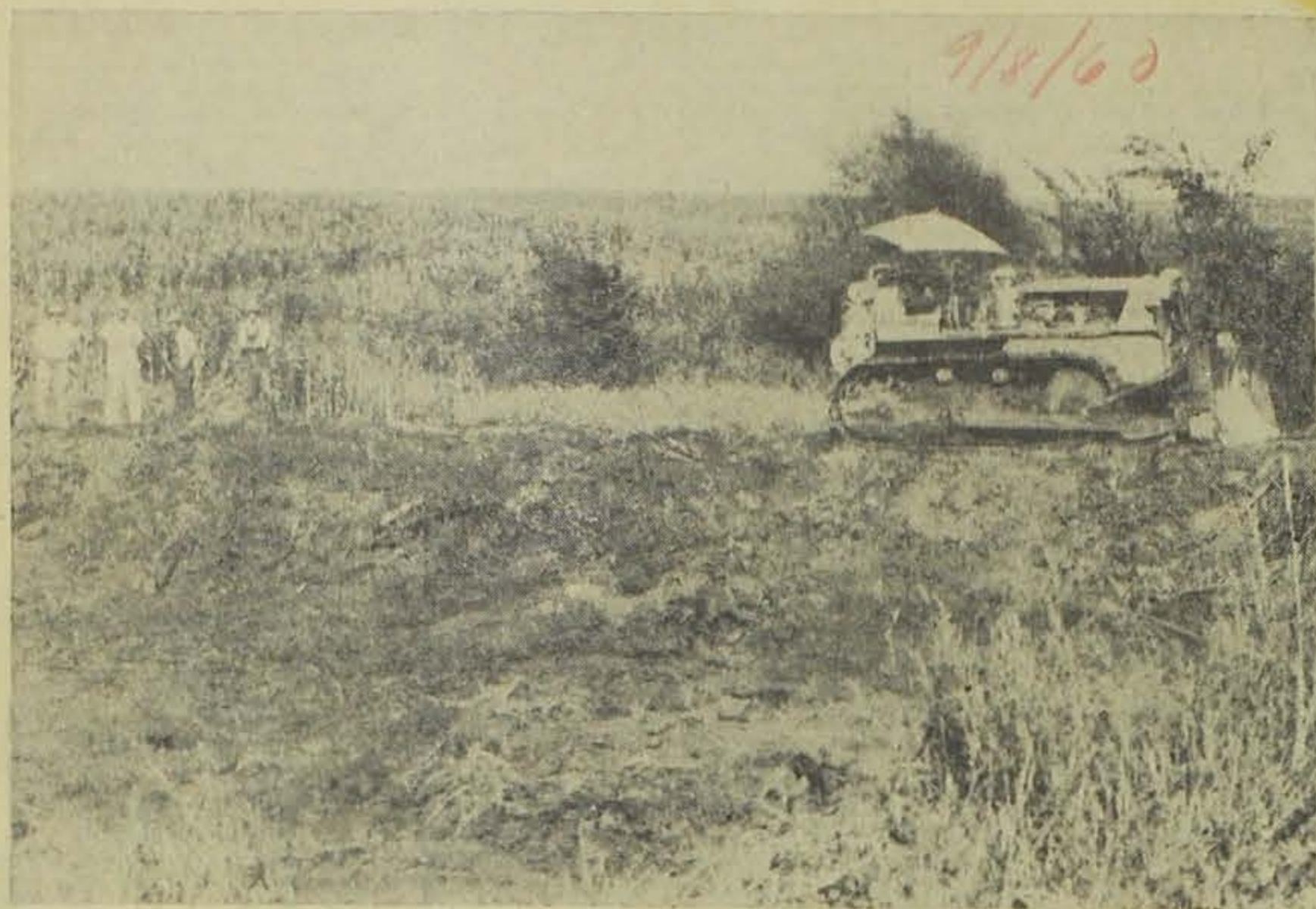
Most of the practices underway on all the winning farms have been installed with federal cost-sharing assistance provided through the Clarke county ASC committee.

The Clarke district entries will compete with winning farmers in the nine other districts which along with Clarke comprise Region No. 6. These are Madison, Warren, Mahaska, Marion, Lucas, Monroe, Appanoose, Wayne and Decatur counties.

Winners in the nine regions in Iowa will be determined by Aug. 13, and the State judging committee will select state winners by August 25. Awards to regions and state winners will be made at the annual conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Davenport, on September 20, 1960. Sweepstakes winner in the state will receive a \$500 U. S. savings bond.

Wayne and Decatur counties.

County's First Joint Soil Project



Workmen and supervisors are shown inspecting the start of the first cooperative erosion control project in Clarke county in which the county highway department, the Soil Conservation District and Kenneth Winters, land owner in Troy township, are participating. The project involves raising the county road four feet to provide for a 30-inch culvert to halt serious erosion affecting both the Winters fields and the roadway.

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Winters Farm, Road Aided By Joint Plan

Clarke county's first such three-way cooperative soil conservation project is underway this week on the Kenneth Winters farm in Troy township with the county, the Soil Conservation District and the land owner participating in the improvement plan.

The new project is a cooperative soil erosion and county highway improvement job along the east side of the Winters farm, according to Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation District. Winters is a soil district cooperative with other conservation projects on his farm.

A 30-inch culvert with hooded inlet is being installed across the section of the county road now under reconstruction. It is designed to discharge the runoff water from 17 acres of land in the southeast part of the Winters farm and to protect the county road.

The roadway is being raised four feet and the culvert inlet will be high enough to control the gully which was working back into the Winters field through erosion progress, Anderson explained.

Winters furnished the culvert with a cost-sharing contract from the Clarke County ASC Committee.

The earth work for the neces-

sary road fill over the culvert is being done by the Clarke county highway crews.

Technicians of the Soil Conservation District staff cooperated with the county engineer's staff in making surveys, designing the structure and supervising construction.

New Virginia, St. Charles...

Two Neighboring Towns Up In Census

Two communities in the Osceola area managed to show an increase in population in the unofficial 1960 census. They are New Virginia with 381, up 39 from 342 in 1950 and St. Charles 350, up 31 from 319 in 1950.

St. Charles' new population figure is the only community with more population than reported in 1940 as it shows a growth of 19, from 331 in the 20 year period.

Both of the growing communities probably owe their unusual success in a year that has seen every other community in the area indicate fewer people in 1960 to the impact of the new Interstate 35 which runs close to the towns. Osceola Chamber officials today pointed out that apparently the towns along the interstate are growing, and that Osceola, which suffered a decrease of 91, from 3422 to 3331 in 1960, may well expect a reversal of this trend during the next census period.

Truro, also located near the Interstate, completed the census with 18 fewer residents than in 1950 as its official population dropped from 354 to 336. This reversed a previous trend when the 1950 census showed a growth of one over the 1940 count.

All other communities in the area reported a census count that corresponds with the general declining population of the area. The figures for these communities follow:

Town	1940	1950	1960
New Virginia	410	342	381
St. Charles	331	319	350
Truro	353	354	336
Weldon	250	229	203
Peru	267	204	175
Thayer	157	152	108
Grand River	374	350	203
Lorimor	614	505	453
Garden Grove	558	417	333
Van Wert	383	318	249
Afton	987	936	771

All of the communities that showed a drop in population in the 1960 census were declining at about the same rate as between 1940 and 1950 with the

notable exception of Afton and Grand River where the decline was much greater than previously. Afton, the past county seat of Union county, dropped a total of 165 from its census rolls to lead all communities in the area in decline. Grand River also lost over 100. Its count indicated 147 fewer in 1960 than in 1950.

The census figures for Clarke

county as reported last week follow:

Area	1940	1950	1960
Osceola	3422	3422	3331
Murray	87	767	605
Woodburn	14	255	200
Hopeville	8		
Rural	508	4825	4042
Total	10,783	9669	8379

(*) Became unincorporated after 1940.

Patty Gray Competes For Title

Steve Evans To Judge Plowing

9-13-60



Another attraction for Clarke county residents to the state plowing match at Guthrie Center came today with the announcement that Steve Evans, Clarke county extension director, is to be one of the judges of the level land division of the contest. The state-wide event will be held all day, Friday, Sept. 16.

Thus there is triple interest in the day for a large segment of the county population; the address by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon; the competition of Patty Gray of this county for state conservation queen and now Evans' part in the selecting of the plowing champion.

An eight-county caravan of Republicans, being arranged to attend the plowing match and hear the vice-president, is creating much interest in Clarke county. Sen. J. Louis Fisher said this morning. He was unable to estimate how many cars from here would join those from Decatur, Wayne and Lucas counties at 10:00 a.m. Cars will assemble at the southeast corner of the square and then drive to Creston where cars from Ringgold, Taylor, Adams and Union will be assembled. After lunch at 11 o'clock, the caravan will go north to Guthrie Center, arriving there in time for the Nixon address at 2:00 o'clock.

Persons wishing rides with the caravan are asked to telephone Fisher as soon as possible so they may be assigned to cars that are going.

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Patty Gray, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray, who farm south east of Osceola, will compete with "Conservation Queens" from throughout Iowa for the title of State Queen of Conservation Thursday at Guthrie Center. The 1960 Queen will be named at the Plowman's banquet Thursday night, and will reign over the plowing match at Guthrie Center Friday. If Miss Gray wins Thursday she will also be an honored guest during the visit of Republican Presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon during the afternoon. A Clarke Community High School junior, Miss Gray is active in 4-H work and is secretary of the Osceola Atomettes 4-H club. She lives with her parents and brother, Gary, on the 280-acre family farm. Miss Gray was named Clarke county queen of conservation during the July 4th celebration and was named Queen of the 11 county district at Albia, August 1. The Queen contest is sponsored by the Soil conservation district and a commercial elevator firm.



Miss Joyce Sandell, 16, of Webster county shared the spotlight with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, his wife Pat, and the two state plowing match winners, Robert Barrow and Francis Wiley at Guthrie Center Friday. Miss Patty Gray of Osceola was eliminated from the queen contest Thursday night by a very narrow

margin, according to the judges. Although only one place is given in the contest, the judges said that Miss Gray was the "number two candidate." This picture was taken following the major farm address given by Nixon before a large farm audience in a natural amphitheater near Guthrie Center.—Osceola Tribune News Photo.

Patty Gray Scores High In State Queen Contest

Six carloads of Clarke county residents were included in a caravan of Republicans from this part of the state that heard vice-president Richard Nixon present a six-point "operation consume" farm program at the Guthrie

Center plowing match Friday afternoon.

Those attending from Clarke county were State Senator and Mrs. J. Louis Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Willits, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rutherford, Charles Gardner, Sheriff K. W. Likes, County Attorney James Cothorn, County GOP Chairman Brad Benson, Fred Harlan, Mrs. Oral Brown, Mrs. Mamie Schaffer, Burt Paul, State Representative Cecil Lutz, Board of Supervisor candidate Ed Selsor, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Abbott.

In addition to those who were in the 30 car caravan to Guthrie Center a number of Clarke county people were already at the match for the other activities. Steve Evans, county extension director, was active as a judge of the level-land plowing, and Harold Anderson, county soil conservationist, was in attendance in an official capacity.

Nixon told the audience at the plowing match that the present farm surplus problem is primarily a result of the government's efforts to increase production

during the two wars, and that it is the government's responsibility to spend what it takes to remedy the problem. In his speech he outlined a four-point program to reduce the \$9 billion crop surplus as one of the answers to the farm problem.

Calling his plan "operation consume," Nixon explained that although his plan will add more cost to the present program, he is convinced that the government must take steps to remedy the present situation, not to continue it.

Colgan Is New Soil Director

New Conservation District Director In Charge Of Area

Joe M. Colgan, former area conservationist with the Soil Conservation at Spencer has been transferred to Chariton, recently to fill the vacancy created by the death of E. E. Smith.

Chariton is the headquarters for Area No. 10 which includes eight work units of the Soil Conservation Service. These work units are located in the following Soil Conservation Districts; Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Marion, Mahaska, Appanoose, Wayne and Decatur.

Colgan, a native of Adams county, graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agronomy. He started soil conservation work at the CCC Camp at Sigourney in 1934. Following this he served as an agronomist at Marion, Greenfield, Shenandoah, and Carroll. He was in charge of the first soil and water conservation work at Spirit Lake.

Anderson Urges Soil Work Now

"This is an ideal time to build standard terraces on sloping fields which farmers intend to use for row crops next year," Harold Anderson said today.

Anderson, work unit conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, stated further that meadows scheduled for corn or soybean planting next spring lend themselves especially well to terrace construction now.

Working conditions in the upland fields are excellent since the rain came recently. In many of the meadow fields, grassed waterways necessary for terrace outlets have already been established.

After a slow start because of extremely wet weather in the spring, farmers have been installing permanent type soil conservation practices during the summer and fall. These practices included standard and diversion terraces, sod waterways, open drainage ditches, tilling, farm ponds and erosion control dams, Anderson explained.

Cost-sharing assistance for earthwork practices is available at the Clarke County ASC Office.

SCS technicians assigned to the Clarke County Soil Conservation District will lay out and check the work.

Several jobs of various kinds are underway, Anderson stated, and will continue until the ground freezes.

FARMERS TO BE HOSTS TO BUSINESS MEN

12-8-60
Soil Conservation Awards On
Program For Events To Be
Held Wednesday Evening
In 4-H Building

Business men will be guests of farmers at the annual Farmer-Businessman dinner and program to be held at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds in Osceola under the auspices of the Clarke County Farm Bureau unit.

Presentation of award certificates to three farm operators in Clarke county for soil conservation work, a guest speaker and musical numbers will highlight the program for the evening.

Richard Carson, president of the Clarke county Farm Bureau organization, will preside at the event to which farmers will invite their businessmen friends.

The farmers to be presented with award certificates as local winners in last summer's Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement program will be:

Addison Bowlsby of Ward township, winner in Division 1 in the county for having accomplished the most complete conservation program through the land use and conservation practices.

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Marion Millsap of Madison township as winner in Division 3 for outstanding conservation achievement by a first-year soil conservation cooperator.

The guest speaker for the dinner program has not yet been announced but he will be an outstanding agricultural figure, the Farm Bureau officers said.

All farmers interested in securing tickets for the event are to contact the Farm Bureau office in Osceola. Tickets should be purchased by Monday, Dec. 12, so that plans for the dinner may be completed, the Farm Bureau committee said.

Farmers, Business Men To Have Annual Dinner

12-13-60
Roger Sandage, Extension Service supervisor for southwest Iowa, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner for business men and farmers to be held at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds in Osceola under the auspices of the Clarke County Farm Bureau.

Business men from over the county will be guests of farmer friends at the dinner for which an outstanding program has been arranged.

In addition to the guest speaker, the program will include the presentation of award certificates to the operators of three Clarke county farms for achievements in soil conservation programs, and musical entertainment.

"Rural-Urban Relationship" will be the subject of the principal address by Sandage, who has an outstanding record with the Iowa Extension Service. He indicated to the committee that his talk on that subject would

deal largely with what is to be expected in the future development of Iowa.

A native of Lamoni, Sandage has had considerable practical experience in rural-urban problems of this section of the state since he worked as Extension director and as vocational agricultural instructor in southwest Iowa before taking over his present position with the Extension Service.

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Evans Addresses PTA On Civil Defense Protection

12-13-60
Steve Evans, assisted by Harold Anderson, gave a presentation on the need for civil defense at the last PTA meeting held the evening of Nov. 28. Mr. Evans showed slides illustrating the effects of bombs and fallout.

He stated that the maximum protection for a shelter would be steel, 4 inches thick; concrete, 24 inches thick; wood, 36 inches thick; or dirt, 36 inches thick. A flat-roofed building with the roof flooded with water also provides adequate protection.

He further explained that if Air Base in Omaha were bombed, Osceola would be right in line for the fallout as it travels in an easterly course. It would take approximately three hours for it to reach us. What would we do in those three hours? Our water supply would be contaminated. Would the residents of the community be able to live on the supply of water in the tower?

The Osceola Post Office has been designated as a substitute office for the Des Moines mail if Iowa's capital were ever bombed. The evacuated Des Moines residents are to come to Osceola. Could our citizens handle such a situation?

If a farmer were affected by fallout he would be safe outside of the shelter for only fifteen minutes a day for the first week. After that he could gradually increase the time periods outside.

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erson are willing to present this material to any group which requests it.

Preceding the meeting Linda DeLong played several piano selections. Mr. Gerald Andrew also spoke on the "How's and Whys" of vocal music.

At the business meeting preceding the talks, the PTA voted to donate five dollars to the drive for retarded children.

Mr. Marvin Paul is president of the high school PTA.

Soil Conservation In County Made Major Progress In '60

1-12-61

"In spite of adverse weather conditions, the Clarke County Soil Conservation District has made good progress in soil and water conservation this past year," Adrian Fuller, chairman of the District commissioners, stated in discussing the program and accomplishments.

"The District works with all farmers interested in conservation and with agencies, groups and organizations on problems of mutual interest," he said.

A review of the records indicates that while heavy rains delayed earth work normally done in the spring, more favorable weather during the summer and fall made it possible to "catch up" to some extent the latter part of the year.

"A complete list of all accomplishments will be included in

the district annual report soon to be released," Fuller said.

"Several farmers were particularly interested in drainage work, and in diversion terraces to protect bottomland from excessive run off from sloping upland," according to Harold Anderson of the Soil Conservation Service.

"Nearly three miles of open drainage ditches and over five miles of diversions were constructed," Anderson continued. "This is three times as much drainage work as was completed in any previous year."

The interest in protection and improvement of the bottomlands is understandable since many farmers depend to a great extent on these areas for production of row crops. Thus more of the rolling upland can be kept in meadow crops.

The complete soil and water conservation plans which farmers work out in cooperation with the District involve many technical phases—water disposal, soils, crops, wildlife and woodland management. The phases which apply in each case are included in each individual plan.

Through the 1961 Agricultural Conservation Program, administered here by the Clarke County ASC committee, the federal government will share with farmers the cost of carrying out approved soil and water conservation practices.

The Soil Conservation Service is responsible for laying out and checking some of the cost shared practices on all farms in the county. These practices are tree and shrub planting for prevention of wind and water erosion, constructing ponds, waterways

and terrace outlets, standard terraces, diversion terraces, erosion control dams, permanent open farm drainage ditches on cropland, tile drainage and shaping or grading level land to permit effective surface drainage, Anderson said.

Many farmers, who do not have complete farm plans, after using one or more of the cost-shared practices, decide to become district cooperators and thus become eligible for assistance in developing the complete farm plan.

One of the most effective practices for controlling erosion on cropland is the standard terrace. In its work plan for the new year, the local District is placing special emphasis on this important practice and is encouraging farmers to build standard terraces in 1961 where possible.



Soil Report

The commissioners and assistant commissioners of the Clarke County Soil conservation district this week released their annual report of progress for 1960. The report, which covers the complete back page of the second section of this issue, gives a detailed breakdown of financial activities and conservation progress in the county during the year. Pictured are Assistant Commissioners Russel Brierly and Jesse Burgus, standing, and Commissioner Harold Brim and

Chairman Adrian Fuller, from left seated. Commissioner Doyce Miller could not be present when this picture was taken. A highlight of the report in this issue is a map indicating the watershed areas in Clarke county. The map clearly shows the unique position of Clarke county with almost all of its area in head waters of districts. Only three small areas on the edges of the county have water flowing through them which heads outside of the county.

Spry To Speak During Soil District Election

Election of a commissioner to serve the Clarke County Soil Conservation District and talks by Iowa's secretary of agriculture and other distinguished guests will highlight the county-wide open meeting to be held on Monday evening, March 6, at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds, according to Adrian Fuller, chairman.

Fuller's six-year term as

commissioner expires this spring and he is a candidate for re-election.

Other candidates are Voy Wright of Franklin township and James Baird of Troy township.

All of the candidates are operating their farms under basic soil conservation plans which they have developed in cooperation with the soil district.

Voting for the commissioner will be from 7 to 9 p. m. that evening. Official notice of the election appears in this issue of the Osceola Sentinel.

Owners and operators of farm land in the county are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots for the election may be obtained from the county auditor.

In conjunction with the election a district-wide information meeting on current conservation activities and agricultural problems will be held during the evening.

Clyde Spry, Iowa secretary of agriculture, and William Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee, both of Des Moines, will speak. There will be a discussion period after the speakers' program.

Clarke county's legislators, State Senator J. Louis Fisher and State Representative Cecil Lutz, have been extended special invitations to attend and participate in the meeting.

All land owners and operators and their wives and families are invited to attend and free refreshments will be served, Fuller said.

Truro

Karl Denly, son of Mrs. Hilda Denly, has joined the U. S. Army Reserves and will take his basic training in the near future.

Mrs. Sammy Porter spent last weekend at the Clarke county hospital, receiving medical aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Denly were weekend guests of his sister, Mrs. Ada Nelson in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Umsted were Sunday guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orwan in Lorimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hart and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. Eloise Hart.

Mrs. Neil Wilkinson taught for Mrs. Ethel Picken Thursday and Friday, while Mrs. Picken was in Omaha.

Mrs. James Young and children of Bedford were calling on Truro friends Wednesday. On Saturday Mr. Young as a Truro business caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lamm were Sunday guests at the Lou Beence home in Des Moines.

Milford and Phil Hosander of Norwalk were transacting business in Truro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taube and daughter of Des Moines were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kale and Boyd and Miss Julia Guschelbauer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Shady, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Armstrong and Debbie of Portland, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Warren and sons were Monday guests at the parental E. K. Lathrum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McLeod, Terry and Rusty of Bedford were overnight guests at the parental Jay Roberts home, Wednesday.

Mrs. Blanche Myers taught for Mrs. Leo Dick, Thursday.

Mrs. George Creger and children of Winterset are spending this week at the M. S. Creger home while Mr. Creger is in Ames attending school for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dutton, Mike and Kim, visited Mrs. Oscar Dutton in the Lutheran hospital in Des Moines Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lamm spent several days at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Lamm, near Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schaff in Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Frank and children of Winterset and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Frank spent Sunday afternoon in the Doyle Johnson home in Osceola.

spend the day at the Howard Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Porter and Murphy home. They were evening guests in the Dwight Hiatt home, and overnight guests of Mrs. Murphy, returning home Tuesday.

The girls 4-H meeting was postponed from last Saturday to Feb. 25. Barbara Brant and Mary Rockey will be hostesses at the Brant home.

Word has been received here that Emmittie Franks of Murray underwent facial surgery at the University hospital in Iowa City, Wednesday. Mr. Franks was a former Truro resident.

Duane Woods, who joined the U. S. Army Reserves in January, left Saturday for Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to take his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lowden visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Faust in Mt. Airy, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson of Spring Hill visited Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dytton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reed, Johnnie and Terri of Des Moines were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dick and Mickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nelson are the parents of a son, James Lee, who arrived Feb. 13 at the Madison county hospital in Winterset.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed, Jr., who vacationed three weeks in California, have returned. They visited in Mill Valley with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Reed and family, and at Arcadia with the Robert Banker family. Enroute home they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lincoln and son in Stinnett, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Sheldon and family of Des Moines and Miss Millie Bryan were guests at the True Sheldon home Sunday.

Mrs. Deanna Boden and Tommy of Des Moines and Mrs. Wayne Breeding spent Tuesday with Mrs. Bob Armstrong at the E. K. Lathrum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sheldon and family of Winterset and Mr. and Mrs. True Sheldon spent Saturday evening at the Duane Caskey home near Indianola, helping Mrs. Caskey celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorman and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brant attended the Home Show in Des Moines Sunday.

A/2c Boyd L. Kale left Monday for Randolph Air Force Base after spending two weeks at the parental W. W. Kale home.

Mrs. Harry Reed, Mrs. Herbert Reed and Mrs. Eileen Holmes of Winterset, Mrs. Fred Reed, Jr., Mrs. Neil Wilkinson, Mrs. Bill

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lane.

The Scout Mothers prepared and served a Father and Son banquet at the Christian church last Friday evening. L. E. Freeman, presiding as toastmaster, presented the speaker, Bill Saltee, professional Scoutmaster from Indianola. Songs were by the Cub Scouts, Explorer and Boy Scouts. The Den Mothers were each presented with a rose. In spite of the bad weather, 108 were present.

Youth Fellowship met at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Sandra Schammerhorn and Frances Lockhart gave the lesson on "Problems of Teen Age Marriages." Then Kenneth Williams, industrial art teacher of New Virginia, gave a chalk talk drawing on "As you sow, so shall you reap," which was very interesting to all present. There were 25 youths, four leaders and nine guests present.

The woman's Society of the Methodist church were guests of the Woman's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian church Wednesday afternoon. Devotions were led by Mrs. Harold Patterson, assisted by Mrs. Robert Phillips. The lesson, "Into All the World Together," was presented by Mrs. John Burt. "The Household of Faith," a colored film on foreign missions, was shown. Decorations for the tea table were patriotic colors and a cherry tree. Mrs. Miles Husted and Mrs. Irba Kale presided at the tea table. Hostesses were Mrs. Mary Fenimore, Mrs. Wayne Smith and Mrs. Robert Phillips. Forty ladies were present.

At the Pack meeting at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, Den 2 gave information on South America from a large detailed map. Dens 2 and 3 had a display table showing bongo drums and maps of South America. Those receiving awards were Larry Simmons, Bear badge; 1 gold arrow point and 2 silver arrow points, Mike Dutton, Wolf badge, 1 gold and 2 silver arrow points, Danny Gracey and Gary Lyton received Den Chief cords. Those receiving star awards were: Buddy Brant, Gary Kerns, Mickey Dick, David Stegeman, Ray Don Willis, Mike Dutton, Randy Johnson, Larry Simmons, Robert Lytton, and Darrel Bowlin.

Retires

Floyd E. Fetzter recently retired after working 44½ years in the Ladora post office. He used 18 cars during those 44 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lane.

The Scout Mothers prepared and served a Father and Son banquet at the Christian church last Friday evening. L. E. Freeman, presiding as toastmaster, presented the speaker, Bill Saltee, professional Scoutmaster from Indianola. Songs were by the Cub Scouts, Explorer and Boy Scouts. The Den Mothers were each presented with a rose. In spite of the bad weather, 108 were present.

Youth Fellowship met at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Sandra Schammerhorn and Frances Lockhart gave the lesson on "Problems of Teen Age Marriages." Then Kenneth Williams, industrial art teacher of New Virginia, gave a chalk talk drawing on "As you sow, so shall you reap," which was very interesting to all present. There were 25 youths, four leaders and nine guests present.

The woman's Society of the Methodist church were guests of the Woman's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian church Wednesday afternoon. Devotions were led by Mrs. Harold Patterson, assisted by Mrs. Robert Phillips. The lesson, "Into All the World Together," was presented by Mrs. John Burt. "The Household of Faith," a colored film on foreign missions, was shown. Decorations for the tea table were patriotic colors and a cherry tree. Mrs. Miles Husted and Mrs. Irba Kale presided at the tea table. Hostesses were Mrs. Mary Fenimore, Mrs. Wayne Smith and Mrs. Robert Phillips. Forty ladies were present.

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**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE OF IOWA
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF
COMMISSIONER**

For the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, embracing Lands Lying in the County of Clarke in the State of Iowa: 3/23/61

To all owners and/or operators of lands lying within the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, comprising the territory described as follows:

All land lying within the boundaries of Clarke County, Iowa exclusive of incorporated cities and towns.

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of March 1961 between the hours of 7 p. m. and 9 p. m. an election will be held for the election of a commissioner for the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

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

Polling places for the election are as follows:

**Clarke County 4-H Building
Osceola, Iowa**

Eligible voters residing within the district shall cast their ballots at one of the polling places. 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 Osceola, 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
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Soil Meet To Elect Commissioner Monday 3/2/61

Clyde Spry, Iowa's secretary of agriculture, and William Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee, will be the guest speakers on the program for the Clarke County Soil Conservation District election meeting to be held Monday evening, March 8, in Osceola.

The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds.

"It will be a meeting of general interest to all land owners and farm operators and their families and we anticipate a record attendance," Adrian Fuller, retiring chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation board of commissioners, said.

"Both of our distinguished speakers are deeply interested in soil conservation and all of the program's phases in Iowa and will bring us up to date on the state-wide plans for conservation activities," he added.

Another highlight of the evening will be the election of a soil conservation commissioner with three candidates on the ballot for the term now being served by Fuller. The polls will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock on the evening of the meeting. Official notice of the election appears in this issue of the Osceola Sentinel.

Candidates for the six-year term are James Baird of Troy township, Adrian Fuller of Knox township and Voy Wright of Franklin township.

Owners and operators of farm land in the county are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots for the election may be obtained from the county auditor.

There are three soil conservation commissioners in a district. These men serve as the governing body of the district. Those serving currently besides Fuller are Doyce Miller of Osceola township and Harold Brim of Fremont township.

The six year terms are staggered so that an election is held every two years.

Commissioners receive no compensation for their services but are paid expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties. Funds are available for this purpose from regular appropriations made by the State of Iowa.



William Greiner



Clyde Spry

Fuller Re-Elected To Soil District Board

Adrian Fuller of Knox township was re-elected to serve as a commissioner of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District for a second six-year term Monday evening as one of the highlights of a county-wide meeting held at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds.

Fuller is retiring chairman of the commissioners and that office will be filled by the commissioners at their regular meeting next month. Other candidates for commissioner were: James Baird of Troy and Voy Wright of Franklin township.

