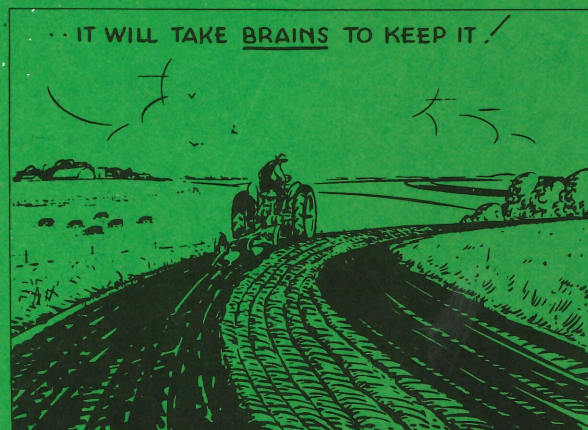


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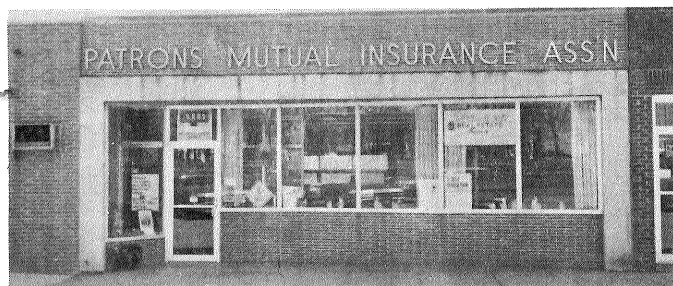
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National Wildlife Federation published its second annual Ecology Quotient Index in 1970, rating air, water soil, wildlife, minerals and living space in the United States. I would like to call to your attention some statements from this report.

On a scale of 100 Air Quality stands at 35, the lowest of any of the factors rated. Air pollution is affecting the entire atmosphere of our planet. Smog has been observed over the oceans and even at the North Pole. It is getting worse each year.

The Water Quality Index stands at 40, second lowest of the factors. Water quality is also lower each year. The worlds supply of fresh water is very limited. Salt water is 97% of the total, and of the remaining 3%, 98% is tied up in the polar ice caps. There are laws on the books to end water pollution now. What is needed is strict enforcement.

The Wildlife Index is 55. Wildlife is even more sensitive to a polluted environment than man, and is therefore an early warning signal to man. Whenever wildlife is endangered by a poisoned or limited environment, so is man.

The Mineral Quality Index is 50. As we burn fossil fuels and discard scrap metals we must remember that our mineral resources are non-renewable.

The Soil Index stands at 80, the highest of any factor in the National Ecology Quotient. The U.S. is blessed with the greatest food-producing capacity on the earth in terms of soil and climate. Each farmer produces enough to feed more than 40 other people. An Asian farmer can barely feed himself. A Russian farmer feeds only 6 other people.

There are warning flags. Due to a lack of broad land use planning, we needlessly cover rich soil with concrete. Soil is washing into lakes, and rivers. As we use more nitrates and pesticides we risk polluting our streams.

The Soil Quality Index is the most encouraging of all the factors in the entire Environmental Quality picture. Farmers can be proud that they have worked together to preserve the soil. Let us try even harder. In a world where 10 million people die from starvation or malnutrition each year, we cannot be complacent, nor can we ignore a world that is one-third fat and two-thirds hungry.

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Office Supplies	30.00
Total	\$ 387.91

II-M BUDGET

Technical	\$ 300.90
Clerical	3,971.77
Total	\$4,272.67

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Lennis Doehrmann Clerk

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Rick Cordes District Conservationist
Clem McBride Conservation Technician

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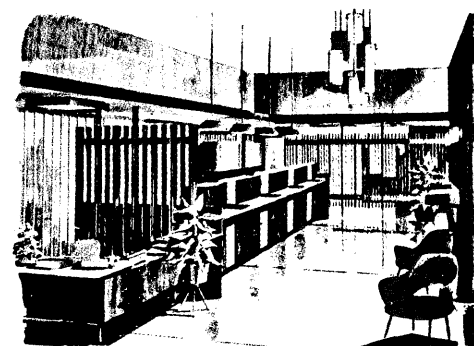
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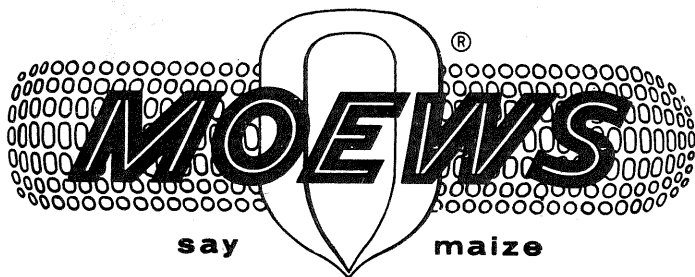


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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

- *Harold Sherman, Dick Mouchka, Fred White, and Charles Shirley attended the Commissioners Short Course at Ames.
- *Annual Report was started.
- *3500 inserts were ordered for Soil Stewardship Week.

