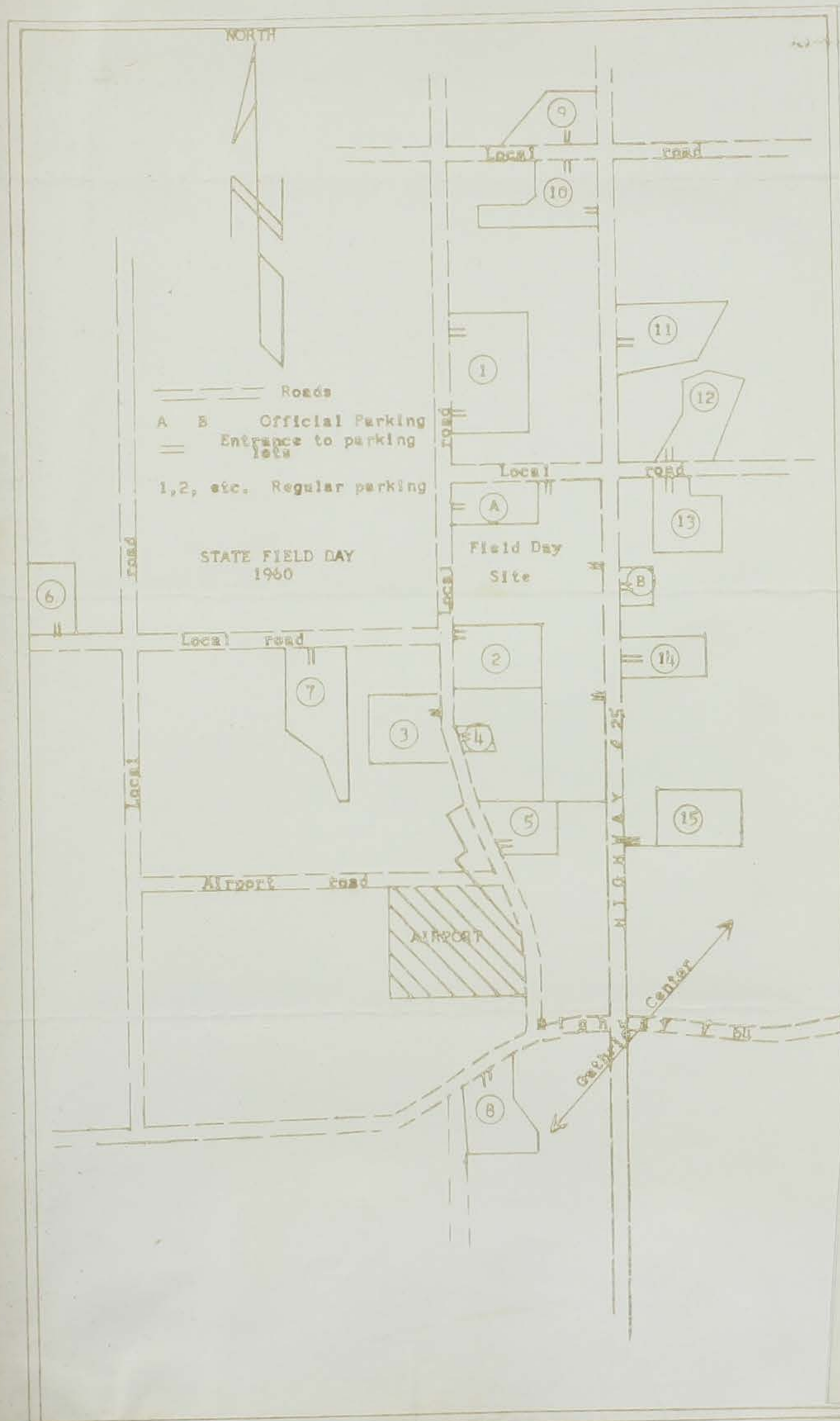


IOWA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FIELD DAY AND BLOWING MATCH

