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200 attend soil conservation event

by Register Staff Writer

FAYETTE — Pollution has become the No. One subject in our nation, of more concern to our people than Vietnam or taxes", declared Bob Nance farm director of WMT stations since 1955, guest speaker at the Fayette county soil conservation district cooperators' banquet at St. Francis Catholic church here Monday night. Over 200 were present including Iowa's state conservationist and other leaders over the state.

"Twenty per cent of all class one land in our nation is to be found in Iowa, yet our farm population today is less than six per cent of the total and in 10 years is expected to reduce to three and a half per cent", Nance said.

It was noted that 96 per cent of Fayette county land is devoted to agriculture, among the highest in the state.

The popular speaker, who has won the coveted "Oscar" among farm broadcasters, said too many of us are only "soil conversation-alists", that we must concern ourselves with continued emphasis on cover crops, waterways, terracing and contouring, all facets of conservation, that it is our obligation.

He expressed deep concern at the lack of any progress in conservation appropriations, in-

dicating "we actually seem to be losing ground in this regard, yet it is a matter of our own survival".

"We anticipate a population of 300 million by 2000 with Iowa's average of 700 people per square mile compared with today's 400", Nance averred. "There are now plans for 100 story apartment buildings to take care of the overpopulation".

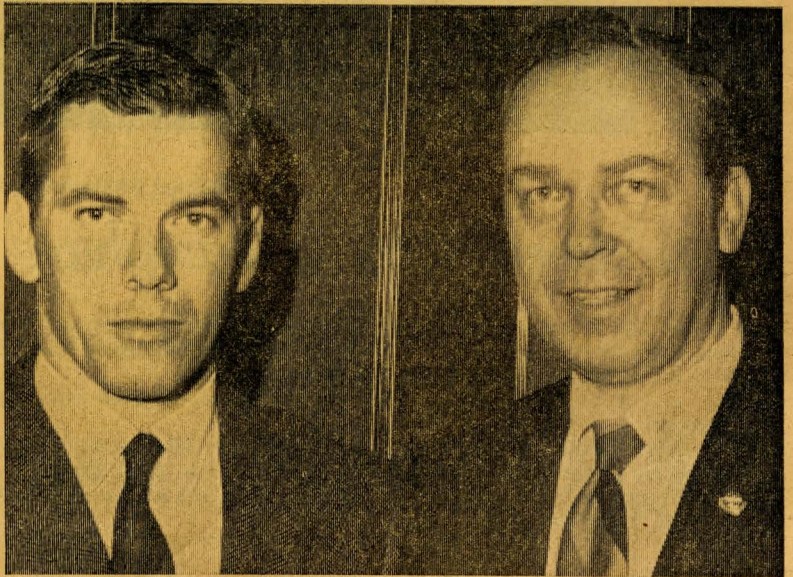
It becomes increasingly vital that we treat our soil with respect and not abuse it, Nance believes, as he foresees an incredible demand for food in the years ahead due to the

population explosion. We must preserve our soil and water for the benefit of future generations.

The personable announcer also participated as a member of the Vigortones, Cedar Rapids, barber shop quartet organized and led by Len Bjella, formerly of Oelwein.

The quartet personnel entertained the crowd with a lively repertoire, quick wit, humor and fun.

Kenneth Bement of North High school was to have talked on youth's role in soil and water conservation but was unable to be present due to an athletic conflict at school.



SOIL CONSERVATION BANQUET—Over 200 invited guests gathered for the annual banquet of district soil conservationists at Fayette Monday evening. Pictured left is Lyle Jackson, district conservationist in the area and Lynn Bjella, leader of the Vigortones singing group who entertained at Monday's banquet. Bjella is a former resident of Oelwein.

Robert Cowles presented 'top farmer' award

FAYETTE—Alfred Stewart, Fayette county soil conservation district chairman, and a leader in the movement on a state and national level, was called on to announce the annual award to the outstanding farmer of 1969 by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. It was won by Robert Cowles, who lives between Ossian and West Union. This recognition was in the owner-operator category.

Stewart enlarged on the leadership of the Fayette county district whose representatives have enjoyed many awards the last few years. He traced the growth of the Conservation district here which has been in existence for 24 years.

Register's annual report

He praised the Oelwein Daily Register's publication of the soil conservation district's annual report published again this year in January and said there were a few copies left in the district office.

Earlier Lyle Jackson, master of ceremonies for the dinner meeting served to 200 people at the St. Francis Catholic church here, introduced new district commissioners elected and pointed out a progress report that "it becomes increasingly hard to secure funds from state and feder-

al for conservation. He said Congress started three years ago to "study pollution", but that progress had been slow.

Both Jackson and Stewart underscored the fact that citizens of cities and towns should be as concerned in helping the conservation program as farmers since erosion was affecting all areas. They recommended an urban representative on the commission. Stewart pointed out that a bill had passed the House called "pollution environmental preservation", something the state legislature has been working with for years but with limited success.

New commissioners

District commissioners for Fayette county are Alfred Stewart, chairman; Les Anderson, Cleve Bennett, Frank Thyer and Paul Schuchmann Jr.



Stewart

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Tree planting urged in town

Fayette Soil Conservation District and the West Union Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring spring tree planting. All county residents are encouraged to participate. Several varieties of evergreens are available to suit many planting purposes.

Plans are to order coniferous seedling transplants 9-12" in height which are 2-3 years old. All trees will be sold at the cost from the nursery. This will vary from 15-20c per tree.

The minimum order will be 10 trees. Arrangements can be made for using a tree planter on plantings of 500 trees or more. Field plantings of trees will require 500-700 trees per acre, depending on the spacing used.

Civic organizations, 4-H clubs, and school groups are especially encouraged to find areas to plant.

Trees will be available from the nursery for planting sometime from the first to third week in April. Digging time at the nursery is dependent on soil conditions. All orders for trees must be in by March 26.

Further information is available at the Chamber of Commerce office, West Union, or contact Lyle Jackson at the Fayette Soil Conservation District office, 126 South Vine St., West Union.

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George Boess, Sr. receives soil conservation honor

George Boess, Sr., rural Hawkeye, has been named by the Fayette Soil Conservation District as outstanding cooperator in association with the 1972 Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company achievement contest. Boess, who first started farming in Fayette County in 1940, has built up his farm into a large grain and livestock enterprise which he now operates with his sons, Paul, George, Jr. and Alan.

Maintaining a sound rotation, establishment of grassed water ways, and developing mutual and field tile drainage systems are just a few of the conservation practices he has applied the last several years. George recently has terraced nearly 80 acres of his cropland, making him an innovator in his community on this new phase of conservation farming. He is very well satisfied with his recent investment for soil and water control, but feels his terrace system could have been improved by having more tile intakes and taking greater care to preserve topsoil in the actual building of the terraces. George feels that the key to successful farming is good hard work and taking care of what resources you have.

The Fayette Soil Conservation Commission and staff salutes George Boess, Sr., as the 1972 outstanding District Cooperator.



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Conservation service to sponsor speech contest

Contestants are now being accepted for participation in the 1973 Soil Conservation Speech contest. The topic for this year's contest will be "Long-Range Community Benefits from Proper Land Management".

The statewide contest, which is co-sponsored on the local level by the Fayette Soil Conservation District, German Mutual Insurance Association, West Union and Farmers Mutual Insurance Association, Fayette, is open to all junior and senior high school students (grade 7 through 12) that reside in the county.

The local contest will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater, North Fayette Community High School, West Union. Prizes will be \$10, first; \$7.50, second, and \$5, third.

The winner of the local contest will advance to regional competition which will be held in June or July. Regional contest prizes will consist of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for first, second and third placings, respectively, plus the opportunity to represent the region in the state contest which will be held in September, 1973, at the Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Grinnell, co-sponsor the regional and state levels of the contest. Prizes given at the state contest will be first place, \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash. The second and third place winners will receive \$75 and \$50 in cash, respectively.

Anyone interested in entering the 1973 Soil Conservation Speech contest may obtain contest information from Fayette County Soil Conservation district office, West Union or the nearest Voc-Ag Department. The sponsors encourage all youths, whether rural or urban, to enter this very educational and rewarding contest.

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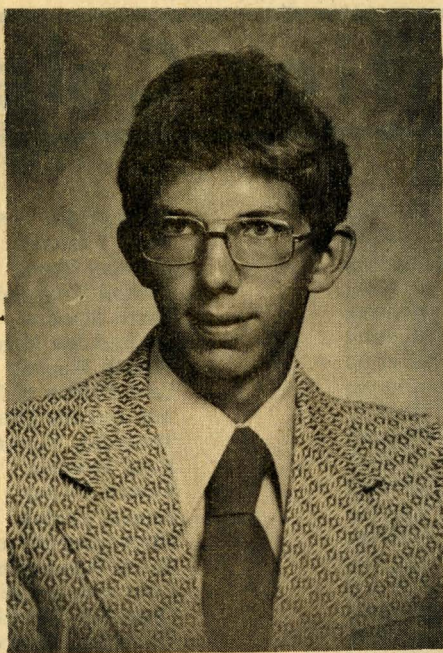
District commissioners approve soil plans

Basic Conservation plans for 11 farms and 21 Cooperator Agreements were approved at the January meeting of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, according to Frank Thyer, chairman.

The Basic Conservation plans were developed for the farms of Roger Decker, Fremont township; Alvin Andreae, Fairfield township; Daryl Humphrey, Illyria township; Jesse Holtzman, Harlan; Melvin Molokken, Dover; Don Johnson, Dover; Charles Cavaiani, Illyria; Gerald and Kenneth Vagts, Dover and Auburn; Alphonse Gossling, Dover; Louis Gremmels, Harlan, and Wayne Claassen, Illyria.