MARCH

- *Farewell supper for Charles Shirley and family was held in the home of Harold Sherman, March 12.
- *Richard Cordes began his duties as District Conservationist.

APRIL

- *District Speech Contest was held with Bob Murphy winning first place, David Finnegan, second place, and Mark Weldon, third place.
- *Annual Report was published and sent to each land owner and operator in the county.

MAY

- *Rick Cordes, Harold Sherman, and Fred White attended the Governor's Conference.
- *Mrs. Lennis Doehrmann began her duties as Clerk.
- *The 1970-71 Budget was approved.
- *Art Contest was held with Jim Thys winning first place; Charlene Aurich, second place; and Becky Dietz, third place in the Senior High Division. Connie Driscoll placed first; Jim Spratt second; and Liz Collier, third in the Elementary Division.
- *Rick Cordes presented a report on "Barnyard Pollution" to a 4-H group.
- *Harold Sherman was named as Outstanding District Commissioner for Iowa County.

JUNE

- *Soil Conservation workbooks were ordered for the schools in Iowa County.
- *The Iowa Teacher's Conservation Camp was attended by Mrs. Carol Gryp, Mrs. Margaret Birky, Mrs. Florence Faas, and Mrs. Kay Becker.

JULY

- *25th Anniversary Picnic was held at Lake Iowa. Winners of the Art Contest were presented with their trophies and checks at this time.
- *A farewell supper for Ken Christensen and family was held at Lake Iowa.

AUGUST

- *Clem McBride began his duties as Conservation Technician.
- *Conservation Workbooks were distributed to the schools.

SEPTEMBER

- *24th Annual Conference was attended by Harold Sherman, Fred White, David McCartney and Rick Cordes.
- *Harold Sherman was named Outstanding Commissioner for Region 7.

OCTOBER

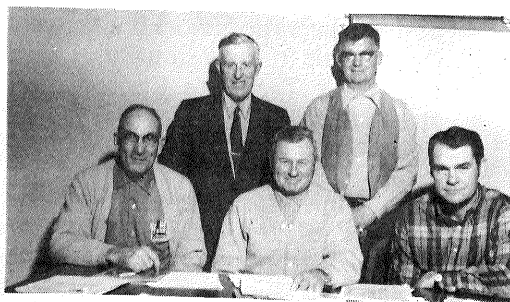
- *The Awards Banquet for the Register & Tribune Contest was held, with Harold Bezoni winning the Teacher Division; Jay Roller, owner, Norman King, tenant, in Division II; Kenneth Dawson, Division I; and Robert Durr, Division III. Robert Durr was also named as Region 7 winner.
- *The Teacher's Workshop was attended by John LaRoque and Linda Triggs from the Williamsburg Community School.

NOVEMBER

- *The Annual Report was started for 1971.
- *A new Education Committee was appointed with Tom Wilson, Carl Selby, Mrs. Carol Gryp, Robert VanCleave, and Mrs. Inez Patterson to serve.
- *Rick Cordes gave a conservation tour to Hartwick, 3rd and 4th. graders.

DECEMBER

- *Rick Cordes took the ASCS Committee, Dorothy Kleinmeyer, Irene Wetjen, and Lennis Doehrmann on a conservation tour of Iowa County.
- *The Christmas Party was held at the Colony Market Place in South Amana on December 4.



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The scoring is based on correct land use, conservation work accomplished, crop utilization on the farm, community service in the soil conservation district program, and the general appearance on the farm.

A conservation teacher is also chosen in the same contest.

The winners of the local contest compete on the regional level and the winners there go on to state competition.



REGISTER & TRIBUNE CONTEST WINNERS

Harold Sherman right, presented plaques to these men for their participation in soil conservation work. Left to right are Jay Roller, owner, Norman King, tenant in Division II; Harold Bezoni, Williamsburg Community School winner in the Teacher Division Kenneth Dawson, Division I; and Robert Durr, winner in Division III.



