

BENTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1993 CALENDAR AND ANNUAL REPORT



*This peaceful pond on the McKechnie Farm provides places
for people and wildlife.*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Education seems to have been the 91-92 "Theme of the Year" for the Benton SWCD. Efforts started in November, 1992, with Commissioners sponsoring Dave Roll, a speaker on No Till Methods from Allison, at a meeting for area producers. The Commissioners participated in the Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show in January. Spring saw the sponsorship of several educational projects. Cash prizes were awarded in the Poster Contest. This year's entries showed remarkable understanding by students of environmental issues and solutions. The Commissioners were very happy to be able to present another scholarship to a Benton County student heading for higher education. Outdoor classrooms in May at both Rodgers and Hannen Lake Parks were well attended, with kids enjoying nice weather. In June, the Commissioners shifted educational efforts to a slightly older group. A bus tour to the Kinsella Farm in Illinois was organized for area producers seeking information on No Till Systems. During the summer, the Benton SWCD was happy to help sponsor meetings at the Demonstration Farm south of Garrison with the Extension Service. Commissioner Stan Geiken, and Assistant Commissioner Dan Van Steenhuyse, hosted producers from Fayette county on a visit to their farms to discuss no till methods. This fall, of course, brought the elections. The Benton SWCD will welcome Randy Schirm and Kevin Robinson, new Commissioners on the board. We look forward to furthering the cause of Soil & Water Conservation in Benton County.

SOIL CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHED IN 1991-92

New Cooperators (number)	16
Landowners Assisted (number)	1112
Landowners Applying a Conservation Practice (number)	520
Contouring (acres)	12,199
Conservation Tillage (acres)	19,030
Waste Management System (number)	1
Waterways (acres)	54
Stripcropping (acres)	123
Terraces (feet)	13,015
CRP Seedings (acres)	1,683
Windbreaks (acres)	15.7
Conservation Plans Revised for FSA (acres)	18,133
Cropland Protected to "T" (acres)	6857
Cropland Benefited (acres)	21,080

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BENTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 1991-1992

1M Budget (Operating Expenses)

Original Allocation from State	\$1908.00
Recalled by State	\$63.00
Spent on Office Supplies and Expenses	\$1574.13
Spent on Printing	\$201.57
Spent on IASWCDC Dues	\$50.00
Returned to State	\$19.30

3M Budget (Cost Share Program)

Original Allocation from State	\$44,373.00
Spent on Management Practices	\$12,440.00
Spent or Obligated for Conservation Practices	\$31,771.02
Unobligated Balance (As of October 1, 1992)	\$161.98

REAP Budget (State Specialty Cost Share Programs)

Original Allocation from State for Conservation Practices	\$6342.00
Spent for Conservation Practices	\$5500.00
Returned to State	\$842.00
Original Allocation from State for Forestry Practices	\$1634.00
Spent on Forestry Practices	\$1432.11
Returned to State	\$201.89

Commissioners Revolving Fund

Money for the Revolving Fund was donated or raised by the annual tree sales program. These funds are used to provide contest prizes for county students and award winners, for educational materials and activities, office supplies, and expenses, postage, and to pay Iowa Association dues.

Balance October 16, 1992	\$1134.04
Deposits	+\$10,698.73
Expenditures	-10,139.50
Balance October 1, 1992	\$1693.27

