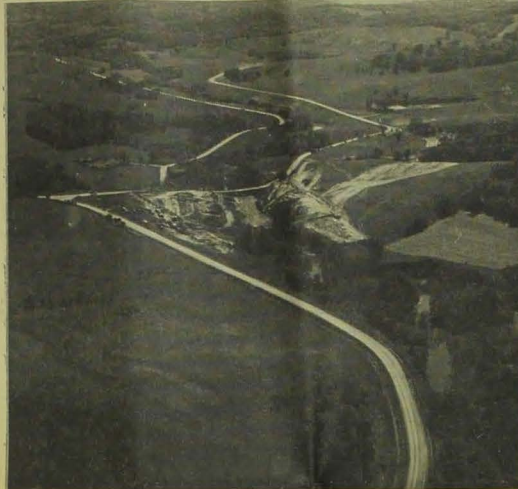


Mills County Soil & Water Conservation District

Report for Fiscal Year 1966-67

forward.....



Pony Creek Construction — This is one of the county road structures now being built in the Pony Creek watershed. Pony Creek road is in the foreground with the view facing southwest. The road going west toward the Dennis Downing corner will cross a dam over Pony Creek. This particular structure is known as "Site 19".

Progress Made On Watershed Projects

PONY CREEK

After a year's absence of construction activity in the Pony Creek Watershed, the wheels of progress are again on the move. The Mills County Board of Supervisors recently awarded a contract to the McLaren Construction Company of Shenandoah for the completion of three road structures at sites 8a, 10 and 16. Work is now in progress on this contract.

The Mills County Soil Conservation District received bids June 1st for construction of the structure at site 9 located on the Martin Elinm farm. Apparent low bidder was Paul Hoyt of Missouri Valley with a bid of \$33,990.50. Work is expected to begin on this structure within the next 30 days.

Remaining to be completed will be the large 85-acre lake at site 21, a small road structure at the head of the Pony Creek Drainage ditch and dredging of the ditch itself. It is hoped that the remaining work can be completed within the next two years, which will finish the watershed project a year ahead of schedule.

WAUBONISSE CREEK

By Raymond Yates, Chairman

It may seem that the melon has died on the vine in the Waubonisse Creek Watershed but now is the time when patience is needed.

Since the board's meeting at Tabor on March 21, the Soil Conservation Service has submitted a Work Plan for approval and the Soil Conservation District has requested assistance through the State Attorney-General's Office for assistance in establishing a Sub-District for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the watershed. These things just take time.

As soon as legal counsel is obtained, petitions will be circulated to landowners for their signatures. Sixty-five per cent of the landowners in the watershed must sign the petition requesting a Sub-District before it can be formed.

In the waiting hours we can get some of the needed conservation practices applied to the land. Some of the areas above the proposed structures will require a great deal of terracing and land treatment before the structures can be built. Public Law 566 states that 75 per cent of the needed land treatment must be applied above each structure site before construction can begin. P.L. 566 also states that we must have 50 per cent of the land in the watershed under Conservation Farm Plans. David Breitbach of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service said that we are in real good shape as far as plans are concerned.

While the necessary preliminary work is being completed would be a good time to get the needed land treatment done and out of the way. I think that most of you realize that you can obtain Government Cost Sharing most of the needed practices.

You are probably wondering, as I was, just what all will be required of us before construction actually begins. Keith Glandon of the Soil Conservation Service explained it to me this way. First will be to establish a Sub-District as I explained above; next will be the needed land treatment, and then before construction begins, landowners will need to donate easements for the construction work and impoundment of water.

Again I would like to point out that the land treatment is the biggest job we have remaining to do. The speed of progress will depend mostly upon just how fast we do our part.

Other members of the Watershed Board are Harold Tackett, Ben Jackson, Carl Lorimer and Morris Bateman.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District Cooperators	Unit
Basic Plans	No. 67
Revisions	No. 68
Planned Cooperator Contracts	No. 13
Contouring	Ac. 284
Terrace	Ac. 230.90
Field Drainage Ditch	Ft. 669.023
Tile	Ft. 42,718
Diversion	Ft. 71,057
Structures	Ft. 4,000
Water Development	No. 5
Landowners and Operators applying one or more practices	No. 56.7
Demonstrations, tours, meetings	No. 244
Estimated	No. 5

Soil Conservation in Mills County seems to be entering a new and much more comprehensive phase in 1967. This is indicated by the many requests received by the District from non-farm organizations.

The need for more and better soils information heads the list. Housing developers are asking for information on desirable building sites. Other organizations such as School Boards, County Conservation Boards, pipeline companies, highway departments, telephone companies and real estate brokers are seeking information for the purpose of making long-term plans. One carpet manufacturer is even looking at soil colors in various areas so that carpets can be dyed to show less soil.

Standard soil surveys are very useful in such planning, as well as being the best known resource for tax evaluation on agricultural land. It is the hope of the District Commissioners that Mills County will complete negotiations for such a survey in the near future.