The Robert Durr's who farm Southwest of Williamsburg, were named the regional award winners in the new cooperator division of the annual Register & Tribune Soil Conservation Contest. Their grandson Dale is with them.

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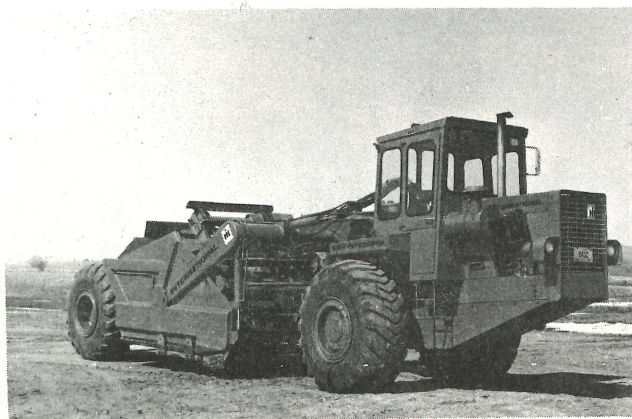
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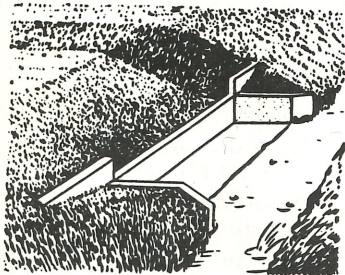
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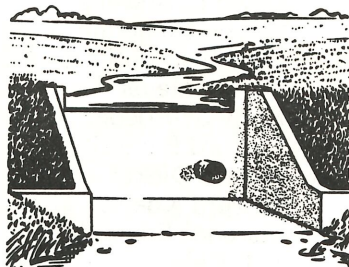
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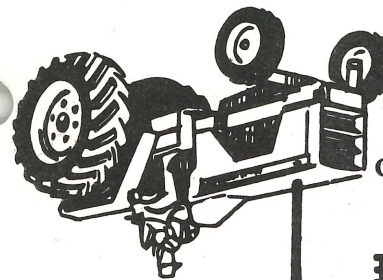
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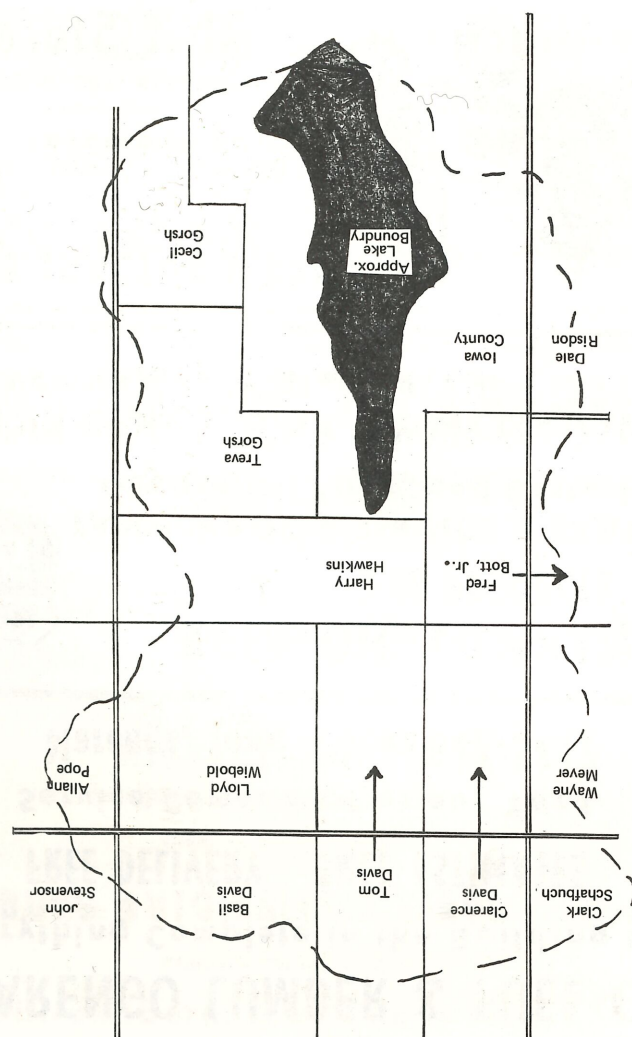
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A livestock pond, terraces, and waterways were constructed or started last year on the farms of Fred Bott, Wayne Meyer, Lloyd Wiebold, Clarence Davis, and Larry Davis.

