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18. *County Grange*
19. *County Conservation Board*
20. *F H A*
21. *Professional & businessmen*
22. *Izaak Walton League*
23. *N. F. O.*

COVER PHOTO: Windbreak on Raymond Larsen farm, four miles south of Grinnell, Grant township, section 23.



DISTRICT STAFF: Seated from L to R: Virgil B. Edwards, Soil Conservationist; Mrs. Keith (Gloria) Brannian, Assistant Commissioner; LaVonne Byers, State Clerk; Standing: Don K. Schuldt, Chairman District Commissioners; Clement A. McBride, Conservation Technician; Elmer A. Urfer, State Aid; Miles B. Clayton, Commissioner; John Wilson, District Conservationist; Carroll Elscott, Commissioner.

Area Staff who assist the District include:

A. Keith Glandon, Area Conservationist; Deane S. Glen, Area Engineer; Francis W. Vos, Wayne L. Phipps, Conservation Engineering Technician; Wilma D. Kimball, Area Clerk.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

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The Poweshiek County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service administers the action farm program in the county. Any farmer, owner or operator may participate in the various programs and has a vote in selecting the township and county officers, and an election for such officers is held annually. All provisions of the program are carried out by the local officers and includes the processing of price support loans, approval for cost-sharing in connection with ACP practices, Conservation Reserve and Cropland Adjustment agreements, and the Feed Grain program diversion of acres, wool program and the processing of facility and mobile dryer loans.

The County Committee officers are as follows: Melvin J. Kasal, Chairman, Evan J. Johnston, Vice Chairman, and Lloyd L. McBride, Regular Member.



OFFICE PERSONNEL: Seated from left to right: Frances M. Schlesselman and Katherine E. Yount, program assistants. Standing left to right: Margery G. Dieterich, program assistant; Gordon Braley, County Executive Director; and Elizabeth R. Hewitt, program assistant. Margaret M. Stemsrud, not pictured.

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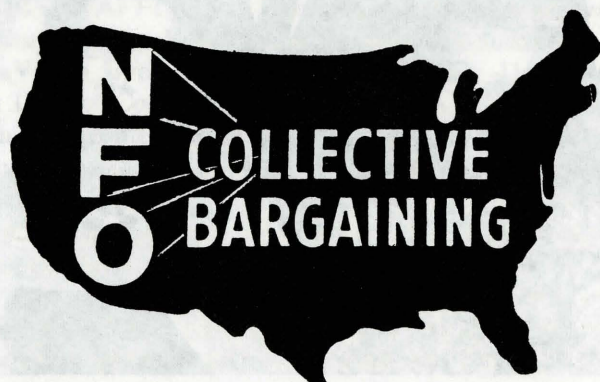
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Extension Service staff at present from left to right: Kathryn Wemer, Extension Home Economist; Judy L. Rama, Extension Assistant-4-H and Youth; Gail Beebe, Office Assistant and Chuck Wengert, Extension Director.

The Extension Service is the educational arm of Iowa State University. Its purpose is to bring the results of studies and research conducted at Iowa State to the people. The assistance of the Extension Service is available to all of the people of the county, both rural and urban.

The Cooperative Extension Service is set up so that Iowa State University at Ames and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperate to bring to the people of Iowa an educational program in agriculture, home economics and related subjects. This program is carried out in the counties of the state by the County Extension Director, the County Home Economist, and the County Youth Associate with the help of local people. The County Extension Council, made up of one representative elected from each township and the City of Grinnell together with committees on agricultural production, home economics, 4-H, community development and public affairs, plan a yearly program to suit the educational needs of the people of the county.

The Extension Director, Home Economist and Youth Associate have had training at Iowa State University and are approved and recommended for positions in the counties by the state Extension Staff. With the help of specialists and supervisors from this staff they are responsible for the planning and execution of the county program. Part of their salaries is paid from county taxes with the remainder being shared by the State Extension Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1969

1. Morton C. James retirement party--32 years of service.
2. Commissioners attend annual shortcourse, Ames.
3. Meeting held for contractors.
4. Soil Conservation Speech contest held; Sheryl Johnson, Montezuma, chosen as winner.
5. Conservation Tour held for B-G-M 6th grade class.
6. Conservation Week observed by special editions in County papers.
7. County Conservation Achievement Winners chosen--Division I, Raymond Cadden; Division II, Patricia Waterbury-Leonard Thys and Division III, Sylvan VeVerka.
8. Region VI Commissioners conference and speech contest, Amana.
9. Recognition luncheon for County Conservation Award Winners--Grinnell Kiwanis Club.
10. Commissioners Conference in September attended by Commissioners and State Clerk.
11. Virgil B. Edwards, Soil Conservationist, transferred from Jasper County to Poweshiek County.
12. Annual Christmas Party attended by ASCS and SCS personnel at Zubers in the Amanas.