Soil Conservation Districts are no longer able to restrict their activities solely to the problems of the farm. They are being drawn into the problems concerning and affecting everyone such as water supplies and pollution, recreation area development and erosion, flood, and sediment problems in cities and urban areas. Because of this

changing emphasis, the name of our District has been changed to the Mills County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Those of us connected with the District are pleased with the Conservation progress during the past eighteen months. The record proves again that the farmers are progressive and conservation minded and eager to do the best job.

Progress in the Pony Creek and Waubonisse Creek Watersheds, listed elsewhere in our report, reflects many hours of donated time by dedicated individuals.

The Mills County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners are grateful for the excellent cooperation of the churches and schools of the county. Also to the Mills County Extension Service, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Malvern Leader and Glenwood Opinion-Tribune, the Mills County Board of Supervisors, the banks, service clubs and the many individuals and organizations who donated much of their time in helping us carry out a successful Soil and Water Conservation Program.

The Mills County Soil Conservation District Commissioners

District Activities

1966-1967

The following are some of the highlights of the District program throughout the past 18 months. During this time, the Commissioners have held regular monthly meetings to conduct District business.

JANUARY, 1966—

- a) Paid membership to Soil Conservation Society of America.
- b) Also paid dues, in full, to State and National Association of Conservation Districts.

FEBRUARY, 1966—

- a) Published 25th anniversary annual report
- b) Made final inspection of part IV of the Pony Creek Watershed.

MARCH, 1966—

- a) Held a meeting for Mills County Contractors to explain various phases of the Conservation program.

MAY, 1966—

- a) Welcomed Mr. Dan Holmes as the new Area Conservationist at Shenandoah.

JUNE, 1966—

- a) District cooperated in the Neighborhood Youth Corps. Work was provided for two boys and one girl.
- b) 120 Girl Scouts were conducted on a Conservation Field Trip during their day camp.

Soil Conservation Week was observed by special issues of the Malvern Leader and Glenwood Opinion-Tribune.

JULY, 1966—

- a) District ordered a complete set of "America The Beautiful" pictures for display.
- b) Dale Stephens began work in the District as a Farm Planners Aid.

AUGUST, 1966—

- a) Gene Green was appointed District Commissioner to fill one year of the unexpired term of Dale Lincoln (deceased).

SEPTEMBER, 1966—

- a) Held the annual inspection of the Pony Creek Watershed structures.

OCTOBER, 1966—

- a) Myron Jones, Commissioner, attended the annual conference for Commissioners at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- b) The Mills County Soil Conservation District was presented with a 25-year certificate by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

NOVEMBER, 1966—

- a) The preliminary surveys in the Waubonisse Creek Watershed were completed.

JANUARY, 1967—

- a) The District sponsored a county-wide poster contest for 5-6 and 7-8 graders. \$65 in prizes were awarded.
- b) District paid their dues to the State and National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Also to the Soil Conservation Society of America.
- c) Albert Washburn, Commissioner, attended the annual Commissioner Short Course at Ames, Iowa.

MARCH, 1967—

- a) A meeting was held at Tabor, Iowa, to discuss the proposed Waubonisse Creek Watershed Work Plan with the landowners.
- b) Myron Jones, Commissioner, was appointed contracting officer and Alex Christensen was appointed contracting officer for the Pony Creek Watershed.

APRIL, 1967—

- a) The District furnished Soil Stewardship materials to many of the churches in the county for use during Soil Stewardship Week.
- b) Jim Boldra was employed to assist the Work Unit Staff during the absence of Dale Stephens.

MAY, 1967—

- a) Awards were made to 26 winners in the District Youth Corps program by employing one boy.
- b) Cleta Salvers accepted a scholarship from the District to attend the Teachers Camp at Springbrook State Park.
- c) The Work Unit Staff received a "Sustained Above Average Work Performance" award.

JUNE, 1967—

- a) The District is cooperating in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program by employing one boy.
- b) Dennis Bryant joined our staff during the summer months as a student trainee.

CHANGE TO FISCAL YEAR

NOTE: The Mills County Soil Conservation District will be printing their annual report on a fiscal year basis instead of the regular calendar year. For this reason, this year's report covers an 18-month period from January 1, 1966, to June 30, 1967.

Personnel

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Albert Washburn	Chairman
Myron Jones	Commissioner
Carl Green	Commissioner
Rew Burgoon	Asst. Commissioner

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

PERSONNEL	
Keith Glandon	Work Unit Conservationist
David Breitbach	Soil Conservationist
Leo Van Fossen	Conservation Technician
Gerald Hoover	Conservation Technician
Dale Stephens	Conservation Technician

STATE PERSONNEL

Edith Powles	Secretary, until Jan. 1, 1967
Ruth Stevens	Secretary
Jim Boldra	State Aid

AREA S.C.S. PERSONNEL ASSISTING

Dan Holmes	Area Conservationist
Blanche Oline	Area Clerk
Phillip Clark	Area Clerk
Scott Scientist	Area Engineer
Lewis Clark	Area Engineer
Howard Hall	Area Engineer

INTRODUCING



DENNIS BRYANT

Dennis will be working for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Mills county during this summer as a student trainee. His main duties will be learning the functions of the Service and how the Service can best assist the farmer.

