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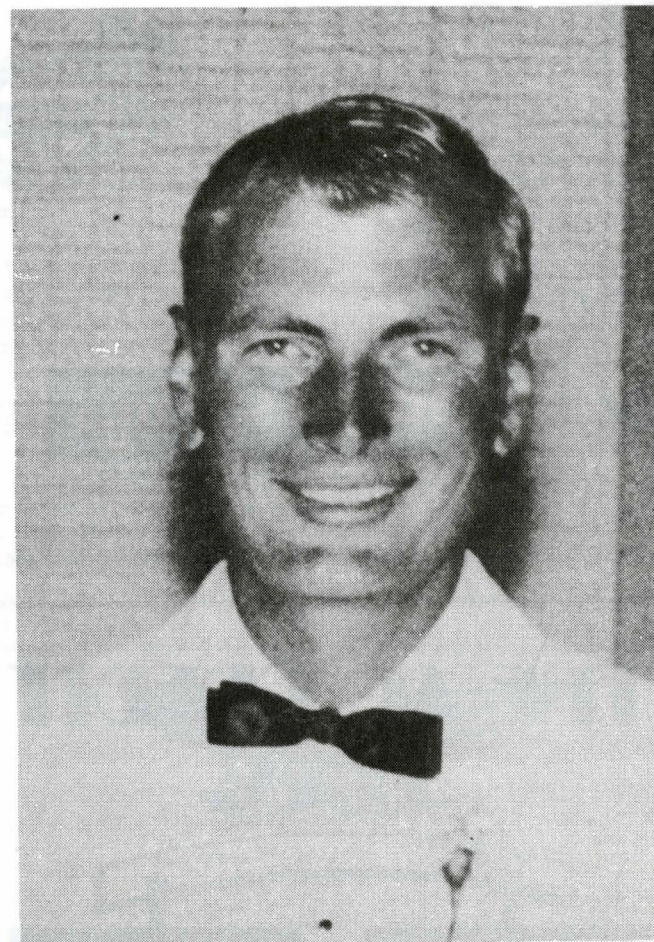
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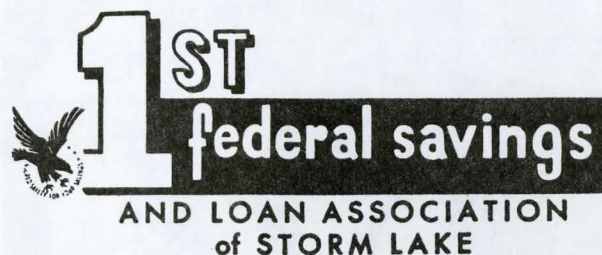


### DEDICATION

Richard Ortner, Galva was elected Soil Conservation District Commissioner in 1972 and began serving a six year term in February 1973. Ironically, just as Dick was really becoming involved and acquainted with the District activities, he was taken from us. We regret deeply his loss, and know that he would have been a valuable worker for the cause.

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## Introduction

"Conserve More - Protect More" is the theme for 1974 as efforts to increase food production are stressed. Also important is the need to protect the land made bare by cultivation.

We, the commissioners of Ida County Soil Conservation District appreciate the efforts made to protect our valuable soil. We certainly appreciate the contributions represented by the advertisers within this report toward the conservation effort. Our sincere thanks go to all who have helped us in our conservation efforts.

Robert Bumann, Chairman

Kenneth Borchers, Vice Chairman

Harlen Dausel, Commissioner

J. Henry Brueck, Assistant Commissioner

Wilbur Rohlk, Assistant Commissioner

Mrs. Betty Waller, Assistant Commissioner

Richard Hagemeyer, Assistant Commissioner

John Higgins, Commissioner

Ramon Johnson, Commissioner



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Robert Bumann, Chm.

# SERVING THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Robert Bumann ----- Battle Creek ----- Chairman  
Kenneth E. Borchers ----- Holstein ----- Vice-Chairman  
Harlen Dausel ----- Battle Creek ----- Commissioner  
John Higgins ----- Galva ----- Commissioner  
Ramon Johnson ----- Holstein ----- Commissioner

J. Henry Brueck ----- Battle Creek ----- Assistant Commissioner  
Mrs. Noval (Betty) Waller ----- Holstein ----- Assistant Commissioner  
Richard Hagemeier ----- Ida Grove ----- Assistant Commissioner  
Wilbur Rohlk ----- Ida Grove ----- Assistant Commissioner

Lou Collins ----- Ida Grove ----- Secretary - Treasurer

## SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE STAFF

Donald G. Kauffman ----- SCS District Conservationist  
Clarence "Dutch" Kraft ----- SCS Conservation Technician  
Randall F. Sohm ----- State Conservation Aide

Dean Miller ----- SCS Soil Conservation (Trainee)  
Lou Collins ----- State Clerk - Typist

## OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service  
George W. Witters ----- County Executive Director  
Farmers Home Administration  
Wayne Doty ----- Director  
Cooperative Extension Service  
David L. Hessman ----- Director  
State Conservation Commission  
Duane Bedford ----- LeMars ----- Forester  
Glenn Jones ----- Rockwell City ----- Wildlife Biologist  
Jim Wallace ----- Lake View ----- Conservation Officer