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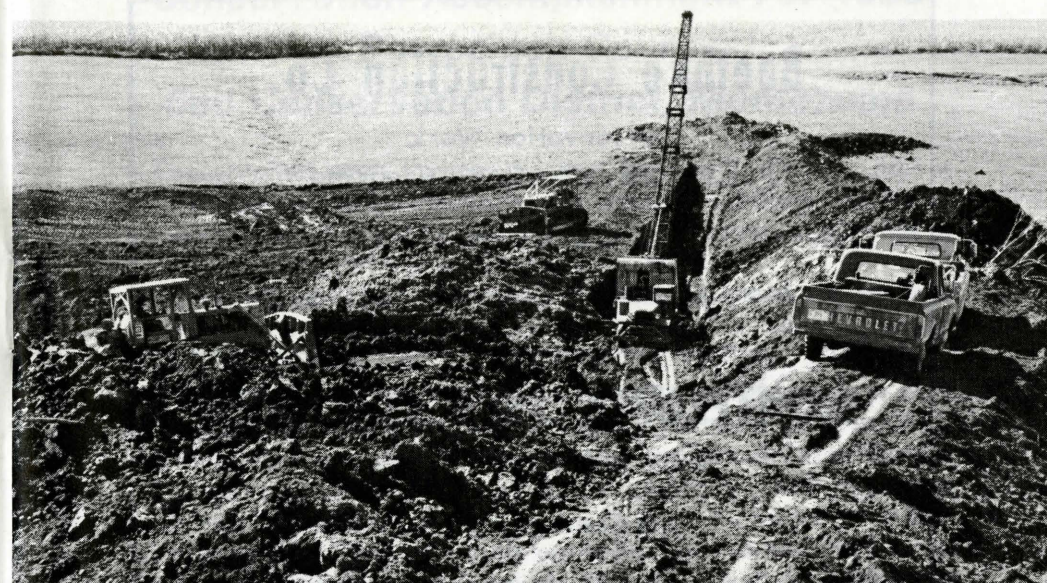
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Charles McLain, cooperator who lives seven miles northeast of Montezuma, built a 4.8 acre multi-purpose pond on his farm in 1969. With 86 acres of permanent pasture, Charles plans to use the pond for livestock water, family recreation and wildlife habitat.

Top picture shows pond construction.

Lower picture shows dam after completion.

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Conservation Accomplishment For 1969 Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District, Montezuma

Conservation work accomplished in Poweshiek County during 1969 was somewhat less due to the wet spring and summer. Although progress boomed in the last half of the year, there was still a lot of conservation practices that didn't get completed.

Mulch tillage, a practice that is still gaining in popularity was used on well over 3200 acres of corn and beans. Tree planting, which is not a new practice, and taken care of by the District Forester (Roy Hatcher), was somewhat reduced because of the wet spring, with only five acres being planted. Windbreaks increased this year with thirteen farms planting 12 acres of trees and low growing shrubs.

Farm ponds for livestock water, fire prevention and recreation were built on eighteen (18) farms. Gully control structures for stabilizing large gullies were built on eleven (11) farms. Structures built for water control numbered 88. This is a new type of structure installed in connection with tile outlet terraces and diversions.

A little more than nine (9) miles (48,275 feet) of terraces and diversions were built during the year. Almost all of these were outletted underground through tile system rather than surface grassed waterways.

Tile installed during the year totaled 85 miles or 449,431 feet. Most of this was in connection with grassed waterways or tile outletted terraces and diversions.

Fifteen miles of waterways were tiled, shaped and seeded for better farm management.

Lines for 1268 acres of new contouring were staked and 581 acres of strip cropping were added to the estimated 20,000 acres of this practice already in the county.

Acres of land soil surveyed in the county by Soil Scientists of the Soil Conservation Service totaled 2000 acres. Such surveys are made on an individual farm basis and show soil type, percent slope, amount of topsoil remaining, general recommendations for fertilizer application and information needed to develop a complete conservation plan.