He is no stranger to the farm, being raised on one near Stanton, Iowa. He graduated from Stanton High School where he was a member of the F.F.A. two years and a member of the 4-H nine years (serving as president one year). He attended Clarinda Community College two years before entering Iowa State University at Ames where he is presently a senior in Agronomy.

Dennis has also worked with the Iowa State Highway Commission and Iowa State Soil Testing Laboratory. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bryant of rural Stanton.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

1966-1967 STATE BUDGET

The District Commissioners wish to thank our state representatives, State Soil Conservation Committee and landowners who have shown their confidence in Soil and Water Conservation work by making funds available to help carry out our District program.

1-M Fund	
Office Supplies	\$ 181.70
Commissioners' Expenses	251.84
Printing	100.00
Demonstration Materials	30.00
Contest (prizes)	63.00
Office Expense	67.63
Meeting Expense	3.93
2-M Fund	
Technical Assistance	\$3,217.12
Clerical Assistance	4,324.38
State Retirement	270.97
Federal Retirement	329.71
Total Disbursed (18 months)	\$9,061.85

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1966 (Malvern Bank)	\$ 990.20
Time Certificate (Minneapolis Bank)	400.00
Time Certificate (Malvern Bank)	400.00
Landowner Contributions	754.80
Reimbursements I.M. Fund	202.23
Interest on time certificates	32.00

Total cash on hand and receipts	\$2,879.83
DISBURSEMENTS	
Office supplies, postage, equipment	\$ 256.47
Dues, subscriptions, donations	24.00
Contest prizes, tuition	413.30
Field supplies and equipment	88.17
Printing, bulletins, booklets	63.20
Pony Creek expense	65.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,122.94
Time Certificate (Malvern Bank)	400.00
Time Certificate (Minneapolis Bank)	400.00
Balance cash on hand June 15, 1967	\$95.79
Total	\$2,879.83

Area Projects For 1968

The Shenandoah area office of the Soil Conservation Service is planning \$700,000 of watershed construction in fiscal year 1968. The 1968 fiscal year starts July 1, 1967, and ends June 30, 1968.

The work will be in six PL 566 watersheds in the 10-county area. The engineering personnel in the Shenandoah area office and the Creston sub-office are responsible for survey, design and construction supervision of the work.

PL 566 watersheds are local projects with federal assistance. Projects include erosion control, flood control, drainage, recreation developments and municipal water supply. The planned work is as listed below:

1. **Pony Creek Watershed** has an area of 20,000 acres. Twelve thousand acres lie in the hills, north and west of Glenwood. Eight thousand acres are on the Missouri River bottom. Work planned for the spring of 1968 is one flood control structure and 4½ miles of channel improvement across the Missouri River bottoms.
2. **Pierce Creek No. 1 Watershed** has an area of 3,812 acres. It is located north of Shenandoah on the north side of the Nishnabotna River. Plans are underway for the building of four fully control dams in the fall of 1967 and spring of 1968.
3. **West Douglas Watershed** lies in Adams county. The drainage area is 6,370 acres. There are 15 erosion control dams located in the watershed. They will all be built in the fall of 1967 and spring of 1968.
4. **Walters Creek Watershed** is also located in Adams county. It has an area of 21,260 acres. Construction planned for the spring of 1968 is nine erosion control dams. Four of these will reduce sediment delivery to the main watershed dam.
5. **Three Mile Creek** is the newest watershed in the area approved for construction. It covers 37,320 acres in Union and Adams counties. The first construction is scheduled for the spring of 1968. This contract will be for six gully control dams. Future construction will include a flood control dam with a 125-acre lake.
6. **Blackhawk Watershed** covers 18,720 acres and lies in the south-east corner of Taylor county near the town of Blackton. The first one-third of the project was built in 1966. This consisted of nine erosion control dams, one flood control dam and one erosion control dam on a county road. The second one-third will be built in 1968 consisting of nine erosion control dams.

The Soil Conservation Service personnel in the engineering of these are: Shenandoah—Howard Hall, area engineer; Don Peterson, agricultural engineer; Charles Steller, construction inspector; Bryce Johnson and Keith McCall, engineering technicians; Rodney Martin and Grind Stevens, engineering aids; Creston—Keith Reeder, agricultural engineer; Kenneth Meyer, Don Jernan and Tam Braymen, engineering technicians.

