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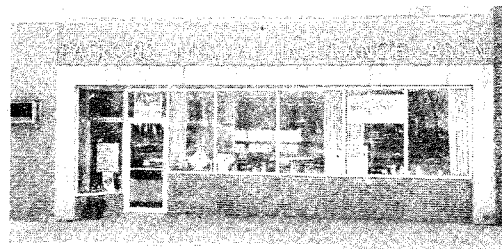
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INTRODUCTION

By Howard Beyer, Chairman

This publication is the 23rd Annual Report of the Iowa County Soil and Water Conservation District. We hope it will make you more aware of the conservation activities being carried on in our county.

A recent letter from Mr. Ervin J. J. Koos of Shelby, President of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, called attention to a cut in the Governors proposed budget for the state for money used for conservation work during the 1969-1971 biennium. The current allocation is \$865,000 and the recommended appropriation has been reduced to \$835,890. We know the General Assembly is interested in holding the line on spending but it will be increasingly difficult to provide the services you people are requesting. Lack of funds this past year has made it impossible to hire badly needed additional help for Iowa County.

We are experiencing an increased interest in water conservation and control of pollution and find pressure groups are lobbying for programs to benefit the recreationist rather than the original aim -- to conserve our soil and water for the welfare and enjoyment of the coming generations.

Conservation is a tough subject to sell as it is not fully understood by urban people of our own area and people of the large metropolitan areas have little or no awareness of the problem at all. We continue to hold the annual Speech Contest, and this year added the Art Contest and hope to create an interest in conservation among our young people.

Our natural resources are capital and we can live only so long off of our capital. Let me, in behalf of your Iowa County SCD Commissioners invite you to contact the Iowa County SCD office and have them help you reap the most possible "interest" from your capital --- your farm.

Our greatest appreciation to those who purchased advertising space in this book. It makes it possible to bring the 1968 Iowa County SCD story to you, defray expenses of the Speech and Art Contest, Soil Stewardship supplies provided churches in the county, etc. These expenses may not be taken from money allotted by taxes.

We are also grateful to the banks that covered the expenses for the dinner held for the Register and Tribune Award Winners.

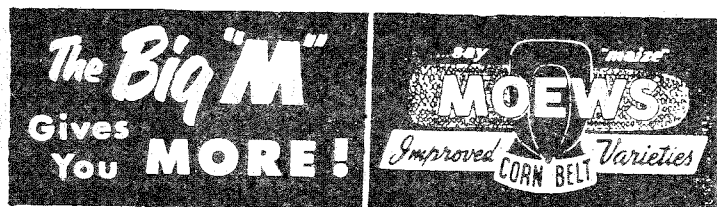
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1-M BUDGET

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Office Supplies	\$138.08
Office Expenses	\$202.97

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Eydie Eggert (Sept. - December)	Clerk & Secy.
Edward D. Edwards (Jan. - Dec.) Part Time	State Aid
Donald Grimm (July - November) Part Time	State Aid

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Charles E. Shirley	District Conservationist
Kenneth D. Christensen	Technician
Lee White (Summer Trainee)	Conservation Aid

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- January --- Harold Sherman and Charles Shirley attended the Commissioners Short Course at Ames.
--- The Conservation Education Committee of Iowa County held an organizational meeting.
- February -- Conservation program presented to the Marengo Adult Farmers Class.
- March ----- The District Speech Contest was held March 29, won by Linda Edwards of Marengo.
----- John Shannahan attended the Regional Commissioners meeting.
- April ----- The Muscatine SCD's bowling team won the traveling trophy from Iowa County.
- May ----- Over 3,000 bulletin inserts were distributed to the churches of the county for Soil Stewardship Sunday.
- June ----- District winners were chosen for the Register & Tribune Contest.
----- Educational material was presented to the schools for use in ordering supplies for 1968-69 use.
----- Soil Conservation week was observed by all news media in the county.
- July ----- The Iowa County Conservation Air Tour was held with over 120 people taking the tour. Four airplanes were used. Thanks to J. E. Cox for providing the landing strip and parking area.
----- Regional Speech Contest was held at Amana.
- August ---- Copies of the Standard Soil Survey were distributed to the libraries of the County.
---- Conservation talk was given to the Williamsburg Kiwanis.
- September - Harold Sherman and Howard Beyer attended the Conservation Field Days at Eldora. Harold Sherman served as a narrator on the wagon train.
- Conservation workbooks were supplied to all school districts of the county.
- Jack Shannahan, Mrs. Jon Eggert and Charles Shirley attended the annual conference.
- October --- Mrs. David Brubaker, Mrs. Delmar Patterson, Mrs. Lester Rotter and Mrs. Glenn Reed were sponsored to attend the Fall Conservation Workshop at Luther.
- November -- 4,500 Iowa Conservation Placemats were distributed to the restaurants in Iowa County for use during the Thanksgiving weekend.
- December -- The Education Committee met to discuss conservation material.
-- Carl Selby of Parnell was named assistant commissioner.