During 1969 complete conservation plans were developed on 13 new farms and conservation programs brought up to date on five previously planned farms.

The Soil District received requests from 44 farmers for such future mapping and planning.

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Soil Conservation Surveys	2000 Acres
New Soil District Cooperators	44 No.
Basic Conservation Plans	13 No.
Contour Farming (Newly Staked)	1268 Acres
Strip Cropping (Newly Staked)	581 Acres
Grassed Waterways	60 Acres
Wildlife Habitat Development	54 Acres
Ponds Built	18 No.
Terraces & Diversion (9 miles)	48,275 L. Ft.
Gully Control Structures	11 No.
Water Control Structures (Tile Outlet)	88 No.
Tile Installed (85 miles)	449,431 L. Ft.
Mulch Tillage	3200 Acres
Tree Planting	5 Acres
Windbreaks (13 Farms)	12 Acres
Farms Serviced	393 No.

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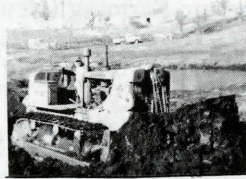
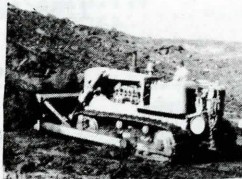
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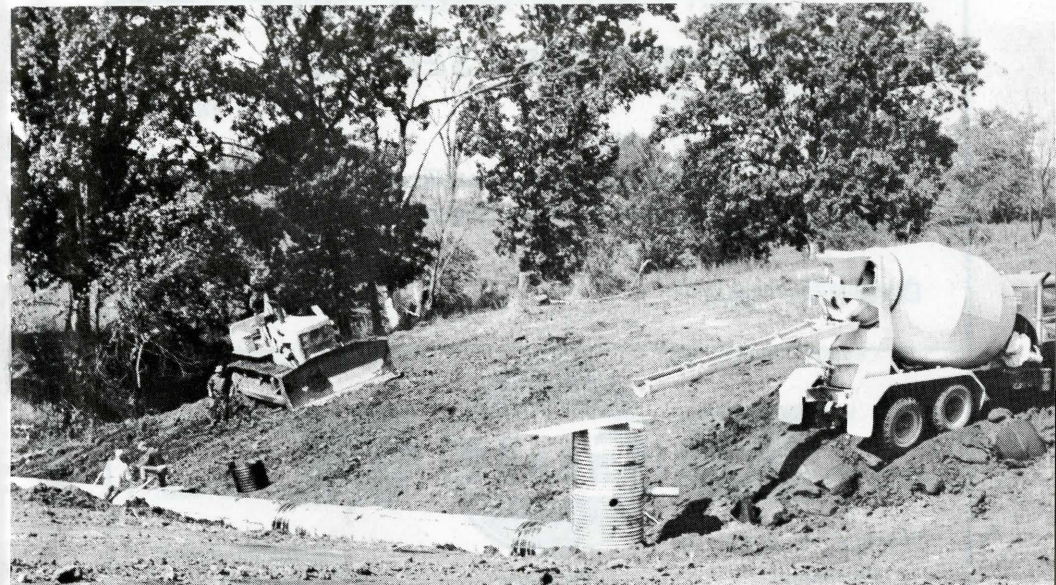
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Top picture shows connecting sections of pipe together.

Bottom picture shows the completion of structure.

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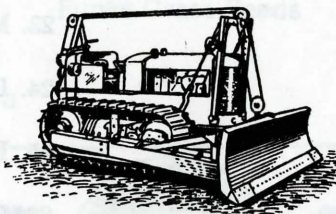
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| 4. Kon K. Schuldt | 24. Lester Weiskopf |
| 5. Robert Haworth | 25. Eldon Speas |
| 6. Milton Cronbaugh | 26. Gary Davis |
| 7. Marvin Van Gorp | 27. Grinnell Co. Club |
| 8. Ralph Phillips | 28. Anthony Kriegel |
| 9. John Byers | 29. Lester Beyer |
| 10. Allan Plesek | 30. Wilbur Watland |
| 11. Charles VanWaus | 31. Louis Ford |
| 12. Laverne Neitzel | 32. L. A. Cowles, Jr. |
| 13. Paul Ahrens | 33. Gerald Wyant |
| 14. Floyd Lacina (2) | 34. Mrs. Gerald Wyant |
| 15. Kenneth Benda | 35. Loren Roorda |
| 16. C. L. Gates | 36. William Bitcom |
| 17. Kenneth & Raymond Vogt | 37. Warren Carpenter |
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The 1968 Conservation Achievement Award Winners



Sylvan VeVerka, Montezuma winner of Division III Conservation Achievement Awards Program, 1969.

