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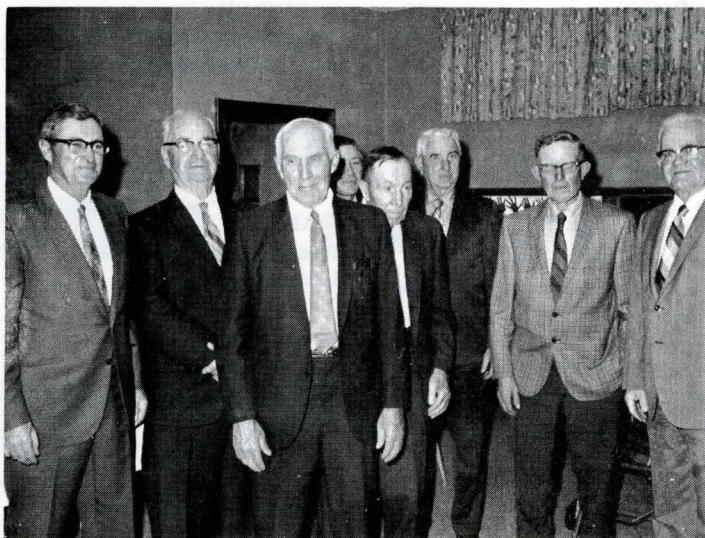
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## *Dedication*

*To all those pioneering leaders of the soil conservation district movement, who have generously given of their time and talents to advance the principles of good land use in Des Moines County between 1946 and 1971, we sincerely dedicate this twenty-fifth annual report of the district.*



Pictured are past district commissioners who gathered at the district awards dinner in November. They are: Harold Yohe, Hugh Jamison, C. E. Pilling, Eugene Schulte, Edwin Cling, Walter Eyre, Theodore Berning and Homer Woodward. Unable to attend were Noah Schrock, Arthur Corman and Howard Gieselman, who is now serving as commissioner in Louisa District, and deceased commissioners John Blaul and Kenneth Redfern.

## FROM THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

A lot of changes have come about in 1970. Our legislators had already provided us with two more members for the district board, so our biennial election found us electing three men in place of one. The two remaining members certainly welcomed the addition of Bill Vierling, Albert Schulz and S. S. Barton to our force.

We will be needing all the cooperative help we can get now that we are working with everyone in Des Moines County. The legislature also brought this about. A new law has added the urban areas to our district, so we can now render our valuable service to all land users. You no longer have to be a farmer.

It is our intent, as we move into the expanded program of working with all kinds of land users, to continue and improve our work with farm problems. The SCS has made changes in their approach to land use problems which will help us meet the new demand that is expected.

Environment, Pollution and Ecology have become important words in 1970. The district is proud to have been in the forefront of the battle against pollution and for a better environment for the last twenty five years. We sincerely hope that the next quarter of a century of district action will bring soil losses under control and provide a continuing fine place for man to live.

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Left to right: S. S. Barton, Henry Dockendorff, William Vierling, Rex Troute, Albert Schulz.

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## OUR OFFICE STAFF SERVES MANY

Kenneth Grant, administrator of the USDA Soil Conservation Service has sounded the keynote for the 1970's as he pointed out to SCS people that "we must learn to live with change".

As we close out this year, we hear continued rumblings of more drastic changes to come. Meantime, the Burlington work unit has continued to go through more personnel changes.

Conservation Technician Harry Bryant, who for four years has done outstanding work in the field, has gone back to Western Illinois University to complete his degree in Agronomy. Taking off the first months for winter quarter, Harry returned for spring and summer to help greatly in training his replacement on the job.

After his graduation in spring of 1971, Harry will be qualified to advance in the soil conservation service as a district conservationist. We are pleased to have had the talent of such a devoted conservationist working for us these past years.

Oren Champ, who has served the service as an engineering technician for twenty years, joined our staff in April to take on the duties of conservation technician. Oren has adapted rapidly to the situation in Des Moines District. He has spent many days and weeks surveying engineering projects around here as he worked out of the Fairfield Area office.

The Champ family consists of Oren and his wife, Dorothy, who has joined him here, and their daughter, Sherry, a nurse in Fairfield. Sherry helps maintain the old homestead while the Champs reside in West Burlington.