New cooperators with the District are Edward Gross, Auburn township; Harry Arthur, Center township; Max Seedorff, two farms in Fairfield; Henry Fedeler, two farms in Fairfield and Jefferson; Dean Rueber, Fremont; Victor Steege, Harlan; Dale Schrader, Harlan; Warren Soules, Putnam; Robert Bahe, Scott; James Lein, Scott; Glenn Janssen, Putnam; Doyle Wegner, Fremont; Elvin Anderson, Clermont; James Duffy, Banks; Dave Turner, Fairfield; Harvey Ungerer, Windsor; Donald Treloar, Bethel; Jack Treloar, Eden, and Jerry Brehme, Fairfield.

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... first place winner ...

Mike Murrell, a senior at North Fayette County Community School, was first place winner in the Soil Conservation Speech Contest held Thursday, March 8, in Little Theater, North Fayette High School, West Union. Speech topic was "Long-Range Community Benefits from Proper Land Management".

Murrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murrell of West Union, will represent Fayette county in the regional contest in July. He will be available to give his speech to any interested club or civic group.

German Mutual Insurance association of West Union and Farmers Mutual Insurance association of Fayette furnished the prizes. The contest was co-sponsored by the Fayette Soil Conservation District and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance company and its affiliate companies.

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County conservation award winners announced

The 1973 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards winners for Fayette Soil Conservation District have been selected.

Conservation teacher of the year, elementary division, is Marie Jacobsen of North Fayette County Community School at West Union. Her conservation activities included leadership in development of an outdoor conservation classroom, tree planting, bird habitat improvement, conservation field trips and teacher conservation education.

Soil Conservation Farmer chosen is Crayton Ash, Elgin. Soil conservation practices used include contour stripcropping, contouring, grassed waterways, terracing, and pasture management. Mr. Ash has been a soil conservation district cooperator since 1967.

District winners will enter regional competition. Regional winners will compete for state honors in each division. The Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and Iowa Farm Register.

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Conservation workshop scheduled for teachers

Three conservation education workshops will be offered for Iowa teachers this October, announces Howard Hughes, president of the Iowa Conservation Education Council. One will be held at Camp Ewalu near Strawberry Point on Oct. 5 and 6. The other two workshops will be Oct. 12 and 13 at the State 4-H Camp near Luther and at Camp Hitchcock, approximately 15 miles north of Council Bluffs. The two-day sessions are intended to give teachers first hand learning experiences in environmental studies.

Frank Thyer, chairman of the Fayette soil Conservation District, says the three workshops offer about the same material. Three locations are being offered in an effort to bring the workshops closer to home for teachers. Mr. Thyer recommends area teachers attend the workshop at Camp Ewalu.

Costs of the two-day workshop will be similar to last year's costs, estimated under \$15. Those interested should contact the district office for reservation forms or more information.

Hughes says a total of 400 teachers are expected at the three workshops. They are sponsored by ICEC, the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Department of Public Instruction, Iowa Department of Soil Conservation and the Iowa Conservation Commission.

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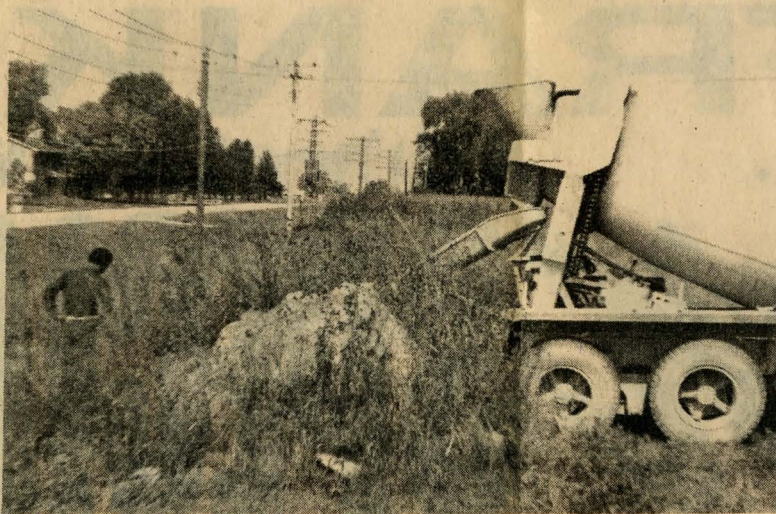
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North High Students Build Dam

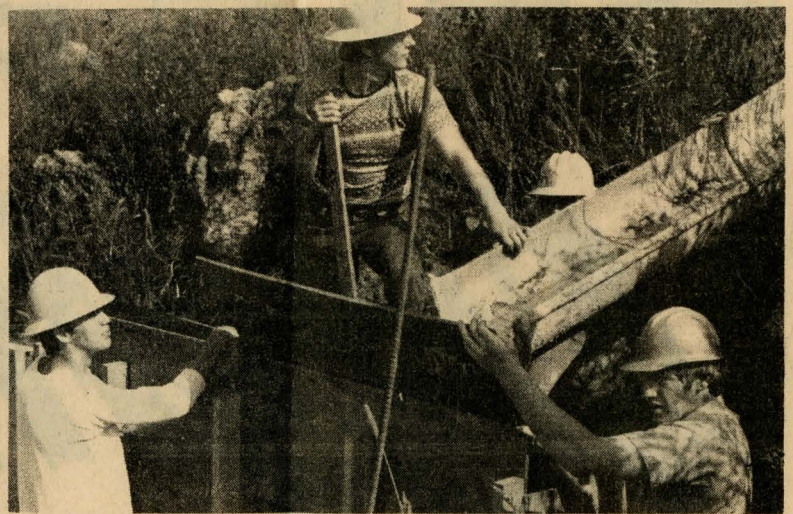


MR. BILL BAUGH, Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service, USDA makes a final check before pouring concrete dam.

Senior industrial arts students have been working on a project this fall to control soil erosion at the northwest corner of the high school campus. The project originated last spring under the direction of Bill Baugh, Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service USDA. A number of North High students have been a part of the project during its different phases.

During the original site survey, Mr. Bill

Steven's agriculture classes observed Mr. Baugh make the necessary calculations for layout and placement of the structure. In the late spring junior industrial arts students Paul Anderson, Pat Minger and Mark Perry planned and assembled in sections the plywood parts of the forms for pouring the concrete structure. Final pouring was delayed last spring because of excessive rain which also plagued the project again this fall.



FROM THE LEFT, Pat Minger, Wayne Moss, Victor Schmitz, and Gary Steffens are shown pouring the headwall.

Seniors Victor Schmitz, Gary Steffens, Wayne Moss and Pat Minger have continued the project this fall with assistance from Myron Guritz, Terry Snyder, and Marty Fisher. The concrete pouring has been completed with removal of forms. The final step to be finished before filling and final grading can take place so the structure can function as intended to control run-off.



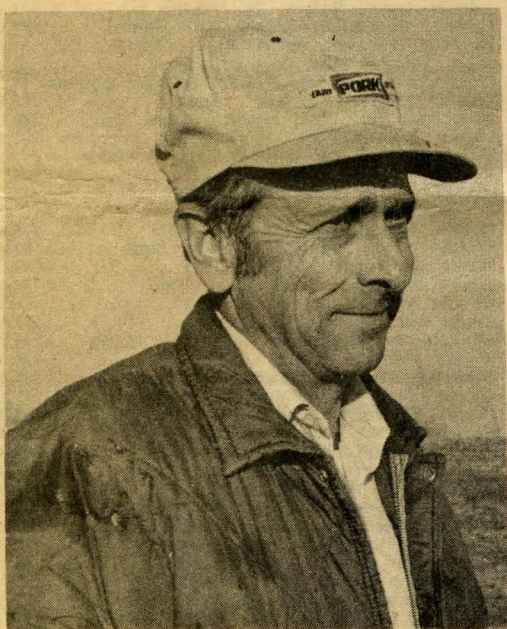
THREE TERRACES will act to slow run-off on John C. McMillan farm field seen in this aerial photo. View is to the north, with the Elgin-West Union blacktop in foreground. Area to the left in photo,

and that at far right, are scheduled for terracing next spring. McMillan expects no federal but some state aid for this soil practice.

John C. McMillan adds terraces to soil program

"I hate to see that top soil go," said John C. McMillan when The Union called at his farm on the West Union-Elgin blacktop this week. He was speaking of a project currently underway to terrace a 36-acre field along the north side of the blacktop.

Terracing has been completed on about half of the field this fall, with the balance to be done next spring. Mr. McMillan, who farms between 850 and 900 acres in partnership with his brother, Henry, Elgin postmaster, and with the help of his son, John M., is a firm believer in soil conservation. He has most of the land he farms



John C. McMillan
... terracing 36 acres ...

under soil practices. In fact, the field being terraced had been farmed on the contour.

"Contouring slows it up a lot, but we were getting wash on both sides of the waterways and felt terracing would help," Mr. McMillan said. "The problem becomes more severe when you plant continuous corn as they're doing now days."

Terraces were laid out by Bill Baugh of the Fayette County Soil office. They are approximately 120 feet apart and drains are provided above each terrace in the natural waterways to carry the water to sub-surface tile which in turn drains off into a ravine.

Mr. McMillan had the field being terraced in sweet corn this year, will probably come back with corn next spring. "There is always a possibility we might want to put it into pasture," he said. "We've gotten our herd of stock cows up to between 300 and 400 now and pasture becomes important too."

