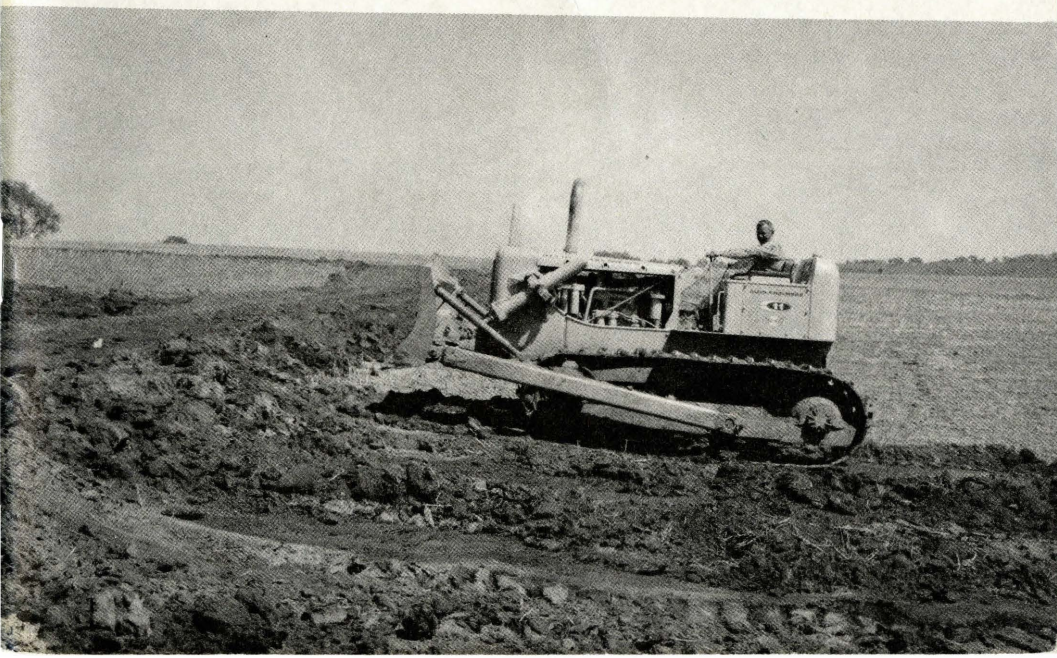


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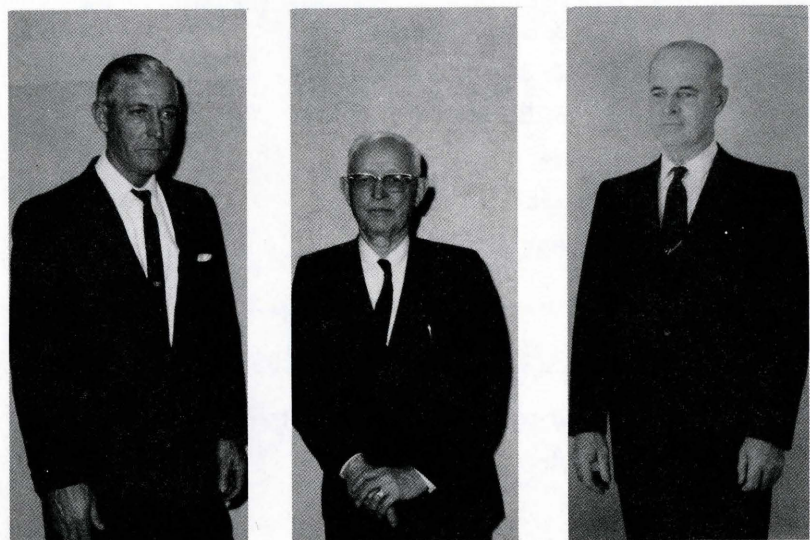
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Cover Photo: Building "bench" type terraces on the Earl DeJong farm, one mile north of Montezuma, Diamond Lake Watershed. NOTE: Bench terraces are built almost entirely from the lower side.