Commissioners Savings Account

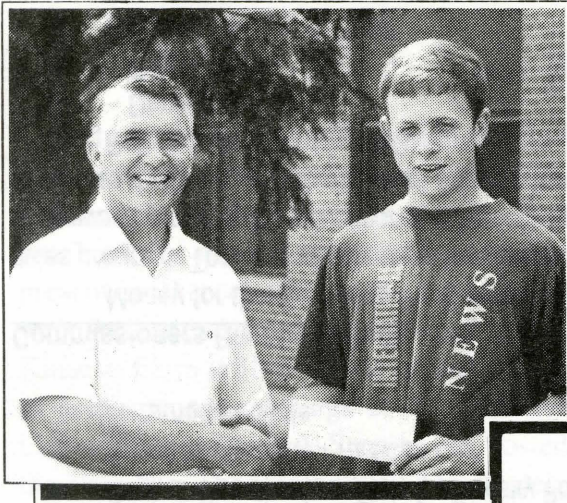
This account was established with proceeds of calendar ad sales. These profits have enabled the District to award two scholarships, provide funds to close abandoned wells, sponsor special meetings and demonstrations, charter buses for a trip to the Kinsella Farm to learn No Till Techniques, and to provide other educational activities and programs. Funds are held in this account until needed.

Balance October 16, 1991	\$5703.66
Ad Sales Receipts	+3045.00
Interest Accrued	+209.24
Cost of Publishing 1992 Calendar	-2345.04
Toward Scholarship Award	-200.00
Toward Kinsella Bus Tour	-1300.00
Balance October 1, 1992	\$5112.86

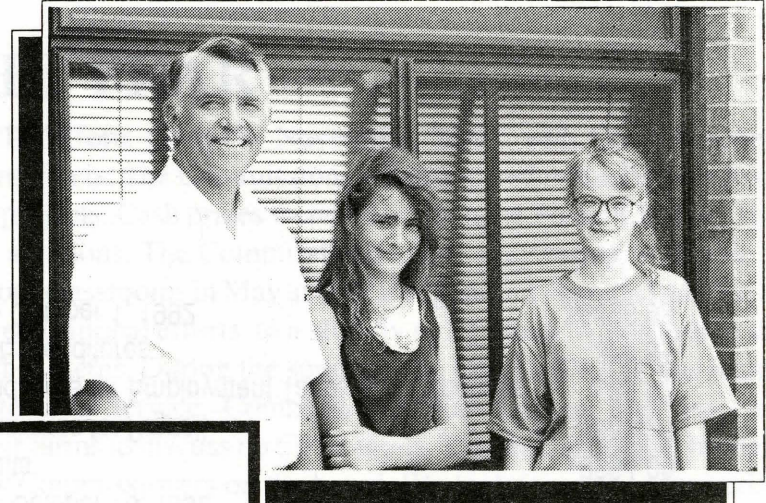
Technical Assistance Account

This account was established with a grant from the Soil Conservation Service in 1987. The District received another grant in early 1992. Funds from this account provide for personnel and other expenses.

Balance October 16, 1992	\$2846.99
Deposits	+9394.00
Expenditures for Payroll	-1833.28
Expenditures for Employment Taxes and Expenses	-535.93
Misc. Expenditures	-374.85
Balance October 1, 1992	\$9496.93



Second Place Senior Poster Contest Winner was Nathan Erdahl, Union High. Not pictured was Joanie Gorski, First Place Winner from Vinton High School.

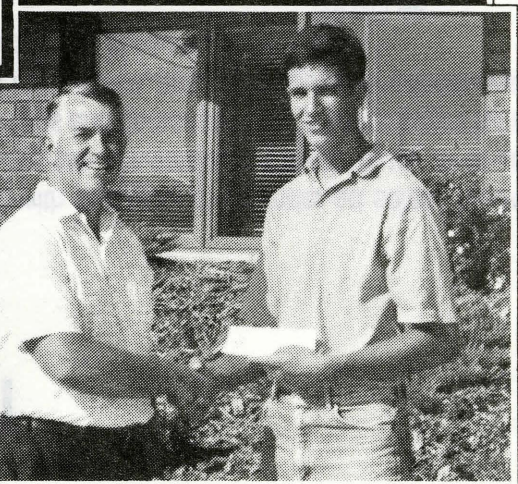


Katie Callahan & Candi Fisher were Poster Contest Winners from Union Elementary School.



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Poster Contest Winners, both from Central Lutheran, were Erin Rempfer and Bridget Bierschenk.