Asked if he had plans for terracing more than the 36-acres, Mr. McMillan said, "Well, this is the first. I wanted to try it to see how it went. If it goes well we'll think about more."

Actual construction work was done by Leslie Lauer, after the terraces were laid out by Mr. McMillan and Mr. Baugh.



DRAIN PIPE at right will carry excess water from above the terrace on which Mr. McMillan stands, into sub-surface tile.

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North High FFA Chapter tops in soil judging

F.F.A. Chapters from five local schools competed in the Fayette S.C.D. Soil Judging Contest held Saturday, Oct. 27, on the Alfred Stewart farm near Oelwein.

The contest consisted of five different soil type sites and a true or false quiz. Teams were composed of the four high individual winners in each chapter.

North Fayette Chapter, West Union, received first prize. Team members are listed according to score, Lee Gross, Kevin Lueder, Mark Vagts and Alan Franzen. Lee Gross was high individual winner of the contest.

Second prize went to Starmont team members, Paul Riniker, Paul Nurre, Bob Quint, and Julie Yelden.

Third prize went to Sumner team members, Dennis Winter, Les Huck, Brad Lehmkuhl and Billy Fox.

Prizes were furnished by Farm Bureau.

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Name 18 regional winners in teachers' soil conservation contest

Eighteen Iowa Teachers were named Saturday as regional winners in the teacher section of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

The winners, who will now compete for state titles, were announced by the contest co-chairmen, Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and William H. Greiner, director of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation.

Selection was based on the teachers' effectiveness in conservation education; organizing field trips; creating an awareness of conservation problems at the local, state and national levels; and motivating students to promote conservation of natural resources.

The program is sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Tribune in cooperation with state and federal conservation and education agencies.

Teachers from 42 soil conservation districts (counties) entered the contest — which is open to both parochial and public school teachers.

The teacher section of the contest consisted of two divisions: (1) kindergarten through eighth grade, and (2) grades 9-12.

Regional winners in the farmer section of the contest were announced last week.

Following are the winning teachers listed by region and division:

REGION 1, northwest

Division 1. Mrs. Mildred Moseman, South Sioux City, Neb., Lincoln School, Sioux City.
Division 2. Roger Klopp, LeMars Community School, LeMars.

REGION 2, north-central, west half

Division 1. Mrs. Irma Johnson, Emmetsburg Community School, Cylinder Attendance Center, Cylinder.



MRS. MILDRED MOSEMAN



ROGER KLOPP



MRS. IRMA JOHNSON



JAMES L. PATTON



MRS. RUTH S. LONEY



GEORGE R. DAVIS



MARIE JACOBSON



DENNIS LEE OSMUNDSON



RONALD W. PETHOUD



ELROY MAULE



MRS. SHIRLEY KESSEL



KIRK L. BRILL



LOUISE A. SCHUELER



PAUL B. SWANK



MRS. HAROLD MCKINLEY



DAVID JOHANNES



VERA BEATY



ROBERT IRVIN BIGSBY

Division 2. James L. Patton, Sac Community School, Sac City.

REGION 3, north-central, east half

Division 1. Mrs. Ruth S. Loney, Little Cedar, Lincoln Elementary School, Osage.

Division 2. George R. Davis, Reinbeck High School, Reinbeck.

REGION 4, northeast

Division 1. Marie Jacobson, West Union Elementary, North Pine Street, West Union.

Division 2. Dennis Lee Osmundson, South Winneshiek High School, Calmar.

REGION 5, west-central

Division 1. Ronald W. Pethoud, West Ridge Elementary, Harlan.

Division 2. Elroy Maule, Onawa, West Harrison High, Mondamin.

REGION 6, central

Division 1. Mrs. Shirley Kessel, Pleasantville Community School, Pleasantville.

Division 2. Kirk L. Brill, Des Moines, Southeast Polk High School, Runnells.

REGION 7, east-central

Division 1. Louise A. Schueler, Lincoln Elementary School,

Vinton.

Division 2. Paul B. Swank, Kalona, Mid-Prairie Community School, Wellman.

REGION 8, southwest

Division 1. Mrs. Harold McKinley, Clarinda Community Schools, Clarinda.

Division 2. David Johannes, Clarke Community School, Osceola.

REGION 9, southeast

Division 1. Vera Beaty, Mt. Pleasant, Lockridge School, Lockridge.

Division 2. Robert Irvin Bigsby, David County Community High School, Bloomfield.

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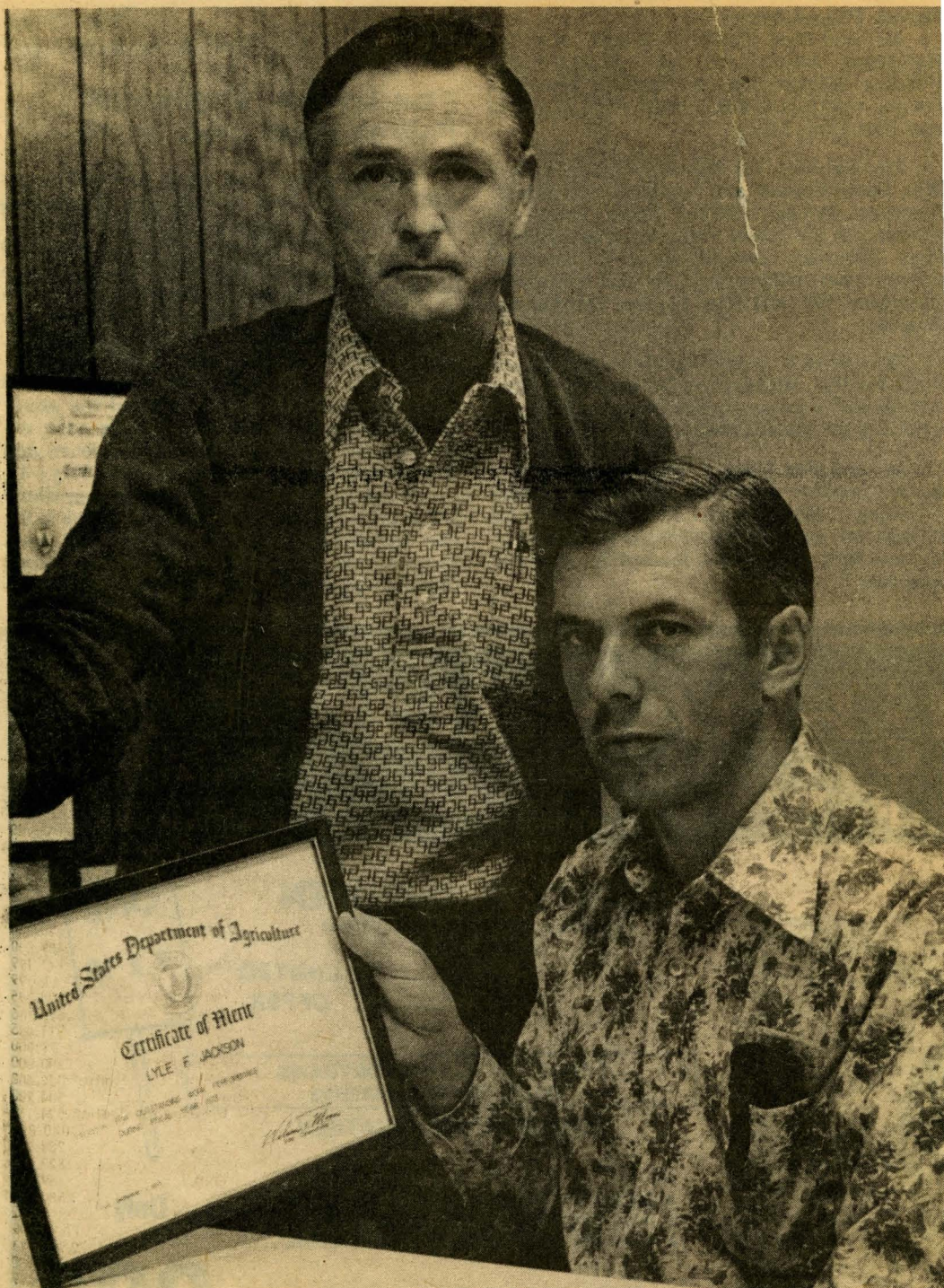
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OUTSTANDING AT WORK — A plaque for outstanding work performance during the fiscal year, 1973, was awarded last week to Lyle Jackson director of the Fayette County Soil Conservation Service, seated, by Harold Boehmer, Mason City, area conservationist, left. The document was signed by State Conservationist Wilson T. Moon. Presentation took place at the monthly meeting of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District at which time several conservation plans for district farmers were approved.

Local teacher attends Conservation Camp at UNI

CEDAR FALLS — The first session of the 23rd annual Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp was recently held at the University of Northern Iowa.

Marie Jacobsen of the North Fayette County school district participated in the session, which was held June 11-29.

During the three-week camp, the teachers learned about the state's natural resources and conservation problems by direct experience on field trips.

A major part of the course was the development of an environmental conservation education program for each teacher to use in his or her own school district.

The Conservation Camp is sponsored jointly by the State Department of Public Instruction, the State Department of Soil Conservation, the State Conservation Commission and UNI with the cooperation of many other agencies and organizations.

The second session of the Conservation Camp, which began July 9 and will conclude July 27, is being held in Burlington.

