



SPEECH: John Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Camp of Osceola and a junior at the Interstate High School, received a \$15 award in the Clarke county soil conservation district speech contest Thursday evening. Adrian Fuller, chairman of the Clarke county

soil conservation district commissioners, presented Camp. and Richard Dove left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dove of Osceola, with checks for their part in the district speech contest. Dove received a \$10 check as the second place winner in the district contest.

7-13-65

Queen Of Furrow Deadline Thurs.

Entries Being Received This
Week; Local Contest July 21

Thursday is the deadline date for entries to be mailed in to the Clarke county "Queen of Conservation" contest, according to Clarence Ford, district conservationist.

Entry blanks are available at Osceola Drug, the county extension office, or the Clarke county soil conservation district office in the basement of the post office. Girls, 16 to 21 years old, may fill out the forms and mail them self-addressed cards to the conservation office.

The local contest will be held with the Wednesday evening city band concert July 21 in Osceola. The two local winners will receive charm bracelets.

7-13-65

New Soil Plans Approved For Nearly 1,000 Acres

The Clarke county Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners met Thursday evening and approved a new application for assistance and three new farm conservation plans.

The new application for assistance approved was for 280 acres of land owned by A. M. Miller of Madison Township.

Three new farm conservation plans approved for: Sydney Gross, 145 acres, Ward township; Don Ramsey, 40 acres, Osceola township; and Jerry Kelly, 320 acres, Washington township.

The district commissioners

made arrangements to review Clarke county farms for the Register and Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

John Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Camp of Osceola was the winner of the local Soil and Water Conservation Speech Contest held before the commissioners meeting. Camp, a junior at Interstate 35 high school, will not be able to attend the regional contest due to previous commitments, however Richard Dove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dove of Osceola, was the second place winner in the local contest.

7-13-65

Rains Cause Heavy Soil Loss

Unusually heavy rains during the past week have caused serious soil losses in many parts of Iowa. Charles Ballantyne, extension conservationist at Iowa State University, urges that you inspect your fields now to locate damaged areas. Then check with your local soil conservation district office for help in planning and carrying out a conservation program at the earliest possible time after crops are harvested. Ballantyne adds that cost-sharing help is available from your local ASCS office. To qualify for the payments you must have approval before beginning work. For most other practices the ASCS will pay up to 70 percent of the cost for most terracing such as grass waterways, tile drainage, tree plantings and strip cropping, payment varies between 50 and 70 percent of the total cost.

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Conservation Queens: Cynthia Jones and Bonnie Goodman were selected Clarke county's 1965 Queens of Conservation and earned the right to represent Clarke county in the area contest later this summer. The judging was

held during the city band concert Wednesday evening in the court yard. The Conservation court includes, from left to right, Miss Jones, Sandra Newman, Diane Pedersen, Miss Goodman, and Illa Jean Foland.



Queens Cynthia Jones and Bonnie Goodman.

Grand River, Murray Girls Are Conservation Queens

Two teenage girls from the western part of Clarke county were crowned as Clarke county's 1965 "Queen of Conservation" Wednesday evening during the city band concert in the court-yard in Osceola.

Miss Cynthia Jones, 18, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jones of Grand River, and Miss Bonnie Goodman, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goodman of Murray, received charm bracelets from the Clarke county soil conservation district and earned the right to represent the district in the area Queen of conservation contest to be held during the Page county Fair August 5 in Clarinda.

Miss Goodman will be a senior at the Interstate 35 high school this fall, and Miss Jones will be a freshman at Creston Junior College. Miss Jones is a 1965 graduate of Murray Community High School.

Attendants of the Queen included

10-28-65
**Government Land
Benefits Hunting**

**Nearly 30 Sections Diverted
In Clarke County; All In
Cover Crops**

Area hunters will benefit from the activities of the Soil Conservation service and the cost-sharing ACP programs this fall, according to Harry Kearney, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

Nearly 30 square miles, 80 per cent of a township, have been diverted from feed grain production and planted to some type of cover crop in 1965 under the federal program, Kearney points out. The diverted "government land" program is believed to benefit most wild life since the cover crops are safe nesting areas for game birds and rabbits. Since 1961 more than 93,500 acres have been diverted under government programs. Diverted acreage this year totals 18,700.

In addition to the diverted acreage, farmers have built 2,219 miles of terraces, strip-cropped 2,013 acres and established more than 1,859 acres of sod waterways in the past 20 years. These practices, encouraged by the Soil Conservation Service and the ACP cost-sharing programs, not only prevent erosion, but also provide additional wildlife cover, and protect other nesting areas from flooding.

