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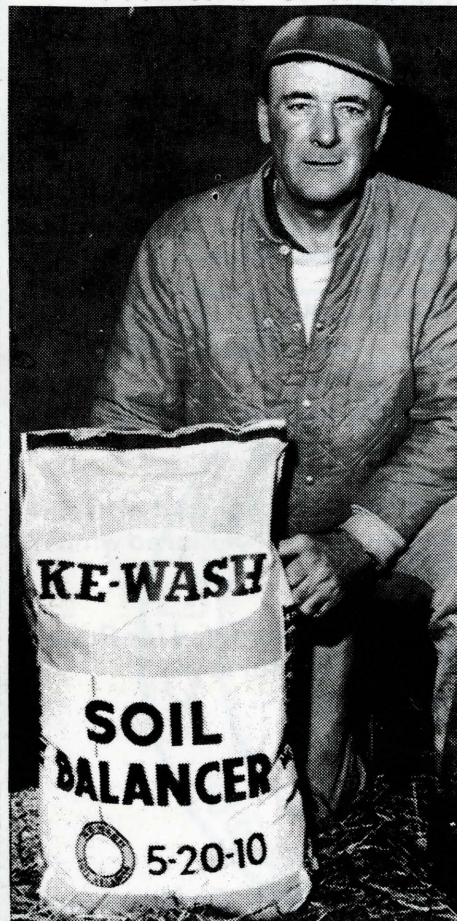
DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1959

1. District Commissioner election and chicken barbeque held. Bevan Wilcox succeeds Lauren W. Wright as new commissioner.
2. Conservation Workbooks judged and awards made to school children.
3. District awards 2 teacher scholarships to Springbrook Conservation Camp.
4. Conservation Week celebrated with special emphasis in County's newspapers.
5. Poweshiek District participates in first Soil Conservation stamp release observance.
6. Queen of the Furrow candidates chosen.
7. District Chairman, David Anthony, receives Outstanding District Commissioner Award in Region V.
8. Diamond Lake Watershed organized--soil surveying begun.
9. Achievement Award-Winners recognized at Grinnell Kiwanis luncheon. Don Schuldt declared winner in Region V (11 County area).
10. Conservation Needs inventory completed for Poweshiek County--part of a national survey.

Cover Photo - Farm Pond on the Phil Eichhorn farm, Brooklyn.

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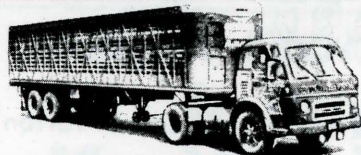
They are summarized in this report both statistically and pictorially.

May we all use the report as a reminder of how little we have actually accomplished and how much yet remains in reaching the ultimate goal of complete erosion control and good land use in Poweshiek County.



DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Left to right standing: Archie Casebolt, Conservation Aid; David Anthony, Kenneth Dieterich, Commissioners; Morton James, Work Unit Conservationist; Bevan Wilcox, Commissioner; John Hill, Conservation Aid; and seated, LaVonne Byers, District Clerk.



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More than enough tile to cross the county three times (76 miles) were laid on Poweshiek farms in 1959. This is a 74 percent increase over 1958. Much of the tiling was done in development or improvement of grassed waterways.

Ponds built showed a 41 percent increase over 1958 with 23 being completed.

Gully control structures were up 37 percent over the previous year. Eleven structures were completed and several were started but not finished due to early cold weather.

Additional strip cropping staked amounted to over 1300 acres which is 11 percent more than in 1958.

The County had in 1959 an estimated 24,000 acres of contouring of which 2300 were newly laid out.

Grass waterway development increased 25 percent. Land seeded to waterway amounted to 139 acres which would make a waterway 30 feet wide and 36 miles long--- enough to extend 1 1/2 times across the County.

Field boundaires to the extent of 39 miles were laid out. This practice is on farms where fields have been re-organized in connection with a complete conservation plan.

Thirty one such conservation plans were developed with assistance of SCS technicians. The Soil District received signed requests from 48 additional farmers desiring farm planning assistance.

Multiflora roses for over 3 miles of living fence were obtained from the State Conservation Nursery, which is double the figure for 1958.

Areas set aside for wildlife amounted to 554 acres.

Bass, bluegill and channel catfish from the Federal Fish & Wildlife Service were placed in 42 farm ponds.