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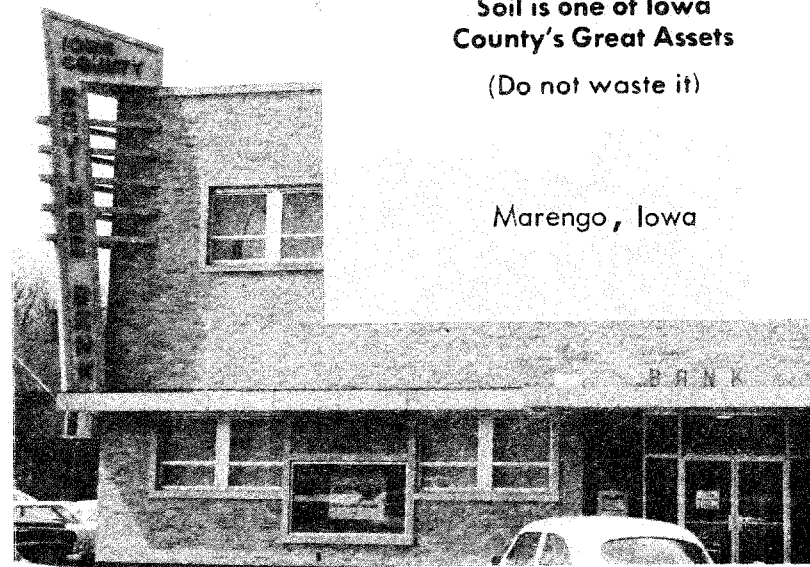
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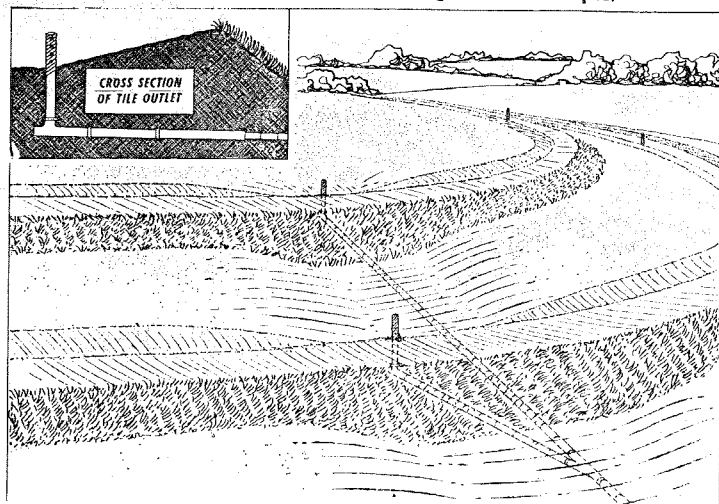
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Terraces with tile outlets and grassed backslopes.



Above is a diagrammatic sketch of tile outlet terraces, showing tile lines, outlet pipes and cross-section view.



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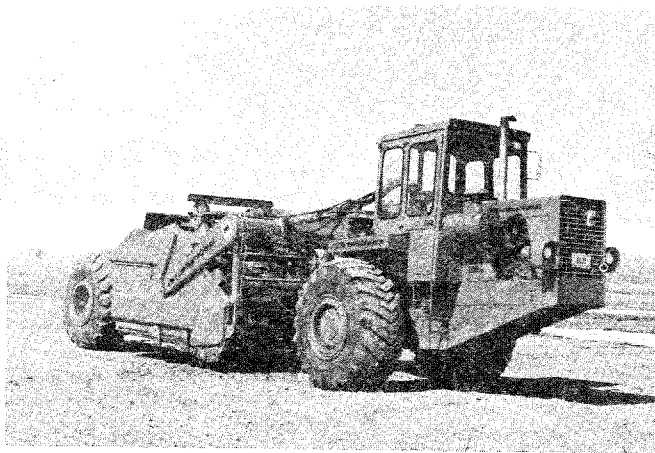
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Major Practices	Units	1968
Contour Farming (newly established)	Acres	2,151
Strip cropping (newly established)	Acres	687
Diversion terraces	Feet	28,525
All other types of terraces	Feet	36,905
Total all types	Feet	65,430
Tile intake terrace pipes	Number	27

Other Practices		
Waterways	Acres	190.3
Farm Ponds	Number	9
Tile	Feet	310,074
Erosion Control Structures	Number	7
Conservation Cropping Systems	Acres	3,679
Referrals serviced	Number	388

Planning Practices		
New District Cooperators	Number	39
Basic Conservation Plans	Number	48
Revised Conservation Plans	Number	5

The above conservation work was accomplished by 2.69 man-years of time.