The election was part of the

program which was highlighted by talks from Clyde Spry, Iowa's secretary of agriculture, and William Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The speakers traced the development of the soil conservation districts in Iowa during the past 20 years and cited the outstanding state-wide accomplishments of Iowa farmers in getting conservation practices on the land through district programs, watershed activities and ACP assistance.

However, they both stressed that much remains to be done and called attention to the fact that soil erosion is still taking its annual toll and that thousands of acres of good farm land each year go into new highways and urban development so that there is an ever increasing need to conserve all possible land and water resources.

Fuller was master of ceremonies for the program which was opened with invocation by Rev. Gerald Deere, pastor of St. Bernard Catholic church. Karen and Phillip Evans provided musical entertainment with piano duet selections.



Soil Leaders After he was elected to his second six-year term as a commissioner of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, Adrian Fuller of Knox township, left, posed for this picture with two other Iowans who are leaders in soil and water conservation work. Clyde Spry, Iowa secretary of agriculture, shown in the center, and William Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee, were guest speakers at the election meeting held Monday evening in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

Honey Creek Tour To Be Wednesday

Public Invited To Inspect Lucas County Conservation Project

A tour of the Honey Creek Watershed in Lucas county will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 29, Adrian Fuller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners, announced today.

"Due to the widespread interest in watershed development, we have arranged to visit the Honey Creek area and see what can be accomplished when the people living in a watershed decide they wish to cooperate as a group in getting soil and water conservation on the land," Fuller said.

The tour has been planned especially for Grand Valley Watershed farmers by Eugene Foland, chairman of the Clarke Grand Valley committee and Gene O'Grady, chairman of the Decatur Grand Valley committee. However, all interested persons, townspeople as well as farmers are invited and urged to attend.

The group will meet at the Russell school on Wednesday and be ready to start the tour promptly at 1 p.m.

Soil Conservation Service personnel will be on hand to explain the various projects. There will be an opportunity also to talk with the people living on farms.

In addition to the 21 large drop inlet erosion control dams which have been installed by the federal government, the farmers in the area have limed and fertilized their land, are using adequate rotations, have established waterways and built several miles of terraces.

First Planning Of County Watershed At Hopeville

Clarke and Decatur Grand Valley Watershed Committees, which were organized in the spring of 1960, started farm conservation planning activity with a meeting held last Thursday evening in Hopeville in the Methodist church community room, according to Adrian Fuller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

The proposed Grand Valley watershed is a joint project sponsored by the Clarke and Decatur County Soil Conservation Districts. The common drainage area comprises approximately 5,000 acres with some 1900 acres in the southwest corner of Doyle township in Clarke county and the remainder in the northwest corner of Decatur county.

Members of the Clarke county committees are Eugene Foland, chairman, L. E. Adams, vice-chairman, Edward Selsor and Galen Benbow.

The Decatur county committee includes Eugene O'Grady, chairman, Floyd Grim, vice-chairman, Leonard Foland, Noel Stark and Wayne Burchett.

A new color movie entitled "Water Bill USA" was shown which points up the need for an adequate supply of good water and depicts the accomplishments of watershed development in an area previously beset with severe soil and water losses. The film was provided by the Iowa Southern Utilities Company.

Paul Beardsley, Decatur county ASC committeeman, brought the group up to date on the 1961 farm program. Harold Harper of Leon and Harold Anderson of Osceola, Soil Conservation work unit conservationists in Decatur and Clarke districts, presented basic information on soil formation and land classification.

Farmers attending the meeting were Edward Selsor, L. E. Adams, Gene O'Grady, Paul Beardsley, Noel Boles, Eugene Foland, Dalton McCutcheon, Dale Reasoner, Alden Ashby, LeRoy Peterson, L. C. Conwell, Ga-

len Benbow, Jesse Burgus and Adrian Fuller.

The Grand Valley farmers are planning to visit the completed Honey Creek Pilot Watershed southeast of Russell in the Lucas County Soil Conservation District on Wednesday, March 29. A second farm conservation planning meeting will be held in Hopeville early in April.

Iowa Soil Conservation Showing Steady Progress

More than 4,500 farmers became cooperators with their local Iowa soil conservation districts during 1960, according to an announcement today by Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist, for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. The statement was made in a review of conservation accomplishments in Iowa's 100 soil conservation districts. The 4,500 figure is an increase of two percent over last year.

The primary objective of farmers in becoming district cooperators is the development of complete plans of soil and water conservation on their farms and the application of soil conservation practices with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service. As of January 1, more than 70,000 Iowa farmers are now engaged in establishing soil and water conservation measures on their farms. Nearly 50,000 of these cooperators have already developed complete soil and water conservation plans; 3,600 of these plans were developed in 1960, according to Mendell.

Soil Conservation Service technicians provided technical services to 26,000 soil conservation district cooperators and 9,000 other farmers in 1960. More than 20,000 farmers applied one or more soil and water conservation practices. Following are some of the most significant of the conservation measures installed during the year.

Practices	Unit	1960
Conservation cropping Systems	Acres	475,000
Contour farming	Acres	147,000
Strip Cropping Systems	Acres	23,000
Grassland Renovation	Acres	15,000
Pasture Improvement	Acres	28,000
Farm Windbreaks	Acres	1,500
Tree Planting	Acres	1,800
Woodland Improvement	Acres	1,500
Wildlife Area Treatment	Acres	4,900
Erosion Control Structures	Number	720
Farm Drainage	Acres	55,000
Terraces	Miles	3,000
Grassed Waterways	Acres	4,400

Watershed Protection Program

Iowa is among the top ten states in the nation in the development of "watershed in action" projects, Mendell reported. An inventory of watershed needs show over 200 watershed areas having problems of erosion damage, flood control, and water management problems upon which project action is needed.

Within these watersheds, 4.8 million acres are in need of intensive treatment. Erosion damage reduction is needed on 1.6 million acres involving agricultural land on about 50,000 farms. Floodwater damage reduction is needed on 1.7 million acres and affects 32,000 farms. Intensive water management involving drainage and irrigation is needed on 3.5 million acres involving 21,000 farms.

To date, soil conservation districts and local farmer groups have submitted 49 applications to the State Soil Conservation Committee for assistance in planning and carrying out action programs of the type authorized by Public Law No. 566 commonly known as Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. Forty-one of these applications have been approved for investigation and planning assistance.

Soil Conservation Service watershed technicians have provided surveys, investigations, and studies on 38 of the watersheds authorized by the State Committee for planning assistance and work plan development, according to Mendell.

Watershed Projects

1. Projects completed — Harmony Creek in Harrison County Soil Conservation District; Simp-

son Creek in Fremont County Soil Conservation District.

2. Projects under construction — Rocky Branch Creek in Jefferson County Soil Conservation District; Crooked Creek in Audubon, Cass, and Guthrie County Soil Conservation Districts; Big Park, Crawford County Soil Conservation District; Mill-Picayune Watershed in Crawford, Harrison, and Shelby County Soil Conservation Districts; Badger Creek in Madison, Dallas, and Warren County Soil Conservation Districts; Hamburg in Fremont County Soil Conservation District.

3. Work plan development is under way on 10 watersheds covering 131,000 acres in 11 soil conservation districts.

4. Preliminary studies have been made on 21 watershed applications. These projects are awaiting technical assistance to obtain detailed work plans.

Soil Survey Program

In 1960 Soil Conservation Service scientists prepared detailed soil surveys on more than one million acres of agricultural land. Nearly 19 million acres of agricultural land now have modern up-to-date soil surveys.

Queen Contest Set For Osceola

Regional Queen Of Furrow
Event To Be Part Of Fair

Plans were announced this week to hold the Regional "Queen of Conservation" contest in conjunction with the Clarke county 4-H Achievement fair in Osceola Wednesday evening, August 16. The program will be part of the Osceola night festivities provided by the Osceola Chamber of Commerce.

The contest, sponsored jointly by the Soil Conservation Districts and the Iowa Grain Dealers Assn., will have girls from a 10 county South Central Iowa district competing for the honor of the title of Iowa Queen of Conservation at the Sept. 17 meeting of District Soil Conservation commissioners in Des Moines.

According to Steve Evans of the Clarke County Extension office and Harold Anderson, Clarke County Soil Conservationist, two girls will be selected from the region to compete in the state judging. A Clarke county girl has won the district judging for the last three years.

AG DEFENSE COUNCIL TO MEET FRIDAY

Heads of 4 County Agriculture
Services Will Study Local
Action During Nationwide
Defense Alert Friday

The four members of the Clarke County Emergency Defense Planning committee will meet in the FHA offices below the Post office Friday afternoon from 1 to 5, according to Committee chairman Harold Anderson.

The council is composed of Anderson, Charles Bacon, Steve Evans and Willis Leeson. According to Anderson the council is set up under orders from the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the National Civil Defence office. It is directly responsible to the state committee which is made up of the heads of the state departments which the four men represent in Clarke county.

Anderson says that the Friday meeting will be the first time the committee has met in Clark county and that they will spend most of the time studying materials now in the various offices. The group will also determine what their individual responsibilities will be in case of a national defense disaster.

The meeting is part of a nationwide alert to take place Friday, which will include activity by all radio stations over the Conelrad station system at 640 and 1240 on dials.

Anderson stated that while all citizens are urged to use the alert to test their own parts of the civil defense system, his committee will be developing a plan for immediate action in the community. Various parts of the local civil defense operation will be called on during the meeting, including the sheriff's office and doctors, according to Anderson.

ASC, in case of emergency. It set up the lines of succession to the chairmanship, naming Steve Evans as vice chairman and Willis Leeson as successor. If both the other men were unable to serve and Charles as next in line.

The committee then reviewed the program plans to be used by the county agriculture board and staff in any attack period—including its evaluation of the effects of determining food supplies, relation to requirements, and obtaining necessary non-food necessities.

An "attack" exercise for the "increased readiness" about 3 p. m. During the drill, Anderson said, the committee listened to the Civil Defense alert during which John F. Kennedy and General Norman T. Atwood as well as Civil Defense and state officials gave their information on Civil Defense.

Anderson said the committee will meet from time to time to call at the ASC office in order to continue its development of local plans for assuring the availability of essential food production and management. It will plan other activities, including pest and disease control and animals, radiological monitoring and rehabilitation of soils, etc., emergency rural fire protection, rural fire protection, rural fire protection and information.

County Group Joins In Nationwide Alert

Ag Emergency Planning Committee Tests Its Readiness

Clarke county's U. S. Department of Agriculture emergency planning committee took part in the nation-wide Conelrad alert Friday afternoon.

The USDA committee's part was to test development of its program for food production and management in case of emergency, Harold Anderson, committee chairman, said.

In addition to Anderson, members of the committee are Steve Evans of the extension service; Charles Bacon, representing the ASC committee and Willis Leeson of the FHA.

During the Friday alert the committee investigated the adequacy of its support office, the

Stewardship Week To Be Observed

Clarke county soil conservation district is again sponsoring local observance of Soil Stewardship week, May 7-14, according to Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation service.

For the past several years the Clarke Soil District and Clarke county churches as well as other soil conservation districts and churches all over the United States have observed this special week.

This year the district commissioners, Doyce Miller, Harold Brim and Adrian Fuller have made a soil stewardship booklet "The Reward of The Steward" available to the pastor or a lay leader of each church in the county.

The booklet is published by the National Association of Soil Conservation districts as a reminder to everyone of responsibility to God for the wise use and protection of His land for the benefit of all people.

Donald A. Williams, Administrator of the U. S. Soil Conservation service has prepared a special message entitled "Soil Stewardship — Everyone's Responsibility."

In it he says:

"Soil Stewardship week is an important time for people throughout America, both rural and urban, for it is a time for emphasizing the importance of soil in the lives of people everywhere.

"Soil Stewardship Week is a time for renewing awareness of man's responsibility to the land. It is not a reminder to the farmer or rancher alone, but a reminder to everyone who would put a spade to the soil. The

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For God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed

Feed-Grain Sign-Ups Start April 13 In Township Units

Large Crowds Attend Two County Meets

Clarke county farmers will have an opportunity to start signing contracts under the new federal emergency feed-grain program soon, according to Voy Wright, chairman of the Clarke county ASC committee.

Two sign-up dates have been arranged for this week for the farmers in half of the townships of the county on the following schedule:

Thursday, April 13, at the Murray fire station for farmers of Doyle, Troy and Madison townships.

Friday, April 14, at the Community hall in Woodburn for farmers in Liberty, Jackson and Franklin townships.

The sign-up meetings will all start at 8 a. m. and continue throughout the day and into the evening if necessary to take care of the farmers interested in the program, Wright said.

The sign-up meetings for the other six townships in the county will be announced later this week when details have been completed, the ASC office announced.

Township and county committeemen will attend each of the sign-up meetings to explain details of the program and to assist farmers in making their applications.

Meanwhile farmers may contact the ASC office in Osceola for any necessary details or an explanation of points they do not understand in the program, Wright said.

More than 60 farmers attended an explanation meeting on the feed-grain program Friday evening in Woodburn and over 100 were present for the Monday night meeting at Murray.

A third meeting in the series is to be held at 7:30 this Tuesday evening in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds at Osceola.

"The attendance at the first two meetings in the county showed keen interest among local farmers in the new program and we anticipate a large number of applications," Wright said.

contractor with his housing development, the engineer with his highway, the lumberman with his sawmill, and even the gardener with his plot of ground, share in the responsibility this week emphasizes. It is a week also of acquainting the city dweller with the role good land use plays in his life.

"Without a doubt, both rural and urban dwellers have an interest in the use of our natural resources, particularly the soil. This interest goes beyond the present use of our land. It must take into consideration the demands that will be placed on the land by future generations, and the obligation that man has to those who will follow him.

"After all, to whom does the land really belong? To you? To me? Isn't it a fact that it doesn't belong to any of us at all? Aren't we really just stewards of the land as well as everything we acquire in life?

"We come into the world with nothing and leave it the same way. For we return to the land from whence we came, and what we leave behind us we leave to those who come after us.

"That is why the care of the land becomes so important to us."

20 Acre Field Terraced By FFA



The members of the Clarke Community Future Farmers of America, with their sponsor Glenn Fear, and Clarke County Soil Conservationist Harold Anderson look on as Dennis Chaney, standing, and Darrell Mateer operate a whirlwind terracer on a 20 acre Vocational

Agriculture test plot directly west of the new Clarke Community high school. The terracer was furnished by Carl George, as almost all members of the club used their own farm equipment to build the terraces.

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More than 2,000 feet of major diversion terraces are being built by members of the Clarke Community High School Future Farmers of America on 20 acres of land directly north of the new high school. The land will be used by the Vocational Agriculture department for test planting when school opens in the new building this fall.

Voc. Ag. Instructor Glenn Fear stated this week that the 20 acre plot gives the Clarke Community school a teaching aid that is unknown in any school system he has seen. The students can leave their classroom in the separate Industrial Arts building west of the main school and be on the test land of laboratory experience in less than five minutes. Actually the class will be planting farm crops within about 100 yards of the classroom, experimenting with fertilizers, plant count, minimum tillage, and seed numbers.

The 20 acre plot, which is owned by the school district, all-

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Soil Stewardship Week Points Conservation Need

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Soil Stewardship week being observed in Clarke county churches this week, has grown to national proportions through leadership and efforts of the National Association of Soil Conservation districts and the advice and help of national church leaders. Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation district said this week.

Primary purpose of the association of soil districts is the conservation and development of land and water resources

through organized local efforts. "The city dweller will find it rewarding to become better acquainted during Soil Stewardship week with the role good land use plays in his life," said Anderson. "You can best grasp the meaning of: 'The Earth is the Lord's' by observing, as you drive through the country, the green meadows, hillsides protected by contouring, terracing, strip cropping and grassed waterways. You can also observe the wooded areas, the clear streams and highly productive crops.

"The farmers who are promoting good conservation are helping the city dweller to reap the harvest of the land in good but moderately priced groceries, in the clothes they wear and in the houses in which they live.

"The statement, 'The history of every nation is eventually written by the manner in which it cares for its soil,' brings home to each of us, whether we be farmer, business man, teacher, public employee, or in other occupation, the importance of soil and water conservation to our own well-being and to a secure future for the community, state, and the nation."

so gives ample training in soil conservation practices to the students. Fear states that slopes of 7 and 8 per cent are common on the land, with an added, and unknown problem created by the fast drainage off the huge roof area of the new school building.

This water problem will keep a continuing program of grassed waterways, terraces, strip cropping and contour planting. "Most of the problems associated with good farming in Clarke county will be encountered on this one plot," Fear stated, "making it ideal for laboratory work for the class."

The present construction of terraces on the land is being done with the cooperation of the Clarke County ASC office and the soil conservation district. Harold Anderson has aided in the laying out of the five terraces, and points out that two of the terraces are nearly ideal, as far as working is concerned, as they are parallel

At present Fear states that there are no plans to conduct feeding experiments on the plot, but that small outbuildings on the far west end of the land could give service for a feeding project in the future.

The school board purchased the 20 acres as part of the land to build the new school on, and its use as a Vocational Agriculture laboratory area was not foreseen at that time. However, Fear states that in his opinion, the location of the plot, and the type of land would be hard to equal if the school site had been chosen with the extra land in mind.

Addison Bowlsby In National Contest For Conservation Award ⁵⁻⁹⁻⁶¹

Addison Bowlsby, Ward Township farmer, has been named the Clarke County Soil Conservation District entry in an annual nation-wide awards program.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Clarke soil district is participating in the national contest. The contest period started on May 1, 1960 and closed on April 30, 1961.

In their regular monthly meeting held in April, district commissioners Doyce Miller, Harold Brim and Adrian Fuller, county extension director Steve Evans and work unit conservationist Harold Anderson completed a score sheet covering activities and accomplishments of the district in administration, conservation education, farm planning and application of conservation practices.

The commissioners selected Bowlsby as the district entry for being the outstanding conservation farmer for the contest period. Last summer Bowlsby was the Clarke district winner in one of the divisions in the Iowa Achievement Awards program for having accomplished the most complete conservation program

by his land use program and conservation practices established.

Clarke District will compete with other soil conservation districts in the southern half of Iowa. The state is divided geographically into two competing units in this contest.

Bowlsby will receive a certificate presented by the sponsor in recognition by his accomplishments regardless of how the district places in the contest.

The first place soil conservation district in each half of Iowa will be eligible to send one of its commissioners together with its outstanding farmer on an expense-free vacation trip to Litchfield Park, Arizona, later this year.

The score sheets for Iowa have been sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee and will be judged by a selected group of men who are leaders in the field of soil and water conservation.

Judge Named For Queen Contest ⁶⁻¹⁰⁻⁶¹

Keith Kirkpatrick, of the Radio WHO farm department, has been named master of ceremonies for the regional Queen of Conservation contest which will be a highlight of the Clarke County 4-H Fair on Aug. 16, according to Steve Evans, county extension director.

Local winners from 10 counties will come to Osceola to compete for the right to enter the state contest. Date of the Clarke county contest to select two candidates for the regional competition has not yet been definitely set.

The regional contest will be a feature of Osceola Night at the fair and will be jointly sponsored by the Clarke Soil District commissioners, Doyce Miller, chairman; the Osceola Chamber of Commerce, Noel Friday, president, and the 4-H Fair Board, Richard Ford, president.

Evans also reported that other plans are also well underway for the county fair to be held Aug. 15 through Aug. 18. All judges have been named.

County Plans Soil Week Observances ⁵⁻³⁰⁻⁶¹

Clarke county's plans for participating in the observance of Soil and Water Conservation Week to be observed throughout Iowa from June 11 to June 18 are well underway, according to Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation District.

He said that local plans for the week include stressing the benefits gained and the projects being planned by Clarke county farmers through the conservation program.

It will mark the state's 24th annual observance of conservation week. Prior to 1955, the word "water" was not included in the week's title.

The development of a complete conservation farm plan on each acre of every Iowa farm continues to be one of the leading objectives of Iowa's soil and water conservation program, says Frank H. Mendell, state conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service. The payoff in terms of conservation of soil and water comes through application of these plans — making needed land use adjustments and treating each acre according to its needs, Mendell adds.

Over the past 25 years over 53,000 of Iowa's 75,000 soil conservation district cooperators have formulated complete conservation farm plans. Over 12,000 of these cooperators have applied conservation practices and soil management needed to control erosion and conserve moisture. All 75,000 cooperators are in the process of carrying out some needed conservation work.

Mendell says, "The farmers of Iowa are to be congratulated for the care they are taking of their lands." SCS employees, state technicians and aids provide soil surveys and assist district cooperators in formulating and applying basic conservation plans, he points out. Since July 1959, SCS and state technicians and aids assisted over 9,000 new district cooperators. Of these 7,100 developed basic conservation plans. These same technicians provided follow-up assistance to over 9,800 cooperators with basic conservation plans. All assistance provided by the Soil Conservation Service is channeled through soil conservation districts to farmer-district cooperators.

In developing of the conservation plan, SCS recognizes that land varies from field to field and that it can be classified into eight major classes as to its capability for use, Mendell says. SCS developed the concept that each farm must be considered as a whole, and not planned or treated piecemeal.

The objective of technicians in assisting a farmer to develop a basic plan is the long-time best use of each acre, supplemented by the right combination of soil, water and management practices. In the majority of cases alternative treatments and practices are available to fit the type of farming operation desired by the farmer.

The basic conservation plan as developed by the farmer and the Soil Conservationist is the result of decisions by the farmer as to how he will use and treat his land. These recorded decisions state the use of the land and the soil conservation practice to be installed, including approximate time of installation and what portion of the farm, Mendell says.

Soil Week To Be Observed

Clarke District Joins In
Program To Emphasize
Conservation

Clarke county will join in the annual observance of Soil and Water Conservation Week in Iowa from June 11 to 18 by spotlighting the progress of conservation work in this district.

"We have a number of requests for engineering on erosion control dams, farm ponds requiring pipe spillways and surface drainage of bottom lands as major projects in our district," Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist for the Clarke Soil Conservation District, reported in outlining plans for the observance.

He said that the Clarke district would show an outstanding year in conservation advances if the weather is favorable. Several of the projects on this season's program were delayed last year by adverse weather.

Governor Norman A. Erbe has signed a proclamation designating the week and he expressed the desire that "All Iowans recognize this important work being carried on by the 100 soil conservation districts, not only during this special week, but throughout the year."

He further pointed out that all Iowans have a tremendous stake in this program. The future of our state and nation will depend on how well the soil resources are preserved, he said.

Soil and Water Conservation Week has been an annual observance in Iowa for more than 20 years. Each year it gives the public an opportunity to inspect some of the work being carried out in the soil conservation districts of the state.

June is an ideal time for the people of Iowa to drive through the countryside and view conservation practices. This is the season when Iowa "looks her best," Anderson said.

QUEENS TO BE NAMED ON JULY 4

Clarke County Farm Girls
Urged To Enter Contest
For Conservation Title;
Deadline June 24

Clarke county farm girls will compete for the 1961 Queen of Conservation title in Iowa by participating in a local contest to be held as a special feature of the Osceola Fourth of July celebration.

All eligible girls in Clarke county are invited to enter the local contest and they are urged to make their applications as early as possible before the deadline on Saturday, June 24, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the county soil conservation commissioners.

Entry blanks may be secured from the soil conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post office or the Extension Service office in the court house.

The local contest is open to single girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years. All contestants must live on farms in Clarke county.

The contestants will be judged on the basis of their personality, poise, intelligence and natural attractiveness.

Two girls will be selected during the July 4th evening program to represent Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest which will also be held in Osceola as a feature of the Clarke county 4-H Fair on Aug. 16.

The two local winners will each receive suitable prizes and will go on to compete with the girls from nine other counties in this region. The regional winner will receive a wrist watch and go into final state competition at the Annual Conference of Soil Conservation District commissioners to be held in Hotel Savery in Des Moines on September 17, 18 and 19.

The final winner will receive a wardrobe and will serve as the official hostess for the 1961 State Field Day and Plowing Match to be held near Marshalltown on September 22.

For three consecutive years the Clarke county candidates have won the regional contests to make an outstanding record for region No. 6 which includes the following counties: Clarke, Madison, Warren, Marion, Mahaska, Lucas, Monroe, Decatur, Wayne and Appanoose.

Winner in 1960 was Miss Patty Gray; in 1959 Miss Peggy Fenn and in 1958 Miss Judy Blakely.

Plans for the local contest are in charge of Soil Commissioners Miller and Harold Brim and Firemen Otis Keller, Harry Tompkins and George Squier. The firemen sponsor the July 4 celebration.

The Queen of Conservation contest is sponsored in Iowa by the Soil Conservation Districts and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa.

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About 100 Osceola men and women Wednesday night heard Robert Cannon of the Iowa Industrial Commission explain the work in locating new industry in an Iowa community. Cannon spoke to the group in the absence of Commission Chairman

Weldon

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson who were accompanied by Mrs. Evah Crawford and Mrs. Mamie Boor returned last Monday, June 5 from a trip through the Ozark mountains in Missouri and Arkansas.

Burris Howel of Story City spent Wednesday night in the Art Landis home.

Those visiting in the Paul Simmerman home Wednesday afternoon were Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Simmerman of Van Wert, Mrs. Jim Blunt and granddaughter Linda Decker, and Mrs. Flossie Ramsey from Van Wert who is staying a few days.

Mrs. Lizzie Roberts of Leon visited in the home of her son, Earl Roberts and wife, the past week.

The Wayne Exley family of Chariton were calling on friends in Weldon, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson was hostess to the KOZY club at a desert bridge Friday. Thirteen members were present. Gustine Richards won high score, Edna Meacham traveling prize, and Violet O'Hair third high. Next meeting with Ina Percy, June 23.

Mrs. Margaret Tomkins was a dinner guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Showers, Friday.

Dwight Adams was taken to the Clarke county hospital last Thursday morning. His condition is not so good. His son, Steve and wife from Des Moines are spending a few days in the Adams home.

Mrs. Dora Lockwood spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Showers.

Mrs. Belle Wallace returned Thursday afternoon from the Clarke county hospital where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Jamison attended the funeral of Mrs. W. H. Boyce in Des Moines Friday morning. Burial was in the Van Wert cemetery in the afternoon.

Mrs. Neva Jamison and daughter, Rilma, and Mrs. Elsie Crabb of Osceola attended the Ellen Bell dance review in Indianola Friday evening. Mrs. Jamison's and Mrs. Crabb's grandchildren, Steve and Elaine Jamison, were participants in the review.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harold and Janice of Chariton were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCann.

Mr. and Mrs. Cager Collins spent Sunday with their son, Mardis and family in Truro.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Meacham attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Ira Carney of Columbus, Iowa. The program was held in the Belinda church just out of Columbia. Rev. Carney was pastor here in Weldon in 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Kline and grandson Bobby of Boyne Falls, Mich., visited in the parental Carl Kline home Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Nichols of Creston visited in the Lena Anders and Lina Anderson homes, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Claypool of Osceola, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Claypool of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Collins and family of Weldon, met at the Greenfield park for a family

are visiting in the parental Maurice Keeler home and the Buddy Hook home this week.

Irene Meacham was a dinner guest of her aunt, Grace Latimer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. O'Hair of Osceola were Sunday afternoon guests of Violet O'Hair.

Violet O'Hair was hostess to the U. D. club Wednesday afternoon. Eleven members and three guests, Leota Johnson, Diana Wade and Julia Cmelik, were present. Those winning prizes were Helen LaFollette, Milre Lewis, Julia Cmelik, Ina Percy and Leota Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Buck) Mason are the parents of a 6 lb. 10 oz baby girl born Monday, June 12 at the Decatur county hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Four Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McDowell of Marshalltown visited her sister, Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hembry, Betty and Freddie.

Mrs. Nora Low visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Parker and mother, Mrs. Lottie Black, and called on Mrs. Hattie Cherington.

Mrs. Blanche Patterson was a dinner guest Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teller and in the afternoon she attended Smile A While club with Wanda at Bernice Henrich's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hembry, Betty and Freddie spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bud Martley and children of Humeston. Bud had gone to get a load of machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. George Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Neff, Mrs. Orpha Richey, Mrs. Ruth Dunbar, and Mrs. Cleve Frey had a co-op supper Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shepherd, honoring Hazel's birthday which was June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Low and Terrie Linn spent Sunday with their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kembrey and daughter near Thayer.

Mrs. Blanche Patterson spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Teller.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Henrich spent Sunday with her brother and wife at Grand Junction, Ia.

Mrs. Connie Patterson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teller Saturday morning.

Monte Lane Mason spent from Friday until Sunday with his great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Low. Terrie Linn visited from Saturday until Monday afternoon. Judy Ann helped out at the store Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet McDowell and sons of Waterloo spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Teller.

Mrs. Sears Hays visited Nora Low Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Low visited Clifford Low at the Clarke county hospital, Fri. afternoon.

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Parade, Queen Contest, Stage Acts Set For 4th

3 County Girls Enter Local Contest For Queen

Three Clarke county farm girls have entered the local Queen of Conservation contest which will feature Osceola's July 4th celebration and several more contestants are expected before the June 28 deadline. Harold Anderson, of the local Soil Conservation District office, said this Thursday morning.

The first three contestants are: Susan Jane Leeka, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Leeka, of Washington township.

Dixie Lee Saddoris, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Saddoris, of Ward township.

Earlayne Kay Mateer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mateer, of Fremont township.