Wallis R. Tonsfeldt ----- Sioux City ----- Area SCS Conservationist

## DISTRICT FINANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

## WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND

(Held in Trust by the District for Maintenance of Watershed Structures)

Cash on hand, July 1, 1972..... \$ 3,011.79  
Receipts..... 1,884.77  
Expenditures..... 294.61  
Purchase of Time Certificate..... 2,500.00  
Transfer of Pass Book Savings..... 1,500.00  
Cash on hand, June 30, 1973..... 601.95  
Time Certificates..... 30,064.75  
Pass Book Savings..... 1,500.00

## GENERAL FUND

Cash on hand, July 1, 1972..... \$ 982.26  
Receipts..... 1,581.68  
Annual Report..... 1,305.00  
Tree Sales..... 42.00  
1M Reimbursements..... 234.68  
Expenditures..... 2,429.03  
Postmaster..... 81.45  
Ads..... 77.08  
National & State dues..... 175.00  
Office Supplies..... 175.17  
Office Expense..... 154.16  
Subscriptions..... 14.00  
Bank rental and charges..... 4.55  
Stewardship Materials..... 166.40  
Art Contest..... 72.50  
Annual Report printing..... 470.00  
Transfer to Pass Book savings..... 1,000.00  
Fair Booth materials..... 38.72  
Cash on hand, June 30, 1973..... 134.91

## 1M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

Commissioners expenses, mileage, etc..... \$ 418.52  
Office supplies..... 152.60  
Prizes for contest..... 27.11  
Rental for Meeting Halls..... 33.00  
Office expenses..... 213.94  
Meeting expenses..... 54.83  
Total expended..... \$ 900.00

## 2M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

Clerk's salary..... \$ 5,976.34  
Clerk's mileage, expenses..... 81.37  
Total expended..... \$ 6,057.71

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July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974  
WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND

(Held in Trust by the District for Maintenance of Watershed Structures)

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand, July 1, 1973.....   | \$ 601.95 |
| Receipts.....                     | 2,262.17  |
| Expenditures.....                 | 357.00    |
| Purchase of Time Certificate..... | 1,500.00  |
| Cash on hand, June 30, 1974.....  | 1,007.12  |
| Time Certificates.....            | 34,763.86 |
| Pass Book Savings.....            | 1,609.17  |

### GENERAL FUND

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand, July 1, 1973..... | \$ 134.91 |
| Receipts.....                   | 6,133.17  |
| Annual Report.....              | 1,030.00  |
| Tree Sales.....                 | 3,992.00  |
| Awards Banquet.....             | 272.50    |
| 1M Reimbursements.....          | 838.67    |
| Expenditures.....               | 5,033.37  |
| Awards Banquet.....             | 312.47    |
| Tree Sales.....                 | 3,247.17  |
| Office Supplies.....            | 196.92    |
| Office Expense.....             | 145.58    |
| Art Contest awards.....         | 32.50     |
| Commissioners expenses.....     | 181.67    |
| Bank rental & charges.....      | 4.30      |
| State dues-Defense fund.....    | 120.00    |
| 4-H Conservation Award.....     | 15.00     |
| Subscriptions.....              | 5.00      |
| Fair Booth expense.....         | 9.15      |
| Ads.....                        | 54.82     |
| Postmaster.....                 | 87.45     |
| Soil Stewardship materials..... | 78.84     |
| Annual Report.....              | 542.50    |
| Cash on hand.....               | 1,234.71  |
| Pass Book Savings.....          | 1,072.64  |

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### 1M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Commissioners expenses, mileage, etc..... | 471.58      |
| Office supplies.....                      | 224.62      |
| Printing.....                             | 183.01      |
| Prizes for contest.....                   | 85.33       |
| Rental for Meetings.....                  | 28.00       |
| Materials for Demonstrations.....         | 9.15        |
| Office Expenses.....                      | 118.34      |
| Meeting Expenses.....                     | 130.12      |
| Total Expended.....                       | \$ 1,250.15 |

### 2M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Clerk's salary.....                 | \$ 6,633.76 |
| State Aide's Salary (1/2 year)..... | 3,157.47    |
| Clerk's mileage, expenses.....      | 94.35       |
| State Aide's mileage, expenses..... | 7.30        |
| Equipment.....                      | 43.71       |
| Total Expended.....                 | 9,936.59    |



Soil Erosion, 1974 Style

Randy Sohm, stands in a gully created by spring rains. The field was in Ida County and had no conservation practices. Ida County topsoil is a dubious contribution to the Missouri River.

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Duane Lau  
Richard Ortner  
Johnson Brothers  
Walter Greenwald  
Merle Lansink  
Burdette Conover  
Emil Schleimer  
Robert Diimig  
Donald Huss  
Orville Hummelgard  
Rex Brandt  
Anna Bubke  
Orville Groth  
Grover Senhen  
Matt Kollbaum  
Mrs. J. L. DeVries  
John S. Modrell, Jr.  
Frank Huth  
Barbara Bennett  
Orville Hansen  
D.A. Schulke  
Darrell Scott  
Bernhardt Rohlk  
Gerald Hedstrom  
Harold Schubert  
Wayne Ruser  
Vern Jorgensen  
John Holst

