

PLANTING WILDLIFE COVER AT INKS FARM



A crew of state soil conservation workers is shown planting bushes and foliage on Leroy Inks farm near Hardin-Hamilton county line southwest of Alden. Approximately four acres are included in the Inks plot, which is regarded as one of the largest in the state to be converted to wildlife use. About one acre of the area is water, consisting of a small artificial lake which resulted from damming the old channel of the Iowa river.

Inks is shown at extreme left in the picture and his dog, George, is riding atop the planting machine. Riding on the planter are Harvey Ploger, Cedar Falls, and Loren Seward, Peru. Driving the tractor is Jake Porter, Peru, foreman of the crew. Standing on the back of the tractor (left) is Duane Wilson, Iowa Falls, state conservation officer, and standing at right is Johnny Fish of Maxwell, assistant superintendent of federal aid for conservation work.

Fish described the Inks project as unusually large. The lake has been stocked with bass and is also an excellent spot for duck hunting. Crew spent about half a day recently planting about 2,500 multiflora roses, about 600 honeysuckle plants, about 50 wild plum, 25 wild grape and 150 Austrian pine in the area. The cover plants are grown in the State Conservation Commission nursery in Ames.