The deadline for entering the contest has been extended until 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, June 28, to give local girls every opportunity to enter, Anderson explained.

Application forms may be secured and filed at either the Soil Conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post office or the Extension Service office in the court house.

Contestants must be single Clarke county girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years and they must live on farms.

Pearl necklaces will be awarded to each of the two winners during the July 4th evening program on the stage in the court house park. The winners will also represent Clarke county in the nine-county regional contest to be held in Osceola, Aug. 16 as a feature of the 4-H Fair.

The local winners will be interviewed and judged before the July 4th audience on the basis of their personality, poise, intelligence and natural attractiveness.

"The Iowa Queen of Conservation contest is more than a beauty contest since the girls are judged as true representatives of Iowa's farm girls," Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners, pointed out.

Clarke county girls have won the regional title in competition with contestants from nine counties for the past three consecutive years.

The regional winner will be awarded a wrist watch and will advance to the finals of the state contest to be held next September in Des Moines.

The entire contest is sponsored by the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts and the Iowa Grain Dealers Association.

Foreign Students Study Soil Work

Iowa Conservation Unit Host
To 3 Netherlands Engineers

Three engineering students from the Netherlands arrived in Iowa this week to gain practical experience in soil and water conservation, according to an announcement by Frank Mendell, state conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. They are Pieter H. Groenevelt, Jan C. van der Laan, and William de Feijter.

Groenevelt and van der Laan will spend the next three months in the Woodbury County Soil Conservation District and de Feijter will be at Knoxville in the Marion County Soil Conservation District.

The students have completed four years of engineering training at the State Agriculture University at Washington, Holland, and will spend another year and a half to two years in college before receiving their degrees.

One of the requirements before graduation is six months practical experience in the field. The students receive credit for three months' experience while in Iowa, and will spend an equal period of time in field work in their home country in the summer of 1962.

While in Iowa, the students will spend part of their time on the farms of soil conservation district cooperators who are carrying out good conservation programs. The remaining time will be spent working with Soil Conservation Service personnel in planning and laying out conservation work.

Inventory Shows Iowa's Soil Needs For 1975

Iowans will have to step-up their conservation practices to protect their soil and water resources under the changed farming pattern of 1975.

Preliminary estimates of the state's almost completed conservation needs inventory indicate that in 14 years Iowa's landscape will be sporting 12-million more acres of "big money" row crops. About the same amount will be retired from pastures.

"This means we will have to increase the rate we apply conservation practices—if we expect to protect our soil and water resources under this intensified farming system," says Frank Schaller, extension agronomist at Iowa State University.

He says that after 3 years of development, the conservation inventory is now in final tabulation on a state-wide basis.

The inventory, he explains, is based on soil survey information collected on a systematic county-by-county basis.

Groups in each county used this information to calculate expected land-use shifts by 1975. They also made estimates of the conservation practices needed to protect the land under these conditions.

Cropland is expected to cover 27.1-million acres. Of this, 3.0-million acres will need no treatment, and 16.0-million acres will need and will be feasible to treat.

Pasture will drop 4.3-million acres. Three-million acres of this can and will need treatment.

The cropland treatment is

broken into 10.9 million acres needing erosion control, 4.4-million needing drainage or improvement of present systems and 0.6-million acres needing improved soil conditions.

Re-establishment will be needed on 0.8-million acres of pasture and 1.4-million acres will need cover improvement. Needing protection from overgrazing, erosion, rodents, and weeds and brush is an additional 2.5-million acres.

The survey estimates 1.6-million forest acres need treatment. Protection of 1-million acres from animals leads this list.

The magnitude of the problem is shown better on a county basis:

For example, estimates show Dubuque County farmers will need 189,000 acres of contour farming by 1975. Presently they have only 43,169 acres farmed on the contour. If they continue at their present rate of adding 3,313 acres per year, it will take them 44 years to complete the job.

According to the inventory, Webster county needs improved drainage on 192,644 acres for efficient crop production in 1975. With only 101,287 acres now adequately drained, the present rate of 903 acres improved per year means it will be 101 years before the job is complete.

Six Girls Enter Contest For Queen

Three more entries this week brought to six the number of Clarke county girls who are so far competing in the local Queen of Conservation contest which will be a feature of the July 4th celebration evening program.

Additional entries are expected before the deadline at 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, June 28, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation commissioners, sponsors of the local contest.

The three new entries include:

Barbara Blanchard, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Little of Madison township.

Rosalee Sklenar, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Sklenar of Knox township.

Rosemary Hunt, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hunt of Knox township.

The three entries announced last week included Susan Jane Leeka of Washington township, Dixie Lee Saddoris of Ward township, and Earlayne Kay Mateer of Fremont township.

The local girls will be interviewed on the band stand before the July 4th crowd that evening and judges will announce two winners who will represent Clarke county in the regional contest. The local winners will also receive pearl necklaces as gifts of the sponsors.

The queen contest will be a colorful highlight of the celebration program as the girls are judged on the basis of their per-

sonality, poise, intelligence and natural attractiveness.

The two winners of the local contest will compete with teams of winners from nine counties in the regional contest which will also be held in Osceola as a feature of the 4-H Fair on Aug. 16, Miller said.

The state-wide contest will be climaxed in Des Moines with finals in September to name the Iowa Queen of Conservation. The event is sponsored by soil district commissioners and the Iowa Farmers Grain Dealers Association.

10 Girls For Two Queens

Ten attractive Clarke county farm girls will make the task difficult for judges when they compete in the local Queen of Conservation contest to be held as a feature of the evening program for Osceola's July 4th celebration.

The four newest candidates to enter the contest before the Wednesday deadline were:

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County Queens

Attractiveness and intelligence will combine to make two Clarke county farm girls winners of the Queen of Conservation contest which will be a feature of the July 4th evening program in the court house park. Six of the 10 girls who will compete in the contest are, from left: Dixie Saddoris, Rosalee Sklenar, Susan Leeka,

Barbara Blanchard, Linda Eddy and Marna Touet. Four candidates unable to be present for the picture are: Earlayne Mateer, Rosemary Hunt, Betty George and Shirley Gonseth. The two local winners will receive pearl necklaces and go on to compete in the regional contest to be held Aug. 16 in Osceola with nine counties represented.

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Barbara Blanchard



Rosalee Sklenar

2 County Girls Named For Conservation Queen

Two 16-year-old Clarke county farm girls were named winners of the local Queen of Conservation contest as a feature of the Osceola July 4th celebration program. The two winners from the group of 10 candidates are:

Barbara Blanchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Little of Madison township.

Rosalee Sklenar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Sklenar of Knox township.

The two winners received pearl necklaces from Ward Reynoldson, master of ceremonies, as gifts of the Clarke Soil Conservation District commissioners, sponsors of the local contest.

They also won the right to represent Clarke county in competition with 18 girls from nine counties for the regional queen title during the regional contest to be held Aug. 16 in Osceola as a feature of the County 4-H Fair.

Clarke county's new queen candidates have an outstanding record to follow since local girls have won the regional contest for the last three consecutive years. Winners of the regional competition go on to the state contest to be held in Des Moines next September.

"We are proud of all 10 candidates in the contest and are confident that the two winners will be outstanding representatives of our district in any contest they enter," Doyce Miller, chairman of the soil

conservation commissioners, said.

Miss Blanchard is secretary of the Troyettes 4-H club and has been active in club work for the past three years. She has had homemaking exhibits at the Iowa State Fair. A junior at the Murray Community high school, Miss Blanchard plans to become a beautician.

Her parents farm northeast of Murray and have a soil and water conservation program underway on their land.

Miss Sklenar is a junior at the Clarke Community high school and plans to become a legal secretary. She has been a member of the Knox Clover Pals for two years and has been active in homemaking projects.

Several soil and water conservation practices are in operation on her parents' farm southwest of Osceola.

A large celebration crowd heard the queen candidates interviewed from the park stage before Reynoldson announced the decision of the judges. The master of ceremonies said that the judges had a difficult time in making the decisions because of the close competition.

Other candidates were: Linda Eddy, Marna Touet, Betty George, Shirley Gonseth, Susan Jane Leeka, Dixie Lee Saddoris, Earlayne Kay Mateer, and Rosamary Hunt.

Music for the event was furnished by Director Edmond Haggard and members of the Clarke Community high school band.

Sargent, Cozad, Feters, Schaffer.... 7-20-61

3 Farms Win Conservation Awards

Roland Sargent, Jacob Cozad and Kenneth Feters, and Harold Schaffer have been chosen to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the three divisions of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the district commissioners.

The winning farms were selected by a committee consisting of Doyce Miller, Harold Brim and Adrian Fuller, district commissioners; Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist and Steve Evans, county extension director. The committee visited the farms and reviewed the records of accomplishment on each.

Sargent, a long time conservation farmer, operates a 300 acre farm in Liberty township. He and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Sargent, own this farm which has been operated under a conservation plan for several years.

Sargent was chosen in Division No. 1 which recognizes the farm on which the cooperator has accomplished the most complete conservation program as determined by the land use program and soil conservation practices adopted.

Sargent has become what is known as a "grassland farmer." Outstanding on the farm are some 80 acres of birdsfoot trefoil established in the permanent pastures. Other practices include standard terraces, grassed waterways, establishment of permanent meadows, multiflora rose fence, a farm pond and contour farming. Row crops are grown only when it is necessary to plow fields for reseeding.

Feters and his landlord, Jacob Cozad of Indianola were the winners in Division No. II which is open to tenant operated farms on which the best conservation programs have been established and maintained by the joint effort of the landlord and tenant.

The conservation plan for this farm of 193 acres in Liberty township was developed in 1953. An excellent job of applying and maintaining conservation practices has been done.

A mile of standard terraces and a farm pond were built several years ago. In 1959 Mr. Cozad installed a large erosion control dam, impounding 18 acres of water (surface area). Grassed waterways were established in all of the drainageways leading into this body of water. In the spring of 1961 evergreen trees were planted on four acres of eroded land lying within the drainage area. Also in 1961 some 20 acres of permanent pasture were reseeded to birdsfoot trefoil.

Schaffer, who owns and operates a 206 acre farm in Fremont township, was named the winner in Division III. This division is open to any farmer who became a new soil conservation district cooperator in 1959 or later.

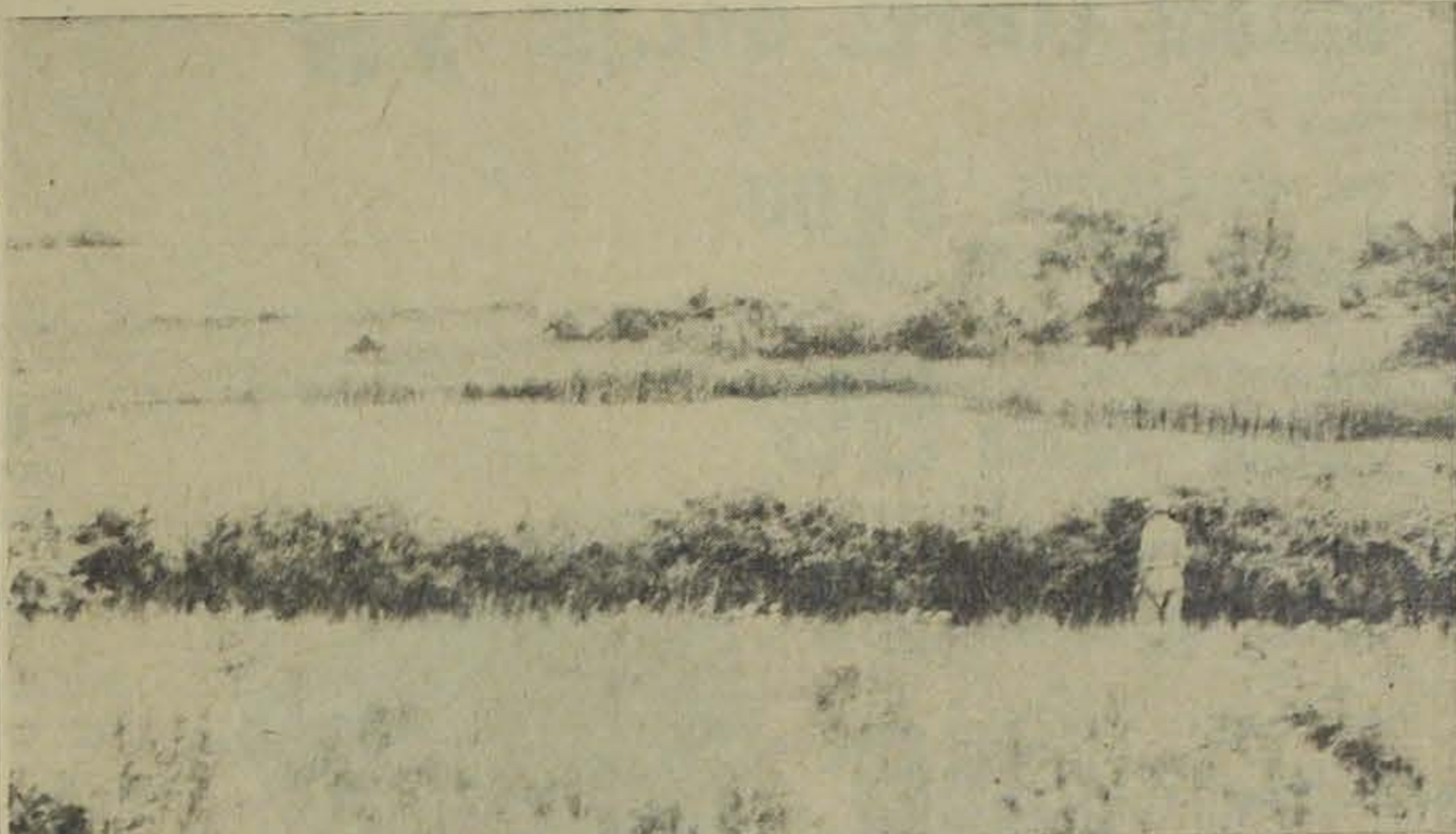
There is an excellent land use program underway on this farm. The farm is typical of those in the hilly sections of southern Iowa in that cropland is scarce. Row crops are confined to the ridge tops and bottomland.

In addition to liming and fertilizing, practices include contour farming, standard terraces, diversions, grassed waterways, seeding of permanent meadows, and pasture renovation.

Most of the practices on all of the winning farms have been installed with federal cost-sharing assistance provided through the Clarke County ASC Committee.

The Clarke district entries will compete with winning farmers in Region No. 6. In addition to Clarke district, this region includes Madison, Warren, Mahaska, Marion, Lucas, Monroe, Appanoose, Wayne and Decatur.

Winners in the nine regions in Iowa will be determined by Aug. 12, and the State judging committee will select state winners by Aug. 24. Awards to regional and state winners will be made at the annual conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Des Moines on September 19. Sweepstakes winner in the state will receive a \$500 U. S. savings bond.



Soil Winner The farm pond bordered by multiflora rose fence is typical of the number of soil and water conservation practices in operation on the three Clarke county farms which were named contest winners this week. The pond is on the farm of Roland Sargent in Liberty township and was constructed in the fall of 1955. The multiflora rose

fence was planted in 1957 and its height is marked by Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist, in the picture. Reed canary grass covers the pond fill and the area is an ideal haven for wildlife. A strip of experimental switch grass is thriving near the pond for wildlife cover.

18 Queens To Feature County Fair

Eighteen of the most attractive farm girls in 10 counties will compete in the regional Queen of Conservation contest which will be a sparkling feature of the 15th annual Clarke county 4-H Fair in Osceola next week.

Barbara Blanchard and Rosalee Sklenar will represent Clarke county in the contest which will select the candidate to represent Region 6 in the state competition. They will be in keen competition following Clarke county candidates who have won the regional title for three consecutive years.

The queen contest will feature the Osceola Night program to be presented Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, by the Osceola Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Districts of the region.

Keith Kirkpatrick, Des Moines radio personality, will be master of ceremonies for the contest.

An added entertainment highlight for the Osceola Night crowd will be an exhibition by Austin Smith, noted Osceola horse trainer, riding King of Diamonds. That event will be staged while outside judges are voting on the queen candidates.

The queen candidates will represent Decatur, Wayne, Appanoose, Monroe, Lucas, Warren, Madison, Marion, Mahaska and Clarke counties.

Another evening feature of the fair will be the Amateur Stage Contest to be held on Tuesday night and an outstanding list of entries has already been received, according to Steve Evans, county extension director.

A. F. "Casey" Canavan of Osceola will be master of ceremonies for the contest in which prizes will be awarded in junior and senior divisions.

s, Monroe, Appanoose, and Decatur counties



—Photo by Eaton Studio

Jan Smith, Truro's attractive winner of the Queen of Conservation contest Wednesday evening at the Clarke County 4-H Fair, will compete for the state title on Sept. 17 in Des Moines as representative of this region.

Jan Smith Of Truro Is Conservation Queen

Brunet Jan Smith, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Truro, was named regional Queen of Conservation Wednesday evening during the contest which highlighted Osceola Night at the Clarke County 4-H Fair.

Miss Smith was selected from among 13 candidates from seven counties to represent the region in the state contest to be held Sept. 17 in Des Moines.

The attractive Madison county queen is a graduate of the Truro high school and lives with her parents on their farm in the Truro area. She will be a student this fall at the Northwest Missouri State College at Maryville.

Naming of the queen highlighted a sparkling Osceola Night program that was applauded by a record crowd. The event was sponsored by the Osceola Chamber of Commerce and the Soil Conservation District commissioners.

A concert by the Osceola City Band under the direction of Edmond Hargrove gave a musical background for the program.

Austin Smith, noted Osceola horse trainer, drew several rounds of applause with his exhibition ride on King of Diamonds, the horse he trained and which has appeared in a number of national shows.

As regional queen, Miss Smith received a wrist watch from Albert Koolhof, a director of the Iowa Farmers Grain Dealers Association, co-sponsors of the state queen contest.

The judges said they had difficulty making a decision because of the keen competition from the group of candidates which included Barbara Blanchard of Murray, and Rosalee Sklenar of Osceola as Clarke county representatives. Clarke county girls had won the regional title for the past three consecutive years.

Other candidates were:

Lucas county: Judith Blankenhagen of rural Woodburn and Dianne Curran of Russell.

Decatur county: Linda Hamaker of Leon and Kari Jean Redman of Van Wert.

Madison county: Marilyn Smith

of Earlham.

Monroe county: Karen Conway of Melrose and Linda Bettis of Albia.

Wayne county: Marsha Gibbs of Corydon and Becky Jo Kelso of Russell.

Mahaska county: Jean Humphrey of Eddyville.

Keith Kirkpatrick, radio personality, was master of ceremonies and he introduced Doyce Miller, chairman, and Commissioners Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim of the Clarke Soil Conservation District, and Noel Friday, president of the Chamber of Commerce, as sponsors of the event.

Judges of the queens were: Miss Dorothy Bartelson, Union county home economist; Tom Wickersham, extension animal husbandryman of Iowa State University, and Dick Prestemon, Des Moines, assistant director of the State Soil Conservation Commission.



Miss Jan Smith of Truro was crowned Truro Queen Iowa's Queen of Conservation on Sunday in Des Moines. She won the Region 6 contest held during the county fair in Osceola last month.

—Photo by Eaton Studio

Jan Smith Crowned Iowa Queen Of Conservation

Jan Smith, attractive 18-year-old Truro girl, represented Clarke and nine other counties in Region 6 when she won the coveted Iowa Queen of Conservation title Sunday in Des Moines.

Jan, who won the regional title in Osceola during the Clarke County 4-H Fair on Aug. 16, was selected from among eight regional contest winners during the annual conference of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Commissioners at Hotel Savery.

As Queen of Conservation she will reign over the State Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and Plowing Match to be held

Friday, Sept. 22, near Marshalltown.

The Truro queen won the crown after 570 girls had competed in the state-wide contest. The contest is sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa.

Jan is the blue-eyed, brown haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Smith, who farm 160 acres near Truro in Madison county. She is the oldest of the family. She has two sisters, Jean and Judy, and two brothers, Gary and Ronnie.

A graduate of the Truro high school, Miss Smith is enrolled at Northwest Missouri State College where she will major in business.

Jan participated in many high school activities, including playing on the girls basketball and softball teams. She was in school class plays, vocal music, on the annual staff, and was senior class secretary.

She also is active in church work, where she sings in the church choir and is interested in the church youth organizations.

Moving To Indianola

Anderson Promoted To New Conservation Job

Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist for the Clarke County Soil Conservation District for over seven years, has been promoted to the same position in Warren county with headquarters in Indianola.

Anderson, who has been with the federal soil conservation service in Iowa for over 26 years, will receive an advancement in grade and the appointment is considered a major promotion in the service. He will take over his new duties on Oct. 30.

A check of the Clarke Soil Conservation District records shows that outstanding progress has

been made in the program in the county since he took over the Osceola office on May 1, 1954.

"The progress we have made is definitely due to the cooperation of the farmers of Clarke county, the aid received from the men who have served as district commissioners and an efficient and loyal staff," Anderson said in reviewing his work here.

The major progress made under Anderson's direction is shown in a total of 283 new co-operators and 221 new farm conservation plans added to the Clarke district in the seven years.

At present the district has a total of 715 co-operators and 419 farm plans in operation on the county's 1,124 farms.

Actual conservation work accomplished during Anderson's career here includes 786 ponds, 58 erosion control dams, 44 miles of diversion terraces, 75 miles of standard terraces, 1,127 acres of waterway establishments, 6,149 acres of pasture improvement, 4,189 rods of multiflora rose planting, 67 acres of tree planting, two miles of tiling and 11 miles of open ditch construction.

In addition to his work, Anderson has been active in civic affairs and in agricultural and community development projects. He is a past president of the Osceola Lions Club.

Anderson came to Clarke county from Albia where he had been work unit conservationist in Monroe county for 11 years. He had previously held the same position for six years in Jefferson county. Anderson started his career in Knoxville where he spent three years in the service during the CCC era.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their daughter, Melinda, will make their home in Indianola.



Good Fishin' Fishing in 21 Clarke county farm ponds should be considerably improved as their owners received a total of 5,160 bass and bluegills for stocking Wednesday from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the Clarke County Soil Conservation district.

5,160 Fish Will Stock 21 Clarke Farm Ponds

Clarke county fishermen with farmer friends will have 5,160 more prospects for their bait as a result of the distribution of bass and bluegills in Osceola Wednesday by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

The 2,070 bass and 3,090

bluegills were distributed to 17 co-operators of the Clarke conservation district. The fish will be planted in 21 farm ponds since some of the cooperator own more than one pond, according to Harold Anderson, work unit conservationist for the Clarke district.

"It was a disappointment that the supply of catfish had been exhausted and those who had applied for them here will not receive their allotment until next year," Anderson said.

Owners of 24 ponds had applied for catfish but the federal service announced that this season's supply was short and there was not enough to fill the requests.

The catfish supply next year will be increased with the addition of the Gavin Point Hatchery in South Dakota as a new source of fish for the federal service, Anderson explained.

The number of fish distributed was larger than in recent years in Clarke county.

Experts To Demonstrate Terracing

10-17-61

Terrace construction by cut and fill methods will be demonstrated Thursday afternoon, Oct. 19, on the W. A. Roberts farms in Knox township, five miles west and three and one-half miles south of Osceola, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke county Soil Conservation District.

All farmers and others interested are urged to attend the demonstration and get first hand information from Soil Conservation Service personnel who will be on hand to explain the work, the commissioner said.

The demonstrations will be in progress throughout the afternoon to permit spectators to come and go at their convenience.

"The purpose of cut and fill terrace construction is to improve alignment of the terraces and to reduce the number of short rows when the field is farmed to row crops," Miller explained.

"The layout should result in terraces as nearly parallel as possible which makes it a great deal easier for farmers to use four-row equipment," he added.

The demonstration farm is owned by Woodrow Roberts of Glendale, Calif., and will be farmed in 1962 by the farmers who are members of the Lacelle Methodist church.

Soil Awards To Feature Farmer-Business Dinner

11-23-61

Three Clarke county farmers and a landlord will receive Soil Conservation Achievement Awards as one of the highlights of the annual Farmer-Businessman dinner to be held at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the St. Bernard Catholic church parish hall.

Roland Sargent, Jacob Cozad and Kenneth Fethers and Harold Schaffer are the farmers who were named winners in the three divisions of the conservation program last July by the directors of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

Presentation of the conservation awards will be one feature of the program for which Clarke county farmers will be guests of the business men of Murray and Woodburn and members of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce.

Loren Hickerson of Iowa City, executive secretary of the University of Iowa Alumni Association, will be the guest speaker on the program being planned along lines of mutual interest to the farmers and business men.

Tickets are now on sale with the farmers as guests of the business men under the alternating annual plan, according to R. K. McGee, ticket chairman.

Sargent receives the conservation award for Division 1 of the program carried out on his Liberty township farm. He was rated for the most complete conservation program through land use and soil conservation practices.

Fethers and his landlord, Jacob

Cozad of Indianola, were recognized in the division for tenant operated farms on which the best conservation programs have been established and maintained by the joint efforts of the tenant and landlords. Their farm is located in Liberty township.

Schaffer, whose 200-acre farm is in Fremont township, was named in the division open to farmers who became new conservation cooperators in 1959 or later.

Harley Hale of Murray and Milt Hand of Woodburn represent the business men of their communities on the dinner committee and the Chamber of Commerce members working with McGee include Steve Evans, J. Louis Fisher, Noel Friday, Don Campbell, Harry Tompkins, Fred Carlson and Ernest Garriss.

Moulton Watershed Gets Soil Service Approval

8-24-61

Approval for federal assistance for carrying out the Moulton Watershed Project in Appanoose county was announced today by Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in Iowa.

The project, to be carried out in five years, is designed to provide watershed protection and flood prevention in the 7,275-acre watershed. It is a local undertaking with federal assistance under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, Mendell said.

Project sponsors are the Appanoose County Soil Conservation

District and the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors. Federal participation for carrying out the locality developed plan was approved on July 7 by Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

With federal funds available, assistance can be provided immediately for accelerating the installation of land treatment measures and preparing final designs and specifications for project structures. Some of the land treatment measures already are being applied.

In addition to the conservation land treatment measures

necessary to protect and improve the land and water resources of the watershed, the project includes three floodwater retarding structures, eight gully stabilization structures, and about 1.3 miles of channel improvement.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$302,800, of which the federal contribution will be about \$230,200. Local interests will provide about \$72,600, including land, easements, and rights-of-way, and will operate and maintain the project when it is completed, Mendell said. The project will return \$3.40 in direct benefits for every dollar of project cost, he added. Federal assistance will be provided by the Soil Conservation Service and the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Begin 1962



Typical Project As an excellent example of the completed ACP projects in Clarke county, the local Soil Conservation District officials cited the pond pictured last summer on the Lowell Moran farm in Doyle township. They stressed the example

set by the well seeded pond fill and drainage area which insures a minimum of silting. Alfalfa brome grass was seeded in the drainage area and brome and Reed canary seed on the fill. The pond has a surface of over one acre and the area is fenced to exclude livestock.

Ford Expecting Busy 1st Year 2-1-62 In Soil Office

"We are only satisfied when we are busy and this looks like a satisfying season if the weatherman will cooperate," Clarence Ford, new work unit conservationist of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, said this week.

Ford was discussing prospects for the coming spring and summer work of the Soil Conservation Service office which he heads since succeeding Harold Anderson, who was transferred to the Indianola office last fall.

When Ford took over the office early this month, he found that the local district was assured of a busy season with new sign-ups now underway and a back-log of projects which were delayed last season by a pattern of wet weather which prevailed through the summer. He was hoping against a recurrence of that situation when he referred to the need for weather cooperation.

An increased schedule of conservation practices approved for the county in 1962 and a continuance of the steady rise in the number of cooperators among Clarke county farmers gives Ford and the soil conservation commissioners ample reason to expect a busy season.

Ford was promoted to this office from soil conservationist in the Cass county office at Atlantic. A graduate of Iowa State University, he has been with government farm services since 1942 and in the soil agency since 1955.

His regular two-man staff of T. J. Laing and Gary Johnson will probably be implemented with temporary assistants during the busy project season.

New Soil Conservation Head Arrives; Succeeds Anderson

1-9-62
Clarke county's new Work Unit Conservationist, Clarence H. Ford, assumed duties in the Soil Conservation office here Monday. He replaces Harold Anderson who moved to the Warren county office in Indianola last fall. The post has been open since that time.

An Iowa State University graduate, Ford was a soil conservationist in the Cass county office at Atlantic before coming to Osceola. The post in Atlantic was the "second man" in that office.

In the Osceola office he will head up a three man staff composed of T. J. Laing and Gary Johnson in addition to himself.

Ford entered government service with the F.H.A. at Missouri Valley in 1942 and continued with the same agency for four years at Atlantic. He was also on the farm training instructor at Atlantic for seven years. He started with the Soil Conservation service at Atlantic in Sept., 1955.

He and his wife will move to Osceola in the near future. They are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Atlantic.



Work Unit Conservationist
Clarence H. Ford



\$126,000 Clarke county has \$126,000 for cost-share ACP projects this year and sign-ups are underway now at the ASC office in Osceola. Pictured going over some of the new features of the 1962 program are Clarence Ford, new work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation District, left, and Charles Bacon, manager of the local ASC office. Details and sidelight of the program are published on the front page of the second section of this issue of the Osceola Sentinel.