Approximately 7 miles of terrace and diversions were built to reduce sheet erosion and protect bottom-land from hill over-wash.

Visits to 113 farmers with conservation plans were made. Nine plans were revised and brought up to date.

In co-operation with the Soil Conservation Service a Conservation Needs Survey was completed showing the estimated needs and expected progress by year 1975. This study was part of a national survey.

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| 1. TERRACES & DIVERSIONS | 6.8 Miles |
| 2. PONDS COMPLETED | 23-72,000 Cu. Yds. |
| 3. STRUCTURES | 11 |
| 4. CONTOUR FARMING | Estimated 24,000 Acres |
| 5. STRIP CROPPING (Additional Staked) | 1,308 Acres |
| 6. WATERWAYS | 139.82 Acres |
| 7. TILE | 76 Miles--398,269 Lin. Ft. |
| 8. FIELD BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED | 39 Miles--12,657 Rods. |
| 9. FENCE ROW DEVELOPMENT FOR WILDLIFE | 133 Miles--42,555 Rods. |
| 10. HEDGEROW (MULTIFLORA ROSE) | 3 miles 988 Rods. |
| 11. OPEN DRAINS | 1900 Lin. Ft. |
| 12. WILDLIFE AREA | 554 Acres |

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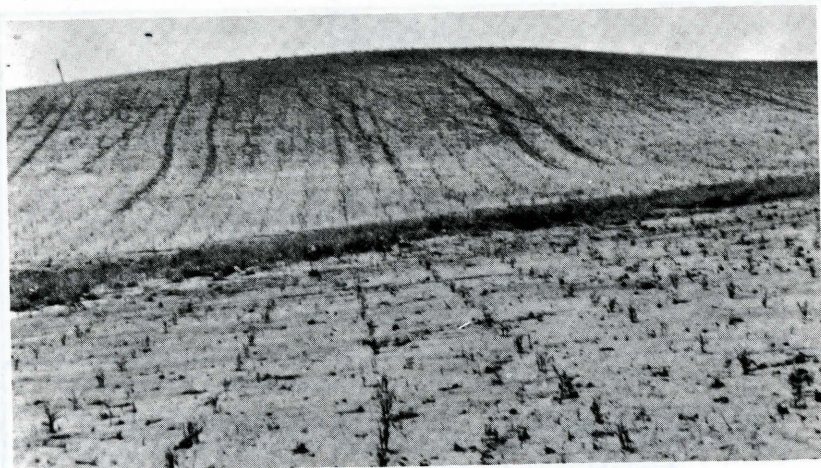
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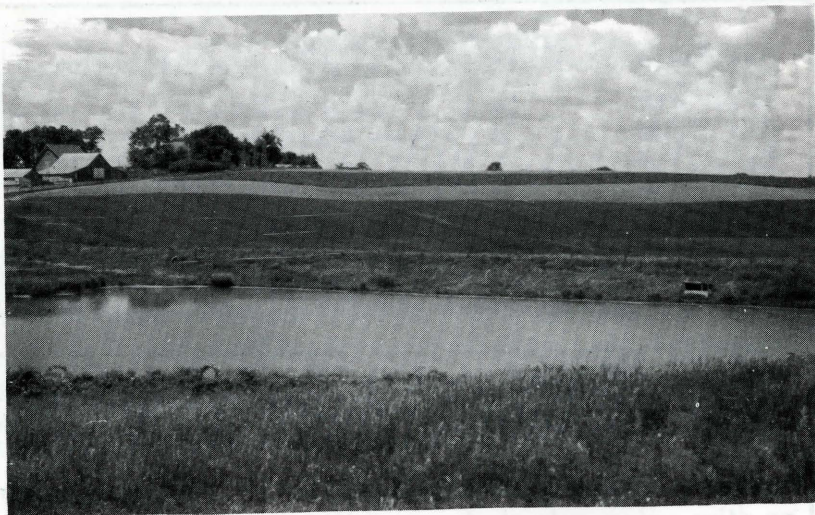
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Gully control structure & pond on boundary line between Paul De Jong & Henry Willemsen, Bandstra Watershed, Sugar Creek township. Structure serves triple purpose--gully control, water gap, and crossing.



District Chairman, David Anthony takes a look at some "built in" resistance to erosion. Brome grass may contain as much as 6 tons per acre of root fibers in the plow layer.

