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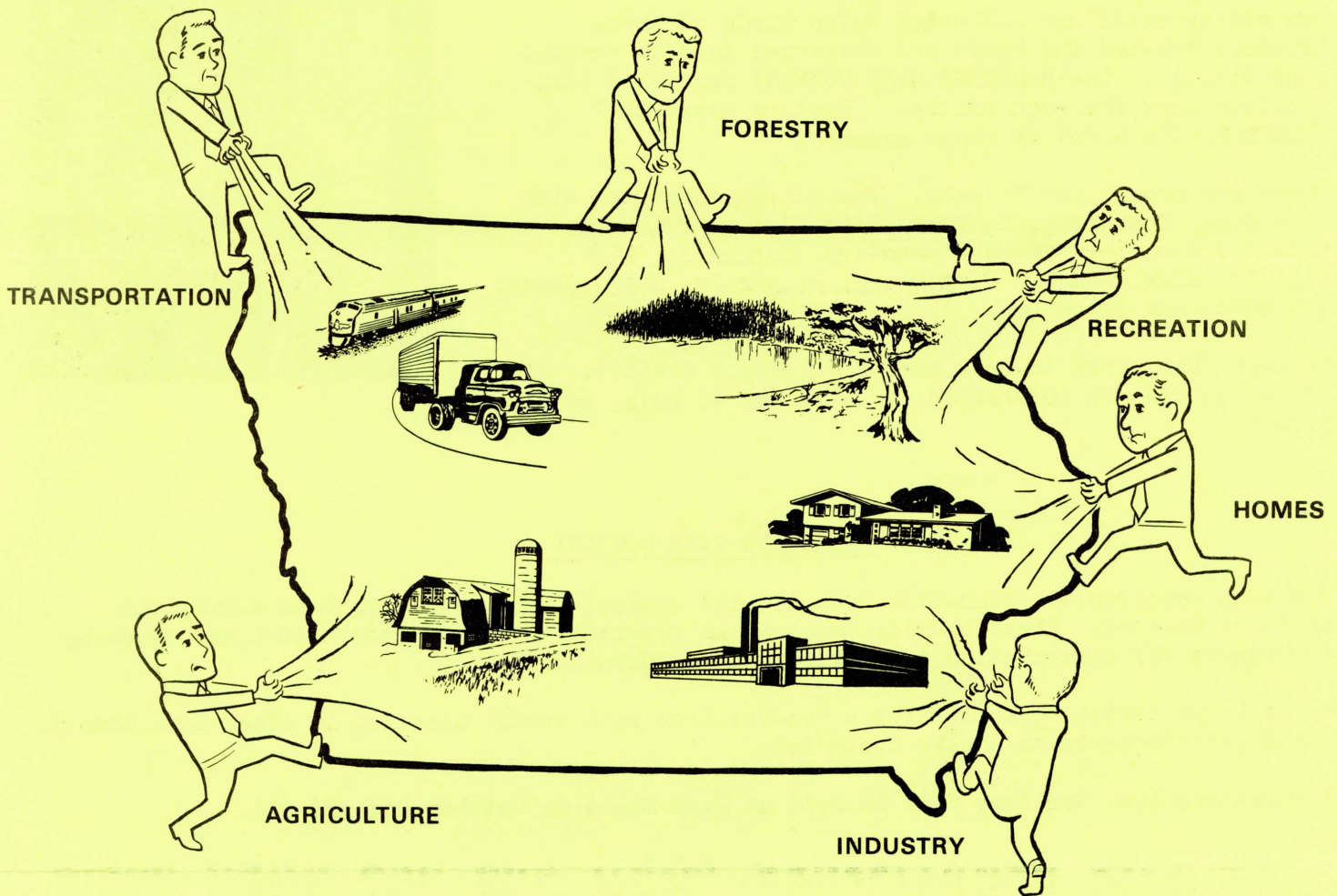
Our
Future



Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District

LAND USE - FACT OR FICTION?!

At the time Black Hawk County was developing its zoning ordinance, some objectors said people would move to adjoining counties which didn't have such restrictions. Now Buchanan and Bremer Counties are working on revising their ordinances, and Butler County is interested in developing theirs. Only Grundy County has failed to control its development. Now, maybe our Congressmen or Legislators will back us with a State or Federal Land Use Bill with some teeth.



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PROGRESS IN BLACK HAWK DISTRICT

Many of us involved in the Soil Conservation program have watched the progress in land treatment in Iowa. In recent years, the public has been asking why we are moving so slow.

Now the Legislature has provided funds to help speed things up. Would you believe our staff reports there is a waiting list for assistance with terracing?

Maybe our serious erosion earlier this year has alerted people to the urgent need.



23 YEARS OF SERVICE

WAYNE C. MARK of Cedar Falls, a Soil Conservation District Commissioner since 1953, has submitted his resignation to the Board. He started as an assistant to E. E. SAGE in 1951, then was elected in 1953, and has served continuously since.

HE wants to "slow down" and have time to do some things he would like to do.

The contributions WAYNE MARK has made to the Soil Conservation program cannot possibly be listed here. He has given many hours to our local District, the Northeast Iowa Region and the State of Iowa. He has attended many State, national and international meetings in the interest of soil conservation. We are indebted to him for his many years of service!

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THE PRAIRIE COMES TO THE CLASSROOM!

Maybe you haven't noticed that the native prairie grasses are all around us in their annual show. August and September are the maturing time for the warm season grasses. Especially noticeable is the Big Bluestem, Switchgrass, Little Bluestem, Indiangrass and Prairie Cordgrass.

Our office staff has collected seven kinds of these grasses, treated the heads and delivered them to several area schools. The NORTHRUP KING COMPANY furnished identification tags for each bundle. (Picture shows BART MCANINCH with a set of these grasses)

There was enough for 14 sets. The schools provided with them are: Dunkerton, La Porte City, Hudson, Waterloo Catholic schools, Hansen Elementary, Holmes Jr. High, Peet Jr. High, Lincoln Elementary, Bunker Jr. High, Jesup, Don Bosco and Price Lab.

We hope they prove to be a useful classroom exhibit. If other schools are interested, we will try to help, as time permits.

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TEACHERS TAKE NOTICE!

The Iowa Conservation Education Council will conduct their Fall Workshops during the month of October. These provide teachers an opportunity to get information and teaching techniques for conservation and environmental education.

We will pay certain expenses for a teacher from each school district in Black Hawk County. The Superintendents have been contacted.

The Eastern Iowa Workshop will be held at Camp Ewalu on October 4th and 5th.

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