Scholarship Award Winner, Jason Gates, receives a check from Commissioner Stan Geiken.

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<u>Red Pine</u> - Fast growing, stays thick in windbreaks.	12-18"	\$40.00	_____	_____
<u>Scotch Pine</u> - Fast growing, even in poor soils. Great XMas trees!	18-24"	\$35.00	_____	_____
<u>White Pine</u> - Excellent in windbreaks and for XMas trees!	12-18"	\$30.00	_____	_____
<u>Colorado Blue Spruce</u> - Beautiful trees for windbreak or landscape.	12-18"	\$30.00	_____	_____
<u>Norway Spruce</u> - Fastest growing spruce, great in windbreaks.	18-24"	\$35.00	_____	_____
<u>White Spruce</u> - Wide base, white-tinged needles.	12-18"	\$30.00	_____	_____
<u>Green Ash</u> - Fast growing, provides shade, lumber and firewood.	2-3'	\$25.00	_____	_____
<u>Black Cherry</u> - Wood products, wildlife food source, needs full sun.	18-24"	\$25.00	_____	_____
<u>Red Maple</u> - Valuable wood products, beautiful shade tree.	2-3'	\$ 4.00EA	_____ EA	_____
<u>Sugar Maple</u> - Hard maple for fall colors, syrup too!	2-3'	\$ 4.00EA	_____ EA	_____
<u>Pin Oak</u> - Lovely landscape tree, but slower growing.	2-3'	\$ 4.00EA	_____ EA	_____
<u>Hybrid Poplar</u> - Fast growing shade tree, maple-shaped.	12-18"	\$ 2.00EA	_____ EA	_____
<u>Redbud</u> - First to flower each spring, lovely landscape tree.	12-18"	\$ 2.00EA	_____ EA	_____
<u>Black Walnut</u> - Highest valued tree for lumber, with nuts too!	2-3'	\$30.00	_____	_____
<u>Gray Dogwood</u> - Pretty shrub, good in windbreaks & wildlife areas.	2-3'	\$35.00	_____	_____
<u>Silky Dogwood</u> - Hardy and pretty shrub, use in windbreaks.	18-24"	\$35.00	_____	_____
<u>Common Lilac</u> - Fragrant, hardy, easy-growing shrub.	2-3'	\$35.00	_____	_____
<u>Nut Tree Package</u> - 3 each of Butternut, Thomas Walnut, Northern Pecan and Hazelnut.	1-3'	\$35.00	_____ PK	_____
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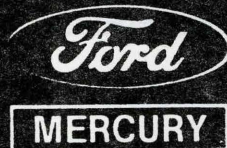
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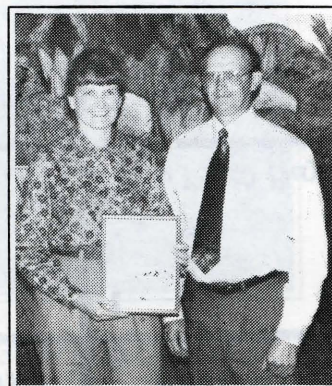


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17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day OFFICES CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26 Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show in Cedar Rapids	27	28	29	30