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Pasture and Hayland Management	Acre	832
Grassed Waterways	Acre	125.2
Ponds	Number	15
Tile	Feet	467,828
Erosion Control Structure	Number	10
Conservation Cropping System	Acre	4,316
Pipeline	Feet	9,215

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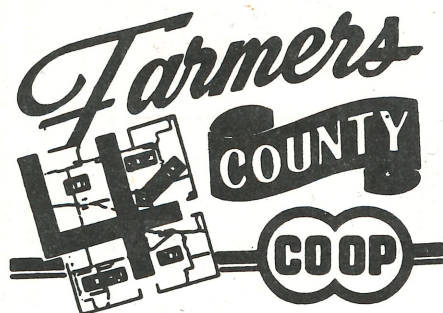
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Strip Cropping	16	10	1,089	414	4,274	1,612	-	-
Tree Planting	1	-	1	-	53	-	-	-
Improvement of Permanent Pasture	5	3	78	82	736	559	-	-
Springs or Seeps for Livestock	3	2	-	-	208	170	61	80
Livestock Ponds	7	16	-	-	4,249	11,858	259	593
Pipelines for Livestock Watering	5	7	-	-	1,314	1,358	205	250
Permanent Sod Waterways	75	68	-	83	29,441	34,572	2,783	3,322
Seeding on Ponds and Terraces	9	8	-	10	294	168	-	130
Terraces	10	6	-	-	4,050	5,718	110	320
Diversion Terraces	18	20	-	-	2,884	4,263	197	415
Erosion Control Dams	4	8	-	-	3,430	6,405	48	388
Contour Farming	20	16	-	536	1,795	1,156	-	-
Field Tile	-	99	-	-	-	16,238	-	1,728
Conservation Practices to Enhance Natural Beauty	12	60	-	7	1,209	2,925	18	306

In addition to the regular ACP cost-sharing, 14,990 emergency cost-sharing was used in your district. These funds helped repair practices damaged by flood waters in the spring of 1969 on 54 farms serving 2,185 acres. \$700 was transferred to SCS to help provide technical services necessary on this.

TOTAL ACRES 440 Acres

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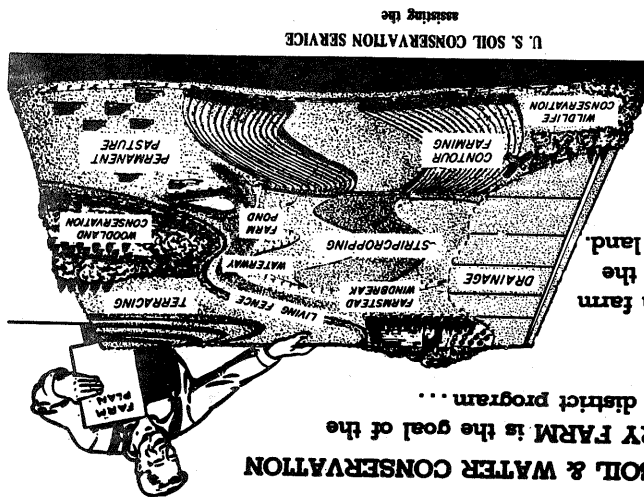
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TOTAL ACRES 3,267 Acres

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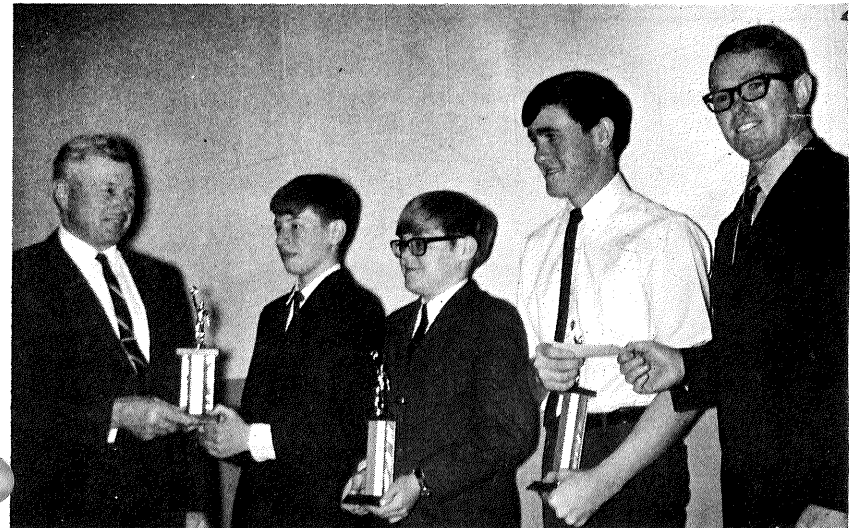
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SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Harold Sherman and Rick Cordes, are shown presenting the trophies and cash awards to the winners of the district speech contest. From left to right are Harold Sherman, Mark Weldon, third place; Dave Finnegan, second place; Bob Murphy, first place; and Rick Cordes.