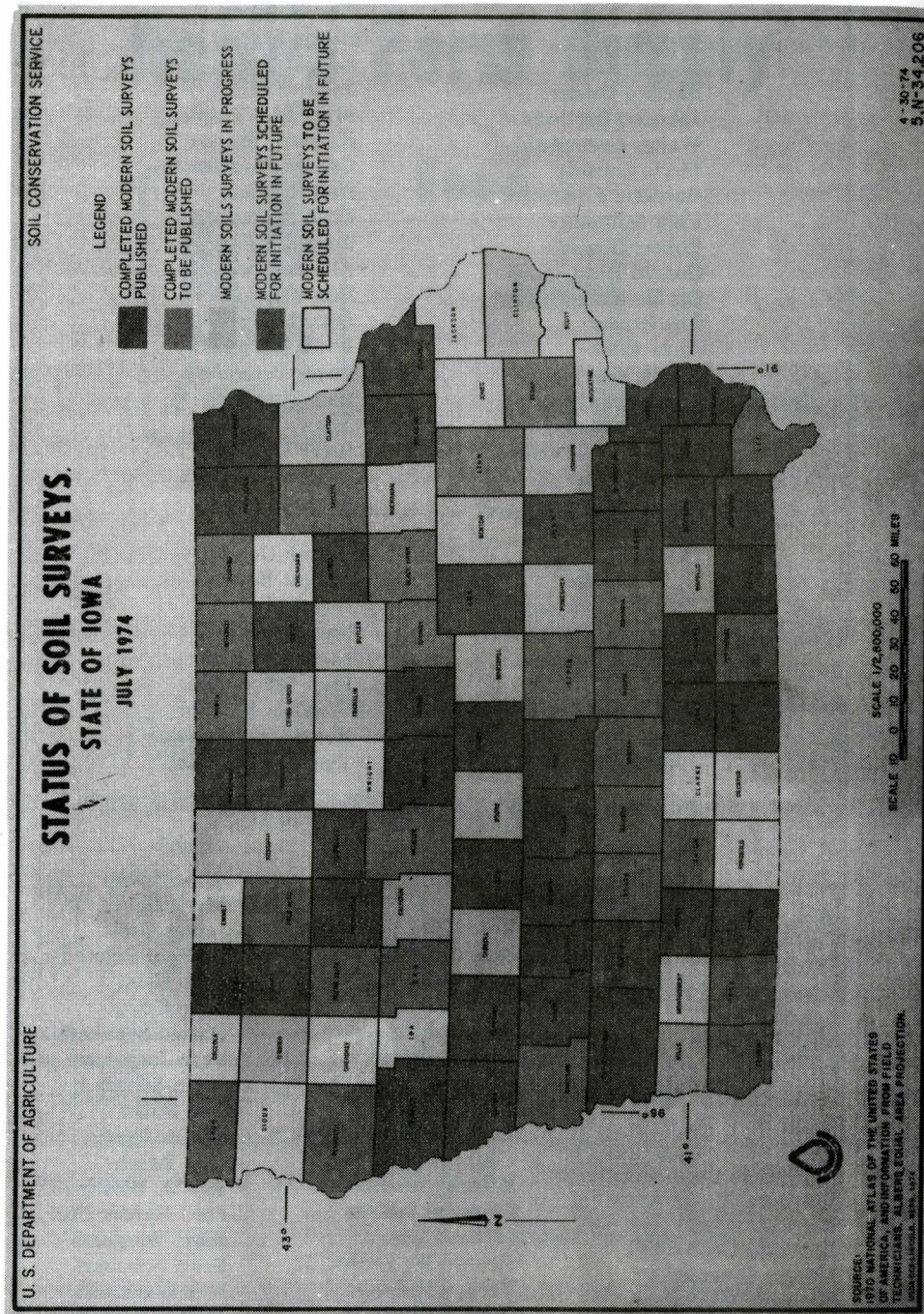
Dan Hoffman  
Edwin Jensen  
Ronald Grove  
James Grell  
Mary M. Campbell  
Kenneth Bremer  
George W. Brown  
Carl Rusch  
Ed A. Campbell  
Ronald Ruser  
Al Schreiber  
Don Baker  
Dianne Kluver  
Ray Kluver (2)  
Roger Petersen  
Dale Meyer  
August Meisner  
Barry Bergman  
Dennis Railsback  
Kenneth Bower  
Harlan Wilcke  
Darrell Gebers  
Hubert Boysen  
Lars Ludvigson  
Robert Heilman  
Everett Waller  
Fred Schoenfeld  
Florence Kastner  
Henry Voge Estate  
Lyle Scheelhaase

### LIST OF CONSERVATION PLANS

William Schroeder  
William Schumann  
Earl Laursen  
Vincent Miller  
Irwin Grau  
Leo Treiber  
Roger Paulsen  
Ray Taphorn (2)  
Kuart Enterprises  
Glenn Millice  
Duane Lau  
Carl Huth, Jr.  
Raymond Henningsen  
Merle Lansink  
Burdette Conover  
Walter Greenwald  
Kenneth Borchers  
Richard Ortner  
Orville Hummelgard

Kenneth Radke  
Johnson Brothers  
Bruce Van Houten  
Mrs. J. L. DeVries  
Orville Groth  
Don Kauffman  
Wm. Schirrmacher  
Emil Schleimer  
Frank Huth  
Ed Edsen  
Ralph Radke  
Claire Galvin  
William Jensen  
Clarence Schultz  
Howard Lenz  
George W. Brown, Jr.  
Vernon Volkman  
John Modrell, Jr.  
Orville Hanson  
Robert Diimig