Twenty Years of Conservation 1945-1965



Original Members of the District

Governing Board, left to right: Elmer Dunnick, Montezuma; J. J. Boatman, Montezuma; Howard Sears, Malcom.

The election to create the Poweshiek Soil Conservation District and name a governing body was held April 26, 1945.



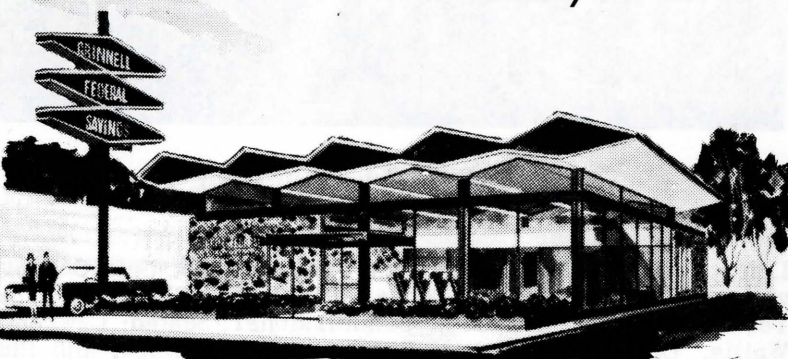
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS STAFF

Left to right standing: Morton James, Work Unit Conservationist; Elmer Urfer, Conservation Aid; Clem McBride, Technical Aid; Don Schuldt, Commissioner. Seated: Lawrence Wallis, District Chairman; LaVonne Byers, Clerk; and Phil Eichhorn, Commissioner.

District Highlights for 1965

1. Preliminary Conservation Speech Contest held with record number of entrants.
2. Biennial Election and Speech Contest held -- Donald K. Schuldt named new commissioner to succeed Bevan Wilcox.
3. Annual earth Contractors meeting held.
4. Conservation Week observed in June.
5. Soil District picnic held at Diamond Lake Park.
6. County Conservation Award Winners chosen. Division I, Arlo Taylor, Deep River; Division II, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate-Henry Rolffs; Division III Frank and Madeleine Herbrandt, Brooklyn.
7. Earth work brought to a standstill by abnormally wet September.
8. Contract let on first construction phase of PL-566, Diamond Lake Watershed.
9. With better than average October, November and December a record amount of earth work accomplished.
10. Kiwanis recognition luncheon for County Conservation Awards Winners held.
11. Annual Christmas pot-luck held in office meeting room December 16.

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Conservation Accomplishments for 1965

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Structures and ponds built during 1965 hit a new high for Poweshiek County. A total of 49 structures and ponds were installed, exceeding the previous 1964 record by 25 percent. Terraces and diversion construction amounted to a total of a little less than 15 miles which is approximately 20 percent more than the record year of 1964.

Tiling done during the year remained near the 1964 figure with a total of a little over 90 miles. Almost all of this tile was for the purpose of developing or improving grass waterways.

Enough gullies to more than cross the county from east to west (32 miles) were filled, shaped and seeded to grass. This amount is a slight increase over the 1964 figure.

An all time record number of trees (25 acres) were planted in the spring of 1965, including several species of evergreen.

Contour lines were staked on 817 acres of cropland adding to approximately 37,000 acres already being contoured. To the estimated 17,000 acres of strip cropping in the county over 1000 acres of new strip cropping was added.

Fingerling bass, bluegills and channel catfish from the Federal Fish & Wildlife Service were stocked in 33 Poweshiek County ponds.

Wildlife habitat was developed on a total of 27 acres. Most of these habit areas were established in connection with farm ponds or structures.

Forty-nine hundred and seventy-three acres of new soil conservation mapping was done on Poweshiek County land by SCS Soil Scientists. Maps so prepared show on an individual farm basis the soil type, percent slope and the amount of topsoil remaining. Such maps provide information on which to make general fertilizer recommendations and to develop a complete conservation program.

Complete conservation plans were developed on 31 farms during the year with the assistance of SCS technicians of the Poweshiek Soil District. Such assistance is without charge to the individual farmer.

In 1965 the Poweshiek district received requests from 81 farmers for this mapping and planning service exceeding 1964 requests by 25 percent.