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250 attend banquet

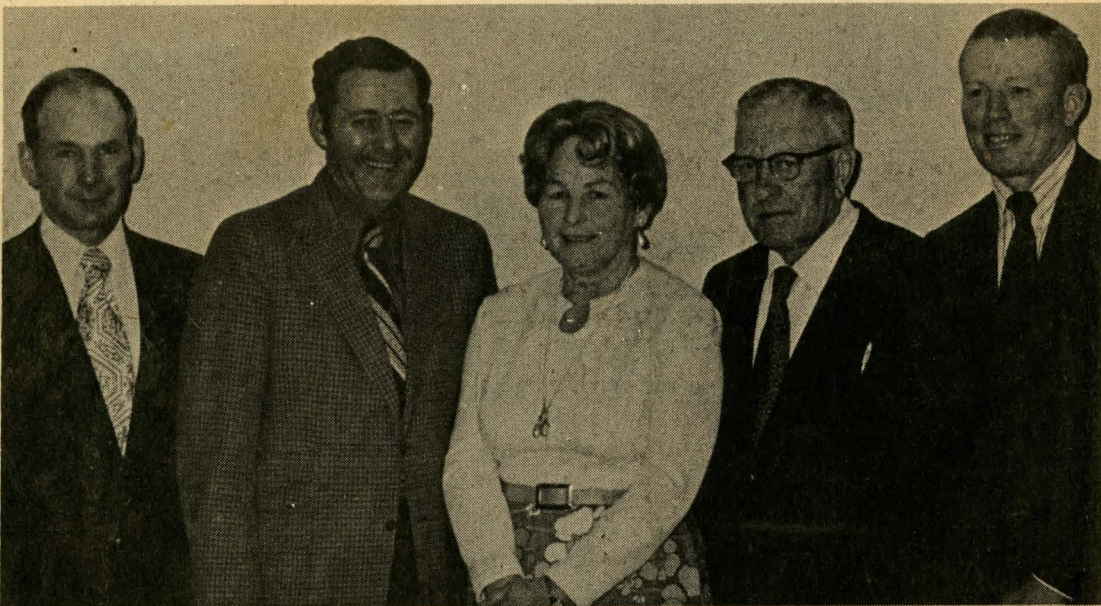
FAYETTE — About 250 persons were present for the Fayette County Soil Conservation District Cooperators' banquet, which was held at St. Francis Catholic church here Monday night.

Frank R. Thyer was re-elected to the soil conservation commission and James Stewart, rural Oelwein, was elected to fill the position vacated by Alfred Stewart, rural Oelwein, who has been on the commission since 1950. Special tribute was paid to the retiring Stewart.

Guest speaker for the event was Don Muhm, farm editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune. His talk, "Challenge to Iowa," was illustrated by a slide presentation of not only Iowa farming but also farms in other states and other countries.

Gary Bishop, a North Fayette High school student and winner of the soil conservation's essay contest, presented his winning composition to those attending. It was entitled "Land Use Policy — A Pattern for Prosperity." Lyle Jackson, district conservationist, gave the progress report for the district.

Members of the rosary society at St. Francis church served the dinner.



BANQUET CELEBRITIES — A guest speaker, electing new commissioners and honoring a retiring commissioner were all part of the activities at the Fayette County Soil Conservation District Cooperators' Banquet, which was held at St. Francis Catholic church, Fayette, Monday night. Pictured from left are: Frank R. Thyer, who was re-elected to another term as commissioner; Don Muhm, farmer editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Mrs. Alfred Stewart; Alfred Stewart, retiring commissioner; James Stewart, newly elected commissioner. (Rose Kodet photo)

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Thyer, Stewart named to Fayette County Soil Conservation commission

James Stewart, Oelwein, was named commissioner to the Fayette County Soil Conservation District at the annual banquet Monday night at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Fayette.

Stewart was elected to fill the position vacated by Alfred Stewart, who had served the soil district since 1950. Special tribute was given to Alfred Stewart for this outstanding service during the years.

Frank Thyer, Randalia, was re-elected to the soil conservation commission for another six-year term.

GARY BISHOP, North High student, winner of the soil conservation essay, presented his winning entry entitled "Land Use Policy-A Pattern for Prosperity."

Don Muhm, Des Moines Register's farm editor, was the guest speaker. His theme was the "Challenge to Iowa" and was highlighted by a slide presentation.

A crowd of over 250 attended the banquet.

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Topic announced for soil conservation speech event

"Land Use Policy — A Pattern for Prosperity" will be the topic for the 1974 Soil Conservation Speech Contest to be sponsored locally by the Fayette Soil Conservation District. The contest is open to all junior and senior high school students in the county.

The local contest will be held on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater, North Fayette Community High School, West Union. Prizes will be \$10, first; \$7.50, second, and \$5, third.

This is the first year the contest has utilized the topic, "Land Use Policy — A Pattern for Prosperity." Approximately 300 Iowa youths participated in the 1973 state-wide contest, which was won by Dan Pomeroy, Dedham.

The regional and state levels of the contest are co-sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Grinnell.

The winner of the local contest will advance to the regional competition which will be held in June or July. Regional contest prizes will consist of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for first, second and third placings, respectively.

The state contest will be held in September of 1974, at the annual conference for Soil Con-

servation District Commissioners in Fort Dodge.

The first place winner in the state contest will receive \$250 college scholarship and \$100 in cash. The second and third place awards in the state contest will consist of \$75 and \$50 in cash, respectively.

Anyone interested in entering the 1974 Soil Conservation Speech Contest may obtain contest information from the Fayette County Soil Conservation District office, West Union, or the nearest Vocational Agriculture Department. The sponsors encourage all youths, whether rural or urban, to enter this very educational and rewarding contest.

Two commissioners to be elected for six year terms in conservation district

Election of two commissioners for Fayette Soil Conservation District will be held Monday, April 1,, in conjunction with the district biennial meeting and banquet at the St. Francis Catholic Church, Fayette. Voting time will be from 6 to 8 p.m. The governing body of the district consists of five commissioners.

A term of office for a commissioner is six years. A candidate cannot submit his name as candidate in a precinct in which a commissioner already resides unless he is up for reelection. The three commissioners that will remain on the governing body are Paul Schuchmann, jr., Fairfield township, Arlington; Leslie Anderson, Clermont township, Castalia, and Cleve Bennett, Illyria township, Elgin. Frank Thyer, Center township, Randalia, will seek reelection. Alfred Stewart, Jefferson township, Oelwein, has announced he will not seek reelection.

All qualified voters residing within the district, whether living on farms or in cities and towns, are eligible for the office of commissioner and eligible to sign nominating petitions and vote in a commissioner election.

Each person nominated for the office of Soil Conservation District Commissioner must have 25 or more qualified voters sign his or her petition before they are eligible to run for the office.

Candidates themselves are not allowed to circulate petitions and certify signatures on their own petitions. Nominating petitions must be returned to the Fayette S. C. D. office at least 10 days prior to the date of election.

Anyone wishing a petition or more information can contact the Soil Conservation Service, 126 S. Vine St., West Union, Iowa 52175.

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Speaker named for banquet

Featured speaker at the biennial banquet of the Fayette Soil Conservation district will be Don Muhm, Farm Editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

The event is planned for Monday, April 1, and tickets are on sale for the 7 o'clock dinner to be served in St. Francis Catholic church at Fayette. Tickets can be obtained from the soil

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office in West Union or the district commissioners: Frank Thyer, Randalia; Cleve Bennett, Elgin; Leslie Anderson, Castalia; Paul Schuchmann, Arlington, and Alfred Stewart, Oelwein.

Mr. Muhm was born on a tenant farm in Hancock County, Iowa and graduated in agricultural-journalism from Iowa State University in 1952.

Following two years in U.S. Army Intelligence, he started his newspaper career. He has worked for four newspapers and since 1960 has been farm editor for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

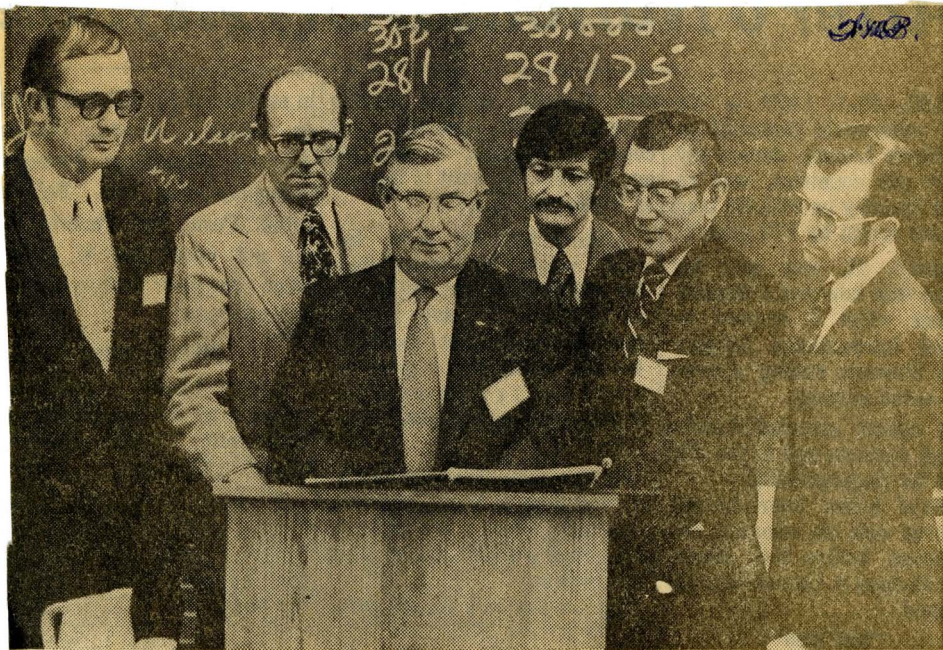
He has received several national awards for his farm news writing, and twice has been named U.S. Farm Editor of the Year by the Newspaper Farm Editors of America.