2-8-62
**7 Farmers On
New Soil Plans**

**Clarke Commissioners O. K.
Agreements, Plan For
Work Season**

New initial and basic agreements for soil and water conservation programs for seven Clarke county farms were approved Tuesday at the monthly meeting of the Clarke Soil Conservation District Commissioners in the Osceola office, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Joe Colgan, area conservationist from Chariton, attended the session during which Commissioners Doyce Miller, Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim went over plans for the coming conservation work season.

New initial agreements approved included Leonard Alms, 120 acres, Knox township; J. C. Barr, 267 acres, Knox; Adrian Fuller, 392 acres, Knox; H. M. Roof, 94 acres, Green Bay, and Edwin Keys, 42 acres, Troy township.

New basic agreements were completed with Loren Gaumer, 382 acres, Doyle township, and Charles Propst, 200 acres, Knox township.

The commissioners also approved the appointment of Jack Ames of Franklin township as assistant commissioner. He will serve with Russell Brierly and Jess Burgus in that capacity.

Preliminary work was also started on the setting up of the annual meetings for the Long Creek and Grand Valley Watershed Associations.

2-8-62
**Set Deadline
On State Trees**

**16,500 Ordered In County
Under Cost - Share Program**

Clarke county landowners are being reminded that orders for trees and shrubs through the State Conservation Commission must be made soon, according to Clarence Ford, Clarke Soil Conservation District work unit conservationist. On a first-come basis, orders will be received by the state as long as the supply lasts with a final deadline of March 30.

So far this season Clarke county landowners have ordered 16,250 trees on a cost-share basis under the agricultural conservation program, Ford said.

He discussed the cost-share woodland program in the following statement:

"The capability of many acres of land in Clarke county is of a class which should be diverted to pasture or to the production of trees. Many times odd corners or other areas are left to become brush. This may be because the land was too eroded to raise any crops or was cut off from the other part of the farm by a gully or ditch. Trees would not only provide potential income, but would protect the land from soil erosion, provide cover for wildlife, and increase the looks and value of the farm.

"Another important item from an economics standpoint is that by declaring a forest area of two acres or more under the Forest Reserve Law, the assessed taxable valuation cannot exceed \$4 an acre. To qualify, the area cannot be grazed and must be protected from fire," Ford pointed out.

Jim Bulman, district forester at Chariton, is available for technical advice on all forestry practices. Tree planting and woodland improvement are an important part of a conservation farm plan, he added.

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KENNEDY DIDN'T LIKE IT

The Kennedy plan to create a department of urban affairs and housing on a cabinet level met a crushing defeat in the House by a vote of 264 to 150. An adverse vote by either branch of Congress was sufficient to lay the measure on the shelf. Of the 264 members in the House voting against the bill 111 were Democrats. Thirteen Republicans and 137 Democrats voted for it.

The bill was originally introduced in Congress in the regular manner. It was killed in the committee. This made Kennedy mad and he used his executive authority, a rare procedure, to raise the question again in Congress.

When it became clear that the House would vote on the bill first, Kennedy called on his supporters to take the bill out of the hands of the Senate committee and bring it on the floor for an immediate vote. It was assumed the House would defeat it and that there was a good chance of an affirmative vote in the Senate. Opposition forces immediately moved to leave the measure in committee for further investigation. The move was successful by a good margin. Every member of the Senate was present to vote, a very unusual record.

The Senate vote indicated strongly that the bill, if brought to the floor would have met defeat as it did in the House.

The President played some politics in the game which didn't work. He announced in advance he would, if the measure passed, name a Negro, now holding a federal position, to head the cabinet.

Kennedy evidently believed announcement of appointment of a Negro as head of the new cabinet would be taken as a challenge to integrationists to vote for the measure. It worked the other way around. Members were irked by the unusual procedure and voted no. It was not a vote for or against integration but a protest against that kind of political maneuvering.

Informed of the defeat of his measure Kennedy heatedly said: "was not the administration that was defeated but the urban communities." It was another effort to pit urban against rural life.

Many urban members voted against the measure. Some rural members voted for it. It was defeated because opponents do not believe we need more bureaucrats in Washington. They want less centralization of power, not more. They believe the just desires of the urban communities can be met without a new cabinet member and a horde of federal employees.

THE IMPOSSIBLE

South Carolina, where Republicans a few years ago were either hiding out or non-existent, has made headlines again. A Republican has been elected to the state legislature from a district always Democratic by heavy majority.

Fred Worsham, Republican, received 5,578 votes, his Democratic opponent, Clyde Turner, polled 1,948 votes. In a previous election a Republican candidate won out in another district.

There are spots in the South like Florida, Texas, Georgia and a few others that show increased Republican strength. Texas has

five—three of these were names sent to the Senate by Eisenhower.

In an effort to justify the imbalance Byron White, deputy Attorney General, said in Chicago that all appointments had been made on basis of ability.

Even a strong Democrat will accept that statement with reservations. To say that of the first 87 appointments for federal judgeships one party outclassed the other by a ratio of 82 to 5 creates suspicion.

How well all the appointees are qualified is a matter for conjecture, especially by the rank and file but everyone knows that there is no such overbalanced ability between the parties in the legal profession.

White said that in January, 1960, about half of the federal court judges were Democrats and half Republicans. The judges are appointed for life. It will take many years after Kennedy retires for the Republicans to make much of a dent in the new frontier of federal jurists.

BALANCE BY BORROWING

The House has approved 251 to 144 a "temporary" \$2 billion increase in the national debt. The top now is \$300 billion. The measure at this writing is in the Senate where there is nothing to do but approve and send to the President for his signature. The increase is a must, the treasury is dry.

The "temporary" would be amusing if it were not serious. The President has announced he will probably need another temporary increase of \$8 billion sometime this year. That would make it \$308 billion.

We have had temporary increases so many times, followed by another hoist, the word is a useless appendage, certainly a misnomer.

Come to think about it maybe "temporary" in the government's financial affairs means that there will be more of the same kind later. That's the record for almost a third of a century.

Kennedy's optimism is refreshing, but it doesn't decrease the debt we are unloading on generations yet to come, inheriting results of the reckless spending by their ancestors and will have to carry the load. The crystal ball engaging Kennedy's attention makes it sound easy. Always there is the prospect of increased spending. If and when the federal income rises it's been taken care of by reckless extravagance, making another "temporary" increase inevitable.

TOO MUCH CONTROL!

In announcing he would offer some amendments to revise the Freeman compulsory farm bill, Senator Hickenlooper made the following observation about voluntary provisions:

"I would not call it voluntary when a farmer's arm is twisted or the producer is put in a strait jacket. The farmers could be told what crops they could produce, what supports they would get and even how they could use their land or that they must sell it."

There's much discussion over the new farm measure pushed by Kennedy and Freeman. The Secretary of Agriculture insists there is nothing compulsory, all voluntary on the part of the man who tills the soil.

In the last analysis everyone knows the farm problem is one of the most vital in our national economy. Plans galore have been tried. They have not solved the problem. The surpluses keep piling up and cost to the government has reached astronomical figures.

The farmer wants a bill that leaves him with at least some semblance of ownership

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FORWORD

We, the Clarke County Soil Conservationists, submit this our 16th annual report and activities during 1961.

We are pleased with the progress of making and the cooperation in other areas been given us. We rededicate ourselves in furthering the soil and water conservation practices on the land. Soil Conservation is to "Use every acre according to its capability and treat every acre accordingly."

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you to all the people and the many agencies who assisted us financially and

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Bowlsby Gets Soil Honors

Ward Township Farmer Is
Honored For Work In
Conservation

One Clarke county farmer was presented a conservation award, two new applications for assistance plans and one new farm program were approved Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Addison Bowlsby of Ward township received the award for his outstanding accomplishments in administration, farm planning, conservation education and rapid application of conservation practices.

"We have only made a good start in conserving soil and water," Bowlsby told the meeting in accepting the award from John Hamann, of Chariton, Goodyear representative for southern Iowa.

It was announced that the spring meeting of officers of the Iowa Association of Soil District Commissioners and the State Soil Conservation Committee will be held Tuesday, March 13, in Chariton.

New applications for assistance approved were Keith Voris with 520 acres in Ward township and Forest N. Allen with 151 acres in Osceola township. A new conservation farm plan was approved for Arthur Boor with 322 acres in Troy township.

The commissioners have received a booklet "This Is Our Soil" which they will distribute to the schools and library in the Clarke District for educational use.

Seek Farmers' Aid In Completing Soil Plans

More than 300 of the 750 co-operators in the Clarke County Soil Conservation District have not had basic conservation plans written on their farms and an effort to close that gap was announced this week by Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Ford, who has been in charge of the local office only a few months, pointed out that due to changes in the Soil Conservation Service personnel assigned to the Clarke district office the staff needs to have interested farmers indicate their desire for the work.

He summed up the situation in the following statement directed to farmers in the Clarke conservation district:

"At the present there are approximately 750 co-operators with the Clarke County Soil Conservation District. Basic conservation farm plans are written on 431 of these cooperating farms, according to the Soil Conservation Service staff assigned to the local district.

"In the last two years there has been a change in the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assigned to the local district. Because of the backlog of co-operators without farm plans, it is difficult for us to know who is the most interested.

"The plans we enjoy writing the most are for those who are very much interested in their conservation farm plan. If you have signed an agreement and

a plan hasn't been written on your land and you still desire one, please contact the district office in the Osceola post office building.

"Our main goal is soil and water conservation, but in farm planning we aim to increase farming efficiency and income. This is done by planning according to the capability of the land.

"We discuss the problems you have in each field on your farm. We give suggestions, but you make the decisions. There is no charge for such a plan nor any obligation," Ford explained.

Watershed Progress Is Shown In Clarke Report

Progress is being made on the organization of the Grand Valley and Long Creek Watershed projects in the Clarke county area, according to a report compiled by Gary Johnson, of the Clarke Soil Conservation District staff.

The report shows steady progress but that there is still additional cooperation to be secured from landowners in order to comply with the requirements for federal aid.

Johnson sums up the percentages of the land now under cooperative agreement with the soil district and the amount needed for federal aid in the following report:

In 1954 the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (known as Public Law 566) was passed. This act provides for federal help to local undertakings to protect small watersheds, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District. A watershed is the area which contributes run-off water to a given location on a stream below.

Watershed applications for assistance must meet certain minimum requirements. But because of the number of applications which have been made and the limited amount of funds available, requirements should greatly exceed the minimum.

One of the requirements is that at least 50 percent of the land area in the watershed must be under cooperative agreement with the local soil conservation district.

Another requirement is that a minimum percent of the total land area must be under basic conservation farm plans. This percentage varies depending up-

on the size of the watershed.

Figures were compiled recently by T. J. Laing and Gary Johnson, of the Soil Conservation Service assigned to the Clarke district, on the status of the organized watershed and of watersheds in which there is a lot of interest. These figures pertain only to the above two requirements. Figures were not compiled on the percentage of the needed conservation practices applied. The minimum requirement is that a majority of the needed practices must be applied.

The Grand Valley Watershed, which is one of the two in Clarke county which is organized, has a minimum requirement that 50 percent of the land area must be under basic conservation farm plan. At present approximately 26 percent is under conservation plans and 88 percent under cooperative agreement on that portion in Clarke county.

Long Creek is the other watershed in the county which is organized. The minimum requirement on it is that 30 percent of the land area must be under conservation farm plans. At present approximately 27 percent is under conservation farm plans and 50 percent under cooperative agreement.

Consideration will be given to projects having a sub-watershed comprising 10 percent or more of the total watershed. It must have a minimum of 60 percent of the sub-watershed area under basic farm plans. The southeast branch of East Long comprises 11 percent of the total area of the Long Creek watershed. At present, approximately 73 percent is under conservation plans and 77 percent under cooperative agreement.

Following is the status of two watersheds in which there is interest in organizing: Chariton Creek has a minimum requirement that 40 percent of the area must be under conservation farm plans. At present approximately 39 percent is under conservation farm plans and 51 percent under cooperative agreement.

Otter Creek has a minimum requirement that 30 percent of the area be under conservation farm plans. It has approximately 41 percent under conservation farm plans and 56 percent under cooperative agreement at present.

Over 300 Cooperators Without Basic Plans

Ask Farmers' Aid In Conservation

Farm Owners Need To Apply For Free Aid

"With the active cooperation of interested Clarke county farmers we can make outstanding progress in the conservation of soil and water resources on our farms that will be of long-time benefit to everyone," Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, said this week.

He was referring specifically to the necessity of having interested farmers come to the Soil Conservation District office in Osceola to confer with the staff on writing basic conservation plans for their farms.

Ford pointed out that "the entire success of the conservation program offered the farmers of the area depends on their cooperation in showing individual interest by contacting the office so that the staff members may assist in laying out plans for each farm."

"We are ready and willing to give the full facilities of the district office and the work and experience of our staff members to each interested farmer without cost or obligation to him but we must first have him show his interest to the point of contacting us as soon as possible," Ford pointed out.

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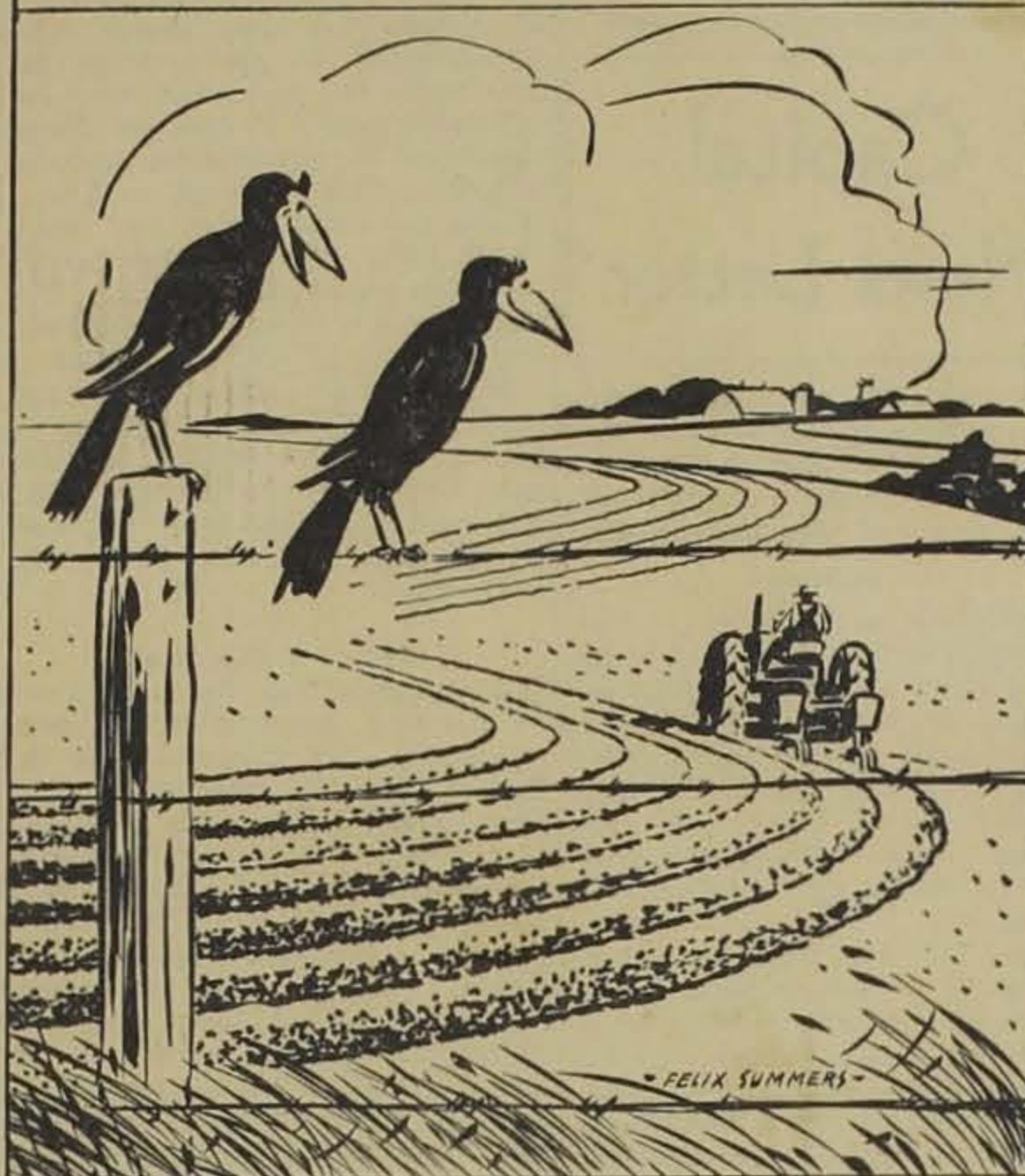
"The plans we enjoy writing the most are for those who are very much interested in their conservation farm plan. If you have signed an agreement and a plan hasn't been written on your land and you still desire one, please contact the district office in the Osceola post office building.

"Our main goal is soil and water conservation, but in farm planning we aim to increase farming efficiency and income. This is done by planning according to the capability of the land.

"We discuss the problems you have in each field on your farm. We give suggestions, but you make the decisions. There is no charge for such a plan nor any obligation," Ford explained.

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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.

Needs Of County Farms In Soil Plans Shown By Ford

Needs of Clarke county farmers for completing soil and water conservation plans on their farms are cited in the following statement issued this week by Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District:

Never have the people of a free country faced a greater challenge to their resourcefulness and ability than the challenge of soil and water conservation. Much remains to be done in soil conservation work in our county.

Yes, we will have to step up the rate we apply our conservation practices to protect our soil and water resources if we are to meet our conservation needs by 1975.

The Soil Conservation Service has been encouraging conservation practices not just for soil erosion control, but for area-wide resources, conservation, and economic betterment.

The objective of each district program is to conserve and develop all of the soil, water, plant, and human resources so as to achieve economic and social benefits.

The primary objective of farmers in becoming district cooperators is the development of complete plans of soil and water conservation on their farms and the application of soil conservation practices with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

Nearly every farmer has a conservation plan for his farm whether it be down on paper or carried in his mind.

When the farmer applies for assistance in applying a conservation practice whether it be for grassed waterways or a graded terrace, it is evident he is interested in conserving the soil and water on his farm.

This is an ideal time to be getting applications made, if the farmer wishes to use cost-sharing, before the spring rush of farm work begins.

The farmer must have made an application at the ASCS office before earth moving equipment starts work, to be eligible for cost-sharing payments through the Agriculture Conservation Program. (ACP).

It is now possible to use a purchase order agreement for the government's share of the cost-share payment going directly to an approved contractor.

Why a conservation plan?

For a more productive farm unit.

To have a better balance of income.

What is in the plan?

Soil maps of farm.

Crop rotation.

Recommended soil treatment.

Supporting conservation practices.

Agreed use of land to its full capability.

In developing a farm plan we try to analyze the farmer's problem and whether it be erosion,

drainage, fertility, soil structure or organic matter deficiency.

It is a "grave sin" to use our natural resources without giving any consideration to saving the soil and water for future generations.

5 Farms Get ⁴⁻⁵⁻⁶² Soil Projects

Applications Approved At
April Conference Of
Commissioners

Conservation plans and cost-sharing projects for five farms in Clarke county were approved Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the Clarke Soil Conservation District commissioners, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Applications for project assistance were approved for Wayne B. Nelson with 206 acres in Washington township, and for Marvin Fuller on 200 additional acres in Osceola township.

Three new conservation farm plans were approved: J. H. Lindsley in Washington township with 80 acres, Robert McCann in Knox township with 80 acres and Ritchie Sklenar in Knox township with 120 acres.

Everett Stoneburg, from the College Extension Service, and Art Thorson, state soil conservationist, gave a report on cost and returns per acre for alternate cropping systems including conservation practice treatments. This points a basis for planning for the future, Ford explained.

J. Dale Schott, assistant state conservationist, discussed the Conservation Needs Inventory and its use, emphasizing the "need to get this report published as it is valuable material in analyzing our conservation of soil and water resource needs related to our program work plan."

Six Farm Soil ⁵⁻³⁻⁶² Plans Approved

Clarke Commissioners Act
On New Conservation
Plans, Assistance

Three new conservation farm plans and three applications for assistance by Clarke county farmers were approved Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the Clarke District Soil Conservation Commissioners, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

The new conservation plans include:

Harold E. Kline with 339 acres in Fremont township.

Arlan Downing with 220 acres in Green Bay township.

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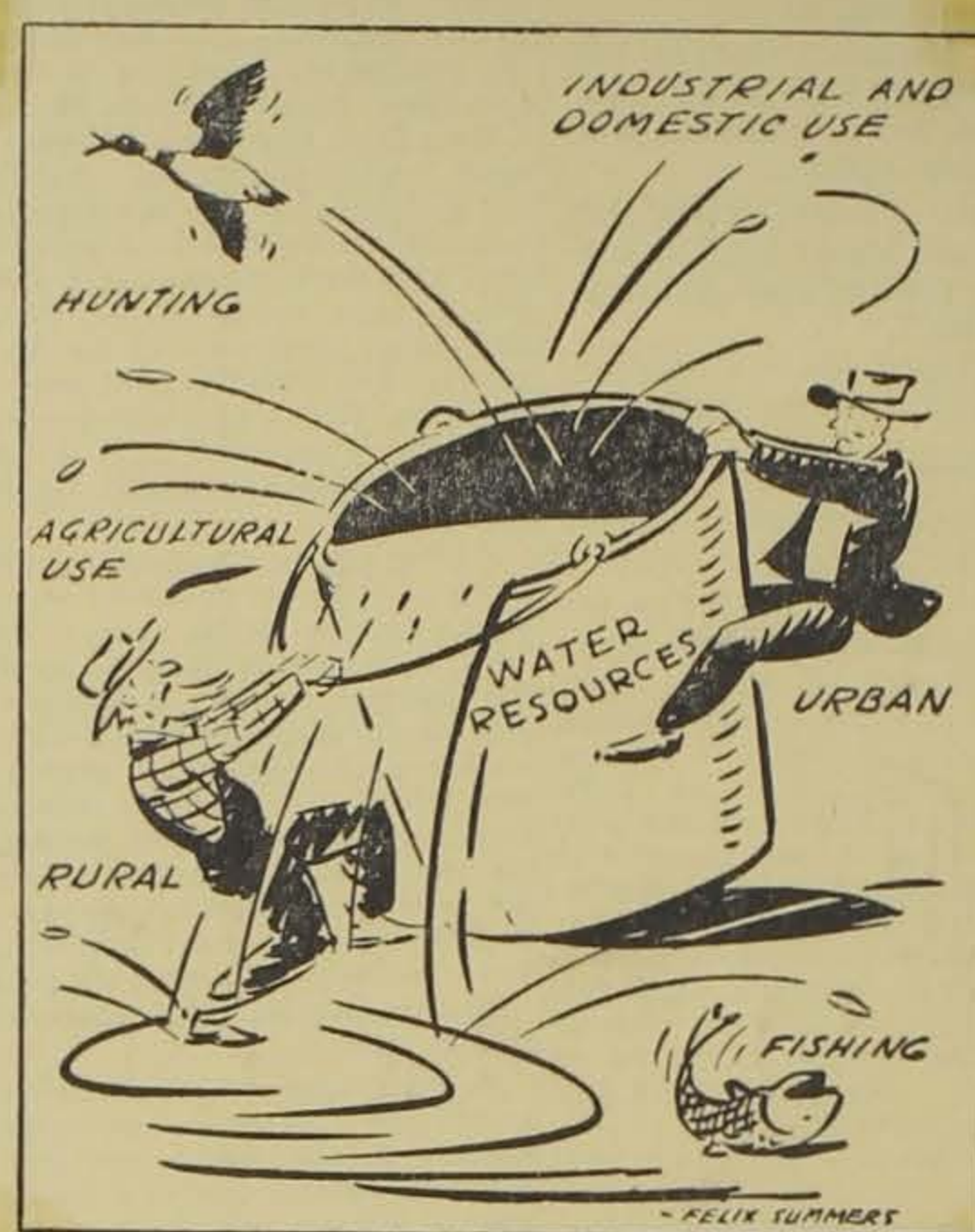
Applications approved for assistance with conservation programs include:

G. Allen Heston with 220 acres in Franklin township.

Walter E. Lundy with 40 acres in Fremont township.

Harold E. Kline with 339 acres in Fremont township.

Joe Colgan, area conservationist from Charlton, reported to the Clarke commissioners that "good progress is being made on the Moulton Watershed project in the Appanoose District."



Let's get together or we'll all kick the bucket!

First USDA Extension Office In County Over 40 Years.....

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USDA Marks 100th Anniversary

Five Agency Services In Clarke County

Opening of the observance of the 100th anniversary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture this week finds Clarke county being served directly by five USDA connected agencies with headquarters in Osceola.

The County Extension District Service has the longest record of service of the agencies in Clarke county. The Extension Service here dates back to 1920.

The Clarke county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation agency was established in 1934, the Farm and Home Administration in 1935, and the Soil Conservation District has been in operation for 12 years.

Following are the administrators and the employees of the agencies in Clarke county:

Extension Service: Steve Evans, county extension director; Lillian Price, county extension home economist, and Martha Cannon, extension office assistant. The elected members of the County Extension Council are: Loyd Miller, Dennis Allen, Paul Audlehelm, Mrs. Don Gibson, John McCuddin, Dick Overholtzer, George Shultz, Loren Gaumer, Keith Weakland, David Biddle, C. E. Fenn and Harold Bonnett.

County ASC office; Charles Bacon, office manager; Alice June Fleming, chief clerk; Doris Kentner, price clerk; Deloris Robins, ACP clerk; Vicki Franck, acreage allotment, conservation reserve and feed grain clerk.

Farm and Home Administration: Willis Leeson, county supervisor; Loren Cramer, assistant supervisor, and Mary Margaret Jeffers, office clerk. The FHA advisory committee includes Charles McPhetridge, V. R. McCartney and Carl Handrock. The local office serves both Clarke and Decatur counties.

Soil Conservation District: Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist; T. J. Laing, conservation aid; Gary R. Johnson, soil conservationist and Marilyn James, state clerk. The district commissioners are: Doyce Miller, chairman; Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim.

When USDA Began . . .



At the turn of the century many a farmer still used the same method of plowing as had his father and grandfather—a strong pair of oxen and a strong pair of arms.

USDA Reviews Program At Close Of 100 Years

As the Nation enters an age of abundance, agriculture faces new problems daily that often-times seem to grow like Topsy.

The situation seems more than a little strange at first glance. For today agriculture employs more workers than the combined employment in transportation, public utilities, the steel industry and the automobile industry.

It spends \$25-\$26 billion annually for goods and services to produce crops and livestock; another \$15 billion a year for the same things city people buy.

Four Out Of Ten Jobs Related To Agriculture

Agriculture creates so much employment that four out of every ten jobs in private employment relate to agriculture. And not counting the basic needs it satisfies for Americans, it also enables the United States to be the world's largest exporter of agricultural products.

Ironically the industry that has developed all that must now adjust it must adjust to and also benefit from an ever-increasing number of technical and scientific breakthroughs.

USDA Redirects Efforts

The Department of Agriculture, which helped create many of those breakthroughs, is redirecting its efforts to help agriculture as it faces the dawn of its second century. Included in USDA goals are:

- Increased farm income through supply management under programs which farmers themselves have helped to develop, commodity by commodity, and which assure the nation adequate food and fiber supplies at

fair prices.

- Strengthening the efficient family farm to prevent concentration of power over food and natural fibers and prices for them.

- Increasing consumption of farm products, through market research and development, research to find new uses and forms of food and natural fiber, through direct distribution of food to the needy to provide an adequate and varied diet, school lunch and milk programs for children, through expanded exports to all countries able to buy American farm products, and through Food for Peace programs to the peoples of the newly developing nations.

- Developing rural areas with credit, watershed protection and improvement projects, technical and educational help, and other assistance. This is an effort in which other Federal agencies are helping, the common goal being to aid local people to expand opportunities for training and education and for full employment of rural farm and nonfarm underemployed.

- Expanding conservation use to all farmland and its water, forest, and grass resources.

- Helping agriculture to be prepared to meet every foreseeable defense or emergency need of our Nation and of friendly nations.

Farm Recreation

Areas Increasing

Orders For Fish Being Taken By Osceola Office

Clarke county and all Iowa soil conservation farmers are building a great potential recreation resource on Iowa farms, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

In the Clarke soil district, 1,149 farm ponds have been built and a large majority of them have been stocked with fish through the cooperation of the U. S. Conservation Service.

The deadline is June 30 for farm pond owners to place orders for this season's stocking fish from the Soil Conservation Service. Orders may be placed at the Clarke county soil office in the Osceola postoffice building. Bluegill bass and catfish will be available for eligible farmers.

He listed a few figures from recent accomplishment reports as proof of this. As of June 30 last year, there were over 27,000 farm ponds for livestock water and structure ponds for erosion con-

trol in the state. Present estimates indicate that over 1,100 farm ponds have been built since then bringing the present total to almost 29,000 in the state. Records show that over 15,000 of these ponds have been stocked with fish.

Most of these ponds are not fished as hard as they should be, says Harold Carter, local conservation officer.

"A great deal of first class fishing recreation is available here and it is not being used. Usually all that is necessary, in order to fish in a farm pond, is to request the permission of the owner. Most farmers, short on available time themselves, are glad to have responsible fishermen help in harvesting the fish produced in the farm ponds. The considerate fisherman, in turn, is glad to share his catch with the owner of the farm pond," Carter said.