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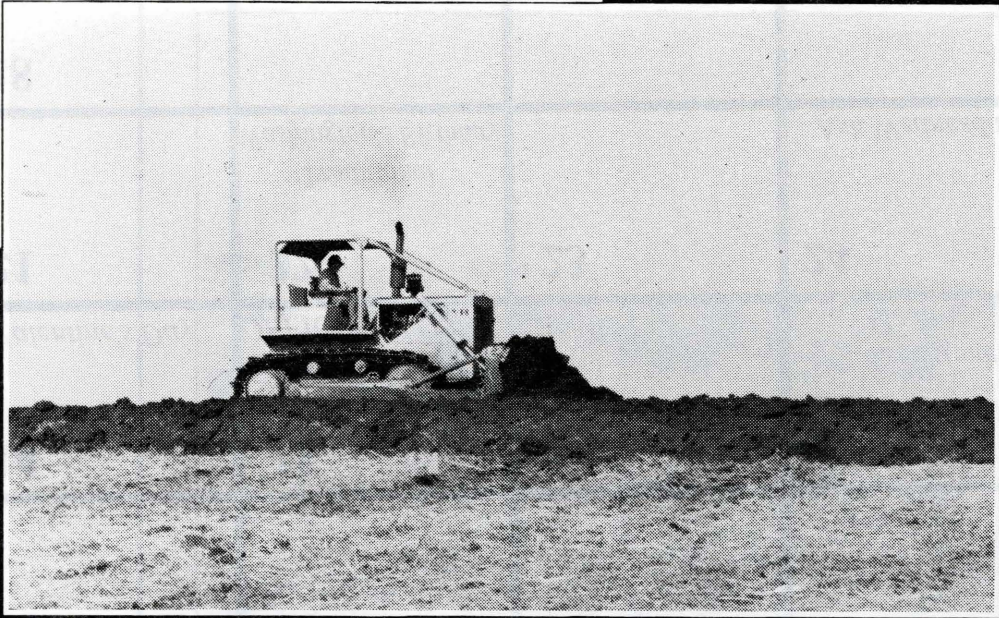
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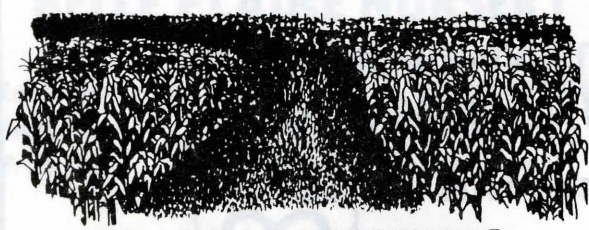
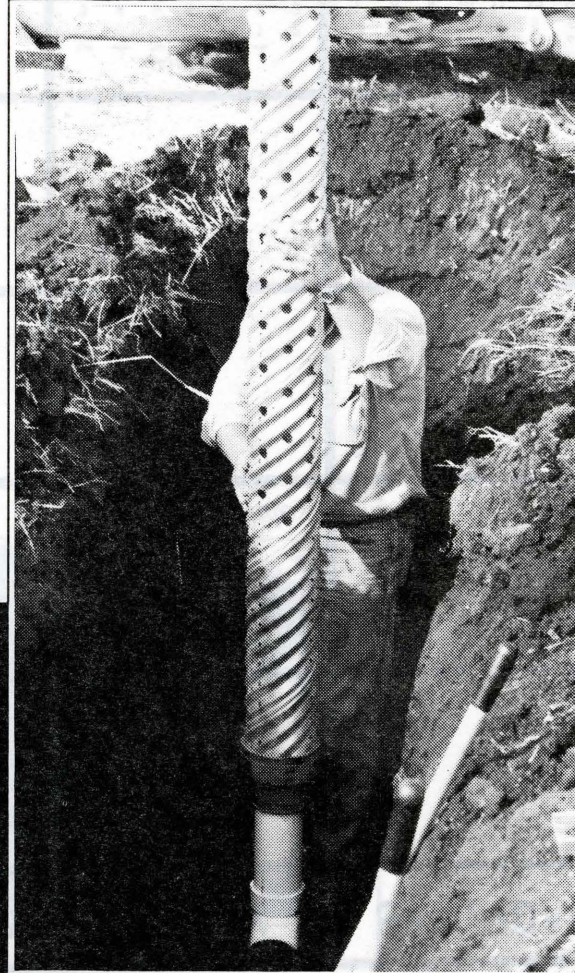
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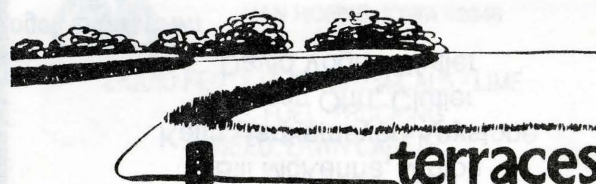