Al Schreiber  
Myrl Hight  
James Grell  
Barbara Bennett  
John Holst  
Darrell Scott  
Harold Schubert  
Vern Jorgensen  
Ervin Schoer  
Don Baker  
Edwin Jensen  
Carl Rusch  
Roy D. Wilson  
Fred Harder (Rev.)  
Barry Bergman  
Beryl Schubert  
Milt Giermann  
Fred Schoenfeld  
Wayne Ruser  
August Meisner



## STANDARD SOIL SURVEY - - WHO NEEDS ONE ?

The possibility of initiating a standard soil survey in Ida County has been discussed recently. Several questions come to mind when considering whether to approve such a project.

Question 1 Who would benefit from an accurate soil survey?

Answer:

People benefiting most from accurate soils information are individual farmers, tax assessors, land appraisors and farm managers. Also City, County and local planning boards, realtors, home buyers, highway engineers, to name a few.

A major benefit would be to use the soils information to establish fair real estates values for taxation. At present there is considerable variation between tax valuation and productivity of the soils in the county.

Question 2 Doesn't Ida County have a soil survey?

Answer:

Soils in the county have been surveyed in piecemeal fashion over the past 28 years. Obviously different people have done the surveying (or mapping). Therefore there is considerable chance for variation.

Question 3 How soon could a survey be started?

Answer:

Surveys are scheduled on a first-come-first served basis. There are presently 17 counties being surveyed and 19 counties waiting. It would be 5-6 years until a survey could begin in Ida County. Fifteen other counties have not scheduled a survey.

Question 4 How much does a survey cost?

Answer:

Present costs are about \$12,000 per township, with cost rising rapidly. Once a county makes a commitment, however, the cost is established and does not increase.

Question 5 Who pays for a soil survey?

Answer:

All counties in which there is a survey in progress are sharing costs with the state and federal government. That is the county, state and federal government would each pay approximately \$4,000 per township.

A survey in Ida County would cost \$48,000 and \$50,000 if a commitment was made now. The cost would be paid over three years.

Question 6 Who initiates the standard soil survey?

Answer:

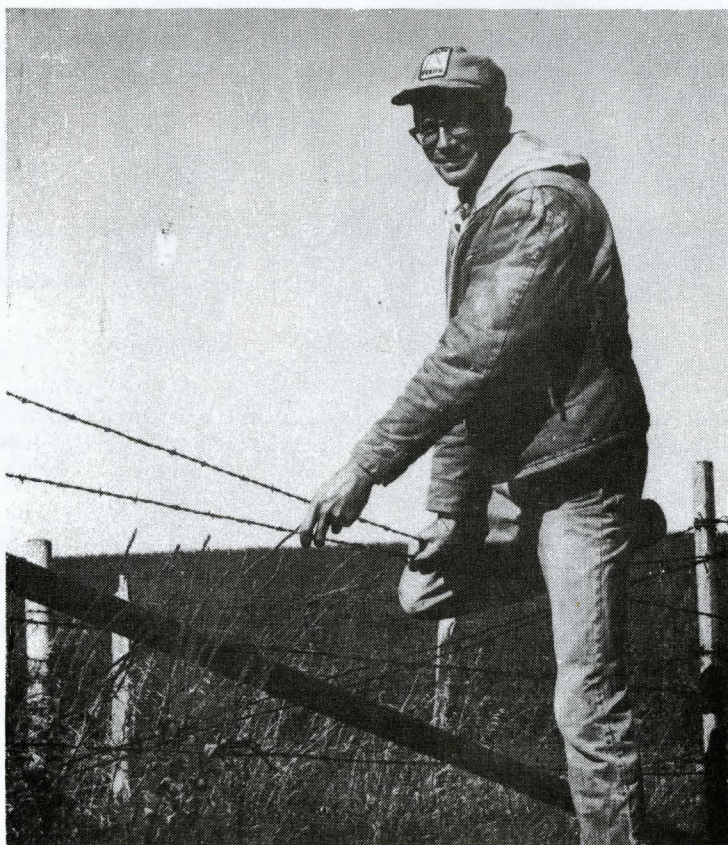
Since the Board of Supervisors would have to make the commitment for the county's share of the cost, they are instrumental in getting the "ball rolling". Discuss it with your Soil conservation District Commissioners and your County Supervisors.