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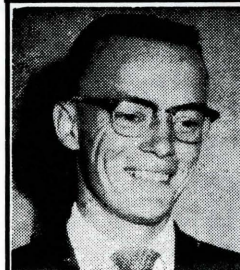
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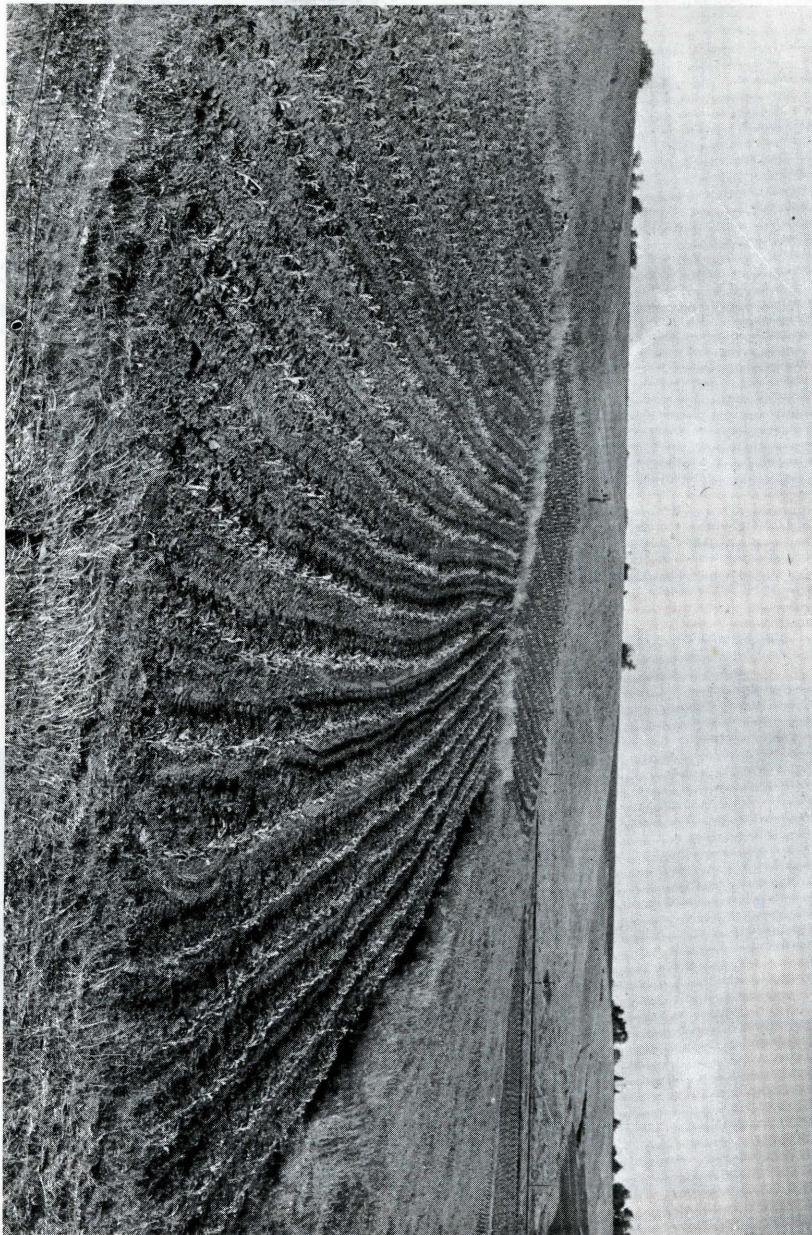
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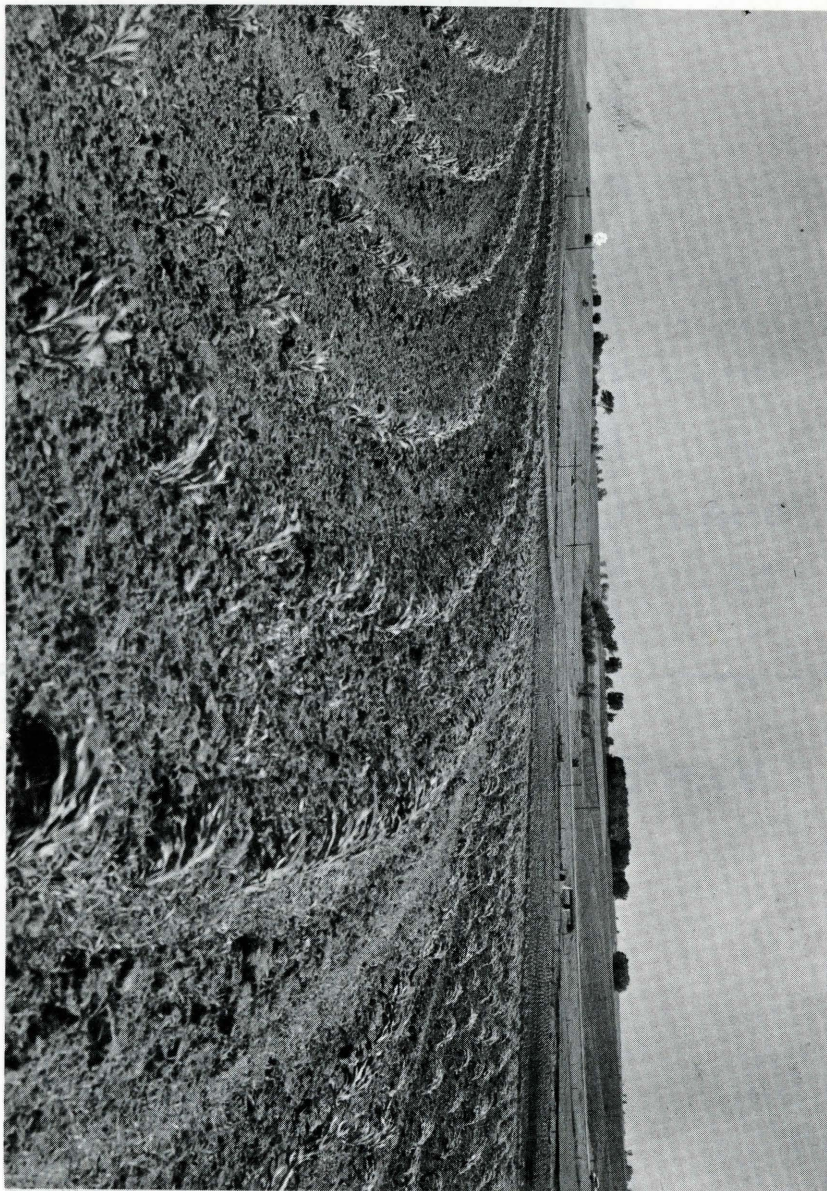
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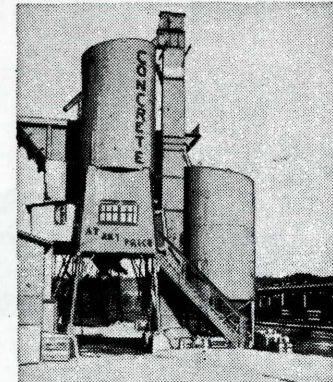