**Back row: Harry Bryant, Mildred Kleinkopf. Front row: Oren Champ, Ralph Dewey.**

The District Conservationist remains the same, as Ralph Dewey directs the activities of our staff. Ralph points out, however, that "change" is now a way of life in soil conservation work. Our new responsibilities in resource conservation planning have brought about a whole new look in the land use planning business.

Working with other land users besides farmers means gearing our thinking to many disciplines of work that are new to us. The planning program of the district expects to increase in volume among agricultural users as well as to take on the new resource planning activities.

Our district clerk, Mildred Kleinkopf continues to make sure that reports are in on time and that our work is well recorded.

A struggle with illness kept her down early in 1970, but she has maintained the office in "better than ever" shape since her return. Most people do not realize the importance of having a dynamic and efficient secretary to keep the program rolling.

The Area SCS staff has undergone considerable change also. Longtime area engineer Marion Clark retired after a lifetime of conservation engineering.

Replacing Marion has been the job of two engineers. Tom Brown returns to the area from northern Iowa, and Richard Rovang, a recent ISU graduate is assistant area engineer now.

The district is grateful for the assistance and guidance of the area staff under area conservationist John Eckes and the work unit staff under district conservationist Ralph Dewey.

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## SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

### BURLINGTON WORK UNIT STAFF

Ralph E. Dewey  
Oren Champ  
Harry N. Bryant

District Conservationist  
Conservation Technician  
Conservation Technician (part time)

### AREA EIGHT STAFF

John Eckes  
Margaret Dickey  
L. Dale Lockridge  
Marion Clark  
Tom Brown  
Stan Simmons  
Richard Rovang  
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Harold Linder has served as district secretary since October 1964. His accurate recording of our district activities has been a job well done. Congratulations and thanks to Harold.



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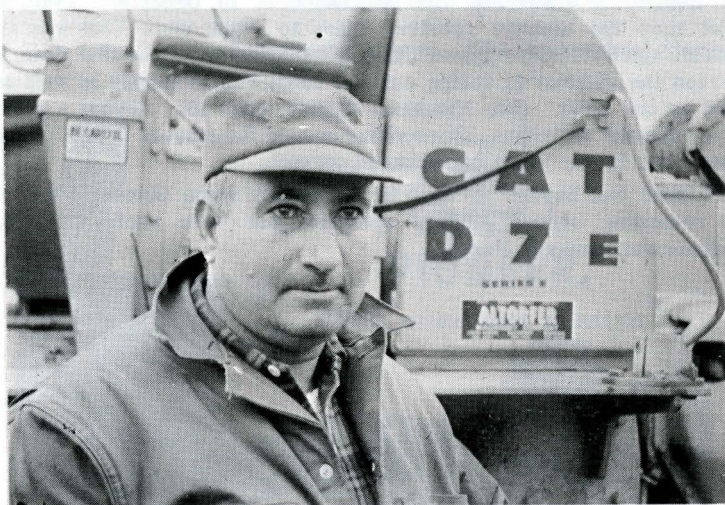
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This year we have had the pleasure of welcoming two new staff members to the Extension family. Judy Freed has become the Home Economist for Des Moines and Henry counties, and Vena Dyer is working on special youth projects and in nutrition.

County Extension Director, Jim Hodges acts as Rural Development Chairman among his many activities. Les Schoffelman represents extension on the district education council, while working on youth programs.



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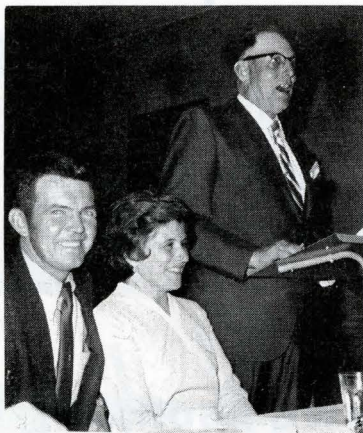
## OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONISTS HONORED

Nineteen Seventy was a great year for awards to Des Moines County conservation farmers.

On November 4, 1970, the commissioners, co-sponsored by Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis banks held the annual recognition banquet to honor our good cooperators. Featured at this affair was presentation of awards from the Iowa Farm and Home Register by Editor Don Muhm of Des Moines.