GUTHRIE CENTER, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 16, 1960



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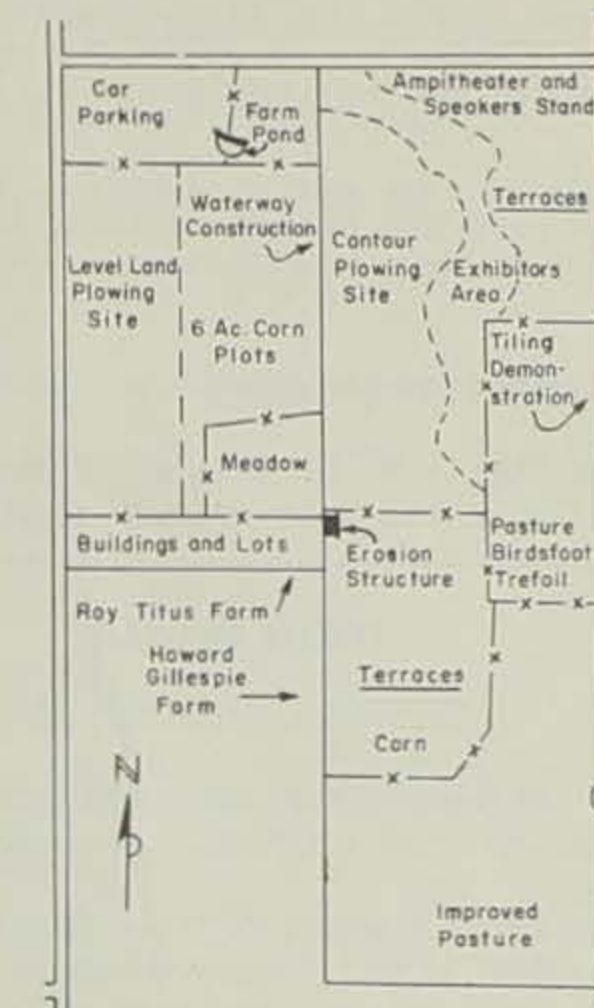
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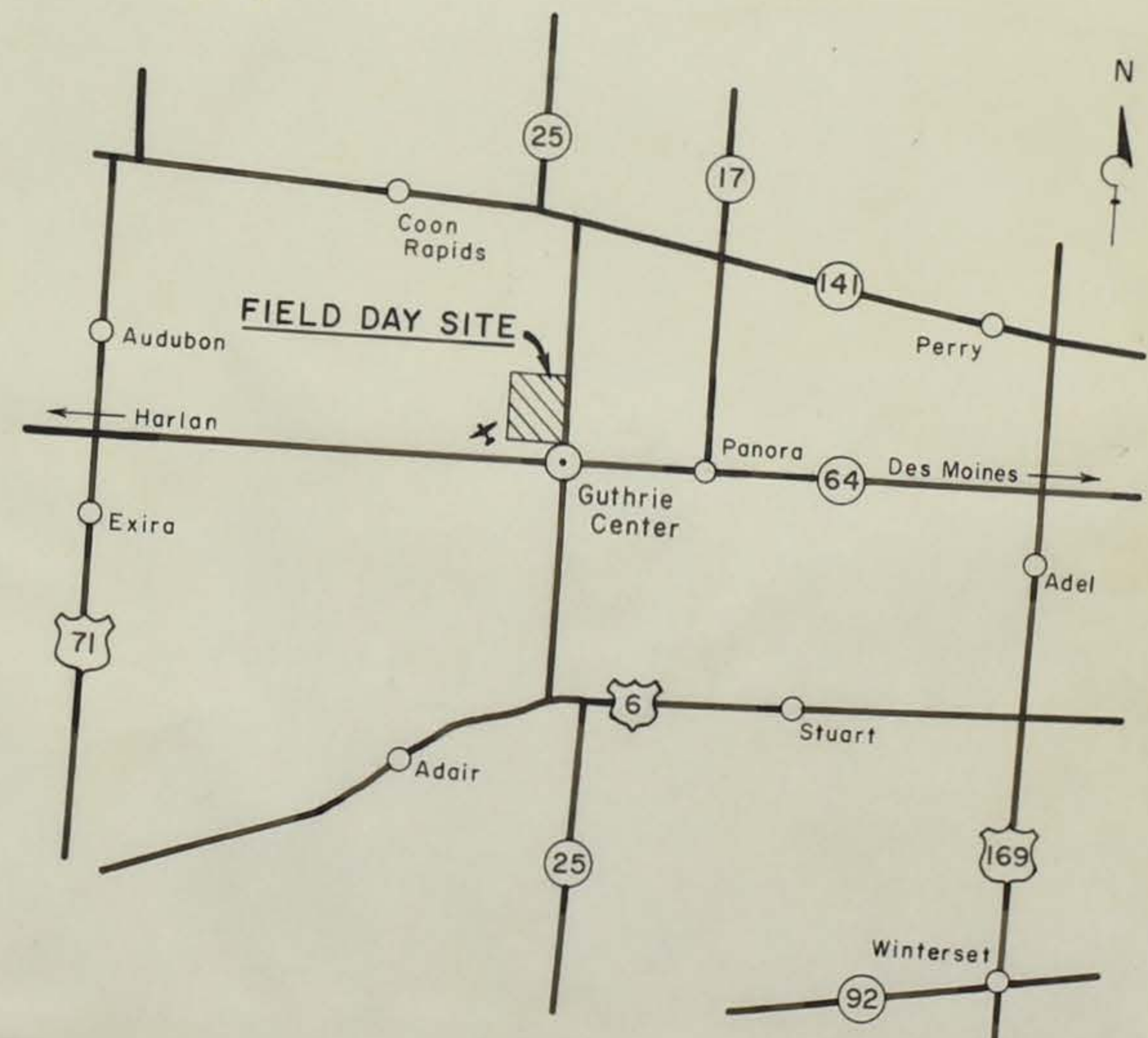