11-2-65
**Watershed Meeting
To Be Held Soon**

**Soil Commissioners Will Set
Date For Watershed Affair Soon**

Applications for assistance on soil conservation for 656 acres in Clarke county were approved by the Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Applications approved were: John H. Berch, 270 acres in Green Bay township.

James E. Halls, 106 acres in Knox township.

Basil Powell, 280 acres in Franklin township.

Clarence Ford, district conservationist, said contractors made good progress on conservation practices during the fine weather that prevailed during October. He also announced that the regular monthly meeting of the commissioners will be held on the third Thursday evening of each month.

The commissioners decided Thursday evening that a watershed meeting for the Whitebreast watershed would be held in the near future with the date to be set soon. The commissioners said they would be in charge of refreshments for the meeting.

Ford has this "ponding" thought; "How you farm today may decide if you will farm tomorrow."

11-16-65 Progress Report Made On Season's Soil Conservation

A progress report, as the 1965 soil conservation season draws to a close, was made this week by Clarence Ford, unit conservationist for the Clarke county Soil Conservation district. It shows that despite unfavorable weather during much of the season sizeable amounts of soil conservation work were completed.

The report shows, among other accomplishments, nearly three miles of diversion terraces, 30 livestock ponds, nearly two miles of terraces, over 75 acres of grassed waterways, six erosion control dams and 1156 acres newly contoured.

Each of the three commissioners commented on the report, stressing the good progress being made in Clarke county and the continuing need for more and more conservation of the county's soil and water.

The commissioners posed the

question, "Can any farm afford to lose one inch of top soil in any one storm?" They pointed out that this can and does happen in this county despite the work that has been done. They said the county needs 571 miles of terraces and there are now 134 miles constructed; three thousand acres of grassed waterways needed, but only 1,859 applied; 465 structures needed, 93 now completed.

T. J. Laing, conservation technician, noted these needs and stressed the desirability of conservation pre-planning. A well prepared farm plan shows which practices should be applied first and the step by step methods of working toward completion, he said.

The commission chairman, Adrian Fuller, urged many more farmers to ask for assistance from the soil district in making plans for their farms. He pointed out there are now 787 cooperators in the county and that 100 of them are new this year. Basic plans for 12,305 acres on 46 farms were made and there are now 495 such plans in the county.

Doyce Miller, commented that conservation is everyone's responsibility today and the third member, Jack Ames, complimented the ASCS committee for its cooperation in the cost-share program for conservation practices.

In commenting on his report, Ford said he wants every farmer to feel free to come to the district's office in the basement of the post office and visit with the staff about his soil and water conservation problems.

Soil District Approves Plans

Commissioners Work On New Budget At Meeting Last Week

Applications for soil conservation planning assistance or basic plans were approved for more than a thousand acres of Clarke county land by the Clarke county Soil District Commissioners at their meeting last week.

Aside from the examination of requests and their approval, the commissioners spent a long evening planning the budget for the fiscal year including commissioner and office expense and salaries for technicians and clerk. District work load goals first had to be set up to give a basis for budget funds. Money for the budget is allocated on a district need basis from funds set up by the Iowa General Assembly.

Special projects funds allocated to the county ASCS committee has doubled the work load for the district work unit staff and it is anticipated that a tremendous amount of conservation work can be done this year if the weather is favorable. A technician aid, John Henry Woods of Woodburn, has been employed by the commissioners on a part time basis. White is a 1966 graduate of Clarke Community High School.

Applications for conservation work or assistance were approved as follows:

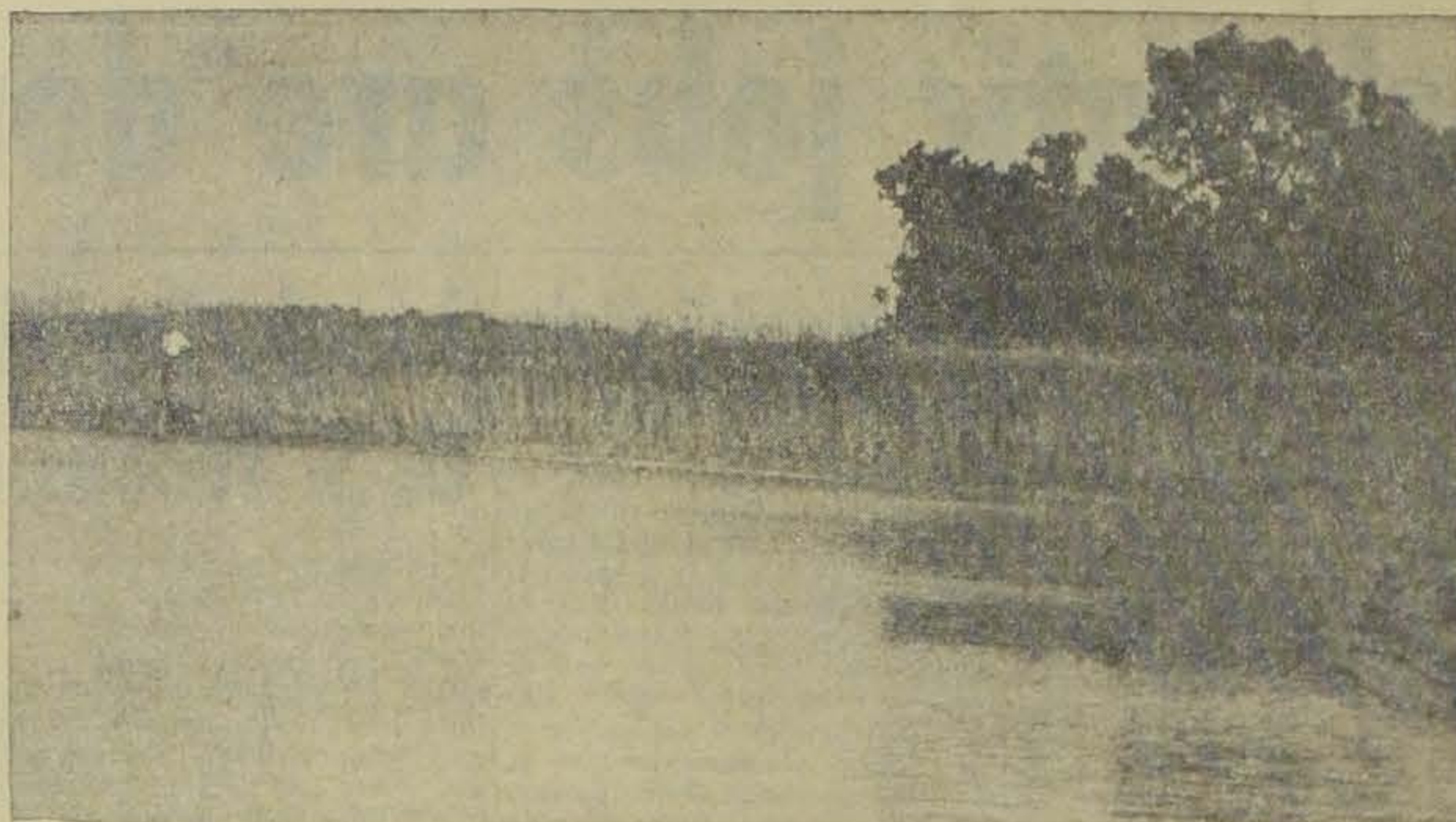
For assistance; Jack Chandler, 78 acres in Fremont and Dale Jones, 240 acres in Doyle.

Three basic plans for a total of 814 acres were approved: Gary Eckels, 439 acres in Troy; Samuel Edgington, 200 acres in Washington and Saylor Feed and Grain, 175 acres in Washington.

Land Included In Conservation Surveys 200,000 Acres Of Clarke County

A table showing soil conservation work planned for this year and total accomplishments in the county to date, was prepared this week by the Clarke county Soil District Commissioners in arriving at the budget needs for the 1966-67 fiscal year.

Scope of soil conservation work in the county is revealed in some of the figures of accomplishments and plans. For instance, more than 20,000 acres of land are being farmed on the contour now where only a few years ago scarcely any was being worked "



Stops Erosion:

This pond on the William Swan farm was built last year, and this year is effectively stopping erosion back into its 70 acre watershed. The 5,000 cu. yard dam was built in a ditch

and by raising the water level to 17 feet at the dam it backed water up over an overfall that was active in cutting. Now established, the pond was stocked with fish by the Soil Conservation service Thursday.

'Queen of Conservation' Contest Slated for July 18

**Applications May Still Be
Made to Enter District's
Elimination Contest**

Applications for the 1966 "Queen of Conservation" contest must be submitted to the Clarke County Soil Conservation office in the basement of the Osceola Post Office this week, according to Conservationist Clarence Ford.

Only two contestants have applied for the contest as of this week, Joyce Marts of Murray and Janice Stearns of Woodburn. Ford urges more rural girls from the county to enter the contest, pointing out that if a few more entries are received a public eliminations program will be held in connection with a city band concert.