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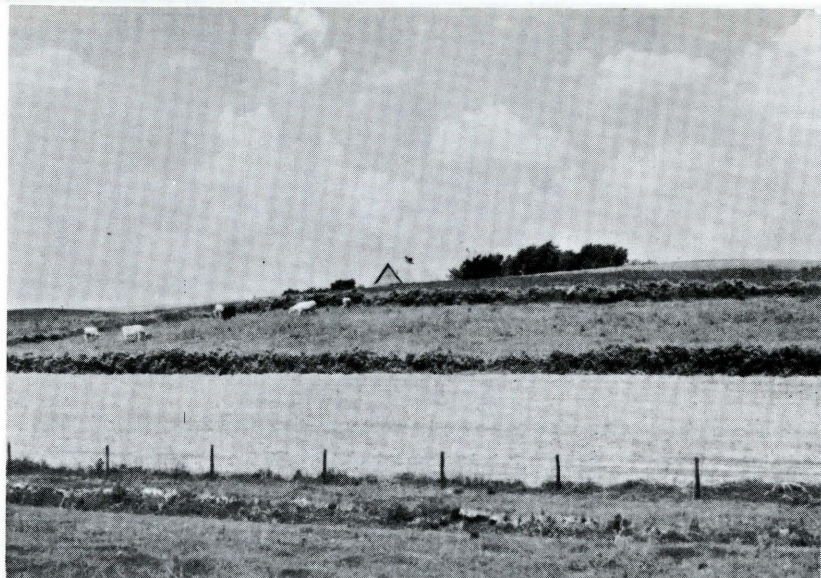
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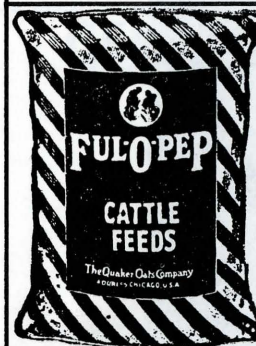
Planting evergreen trees--Lauren Wright farm, Montezuma. Steven Wright & Jimmy Wilcox place trees in slit made by planting machine, while Wright maintains tractor speed at a steady creep.