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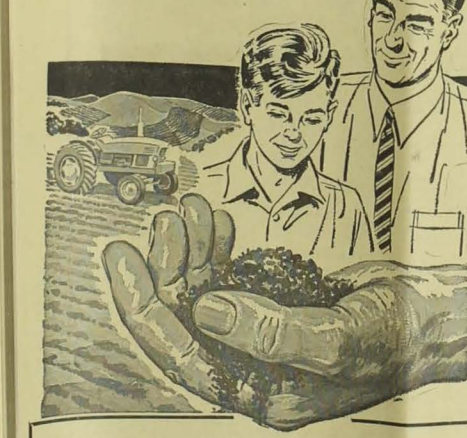
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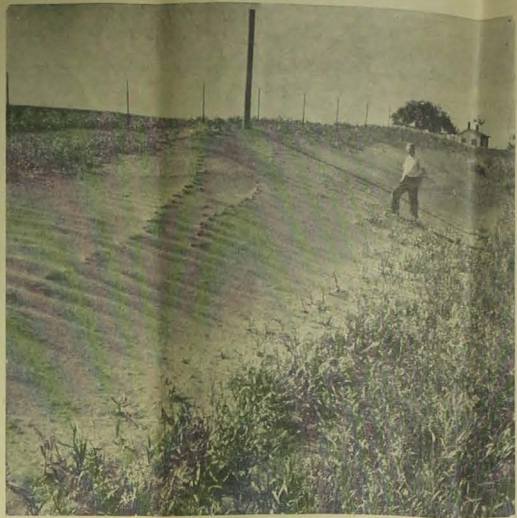


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This photo presents an example of wind erosion as it occurred earlier this spring on county road V three miles south of Malvern. Keith Glandon, work unit conservationist for the Mills County SCS, sets the picture to indicate the size of the drift. After all the recent rainfall, it's hard to believe that such a dusty condition was present just a few weeks ago.

A Mixed-Up Spring; First Wind Erosion, Then Torrents

By KEITH GLANDON

It was dry. Fields were freshly tilled and exposed to high winds that carried huge clouds of dust into the air. To some it brought back memories of the "dirty thirties." Drainage ways became choked and housewives were frowning at the dust on freshly washed clothes. This was the story less than a month ago.

Then the rain began to fall on May 29 with 0.3 inches being recorded on the Mule Creek Watershed rain gauges. The intensity began to build up—on May 30 two inches fell and reached the peak June 4 when 3.65 inches fell with 3.5 inches of this rain falling in a two-hour period.

A 50-year frequency rain (you expect to get one like this only once in 50 years) that spread destruction by floods, mudslides and pressed terraces beyond their endurance causing them to overtop and break.

The terraces need not make any apologies for giving way under the deluge of water. To make terraces economical to construct and practical to farm, they are designed to hold about a 10-year frequency rain and are unable to completely control one of a 50-year frequency.

Upon examining much of the damage to terraces, especially the bench type, it has been determined that much of the damage was started by rodent holes under the fill.

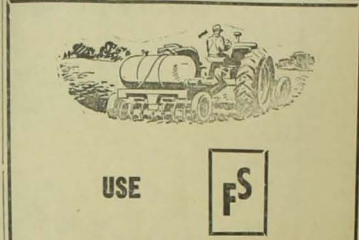
The big question now is what to do about repairing damaged terraces. It is too late to replant and many are reluctant to tear up existing crops. If repairs are put off until after harvest, there could be more serious damage and consequences.

These breaks can cause serious threat to life and machinery, especially during corn picking when they will be obscured by standing corn. Water from additional rains will seep through the damaged portions causing more serious damage. Landowners will need to decide for themselves if the losses will be worth the risk.

Since the heavy downpour on June 4, the following amounts have been recorded: June 6, 0.3 inches; June 7, 1.9 inches; June 8, 0.55 inches; June 9, 1.2 inches; June 10, 0.05 inches and June 11, 1.1 inches. This was a total of 11.35 inches from May 29 to June 11.

Even though damage occurred to many of the terraces, the damage to cropland was far less than on unprotected fields. It is estimated that some fields lost as much as 200 tons of soil per acre. One small ditch, three feet wide, six inches deep and 500 feet long will account for a loss of approximately 30 tons of soil.

Most of the soils in Mills county can be lost at a rate of five to six tons per acre per year and still maintain fertile and productive soil. Anything above this is like spending your bank account without putting anything in. Some day it will run out and be worthless.



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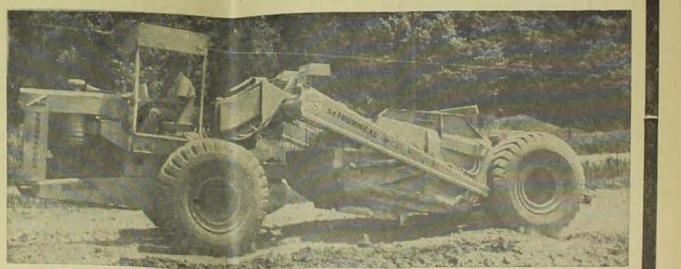
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Some 17,000 feet of bench terraces have been constructed on the Bryan Maxwell farm, located in Ingraham township on Iowa 242 two miles south of Silver City. The terraces were built in May of 1965.