Accomplishment Summary 1965

Soil Conservation Surveys	.5,880 Ac.
Soil District Cooperators	.81 No.
Basic Conservation Plans	.31 No.
Contour Farming	.817 Ac.
Strip Cropping	.1,040 Ac.
Pasture Renovation and Planting	.346 Ac.
Grassed Waterways	.132 Ac.
Wildlife Habitat Development	.27 Ac.
Terraces and Diversions	.15 Mi.
Ponds (built)	.27 No.
Ponds (stocked)	.33 No.
Structures (built)	.22 No.
Tile installed	.90 Mi.

Summary - 20 Years of Conservation

Total to date figures (July 1, 1965)

Soil Conservation Surveys	.172,730 Ac.
Soil District Cooperators	.751 No.
Basic Conservation Plans	.587 No.
Contour Farming	.37,000 Ac. Est.
Strip Cropping	.16,975 Ac.
Pasture Renovation and Planting	.25,171 Ac.
Grassed Waterways	.1,886 Ac.
Wildlife Habitat Development	.1,692 Ac.
Terrace and Diversions	.216 Mi.
Ponds (built)	.361 No.
Ponds (stocked)	.349 No.
Structures (built)	.134 No.
Tile installed	.1,023 Mi.



This gully began approximately 50 years ago with a plow furrow.



Rains in 1965 really put pond spillway pipes to test. This photo is of the Rex Pitman pond, 5 miles east of Montezuma.

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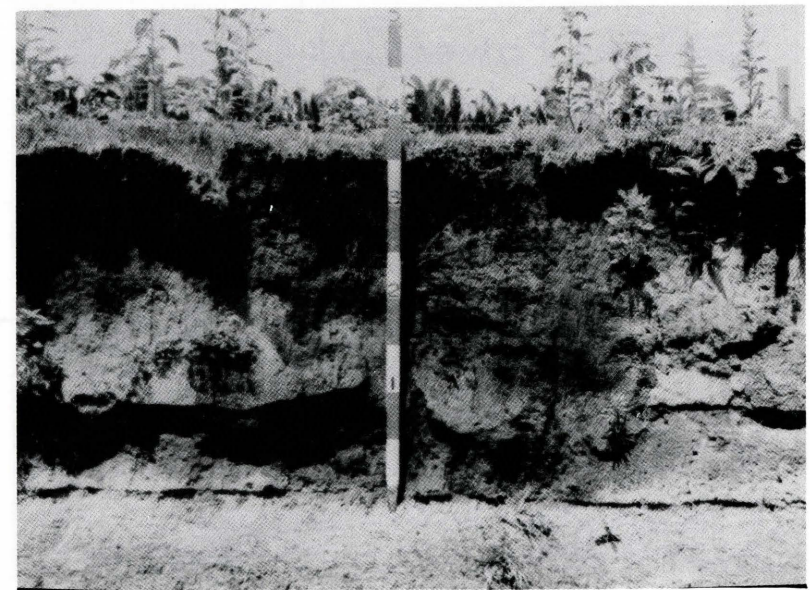


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Erosion in rows of corn planted up and down the slope.



Slight erosion on contoured rows planted on the contour photo 300 feet from the above picture.