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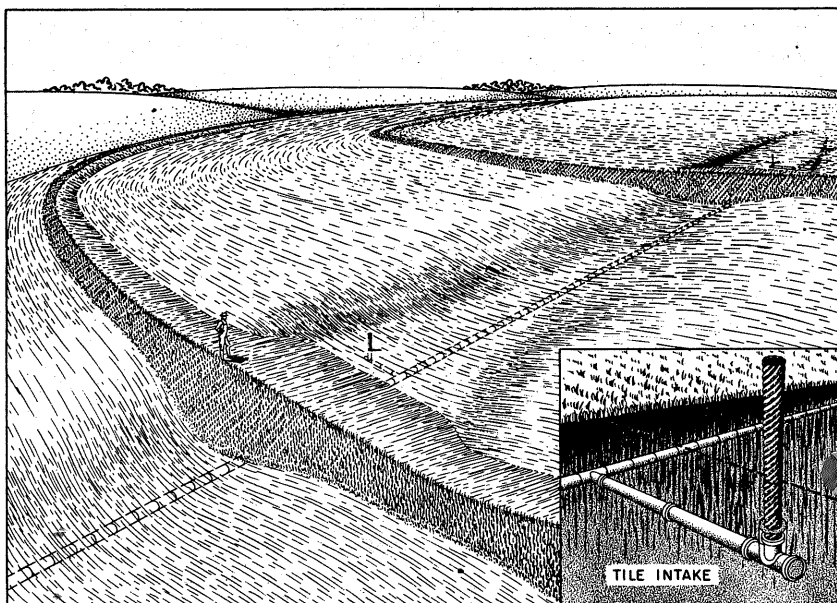
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Water enters the conduit through an intake placed in the terrace channel. The outlet conduit is designed to remove the run-off gradually but soon enough so that crop damage will not occur. Since tile drainage is oftentimes needed in the low areas to collect and remove seepage, this type of outlet provides for double usage of the tile line.

The two main advantages of the underground outlet are that it promotes parallel alignment and eliminates the need for grass waterways. The use of this type of outlet requires the terraces to be built across the depressions and waterways with the intake placed at the low point on the terrace profile. With shallow depressions the terrace can be built straight across, thus giving a straighter line than if a surface outlet were used. Straighter lines are easier to parallel thus making it easier to farm.

Gradient Terraces With Tile Outlets (Cont'd)

With the underground outlet, steeper grades can be permitted in the terrace channel near the outlet because larger rains will cause water to be temporarily stored at the outlet, which will reduce the grade of the terrace channel. By steepening grades at the larger depression where outlets will be established straighter alignment is possible.

The elimination of surface outlets means more land in crops in a terraced field.

Another advantage of the underground outlet is that it provides a certain amount of topography improvement. If natural waterways are rather deep, by placing an intake at these low points with a fill straight across the waterway, any sediment that moves will be trapped. This will eventually level the area and provide a more farmable land surface.

These terraces seem to be well accepted by farmers who have tried them since they eliminate the need for grass waterways and allow some of the best land to be cropped. They also provide for straighter alignment making them more efficient to farm with large machinery. These terraces allow the farmer to intensify his cropping rotations while protecting the soil from eroding.

These terraces are recommended on fields with slopes of 7% or less.