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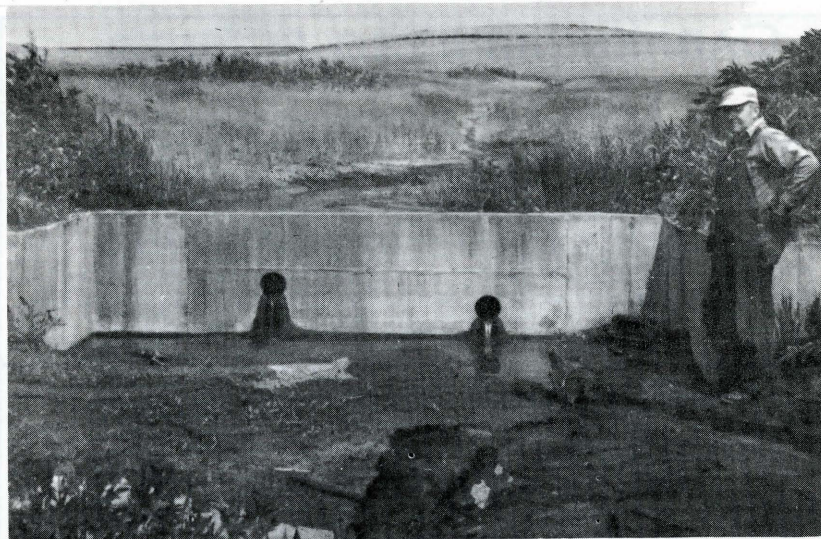
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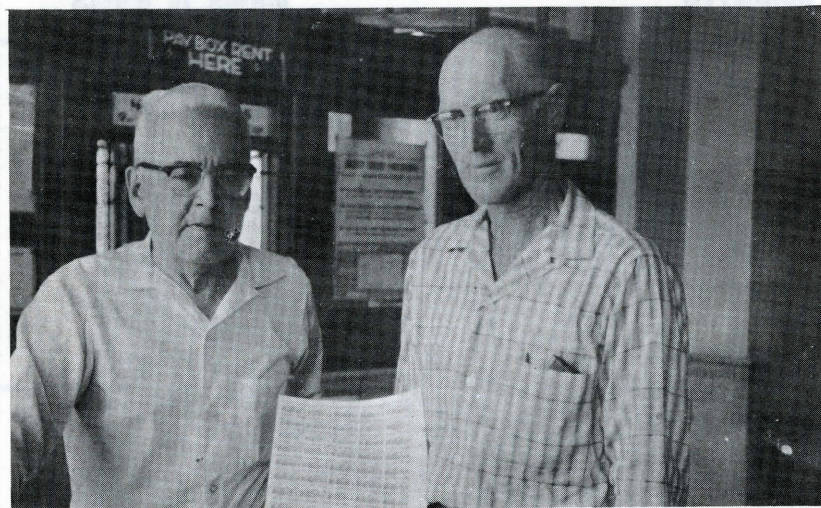
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Cecil Phelps, Montezuma inspects a re-enforced concrete structure installed on his farm. Excessive rains in 1959 were a little too much for the newly seeded waterway.