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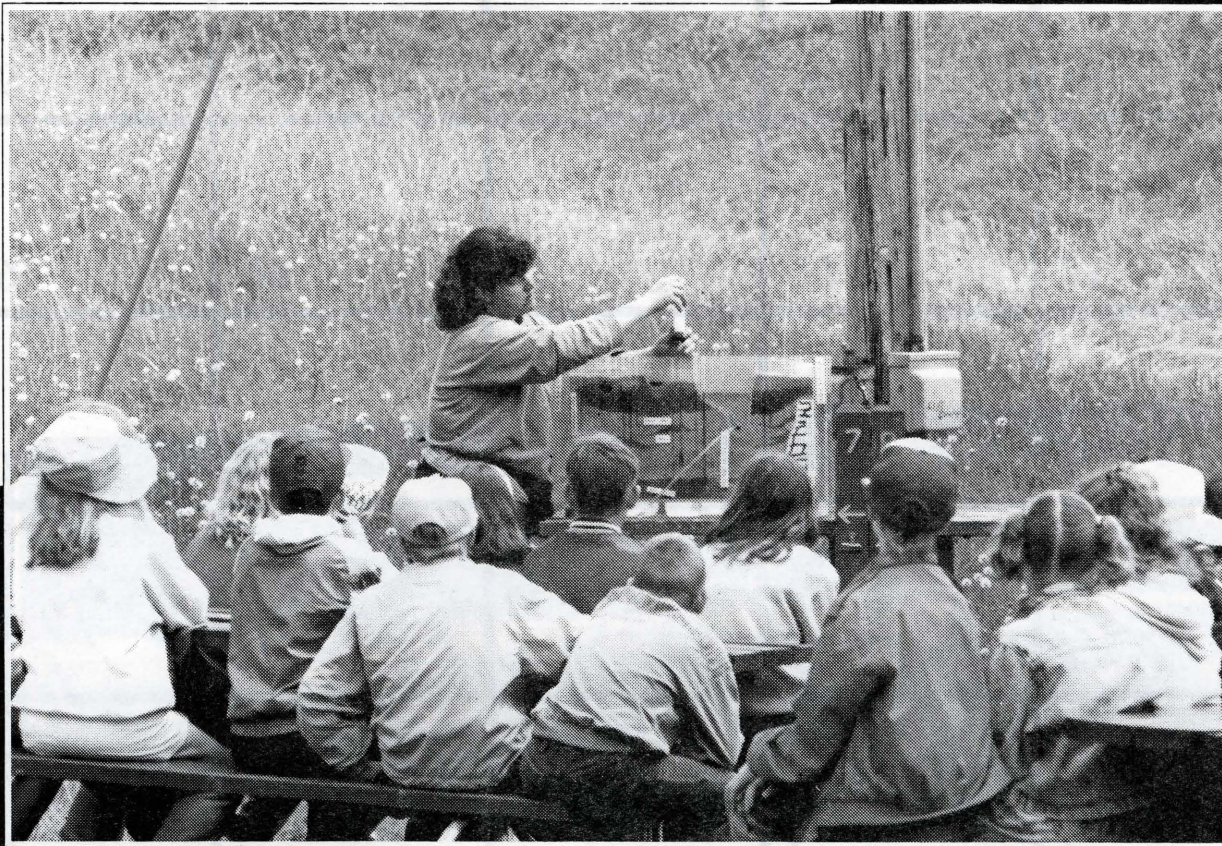
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Soil Conservationist Karen Lyman demonstrates to students at the outdoor classroom at Hannen Lake how ground water can be contaminated.