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GUTHRIE COUNTY AND IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The Guthrie County Soil Conservation District and the Soil Conservation District Commissioners of Iowa welcome you to the 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Matches.

Conservation field days are designed specifically for you - the public - to observe and learn the latest techniques in soil conservation, in agriculture, and in manufactured agricultural products.

Conservation of our resources, better farming methods and progress in agriculture, are the goals we wish for you to keep in mind at the 1960 Field Day.

CLARENCE HIDLEBAUGH* - General Chairman

CLARK BULL - W. C. WESACK - ELMER MORELAND
Guthrie County Soil Conservation District Commissioners

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

PLOWMAN'S BANQUET - 6:30 P.M.
Elementary School Building - Guthrie Center, Iowa

"QUEEN OF CONSERVATION" - STATE FINALS
Co-Sponsored by Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa
and Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (Cooperative)

The Central Committee wishes to thank these and many others who contributed time, effort and expenses toward the holding of these events.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 A.M. Flag Raising - Fontanelle Legion Drill Team

9:00 A.M. Soil Conservation Demonstrations
to Wagon Taxi Tours
3:00 P.M. Wildlife Exhibits
Industrial and Commercial Exhibits
Fence Building Demonstrations

9:00 A.M. Sheep Dog Demonstrations - Dewey Jontz, Fieldman,
to Iowa Sheep Association
12:00 NOON

9:30 A.M. 1960 State Level Land Championship Plowing Contest

10:30 A.M. 1960 State Contour Championship Plowing Contest

11:45 A.M. Band Music - Guthrie Center Community School Band

12:00 NOON Stage Program - Edmund Grooms, Master of Ceremonies
to Welcome - Clarence Hidlebaugh
Invocation - Rev. Robert Dodder, First Methodist Church
12:30 P.M. Presentation of "Queen of Conservation"