**Jim Howell, John Seymour, Harold Yohe and Dwight Stucker accept awards earned in the 1970 Soil Conservation Achievement Award Program. Stucker accepted for A. M. Wagner.**



**Master of Ceremonies S. S. Barton prepares the audience with a bit of light-hearted humor about speaker Don Muhm, farm editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune and co-sponsor of the awards program. Muhm entertained the crowd with an intriguing illustrated talk of his experiences on farms behind the Iron Curtain in Germany.**

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The annual contest sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune is divided into three classes. The owner-operator division was represented by Harold Yohe of Mediapolis. The tenant-owner division found the winner in John Seymour who farms the Frances Cook farm near Danville. And the new cooperator division was won by the A. M. Wagner farm, Dick Mapel, operator, of Danville.

These three entries from Des Moines district competed for regional awards with twelve other southeast Iowa counties. In regional competition our district came near to a clean sweep as the Cook and Wagner farms were chosen best for their divisions. The Yohe farm was beaten out by the sweepstakes winner for the entire region, which came from Davis County.

These folks were honored at our Mediapolis meeting November 4th, and the two regional winners received additional awards at a regional awards dinner at Bloomfield.



Our first district cooperator and past commissioner, Hugh Jamison and his wife accept a floral centerpiece honoring their years of conservation work.

Our congratulations to these winners who have really benefitted us all by their determination to control erosion.



The Emmett Earnest family provided enjoyable music before a crowd of one hundred, November 12.

For the first time in several years the district entered a teacher in the teacher division of the Farm and Home Register contest. Jim Howell, vocational agriculture instructor at Mediapolis was the choice.

The accomplishment and effort of this young teacher filled several pages in his contest entry. A plaque was awarded Jim at the district banquet, along with congratulations for his continuing promotion of good land use.

Jim is a member of our education council in addition to his busy schedule.

## DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL 1970

| <u>PRACTICE</u>                  | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u>              |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b>CONSERVATION PLANNING:</b>    |             |                            |
| New Cooperators                  | No.         | 68                         |
| Basic Conservation plans         | No.         | 30                         |
| Revised Conservation plans       | No.         | 35                         |
| Farms Serviced                   | No.         | 398                        |
| Farms Applying Practices         | No.         | 217                        |
| Group Conservation Jobs          | No.         | 22                         |
| <b>APPLICATION OF PRACTICES:</b> |             |                            |
| Conservation Cropping Systems    | Acres       | 2,396                      |
| Contour Farming                  | Acres       | 1,022                      |
| Crop Residue Management          | Acres       | 39                         |
| Diversions                       | L. F.       | 6,440                      |
| Farm Ponds                       | No.         | 11                         |
| Erosion Control Dams             | No.         | 38                         |
| Waterways                        | Acres       | 31                         |
| Pasture Renovation               | Acres       | 1,216                      |
| Open Drains                      | L. F.       | 11,950                     |
| Terracing                        | L. F.       | 112,200                    |
| Tile Inlet Terrace Pipes         | No.         | 210                        |
| Drainage Tile                    | L. F.       | 273,524                    |
| Tree Planting                    | Acres       | 174                        |
| Wildlife Habitat Management      | Acres       | 2,075                      |
| Land Adequately Treated          | Acres       | 1,754                      |
| Office Callers . . . . .         | 1,037       | Demonstrations . . . . . 8 |
| Telephone Calls . . . . .        | 649         | News Items . . . . . 70    |
| Radio . . . . .                  | 42          |                            |

## 1970 FINANCIAL REPORT

|                       | <u>1-M Budget</u> | <u>2-M Budget</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Commissioners Expense | \$204.95          | \$                |
| Office Supplies       | 97.21             |                   |
| Printing              | 21.85             |                   |
| Prizes for contest    | 58.65             |                   |
| Office Expense        | 114.00            |                   |
| Meeting Expense       | 3.34              |                   |
| Clerical & Technical  |                   | 4889.09           |
| Travel                |                   | 75.85             |
| Release to State      |                   | 735.06            |
|                       | <u>\$500.00</u>   | <u>\$5700.00</u>  |

## BASIC PLAN - 30

Ray Petersen  
Thomas Brown  
Jack Schulte  
Frances Cook  
Jasper Keitzer  
William Denney  
Port Mathews  
Marvin Lange  
George Allan Shaw  
Harold Linder  
Walter Kelly  
Jack Naylor  
Cecil Burkey  
Clarence Hanks  
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Fred Vantiger  
Herbert Scheihing  
Edward Murphy  
Donald Davis  
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William Sutter  
Melvin Raid  
Howard Reif  
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Emmett Rutter  
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Hazel Marshall  
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Lawrence McConnell  
Daisy Johnston  
Paul McElhinney  
Robert Schmeiser  
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## REVISIONS - 35