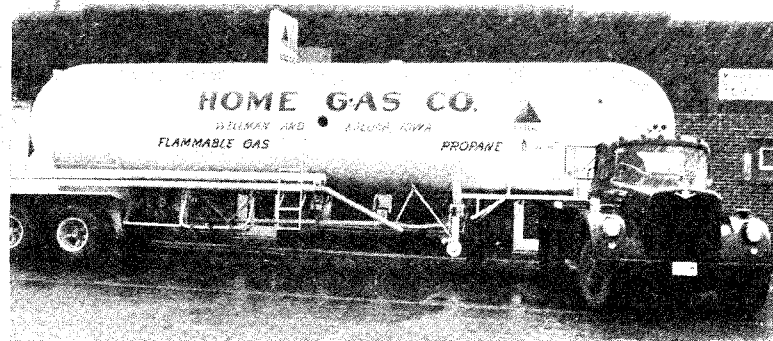
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As more construction occurs on more land, especially areas outside of city limits, the need for planning and erosion control increases. Land cleared and reshaped for construction, plus the considerable length of time involved from clearing to final completion of buildings, etc. produces silt and erosion at 7 to 10 times the rate from comparable cropland.

The Iowa County Soil Conservation District will also provide assistance to urban dwellers, developers, city planners and others. The soils data available through the Standard Soil Survey of Iowa County can be well used by these people.

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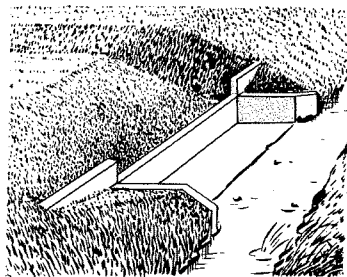


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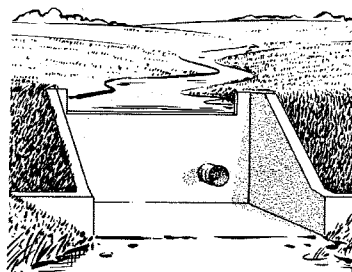
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This is an aerial view of the parallel tile outlet terraces on the Russell Pence farm in Greene township. About 20,000 feet of this type of terrace were installed in Iowa County in 1968.

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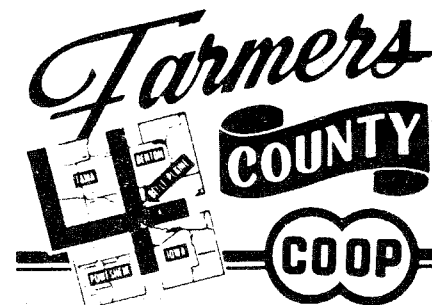
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These 49 farms make up 7,266 acres. The first step in effective control of erosion is a conservation farm plan. A farm plan works as a blue print for the types and locations of conservation practices needed on your farm. Soil and water conservation is an important part of the land management program every farm operator must face. Contact the Soil Conservation Office in Williamsburg for help on your conservation play.



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The allocation of ACP funds to your ASCS office is limited. Your County Committee attempts to assist as many farmers as possible based on the need of the practice and contribution to conservation. We believe conservation is essential to all people and should be supported by the people of our country:

The Iowa ASCS Committee and office employees are happy to discuss your conservation plans with you. The 1969 program is underway and funds are available at this time.

Carl L. Lantz
Iowa County ASCS Manager

The 1968 ACP Money was spent as follows: lime, \$20,152; four year seeding, \$21,407; sod waterways, \$27,101; tile, \$8,034; diversion terraces, \$3,092; ponds, \$3,480; all other terraces \$3,225; erosion control dams \$2,800; contour strip-cropping \$2,620; contour farming \$2,167; beautification \$1,640; all other practices \$3,686. Total \$99,404.

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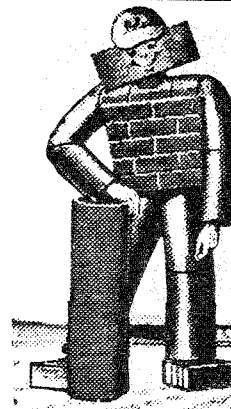
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Shown are Mr. and Mrs. John Maxey, winners of the owner-operator division of the R&T conservation Awards Contest

They live on a 320 acre farm southeast of Williamsburg.