Division III is for any farmer who becomes a new District Cooperator with the District the past 2 years and rapidly establishes conservation practices on the land which he farms.

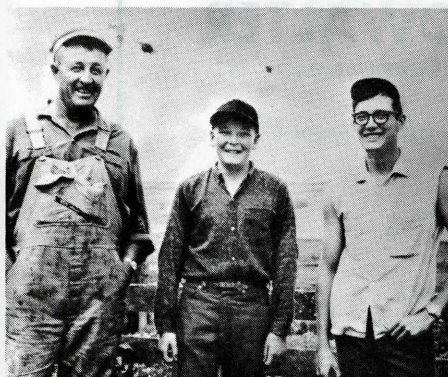
Raymond Cadden, Brooklyn, Iowa winner Division I Conservation Achievement Awards Program, 1969.

Division I is for family-operated farms or owner operated farms on which the owner-operator resided and other lands operated by him on which he has established and maintained the most complete conservation program as determined by the land use program and soil conservation practices adopted.



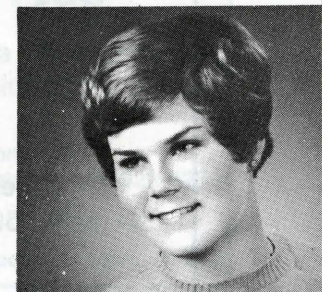
Patricia Waterbury, Des Moines, owner, and Leonard Thys, Hartwick, Iowa operator, winners in Division II of the Conservation Achievement Awards Program, 1969.

Division II is for landlords and tenants who have made outstanding progress in conservation. Recognition will be given to the Landlord and Tenant winning in each district.



Miss Sheryl Johnson, first place winner in 1969 Conservation Speech Contest for Poweshiek County.

The contest is open to all junior and senior high school students (grades 7 through 12).



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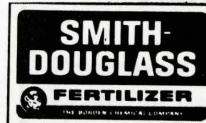
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Basic Conservation Plans 1969