R. E. Lofgren  
Evan Wilson  
Leo Bohlen  
Fannie Beck  
Robert Baylor  
IAAP Tracts  
Robert Baird  
Frank Wagner  
LeRoy Rauhaus  
William Parrott  
Verner Amenell

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## NEW COOPERATORS - 68

Darrell W. Tucker  
Carl Schulz  
Ray Petersen  
Ernest Gerst  
Leon H. Luttenegger  
Vine L. Gehring  
Fred Vantiger  
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1970

Twenty-four persons attended the annual Contractors Conference, January 15. On February 12, Albert Schulz, S. S. Barton and William Vierling were elected as new commissioners.

Four commissioners attended the Regional training meeting at Ottumwa in March. 1764 annual reports were mailed. 1000 copies of SCSA booklets were ordered for use in schools.

In April, 35 kits with a variety of conservation information leaflets were sent to school libraries in the district. Oren Champ joined the SCS staff as full time conservation technician. Barton and Dewey attended the Governor's conference on solid waste disposal.

Soil Stewardship Week was observed in May by supplying 57 booklets for local pastors.

On June 23, the commissioners sponsored a meeting with local, state and federal officials to discuss Standard Soil Survey.

The Annual Regional commissioners meeting in July found Bill Vierling judging the regional speech contest.

During August the Environmental Conservation Education Council was formed under the leadership of chairman Sherman Lundy.

Three commissioners, Barton, Schulz and Vierling attended the Waterloo commissioners conference along with district clerk Mildred Kleinkopf.

The district co-sponsored a five county soil judging contest for FFA chapters in early October. Mrs. Esther Duncan and Sherman Lundy attended the fall Teacher's Workshop at Luther.

One hundred people attended the annual district Awards dinner at the Mediapolis Lutheran Church, in November.

December found the commissioners hosting local legislators in an exchange of information and ideas which will be confronting the 1971 general assembly. All three legislators, Dr. Charles Miller, Bill Monroe and Lloyd Schmeiser attended.

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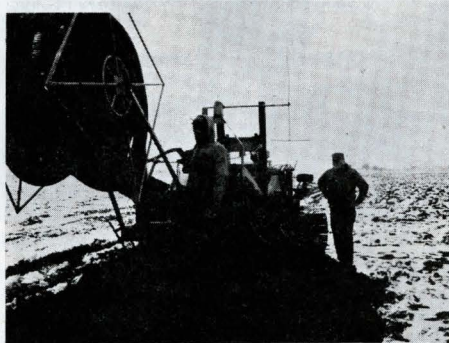
State and local officials review need for standard soil survey in Des Moines county at June meeting. County Extension Director James Hodges, Commissioner Albert Schulz, Supervisor Lester Hamilton, State Conservationist Wilson T. Moon, Soil Scientist Tom Fenton and Assessor Paul Rynell look over a sample of such a survey.

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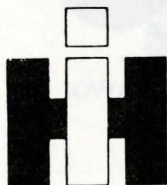
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## CONSERVATION ADVANCES WITH A.C.P. HELP

This turned out to be the final year of cost sharing for soil conserving practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). This program has been a real help to convincing farmers to apply many such practices as terracing and erosion control dams over the years. Without some federal financial assistance the district is sure that much of our accomplishment would have gone undone. We are grateful for the fine continuing spirit of cooperation shown by the local committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Although ACP has come to an end, we do anticipate good future relations with ASCS through an announced new program of cost-sharing under a different name.

Weather hindered a lot of the construction of terracing and dams during 1970, but most of the allotment of nearly \$60,000 in cost share money was spent for sound erosion control practices. The committee informs us that in a five year period, an amount equal to one full year's allotment (about \$60,000) was shared to farmers in the Geode watershed in an effort which has brought over half that watershed under control from siltation.

Listed below are accomplishments for 1970 with which our district technicians have assisted the ACP:

| PRACTICE                | NO. PARTICIPANTS | ACRES HELPED |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Tree Planting           | 1                | 2            |
| Livestock Ponds         | 9                | 102          |
| Sod Waterways           | 6                | 97           |
| Terraces and Diversions | 32               | 516          |
| Erosion Control Dams    | 17               | 147          |
| Field Tile              | 59               | 543          |
| Open Drains             | 3                | 62           |



**Standing:** committeemen Joe Waljasper and Gilbert Laue. **Seated:** County Executive Director Deane Thornton; ACP Clerk, Frances Wahl; Chairman Ralph Kupferschmid.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION EDUCATION COUNCIL

For several years commissioners have felt a need for a better organized education program in Des Moines County. Finally, in 1970, invitations were sent to interested people of the community who had shown an interest in better conservation education.