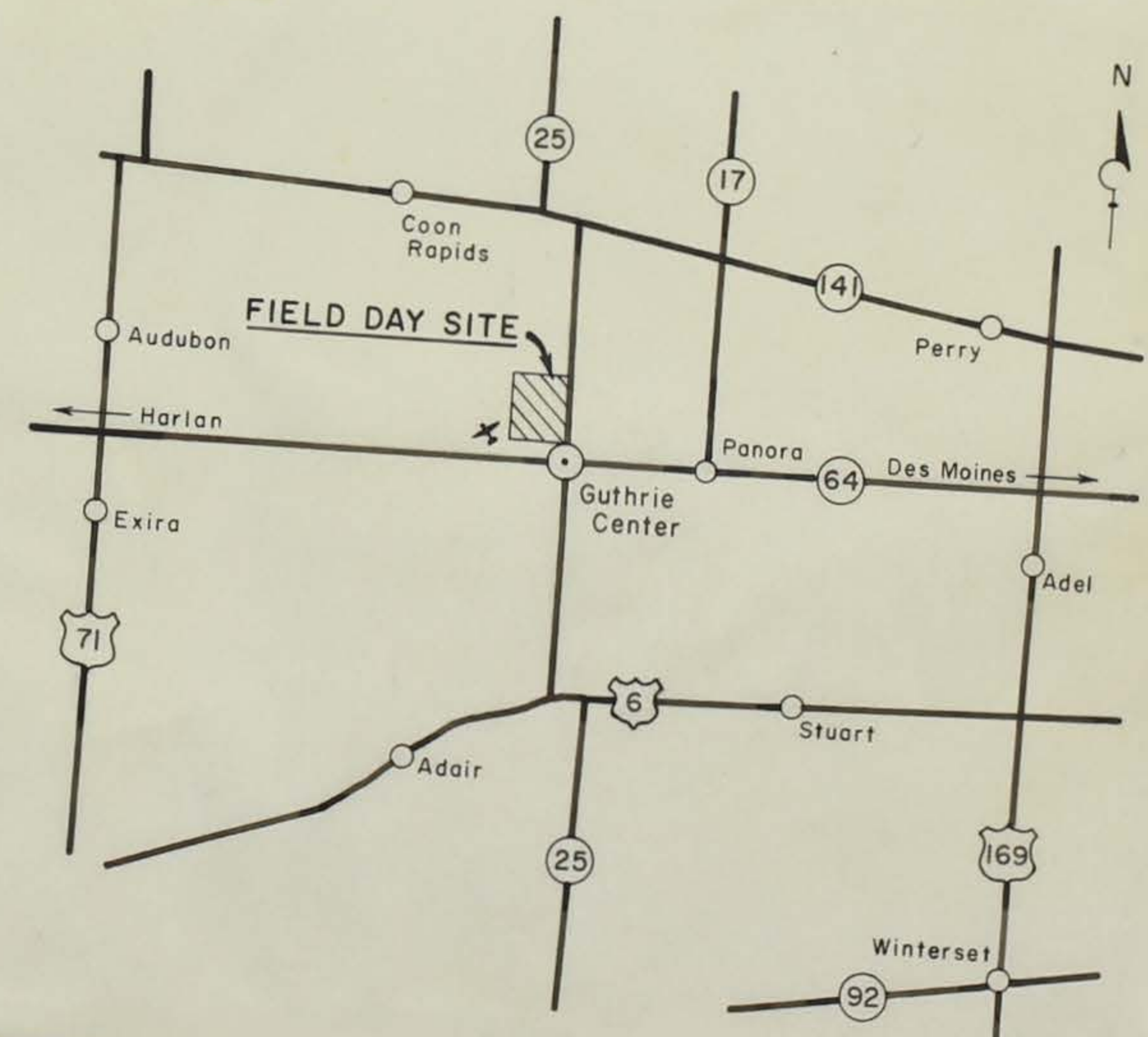
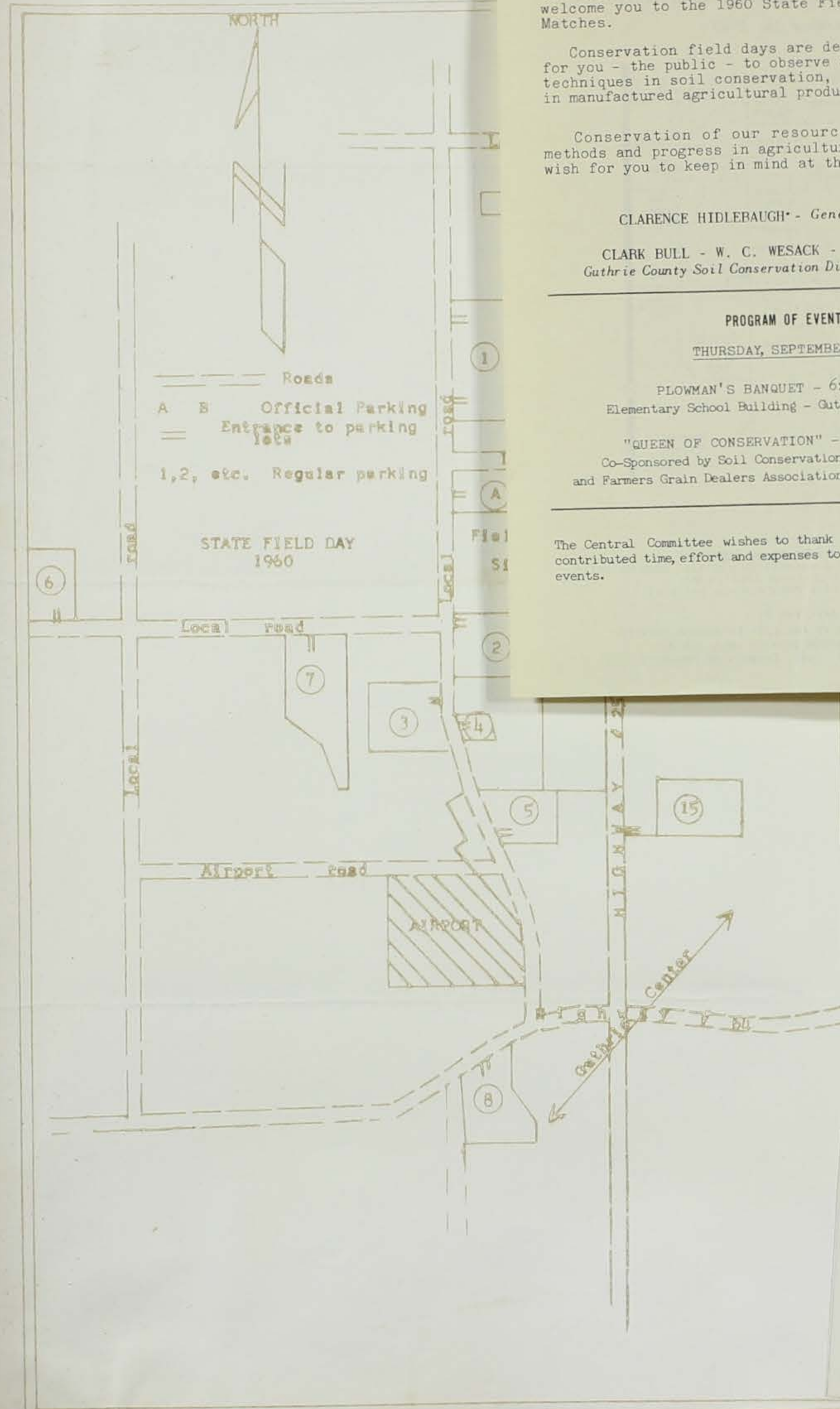
12:30 P.M. Presentation of Special Guests
to Address By:
1:30 P.M. Honorable Quentin Burdick, United States Senator
from North Dakota