**IDA COUNTY TRIO NAMED WINNERS  
IN SIOUX CITY PERMANENT AGRICULTURE PROGRAM**

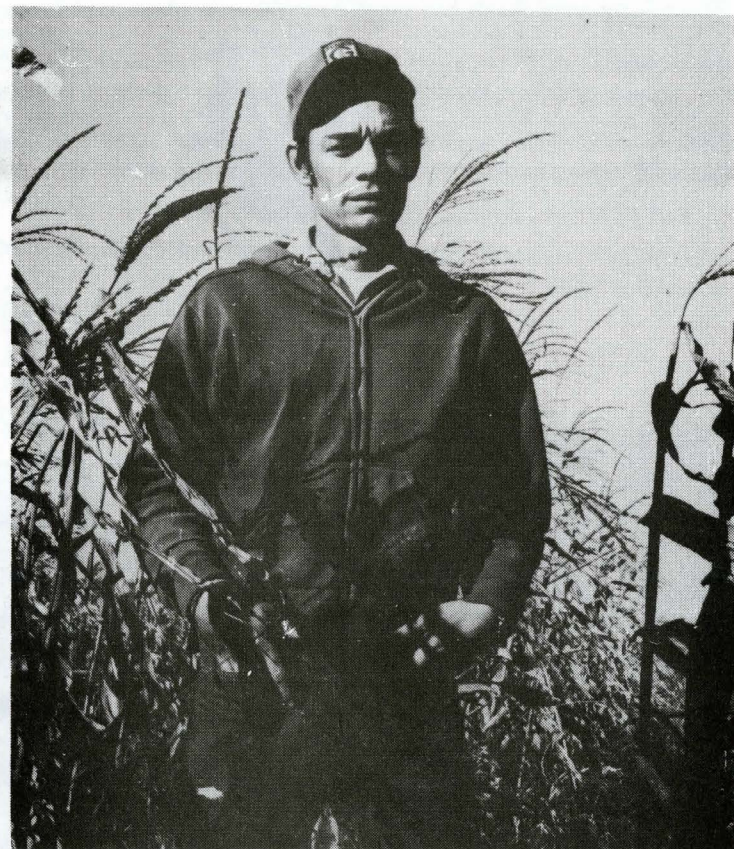
Three Ida County farmers were named 1973 winners in the Sioux City sponsored Marc Cox Permanent Agriculture Program.

Frank Huth, Washta, Delbert Shever, Cushing, and Robert Hoppe, Cherokee (Steve Evans, tenant) were named winners on basis of their conservation work.

Each farm is protected by terraces, practices contouring and uses grasses and legumes in their rotation. The winners were honored at a banquet in Sioux City in November 1973.



Frank Huth, was a winner in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture program for 1973. Frank operates a general livestock farm in Douglas township.



Steve Evans, operator of the Robert Hoppe farm north of Cushing was one of three conservation winners in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program for 1973.

## *Sweepstakes Winner*



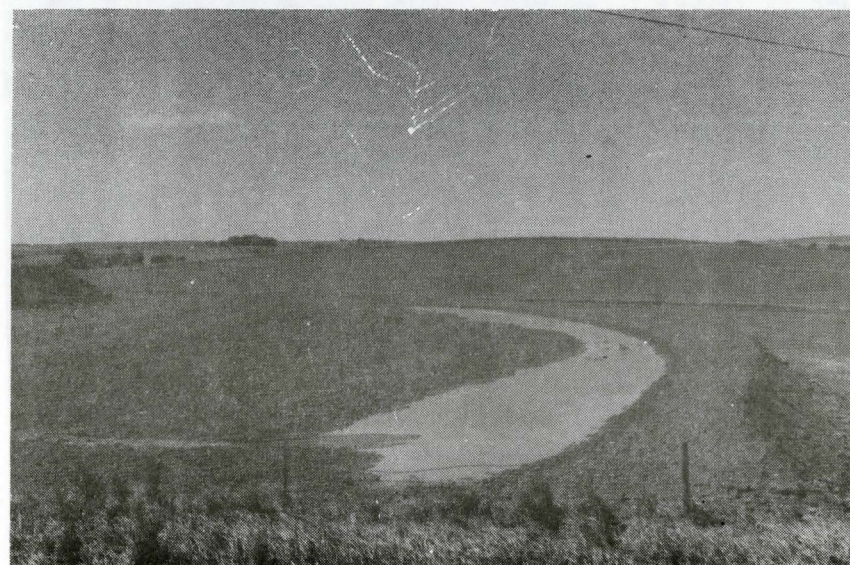
Elvie Dreeszen, Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Program Sweepstakes winner for northwest Iowa admires an Austrian Pine tree planted in his windbreak three years ago.

## DREESZEN CONSERVATION AWARD WINNER

Elvie Dreeszen, and sons, of Cushing were named Sweepstakes Winner for the Northwest Iowa Region in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Contest in 1973. Elvie, who is agriculture assistant to Congressman Wiley Mayne, is still active in the management of the farm his sons Roger and Randy operate.

The Dreeszen farm was named winner on the basis of the completeness of the conservation program. Nearly eight miles of terraces protect the slopes, 12 acres of waterways have been seeded and shaped, 7200 feet of tile have been placed to eliminate wet areas, and two attractive windbreaks have been established. In addition, the Dreeszens practice minimum tillage by using a chisel plow instead of a moldboard.

The District congratulates the Dreeszens.



Just in Time - This terrace was built on the Raymond H. Ernst farm south of Ida Grove this spring just in time to capture some of the rains that fell later.

## OUTDOOR CONSERVATION CLASSROOM

The past several years, the Ida Soil Conservation District has been privileged to sponsor an outdoor classroom in Moorehead Park near Ida Grove. Sixth graders from Battle Creek, Holstein, Galva and Ida Grove become better acquainted with nature through six training sessions.



Sixth grade students from Holstein learn about soils from Ken Leiting, District Conservationist from Sac County at the annual Outdoor classroom held in Moorehead Park last May.