Mills County Farmers Sold On Bench Terraces

Bigger machinery and the desire for more intensive cropping systems are the two biggest reasons for the enthusiastic acceptance of bench terraces in Mills county. In just three years the trend has been from all plain level terraces to 70 per cent bench and parallel and 30 per cent plain level.

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Many farmers are eliminating the out crop from their rotations and replacing it with more intensive cropping. Without adequate conservation practices they are aggravating the problem of erosion. Two types of terraces are comparable to larger machinery and continuous cropping. These are parallel broad base terraces on the gentle slopes and the bench type terraces with seeded back-slopes. Whenever possible these terraces are staked parallel to eliminate point rows and unnecessary turning in the field. Bench terraces are usually constructed on steeper slopes where it is difficult to construct farmable back-slopes. By making the back-slopes steep there is less loss of cropland. The wider spacing of these terraces causes a natural downward movement of soil and in time resulting in a nearly level bench. During the last 18 months, the following landowners have constructed either one or both types of terraces on their farms:

Anderson Twp.: Pearl Clark, Harry Anderson, Frank Goldapp, Hazel Houser, Louis Knop, R. H. Mintie, Violet Morgan, Bob Sell.

S. G. Stonebraker, Kate Viner, Viola Carlson and Dora Vanders.

Ingraham Twp.: Elizabeth Houterson, Allen Scheel, Art Burgoon, Elsie Bruce, Maude Burgoon, F. A. Duval, Earl Maddocks, Garland Martin, Albert McCollister, Pearl Haney, Rex Burgoon, Jean Goss, Lawrence Greiner, Dorothy Handler, Ward Hunt, Otha Mass, B. N. Maxwell, Melard Investment Co., Helen Noble and Larry Stortenbecker.

Oak Twp.: Kasper Konz Est., Alfred Stille, William Leick and Woodrow Schoening.

Glenwood Twp.: Merritt Arnold, Henry Pein and Frank Stout.

Center Twp.: Wayne Blackman, Rose Branzion, Cora Hale, Laura Gray, Carl Phelps, Mary Sinclair, Herman Stortenbecker and Joe Wriedt.

Silver Creek Twp.: Hazel Summers, Elsie Bruce and Robert Hosler.

Indian Creek Twp.: Louis Leu, Edwin Grayson and Albert Washburn.

Deer Creek Twp.: Sherman Allen, G. S. Eastwood, George Williams and Carl Vrooman.

White Cloud Twp.: C. W. Kayton, Robert Glyn, Everett Gipe, Earl Bass and Albert Nelson.

Rawles Twp.: Raymond Chase.

Bob Glyn, R. H. Mintie, Charles Stinard, Joseph Bricker, William Coder, Ken E. Evans, Warren Gregory and Dale Linnville.

Lyons Twp.: Darlow Burdick, Raymond Chase and Hugh Erdman.

During the past 18 months, a total of 423,260 feet of broad base-parallel and bench type terraces have been built in Mills county.

Christmas Tree Farming Could Be Another Industry

Christmas seems far away at this time of year, but Christmas tree farming—a potential industry for Iowa—can be as near as the current tree planting season. According to Dave Smith, Iowa State University extension forester, Christmas tree farming could form the basis for a new Iowa industry yielding more than a million dollars income annually—just to fill the needs of Iowa residents. An advantage to the Christmas tree operation, he says, is that it can be done on poor and marginal land in the state that is now considered unsuitable for other crops or on areas too small to farm economically. Smith reports that annual per-acre net income from the trees could range from \$50 to \$150 depending on the number of trees produced, the quality of the trees, and the market demand.

Marketing the trees should be little or no problem, according to Smith. Most retail outlets appreciate an opportunity to buy top quality trees locally, since they would be much faster than imported trees. A good quality, five-to-six-foot Scotch or Austrian pine should bring \$4 to \$6 or more at market.

The most suitable species for Christmas tree production in Iowa include Scotch, Austrian, white, and red pine. Others include Douglas fir, concolor fir, balsam fir, and Colorado blue spruce which require somewhat better growing conditions and a longer rotation.

The best way to get a successful Christmas tree farm started, Smith says, is to start small and learn the business. Christmas trees require careful management. A few well-managed acres are much more valuable than a large failure.

Smith passed along these basic suggestions for growing Christmas trees in Iowa:

Ground Preparation: Fall plowing is recommended, followed by disking and harrowing in the spring.

Planting: Good quality tree stock and careful planting is necessary for good survival. Roots must be protected from sun and wind to keep them from drying out. Proper planting depth is important. Roots should be in a natural position, not balled-up or intertwined.

Weed Control: The tree plantation must be kept free of weeds and grass until the trees are well established. This can be done with cultivation, chemical treatment, or a combination of the two methods.