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Paul and Becky Herger, George and Jean Herger
1992 Iowa Conservation Award Winners

Barry and Rhonda Franck, with Mrs. Elwood Boddicker
1992 District winners in the Conservation Award Program.



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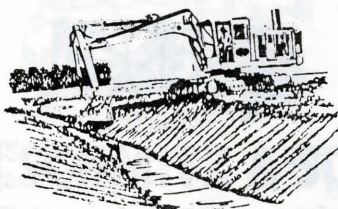
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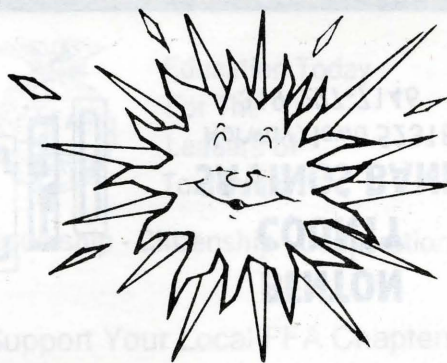


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Many agencies are cooperating to get conservation to farmers. Here Linda Engelken Fischer, Extension Service, discusses things at a demonstration plot.

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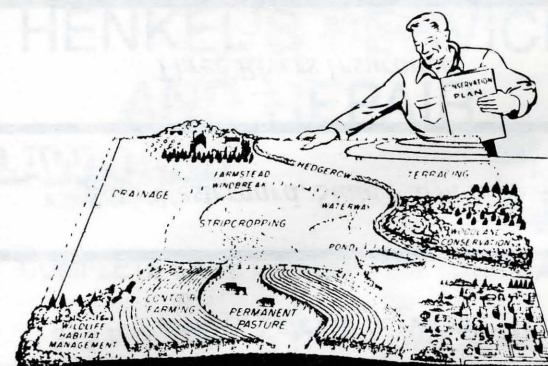


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11 <i>Benton County Fair</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Commissioner Meeting</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 AUGUST 1993



More and more farmers are looking at the land management and economics of No Till systems. Assistant Commissioner Dan Van Steenhuyse and Commissioner Stan Geiken hosted producers from Fayette county on their farms to discuss their tillage programs.



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Young tree plantings, like this one on the McKechnie farm, need a little extra care to get established.