## CAN CONSERVATION TECHNICIANS FLY?

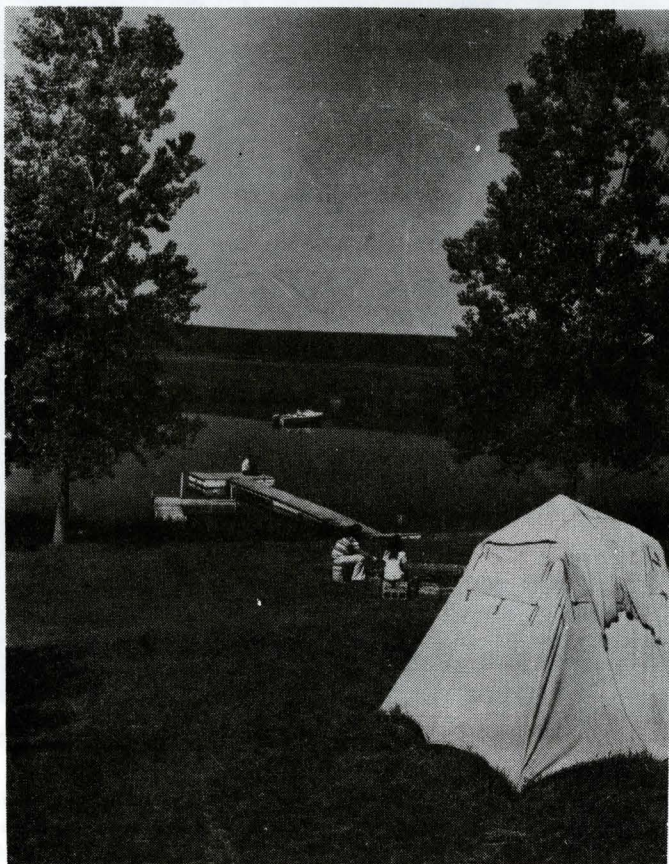
It might appear that Clarence "Dutch" Kraft, SCS technician is flopping his "wings" to take off, but actually he is signaling Randy Sohm, the rodman that he has made the reading. Incidentally, secretaries are **not** standard equipment for survey crews. Mrs. Lou Collins, office secretary went along for the ride to see what actually is done during a survey.

## WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

The old adage "Slow, but sure" could describe watershed progress in Ida County. Because of all the preparatory work and technicalities sometimes known as "red tape" watershed progress is sometimes quite slow.

But things are looking up, however. This spring began with the letting of the contract for construction of the first half of Crawford Creek Watershed. Eight structures were built at an approximate cost of \$250,000. Inflation hurts conservation work too! Nevertheless, the structures are built and the second half of the watershed will be built in 1975-76 as planned now.

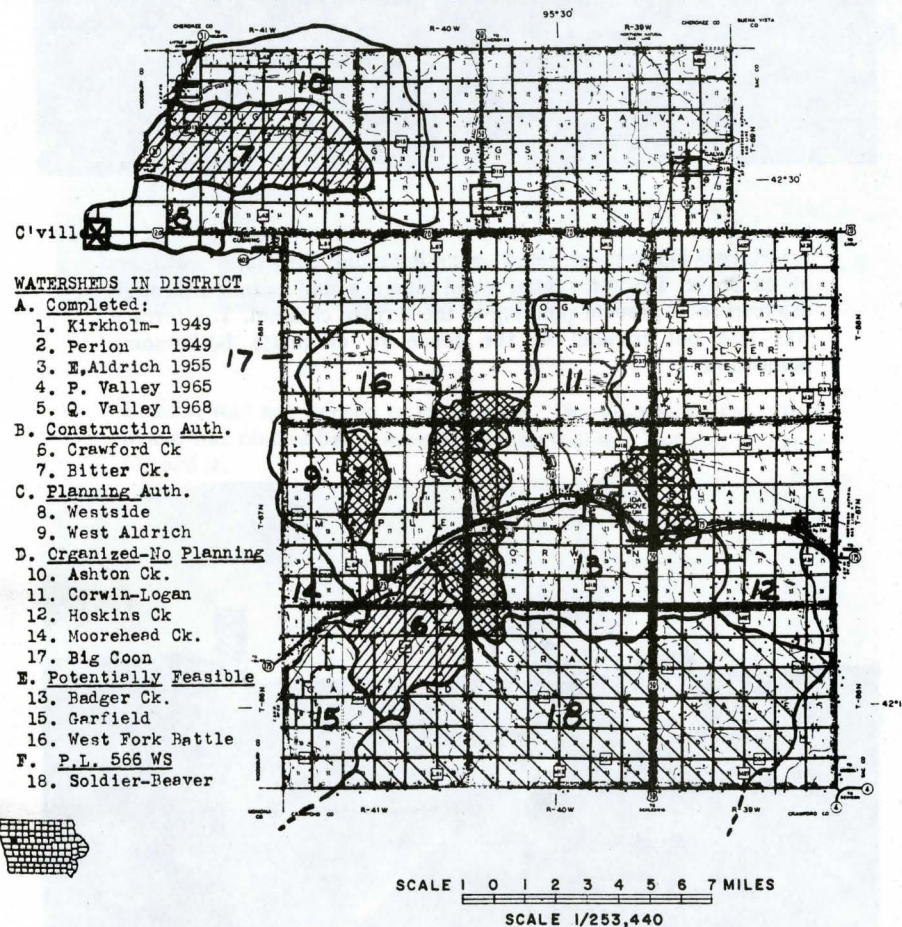
Coming up for construction next will be Bitter Creek Watershed in Douglas Township.