Conservation farmers hold the key to wildlife abundance because what they do to the land reflects directly on what happens to wildlife according to Ford. To date, almost 58,000 acres in the state have been improved specifically for wildlife. Conservation farmers are doing this at the approximate rate of about 5,000 acres each year. These wildlife areas are located on our farmland

where approximately 90% or more of the wildlife in Iowa is produced.

Wildlife area improvement consists of planting trees and shrubs, or seeding grasses or forbs for the benefits of many forms of wildlife. Many existing good wildlife areas are merely protected and maintained, but these are not included in the figures report-

ed; though these areas are nonetheless important to our Iowa wildlife.

Hedgerow planting on conservation farms in the state is reported to be approximately 450,000 rods, which is about 1,400 miles, or an average of more than 14 miles for each soil conservation district in the state.

In the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, we have 11,6871 rods planted to date, according to Ford.

Many hunters and wildlife conservationists who were concerned about the wholesale removal of the old osage orange hedges from the Iowa landscape can take some measure of comfort in seeing the return of these hedges. They benefit wildlife and at the same time fit in with a complete soil and water conservation farming pattern.

QUEENS TO BE NAMED ON JULY 11

All Clarke County Girls On Farms Invited To Compete For Conservation Crown In Local Contest

Clarke county farm girls will compete for the 1962 Queen of Conservation title in Iowa by participating in the local contest to be held as a special feature of the Osceola band concert program on Wednesday evening, July 11, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the county soil conservation commissioners.

All eligible girls in Clarke county are invited to enter the local contest and they are urged to make their applications as early as possible, he said.

Entry blanks may be secured from the soil conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post office, the Extension Service office in the court house, the Osceola Drug store or Mrs. Effie Crawford, homemaker instructor of the Clarke Community schools.

The local contest is open to single girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years. All contestants must live on farms in Clarke county.

The contest will be judged on the basis of their personality, poise, intelligence and natural attractiveness.

Two girls will be selected during the Osceola program to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest which will be held Aug. 8 at Albia.

The two local winners will each receive prizes and will go on to compete with the girls from nine other counties in this region. The regional winner will receive a wrist watch and go into the final state competition at the annual Plowman's Banquet to be held Sept. 12 at Atlantic. She will serve as queen and hostess for Iowa Soil Conservation Field Day to be held the following day near Atlantic.

Jan Smith of Truro, winner of the regional contest held last August during the Clarke County 4-H Fair, went on to win the state crown and is now finishing her year as Iowa Queen of Conservation.

Barbara Blanchard and Rosalee Sklenar were last year's winners of the Clarke county contest.

The Queen of Conservation contest is sponsored on a statewide basis by the Soil Conservation District Commissioners and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa.

No Names For Soil Queen

Ford Pleas For Local Girls To Enter Contest Soon

"We need entries desperately for the 'Queen of Conservation' contest," was the statement this week by District Conservationist Clarence Ford as he pointed out that no entries have been forthcoming for the July 11 competition.

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GARDEN CLUB PICNIC

A pleasant picnic supper was enjoyed Tuesday evening, June 12, by Osceola Garden club members and their families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Crawford. Tables were placed on the spacious lawn, where all could view the lovely rose garden.

Later in the evening guest speaker, Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke county soil district, touched on many interesting things concerning conservation.

"It has been just exactly one hundred years ago, in May, 1862, that President Lincoln signed the bill for the Agriculture and Conservation department," he said. Then in April, 1945, the Soil Conservation district was established in this county.

There are now 135 miles of terraces here, but at least 500 miles will be needed in the near future, to insure saving our soil from serious erosion. After thanking Mr. Ford, the members departed feeling more than ever conservation conscious.

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which will it be?

Will your farm be in better shape in 1975 than it is now?

Or will it be eroded? less productive? harder to farm?



Great changes have taken place on the Iowa farm scene during the past few years, and from all indications they will continue. We are changing our methods of cropping, using more continuous crops and forages. This can be well and good . . . some changes are certainly needed . . . But, with all the change, are we keeping pace with our soil and water conservation practices? Are we paying attention to the long-range needs of our soils?

Iowa's Conservation Needs Inventory estimates that by 1975 we will have 27-million acres in croplands; 4.3 million acres in pastures and 1.6-million acres in forests.

That's a big shift from our cropping pattern of today or even 10 years ago, and to protect these lands from the ravages of the elements will require a lot of conservation practices. For

example, nearly 11-million acres of 1975's cropland will need protection from erosion. On another 4.5-million acres, drainage improvement will be needed. 800,000 acres of pasture should be re-established and 1.4 million acres need protection from overgrazing, erosion, rodents or weeds and brush.

This is a big order, but we feel that the farmers of Clarke county will do more than their fair share. We feel they realize, as we do, that good conservation means more income. Income that buys the good things each family wants. Income that builds schools and churches and helps make life good. That's why we're 100 percent behind our good farmers of this community, whose good use of their resources is helping make this community a good place to work.

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Parallel Terraces Save Farm Work

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Parallel terraces combine the advantages of efficient farming and effective erosion control, says Agricultural Engineer Ted Willrich of Iowa State University.

Parallel terraces are usually more efficient than standard terraces because they eliminate short point rows. However, they are more expensive to construct than standard graded terraces and can be used only on fields

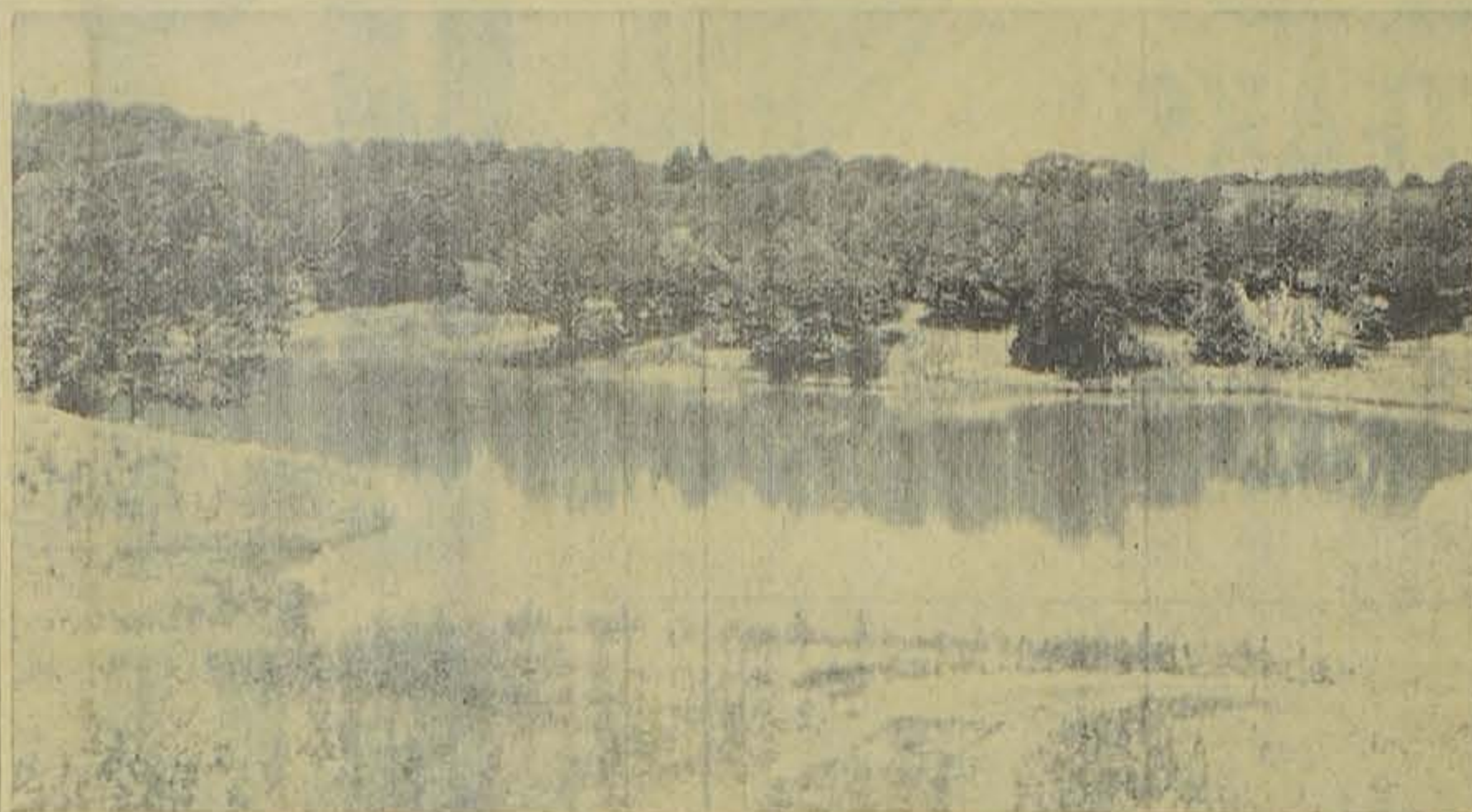
with relatively uniform slopes.

Where they can be used, Willrich says, parallel terraces mean straighter rows, longer rows, faster permissible machine speed and less time and expense in producing a crop.

In Iowa experiments, engineers reduced the area of point rows from 12 percent to 1 percent, he says. Parallel terrace studies in neighboring states show that this method can cut operator's time 10 percent.

Committee Shows Progress

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Recreation Area

This 3 acre pond on the R. S. Meyer farm near Jamison, is one of the constantly increasing recreation areas in Clarke county. Well stocked with fish, the large body of water is in a beautiful setting, surrounded by rolling hills and well-kept timber. 12,500 Ponderosa and Scotch pine trees were planted on the north

slope above the pond this spring, and in a few years will produce a fine conservation project as well as excellent wildlife cover. The trees can be cut in a few years for Christmas trees, if the weather is correct for proper growth. Three other ponds have been built on the 200 acre Meyer farm.

Tiling Proves Successful On 38 Acres Near New Virginia

Tiling is a new conservation project being used on an increasing number of Clarke county acres, according to Conservationist Clarence Ford of Osceola.

About 4,250 feet of tile was laid this spring on the J. L. Stills farm near New Virginia, as he tiled 38 acres of Squaw Creek bottom land. "The only fault I find with the project is that I would like to have done more" is the comment made this week by the Clarke county farmer.

Tiling has been considered impractical in Clarke county, but Stills has found that the tile in the Colo-Zook complex soil on his bottom lands has dried out water holes that have never been farmable, and made the rest of the land work better.

No extra acres were added to 321 acres on the farm, Stills points out, but tiling the bottom land has increased the productivity and eased the cultivation problem on the 180 acres that are tillable.

The tiling, which receives cost sharing help from the Soil Conservation district, included 2150 feet of 6-inch tile, 100 feet of 4-inch tile and 2,000 feet of 5-inch.

All engineering was done by the Osceola office of the district, and the cost sharing amounts to \$1.25 rod for 4-inch tile, \$1.50 rod for 5-inch, and \$2.00 per rod for 6-inch installations. Cost of tiling in this area is about \$4.25 per rod according to Conservationist Clarence Ford.

Tiling has also been done on the Dan Claizer, the Henricks brothers, the Barnard brothers and the Lowell Moran farms, all along Squaw Creek on the north edge of Clarke county. In all about 33,000 feet of tile are planned for this year, Ford announced.

Report Shows Need For 11,500 More Acres Of Clarke County Land In Useful Production

The complete conservation program is being emphasized this week by the local Soil Conservation office during national soil and water conservation week.

Directors of the local Conservation district pointed out this week that by 1975 the estimated land use needed will include 140,300 acres, up 11,500 acres from the present 128,800 acres being cropped. This increase is needed in order to provide adequate food for the increased population of the nation, according to Soil Conservationist Clarence Ford.

Other changes in the use of the 264,300 acres of agricultural land are shown in the following table:

Type Of Land Use	Acres In 1960	Acres In 1975
Cropland	128.8	140.3
Pasture	86.1	83.0
Woodland	42.8	29.7
Other Land	6.6	11.3

Ford said that the estimate being released during Conservation week points out that the pastureland-use estimate anticipates that 67,600 acres will be

Releases from the Conservation Field service on a number of special conservation practices are featured on the front page of the second section of this paper. The features are being run as part of the observance of Soil and Water conservation week in this area.

improved pasture and 32,600 acres will have vegetative cover improvement.

"It is true our production capability of our cultivated lands is greater now than current demands for food and fiber, yet there is the need for continuing aggressive soil, water and plant conservation for managed abundance," is the explanatory statement accompanying the new soil use estimates.

The committee also released its 1962 goals in connection with the special week. These goals are condensed in the following table, released by Doyce Miller, chairman of the committee.

Type of Work	1962 goals	Done In 1961
Basic Plans	36	35
Contouring		
Number of Acres	800	729
Miles of Terraces	16	7
Miles of Div. Terraces	8	7
Water Development, acres	70	60
Ponds	40	20
Tile Laid in Miles	3	4
Surface Drainage in miles	8	2
Tree Planting Acres	3	1.5
Wildlife Habitat, acres	12	9

If these goals are accomplished during the coming year it will require the complete cooperation of everyone in the county, Miller pointed out, and it will mean another big step toward the conservation of the number one resource on the county, our land.

Five To Receive Federal Aid Here

Conservation Plan Must Be Varied

Each Farm Needs Separate Program For Top Efficiency

There's no one plan you must follow in order to conserve soil and water on your farm.

Rather, says Bill Oschwald, extension agronomist at Iowa State University, a good farm plan is a combination of your soil capabilities and your production goals.

He says the rule-of-the-thumb is as simple as this: "The more serious your erosion problem, and the more intensive you use row crops, the more you will need to use mechanical soil conservation practices such as terracing, contouring or grassed waterways."

As an example, Oschwald says that a Tama soil, with moderate erosion, a 10 percent slope and a 200 foot slope length can be treated in any of the following ways:

- 1—If terracing is used, erosion can be held within safe limits with a corn-corn-oats-meadow rotation.
- 2—Use strip-cropping—a less intensive conservation practice—and you must add a year of meadow to make a 5-year-corn-corn-oats-meadow-meadow rotation.
- 3—Using contouring alone a rotation of one year corn, one year oats and three years meadow will do the job.
- 4—Use no mechanical practices and you can safely grow one year corn, one year oats and five years meadow in rotation.

Oschwald says that any of the above combinations are equally effective in controlling erosion. The rotation-mechanical conservation practice combination you would choose depends on your goal—whether you want a high intensity of grain production or a high intensity of forage production.

Conservation Duty Pointed Out During Busy Week

by: William H. Greiner,
Director State Soil Conservation Committee

The trite and often used expression "Let George do it" does not apply when the nation's natural resources are concerned. Conservation of these resources is the responsibility of all citizens—not just the farmer, sportsman, or professional conservationist.

To conserve is to use wisely and the citizens of this country—a country often accused of being a very wasteful one—should awaken to what has happened to their country's natural resources.

The word "conservation" is all inclusive. To the farmer, conservation can mean the conserving of soil to insure good crops from his land for himself, his children and grandchildren, for years to come. To the sportsman, conservation is meaningful because it provides him with better hunting and fishing. To the professional conservationist, conservation is a way of life and he is dedicated to the cause of furthering it to the utmost.

To the man on Mainstreet U.S.A. conservation is of prime importance. Whether he realizes it or not, his everyday life is affected by conservation. The preservation of the nation's topsoil, water, forests, and wildlife will insure everyone of a good life for as long as he or she may live. In addition to this it will provide food and fiber in enough abundance so he can live cheaper.

While most people in this country do not have direct control of the land on which they might practice conservation measures, they do have a voice in public affairs and can be a mighty force in implementing good conservation. They can demand that our rivers and lakes be cleaned up and the cities and industries that are causing the pollution of streams be made to correct this situation. They can practice good conservation by not littering the highways, parks and forests with rubbish and by preventing forest fires with careful use of fire. They can also familiarize themselves with conservation, its meaning and purpose, and lend their support and encouragement to those directly

charged with this responsibility. Everyone can practice conservation in some manner or form. It's everyone's job.

Waterways Need Grass To Work

Expert Points To Damage From Simply Plowing In Top Soil

Grassed waterways are no cure-all for erosion ills. But they do prevent much gully erosion, so they are a step in the right direction, says Extension Conservationist Charles Ballantyne of Iowa State University.

He says that when natural waterways are cultivated, they quickly develop into gullies. "Plowing-in" these gullies just to permit crossing with farm equipment without seeding may be actually worse than doing nothing. He points out that the loose top soil thrown into the gully washes away much faster than the subsoil into which the gullies have already cut.

Instead, the "plowed in" gully should be shaped so that the finished product is a wide, almost flat-bottomed watercourse, Ballantyne explains. After shaping, fertilize or manure the area before seeding perennial sod-forming grasses. An urse crop, or preferably a mulch, should be used to protect the new seeding.

Contouring, strip cropping or terraces should be used to check the more serious sheet erosion on rolling fields.

Watershed Work Shows Increase

57 New Applications Presented To State Committee This Year

Iowa's watershed program continues to progress with 57 applications for assistance submitted to the State Soil Conservation Committee since 1954. Over 1,140,000 acres are included in these applications.

The U. S. Soil Conservation Service reports that thus far two watershed protection projects have been completed, Harmony Creek in the Harrison County Soil Conservation District and Simpson Creek in the Fremont County Soil Conservation District.

Thirteen projects covering 251,884 acres are in varying stages of construction. Nine watersheds, covering 204,650 acres, have been authorized for planning with work plans in some stage of development. Applications have been approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee for an additional 20 watersheds embracing 508,884 acres. These now await priority for work plan development.

The small watershed program operates under Public Law 566 which was approved by Congress in 1954. It is administered by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in partnership with local sponsoring agencies such as Soil Conservation Districts, County Boards of Supervisors, and cities and towns. Other agencies of the federal and state government, such as the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, Iowa Experiment Station, Extension Service, State Conservation Commission, Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Iowa Highway Commission, Iowa Natural Resources Council, cooperate in watershed project work.

The work plan developed for each watershed blueprints the conservation practices and flood-water and grade stabilization structures needed for complete soil and water conservation and flood prevention on the watershed.

Four applications for assistance programs and one new farm conservation plan were approved Thursday night at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners.

Gerald Garner was employed by the commissioners to work intermittently as conservation aide on the local staff.

The commissioners also voted to change the regular meeting date to the last Tuesday of each month. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday evening, June 27.

The four new applications approved for cost assistance practices were:

Bernard Diehl with 265 acres in Jackson township.

William B. Burdess with 160 acres in Green Bay township.

Dick Overholtzer with 210 acres in Green Bay township.

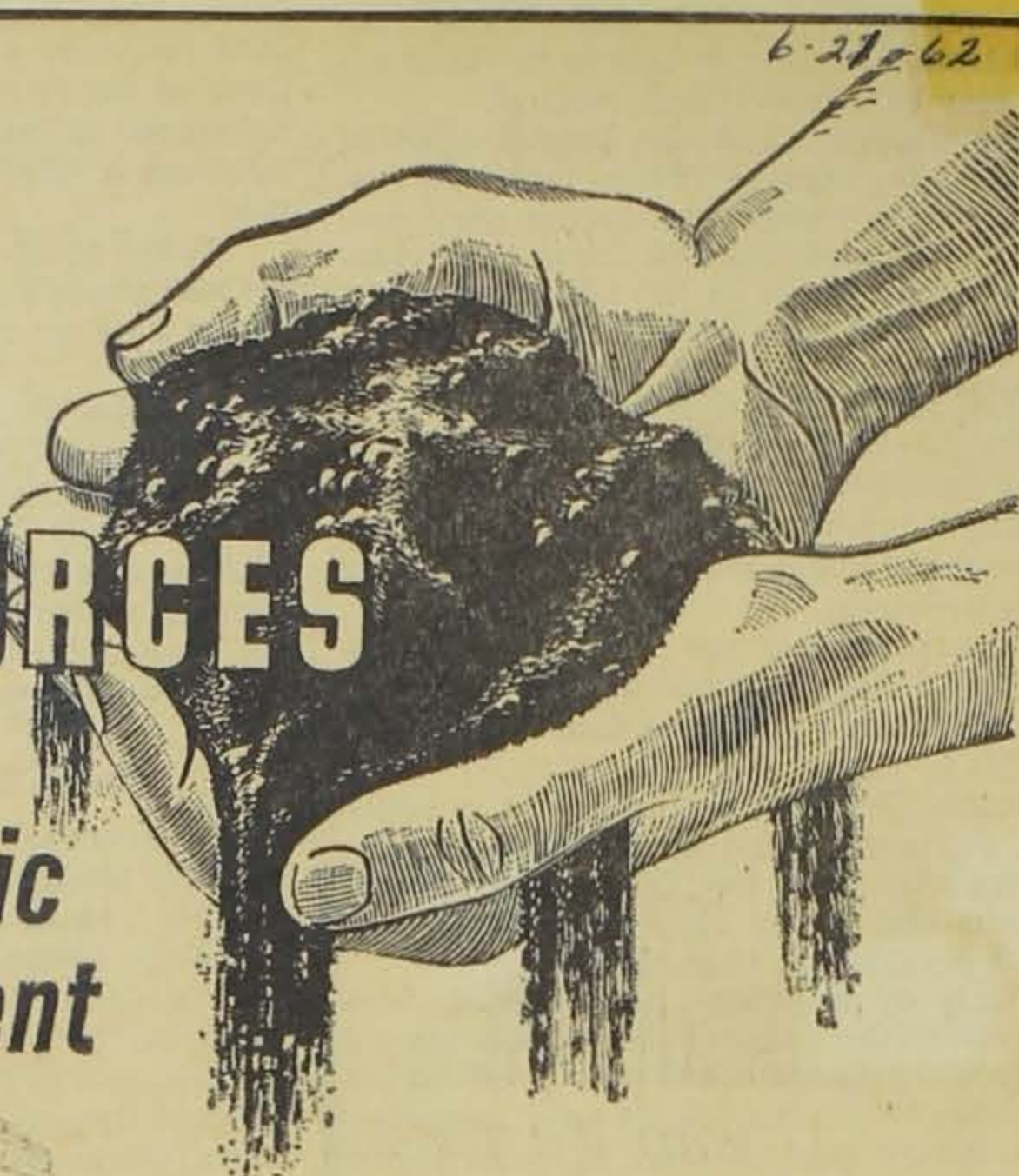
Miller and Chumbley with 100 acres in Liberty township.

A new farm conservation plan was approved for Price and Eddy with 114 acres in Knox township.

The meeting also considered the budget and plans for the fiscal year which starts July 1. District officers participating in the session included Commissioners Doyce Miller, chairman, and Adrian Fuller; Joe Colgan, area conservationist; Steve Evans, secretary; and Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist, and Gary Johnson, conservationist.

RESOURCES

are a basic requirement



Whether it's banking, farming or any other kind of business that's measured in terms of productivity, resources are basic. And soil and the water it contains is a farmer's most valuable natural resource.

We believe that any good management program starts with good management of resources. This is where soil conservation fits in. With a conservation program you use your soil and water in such a way that you have a more profitable business and that all people will enjoy continuous and plentiful supplies of food, fiber and services that come from the land.

Soil conserving practices lead to production with efficiency today—and they protect the future, too. The farmer who uses soil and water conservation practices that fit his farm is building security for himself, his family and his community. He's the farmer who is likely to be a good long-term credit risk.

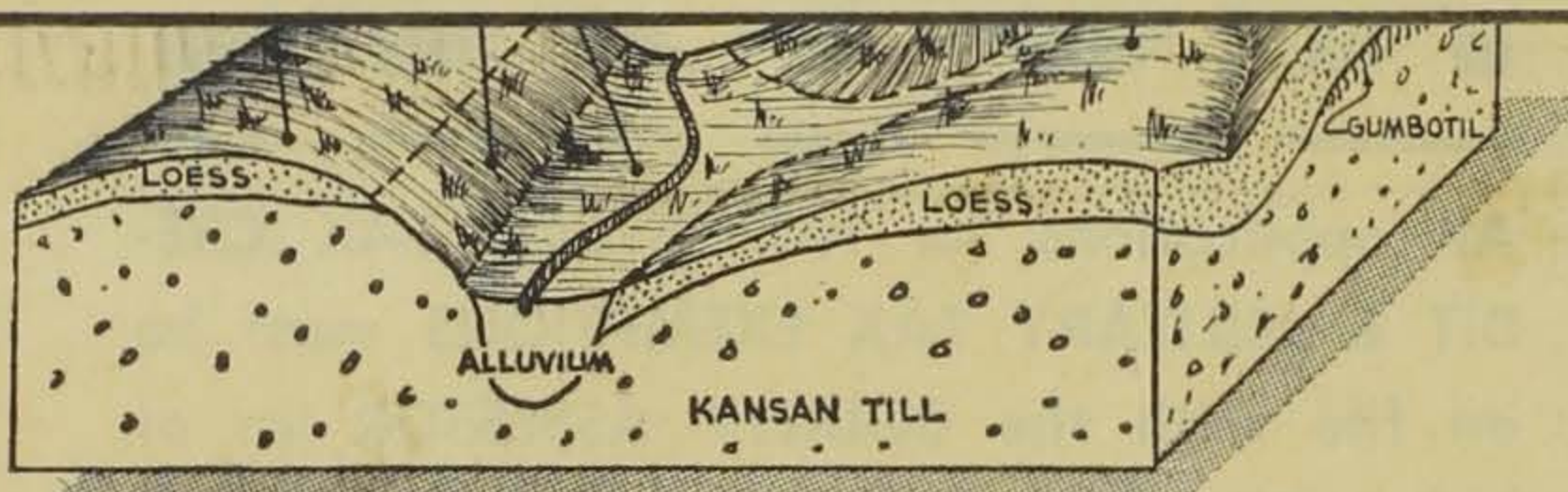
We'll help you finance soundly planned conservation. Come in this week, and let's talk about your soil and water conservation program.



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Osceola, Iowa

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Recreational Fishing Improved . . .

Bass, Bluegills Placed In 3rd Baird Pond 6-28-62

There are four ponds on the James Baird farm five miles west of Murray, Iowa. Each provides diversified fishing with one sporting channel cats, two containing bass and bluegill, and a third being recently stocked with bass and bluegill.

Baird farms 600 acres with his wife and his son, Dean, and a hired hand. Four hundred acres are in crops this year with the rest being in the Conservation Reserve, or in pasture land. A firm believer in soil conservation, Baird uses strip cropping, contour farming and terraces.

A herd of Shorthorn beef cattle, some hogs and a herd of sheep supplement the Bairds' crop farm.



Dean Baird and Royal Bettis stock one of the Baird's four ponds with 300 bass and 500 bluegills they acquired from the Conservation Service Thursday.

Three Candidates For 6-28-62 Conservation Queen

Three Clarke county farm girls, including one from the Osceola and two from the Murray areas, were the first to enter the Queen of Conservation contest to be held in Osceola on July 11, according to a report this Thursday morning by Clarence Ford of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District, sponsors of the annual event.

The first three entries include the following:

Mary Louise Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jones of Doyle township.

Judy Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Hartman of Washington township.

Karen Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Paul of Osceola township.

"We are anticipating a number of other entries and the soil commissioners remind the Clarke county girls that it is important that they fill out entry blanks as soon as possible," Ford said.

The contest will be held in connection with the weekly concert of the Osceola Band on Wednesday evening, July 11, in the court house park but entries should be made within the next few days, he explained in pointing out that the application blanks must first go to the state soil office.

Entry blanks may be secured from the soil conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post office, the Extension Service office in the court house or the Osceola Drug store.

The local contest is open to single girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years. All contestants must live on farms in Clarke county.

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ing the Osceola program to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest to be held Aug. 6 at Albia.

Last year, Jan Smith of Truro, won the regional contest held during the Clarke County 4-H Fair and went on to be the first girl from this area to become the Iowa Queen of Conservation by winning the state contest. Barbara Blanchard and Rosalee Sklenar were 1961 winners in the local contest.

Wind, Water Damage Is Still 6-28-62 Concern Of Conservationists

By William H. Greiner, Director
State Soil Conservation
Committee

Soil Conservation Districts—formed during the "dirty thirties" to fight the twin menaces, wind and water erosion—are today adding roles as the concept of conservation is broadened.

In the late 1930's the major problem facing soil conservation districts and the newly formed Soil Conservation Service was stopping the wasting away of fertile soils. They also had the problem of restoring to productive use 50 million acres that were already virtually destroyed and another 50 million acres that were badly damaged. Though the job is yet far from complete, tremendous advances in this area have been made.

Today Iowa has 100 local soil conservation districts. They work in cooperation with federal and state organizations—particularly the Soil Conservation Service—to help adapt broad conservation programs to specific local needs.

The problems of wind and water erosion continue to be the major concern of the soil district. But districts are also directing their energies toward other areas of the conservation program.

For example, districts are playing a very important role in the watershed program—particularly those developed under Public Law 566. Thus far there have been 58 Public Law 566 applications submitted to the State Soil

Conservation Committee in Iowa. In each application the local soil conservation district has been one of the legal sponsors. The districts are also assuming the responsibility of establishing a maintenance program for the respective watersheds.