Basic Cooperators for 1965

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Melvin Hohl | 17. Emmett Klyn |
| 2. Harry Hermanstorfer | 18. Hillard Turner |
| 3. Carroll Smith | 19. Daryl Goodlow |
| 4. Wilbur Allen | 20. Henry Horn |
| 5. Lyle Hudnutt | 21. Edward Sanders |
| 6. Earl Allen | 22. Howard Sherwood |
| 7. Clinton A. Smith | 23. Kenneth Benda |
| 8. Francis Vander Linden | 24. Ross Meldrem |
| 9. Burton Rank | 25. C. L. Dickerson |
| 10. Florence Spading | 26. Harold Hicks |
| 11. Madeleine Herbrandt | 27. Charyl Thompson |
| 12. Laverne Sandstrom | 28. Richard Graham |
| 13. David Gertsma | 29. Arlo Taylor |
| 14. Johnson Farms | 30. Clarence Van Wyk |
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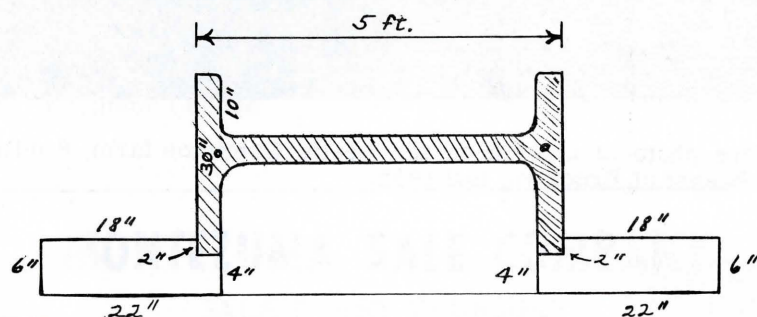
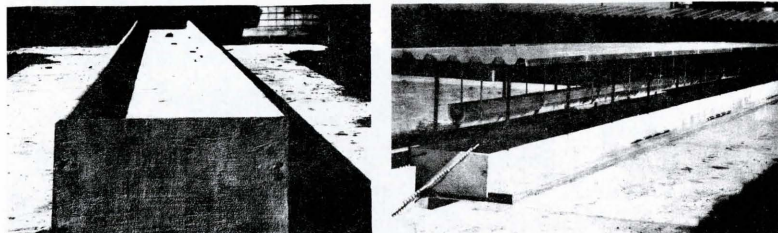


Before photo of a ditch on the Leslie Ormiston farm, 8 miles north-east of Brooklyn, fall 1955.



Same ditch as above photo after filling, shaping and seeding to grass. Photo June 16, 1965.

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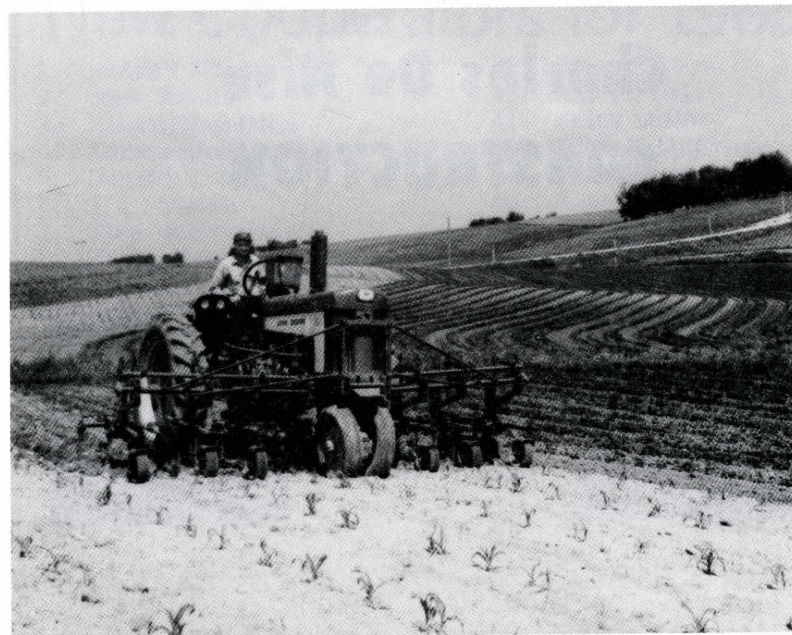
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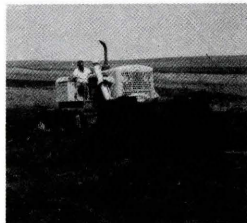
Corn on the contour. Clyde Griffin farm, 3 miles north of Montezuma.



Cultivating beans on a terrace -- Eugene Merck farm, 5 miles north-east of Montezuma. Keith Snook is operating the tractor.