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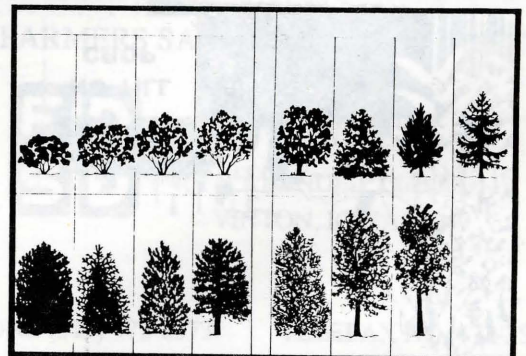
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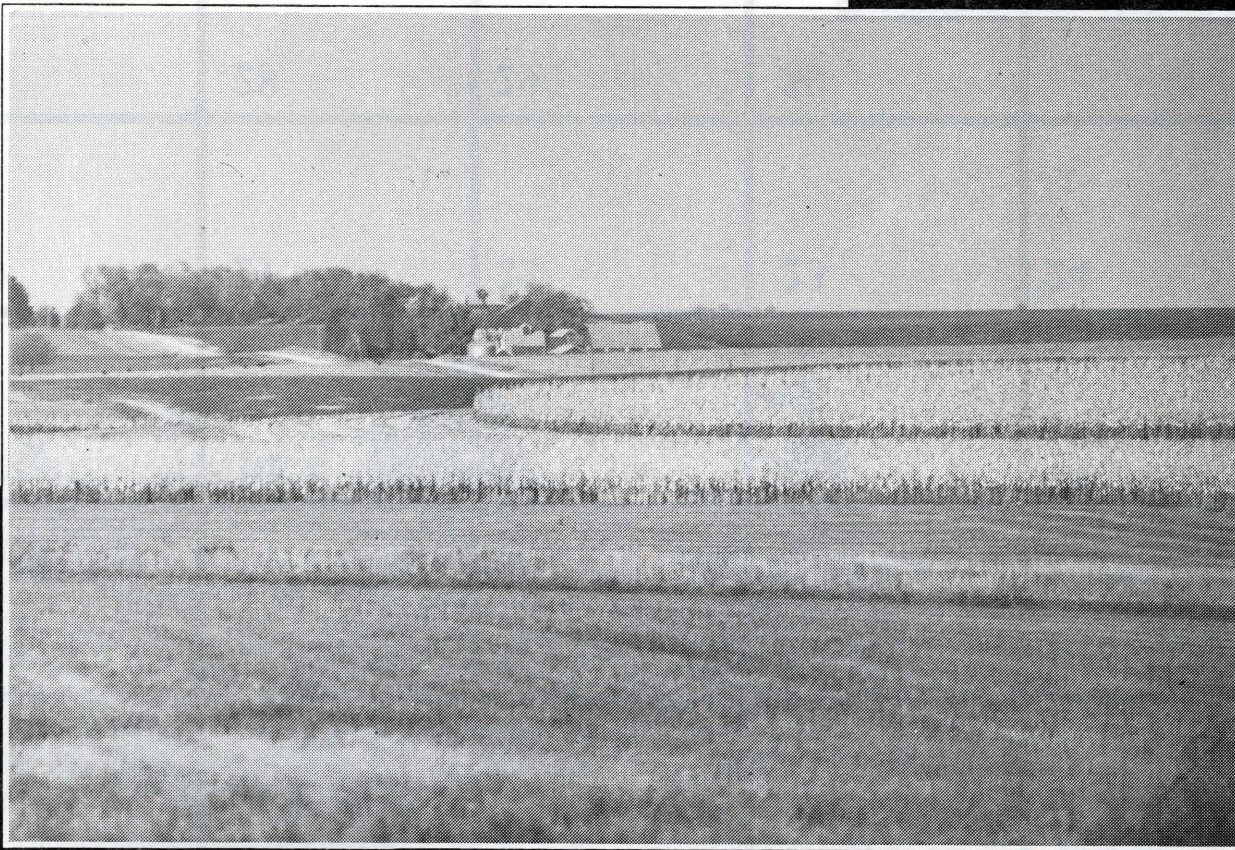
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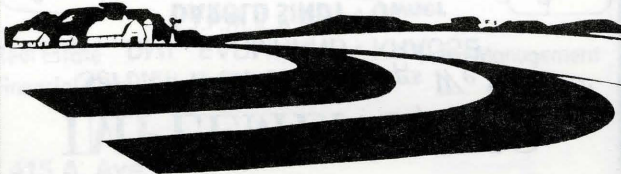


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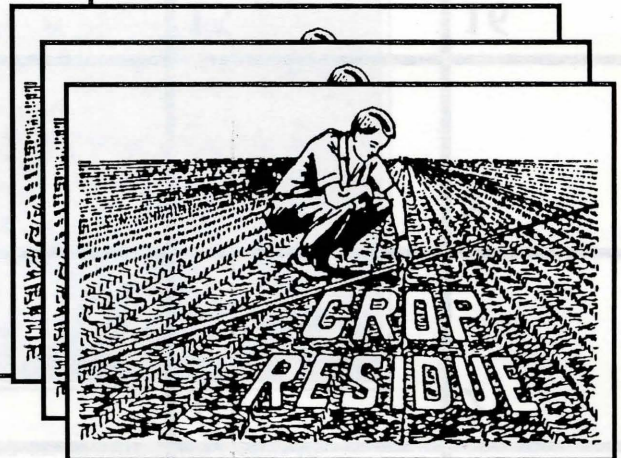
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