1. Marvin Van Gorp
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3. Robert Ranfeld
4. C. R. Morrison
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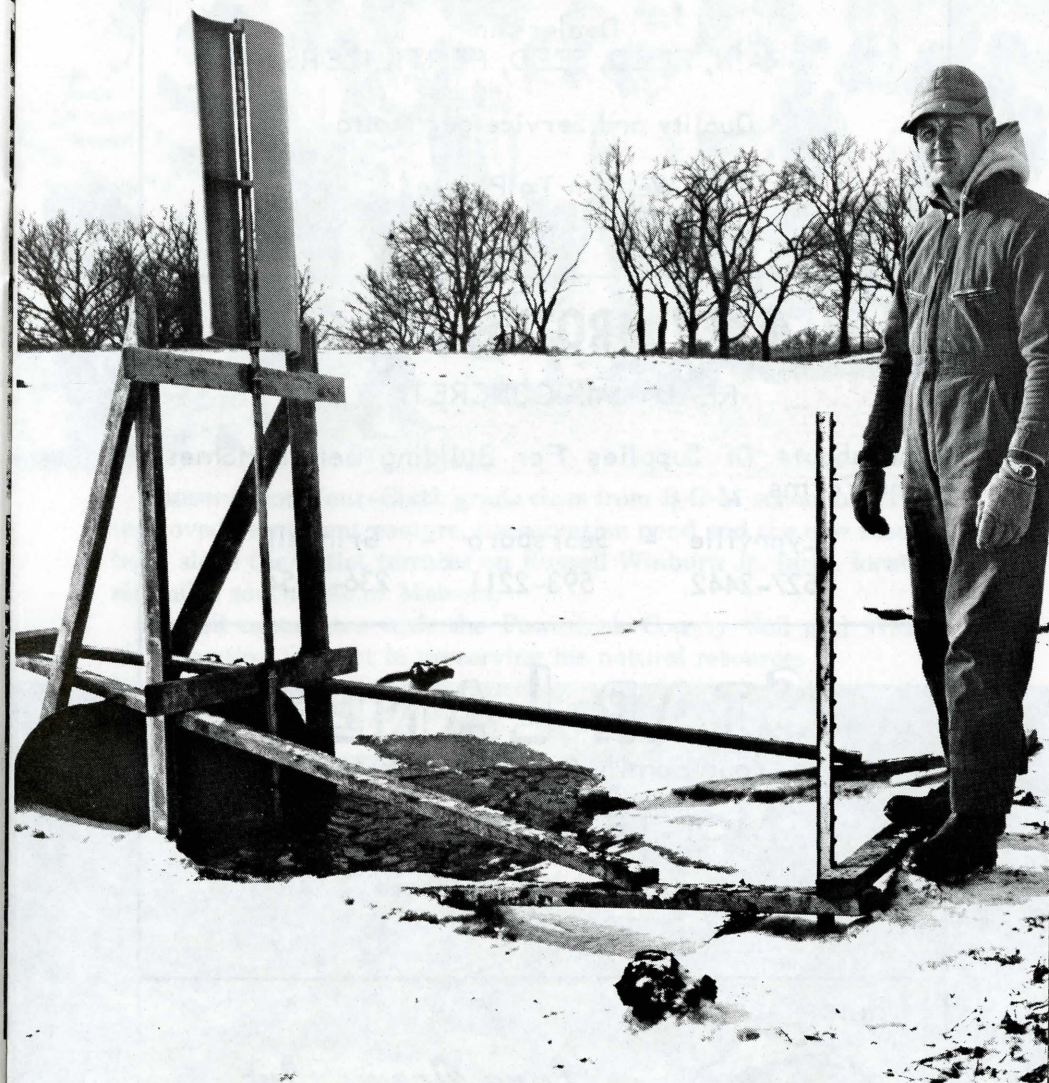
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Conservation Tour--Sixth grade class from B-G-M school observes improved permanent pasture, conservation pond and the new seeded back slope tile outlet terraces on Russell Winburn Jr. farm, located six miles southwest of Malcom.

Russell cooperates with the Poweshiek County Soil and Water Conservation District in preserving his natural resources.



Tile outlet diversion on Howard Johnson farm.

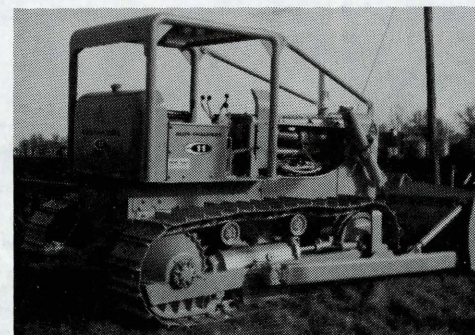
Howard is cooperating with the District in building 1187 feet of this type of terraces. Howard is also planning to build several hundred feet of parallel seeded back slope tile outlet terraces in the future.

Friends of the Soil Honor Roll

The following Poweshiek County Farmers have been recognized for outstanding achievement in Soil Conservation.

- 1949 - Lauren W. Wright
 - 1950 - Albert Pleisek
 - 1952 - Myron and 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 DeJong
 - 1958 - Lawrence Wallis, Forrest Read, Keith Davis, Gilbert Phipps
 - 1959 - Alvin and Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnutt
 - 1960 - Waldo and Harold McLennan, Benedict Peterson, Milfor Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer
 - 1961 - James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke, George Morrison
 - 1962 - *David Anthony, Louis Newkirk, Edward Henry, Philip C. Eichhorn
 - 1963 - *Ed Lowe, *Roger Sampson, Byron Goldwaite, Marvin Montgomery, George Houser
 - 1964 - *Melvin Price, Julia Vogt, Wesley Meyers, Lauren Wright
 - 1965 - Arlo Taylor, Henry Rolffs, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate, Frank and Madeleine Herbrandt
 - 1966 - Eugene Merck, *Phillip Lamb, *Charles DePauw, Arnout Dunnick
 - 1967 - Marion Palmer, E. L. York Estate, Earl Heishman, Charles Fenner
 - 1968 - Ralph Phillips, *Richard Seeland, *Claire Fenner, Donald Brau
 - 1969 - Patricia Waterbury, Leonard Thys, Sylvan VeVerka, Raymond Cadden
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Legislators, Soil Leaders Talk Grass Roots

Learning a lot about the work, the programs and the financial problems of government agencies dealing in soil conservation and related fields were Poweshiek County's political representatives pictured above with officials of several county agencies.