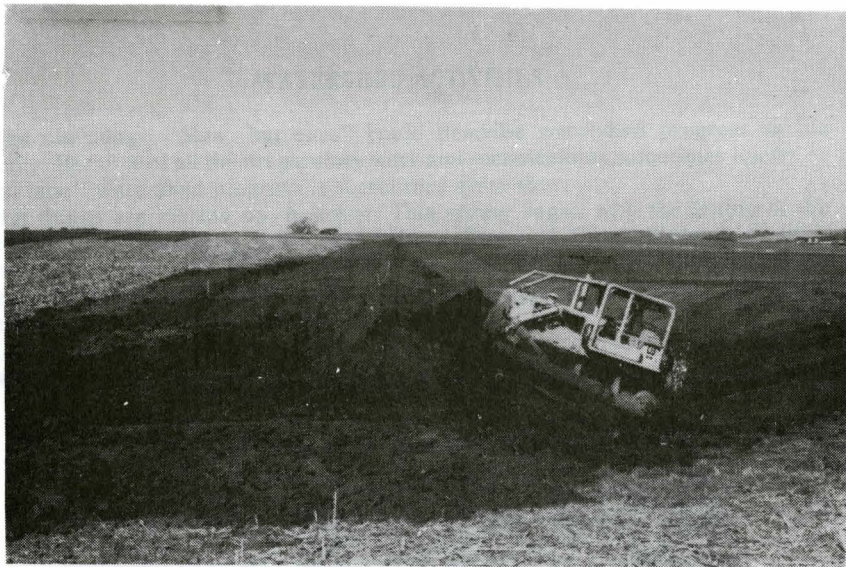


Many benefits are derived from erosion control dams in the Little Sioux Flood Control Project. Here Members of the Gene Knop family and Bob Bennigsdorf family enjoy recreation in the Knop pond. The dam was built in 1949 as a part of the Perion Watershed.

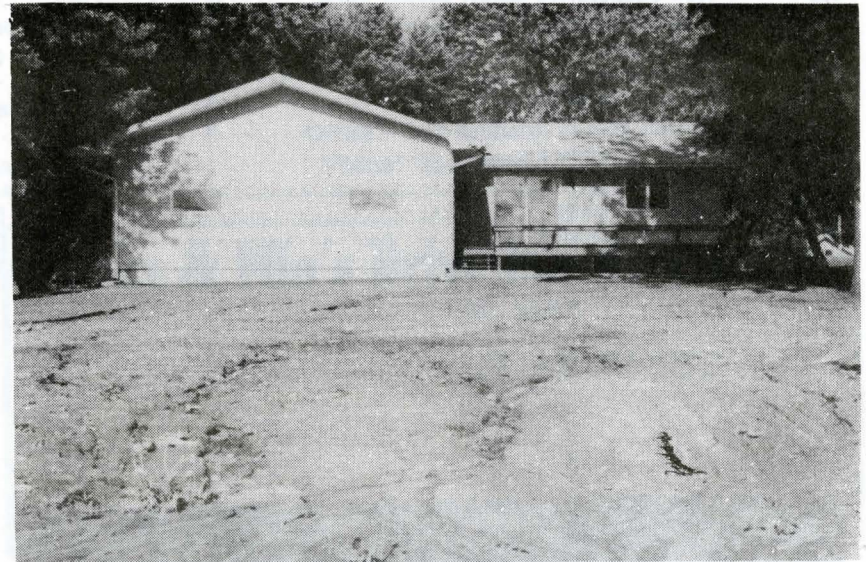
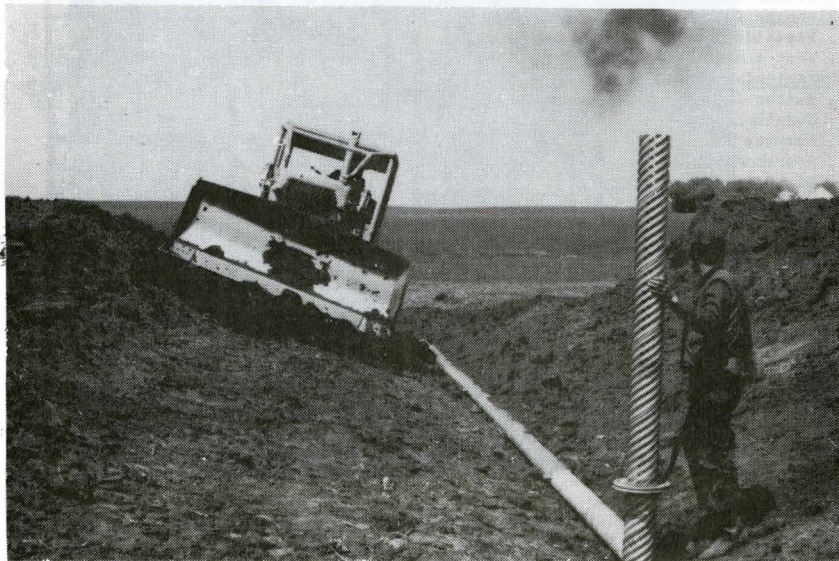
## IDA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IOWA

### WATERSHEDS - STAGES of DEVELOPMENT





A terrace is being constructed on the Raymond Drey farm northeast of Ida Grove. The corrugated metal pipe is being installed through the terrace to prevent ponding in the terrace channel. The terrace was laid out parallel to the fence to eliminate bothersome point-rows.