At the left is Carl Selby, Conservation Teacher division winner. Mr. Selby has taught for many years in the Williamsburg Schools. Behind him is some of the Indian artifacts he has found on field trips. He makes extensive use of field trips in his science studies.



Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jordan are winners in the new cooperators division. They live on a 225 acre farm west of Millersburg. The total conservation plan for the farm was applied in less than three years.

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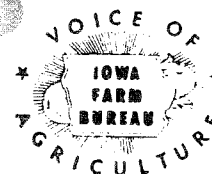
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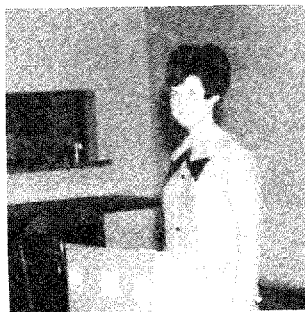
Just how do you view your land? In the spring, when you are diligently working to prepare your seed bed and you stop, climb off your tractor and scoop up a big handful of your land, what are you holding? Is it just "dirt"? Or do you see it as life supporting soil.

Your soil is a tremendously precious resource whose value is continuously increasing. As you look at your soil, remember that it is providing you with approximately two-thirds of your gross farm income each year. Your soil is your number one, your most important resource your farm business. Because of this, you should be actively doing everything in your power to protect your soil resource. You should be protecting it from the "thieves" of soil erosion. The thieves of wind and water erosion.

These thieves should be and can be stopped from further damaging your soil and ruining your precious land resource. Take a look at what you can do to prevent this unnecessary loss. Only YOU can take the initial steps to stop the thievery of your soil.

Conservation of the soil must start with you!! The tools are available for your use. WILL YOU USE THEM?

by Don Goetting
County extension Director



Linda Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards of Marengo, won the 1968 County Conservation Speech Contest.

She was a senior at Iowa Valley High School in Marengo at the time of the contest. She also represented the county in the Regional Contest held in Amana in July.

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FORESTRY IN IOWA COUNTY

The fame of Iowa's cattle and agriculture crops has obscured the fact that trees also are important in the life and economy of the state. Trees are growing and being harvested on more than 2½ million acres of commercial forest land in Iowa. In Iowa county there are approximately 30,000 acres of forest land that is capable of producing some woodland product. In Iowa, 88 percent of the forest land is owned by farm land owners. This means that the future of Iowa's forest lands are in the farm land owners hands. With the increased use of wood products the care and management of our Iowa woodlands is becoming more important. In addition to providing hundreds of wood products our woodlands are becoming important in the recreation areas and adding income to the farm. The woods provide wildlife habitat and this provides additional hunting areas to the sportsman.

The Federal government has a cost-share program that is available through the ASCS office for tree planting and woodland improvement. This past year, 8,000 trees and shrubs were planted in Iowa County.

The Iowa Conservation Commission has a Forestry Division that provides to the forest land owner technical advice on forestry related problems in timber management, marketing and tree planting. There are 10 District Foresters in Iowa. The District Forester for Iowa County is Roy G. Hatcher of Marshalltown. Anyone who would like to get in touch with the forester can contact him direct by writing to Box 681, Marshalltown. You can also get in touch with the forester by contacting the local office of the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, or the ASCS Office.

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FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

The Iowa County Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor, Vernon W. Nelson, Assistant County Supervisor, Larry G. Johnson and the County FHA Committee whose members are Larry Harris, Keith Enochson and Harry Heitman congratulate Charles Shirley, District Conservationist, his staff and the Iowa County Soil Conservation District Commissioners for their accomplishments in preserving the farm land in Iowa County.

We believe in the vital role played by the Soil Conservation Service in protecting our basic resources and assist that all farm ownership borrowers have a soils plan on their farm.

Farmers Home Administration is encouraging converting marginal cropland into improved pastures with the grazing association loan. This loan provides for six months grazing season with no crop to be harvested in any other way. Therefore, the land would stay in productive grass and stop soil erosion. Loans are also available for financing soil and water conservation practices on farms when other forms of credit are not available through conventional credit sources.

All of these loans require the cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service in preparing an orderly and efficient soils plan for the farm land involved.

We wish to thank the SCS for their assistance in helping Farmers Home Administration strengthen the family farm concept of agriculture here in Iowa County.

**Vernon W. Nelson, County Supervisor
Farmers Home Administration**

REVISIONS OF CONSERVATION PLANS

These farms had conservation plans which needed to be modernized to meet today's problems in conserving the soil. New conservation plans were drawn up, replacing old, outdated ones. The farms are owned by Carroll McKusker, F. E. McGivern, Mrs. A. E. Hursh, R. A. Willis, and Dale yes.



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