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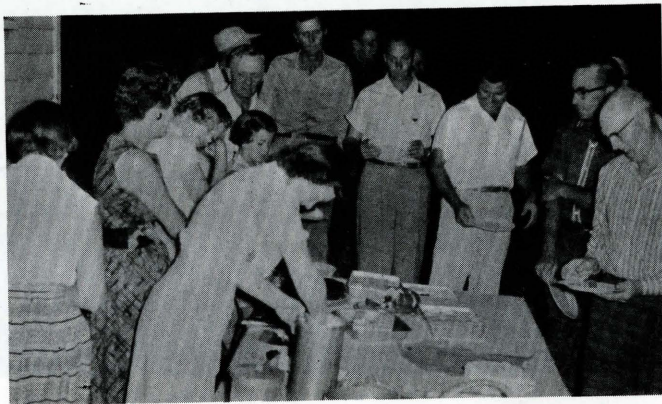
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William Fouts SCS Soil Scientist, right, discusses soil types found in the Diamond Lake Watershed with Charles Arnaman . . .

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The Madison township 4-H Club studies conservation at Robert Seath home. On floor, left to right, Gary Andes, Ronnie Keller, Chuck Goeke, seated, L to R, Bobby Seath, Dick Richmond, John Meyers, Franklin Reimers, Marjorie Kleiss, Marilyn Meyers, Dick Clayton, Nedra Krumm, Janet DePauw, Elizabeth Reimers, Emily Swatosh, Anna Mae Reimers, Betty Richmond, Patty DeHoedt, and Arthur Keller, leader.

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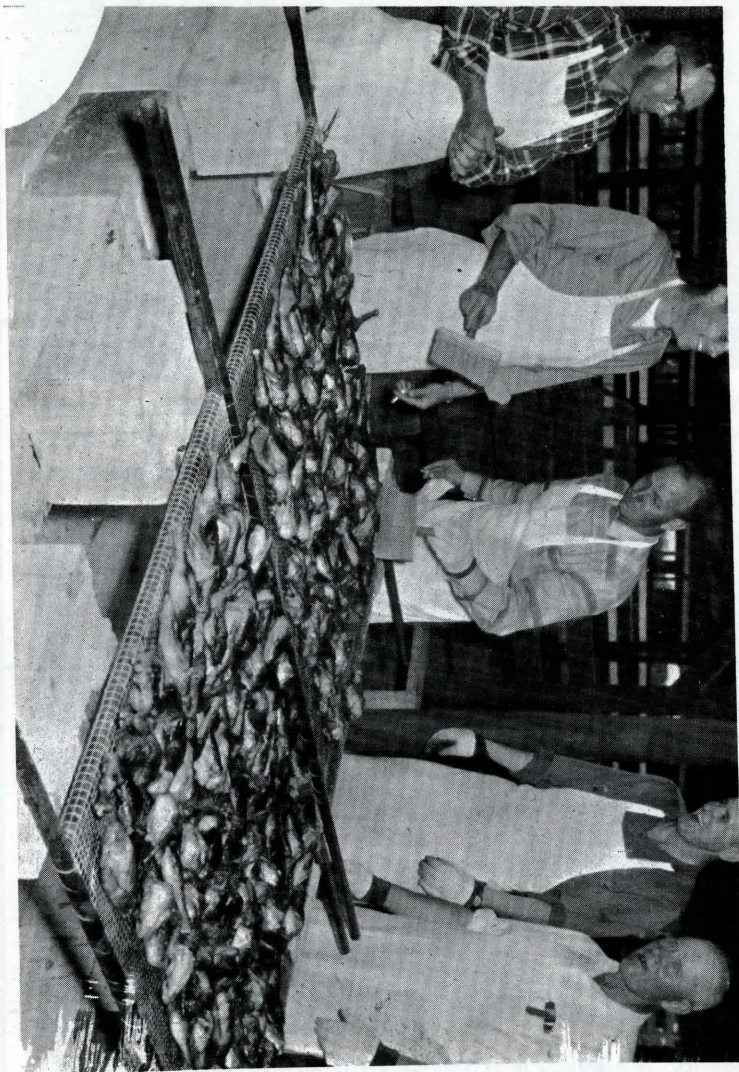
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COMPLIMENTS OF

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The five "French Chefs" in charge of the chicken barbeque, Grinnell 4-H fairgrounds, May 5. L to R Arlo Taylor, John Hill, Kenneth L. Dieterich, Wayne Watts and Raymond Pilgrim.

RUDKIN HATCHERY

Gerald D. Carpenter

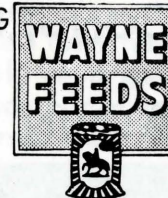
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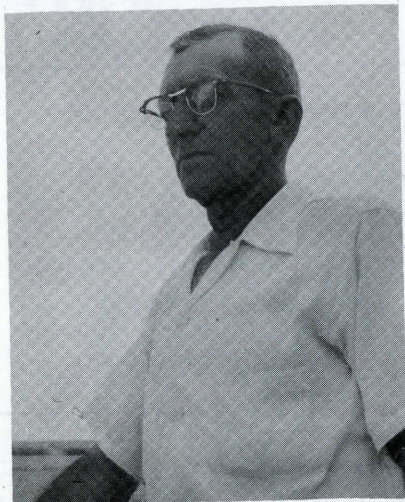
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ALVIN SCHULDt



Alvin Schultdt, Deep River, winner of Division I, Poweshiek County Conservation Achievement Award.