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) in Nebraska and Iowa have honored him and in 1970 he was named "Honorary American Farmer" by the National FFA.

Conservation groups have given him awards in Nebraska and Iowa. He was named Conservation Writer of the Year by the Soil Conservation Society of America in 1973.

He served as president of the Newspaper Farm Editors of America in 1970. He has made four trips overseas in connection with his work on special foreign reporting assignments.

At the banquet he will talk on "Challenge to Iowa," a 30 minute colored slide presentation focusing on the challenges and opportunities facing farm people and rural communities.



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SCSA Officers

New officers of the Iowa Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America huddle around their new president, Frederick R. Schneider of Ames. From left, the officers are Fred Higgenbottom, Bondurant, vice-president; John Highland, Ames, membership chairman; Schneider; Richard Bassett, Eldora, secretary; Minoru Amemiya, Iowa State University, past-president, Ames; and Stanley Barker, Des Moines, treasurer. The men were elected at the conservation group's annual meeting last week at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center.

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Winning speakers

CONTEST WINNERS — Alfred Stewart, Oelwein, left, Soil Conservation District Commissioner of Fayette county, is pictured presenting Gary Bishop, North High student, a \$10 check for winning first place Thursday evening in the district soil conservation speech contest. On the far right is Gary McIntyre, North High, second place winner. The event was co-sponsored by German Mutual Insurance Association of West Union and Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Fayette. Parents of the contestants are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bishop, West Union, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McIntyre, Hawkeye.



Upset with plans

Charles McBride, who farms land on both the east and west sides of the Volga River Recreation area, is visibly upset with plans proposed for park construction. He points out on the map where he previously owned farm land before he sold it to the Iowa Conservation Commission so the park could be built. The ICC told him at the time of the sale that there would always be a road through the park that he could use to get to his other farm. Present plans by the ICC call for only one road leading in and out of the park resulting in McBride and other farmers going around the park. He shows his dissatisfaction to architect Bill Ray as Mrs. McBride looks on. The McBrides were among 60 people who attended the second of three public meetings in Fayette last Thursday concerning Iowa's newest state park.

LAKE—

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You have here a precious lake and it wouldn't take long for it to silt in. There are 1,500 acres of privately owned land whose drainage flows into the lake. There is also some pollution. Lyle Jackson, West Union, is doing a soil conservation study for us."

Ray explained his cost estimates for the three master plans including the \$11 million projection. The "substantial" development would include 700 parking spaces, 300 camp sites and 48 cabins. There would be an extensive parking lot for 100 cars for winter sports such as snowmobiling. There would be a shelter house with a fireplace as well as a ski and toboggan area including a tow rope to pull skiers to the top of the course.

The \$10 million and \$7 million plans would reduce the facilities accordingly such as 600 parking spaces and 150 camp sites to only 24 cabins in plan number three. Cost of each cabin was labeled \$45,000 and Ray explained why.

"We know other states have spent from \$20,000 to \$80,000 per cabin so ours is an average one. The cost of \$45,000 may sound like quite a bit but the price includes the roads to the cabins, sewage, water, etc. Not everyone can afford a motor home and not everyone wants to camp with sand under their feet so the cabins are a good idea. We have situated the cabins near the lake and away from it. If they are built away from the lake, we could maybe put in a small pond near them so kids can drop a line in the water. Water is very important in recreation whether people want to use it themselves or just sit back and enjoy watching other people use it."

\$500,000 cost for swimming pool

All three master plans included group camps for such organizations as the Boy Scouts and 4-H. Also plugged into the costs of each plan was \$50,000 for recreational courts such as

tennis, horseshoes, shuffleboard, etc. The price tag on a swimming pool was set at \$500,000. A couple of the original plans for the park had two pools drawn in.

Ray said, "There is no reason to promote attendance to the area. It will draw by itself. Plan number one would make room for a maximum 2,800 visitors at once while plan number three would have room for 1,000. We want to arrange the park facilities to suit its traffic pattern."

Traffic coming into the park will probably use only one entrance and one entrance only according to Ray. The heaviest flow of park users will come off Highway 150 north and south and the south road at Stepp's melon stand will be the designated entrance.

"We only need one entrance into the park so all the other roads, six of them, leading into the park will be closed," Ray pointed out. "By having one road to get in and out we can keep the 'roughnecks' from tearing up the grounds. Once people get in we want a park attitude. The south road now passes right past the ranger's house and there's no better way to make visitors aware to be on good behavior. If we chose the north road access, we would have to do some road building over hills and it would cost a bundle."

The future closing of the other roads through the park upset Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBride who have farm land bordering both the east and west sides of the park and now find themselves in a position to go 14 miles out of their way to get around the park.

"Six years ago I owned farm land inside the park and sold it to the commission," fumed McBride. "They told me there would always be a road through the park for me to use to get to my other farm on the west side of the park. Therefore I bought some land on the east side, too, but now they have cut us off completely.

Promises don't mean a thing anymore I guess, especially coming from Des Moines."

McBride owns 185 acres on the east side and 142 acres of land on the west. He and his wife are among a group of farmers who now must face the dilemma of going into Fayette from a different direction.

"Some roads will be improved and some will be closed depending on how we phase in our park plans," explained Smith. "The new Lima bridge is improving the area around the park for traffic. There's too much traffic for Fayette to handle to use its road heading north into the park. County engineers have a plan to improve the road that goes past Langerman ford."

The meeting lasted for three hours and during the session the following topics were also discussed:

RECREATION DEMANDS — Northeast Iowans have listed their recreational priorities as follows: 1. Driving or riding for pleasure; 2. Picnicking; 3. Outdoor events such as fairs; 4. Hiking; 5. Fishing. Eighty-five different recreational possibilities were listed on an IBM printout sheet for the audience to examine. Among the listings were horseback riding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, boating, swimming, hunting, etc.

PLANNING — "This is the first time the commission has done this sort of detailed planning for a state park to come up with one plan," explained Smith. "These are very comprehensive reports covering everything from maps that show all the old farmsteads in the park to areas which have the best scenic and longest views."

WINTER SPORTS — Conflicts between cross-country skiers and snowmobilers were discussed. At one time last year there were as many as 100 snowmobiles in the park at one time. Ray indicated that 20 miles would be designated as snowmobile trails and representatives from a Waterloo club wanted to know why there couldn't be more and Ray said there might be. Skiers wanted peace and quiet in the woods and a conflict developed. Ray said skiers and snowmobiles might pass each other in an open field but in the hills and trees they would be completely separate for safety reasons.

HUNTING — Ray told the audience that two-thirds of the park would remain for hunting and possibly more depending upon the season of the year. A concern by fishermen and hunters alike thought areas that they have hunted and fished for many years would be developed into something different.

OTHER PARK AREAS — Fayette county has four state parks that cover 6,000 acres. There are five county parks covering 171 acres. In a 50-mile radius of the Volga River Recreation area there are 30 state parks and one national park, Effigy Mounds. The state parks amass 18,000 acres.

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NEW TERRACES — William Baugh (center), conservation technician with the Fayette County Soil Conservation Service, visits with heavy equipment operators during the construction of new broad-base terraces on the Carl and Larry Recker farm northeast of

Oelwein. The new type of terraces are constructed so crops can be grown on the sloping sides and are designed to hold water and soil much more effectively. (Susan Thomas photo)

New idea in terracing farm fields comes to Fayette county property

by Ken Schmith
Register News Editor

Soil and water conservationists have long promoted the construction of terraces in fields as a way to hold water in place — thus keeping it from rushing down the slope of a hill, carrying valuable topsoil from rich Iowa farmland with it.

Terraces are still popular and perhaps more important now than ever, but the type of terrace being constructed has begun undergoing some changes. The latest word in terracing, known as "broad-base terracing," has made its first appearance in Fayette county, according to officials of the Soil Conservation Service in West Union.

Construction of the new terraces has now been completed on a farm northeast of Oelwein, operated by Carl and Larry Recker. The Recker brothers put regular terraces, which curve around hills, on 60-70 acres of the 160-acre farm about four years ago and the new broad-base terraces were constructed to hold water on another 30 acres at this time.

The new terraces are 2½ to three feet in height, have a sloping 30-foot front and 30-foot back, according to William "Bill" Baugh, conservation technician with the SCS office in West Union.

Baugh told the REGISTER the new terraces will "minimize soil loss" by stopping up to 95 per cent of the soil washed away if they weren't there. He said standard terraces "go around the hills and the outlet is above ground in waterways." The broad-base

terraces, he said, will hold water up to 48 hours and puts the water underground where it does more good than when it is allowed to leave the field. Baugh said the water drains through an intake and out through field tile.

"Farmers are beginning to realize the value of topsoil," Baugh stated during a recent interview concerning the new broad-base terracing. The Soil Conservation Service designs the terraces, which are constructed by private contractors. Bill Granger was the contractor for the Recker terraces. The terraces are constructed with the use of graders and earth scrapers, by moving the dirt from the high spots in the field to the terrace. One of the big advantages of the new terraces is that crops can be planted on their sloping sides.

"It looks like a good idea," Larry Recker told the REGISTER after the completion of the terrace construction on the farm near here. Recker said he thinks the new method provides answers to one of the problems of terraces in the past — "You can farm both sides."