1:30 P.M. Band Music - Guthrie Center Community School Band

2:00 P.M. Stage Program -
to Presentation of Officials, Plowmen, Awards and Prizes
2:30 P.M. Herb Plambeck, Farm Director, Radio Station WHO

2:30 P.M. Presentation of Special Guests
to Address By:
3:30 P.M. Honorable Richard M. Nixon, Vice President of the
United States and Republican Presidential Nominee

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Committees For Iowa Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and State Plowing Matches

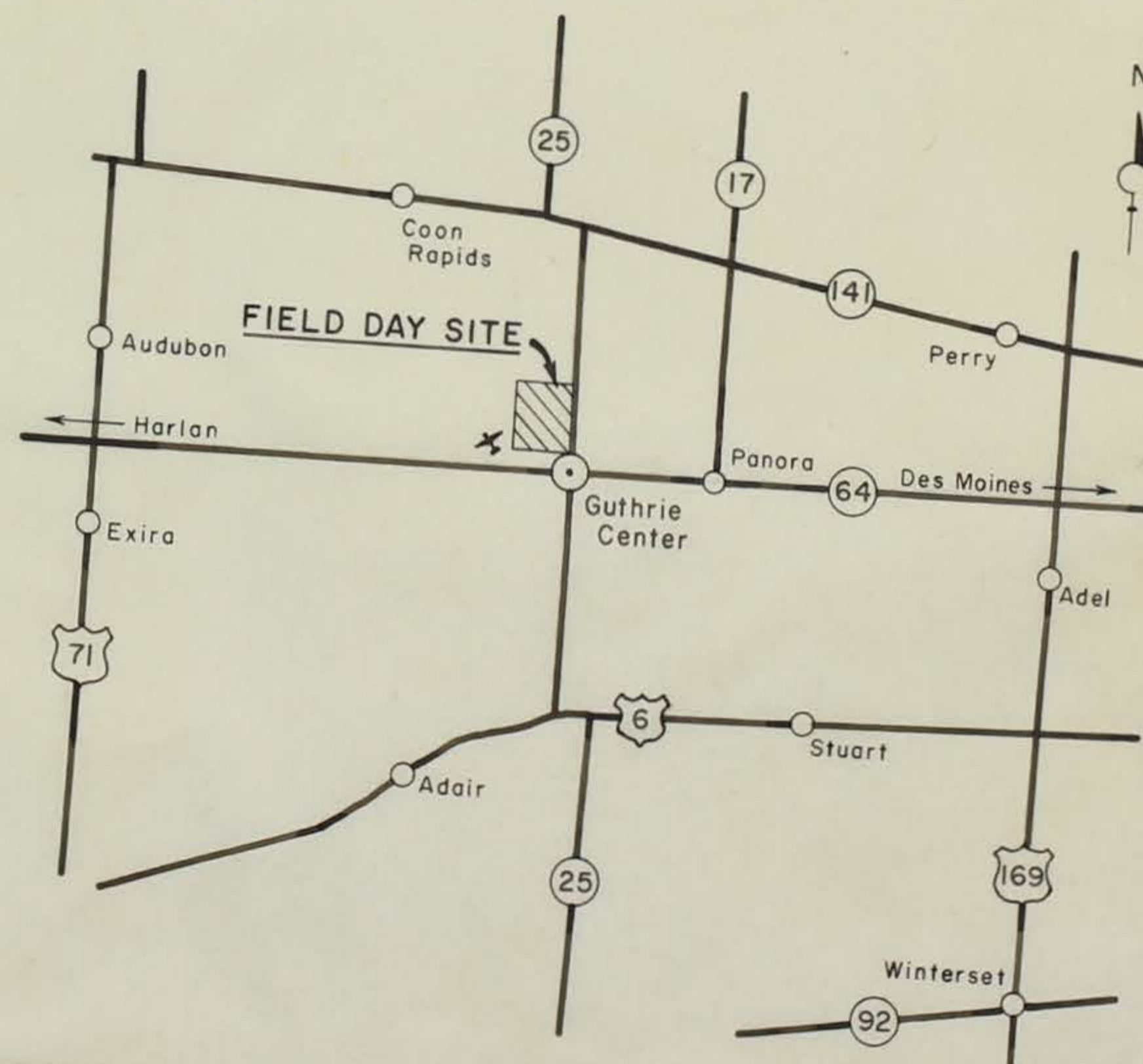
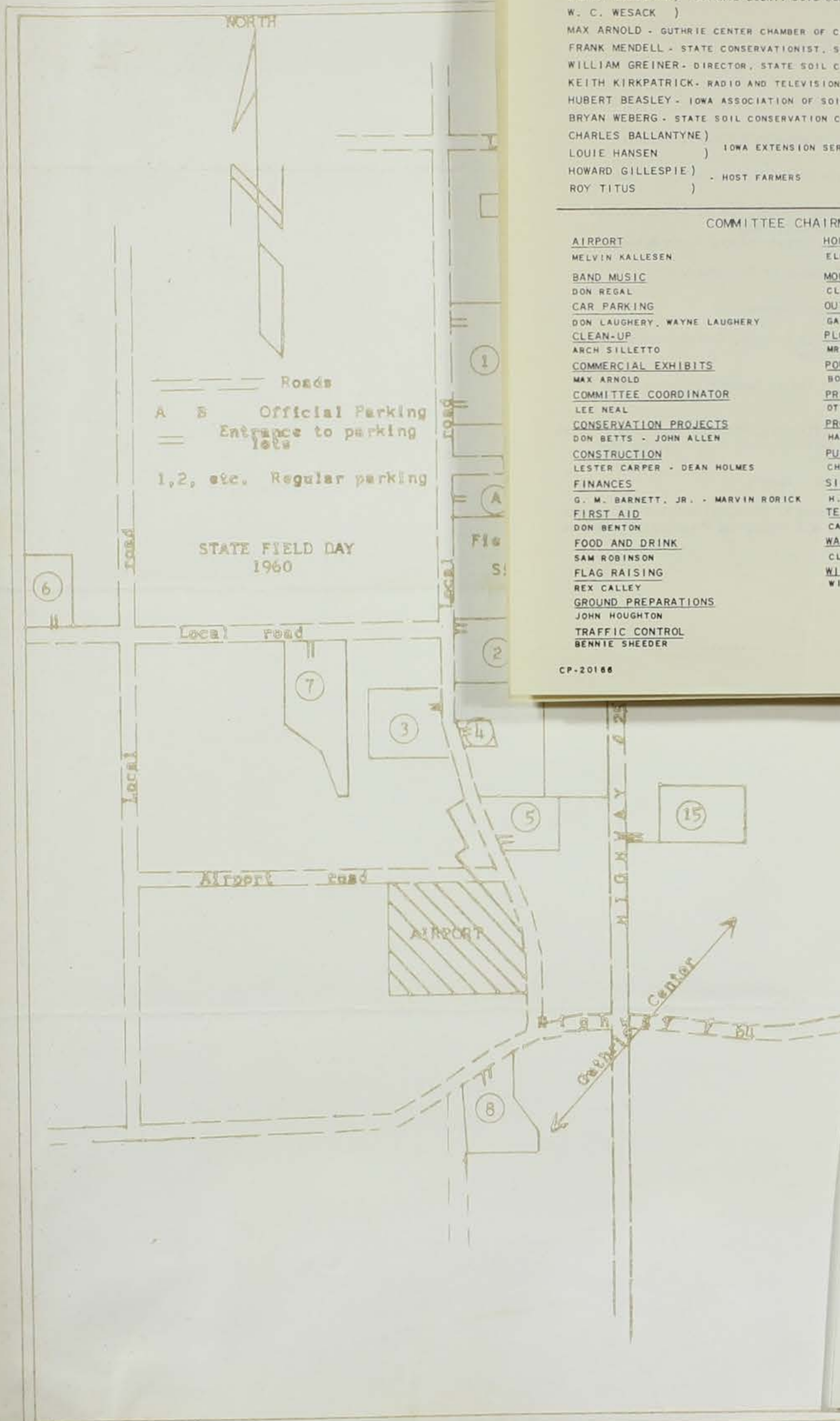
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W. C. WESACK)
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ROY TITUS)