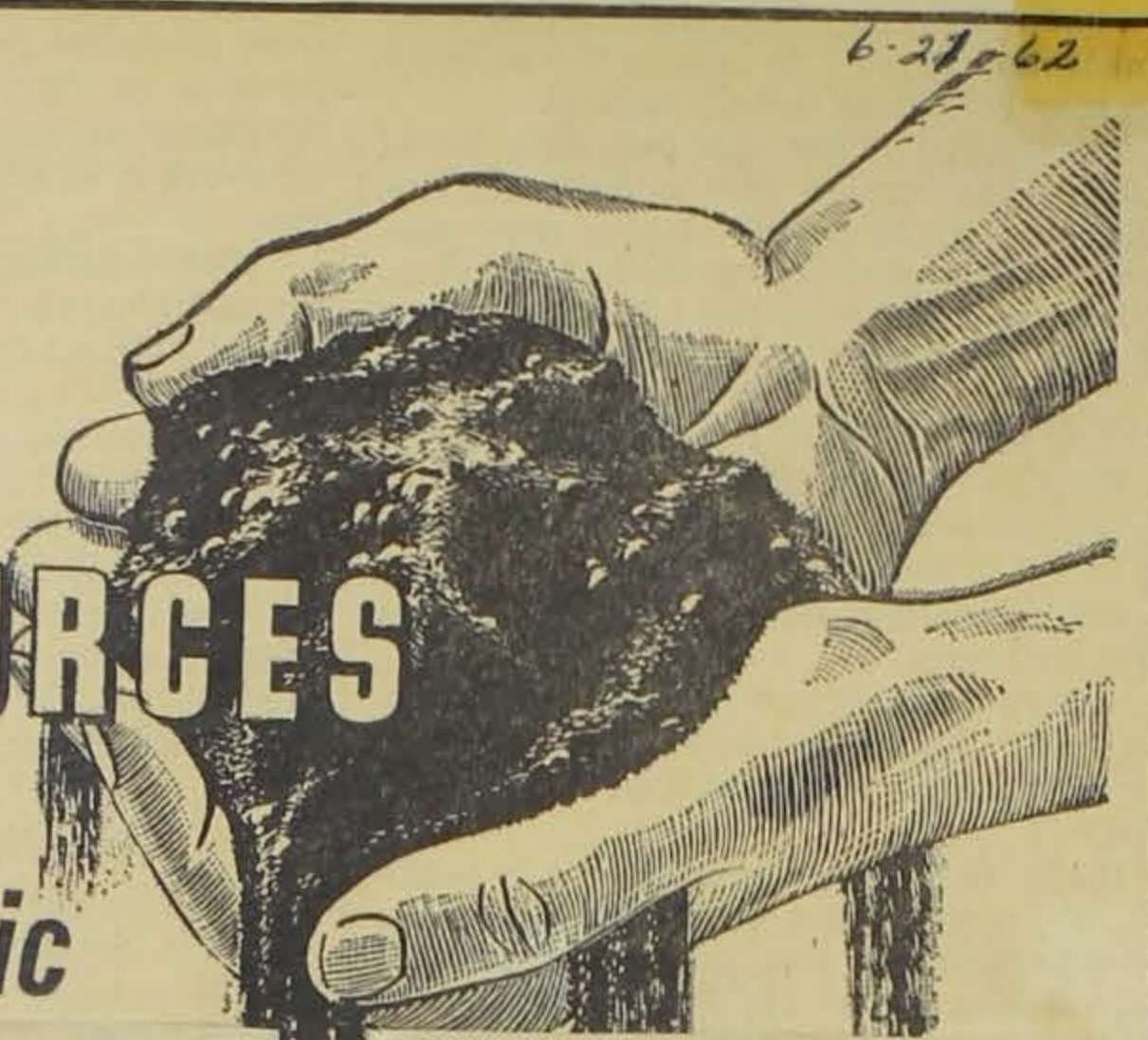
Recreation is becoming a very important factor to the nation because people have more leisure time as a result of shorter work weeks. Districts have recognized this and are taking steps to make recreational aspects a larger part of the district program. Thousands of farm ponds have been constructed and a high percentage of the ponds have excellent recreational features. Districts are encouraging wildlife plantings in odd areas of farms and also the reforestation of areas not suitable for agriculture. These areas will provide wildlife with a good home and assure the hunter of having a little better luck when he takes to the field.

The agriculture pattern is changing rapidly and with this change the role of soil conservation districts will change. However, the main objective of districts will continue to be that of combating all types of erosion. As a result a better land use program will emerge. Proper use of

our land and water resources will also enhance all recreation by having cleaner streams and lakes more cober for wildlife, and a better life for all people.

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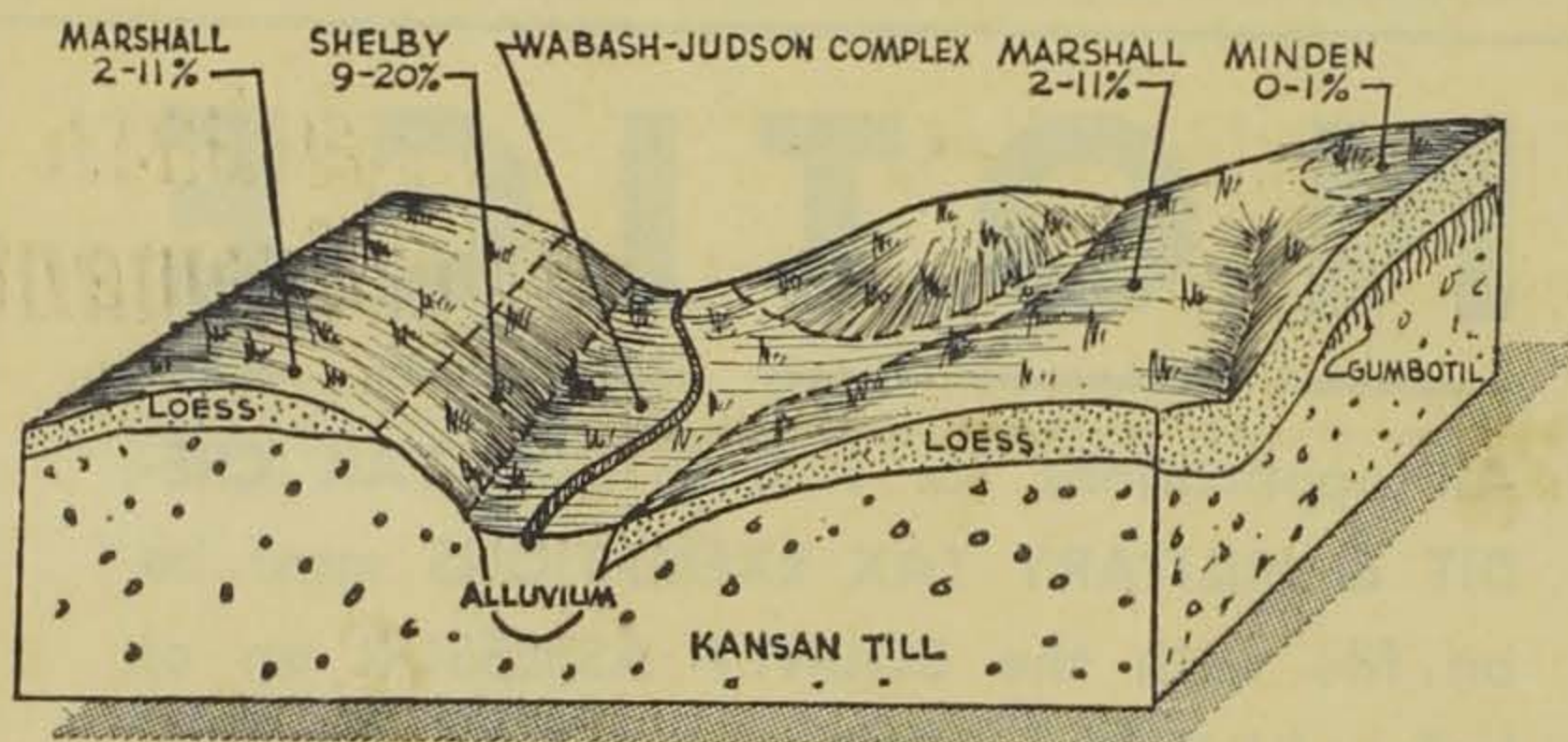


The pre-fabricated home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ogan is the third new residence to be completed in the past year in the all-new residential area developing on Lincoln street just south of West McLane street. Large glass frontage on the south and west of the living room area of the three-bedroom house to the attractiveness of the home with a view of the grade Lake Ogan. The Ogan home is pictured as the fourth of a series for this season in the Osceola news-papers showing the building progress in Osceola's residential and business areas.

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Used By Both Rural And Urban 6-28-62

Large Farm Ponds Providing Recreation

Both rural and urban people in Iowa are recognizing the many benefits to be derived from the small watershed projects, says Frank H. Mendell, state conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

For example, Mendell says, in the Deer-Run Community Watershed as many as 100 people have used the Ed Monson farm lake for summer fishing, swimming and picnicking and for duck hunting and ice skating in the

winter. After being stocked with fish for three years, ponds in the Harmony Watershed east of Logan began supplying good fishing in 1961.

Residents of Dunlay are depending upon a ten-acre lake in the Mill-Picayune Watershed for fishing and swimming. Also in this watershed the Peterson-Lapke dam is supplying fishing, swimming, boating, hunting and wildlife habitat. The Assman-Evans lake also is used for community recreation.

Water impoundments in the Mortenson Watershed in Cherokee county are stocked with fish. As many as 2,000 to 3,000 ducks have been observed at one time on the water above one of the

larger erosion control structures.

To date, 4 small watershed projects have been completed in Iowa. An additional 13 are under construction and others are in the planning stage. Also completed are 52 subwatershed projects of the Little Sioux Flood Control Authority. Mendell also says that 28,000 ponds and small lakes have been installed by Iowa farmers. Over 15,000 are stocked with fish.

Mendell attributes much of the success of this program of land treatment erosion control structures and farm ponds to the initiative of rural and urban folks cooperating with soil conservation districts, county boards of supervisors, state and federal agencies.

Clarke District In Soil Contest 7/2/62

For the 10th year, the Clarke Soil Conservation District will enter the annual Goodyear competition to select the nation's top 52 districts, according to Doyce Miller, local chairman.

The district's outstanding co-operator will be selected from among the 759 farm operators enrolled in the Clarke district program. Activities during the period from May 1, 1962, through April 20, 1963, will be considered in the state and national judging.

Queen Of Conservation Entries Close Saturday 7/5/62

Entries in the Clarke county Queen of Conservation contest must be postmarked by midnight on Saturday, July 7, according to a deadline announced Thursday morning by the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners, sponsors of the annual event.

The two local queen candidates will be selected during judging which will feature the

weekly concert of the Osceola Municipal Band to be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening, July 11, in the court house park.

Three girls entered in the contest so far include:

Judy Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hartman of Washington township.

Karen Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Paul of Osceola township.

Mary Louise Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jones of Doyle township.

Entry blanks may be secured at the county soil conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post office building, the Extension Service office in the court house or the Osceola Drug store.

"We are hoping that a number of other Clarke county farm girls will get their entries in the mail to the Des Moines conservation office before the deadline so that we will have a representative group in the contest," Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist said.

The two girls selected in the local contest will compete in the regional competition to be held Aug. 6 at Albia.

Conservation Queens To Be Selected On Wednesday ^{7/10/62}



Clarke Queens Judges emphasized that they had an understandably difficult time selecting two Queen of Conservation winners from the four candidates pictured at the Clarke county contest Wednesday

evening. They are, from left: Mary Louise Jones, Juanita Louise McVey, Judy Hartman and Karen Paul. Miss Jones and Miss Paul were selected to go to the regional contest.

Karen Paul, Conserv

Two 16-year-old Clarke county farm girls were selected by judges of the Queen of Conservation contest which featured the Osceola band concert Wednesday night to represent the Clarke Soil Conservation District in regional competition. The two girls are:

Mary Louise Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jones of Doyle township.

Karen Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Paul of Osceola township.

"It was a very close decision,"

vities, Miss Jones told the audience that she plans to attend a business college when she graduates next spring from the Murray Community high school. She said she had gained practical conservation knowledge from the practices in force on her family farm which include terraces, contour plowing and four ponds. During three years of 4-H work she has served as an officer and been active in a number of projects.

Lundquist also introduced Soil Commissioners Doyce Miller, Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim, and Conservationists Clarence Ford and T. J. Laing as sponsors of the contest.

Under the direction of Phil Manahl, the Osceola City Band entertained the audience with its weekly concert program before the contest.

Contest To Feature Band Concert

Four Clarke county farm girls will compete in the annual local Queen of Conservation contest which will feature the weekly Osceola City Band concert at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, July 11, in the court house park.

Two of the girls will be selected by judges to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the regional contest to be held Aug. 6 at Albia.

Phil Manahl will direct the Osceola band in the concert which will be climaxed by the interviewing of the queen candidates by Ed Lundquist, master of ceremonies, and the announcement of the judges' decisions.

Juanita Louise McVey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerold McVey of Doyle township, was the fourth candidate to enter the contest before the Saturday deadline.

The three candidates who had been announced earlier include:

Karen Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Paul of Osceola township.

Mary Louise Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jones of Doyle township.

Judy Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Hartman of Washington township.

The two local queens will be judged on the basis of their poise, personality, intelligence and personal attractiveness. The girls will also be judged on their knowledge of soil conservation and agricultural interest in general.

Last year, Jan Smith of Truro won the local regional contest and went on to win the state title. She is now completing her reign as Iowa Queen of Conservation.

Iowa Resources Listed In Book ^{7/19/62}

**Conservation Council Issues
New Book On State's Wealth**

Information on Iowa's natural resources and their conservation is contained in "The Conservation Source Book" issued this week by the Iowa State University Press.

The new book was developed by the Iowa Conservation Education Council as an answer to many requests for information on conservation and the use of the state's natural resources.

Frank Mendell, state conservationist, says in the preface of the handbook that conservation of natural resources is as basic to continuation of the American way of life as democracy itself.

Separate sections are devoted to soils, water, plant life, animal life, rocks, minerals and fossils, and natural areas. After each section is a list of suggested individual and group projects that can be undertaken at various times of the year.

There is also a section on places to go and things to do in Iowa; with detailed maps showing the locations of parks, recreation areas, fish hatcheries, watersheds, as well as lists of

agencies to contact for further information and an extension conservation bibliography.

The "Source Book" is designed as an aid to teachers, youth leaders and others concerned with acquainting the public with the value of our heritage of natural resources and with impressing upon them the importance of conservation as it affects the individual, the community and the country as a whole.

In the book's foreward, written shortly before his death, J. N. (Ding) Darling said: "Every new generation is inclined to accept its surroundings as standard equipment and expect it to last forever. Those of us who came into this world some years ago have discovered, to our dismay, that the wear and tear of civilization has already taken toll of our original endowment of worldly goods. Remember the parable of the ants and the grasshoppers!"

Material for the book was compiled by soil scientists, botanists, geologists and others who have had years of experience in research and teaching. Copies of "The Conservation Source Book" are available from the publishers at \$1.95.

Light Vote Cast In ASC Elections

Clarke county farmers elected their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committeemen at township meetings last week but the number of eligible voters casting ballots showed a decrease of 23 as compared to the 1961 vote, according to Charles Bacon, Clarke county ASC office manager.

Ward township had the highest total vote cast with 31 ballots of the 171 cast in the county.

Chairmen from each township will meet at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 28, at the Clarke county ASC office in the basement of the Osceola post office building to elect the 1962-63 ASC county committeemen.

Following are the community committeemen elected in each township and they are listed in the order of chairman, vice-chairman and member in each case:

Doyle Township: Dale C. Jones, James W. Jones, Francis Chamberlain.

Franklin Township: Robert Wright, Don Horton, Dale Adams. Fremont Township: J. S. Schaffer, Dale Bonnett, Glenn L. Chandler.

Greenbay Township: L. R. Chaney, L. M. Gorsline, Carl George.

Jackson Township: Johnny Woods, Richard Carson, Billie Chase.

Knox Township: T. H. Swain, Lloyd Miller, Olin Eddy.

Liberty Township: Walter K. White, Merrill H. McCarty, Donald Perry.

Madison Township: Lester Goodman, Wayne Kirk, Gale Palmer.

Osceola Township: George L. Touet, Chas. E. Adams, Kenneth Johnson.

Troy Township: George Fleming, Clinton Hill, Elva Wolfe.

Ward Township: Keith E. Weakland, Roy Brown, K. M. Clark.

Washington Township: Jerry Kelly, Aubrey Simmerman, James Miller.

"The township committeemen are a very important component of our present day agricultural and farm programs. They have the responsibility of determining individual feed grain bases, productivity indexes and establishing yields as well as serving as reporters for the County ASC programs. The township committeemen also have important duties such as signing up farmers for conservation practices and determining which practices are applicable to the county," Bacon declared.

Osceola Chapter Members Distribute . . .

FFA Promotes Week

Suggest Safer Practices For Work, Driving

Members of the Osceola Big Chief Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are giving their active support to the 19th annual observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 22-28, through the distribution of stickers and other material to neighboring farmers as a public education program, according to Leland Dolecheck, voc-ag teacher and chapter advisor.

"Family Safety at Work and Play," is the theme of the material on this year's campaign to reduce all types of farm accidents. All local FFA members are participating in the project by actual farm visits.

The campaign emphasizes rural highway and farm machinery safety.

During 1961 traffic accidents claimed the lives of 38,000 Americans. More than three-fourths of these fatalities occurred on rural roads and highways. And in 1960, out of 11,300 total fatalities to farm people, 5100 were motor vehicle deaths.

There is more and more traffic on rural roads, and the farm resident cannot rely solely upon his own good driving habits to keep him out of trouble. He must always consider the other driver. This is doubly important when the farmer takes machinery on public roads.

He and his workers must protect themselves and other drivers by providing approved lighting by night and flags by day, both necessary accessories to warn motorists of slow moving vehicles. The farmer should be willing to pull off the side of the road and allow cars to pass if traffic piles up behind him. This takes a few minutes longer but it can prevent an accident.

No matter how many different kinds of farm machinery are operated, the basic rules of safe handling and common sense apply to all. The National Safety Council lists these reminders: --

Wear simple, close-fitting work clothes; always turn off machinery before adjusting, unclogging or servicing; always keep shields and guards in place when operating; refuel machinery only when the motor is off and has cooled; take a short break every few hours to forestall fatigue.

And, in addition, emphasizes the Iowa State Department of Health, keep all children off farm machinery. They do not have the experience, extreme caution, and mature judgment to operate it.

Control of farm trucks on the road is essential. Safe turning speeds, stopping distances and acceleration vary with the weight and type of load. Misjudgment of weight is often responsible for serious accidents.

Other accident preventive measures suggested by the Council:

Pull off the side of the road and allow cars to pass if traffic piles up behind a slow-moving vehicle. It takes a few minutes longer but it could avert an accident.

Clear shrubbery and tall crops from driveways, field entrances and blind intersections to permit



"Farm safety is a family affair." That is the theme of the public education project being carried out by the Osceola Big Chief Chapter of the Future Farmers of America during National Farm Safety Week, July 22-28.

Book Outlines Home Soil Plans

Clarke Conservation Office
Offers Home - Owner Books

A new publication designed to help city and suburban dwellers understand soil erosion problems on their lots, gardens, and small farms has just been released by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. It is called "Soil Conservation At Home" and interprets the Service's experience in working with farmers for non-farm people.

A copy may be obtained from the local SCS office, in the basement of the Osceola post office building, according to Clarence Ford, conservationist, of the Clarke County District.

Ford said that the publication consists of 30 pages of suggestions on what the home owner can do to reduce the amount of water runoff from his lot and cut down on soil erosion.

It describes the ideal soil and how to know what kind of soil you have. There is a section on a conservation plan that includes safe disposal of water, and shrub planting to encourage helpful wildlife, particularly birds.

The bulletin is illustrated with photographs showing contour gardening, miniature terraces, grass waterways and other conservation practices.

easy visibility in all directions. Install and use seat belts in cars and trucks. They won't prevent accidents but they will save lives.

8/7/62 Farms Approved For Soil Loans

Clarke Commissioners Pass On
New Plans, Assistance Projects

Two new farm conservation plans and four new applications for cost-sharing programs were approved last week by the Clarke Soil Conservation District commissioners at their monthly meeting.

Plans were also completed for a Soil and Water Conservation booth to be operated by the district staff members next week during the Clarke County 4-H Fair and Rodeo, according to Clarence Ford, district work unit conservationist.

The new farm conservation plans approved were for:

Gus Garvis on 120 acres in Liberty township.

Harold Moran on 40 acres in Osceola township.

The applications for cost-sharing assistance included the following:

John James on 180 acres in Doyle township.

W. W. Reynoldson on 362 acres in Knox township.

W. C. Warren on 25 acres in Ward township.

Jessie Halvorsen on 80 acres in Doyle township.

The commissioners also approved revision of two farm plans set up for the E. F. Agee 360 acres operated by Paul Van Winkle in Jackson township, and the A. Johnston 240 acres operated by Neal Lohr in Doyle township.

Commissioners Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim and Conservationist Ford also attended the summer regional directors meeting held last week at Chariton where plans for fall activities were outlined.

8/9/62 Donna Kennedy, Truro, Is Conservation Queen

For the Second year in succession a Madison county girl was named "Queen of Conservation" for Region six at Albia, Monday evening.

Last years winner, Miss Jan Smith of Truro went on to become the state wide Queen of Conservation.

This year's winner, 17 year old Donna Kennedy, daughter of Donald Kennedy lives 5 1/2 miles north west of Truro on a 168 acre farm operated by her father. She is the oldest

of 10 children, four sisters and five brothers.

Other district winners who competed against Miss Kennedy for the regional honor were: Karen Paul, Osceola; Mary Louise Jones, Murray; Jeanne Baker, Humeston; Mary Peterson, Grand River; Diana Curran, Becky Kelso, and Mary Mason, Russell; Judy Riser, Winterset; Mary Jo Ryan, Melrose, and Marjorie Beary, Lovilia.

Miss Kennedy will now compete with the winners of the other eight regional contests at the state contest in Atlantic, Sept. 12. The event will be held in conjunction with the Plowman's Banquet and the state "Queen" will reign over the "State Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and Con-tour Plowing Match to be held near Atlantic Sept. 13. A cash award of \$250 will be presented to the 1962 "Queen."

This years regional queen was presented an engraved wrist watch at the Albia Regional contest.

4/5/62 Five Soil Plans Given Approval

Clarke Game Officer Tells
Requirements For Lake Site

Two new farm conservation plans and three applications for assistance on plans were approved last week at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation Commissioners, according to Chairman Doyce Miller.

Harold Carter, local Conservation officer, met with the commissioners and gave a comprehensive outline of requirements for establishing a wildlife lake area. The commissioners did not announce plans for any project at this time.

The new farm plans include 240 acres of the A. M. Miller farm operated by Gale Palmer in Madison township, and 155 acres on the Dean Halvorsen farm in Fremont township.

The assistance applications approved were for Chester Saddoris with 200 acres in Fremont township, J. L. Stills with 233 acres in Fremont, and Dean Halvorsen with 155 acres in Fremont.

The commissioners planned to attend the State Field Day on Sept. 13 near Atlantic. Commissioner Adrian Fuller will be a judge for one of the plowing events.

Fuller also reported on the regional meeting at Chariton where William C. Singley of Appanoose county was elected a new regional director.

County Land Needs More Terraces

12 Reasons To Terrace Cited By Soil Service

Farmers planning to build terraces before the harvest rush should contact their ASC County Committee and the Soil Conservation Service technician before starting their projects, according to County Extension Director Steve Evans.

With the guidance and technical assistance of the SCS, farmers can receive up to 70 percent cost-sharing for terrace construction under the 1962 agricultural conservation program. Cost runs about 5 to 6 cents per foot, but cooperators end up paying only about 30 percent of the total.

Charles Ballantyne, Iowa State University extension agronomist, says diverted acres from the feed grain program would be a logical place to start terracing, especially if these acres are going to be used for crop production in the near future. Another good spot would be hay fields where the last crop of hay is harvested and row crops are planned for next year.

Ballantyne says there are usually only two logical times to do terracing—now, before the fall rush starts, and in the spring before crops are put in. And now's the time when soil conservation technicians may have more time to assist in developing terrace plans with you.

Terraces shorten the length of slope and intercept runoff water before it can accumulate in destructive quantities. Intercepted in the terrace channel, excess water soaks into the ground or flows slowly down the terrace channel to a natural waterway or constructed terrace outlet. Terraces on steep land will reduce annual soil and water loss more effectively than any other mechanical erosion control practice.

Clarke county has approximately 140 miles of terraces and needs 25 million more feet to meet the conservation needs in the district, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation district.

Ford listed the following 12 reasons for terracing as he urged Clarke county farmers to discuss

Advise Treating Farm Pond Algae

Farm pond fishermen are finding bank fishing difficult in algae-covered ponds, according to County Extension Director Steve Evans. Iowa State University Extension Wildlife Specialist Robert Moorman says mats of algae forming around edges of ponds can be treated with ordinary copper sulfate, available at most drug stores.

Moorman says to apply 1.4 pounds of copper sulfate for each acre-foot of water. (This amount of copper sulfate is safe for fish, farm animals and swimming children.) You should be able to get the compound for about 25 cents per pound.

Dissolve the copper sulfate in water and spray the mixture over the surface of the pond, using an extension hose and spray wand. If a large sprayer is not available, the copper sulfate can be dumped in a sugar sack and towed behind a boat at the edge of the weeds. Moorman says algae should turn white and begin to die within two days.

If the algae has spread over the entire pond surface, spray only one-third of the pond at a time and wait 10 days before moving to other sections. This prevents suffocation of fish because of oxygen depletion.

Moorman warned that copper sulfate will react with metals. Sprayers should be flushed immediately after use to prevent deposits.

the program at the county soil office in the basement of the Osceola post office:

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116 Products Of Iowa Wood

A large variety of lumber and wood products, ranging from rough sawed lumber to baby baskets, is produced in Iowa, a study by the Iowa Manufacturers Association showed today.

A report of the study showed 116 different lumber and wood products are produced in 161 plants throughout the state.

Among the lumber products turned out by Iowa plants are rails, dock bumpers, poles, loading timbers and planks, railroad ties, gun stocks and meat barrels.

Other wood products include window frames and sashes, interior and exterior trim, combination doors, louvers, garage doors, plywood, wall panels, portable buildings, prefabricated houses and surveyors stakes.

Wood products manufactured in Iowa also include baby baskets, picnic baskets, clothes hampers, farm gates, ladders, picture frames, stock tanks, snow fence and milk cooling tanks.

Unusual wood items produced in Iowa include pile driver pilings, shavings, breakfast nooks, portable wood drive-in unit buildings, ice stations, ready-built motels, beehives, toothpick stages, car writing desks, sparrow traps and oil-less wood bearings.

"Iowa forests produce about 67.5 million board feet each year, enough to provide approximately one-third the total used by the state's wood industry," said Harry D. Linn, executive vice-president of the IMA. "However, about 80 percent of the hardwood used in Iowa manufacturing plants is produced in the state."



Sweepstakes This erosion control dam and drainage area is a major factor in the conservation program which won the over-all high score for the Tom Barr farm in Knox township as top winner in the annual Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program. The dam is actually located on

the farm of his uncle, John Barr, but it is just over the property line and its purpose is to serve as a stable outlet for two waterways on the winning farm. Gary Johnson, Clarke district conservationist, is shown standing on top of a part of the long angling fill.

Three County Farms Named Soil Winners

Farms owned by Tom Barr, Mrs. Martha Ames and Charles McPhetridge have been chosen to represent the Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the three divisions of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program, according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the district commissioners.

The three winning farms are all operated by non-owners. The operators are Robert Foland on the Barr farm, Jack Ames on the Ames farm, and

Raymond Deemer on the McPhetridge farm.

The 360-acre Barr farm in Knox township was the over-all winner with the highest score on conservation practices of any entries in the three divisions. It was the Division III winner for new soil conservation cooperators starting in 1960.

The Barr scoring shows that 100 percent of the farm is farmed according to the district program. Highlights of the practices include 2½ miles of standard terraces with approximately 3,400 feet parallel. There are two miles of waterway shaping and bottomland pasture was converted to cropland by timber clearing and construction of open drainage ditches and 1½ miles of diversion terraces. There was also some conversion of cropland to permanent grassland and more is planned.

A factor on the Barr farm was also the hearing in the cost and planning of an erosion control dam constructed on the adjoining land of his uncle, John Barr.

In Division I for family operated farms, the 160-acre Ames farm in Franklin township scored the highest mark.

The Ames farm also has 100 percent of the land farmed according to the district program. The program is designed to raise the maximum amount of row crops while keeping soil losses within a minimum by contouring on sloping land. All waterways are grassed and crossable and headlands are left on sloping ground for turning.

The 260-acre McPhetridge farm in Franklin township scored highest in Division II for tenant-operated farms on which the best conservation program has been established and maintained.

Deemer was credited with progress toward improving the over-all farm program. Next year pasture renovation and the conversion of more cropland to pasture is planned. Land use within the soil capabilities and contouring are the main accomplishments listed by the judges on the farm.

The winning farms were selected by a committee consisting of Commissioners Miller, Harold Brim and Adrian Fuller; Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist, and Gary Johnson, conservationist of the Clarke district.

The Clarke district entries will compete with winning farmers in Region No. 6 in the state contest. In addition to the Clarke district, the region includes Madison, Warren, Mahaska, Marion, Lucas, Monroe, Appanoose, Wayne and Decatur counties.