Recker said he went to a farm near Sumner (James Hartman of near Sumner put the new broad-base terraces in this spring) with Baugh to see the completed units, he and his brother, Carl, then decided to construct the broad-base type.

The two Recker brothers farm a total of 1,750 acres of land with Carl farming 1,000 and Larry having 750 acres. They use a corn-soybean rotation on most of their farmland.

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Bill Baugh transferred to Louisa County Soil Conservation district

Bill Baugh, a soil conservation technician with the Fayette County Soil service at West Union for the last seven years, reported Monday to the Louisa County Soil Service office at Wapello to which he has been transferred.

His wife and children plan to remain here

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until the end of the current semester when they will join him at Wapello.

Mr. Baugh, a veteran of about 11 years with the Soil Service, came to West Union from Northwood and had served prior to that at Otumwa.

Lyle Jackson, in charge of the local office, said that a replacement for Mr. Baugh might not be assigned here for as much as a year. "Under the present state personnel ceiling some offices have been waiting that long," Mr. Jackson said. Other personnel in the local office include Randy Tope, a part-time state aide, and the district clerk, Mrs. Newton Bauer.

Commission to let contract for Frog Hollow this winter

Iowa State Conservation Commission Director Fred A. Prievert, informed the Fayette County Soil Commissioners that, in spite of conflict in the law, it was the commission's intent to proceed with letting of construction contracts for the main dam to impound a lake in Frog Hollow this winter.

Prievert noted in his letter to Leslie Anderson, chairman of the Soil Conservation District, that Chapter 108.10 of the Iowa code requires that 75% of the watershed be under control or property owners signed up agreeing to control measures before lake construction can proceed.

Prievert then noted that the appropriations bill passed by the last legislature providing funds for construction of the lake, requires that the commission proceed with construction and have work started during fiscal 1977-78.

Prievert recognized that, according to a letter he had received from the Fayette County Soil Conservation District, land in the watershed is not at the 75% level. (Lyle Jackson, manager of the District office estimates the rate of compliance at 60%.)

Prievert wrote, "An informal discussion with a solicitor from the Attorney General's office indicates that, where there is an apparent conflict, specific law takes precedence over the general law and a new law takes precedence over an older law."

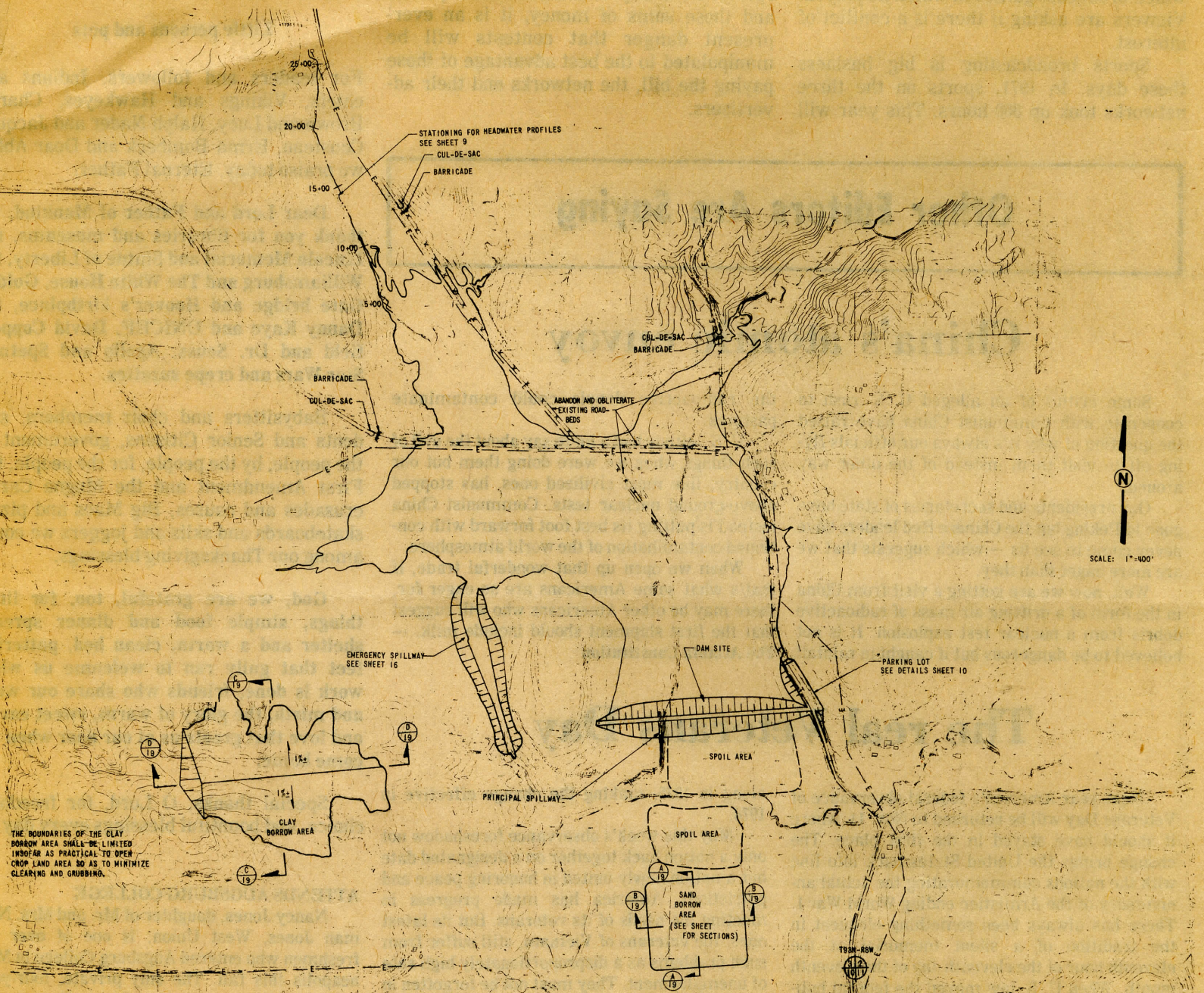
"Proceeding with construction before having the watershed under control does not appear to be practical; however, in this instance the question is moot. Given this background it is the intention of the Department to let construction contract for the main dam this coming winter," he concluded.

Earlier in the letter Prievert said that the Conservation Commission supported the proposal to raise the cost share for soil conservation practices above state lakes to 75%, rather than the usual 50%, and said that that proposal would be discussed at the Commissioner's Annual Conference in Fort Dodge this fall.

IN AN INTERVIEW in Des Moines, Prievert noted that "We had 60% or 65% of the watershed covered as it was until they (the federal government) got this idea of feeding the world."

Prievert was referring to the fence-row-to-fence-row farm policy of the previous administration and said that policy had caused some of the Volga watershed to be plowed up and to lose its protected status.

"Now we are going (back) to diverted acres. We may gain all we need without doing anything at all."



Frog Hollow Lake

Iowa State Conservation Commission's map of the proposed lake for Frog Hollow shows the main dam, spillways and borrow areas from which sand and clay will be taken to prepare the lake bed. The legislature had mandated construction on the dam to begin no later than June 30, 1978.

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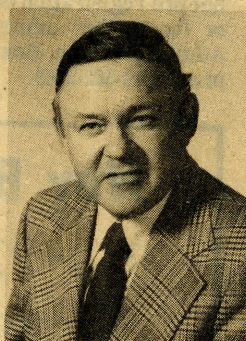
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Climatology expert named speaker for cooperators' annual banquet at Fayette

Robert Shaw, Professor of Agricultural Climatology at Iowa State University, will be featured speaker at Fayette Soil Conservation district's cooperator banquet Monday, April 11. The event takes place at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Catholic church, Fayette.

Dr. Shaw received his college training at Boone Junior College and Iowa State University. He is in charge of research and teaching

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program in Agricultural Climatology and actively involved in training graduate students.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, American Meteorological Society and the American Association for Advancement of Science as well as several honorary societies.

He was a consultant to the Presidential Advisory committee on Weather Control and has been involved with several National Research Council committees, the most recent one was related to climate change and agricultural production. He has been active in working groups of the World Meteorological organization. Currently he is involved in a committee which is evaluating the National Atmospheric and Space Administration Climate plan. His publications number well over 100 and has been editor of two books.

Tickets for this event are \$4 each. Persons wishing to attend should buy tickets in advance as only a limited number will be available at the door.

Tickets are available at the office in West Union or from any of the district commissioners, Leslie Anderson, Castalia; George Halstead, West Union; Paul Schuchmann, jr., Arlington; James Stewart, Oelwein, and Frank Thyer, Randalia.

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Top windbreak

Shown in front of their prize-winning grove, recently entered in the Fayette County Walton League Windbreak contest are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rueber, Arlington. Presenting the plaque to them is Paul Schuchmann, Arlington, chairman of the Soil Conservation Service. It reads, "The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League of American defenders of Soil, Woods, Waters, Air and Wildlife, 1977, Fayette county S.C.D. Windbreak Award presented to Doug Rueber in recognition of an exemplary windbreak planting program that is helping to conserve American's natural resources. David Wright, division president and Robert C. Russell, Division executive secretary". The windbreak which consists of honeysuckle, arbor vitae and Black Hills Spruce was planted in 1970.

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Soil district official objects to withdrawing water

In a letter addressed to the Iowa National Resources Council, Paul Schuchmann, jr., chairman of the Fayette Soil Conservation District, lodged a protest against using water for irrigation purposes. The letter was dated to reach the council in time to be read prior to hearings Wednesday of 10 Fayette county applicants for irrigation permits. (Story in last week's Union.)