A fine response from very capable people has brought about the organization of the ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION EDUCATION COUNCIL. The group has set up a sound framework in which to carry out a long range educational effort.

Two representatives of each school system have been appointed to the council as regular members. Two representatives of the district and the district conservationist act as ex-officio members and tie the groups to district policy. Associate members come from many areas and will be useful in helping establish a good active program.

Sherman Lundy, science teacher at Burlington High School is the chairman for the ECEC and is leading the group toward helping schools develop more vital curricula in conservation education.



Council members review educational materials. Standing: Gale Carlson, Harold Yohe, Byron Baumgartner, Mark Volkman. Seated: Mrs. Ruth Mertens, Mrs. Arlene Mumme, Mrs. Roberta Clothier.



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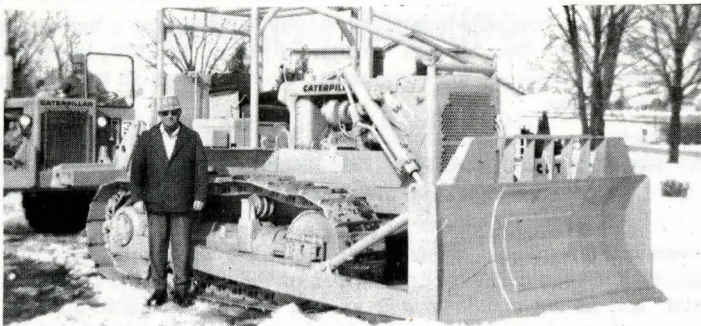
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**Chairman Sherman Lundy looks over conservation materials on a field trip with summer school science class.**

Commissioners are expecting a fine, active future for this council. We are grateful to the school administrations for their cooperation in our effort and particularly to the following representatives of these schools:

**Burlington Community:**

**Sherman Lundy**

**Mrs. Ruth Mertens**

**West Burlington:**

**Byron Baumgartner**

**Mark Volkmann**

**Parochial Schools:**

**Fr. Matthew Habinger**

**Gale Carlson**

**Danville:**

**Mrs. Arlene Mumme**

**Mrs. Roberta Clothier**

**Mediapolis School:**

**Bob Barrick**

**and**

**James Howell**

**Members at Large:**

**Fred Smith**

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**Howard Bailey**

**Past Commissioner:**

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Commissioners S. S. Barton and Wm. Vierling are representing the district on the council.

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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Cooperation for a Better Environment

Early in 1970 the old Technical Action Panel (TAP) held its last meeting and promptly re-organized into the Rural Development Committee. Still comprised of the same members, the heads of USDA agencies, the committee continued to brainstorm ideas that may help our rural areas grow and improve.

Along with Earth Day activities that highlighted April, RD examined many ways in which the rural environment could be improved. Anticipating programs to clean up blighted areas, the group has visited some rural "slums".

An assist may be added to the credits of RD for urging the County Board of Supervisors on to completion of the rural nuisance ordinance. Such legislation can be effective in rural development. At year's end the committee has plans to work with the county toward rural zoning.

Another cooperative effort with the supervisors has brought action in formulating a rural numbering system which will soon be in effect.

The county is not the only avenue of cooperation, however. The RD committee works with anyone interested in making rural America a better place to live.



Des Moines County Rural Development Committee meets with the County Board of Supervisors to discuss nuisance ordinance and proposals for rural zoning. Left to right: Supervisors Lester Hamilton, Robert Gerdner; Employment Service Representative, Earl Mekemson; Supervisor Merle Kelly; District Conservationist, Ralph Dewey; Extension Director, Jim Hodges; FHA representative, Jack Cowan and ASCS representative Deane Thornton.