Further Protection: As the trees grow, they must be protected from livestock, rodents and disease.

Some shearing or pruning will be necessary to produce top quality trees. Some of those in Mills county who have planted Christmas trees

are: Reuel Harman, Jack Lentz, Carl Phelps, Dr. Charles Chapple, Dr. M. L. Scheffel, Morris Terry, Roger Jackson, Bob Buffington, Otha Westin, Fay McManigal, Dr. Jerome Bleicher, Tom Davis, Marjorie Corad, Elliot Thomas and Dennis Downing.



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100 Attended Style Show
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About 100 ladies attended the dress style show held last Tuesday in the Thurman church, sponsored by the Modern Idea Club.
Wedding and party dresses representing each decade from 1900 to 1960 were modeled by club members, friends and the Jolly Jills 4-H Club. Some of the most interesting dresses of the 20 modeled at this library benefit were the 1970 carriage coat and skirt worn by Mrs. Herbert Edden, a 1907 graduation dress of Mrs. Len Porter, and a 1915 bridesmaid dress of Mrs. Herbert Edden.

More Bartlett-Thurman News on Front Page of This Section

On display were a 75-year-old wedding dress of Anna Driever, the wedding dress Rose Leonard made for herself in 1909, and a tulle dress of Mrs. Margaret Acker.

Guests were seated at small tables arranged along a white aisle carpet on which the models walked as in modern fashion. Porter described each gown.

Chairmen for the event were Mrs. Herbert Edden, Mrs. Orville Edden, Mrs. Edward Acker and Mrs. Richard Porter.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Glenwood, Mrs. Blanche Baldwin of Redlands, Calif., and Mrs. Verne Harris of Glenwood

visited Saturday in the G. B. and R. O. Davidson homes.

Mrs. and Donald Stanley and two sons returned Sunday from a vacation trip to the Ozarks.

Mrs. and Larry Lorimer returned Sunday from their vacation trip to California.

Mrs. Royal McCollom and son and Mrs. Edna Travis were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Travis of Shenandoah.

Miss Doris Hood is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Marilyn Coghill are parents of a 6-pound, 1-ounce son born June 23 at Bergan-Mercy Hospital in Omaha. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Coghill of Thurman and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schroder of Hastings.

Mrs. John Bowers is a patient in Hamburg Community Hospital.

Mrs. and Mrs. Kenneth Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Garrean of Gardena, Calif., visited Friday with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Garrean and Roy of Council Bluffs.

ETNSN Russell Hickey, who is stationed at La Moore, Calif., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hickey and other relatives for 15 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bohlen of Percival were last Wednesday evening dinner guests of her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hickey.

Dorothy Ashmore of Fremont, Neb., spent the week end with Mrs. Herbert Edden, Mrs. Orville Edden, Mrs. Edward Acker and Mrs. Richard Porter.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Glenwood, Mrs. Blanche Baldwin of Redlands, Calif., and Mrs. Verne Harris of Glenwood

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East Liberty

Joe K. Stotts
Correspondent

Alexander Family Reunion
Held at Glenwood Park

Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Alexander, with their families, held a reunion and picnic Sunday, June 18, at Glenwood Lake Park. There were 54 members present, especially to honor Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander of Eugene, Ore., and their son Bill and family of Springfield, Ore.

Others in the group included Harry Alexander and the Rolle Cooke family of Rock Port, Mo.; Messrs. and Mrs. Harry Breer- man and Greg of Tarkio, Mo.; Clint Edwards of Wichita, Kan.; John Van Horn and family of Omaha, the Dale Alexanders and sons of Silver City; George Bew, Carl Hart families and Mrs. Olive Andrews of Glenwood; Mrs. Jerry Hunter and family of Pacific Junction, and the Arch Clays and Charley Alexanders of Malvern.

On account of the overflow of water in many places last Wednesday the W.S.C.S. meeting was not held with Mrs. Phoebe Goodell. The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday afternoon, July 5, place will be announced later.

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Mrs. Lillian Sowers, who spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Elvin Bollington near Emerson, came home for a brief time Sunday. She returned with the Bollingtons to assist with some work in the home for a few days.

Mrs. Gertrude Murphy and Rolfe Jones of Shenandoah entertained at Tabor Sunday with dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Galen Hunt.

The Joe Parkers assisted her brother Carl Scott and family in moving over the week end from near Hastings to the farm which they purchased southeast of Red Oak.

Those from here attending open house in the Methodist Church in Silver City Sunday afternoon for the Rev. and Mrs. Ferner Barnes were Mrs. Josie Stotts and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Alexander. Mrs. Stotts assisted at the serving table. The honorees had been married 50 years on June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Lowe were dinner guests last Wednesday of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Watts.

Mrs. Phoebe Goodell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson Sunday and they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Briley near New Market.