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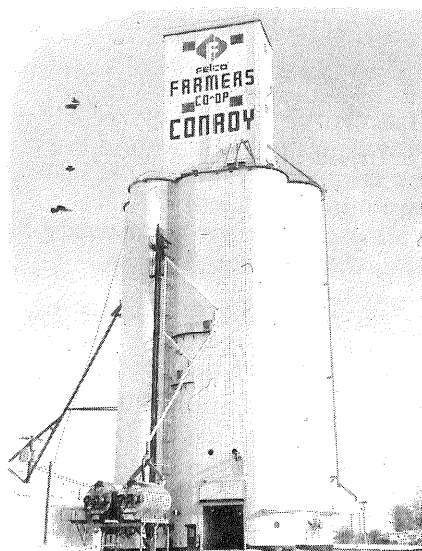
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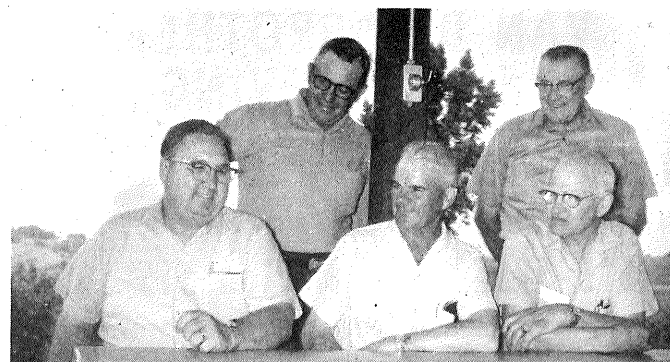
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Some of the early supporters of the Iowa County Soil Conservation District gathered at Lake Iowa, July 12, at the 25th Anniversary Picnic. They included, left to right, seated: Howard Watkins, Marengo; Ed Kinsey, Marengo; and D. H. Zentmire, Marengo, veteran Iowa County extension director. Standing are: Howard Beyer, Belle Plaine, left and Lambert Elwood, Williamsburg.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS SERVICE

On June 22, 1945, Iowa's Secretary of State signed the charter making the Iowa County Soil Conservation District a subdivision of the state and the 55th county in Iowa to be recognized as such.

The commissioners of the district at the time the charter was signed were Earl W. Morse, Marengo; the late J. D. Misbach, Williamsburg; and R. G. Owen, North English. The first commissioners meeting was held August 16, 1945, with Morse, Misbach, Owen, W. J. B. Boatman, W. T. Maakestad, R. A. Denzler and D. H. Zentmire present.

In the past 25 years there have been 20 Iowa County farmers who have served as district commissioner or an assistant commissioner.

Several changes in the soil conservation district have taken place in the past 25 years. Two of the most recent and important changes include changing the number of commissioners from three to five, and very recently, including towns and cities in the district.

July 12, the Iowa County district celebrated its 25th year by inviting all of the past commissioners, assistant commissioners, SCS personnel, and anyone who has assisted the district during its years of existence, to a picnic dinner for reviewing and reminiscing the past 25 years.

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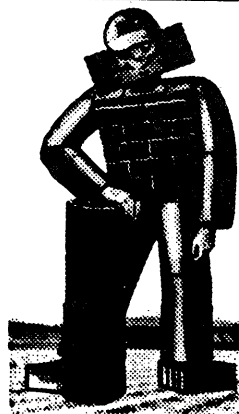
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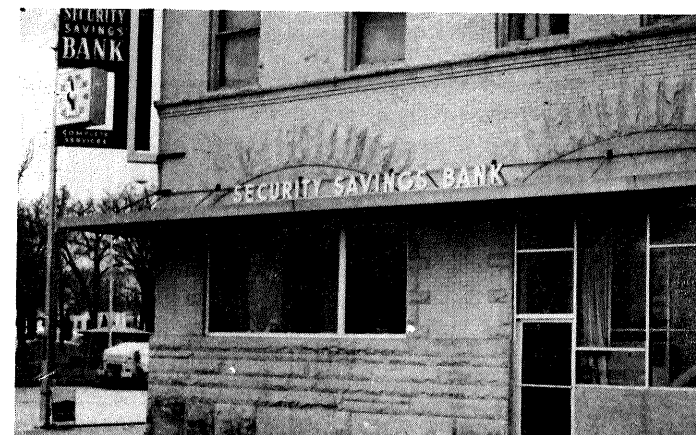
Harold was chosen outstanding district commissioner of Region 7 at their annual meeting in July. Harold has served as district commissioner since his first election June 15, 1959. Since this time he has served as chairman twice and has served on the Forestry Committee; Nominating Committee for District Commissioners State Officers; Speaker for Wagon Train at the Conservation Field Days at Eldora; and was a judge for the State Plowing Match in Benton County.

Harold has also served on the Marengo School Board, as Elder of the Presbyterian Church; Sunday School Superintendent; Township Trustee; a 4-H Club Committee; and the Iowa County Beef Producers Board.