The eliminations contests have been very popular in past years and one of the largest public gatherings caused by the conservation district. However, Ford states that if no more contestants enter the contest this year the eliminations contest will be held with the regular Commis-

sioners' meeting Monday, July 18.

Conservationist Ford, Extension Director Bill Short or staff members of the Osceola Newspapers will be happy to assist any girl who resides on a farm in Clarke county complete an application this week.



8-2-66

Conservation Men Attend Meeting

Clarke County Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners attended the commissioners' Regional meeting and speech contest, held at Bedford, Tuesday night, July 26 were Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fuller. Also in attendance was the Work Unit Conservationist, Clarence Ford.

The meeting opened with a chicken dinner served by the Methodist church ladies. The meeting then moved to the air conditioned Bedford State Savings Bank, where the regional speech contest was held.

Mike Laporte, Page county, Shenandoah, was first place winner. Jack Gross, Ringgold county, Mt. Ayr, was second place winner and Edward Tonlinsen, Montgomery county, Stanton, was third place winner. This was a close placing.

It was announced at this meeting, the Regional "Queen of Conservation" contest will be held at the Page county fair, Clarinda, August 5. The contestants will meet at the Coachman Inn for interviews to begin at 4:00, and will go onto the stage at the Fair at 8:00 p.m.

At the business meeting following the speech contest, Adrian Fuller, chairman of the Clarke county Soil Conservation District Commissioners, was nominated from the Region 8, of 10 counties, as the most outstanding Commissioner for the year. This program is sponsored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in cooperation with Wallace Farmer. This is judged from the accomplishments of the Commissioner for the District. Fuller will now be in the state contest to be held at the State Conference of District Commissioners at Cedar Rapids, September 18-19.

8-11-66

Lenox Girl Wins Conservation Title

Ann Schweers, 18, of Lenox was named Region 8 "Queen of Conservation" during the regional contest held at the Page County Fair in Clarinda August 5. Joyce Marts of Murray and Janice Stearns of Woodburn, Clarke county Queens of Conservation competed in the Region 8 contest which included personal interviews in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.

Final judging was held at the grandstand at the fair at 8:00 p.m.

Miss Schweers will now compete with eight other regional

9-22-66

Watershed Project to Provide More Recreational Facilities; Afton Water

Approval of Federal assistance Iowa.

to the Three Mile Creek Watershed Protection Project in Union and Adair County Soil Conservation Districts was announced today by Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in

Iowa. The watershed work plan for the project was approved by the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives on August 16, 1966, and by the Committee on Public Works of the Senate on August 30, 1966.

The Three Mile Creek Watershed covers 37,320 acres in the Union and Adair County Soil Conservation Districts. The town of Afton is located on the south edge of the watershed. Major watershed problems are gully erosion and floodwater damage to agricultural lands and crops.

The project is sponsored by the Union and Adair County Soil Conservation Districts, the Boards of Supervisors of both Union and Adair counties, the

State Conservation Commission, the Union county Conservation Board, and the town of Afton. It is a local undertaking with Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, Mendell said. It is estimated the project will be installed during an 8-year period.

With approval of Federal funds, assistance can be provided

SWCD to Hold Workshop Meet

The Clarke County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners are willing to pay the expense of a teacher to Workshop Conference, according to Clarence Ford, district conservationist.

This year's Conference will be held at the 4-H Camp near Luther, starting at noon on Friday, Oct. 7, and ending at noon Saturday, Oct. 8, 1966. The theme is "Effective Conservation Teaching - How To Do It".

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Commissioners O.K. Applications

The Clarke County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday night, March 20.

At this time they approved the following applications for assistance:

Jack Isenberger, 120 acres, Washington Twp.

R. B. Helland, 420 acres, Green Bay Twp.

Gerald Baughman, 140 acres, Green Bay Twp.

Harry E. Imhoff, 181 acres, Fremont Twp.

Ward Backer, 232 acres, Troy Twp.

Merlin Backer, 84 acres, Troy Twp.

One basic farm plan approved was Ronald Jackson, 330 acres, Troy township.

The Commissioners reported on an Area Commissioners meeting they attended recently in Bedford, in regard to the future programs of the Districts.

The Commissioners are still interested in securing contestants for the Soil Conservation Speech Contest. The contest is open to all junior and senior high school students and the topic this year is "Water Conservation - Vital to All". Prizes for local winners are \$15.00 cash for first prize, \$10.00 cash for second place, \$7.50 cash for third place and \$5.00 cash for all other entries.

At the night's meeting the Commissioners voted to pay State and National dues. The money for this is supplied through the donations received by the District, for which the Commissioners are very appreciative.

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