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Mrs. Clay has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Marshall while her husband is at Camp McCoy, Wis., for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Walter Stille was hostess to the Mary Circle of the Malvern W.S.C.S. at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lyle Williams were Thursday evening visitors of the Harvey Chaney near Hastings.

Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilcox and Keith made a trip to Payson City, Neb.

Douglas Bass of near Malvern spent the Monday of last week until the following day at the Richard Henderson home. Kristi Henderson who had spent almost two weeks at the home of her aunt Mrs. Dick Pederson and family in

Des Moines, returned home Sunday. Her grandmother Mrs. Kenneth Henderson, also returned from Des Moines where she had assisted in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gene Den Hartog and family. She made the acquaintance of the two daughters of the Den Hartogs, born June 17. They weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

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County Has Exceptional Recreational Potential

The natural beauty and varied topography of Mills County lends itself to some exceptional outdoor recreation potential.

The possibilities for development of some of these outdoor recreational potentials were examined recently by representatives of the Mills County Soil Conservation District, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, State Conservation Commission of Iowa, Mills County Extension Service and the Mills County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The appraisal was made with major emphasis being on the

less hills overlooking the Missouri River basin. Historical sites within the county were also considered as potential tourist interest.

Twelve different types of recreation were reviewed in the report including vacation cabins, camping areas, picnic areas, fishing, golf, hunting, natural areas, riding trails, shooting preserves, vacation farms, water sports and winter sports. Scenic areas, hunting areas and shooting preserves show the greatest potential while winter sports ranked lowest.

The report also includes average annual temperatures, average annual rainfall, available population by age, county drainage patterns and maps of organized watersheds in Mills county.

Keith Glandon of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service stated that the report is to be used primarily for:

1. Information for the groups and organizations for organized planning of more promotion.
2. Identification of specific areas of projects for public recreation areas.
3. To help Mills County meet its share of the increasing interest and demands for outdoor living. Copies of the report can be obtained at the Soil Conservation office, Extension office or the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Malvern.

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Pony Creek Park A Side Benefit Of Conservation

If everything goes as planned a 50-acre recreation area will be located in the near future at the site of the big lake on Pony Creek. Construction on the largest Pony Creek dam is scheduled for next spring. A land option for an area of land on the east shore of the lake has been agreed upon between the Mills County Conservation Board and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Borgmaki who now own the land.

The conservation board, headed by Gene Gilson, is working to establish the recreation area which will be known as Pony Creek Park.

Earlier this year the board hired Harold Hopkins and Associates of Lincoln, Neb., to prepare plans of the proposed park. These plans were sent to the State Conservation Board and the director of county conservation boards, both located at Des Moines.

According to Gilson, the plans have been approved by both departments and the local conservation board now is awaiting approval from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation at Washington, D. C., which will help finance the project if given the O.K.

"We hope to exercise our land option by July 1," says Gilson. "The area is not definite, but probably will be just under 50 acres," he adds.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation receives funds from outboard motor gasoline tax, sale of surplus public lands and Golden Eagle passports (which permits campers the use of camp sites throughout the United States).

The Bureau then helps finance recreation areas throughout the country, the allotment being distributed to states and from there to the county level.

Pony Creek Park as now planned would include a boat ramp on the large lake, picnic area, parking lots, shelters, camping areas, foot trails and a nature area.

Joe Taylor Hurt In Car Mishap

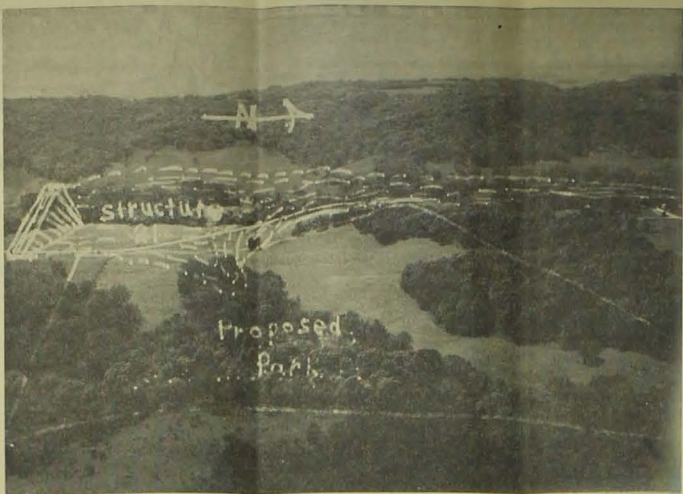
Joe Taylor suffered the loss of several teeth, a broken nose, broken facial bones, severe lacerations of the lower lip and other cuts and bruises in a mishap early Saturday morning on Highway 275 about 2½ miles north of town.

Taylor told authorities his car was crowded off the highway by a passing car. In an attempt to get back on the road, he lost control and came to a halt in a field on the opposite side of the highway.