Schuchmann told the council that the Fayette County Soil District commissioners believe that water is a limited resource and only essential uses should be allowed.

In addition to their objections against irrigation, the commissioners opposed extravagant use of water in cities and towns, such as watering of lawns, and proposed restrictions there as well.

Schuchman said comments made to the commissioners would indicate a large majority of Fayette county residents oppose irrigation from wells and other bodies of water and went on to say, "The commissioners regard our water supplies as a natural resource having public ownership. Irrigation. . . would benefit a few but not be consistent with the public's welfare.

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Legislature holds 'purse strings' in Volga Lake park development

Swimming questioned after lake called 'oversized farm pond'

The second of three public meetings concerning the Volga River Recreation area was held at Colgrove-Walker hall in Fayette Thursday evening. An estimated 60 people attended the meeting, less than half the 150 total that attended the first meeting in April. A third and final chance for public input into the state park is planned for mid-August.

Ken Smith, Des Moines, a master planner with the Iowa Conservation Commission and coordinator of the lake and park project, told the audience that the 130-acre Frog Hollow Lake was 50 per cent complete with work on its clay liner. Smith expected some sort of use of the lake next spring indicating the presence of a parking lot and boat docks. Smith said if it rains there should be water in the lake which will be 22 feet at its deepest point.

The walls of Colgrove-Walker hall were lined with no less than two dozen maps of the park including diagrams from everything to an extensive development such as Disneyland to vegetation growth of the park. All the diagrams were condensed into four master plans in front of the meeting room where a team of architects explained the planning and reasoning. The team included Dale Dahlquist, a design collaborator from Ames, and Bill Ray, Louisville, KY, a landscape architect from Miller & Wihrey & Lee, Inc.

RAY PRESENTED THREE PLANS to the gathering for the 5,324-acre park. Cost estimates in 1979 dollars ranged from \$11 million to \$7 million for work to cover a 20-year period. He expected it would take five years to get the initial facilities before expansion would take place.

"Our timetable depends upon the Iowa fighting about communication, considera-

have. The General Assembly's record isn't very good when it comes to park projects. It could take 10 years to get a plan funded."

Avenson has been a strong advocate of the lake which was first planned 15 years ago by Eugene Garbee, then president of Upper Iowa University, and Gene Hervey, president of the Fayette bank. Northeast Iowa and the two men watched a huge lake that would have had its shores bordering Fayette shrink into a smaller lake, then to five separate lakes to just one lake that Ray called an "oversized farm pond" during the Thursday meeting.

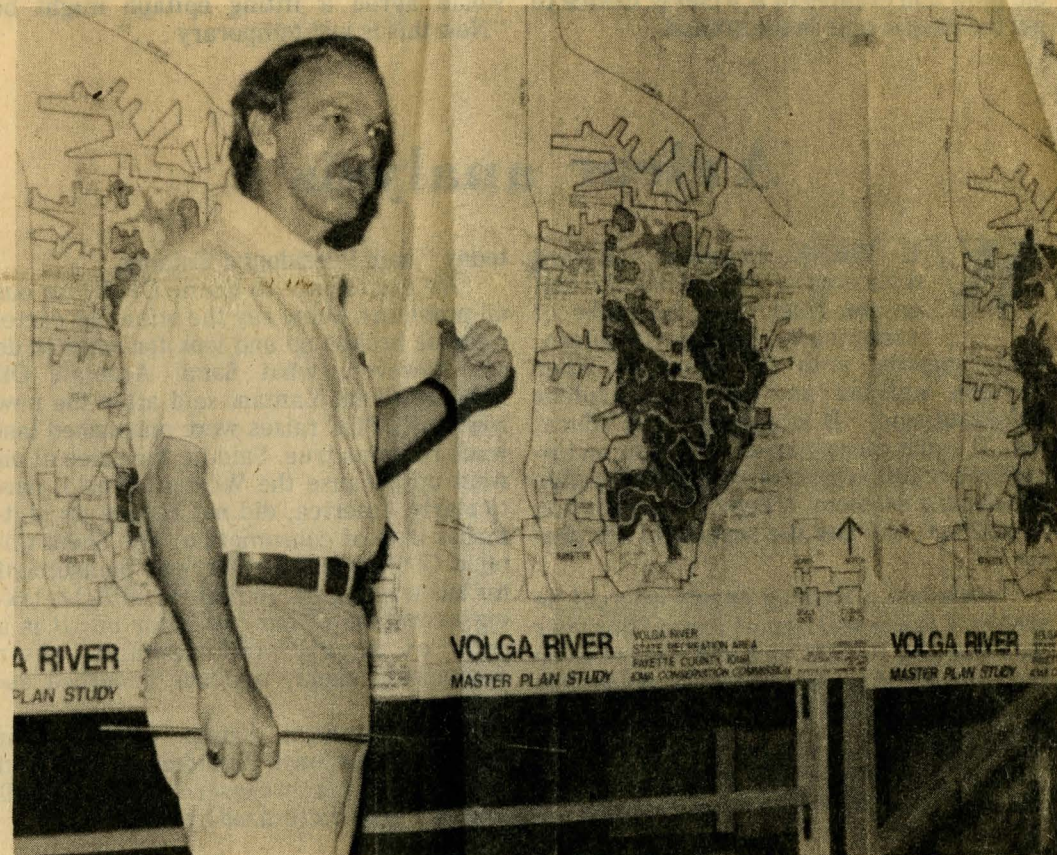
The "oversized farm pond" tag was in reference to a question raised about swimming in the lake which will be about the size of the lake at nearby Backbone State park, Iowa's first state park, in Strawberry Point. Chuck Heying, West Union, noticed on the three master plans that swimming was not indicated on either of the three schemes and asked Ray why.

"We think you will be able to swim in the lake but we will recommend to the commission to go back to their engineers and make further tests because the protection of the clay liner is important. You have to remember that twice as much beach area is needed as swimming area. Also remember that a suitable road has to be built to get people to the lake and beach. Right now the best possible beach area is on the west side. We will do further studies of the area and possibly, if people definitely want swimming, we might put in a swimming pool. We have already tested for swimming pool sites."

Ray added, "We also question whether or not boats will tear up the lake bottom. We have to take into consideration boating, the fish in the lake, and swimmers. Remember fish need a balance of oxygen in the summer and winter."

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Swimming in lake?

Architect Bill Ray explains master plans for the Volga River Recreation area to audience at Colgrove-Walker hall in Fayette Thursday night. Final plans did not indicate swimming in the lake as Ray told the gathering that the lake was an "oversized farm pond" and he was recommending that further tests be made to make sure swimming will not harm the lake's clay bottom. Ray later indicated that he hoped a swimming beach could be provided even though it wasn't drawn in on the plans.

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Retired soil commissioner honored at dinner recently

A surprise supper was held Saturday evening, March 10 at the Welcome Inn, Arlington, to honor retiring Fayette Soil Conservation District Commissioner Paul Schuchmann, jr., of Arlington. During his 12 year tenure, Schuchmann served three years as assistant commissioner and nine years as commissioner. He was chairman in 1970, 1971, 1977 and 1978. He served as PC&D representative and was a member of the county Land Preser-



Paul Schuchmann, Jr.

vation Policy Commission. He currently is still serving on the county zoning commission. A desk pen set was presented to Schuchmann by Commissioner Frank Thyer.

Those in attendance were Mrs. Schuchmann, Commissioner James Stewart of Oelwein, Commissioner and Mrs. James Burrack of Arlington, Commissioner and Mrs. Frank Thyer of Randalia, Commissioner and Mrs. Leslie Anderson of Castalia, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bauer of Hawkeye, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Diebrecht of Clermont, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jackson of West Union.

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Meetings to introduce soil survey planned

Seven meetings have been scheduled to introduce the newly released and long-awaited Fayette county soil survey to the general public.

Fayette County Soil Conservationist Lyle Jackson and Fayette County Extension Director Dan Burkhart will be offering free copies of the survey to all comers at the meeting.

The survey, which costs an estimated \$15,000 a township to produce, carries a nominal value of \$105 per copy, but is distributed free. "They are worth a great deal more than that to the farmer who puts them to intelligent use, however," Burkhart and Jackson said. "Crammed with useful information about the county, including detailed soil-type maps of every farm, they are a priceless tool to wise land use."

The county currently has 1,500 books to distribute and has asked Congressman Tom Tauke for a like number from his allocation. "We want to get as wide a distribution of the survey as possible," the two men agree.

The survey was first introduced at a public meeting on the Upper Iowa University campus Monday night. Burkhart served as master of ceremonies for the session which included talks by Charles Cobb, assistant state conser-

vationist, Des Moines; William McGill, field representative of the Iowa department, Des Moines; Walter Hagen, chairman of the state committee, Waterville, and Gerald Miller, agronomist from Ames.

Other speakers included Mr. Jackson, Wayne Dietz, Dubuque area extension soil, water and waste management specialist, and Dale Hyman, Hawkeye, Fayette County Deputy Assessor.

The survey was made possible by the 10-year task of mapping and identifying all of Fayette county's various soil types. Included were 728 square miles or 465,920 acres. Joining in the task were the Fayette County Soil Conservation District, and the Fayette County Board of Supervisors.

Basis of the survey are aerial photos taken in 1974 with soil types identified on each of the 105 mapping sheets. The soils are named and classified according to a nationwide uniform procedure. Also included are tables of predicted yields per acre of principal crops under high

levels of management for each type of soil. A corn suitability rating, which ranks the potential yield production of different soils against each other, has been added as a supplement to the report.