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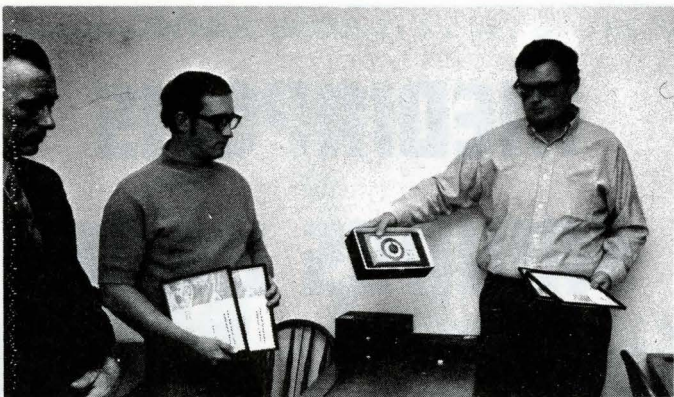
### HELPING TO FINANCE SOIL CONSERVATION - F.H.A.



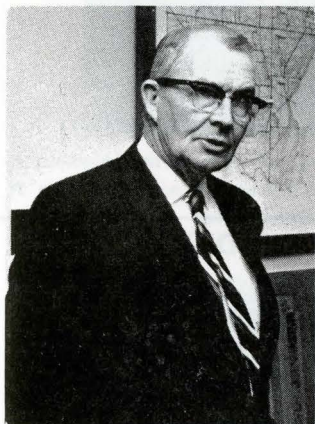
Financing the expensive terracing and erosion control projects on agricultural land is becoming an increasing problem. The Farmers Home Administration has done a continuing good job of providing funds for farmers who need these practices to improve their farms.

FHA encourages their borrowers to work closely with the soil conservation district in developing plans for erosion control work. In the rural community this lending agency also provides loans for purchase of land, rural housing, farm operations and to groups of rural people for developing sewer and water systems. This phase of the FHA program will become increasingly important as rural zoning will demand better control of waste water.

For the second year, a young farm family from Des Moines District has been chosen as an outstanding Farm Family for the Southeast Iowa FHA area. This award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Corman of Sperry for the accomplishment they have made on quite a rough farm, since they began farming it. The photo shows Eugene Schulte, chairman of the county FHA committee presenting the 1970 award to the Corman family. Gene is also a past district commissioner, who remains active in agriculture.



District Chairman, Henry Dockendorff presents regional conservation awards to John Seymour and Dick Mapel for the Achievement Awards program.



Past Commissioner Art Corman still maintains an interest in soil and water conservation. He visits our office as he works at his duties helping the ASCS committee in performance of their programs.



We get all kinds of calls in our new responsibilities with urban land use problems. Harry Bryant takes a look at damage done to a black topped parking lot after an earth slide caused by the long rainy spell. Oren Champ helps Harry check the depth of earth slippage, which later slid several feet farther causing Division Street to be closed for extensive repairs. Soil information can be highly useful to city land users to help avoid such problems before they occur.



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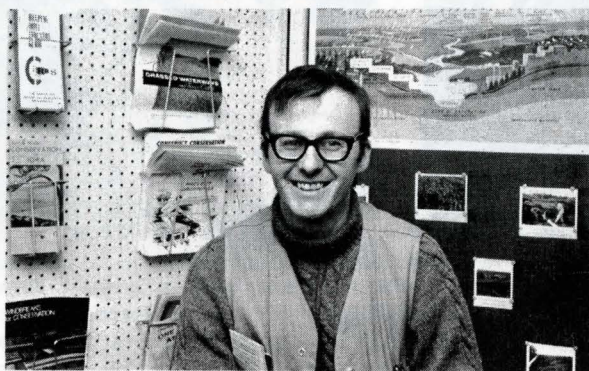
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Woodland can cause a lot of problems in this area, and to help solve those problems we are glad to be able to call on Stan Tate, our district forester. Stan represents the state conservation commission in several southeast Iowa counties.

The first Thursday afternoon each month, Stan visits the SCD office to counsel with people on their woodland problems. One of his services is in helping folks find good markets for their timber products.