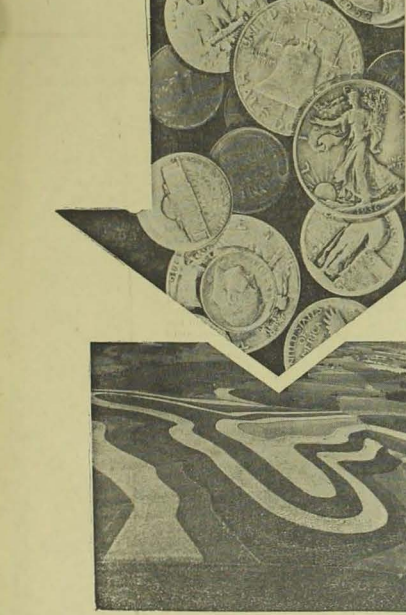
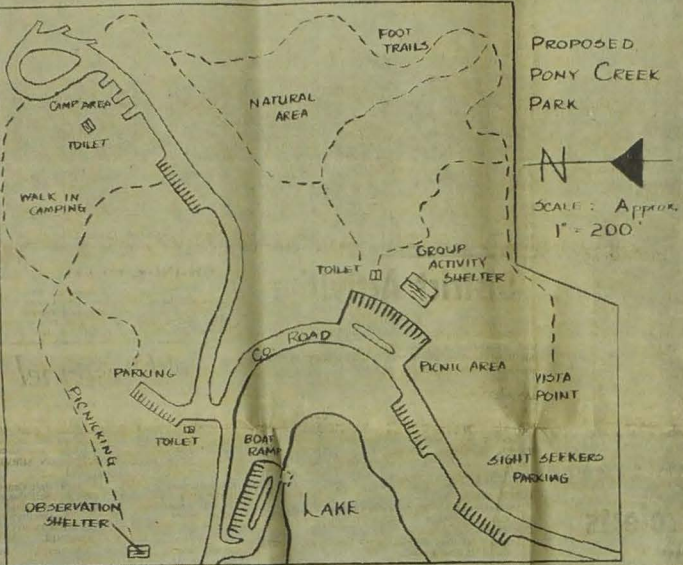
It was about 6:30 a. m. when officers were notified of the wreck and it is believed the youth and his car had been in the field for some time before his plight was noticed by a passing motorist, Gail Powers, who called authorities.

Taylor was taken to Jennie Edmondson Hospital for treatment.

The average water consumption per person in the U. S. is about 50 gallons.



This photo-diagram shows the area where the proposed Pony Creek recreation area will be located. The viewer is looking west directly towards the dam. The vertical boundary line at the lower left of the picture has been amended and should lead across the proposed park and lake.



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Mrs. Alva Aubrey
Correspondent

It was a happy birthday for Mrs. Sylvia Combs Thursday, June 1, when she received a telephone call from her daughter and family, Sen. Master Sergeant and Mrs. Arthur L. Pierce from Anchorage, Alaska. SM/Sgt. Pierce is the personnel sergeant major of the Alaskan Air Command Headquarters. He is the son of Mrs. E. H. Pierce, formerly of Pacific Junction. The Pierces will spend three years in Alaska and then retire to civilian life after spending more than 22 years as an Air Force family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Aubrey and family left Tuesday for Texas to visit in the home of their son Steven and family. Roland, who is home on furlough, accompanied his parents. This will be the first time the brothers have seen each other in three years.

The big news in Pacific Junction has been the recent flood which caused much damage and heartache to the residents of the east section of town. Some homes had as much as two or three feet of water. Special thanks is due many farmers who aided the flood-stricken townpeople.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gammon visited Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marland Gammon of Malvern.

Helping in the massive cleanup in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gregg were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farrell of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gregg of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farrell of Wilcox, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Curtis of Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Rosella Wortman and Roger were over several days helping out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nuss. The Nuss family and Mrs. Cora Livengood stayed in the Wortman home at Strahan during the high waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Marland Gammon and son of Malvern visited several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gammon.

Freddie Nuss has been ill this past week. Visiting in the home of Mrs. E. C. Grantham this week was her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ritchy of Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grantham, a nephew from North Dakota.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and

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Mrs. Dale Miller Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Record of Shenandoah and Mrs. Florence McGaw of Riverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Alumbaugh of Creston visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Fisher Monday. They attended funeral services for Bud Platt, brother of Mrs. Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lincoln visited in Silver City Saturday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bartles and family hosted a picnic at Malvern Park Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Derling of Sterling, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bartles of California, and George Trout of Malvern.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. H. L. Boquette were a four-generation family from Essex—Mrs. Boquette's granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Base and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Base and Jess Moore.

During Mr. and Mrs. Alva Aubrey's visit in San Antonio with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Horn, they were joined by another son, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Horn and Bernadette and Alvin from Albuquerque, N. M.

Roland Horn, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Alva Aubrey, left Tuesday for the Philippine Islands. He will stop in Clearfield, Utah, enroute to Travis Air Force Base, see his brother and family, and Mrs. Robert Horn.

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