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25 YEARS OF PROGRESS

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Looking back now at those first efforts, they seem rather elementary — but, they were a beginning. They were sincere and they proved that soil losses can be reduced. They were helpful in another way — they showed that without application to a larger number of farms than were originally enrolled, the dent in the total conservation needs would be exceedingly small.

As time has passed, additional conservation practices have been put to work and more farms have been enrolled with gratifying results. But the end is not yet in sight. Not all the rain stays on the farm upon which it falls — it spills over on to an adjoining farm, thereby increasing that operator's problems and on into the streams and rivers of our great country often causing pollution problems unheard of a few years ago.

Not until all the acres in a watershed are included in soil saving and pollution eradicating practices, will ponds, lakes, streams and rivers be free from sedimentation and contamination. And when this comes to pass, the soil will remain within the farm fences where it can function as well cared-for soil, providing economic returns to the owners of the precious resource — our soil.

We urge land owners and operators to look at their farm plans. Are you (as the kids say) "Part of the problem or are you helping with the solution?" The new Rural Environmental Assistance Program provides you continuing opportunity to become part of the solution to the pollution problem. Again, look at your land. Can you apply conservation practices that would help reduce run-off? Think conservation and become part of the solution!

These comments were prepared by D. H. Zentmire, long-time Iowa County Extension Director, and Donald H. Goering, present County Extension Director. Mr. Zentmire helped organize the Soil Conservation District some 25 years ago.

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After approximately 35 years, the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) becomes the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP). Iowa County has for many years given priority to long range permanent-type conservation. As a result the transition to the new program will cause little if any problem to the county. We agree with the direction taken by the new program — it is actually what we have been working toward for many years. The saving of our soil and water and the improvement of our environment by the conservation of our natural resources, has long been our objective.

There are several new anti-pollution measures to add to our conservation program. These are essentially the preventing of animal wastes from polluting streams. These practices include assistance on construction of lagoons, and pit or tank-type structures for collection and storage of animal wastes. Other practices on animal waste control include terraces and diversions where run-off is a problem above or below feed lots to prevent contamination of streams.

Increased emphasis will be given the soil erosion preventative practices we have had in the past. This also assists in control of chemical run-off from the use of commercial fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. These practices include all types of terraces, stripcropping, contouring, grassed waterways, permanent type seeding, ponds, and erosion control structures.

Part of our pollution problem has been the trend toward continuous grain farming and cropping. This has been made possible by the increased use of fertilizers and the control of weeds and insects, etc. by use of chemicals. With much of the cropland in Iowa County subject to erosion, the land is actually more suited to a rotation-type farming operation which includes legumes and grasses. This would reduce the need of chemicals, give greater soil permeability for absorption of rainfall, provide better soil tilth and reduce the amount of commercial fertilizers used for production of crops.

The point to remember is that conservation of our soil and water is and has been environmental improvement. Perhaps we have been doing a poor job of getting this message across to the public, but we have made progress. We in ASCS, in cooperation with SCS, will continue to work for the betterment of our farms and our environment. It is a common goal for all of us.

Very truly yours,
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for the Iowa ASC County Committee.

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We believe that soil and water conservation is a vital part of our soil husbandry practices. Thus loans are made to eligible individuals, farm operators, owners and eligible groups of farmers to develop, conserve, and make better use of their soil and water resources.

With the increased emphasis on pollution and environmental control we have also increased the emphasis on our comprehensive water and sewer programs. Here loans and grants for the construction of rural community water and waste disposal systems are made to public bodies and non-profit organizations. We, also, are stressing pollution and sewage control for our individual housing developments in rural areas.

We would like to thank Mr. Rick Cordes and his staff for their cooperation with Farmers Home Administration and on the fine work they are doing to make Iowa County a better place to live.