Soil District Approves Plans

Commissioners Pass On Five
Conservation Programs
At Meeting

Five new conservation farm plans and applications for two assistance programs were approved Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, according to Chairman Doyce Miller.

It was the largest number of new farm plans approved at any meeting in recent months and commissioners indicated it was a evidence of the increased interest in conservation work in Clarke county.

Following are the farms on which plans were approved:

A. M. Miller, 200 acres in Madison township, operated by Gale Palmer.

Mrs. D. D. Boggs and Eugene Boggs, 160 acres in Franklin township.

Ralph Smith, 400 acres in Jackson township.

A. M. Miller, 400 acres in Madison township, operated by Elmer Camron.

Adrian Fuller, adding 392 acres in Knox township to his present plan.

The assistance plans approved were for Merel Patterson on 192 acres in Troy township, and Wilbert Smith with 240 acres in Jackson township.

Chairman Miller reported on attending the state conference of the Iowa Association of Soil Commissioners held recently in Sioux City.

A report on the State Field Day recently at Atlantic was made by Commissioner Fuller, who served as a referee in plowing contests.

Educational exhibits and new machinery shown at the Iowa Progress Show near Blairsburg last week were described by Commissioner Harold Brim in his report on the event.

FFA Promoting Safe Corn Harvest

Carelessness Is Major Cause Of Picking Mishaps

Corn picking accidents will be eliminated on Clarke county farms this fall if the efforts of the Osceola Big Chief Chapter of the Future Farmers of America in their annual Safe Corn Harvest campaign are heeded by field workers, according to Leland Dolecheck, Clarke community high school vocational teacher and chapter advisor.

Elbert Weakland, Steve Gonseth, John Kirkwood and Roland Muselman head the FFA committee staging the campaign under which the members are distributing gate signs and rule cards to local farmers urging their cooperation.

Gene Davis was one of the FFA members who submitted class essays on the subject and he wrote in part:

"Shut off all machinery before dismounting and keep all shields in place. Always dress warm enough so you won't get cold while picking corn. When you get cold you get in a hurry to get to the house to get warm and hurry is dangerous. Always take a break at mid-morning and mid-afternoon to refresh yourself."

Educational facts being distributed by the FFA include the following:

Weather plays an important part in corn harvest. Corn that is too green cannot be picked economically or safely. Harvest equipment does not work well in extremely cold, wet weather.

Unfavorable picking conditions mean that you will have to adjust your corn harvesting machinery more frequently to do a good job. By trying to get through too fast you will have to stop more than is necessary. Curb your patience, turn off the power on your tractor and power take off every time you leave the tractor seat.

Farm accident rates soar in the late afternoon. Take a break and try to become more safety conscious as each day's harvesting begins.

"You can keep yourself from becoming an accident statistic," says the Osceola, FFA Chapter, "if you follow safe equipment operating rules in your harvesting operations."

"Help the Future Farmers of America ring up an accident free record for your community during this 1962 FFA Safe Corn Harvest Program. Turn off the power take off. Take a break. Make proper adjustments and, above all, take time to be safe."

6,400 Catfish For Farm Ponds

Channel, Bass, Bluegills Distributed To 57 Pond Owners

Over 6,400 channel catfish along with bass and bluegills were distributed this Thursday morning to owners of Clarke county farm ponds who had applied through the County Soil Conservation Service office.

The fish from the Federal Fairport Hatchery near Davenport were distributed to 51 farmers for stocking in 57 ponds, according to Clarence Ford, conservationist.

The largest supply of channel catfish in recent years was distributed to 48 pond owners and nine others received bass and bluegills.

The number of fish depends on the size of the surface area of individual ponds, Ford explained. He said catfish should be in a pond with a minimum depth of eight feet and a sizable bottom area.

Stress Rural-Urban Unit During Farm-City Week

Cooperation between urban and rural residents in making America strong is being stressed by the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners in the local observance of National Farm-City Week, Nov. 16 to 22, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

Commissioners Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim joined Chairman Miller in issuing the following statement concerning the local observance of the event:

"Agriculture plays a vital role in America's continued growth. A big boost to the economy has come from the release of manpower from our farms, through rapidly increasing agricultural efficiency. The people not needed for farm work are producing the other goods and services which add to our rising standard of living.

"Productivity of farm workers has gone up at an incredibly fast rate. Today's average farm worker, in fact, produces more than three times as much per hour as a farm worker did just 20 years ago; over four times as much as 40 years ago.

"Our population has climbed nearly 80 million since 1920. Yet total man-hours of farm labor

per year have dropped from 24 billion to 10.3 billion.

"Using less than half the manpower and 12 million fewer acres than in 1920, today's farmers are producing almost twice as much food and fiber. Agriculture is feeding those 80 million more Americans - feeding them better - and we have an abundance to share with hungry people around the world.

"In the United States, about 9 of every 100 in our labor force are farm workers. Contrast this with Russia, where nearly half the labor force works in agriculture. In communist China, an estimated 7 or 8 of every 10 workers are in agriculture.

"Because our farmers produce more with less effort, our food costs us less. This gives us more money to spend on other goods and services - creating new demands and expanded markets - helping the economy grow.

"In most countries of the world, people spend half or more of their income for food. Those in India spend 60%, the Japanese 42%, and Italians 45%. But we Americans spend only one-fifth of our take-home pay for food. So we have four-fifths left to use as we choose."

5 More Farms On Soil Plans

Clarke Commissioners Set Emphasis On Increase In Pastures

Five new farm conservation plans and two applications for cost-share assistance were approved Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the Clarke Soil Conservation District Commissioners, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

The need for a concerted pasture improvement program in the Clarke district was stressed during a major discussion by the commissioners. It was emphasized that more land must be converted to pasture before erosion of non-crop land becomes an even greater problem.

Following are the new conservation farm plans approved at the meeting:

George Simmerman, 337 acres in Madison township.

Sam D. Armstrong, 150 acres in Liberty township.

Lowell Chipp, 200 acres in Madison township.

Kenneth Dunbar, 278 acres in Washington township.

Pearl Myers, 820 acres in Madison township.

The two cost-sharing applications approved included the following:

Allen Sullivan, 240 acres in Franklin township.

John Hutchison, an additional 62.5 acres in Madison township.

Osceola to Fete International 12/2/62 Award Winner

A SPECIAL welcome is planned today at 3 p. m. in the Osceola square for Lyle Miller, the exhibitor of the grand champion steer at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill.

Miller, 32, will be welcomed by Iowa Secretary of Agriculture L. B. Liddy and will be given a key to the city by Osceola officials.

The Osceola farmer won his grand championship with a steer he purchased as a calf from an Illinois cattleman. Miller has won high honors in many shows, but his victory at the International marked his first major grand championship.

Soil District's Name Changed

12/4/62
"Water" Added To Official
Title: New Farm Plans Set

New applications for conservation plans were approved on five farms and the word "water" was added to the official title of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District last week at the monthly meeting of the commissioners, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Since the county unit deals with soil and water control measures, the commissioners agreed with a national trend in changing the district's title to the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The commissioners approved two new conservation plans on the following Clarke county farms:

W. W. Reynoldson, 362 acres in Osceola township.

J. L. Stills, 233 acres in Fremont township.

An application for assistance in a conservation plan was approved for Lester Campbell on 144 acres in Washington township.

A revised conservation plan was approved for the Lawrence Curnes farm, operated by Dale Chidister, of 160 acres in Franklin township.

Commissioners approved the purchase of the Conservation Source Books to be placed in the Clarke County school libraries. This may be used as a handbook for teachers and youth leaders. The book discusses soils, water, plant life, animals, rocks, minerals, fossils and natural areas. The book stresses conservation as it affects the individual, the community and the county as a whole.

Lions Club Takes Whirl at Farming

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

NEW VIRGINIA, IA.—New Virginia Lions Club members turned out in force last week to pick 56 acres of corn on the 160-acre farm they rent near here.

Using six corn pickers, twenty wagons, seven tractors and three elevators, they picked over 2,400 bushels and finished the job in about six hours.

The yield was nothing to

brag about this year, according to Harold Brim, chairman of the club's agricultural committee.

"But give us three years and we'll be harvesting a real crop on this farm," says Brim, a commissioner in the Clarke Soil Conservation District.

Brim and other committee members have been instrumental in persuading the landlord to have the soil

conservation service prepare a plan for the farm this year.

The plan calls for 50 acres of cropland, 19 acres of permanent hay land, 83 acres of permanent pasture and 5 acres of wildlife area, including a pond.

Terracing, tiling and pasture renovation are also a part of the new plan.

The farm is rented from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Minard of Truro.

Six Farm Soil Plans Approved

Conservation Commissioners
Approved New Plans
For 1963 Work
1-24-63

Four new farm plans and two applications for conservation program assistance were approved last week at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

The four new farm conservation plans approved include the following:

Dean Halvorsen, 155 acres in Fremont township.

Keith Voris, 520 acres in Ward township.

Leland Lewis, 245 acres in Knox township.

Guy Reed, 347 acres in Fremont township.

The assistance applications approved were made by Dr. W. C. Coleman of Truro, who has purchased the Lyle Pfander and Robert Pett farms with a total of 364 acres in Fremont township, and Kenneth C. Brown with 160 acres in Troy township.

The commissioners completed plans for providing prizes to local contestants in future conservation speech contests and for merit certificates to be presented to three winners to be named as having the outstanding conservation farms in the district.

Commissioners Miller, Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim will attend the 18th Annual Conservation Short Course to be held Jan. 8 and 9 at Iowa State University, Ames.

1500-Acre Lake Area Is Possibility In County

Investigation of possibilities for the construction of a huge artificial lake for recreational uses was publicly "kicked off" at the regular meeting of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce board of directors Tuesday noon.

Plans discussed included the building of a dam to back up about 1,500 acres of water, with lots sold around the facility to pay for the land flooded and the construction of the dam. Several areas in the county are being considered by the promoters, who may pattern the local operation around several facilities that have been built further north. If the Clarke county area proves successful, it will be the largest private body of recreational water in Iowa.

As discussed before the Chamber board the project would cost in excess of \$150,000, and if

successful would add an estimated ten million dollars to the county's value. Building lots surrounding the proposed lake would sell from \$250 to \$2,000 each, if the plan followed the Happy Acres promotion at Guthrie Center, which has been studied as a sample of the type of promotion considered.

Officials who have been investigating the possibilities of a large recreational lake explained that the facilities, if built, will lure outsiders to the Clarke county area, and will provide the type recreation that industrialists seek for their employees in searching for new plant sites. In addition the development, if it proves feasible, will bring town and rural interests closer together.

Although the Department of Agriculture, January 17, announced a new federal aid program for the construction of "public recreational developments in approved watershed projects," this aid would apparently not be applicable in the type promotion discussed at the Chamber meeting. As outlined by the department of Agriculture the program requires free access by the public, and as proposed here, the lake would be completely private.

However, if the plans for "private promotion" should fall through, the new government program will receive serious study by the men involved in the program in Clarke county. As outlined in the January statement by the Department of Agriculture the USDA is authorized to bear up to 50 percent of the cost of (1) land, easements and rights-of-way, (2) construction and (3) minimum basic facilities needed for public access to and use of the recreational area. The aid is available through the Soil Conservation Service.

Areas which are being studied in Clarke county include Long Creek, White Breast and Otter Creek. These areas, as well as any others which have not been visualized by the promoters will be thoroughly studied during the rest of the winter.

The Chamber board gave its complete approval to the promotion in the county, and offered its help to get it started. Other meetings were planned between the group and the Osceola Industrial corporation to see what aid is needed and can be given.

10 Farming Soil Plans²⁻³⁻⁶³ Approved

Eight new applications for cost assistance and two new basic farm conservation plans were approved by the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners last week at their monthly meeting, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

Plans were launched by the commissioners for the election of one commissioner to be held on Feb. 26. Details are to be announced soon on the election which will name a commissioner as the term of Chairman Miller expires next April 23, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Following are the farms on which new basic conservation plans were reviewed and approved:

W. C. Coleman, 364 acres in Franklin township.

Dale McKnight, 80 acres in Liberty township.

Applications for cost assistance programs were approved on the following farms:

Clifford Ransom, 40 acres in Liberty township.

Dale McKnight, 80 acres in Liberty township.

Charles Morgan, 151 acres in Osceola township.

John Asmus, 160 acres in Osceola township.

Earl Osenbaugh, 248 acres in Green Bay township.

John Henderson, 240 acres in Liberty township.

Robert Oehlert, 388 acres in Jackson township.

Ernest Price, Jr., 446 acres in Washington township.

The commissioners also moved to sponsor conservation speech contests among Clarke county students this year. Prizes and other details of the contests are to be discussed with Clarke county school officials and announced when completed.

"Iowa Farm Safety" and "How Soil and Water Affect My Future," will be the two subjects of the contests.

Joe Colgan, area conservationist from Chariton, joined the commissioners in reviewing the program and work plan for the local district.



Soil Planning

Commissioners of the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District were planning for the annual election on Feb. 26 and the announcement of winners of the annual conserva-

tion farm contest when they met Friday afternoon. The group pictured, from left: Doyce Miller, chairman; County Extension Director Steve Evans, secretary; Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim, commissioners.

Soil Commissioner To Be Elected Rural-Urban Night

Election of a member of the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners to a six-year term has been set for Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, in connection with the annual Rural-Urban Banquet to be held at the Osceola Masonic Temple.

It was emphasized that voters need not attend the banquet

since all farm land owners and operators in the county are eligible to vote in the election. The election is "being held on the same night and at the same place as the banquet only because it will be convenient for most farmers but eligible voters not attending the event are urged to cast their ballots," the commissioners pointed out.

The polls will be open from 6 to 9 o'clock that evening in the Masonic Temple.

The term of Doyce Miller, current chairman of the commissioners, will expire on next April 3. He is a candidate for re-election.

Kenneth Dunbar of Washington township is the other candidate for election to the commissioner office.

"We hope that there will be a large representative turnout of voters from all parts of the county for the election," the commissioners said Friday when they made final arrangements for the vote.

The evening will be of additional interest to conservationists since the commissioners will announce the winners in the three classes of the annual soil conservation contest in the county.

Arlene Garner²⁻⁵⁻⁶³ Is Soil Clerk

Mrs. Arlene Garner has been named the new office clerk at the Clarke County office of the Soil Conservation Service, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist. She succeeds Mrs. Jerry John, who resigned.

2/19/63

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
OF COMMISSIONER
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE OF IOWA
— NOTICE OF ELECTION OF
COMMISSIONER FOR THE
CLARKE SOIL CONSERVA-
TION DISTRICT, EMBRAC-
ING LANDS LYING IN THE
COUNTY OF CLARKE IN THE
STATE OF IOWA:**

To all owners and/or opera-
tors of lands lying within the
Clarke County Soil Conservation
District, comprising the territory
described as follows:

All land lying within the
boundaries of Clarke County,
Iowa, exclusive of incorpor-
ated cities and towns.

Notice is hereby given that on
the 26 day of February, 1963,
between the hours of 6 p.m.,
and 9 p.m. an election will be
held for the election of a com-
missioner for the Clarke County
Soil Conservation District.

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

Polling places for the election
are as follows:

Masonic Temple
Eligible voters residing with-
in the district shall cast their
ballots at one of the polling
places. Eligible voters not re-
siding 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 Coun-
ty Auditor at Osceola, Iowa, for
"absentee ballots". Each appli-
cant for an absentee ballot shall
state his name, residence, loca-
tion, and acreage of land owned
or possessed, and interest there-
in.

State Soil Conservation Com-
mittee.

By **Bryan Weborg**
Chairman

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GOVERNOR 2/21/63

**WILL SPEAK
AT BANQUET**

**Recreational Lake Plans
Will Be Among Numerous
Subjects Listed To Be
Discussed Tuesday**

An all-time attendance
record may be set for the 11th
annual Rural-Urban Banquet to
be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday
evening, Feb. 26, in the Osceola
Masonic Temple, according to R.
D. Brown, general chairman of
the sponsoring Clarke County
Farm Bureau committee.

**Governor Harold Hughes will
be making his first official
visit to Clarke county since
taking office and "that is only
one of the number of high-
lights we have arranged for the
program," Brown declared.**

The banquet is an annual get-
together of Clarke county farm-
ers and their businessmen friends
for a program of discussing
mutual interests and problems.
It is sponsored on alternate years
by farmers and businessmen.
This year, the businessmen will
be guests of their farmer friends.

"Area Development" will be
the theme of the program and a
major part of the topic will be
devoted to the subject of de-
veloping such recreational lake
areas as is now under study for
the southeast section of Clarke
county, Brown said.

Gov. Hughes will outline the
state administration plans for
supporting such local recreation-
al lake projects and other de-
velopment programs, Brown said.

The Governor will be introduc-
ed by Wayne O'Neal, chairman of
the Clarke County Democrat
Central Committee.

"Our program is really sparkl-
ing with features, Brown said in
pointing out the following high-
lights on the banquet agenda:

**Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miller will
be officially recognized for
showing the grand champion
Angus last November at the
International Livestock Show
in Chicago.**

Three division winners of the
annual farm soil and water
conservation contest in Clarke
county will be announced by
the Clarke County Soil District
Commissioners.

The studying of economic
and social development of rural
areas in southern Iowa will be
the basis of a talk by County
Extension Director Steve Evans.

A sidelight to the meeting will
be the fact that all farm owners
and operators in Clarke county
will be eligible to vote for a
Clarke County Soil Conservation
District commissioner at the
Masonic Temple on the same
evening.

It was emphasized that voters
need not attend the banquet
and that the polls in the
Masonic Temple will be open
from 6 to 9 o'clock that evening.

The term of Doyce Miller, cur-
rent chairman of the commis-
sioners, will expire on April 3,
and the six-year term will be
filled at the election.

Kenneth Dunbar of Washing-
ton township is the candidate
opposing Miller for the position.

Other highlights on the pro-
gram will include the welcome
on the part of farmers by Chair-
man Brown and the response
from R. K. McGee, representative
of the businessmen.

A piano solo by James Hoff-
man will feature the musical
entertainment.

Expect 200 Will Attend 11th Rural-Urban Dinner 2/26/63

Approximately 200 Clarke
county farmers and businessmen
will make up the capacity aud-
ience expected for the 11th an-
nual Rural-Urban Banquet to be
held at 7 o'clock Tuesday even-
ing, Feb. 26, in the Osceola Mas-
onic Temple.

**"We have been highly pleas-
ed by the response shown by
both farmers and businessmen
in the event as indicated by
the advance tickets," R. D.
Brown, general chairman of
arrangements for the spons-
oring Clarke County Farm Bur-
eau unit, said.**

Governor Harold Hughes will
be the principal guest speaker
and a number of other features
have added to the interest in the
program.

"Area Development" will be
the theme of the program with

emphasis on its importance to
both farmers and businessmen
for the future welfare of all resi-
dents of the county, Brown point-
ed out.

Current high interest in the
proposed recreational lake area
that is under study for the south-
east section of Clarke county will
be among the major matters to
be discussed.

Gov. Hughes has indicated that
he will outline the state admin-
istration plans for supporting
such local recreational lake pro-
jects as a factor in developing
an area.

Steve Evans, county extension
director, will discuss the study-
ing of economic and social de-
velopment programs for the
southern Iowa counties.

Other features on the program
will include:

**Recognition of Mr. and Mrs.
Lyle Miller of Osceola town-
ship for their achievement in
showing the grand champion
at the International Livestock
Show in Chicago.**

Announcement of the three
winners in the annual soil and
water conservation contest on
farms in Clarke county will be
announced by the Clarke Coun-
ty Soil Conservation Commis-
sioners.

R. K. McGee, representative of
the businessmen at the banquet,
will give the response to the wel-
come by Chairman Brown.

James Hoffman will present
piano selections as highlights of
the musical entertainment.

SOIL ELECTION

All farm owners and opera-
tors in Clarke county are eligi-
ble to vote for a district soil
commissioner in the election
to be held the same evening
at the Masonic Temple. It was
emphasized that voters need
not attend the banquet in or-
der to cast their ballots from
6 to 9 o'clock that night.

The term of Doyce Miller will
expire on April 3 and he is a
candidate for re-election to the
six-year term with Kenneth
Dunbar of Washington town-
ship as the other nominee on
the ballot.

7/28/63
Gov. Hughes Tells 200....

Iowa's Growth Depends On Attitude

Governor Harold Hughes Tuesday evening told 200 Clarke county rural and urban people that Iowa's problem of development is "primarily a problem of attitude."

Speaking at the annual Rural Urban banquet on the theme of Area Development, Gov. Hughes pointed out that there is no magic answer, but building on the foundation of the past, and using the imagination of Iowa's heritage, the state should move forward rapidly in the next few years. "Iowa is dissatisfied with the progress that has been made recently," he pointed out, and with this dissatisfaction as a starting place, the state is apparently ready to place its force and enthusiasm behind industrial development.

"Development views have been too narrow in the past" the Governor stated, with primary emphasis placed on urban development. The state is one community, he pointed out, with good labor, good farms and good capital resources. If all these elements are joined with good overall planning for state development, not just urban development, it should bring immediate and startling results in Iowa, the Governor added.

"Our problems are social, not technical," the Governor said, and only sound planning will give progress.

Other speakers on the program which was arranged by the Clarke County Farm Bureau were R. D. Brown, R. K. McGee, Doyce Miller, and Steve Evans. Wayne O'Neal, county Democrat chairman introduced the governor at the dinner.

Lyle and Shirley Miller were given special recognition at the dinner for their accomplishments in placing Clarke county at the forefront of the nation's attention. Mrs. Miller accepted the tribute for Lyle who is showing at the Houston Texas Fat Stock show this week.



Robert Foland, and Tom Barr were congratulated by re-elected Commissioner Doyce Miller and Governor Harold Hughes after the Rural-Urban program Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall in Osceola. Foland, left, is a tenant on a farm owned by Barr. Miller was re-

elected county soil conservation commissioner after voting at the meeting, where governor Hughes, right, was the featured speaker. Miller announced the awards during the course of the meeting.

Ames, McPhetridge, Barr Soil Conservation Winners

Three Clarke county farm operation teams were honored as winners of the annual contest for outstanding achievements in soil and water conservation practices as a highlight of the Rural-Urban Dinner Tuesday night at the Osceola Masonic Temple.

Following are the winners in the three divisions of the contest as announced by the commissioners of the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District:

Mrs. Martha Ames owner of farm operated by her son, Jack Ames, in Division 1 for family-operated farms.

Charles McPhetridge, owner, and Raymond Deemer, tenant, in Division 2 for landlord-tenant cooperation.

Thomas Barr, owner, and Robert Foland, tenant, for the farm showing the greatest progress since Jan. 1, 1960.

The district commissioners pointed out that competition was keen in all divisions as an indication of the steady growth of interest in conservation practices in Clarke county.

The Ames farm of 160 acres in Franklin township won the award in its division on the basis of completing the farm plan agreed upon with the conservation district commissioners.

Correct land use, land conversion and the proper application of contouring earned the award for the McPhetridge farm operated by Deemer. The 260 acre farm is located in Franklin township.

With Foland as the tenant, the Barr farm of 360 acres in Knox township was recognized for having accomplished the most conservation achievements in the least amount of time. The division was limited to cooperators joining the district since Jan. 1, 1960.

★ ★ Miller Elected To Soil Office

Doyce Miller of Osceola township was re-elected to a six-year term as a commissioner of the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District in the election held Tuesday evening.

Miller received 60 votes to 24 for Kenneth Dunbar of Washington township. There were four ballots marked "spoiled" because they included write-in names which are not allowed in the election, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist.

Wildlife Cover Helps Land Owners

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Trees and shrubs are available now from the State Forest Nursery at Ames, the State Conservation Commission reminds landowners. These plants are to be used for forest land and game area planting.

The needs of our many forms of wildlife for more cover are steadily increasing as the amount of natural cover decreases. Because of this need more Iowa landowners are planting cover on their lands than ever before.

Probably the biggest reason is the enjoyment they get from the wildlife they attract. Although not as highly publicized, another reason for planting cover is the actual benefits accruing to the farmer for his efforts.

Studies have shown that when a sod fencerow and a shrub fencerow are compared mile for mile, you will find in the sod fencerow: 500 beneficial ladybird beetles; 79,000 insects injurious to farm crops; 1.5 nesting birds; 84 harmful small animals; and 8 beneficial small animals.

By contrast, the shrub fencerow will harbor 20,000 beneficial ladybird beetles; 54,000 insects injurious to farm crops; 21 nesting birds; 21 harmful small animals; and 28 beneficial small animals.

In the farmer's flight for pest control, plantings such as living fences offer very real economic returns.

There are a variety of programs to aid the landowner in setting up cover areas on his own property.

The State Conservation Commission offers the Farm-Game Habitat Program and the Farmer-Sportsman Cooperative Program.

Under the Farm-Game Habitat program, the Commission will go to a farm with an odd area not valuable to farm production and develop it for wildlife. These agreements usually run for ten years. The Commission agrees to provide for surveys and measurements of the area; to furnish seeds, vines, shrubs, and trees needed on the area and the labor to plant it; to furnish fence, posts, gates, and signs needed, and install them.

In turn the farmer agrees to plant any replacement stock needed, to be furnished by the Commission; to maintain the area and care for its fences and signs; to take reasonable care to prevent damage by fire, or grazing by his domestic stock; to mow only after July 1 each year except for local weed control; to allow hunting by permission.

Since most farms have these odd areas, the program offers an excellent opportunity for participation in the management of our wildlife resources.

The Farmer-Sportsman Cooperative enables sportsmen's clubs to contact farmers about setting aside odd lots and the like for the benefit of wildlife. The whole operation is tied very closely to the local Conservation Officer and the local soil conservation district. Farms ap-

County Orders

Clarke county farmers interested in ordering nursery stock under the wildlife cover project plan are requested to contact the Clarke County Soil Conservation office in the basement of the Osceola post-office building, according to Clarence Ford, Clarke unit conservationist.

proved for FSC development must have a soil conservation plan which will serve as a framework for the operation of the FSC program. The sponsoring club pays for the planting, fencing, and general development of the area. Upon completion a Conservation Officer will check the area and make application to the Commission for reimbursement to the club at one-half the cost of the project. The farmer's obligation is confined to the upkeep of the area.

Farmers interested in providing more for the wildlife on their farms are asked to contact their local Conservation Officer about these programs. Those who have plans for their land already can obtain order blank for forest, wildlife, and erosion control plantings from Conservation Officers, District Foresters, and County Extension SCS and ASC offices. Requests will be accepted until March 30 or until the nursery supply is exhausted.

Soil-Speech ^{3/7/63} Contest Opens

Junior, Senior Highs In
County Invited To
Enter Event

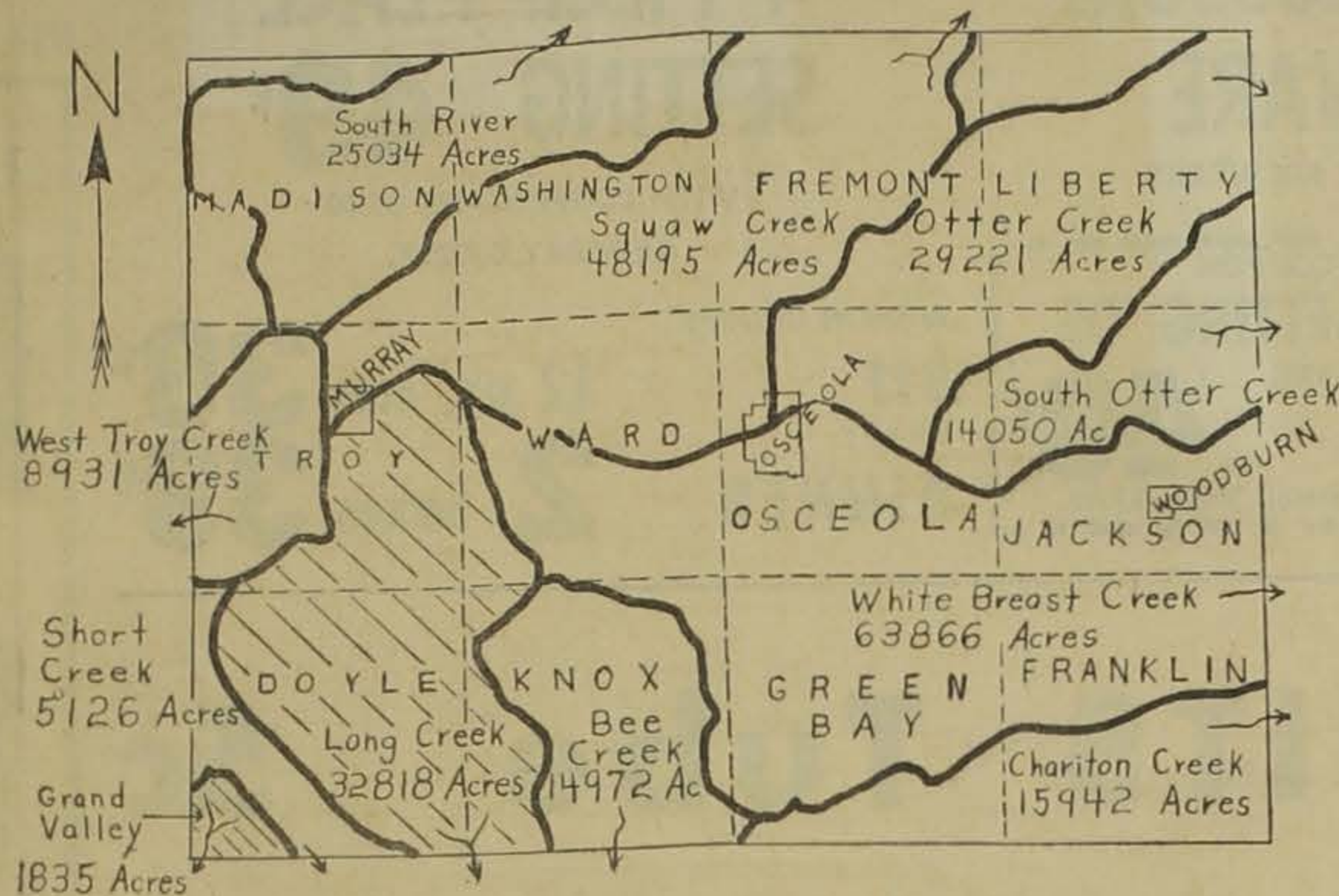
All junior and senior high school pupils in Clarke county are invited to enter the soil conservation speech contest being sponsored by the Clarke County Soil Conservation District and the County Mutual Insurance Association, according to Clarence Ford, soil conservationist.