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| 3. Robert Hamilton | 41. Keith Miller |
| 4. Adrain McMahan | 42. John J. McGrory |
| 5. Donald E. Moore | 43. John Douglass |
| 6. J. L. Madill | 44. Ronald Bates |
| 7. Glen Holderness | 45. James Wach |
| 8. Willis Pease | 46. Jack Grier |
| 9. R.R. Schroder | 47. John Puls |
| 10. Raymond Cadden | 48. Raymond Kriegel |
| 11. Wilbur Allen | 49. Charles Bethel |
| 12. Cloyd Carl (2) | 50. C. W. Thompson |
| 13. Mrs. Ross Spading | 51. R. W. Meldrem |
| 14. Clarence Versteeg | 52. Richard Gunderson |
| 15. John Osborn | 53. Leo J. Schott |
| 16. Given Johnson | 54. Robert Dappen |
| 17. Warren James | 55. Carl Boget |
| 18. Ruby Fleener | 56. John Thompson |
| 19. Franklin Schultz | 57. Cory Carson |
| 20. Meeks Brothers (2) | 58. Clarence Duffus |
| 21. Eugene Lang | 59. A. E. Hautekeete |
| 22. Max Icenbice | 60. Marvin Dieleman |
| 23. Robert J. Upah | 61. Eugene DeCoster (2) |
| 24. C. R. Kiner | 62. L. R. Schwertfeger |
| 25. Clitus Allen | 63. Gerald Byerly |
| 26. Margaret DeVilder | 64. LaVerne Loftin |
| 27. Marvin Eflin | 65. Louis E. Wauters |
| 28. Russell Reynolds | 66. Roger Clayton |
| 29. Alfred Steen | 67. Floyd Brown |
| 30. Harry Mathes | 68. John Timm |
| 31. Emmett Hahn | 69. Robert Mitchell |
| 32. Mern Ranfeld (3) | 70. Dale Robbins |
| 33. Ransom Reeves | 71. Giles R. Kline |
| 34. Melvin Roberts | 72. Ethel James |
| 35. Henry Schmidt | 73. Clarence Van Wyk |
| 36. Ralph Williams | 74. Raymond Koger |
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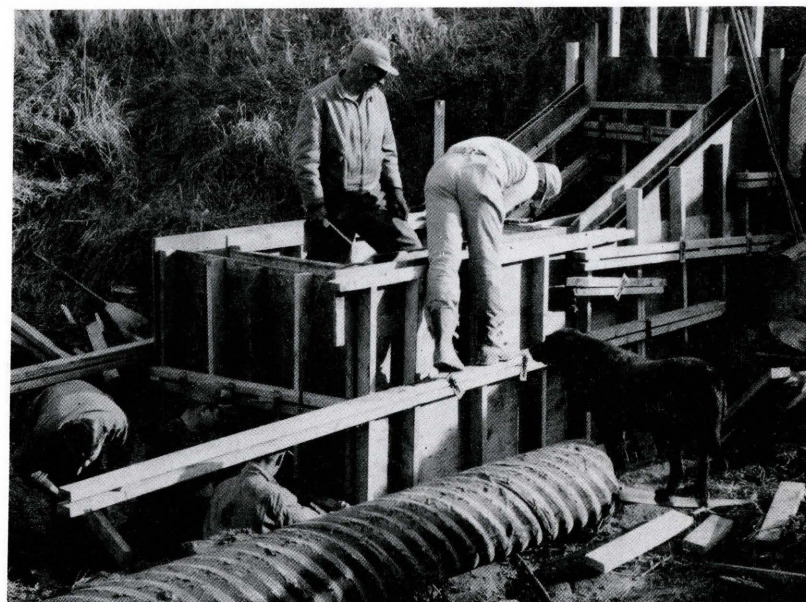
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Diversion terrace in operation. Ralph Phillips farm two miles south-east of Montezuma.