This class recognizes owner-operator for completeness of conservation treatment on the farm and for consistent long time use of conservation practices.

Schultdt developed a conservation plan with the Poweshiek Soil District 13 years ago.

Square and rectangular fields in the 350 acre farm

were completely re-organized to fit a strip crop system. Miles of ditches were filled, shaped, tiled and seeded. Two ponds have been built and all land not stripped is contoured.

Cattle feeding is the principal enterprise on the farm.

The Schultdt family consists of a wife, three daughters and a son. Son, Don winner of Division III, served apprenticeship conserving soil on the home place.

PAUL HUDNUT

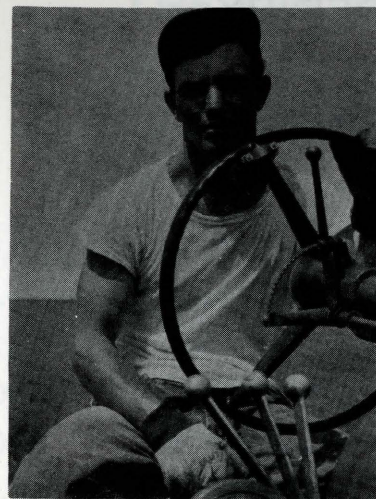
Paul Hudnut, Montezuma, tenant winner, of Division II Conservation Award Program.

Division II recognizes landlords and tenants who have achieved outstanding success in doing conservation by joint effort.

The landlord is Louis V. Newkirk, who is Director of Industrial Arts Education, Chicago public schools.

All cropland on the New-

kirk farm is contoured and strip cropped.



Some rather remarkable work has been done in closing large gullies, tiling and seeding them to grass.

DON K. SCHULDt

Don K. Schultdt, Montezuma, winner of Division III, Conservation Award program.

This division recognizes farmers who have started a conservation program not over two years ago and have made outstanding progress.

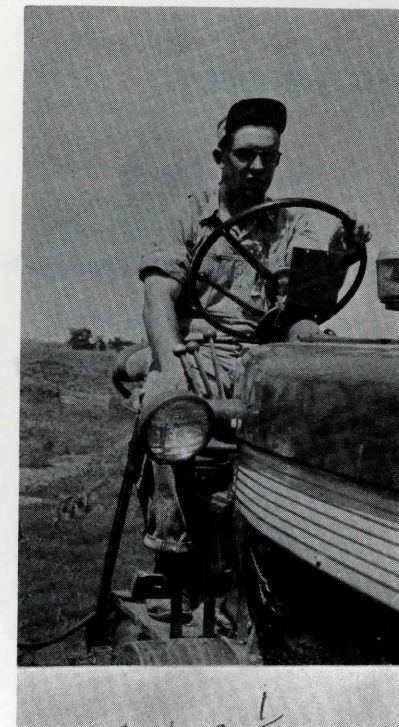
Don, son of Alvin Schultdt and winner of Division I received apprentice training in developing the conser-

vation program on his father's farm over the past 13 years.

In two years, fields on the newly purchased farm have been completely re-organized to allow contour farming and an improved rotation.

Other conservation practices are diversion terraces and a pond for livestock water.

Don Schultdt was also declared winner in Region V-- an area including eleven east-central Iowa Counties.



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I-A BUDGET	\$510.90
Commissioners, Mileage, Meals, Hotels	189.94
Office Supplies	134.67
Printing of Annual Report	183.90
Materials For Demonstration	2.40
TOTAL	\$510.90

II-A BUDGET

Salary-Clerk	\$2600.00
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Mileage-Technician	47.60
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TOTAL NITROGEN	20%
AVAIL. PHOSPHORIC ACID	10%
SOLUBLE POTASH	5%

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Corn acreage will be high again this year. Smaller margins of profit make it more important than ever to get high yields. Don't forget to use Aldrin or Heptachlor in your fertilizer on all second year or continuous corn. Cornland "pioneered" and specializes in fertilizer containing insecticides.



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