Students interested in entering the contest are urged to contact the vocational agriculture instructor at their school or the county soil office in the basement of the Osceola post office building.

Ford said that the date of the local contest is to be announced later but that winners in the county will go to the district contest to be held at Chariton in July.

"How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future," is the subject of the talks to be given by the contestants. Regional and state contests will be held later in the year with cash prizes offered in all contests.

Whitebreast Watershed Up For Discussion By Public



Watershed Area The map outlines the area included in the proposed Whitebreast Creek watershed project which will be discussed at the public

meeting to be held Monday evening in the Osceola East Elementary school. All property owners and everyone else interested is invited to attend the information meeting.

MEETING ON MONDAY IS IMPORTANT

**Called Vital To Development
Of Entire County In Plan
For Future; Public Urged
To Attend**

Development of a watershed program in the Whitebreast Creek area of Clarke county will be the subject of a public meeting to be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 25, in the Osceola East Elementary School building.

"As far as the development of the future of our community is concerned this could well be the most important meeting of its kind held in recent years," according to Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners, sponsors of the meeting.

All land owners and everyone else interested in the Watershed which would directly include parts of Ward, Osceola, Green Bay, Jackson and Franklin townships are urged to take part in the discussion at the meeting, he said.

There are over 500 land owners with 63,866 acres involved in the area of the proposed watershed development.

Joe Colgan, area conservationist from Chariton, and Charles Ballentyne, extension conservationist from Iowa State University, will attend the meeting to answer questions from the audience.

Chairman Miller will conduct the information meeting with the assistance of Commissioners Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim.

Following is a general statement on watershed development from the conservation commissioners:

"The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, provides an added tool which soil conservation districts may use in expanding their soil and water conservation program. In a number of soil conservation districts watershed projects have been a part of the district program for several years. It is hoped that all districts will integrate the watershed projects into their total district program.

"Experience has shown that one of the most decisive factors in the success or failure of any community project is the cooperation of the people involved. The neighborhood spirit existing with most groups plays a rather important part in determining how far the group can go towards solving a common problem rather than each one tackling the problem alone.

"Cooperation in watershed work is essential the same as any other community activity. Unless the farm owners and operators within any given watershed understand the need for the watershed development and regard themselves as a functioning parts of such watershed, little of the over-all permanent watershed conservation and flood prevention program is likely to be accomplished.

"The new watershed bill provides a wide range of improvements and opportunities with a correspondingly wide range of potential benefits, both public and private. This program makes it possible for farm owners and operators along with local communities, counties and states to cooperate with the federal government in solving watershed conservation problems.

"The only limitation on size of watershed is the maximum of 250,000 acres. In determining the boundaries and the area to be included in the application, consideration should be given to such factors as: 1. Time required to complete the project. 2. Progress made to date. 3. City, county, and state interests involved. 4. Interest in and support of the people and groups concerned. 5. Area or areas receiving the most benefits. 6. Bottom lands that would be beneficial."

Whitebreast Watershed Organization Is Formed

Election of officers and directors from the six townships involved highlighted the first step in the formation of a Whitebreast Watershed project at a meeting attended by about 80 interested landowners and community leaders Monday night in the East Elementary school.

Howard Ruble of Jackson township was named chairman of the 11-man board of directors who will have charge of carrying on preliminary steps in the watershed development that would include 58,000 acres.

Other officers of the project include Addison Bowsby, Ward township, vice-chairman; Bob Mateer, Ward township, secretary.

The other directors elected and their home townships, include Louis King, Green Bay; Earl Randol, Green Bay; Bob Wright, Franklin; Joy Christenson, Franklin; L. L. Piercy, Jackson; Kenneth Johnson, Osceola; Ernest Winter, Osceola; Kenneth Ashby, Knox, and Olin Eddy, Knox.

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12 Soil Plans Given Approval

Clarke Commissioners Grant
New Farm Plans, Assistance

Three new farm conservation plans and nine applications for assistance on projects were approved at the monthly meeting of the Clarke Soil Conservation District Commissioners, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

The commissioners also conferred with directors of the new Whitebreast Watershed organization and went over preliminary plans for an intensive information program to be presented to all landowners in the six-township area included in the project.

New farm conservation plans approved include the following: W. H. Keul, 240 acres in Fremont township.

J. W. Drennen Estate, 400 acres in Washington township.

Larry Fitzgerald, 168 acres in Washington.

The commissioners also approved a revised plan for Mrs. Elizabeth Mooberry's farm of 180 acres in Osceola township.

Applications approved for assistance on conservation projects included the following:

Everett Bierce, 160 acres in Troy township.

Donald O'Neill, 200 acres in

Doyle.

Thomas Randol, 212 acres in Green Bay.

Keith Davis, 164 acres in Fremont.

Glen D. Davis, 160 acres in Doyle.

W. E. Davenport, 100 acres in Franklin.

James D. Eddy, 167 acres in Green Bay.

B. F. Miller, 82 acres in Osceola township.

Alfred E. Jones, 80 acres in Franklin.

The commissioners also approve purchase of materials to be used by clergymen over the county in the observance of Soil Stewardship Week which starts on May 19.

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Six Soil Plans Given Approval

Three Farm Programs For
Conservation, Three
For Assistance

New conservation programs on three Clarke county farms and assistance projects for three others were approved at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners.

New conservation plans were approved for the following farms:

David Wright, 123 acres in Jackson township.

Dick Overholtzer, 210 acres in Green Bay township.

John James 180 acres in Doyle township.

The commissioners also approved applications for assistance projects from the following:

Donald Perry, 320 acres in Liberty township.

Olin Eddy, 120 acres in Knox township.

Lowell Simmons, 200 acres in Madison township.

The commissioners also discussed the possibility of supplying Clarke county schools with soil and water activities workbooks in a move to promote interest and knowledge in the conservation program.

5-9-63

Proposed Lake Is Called 'Important For County'

ROTARY HEARS SPEAKER URGE DEVELOPMENT

Recreational Area Cited As
Important Need For Area
By Des Moines Man; Sees
Many Advantages

A member of the National Rural Area Development committee told Osceola Rotarians and guests that the proposed White Breast lake project is ideally possible, and is the biggest opportunity this area has ever had for advancement.

The statement was made Wednesday noon during a speech delivered by Father Edward O'Rourke, who was in Osceola at the invitation of the Clarke county rural area development committee to survey the activities of area residents to make Clarke county a better place to live.

Using statements which referred to the lake as the "greatest potential in the county," "a crisis if passed up," and a "tremendous potential," Father O'Rourke stated that the lake proposal has all the ingredients of a tremendously important county improvement and that these ingredients are "perfectly put together."

In speaking of the "glorious prospect" of the lake, the speaker pointed out that the lake will primarily flood low cost land, and that no professional dissension has been uncovered in the preliminary investigations. Fr. O'Rourke added that county leaders should start an early drive to put the project on the road, stating that the primary work of the Rural Area Development committee in Clarke county will be to pull the various state and national agencies together to accomplish the project.

With active leadership, he stated that Clarke county will have the lake as proposed in Jackson, Franklin, and Green-bay townships, and that it will be the biggest step toward county improvement that can be imagined.

The professional sociologist and area developer cited a number of other fields where he believes the county can strengthen its future, pointing to the public schools as a place to start, and suggesting that agriculture should be the first aim of all improvement work. In order to accomplish any of the objectives the committee sets up, more active community leadership will be needed, he added. Residents and leadership must be concerned for the common good, and the people of the area must equip themselves with the proper social tools before progress can be made, he said.

"This is the age of miracles," and with concerted public action Clarke county can well be on the way to a miraculous change in prospects, he pointed out.

Fr. O'Rourke is Executive Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conferences with offices in Des Moines. He is a member of the State Rural Area Development and the National Rural area development committees. He has an extensive background in the field of rural area sociology, and is considered one of the top men in the nation in this field. His main philosophy points to the power of local leadership in Area Development and the bending of state and federal services to meet the needs of local citizens.

While in Osceola he met briefly with the local Rural Area Development committee and with the Osceola Industrial Development corporation.

From May 19 To 26 Clarke District Will....

5-16-63

Observe Soil Stewardship Week

CONSERVING SOIL, WATER IS OBJECTIVE

Clarke county residents are showing keen interest in the observance of Soil Stewardship Week that opens on Sunday, May 19, and continues through Sunday, May 26, according to Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil and Water Conservation District.

"The responsibility of everyone for the care and protection of the soil and water resources that go with land use and ownership is being emphasized during the observance," Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke conservation commissioners, explained.

"This is part of the nationwide dedication of Soil Stewardship Week, sponsored annually by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts," Miller said. "Its objective is to remind us, everyone, of our obligation to respect and wisely use our priceless legacy of soil and water."

Many ministers are preparing sermons based on the proposition that man is the steward but not the master of the soils and waters that provide him so much of his needs, his comfort, his enjoyment, and even his treasure.

Soil Stewardship Week had its beginning in 1946 when the publishers of Farm and Ranch magazine suggested to the religious leaders of a few southern states that they set aside one Sunday each year to remind their congregations of man's duty to be a good steward of the land.

So great was the response of ministers and laymen that observance of Soil Stewardship Sunday rapidly spread to other states. In 1954, the publishers of the magazine suggested to the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts that wider observance of Soil Stewardship could aid materially in bringing about a national reawakening of man's obligation to the land. The Association accepted this offer and assumed responsibility for encouraging nationwide observance of Soil Stewardship Week.

The Association is the nationwide organization banding together the nearly 3,000 local Soil Conservation Districts, organized by the citizens of watersheds or counties, under provisions of their state laws, to get an effective conservation program applied to the land of America.

Each year since 1954, prior to Soil Stewardship Week, the Association prints and distributes to ministers, and others, a booklet pointing out the kinship between man's spiritual stature and the soil and water resources on which his life depends. This is worked up by the Association soil stewardship committee in cooperation with an Advisory Committee of national church leaders.

In the Soil Stewardship Booklet for 1963, the committee says this:

"With each passing year, the pressures on our limited supply of resources are being compounded. More and more people each year put more and more of our resources to use. The demands increase for housing and highways, for food and fiber, for industrial and recreational space, and for all the other mounting needs of a growing society. Expansion and enlargement are by words, and the end is not in sight. As good stewards, there is need to turn our eyes to the future, anticipating the requirements of tomorrow, in order that we may exercise intelligent guidance and put wisdom against waste... The answer to the question of the future lies in our understanding, and action as God's stewards today."



WE TURN OUR EYES TO THE FUTURE

"We Turn Our Eyes to the Future" is the theme of the annual Soil Stewardship Week, May 19-26, and will be the subject of sermons by a number of Clarke county clergymen cooperating in the observance on Sunday.

Clarke District In Soil Contest

Local Farmers Cooperating
Will Be In National Judging

Clarke County Soil Conservation district has entered the 17th annual competition to select the nation's top 52 conservation districts, according to Doyce Miller, Osceola, district chairman.

Activities of the district will be weighed against the performance of other districts in the state in determining the outstanding district in the annual event sponsored by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio.

Key agricultural leaders will serve as judges and will select the state winner. Soil conservation efforts from May 1, 1963 through December 31, 1963 will be considered.

Grand award for the 52 districts selected nationally will be an expense paid, work-study trip to Arizona in December, 1964, for one member of the district governing body and the outstanding farmer-cooperator in each winning district. The 104 men selected will be guests at Goodyear Farms, a 14,000-acre general farm operation near Phoenix.

Miller said the district's outstanding cooperator will be selected from among the 729 farm operators enrolled in the district program. Nationally, about 1-800,000 farmers in 2,930 districts will be eligible for the grand award trip.

7 Soil Plans Given Approval

Clarke Conservation Board
Plans For Queen Competition

Three new farm conservation plans and four applications for assistance on projects were approved last week at the monthly meeting of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District commissioners, according to Doyce Miller, chairman.

The new farm plans given approval included the following:

Cecil Rodda, 194 acres in Ward township.
James W. Jones, 240 acres in Doyle township.
Harold Brim, 240 acres in Fremont township.

Applications for assistance on conservation projects were approved on the following farms:

John Kastler, 270 acres in Washington and Fremont townships.

Wayne Skidmore, 160 acres in Osceola township.

Dwaine Walker, 160 acres in Madison township.

William A. Herker, 170 acres in Madison township.

The commissioners also discussed preliminary plans for holding the local Queen of Conservation contest but no dates were announced. Plans are also to be announced for local observance of Social Conservation Week late in June.

Soil Week Program Planned For County

Clarke county will join the nation in observance of the annual Soil and Water Conservation Week program from Sunday, June 16, through June 23, according to Doyce Miller chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation Commissions.

"The purpose of the week's observance is to focus attention on the conservation work being done and that needs to be done," Miller said. Osceola and Clarke county business firms will join the Osceola Tribune and Sentinel in drawing public attention to conservation in special pages to be included in the next issue of the Tribune.

Governor Harold Hughes put the official stamp on the observance in the following proclamation issued this week:

PROCLAMATION

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.
Melvin D. Synhorst,
Secretary Of State.

Queen Of Conservation Entries Open In County

Entries are now open for the 9th annual Soil Conservation Queen Contest to be held in Clarke county as a part of the state-wide program, according to Clarence Ford of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District staff.

Ford said that entries are open and that all eligible Clarke county farm girls are urged to become candidates as soon as possible. However, he did not announce a definite date for the local contest which will be a feature of one of the weekly Osceola City Band concert programs during July.

The Regional Contest will be at Chariton on August 5th with the state contest to be at the annual Conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Des Moines, September 8.

Contestants must be a farm girl between the ages of 16-21 and single. Girls with natural attractiveness, personality, ability to converse and general information of soil conservation on her own farm and within the Soil Conservation District, are likely prospects for contestants.

Charm bracelets will be awarded to the two winners in the local district contest. Regional winner will receive a 17 jewel Ladies Wrist Watch with the State

winner receiving a \$250 cash award.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the following: Mrs. Lillian Price, Extension Home Economist, court house; Mrs. Effie Crawford, Home Economic Instructor of the local high school and Mrs. Don French of Murray high school; Allison Drug in Osceola, at the Soil Conservation Office in the basement of the Post Office, Osceola; the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Doyce Miller, chairman, Osceola; Adrian Fuller, Weldon, and Harold Brim, New Virginia.



Contour Strip Crops

This air picture gives a graphic example of the contour strip cropping that is part of the comprehensive soil conservation program in practice on the Harold Bonnett farm in Fremont township. Bonnett, who farms 240 acres, has been a cooperator in the Clarke County Soil Conservation District since

1956 when he put his basic practice program into operation. Since that time he has become an outstanding conservation farmer and has won the district annual award, according to the Clarke District Commissioners. Bill Webster was pilot of the plane for the Tribune photographer securing the photo for the opening of Soil Conservation Week.

6-18-63

Stress Need For More In Soil Work

"Soil and water conservation practices on our farms do not cost money but they do pay profits," Doyce Miller, chairman of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, said as the local unit joined in the observance of National Soil Conservation Week, June 16-23.

Chairman Miller points out several timely facts in the following statement issued by the commission as a part of the week's program to draw public attention to the importance of soil and water conservation:

"It takes forethought in planning of the application of conservation practices to be applied to the land in an orderly manner - one step at a time.

"Terraces applied with a moderate grade around the hill carrying water at a safe velocity, (means slow with no cutting action, spread over a reasonable distance running at a shallow depth).

"The one step at a time means to outlet the terrace into a grassed waterway instead of a bare channel. Here again, the outlet of the waterway must be developed with moderate slope to prevent a cutting action that will prevent the cutting back up the waterway. In other words, first things first. A waterway needs maintenance from time to time to prevent re-occurring damage.

"We could cover all the land with grass and trees, but this wouldn't be economical for Clarke county with the need for food and fiber for future generations and also to meet the needs of increased growth in population.

"There is a need for rural and urban people alike, to be conscious of the care of our natural resources - Land and Water.

"With the ever increasing costs in farm operations today, there is a need to apply conservation practices such as, contouring of row crop, terracing of hill tops and developing waterways all to keep moisture where it falls on the land, hold fertile soil in place and prevent expensive fertilizer from washing down the hill slope.

"The Soil Conservation Service is stressing not only save the soil but keep it productive."

6-20-63

14 Pond Owners To Receive Fish

Owners of 14 farm ponds in Clarke county will receive approximately 4,600 fingerlings of bass and bluegill when the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service truck makes the distribution at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 25, in the vicinity of the Osceola post office building, according to Clarence Ford of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District office. Pond owners eligible for the fish are being advised by mail to bring containers of water from the pond in which the fish are to be planted.

Conservation Week Stressing New Program Emphasis....

6-20-63

Offering Farmers Recreation Helps

Soil Service In New Position On Assistance Plan

Public and private recreational planning has become a new role for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Soil Conservation Service has been assigned part of this role to help meet the public demand for outdoor space—both land and water. Space is needed for fishing, hunting, hiking, water sports and picnicking.

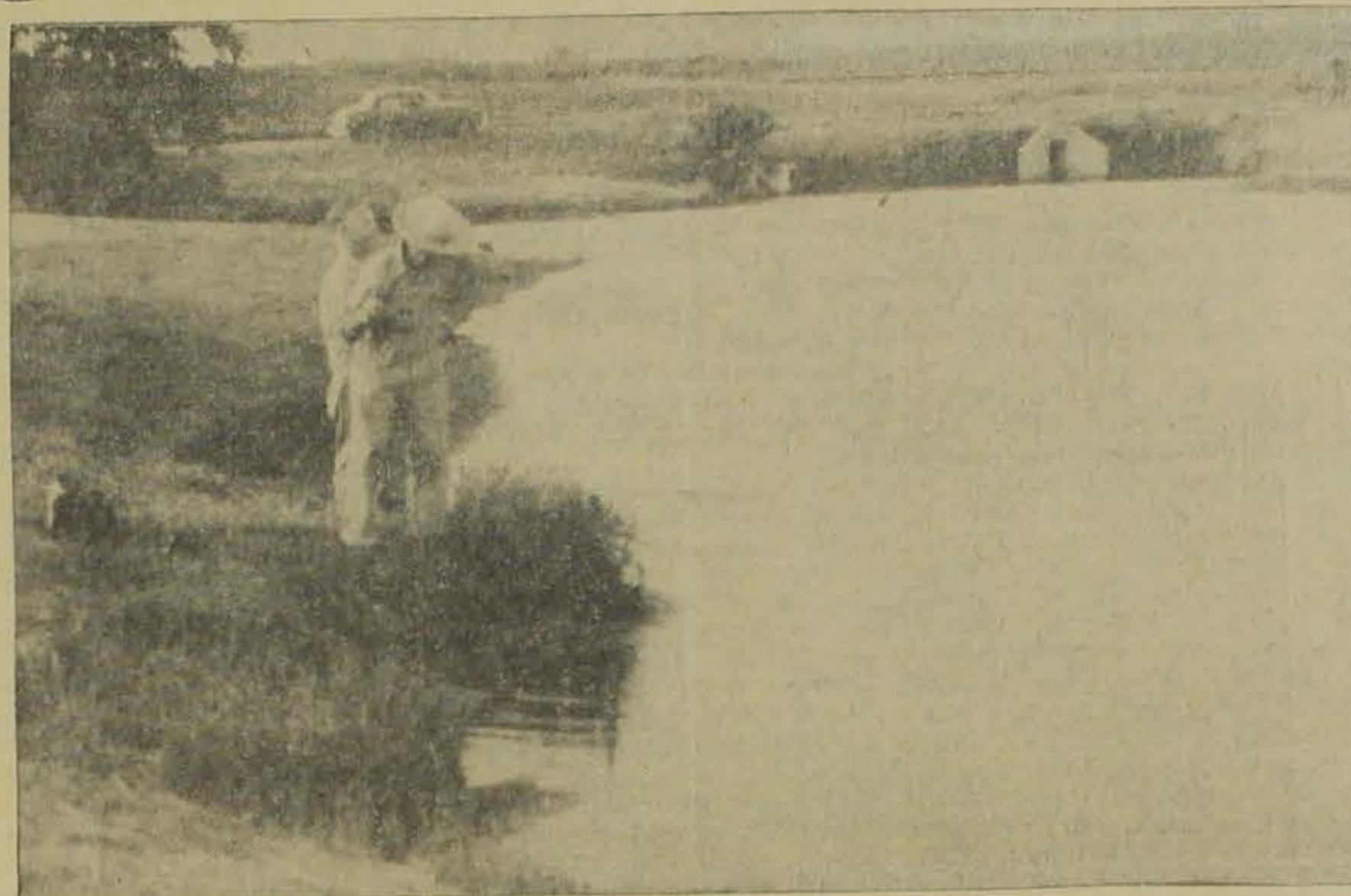
According to Frank Mendall, state conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, the major part of the nation's readily accessible or potential recreational areas is on privately-owned land. Thus those agencies already working closely with farmers were given responsibilities in helping local individuals and groups develop recreation sites and facilities.

The Soil Conservation Service role is divided into two areas, one which deals with sponsors of small watershed projects who want to develop public recreational facilities as part of the watershed plan. The other is work done with farmers who want to develop public recreational enterprises.

In small watershed projects, sponsoring groups may obtain cost sharing assistance up to 50 percent for enlarging a flood-water retarding structure for public recreation purposes, for acquiring necessary land and land rights and for building minimum basic facilities.

Cost sharing on minimum basic facilities under Public Law 866 may include boat docks and ramps, beach development, sanitary and power facilities, roads, trails, parking lots and public water supply.

Mendall points out that a project within a watershed can not be developed solely for recreation. Recreational developments can only be added to watershed projects in which the structures provide substantial benefits for flood prevention or agricultural water management. Each development must meet a need not satisfied by other water-based outdoor sites within the



Conservation Harry Funston, who farms 160 acres on the Liberty-Fremont township line in Clarke county, is shown pulling in a channel catfish as he discussed aspects of Soil Conservation Week with Clarence Ford, work unit conservationist of the Clarke Soil Conservation District. The scene is on one of two ponds Funston has built as part of the conservation plan started in 1957 on his farm. Ponds are fenced and wild life

areas developed and he has had good returns in transplanting clumps of Reed canary grass. Funston has 48 acres of permanent pasture that has been limed and fertilized for greater carrying capacity. He has developed over 10 acres of waterways and contouring is used on 48 acres in row crops with records of increased yields. The ponds are stocked with bass, bluegill, bullhead and channel cat.

region of the proposed developments.

Iowa has many examples of watershed recreation sites already in use. These were constructed before federal cost sharing funds for recreation were made available. Local funds were used for these recreational developments.

For example ponds in the Harmony Watershed east of Logan began to supply good fishing in 1961, three years after being stocked. In the Mill-Picayune Watershed, the Peterson-Lapke dam furnishes fishing, swimming, boating, hunting and wildlife habitat.

SCS help to farmers interested in developing income-producing recreational projects involves explaining the kinds of enterprises and drawing up plans for the owner to use. Vacation farms, picnicking and sports

centers, fishing waters, hunting areas and camping and nature recreation areas are examples of enterprises.

Farmers will be given help in evaluating projects for tourist appeal, probable returns and chances for success. If conditions look favorable, plans are drawn up with the farmer. SCS technical assistance will include help to establish the soil and water conservation practices needed.

Several projects are already

being studied in Iowa. Two of the plans being considered in southern Iowa are a vacation farm and an artificial lake for a resort area. A farmer in western Iowa obtained assistance for a boat marina on his farm along the Missouri River.

Mendall says the U.S. Department of Agriculture has four reasons for helping recreational development on farms.

First farmers have an opportunity for additional income. This may help some farmers

District Display Practices During State Field Day

Soil and water conservation will be on statewide display Tuesday, September 17 on the Roman Gardner farm 1½ miles north of Garrison on Highway 198 in northwest Benton County.

The event is the 1963 Iowa Soil Conservation Districts' Field Day and State Contour Plowing Match. The Benton County Soil Conservation District will host the event.

Grade and high school students will have the opportunity to attend a short course in conservation at the field day. Some of the talks will include demonstrations on the structure of soil, benefits of conservation practices on land and conservation practices being installed.

Construction of a farm pond and parallel terraces will be two of the highlights of the day. Visitors at the farm will be able to see the conservation practices from wagon train tours.

The plowing match is expected to attract top plowmen from over the state. This will be the 18th annual Contour Plowing Match held in Iowa.

stay on their farms. Second, some areas of cropland can be diverted out of production of surplus crops and put to a more profitable use for the owners.

Third, private recreation provides an urgently needed service for urban as well as farm people. Fourth, small towns will reap benefits from the tourist trade, and from the additional money being spent in the community through recreation.

2 CANDIDATES⁶⁻²⁷⁻⁶³ FOR QUEEN OF CONSERVATION

Clarke County Farm Girls
Urged To File Entries
By July 12; Contest
To Be July 17

Two candidates have already entered and several more are expected as a deadline of Friday, July 12, was set this week for the annual Clarke County Queen of Conservation contest, according to the local Soil Conservation Service office.

The first two candidates to enter are:

Tana Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Washington township.

Sue Querrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Querrey of Osceola township.

"Our county and regional candidates have made outstanding showings in recent years and we are confident that if our Clarke county farm girls will enter the contest they will again bring honors to our district," Clarence Ford of the Clarke Soil Conservation District staff said.

The Clarke county contest to select two candidates to represent the district in the regional contest will be held as a feature of the Osceola City Band concert program on Wednesday evening, July 17, in the court house park.

The regional contest will be held Aug. 5 in Chariton at the Lucas county fair and the state winner will be named Sept. 8 in Des Moines.

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Entry blanks may be obtained from the following: Mrs. Lillian Price, Extension Home Economist, court house; Mrs. Effie Crawford, Home Economic Instructor of the local high school and Mrs. Don French of Murray high school; Allison Drug in Osceola, at the Soil Conservation Office in the basement of the Post Office, Osceola; the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Doyce Miller, chairman, Osceola; Adrian Fuller, Weldon, and Harold Brim, New Virginia.

Photo Prizes⁶⁻²⁷⁻⁶³ For Conservation Picture Entries

Your photos illustrating soil and water conservation can win cash prizes in the Iowa Chapter, Soil Conservation Society of America's photo contest.

There is no entry fee, and prizes are offered winners in

both color and black and white categories. Any Iowa resident is eligible to enter the contest. No special cameras or techniques are required. Entry deadline is September 30.

Soil and Water Conservation Week may be an excellent time to drive through the countryside to find your prize winning picture.

Additional information, rules and entry blanks are available from Floyd Harrison, 1800 E. Euclid, Des Moines, Iowa, or from any member of the Soil Conservation Society. The entry form lists the many kinds of photos that qualify.

\$125,408 Approved In⁶⁻²⁵⁻⁶³ County ACP Projects

With \$125,408 in cost-share plans already approved, Clarke county is having one of its busiest years under the Agriculture Conservation Program and there are more requests for other such work than can be covered under the appropriation, according to Floyd Mason, chairman of the county ASCS committee.

Of the total approved so far in the county, projects amounting to \$70,303 are already completed or underway, the chairman said in reporting the committee's satisfaction over the cooperation of local farmers.

He also suggested that farmers continue to plan for future use of the ACP cost-sharing as he gave the following outline of the mechanics of the program:

"In brief, the farmer obtains ACP cooperation by filing a request with the ASC county committee for ACP cost-sharing before carrying out the practice. He receives a definite notice from the committee of the extent to which his request has been approved. After completion of the practice, the farmer certifies this by filing the necessary report form with the county office. His cost-sharing assistance, in the form of either cash or a purchase

order for a conservation service or material, usually covers about half the cost of the approved practice.

"Under the cash plan, the farmer pays the total cost of establishing the approved practice, and he is later reimbursed for the Government's share of the cost. Under the purchase order plan, the Government's cost-share is advanced to the vendor who supplies the farmer (1) a conservation material—such as seed, trees, fertilizer, lime, or tile; or (2) a service—such as earth moving, tree planting, or tile laying. The vendor who furnishes the material or service bills the Government and receives payment for the Government's share of the cost. The farmer pays the vendor the difference between the amount the Government pays and the total cost of the material or service used.

"ACP also helps pay for technical service where required to determine need and practicability or to plan and lay out the practice. This is accomplished through special arrangements with the Soil Conservation Service, the State Forester and others."