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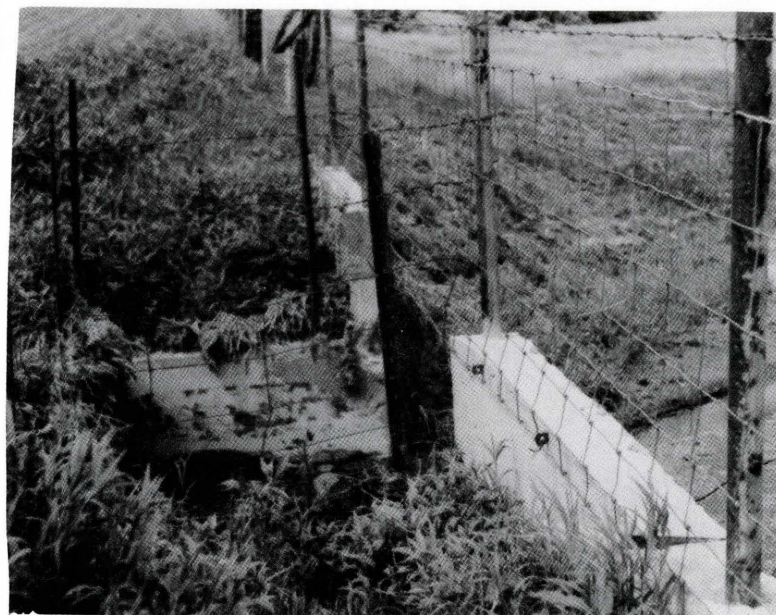


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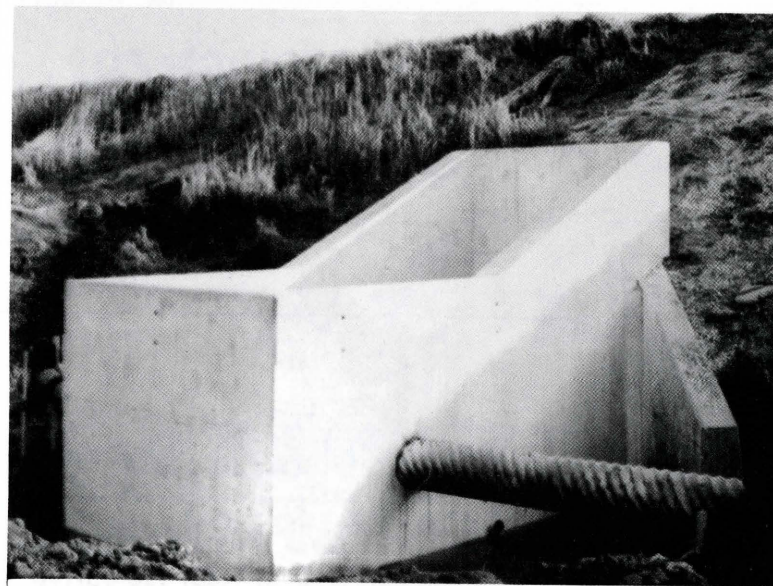
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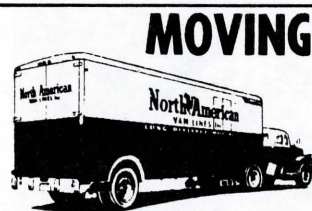
Completed road-culvert drop-box on county road. Hans Hansen farm Diamond Lake Watershed.

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Winners in County Conservation Speech contest. Left to right: 1st, Therese Edelen; 2nd, Kathy Anthony; 3rd, Sam Lacina.

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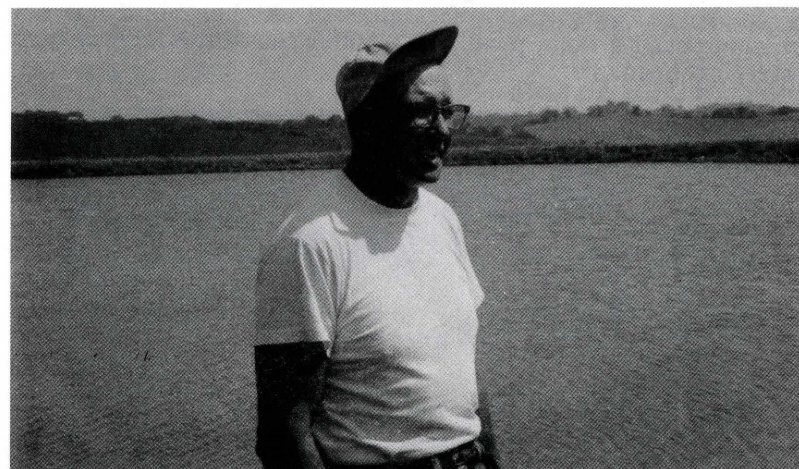
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A good representation of earth contractors met with District Commissioners and SCS personnel to discuss problems and plans for 1965.