THE SEVEN MEETINGS at which the survey will be distributed are as follows:

March 28 — Valley Co-op meeting room, Clermont, 1:15 p.m.

March 28 — Little Theater, North High school, West Union, 8 p.m.

March 29 — Maynard Community hall, 1:15 p.m.

March 29 — Elementary school, Hawkeye, 8 p.m.

April 2 — Oelwein Chamber of Commerce, 1:15 p.m.

April 2 — Starmont High school cafeteria, 8 p.m.

April 3 — Fayette County Extension office, Fayette, 8 p.m.

In addition a workshop for non-agricultural users is scheduled for 1:15 p.m., April 5, at the Fayette County Extension office.

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Soil survey

Lyle Jackson, left, and Dan Burkhart, display the newly-released Fayette county soil survey which will be distributed at seven open meetings within the next three weeks.

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SOIL SURVEY — A special showing was held Monday afternoon at Upper Iowa University in Fayette. The new Fayette County soil survey was presented at a two hour program. After many years of work (mapping first began in 1962), the survey is now ready for distribution. Among those speaking on the program were, left to right, William McGill, Des Moines, field representative of the Iowa State Department of Soil Conservation; Walter Hagen, Waterville, chairman of the state Soil Conservation Committee; Charles Cobb, Des Moines, assistant state conservationist for the Soil Con-

servation Service; Gerald Miller, Ames, extension agronomist at Iowa State University; Ron Kuehl, Forest City, party leader for the Soil Conservation Service; Dale Hyman, Hawkeye, Fayette County deputy assessor; and standing between Cobb and Miller is Wayne Dietz, Dubuque, northeast Iowa extension soil, water, and waste management specialist. Workshops are scheduled to introduce the soil survey report to farmers, land developers, engineers, and others interested. See page three for accompanying story. (Photo by Solveig Larson)

Conservation compliance - what will it mean?

By JERRY MUFF
District Conservationist
Soil Conservation Service

WEST UNION — The conservation compliance provision is the most important piece of soil conservation legislation passed in the last 50 years. This is because it requires conservation treatment on all cropland fields that are

considered highly erodible. It is estimated that Fayette County has approximately 150,000-200,000 acres that are highly erodible.

Conservation compliance means many things to many people. To farmers it means having a conservation plan developed by 1990 and implementing it by 1995.

To many who farm highly erodible land (ELH), it will

mean that conservation in some form will need to be applied in order to remain eligible for USDA farm program benefits.

No till, ridge till, or some other form of conservation tillage may be necessary. Perhaps contouring or contour strip cropping may be the alternative selected by the farmer. It is obvious that the farmers who need to make the

most dramatic changes are the ones who would benefit the most by having their conservation plan soon. For instance, those who will need to change field boundaries to begin strip cropping or those who require a dramatic change of tillage (e.g., to no till) will require more time to work into their new system.

To Soil Conservation Service personnel, this provision

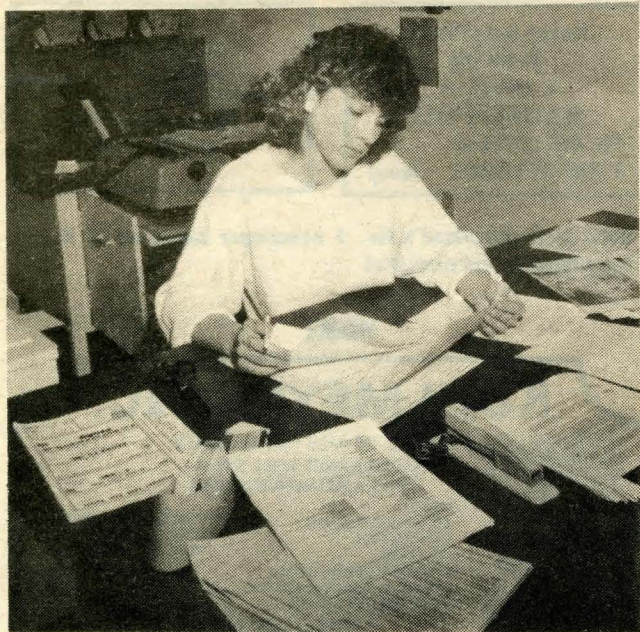
means a huge workload with little time left to compete it. To get this job done within the designated time frame requires that we set new priorities, which unfortunately involves halting unrelated activities or services which the public has received from us in the past. Because intense scheduling has begun, we may

not be as free to accept unscheduled office visits as we have in the past. Hopefully, as the planning workload winds down, we will be able to resume the previous services.

And finally, to the general public and future generations it may mean that our soil and related resources will be around to time to come.



District conservationist Jerry Muff at his desk at the Fayette County Soil Conservation Service district office. (Photo by Cathy Kittelson)



Lori Kohlmeier is clerk-secretary for the Soil Conservation District office. (Photo by Cathy Kittelson)

AC practices

Listed below are the ACP practices for 1988. If you are interested in any of these practices please apply at the Fayette County ASCS Office in Fayette. Funds are limited, please apply as soon as possible.

1988 ACP COST SHARE RATES:

SL-1 — Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment, Cost Share Level and Limits, 75 percent; SL-2 — Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement, 75 percent; SL-3 — Strip-Cropping Systems, \$15.00/acre; SL-4 — Terrace Systems, 60 percent; SL-5 — Diversions, 60 percent; SL-7 — Field Windbreak Restoration or Establishment, 75 percent \$10.00/tree, \$8.00/rod (fencing if required), \$.75 shrub; SL-9 — Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreak - 75 percent - \$10.00/Tree, \$.75/shrub; SL-13 — Contour Farming, \$6.00/acre; SL-15 — No-Till Systems, \$10.00/acre.

WC-1 — Water Impoundment Reservoirs, 75 percent; WP-1 — Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structures, 75 percent; WP-3 — Sod Water Ways, 75 percent; FR-1 — Forest Tree Plantations, 60 percent; FR-2 — Forest Tree Stand Improvement, 60 percent; WL-1 — Permanent Wildlife Habitat, 75 percent; WL-2 — Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife, 75 percent.

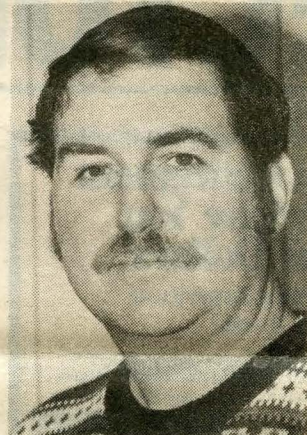
ACP limitation per year per producer is: \$3,500.00.

CRP options

by ART ROSELAND,
Wildlife Biologist, DNR

Most acres enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) "go-in" as complete units of highly erodible fields, or even all lands that qualify on a farm unit. CRP though, could well be an efficient management tool for farmers who want to continue cropping at near maximum levels. Options under Conservation Compliance, for example, might be improved by selective use of CRP on limited acreage.

Consider the following applications of CRP. They may work for you.



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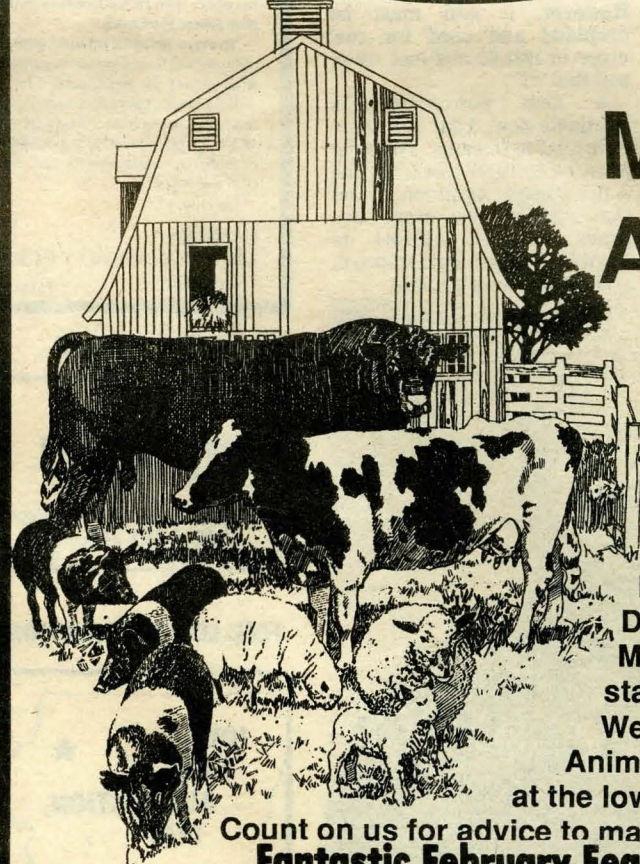
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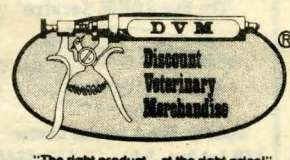
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West Union Policeman Marty Fisher surveys damage done to the office of the Fayette County Conservation Commission on South Vine street when an automobile driven by Jeffrey Alan Molokken, 22, West Union, plowed into it early Friday morning. Molokken managed to back the car out of the building and got it as far south as the H and H building where it stalled. He was charged with OMVUI.



No-till day

No-till field day will be held at the Fayette County Care Facility on Friday, June 27, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Second field day will be held on the Louis Christen farm near Wadena on July 1. Checking the progress in the no-till plot near West Union are, left to right, Jerry Muff, Fayette County Soil Conservation director; Ken Miller, area farmer; Dan Burkhart, Fayette County Extension director, and Dennis Lueder. Both Lueder and Miller planted a number of no-till acres.