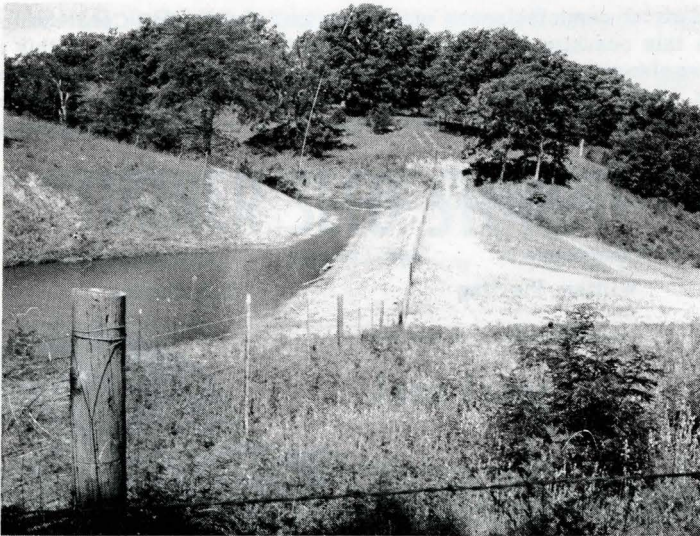
In the fall, our forester presented a field day at Hunt Woods, south of West Burlington to discuss forest problems with farmers and woodland owners. A fine crowd and a good discussion made this a successful meeting.

Another facet of Stan's work has been his help in woodland management of some large areas of the IAAP.

## POLLUTION CONTROL BECOMES A PART OF THE PLAN

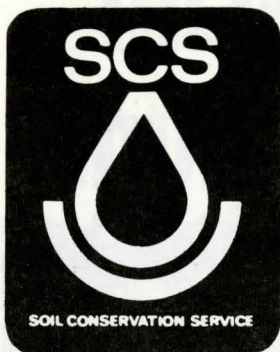


A pleasant rural area can be ruined by thoughtless burning of trash and refuse. A new nuisance ordinance plus state open burning laws now prohibits such offensive acts. A part of conservation planning is to improve our rural environment.



This erosion control dam was installed on the boundary of the County Conservation Board park area in Franklin Township to prevent silt from reaching the proposed lake. It provides a fine water supply for two neighboring farms as well as private recreation. The Board intends to control siltation before it has a chance to plug up the proposed lake.

# ..... ANOTHER NEW SYMBOL



Joining the Soil Conservation Service emblem which was developed just a year ago to represent the capture of the raindrop where it falls, is the new symbol of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation. The outlined State of Iowa enclosing silhouettes of rural, urban and water designs, denotes the increased scope of influence that the soil and water conservation program has taken in recent times. The district shares with the Department of Soil Conservation in the effort to preserve a high quality environment for our county, state and nation.

We, the district commissioners of Des Moines County Soil Conservation District take this occasion to extend our thanks to the contributors to this report. And . . . we also extend our sincerest thanks to the hundreds of district cooperators, both rural and urban, who have helped over the past twenty-five years to keep a successful soil and water conservation program going in the county.

As we start our second quarter century, we look to the past with appreciation, but we look to the future with CONCERN . . .

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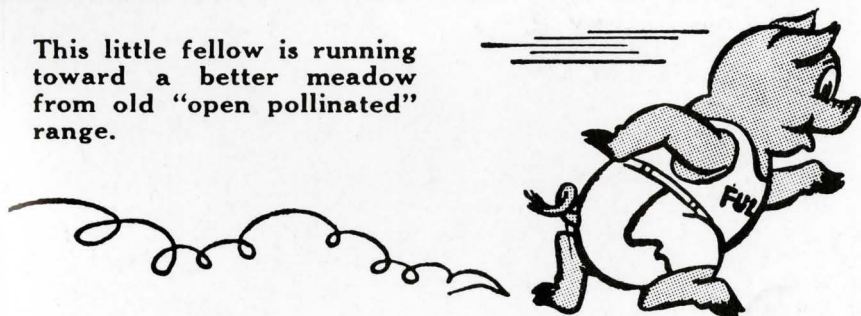
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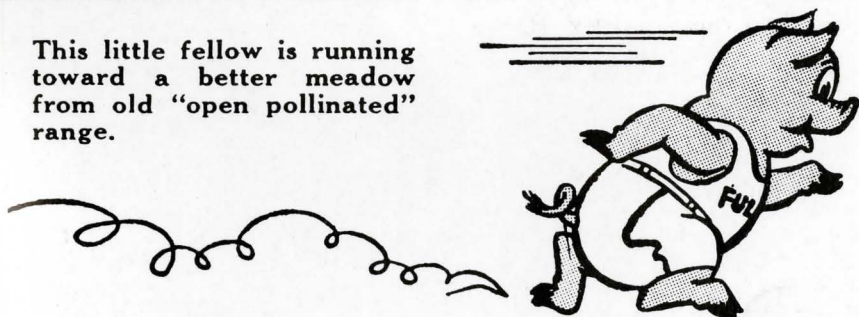
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