Winners of Poweshiek County's 1965 Conservation Awards Program



Arlo Taylor, Deep River, Division I Winner in the 1965 Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

Division I recognizes owner-operators for longtime complete conservation programs.

Taylor has operated with a conservation plan for the past 19 years, taking over management of the home farm from Father Harry Taylor shortly after being discharged from the military service. The first contour farming in Deep River township was on the Taylor farm. Practices established include; soil building rotation, grassed waterways, strip cropping, terraces, farm pond and seven miles of tiling.



Henry Rolffs, Taintor, tenant winner in Division II for land-lord-tenant farms. The 640 acre farm operated by Rolffs was owned by the late Elizabeth Revyuk.

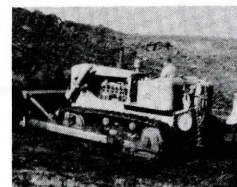
Rolffs has operated the farm the past 7 years. During the time in addition to maintaining established practices, Rolffs has improved waterways, straightened ditches, laid out new strips and built a farm pond. Over 300 acres of the Revyuk farm is strip cropped.



Frank and Madeleine Herbrandt, Brooklyn were recognized in Division III for rapid progress in applying conservation in the two-year period since January 1, 1963. Since this time all interior fences have been removed, contour fence built, tile laid, diversion terrace built, waterways improved, contour farming started and a farm pond constructed.

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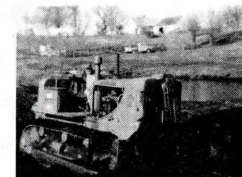
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- 1950 Albert Pleisek
- 1952 Myron & Richard Sears
- 1953 George Norden, A. L. Leydens, Elmer Dunnick,
Kenneth L. Dieterich
- 1954 Wayne Reams, Harry Edelen, Arnold Bastian
- 1955 Lewis Schultz, Earl Fowler, Robert McWilliams,
Dean McWilliams
- 1956 Gerrit Septer, Jean Cavell, Miles Clayton, Raymond
Vogt
- 1957 Arthur Blome, Janet Wilkins, Calvin Korn, Paul
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- 1958 Lawrence Wallis, Forrest Read, Keith Davis, Gilbert
Phipps
- 1959 Alvin & Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnutt
- 1960 Waldo & Harold McLennan, Benedict Peterson,
Milford Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer
- 1961 James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke,
George Morrison
- 1962 David Anthony, Louis Newkirk, Edward Henry,
Phil Eichhorn
- 1963 Ed Lowe, Roger Sampson, Byron Goldwaite, Marvin
Montgomery, Geoge Houser.
- 1964 Melvin Price, Julia Vogt, Wesley Meyers, Lauren
Wright.
- 1965 Arlo Taylor, Henry Rolffs, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate,
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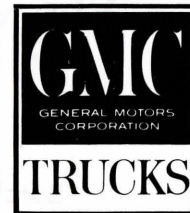


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Prize for Contest	103.00
Rent for Meeting Hall	10.00
Office Expense	38.19
TOTAL	\$586.70

II-M BUDGET	\$5295.00
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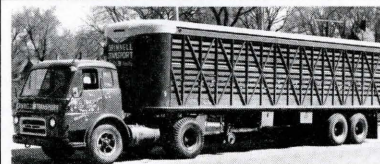
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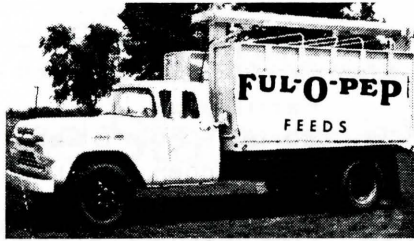
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