State Senator Joan Orr and State Representative Clair Strand were guests at the meeting sponsored by the Poweshiek Soil District commissioners held Dec. 18 at the SCS office. Among the 20 persons attending were those pictured above, from left, in front: Gordon Braley, ASCS office manager; Rep. Clair Strand; Senator Joan Orr; John Wilson, District Conservationist; Orville Spain, deputy county assessor; Melvin Miller, representing the County Board of Supervisors. Standing, from left: Don Schuldt, chairman, SCS district commissioners; Don Johnson, farmer member, State Conservation Committee; Chuck Wengert, County Extension Director; Melvin Kasal, chairman, County ASC Committee; Virgil Edwards, Poweshiek County Soil Conservationist; and M. O. Hansen, County Engineer.

Each told the legislators the duties, financial situation, and legislative needs of their respective agencies in the informal meeting. Others attending included Miles Clayton and Carroll Ellscott, district commissioners; Elmer Urfer, SCS state aid; Clem McBride, conservation technician; Lloyd McBride and Evan Johnston, ASC county committee members, and LaVonne Byers, SCS office clerk.

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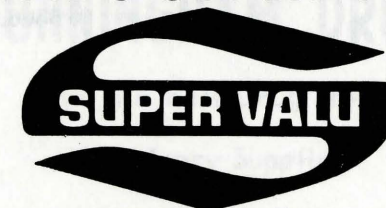
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Commissioners mileage, meals, hotel	135.85
Office supplies	115.65
Prize for contest	30.00

Total

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II-M BUDGET

5528.00

Gross earnings (Clerk & Tech)	4978.14
State Retirement	174.18
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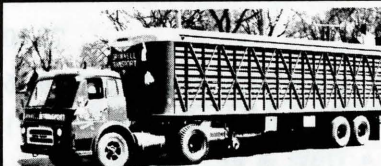
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Commissioners Mileage, Meals, Hotel	357.08
Office Supplies	94.50
Prize for Contest	30.00
Meeting Expense	8.29
Office Expense	3.00
TOTAL	\$492.87
II-M BUDGET	\$6598.00
Gross Earnings (Clerk & Tech.)	5980.52
State Retirement	209.30
Federal (SS tax)	263.22
Health Insurance	72.00
Tech. Travel	69.25
Release	3.71
TOTAL	6598.00

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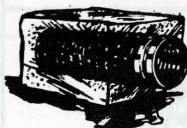
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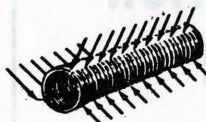
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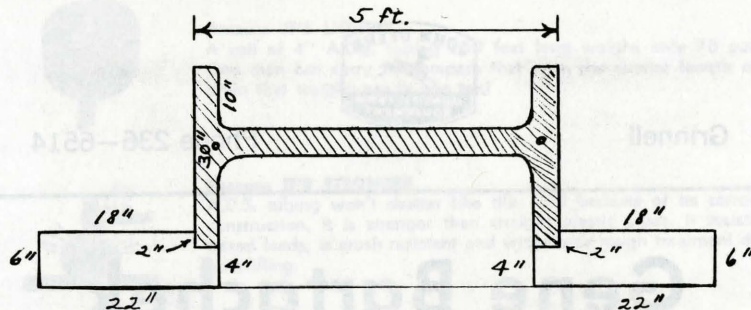
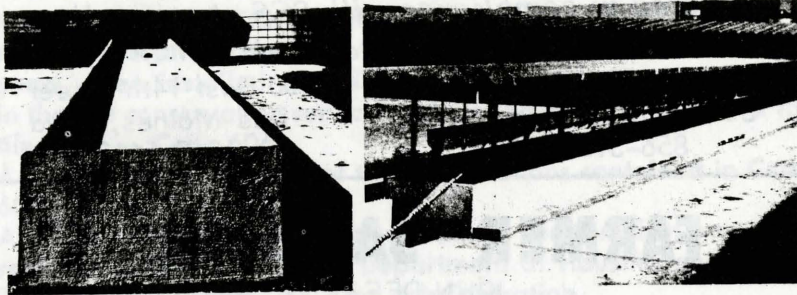
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