Sincerely,
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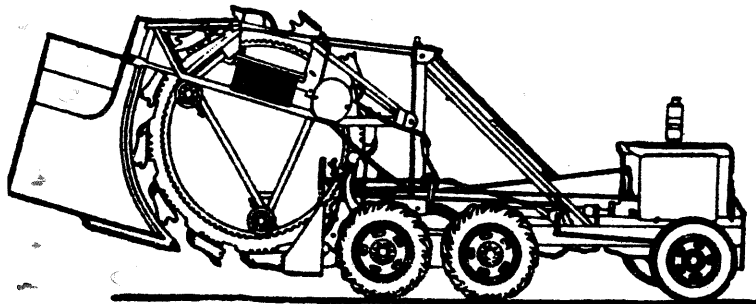
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The benefits derived from these plantings are not always completely appreciated or understood by everyone. In 1970, we heard a lot about environment and ecology. Environment can be defined one way, as the total of all natural conditions that surround and affect all living things, both plant and animal. Ecology, on the other hand, can be called the total relationship of plants and animals (including humans) to their environment. Protection of the environment primarily relates to prevention of air, land and water pollution, and control of shorelands and solid waste disposal. Trees are extremely helpful in the protection of the environment. Trees are known to improve the soil structure which allows better water absorption and retards and controls soil and water erosion. Trees slow air currents and causes solid pollutants and dust particles to settle out of the air thus helping to purify the air. Trees, also, absorb carbon-dioxide and produces oxygen back into the air, also helping to purify the air. Trees help to reduce noise levels in our communities

These are but a few of the benefits trees give us that many of us never realize. Planting a tree may not seem like an important step towards helping our environment or ecological balance, but without the trees we can never hope to overcome our pollution problem.

Free technical assistance is available to anyone wanting to plant trees through the District Forester of the Iowa Conservation Commission. Roy Hatcher is the forester for Iowa County. He can be contacted by writing to him at Box 681, Marshalltown or contacting the local Soil Conservation District office in Williamsburg. Assistance is also available in the management of existing stands of timber and the marketing of them.

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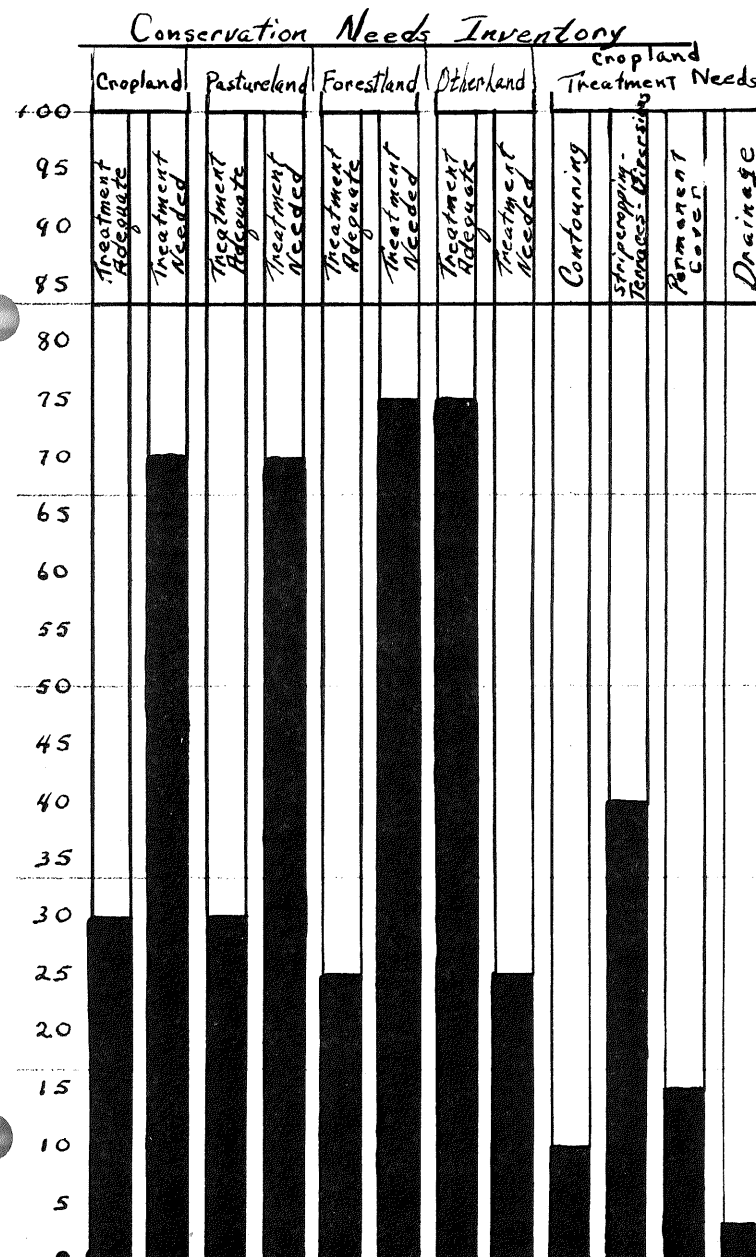
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