Erosion was not limited to rural areas. The yard behind the WIT house was eroded badly even before the builders had had a chance to seed it.

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# LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1-1-73 - 6-30-74

|         |       |                                 |       |             |
|---------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 100     | ----- | New Cooperators                 | ----- | 61          |
| 102     | ----- | Cooperators assisted            | ----- | 360         |
| 108     | ----- | Conservation plans or revisions | ----- | 60          |
| 140     | ----- | Group plans                     | ----- | 2           |
| 330     | ----- | Contour Farming                 | ----- | 5,729 ac.   |
| 410     | ----- | Erosion control structure       | ----- | 1           |
| 412     | ----- | Grassed waterways               | ----- | 31.4 ac.    |
| 478     | ----- | Mulch tillage                   | ----- | 5,346 ac.   |
| 599     | ----- | Terraces - basin                | ----- | 1,778 ft.   |
| 602-604 | ----- | Terraces, parallel              | ----- | 202,512 ft. |
| 606     | ----- | Drainage tile                   | ----- | 26,173      |

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1-1-73 to  
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Erosion like this was commonplace throughout Ida County following hard rains during the spring of 1974.

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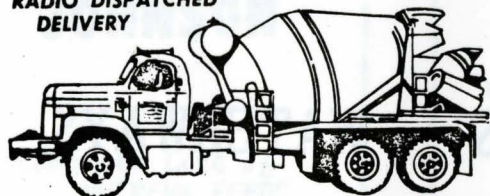
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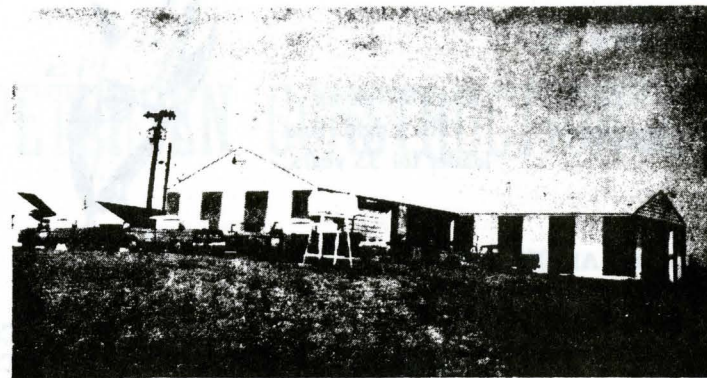
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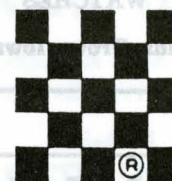
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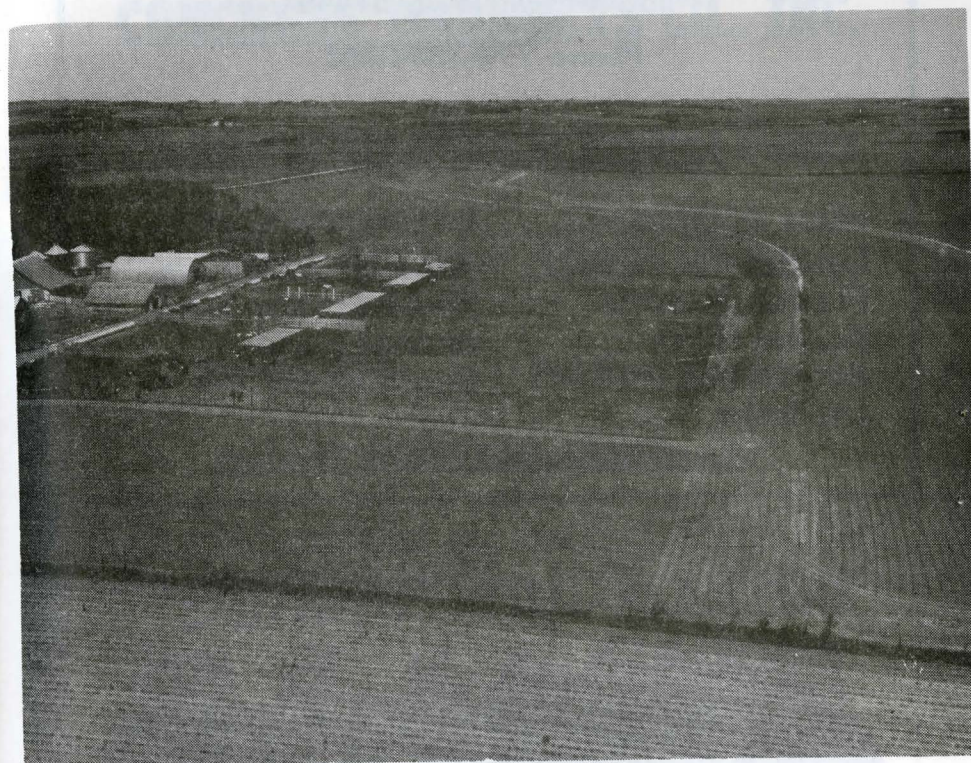
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