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<u>CAR PARKING</u> DON LAUGHERY, WAYNE LAUGHERY	<u>OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS</u> GAYLORD ELLIOTT
<u>CLEAN-UP</u> ARCH SILLETTO	<u>FLOWMAN'S BANQUET</u> MRS. CARROLL LUPARDUS
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<u>GROUND PREPARATIONS</u> JOHN HOUGHTON	
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LIST OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

So that the field day events may be conducted in an orderly fashion and all projects completed on schedule, this list may be very essential to the overall job.

AIRPORT	MELVIN KALLESON
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BRIEF OUTLINE OF COMMITTEE DUTIES

(Each Chairman to select his helpers. Help on detail break down of duties will come from Central Committee)

AIRPORT:

Parking of incoming planes. Servicing of planes if necessary. Shuttle run between Airport and Field Day Site.

WILDLIFE PROJECTS:

Spring plantings of plants beneficial to wildlife. Wildlife plantings around pond sites. Possible planting of Multiflora Rose for fencing purposes and as wildlife habitat.

FIRST AID:

Have place designated as first aid station and qualified person or nurse in charge. Have ambulance or crash wagon on hand at all times. Since site is so close to town, see no need to have a doctor on location.

See that fire truck is on hand in case of fire, and personnel necessary for proper functioning.

FLAG RAISING:

To be in charge of formal flag raising ceremony at 9:00 a.m. See that flag is taken down at end of day.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL:

To secure help of highway patrol and other qualified persons in directing traffic. To direct traffic to and from site. Direct through traffic. To assist in crowd control, if necessary.

CONSTRUCTION:

To secure necessary help from local lumber yards and carpenters. To erect all temporary structures necessary. This will include stage and scoreboard, rest room facilities and other necessary structures.

HOUSING & HOSPITALITY:

To secure housing facilities for all plowmen and visiting officials. To officially meet all visitors and see they are housed and direction to place of lodging.

CAR PARKING:

To secure permission from neighboring farms for parking cars. Should figure on at least 80 acres of parking space. (Continued next page.)

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Have sufficient help at each parking site. See that cars are parked systematically. Car parkers mounted on horses are very efficient.

BAND MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT:

To furnish band music for plowmen's parade and at noon program. Have short program of talent. Information on type of program to come later. Should work with program committee.

POWER AND WATER:

To enlist help of electric company in seeing that power is available at field day site and all necessary particulars involved for securing electric power. To see that water wagons are on hand for purposes of supplying drinking water and supplying water to food stands.

TELEPHONE AND SPEAKER SYSTEM:

To see that telephones are available for the headquarters tent, The first aid tent and other places where asked. The speaker system should involve installing P.A. system at the stage and for public to hear announcements. To have a portable system for plowing match officials to have during match and during the other field day activities. To secure speaker systems for any private concerns who desires them.

FOOD AND DRINK CONCESSIONS:

To act as general chairman and co-ordinator for the four food stands and drink stands. Suggested that four churches be selected to handle the food stands. The drink stands to be handled by either the Legion or some lodge or FFA chapter. All food stands to have same menu and charge same prices.

MOUNTED PATROL:

To secure help of saddle clubs in the county for purposes of crowd control at sites of plowing matches, help in car parking, etc. The plowing sites to be surrounded by wire and keep-out signs, however perimeter patrolling is still necessary.

PUBLICITY:

To be in charge of publicity locally, to radio stations, to R & T, to surrounding county papers and to larger dailies located in the state. To advance publicity whenever possible, wherever possible and within F.D. finances.

PROGRAM & SPEAKER:

To work with Chairman of plowmen banquet in setting-up program and securing speaker for banquet. To set-up program and secure speaker for noon program on the date. To decide and select master of ceremonies for programs.

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WAGON TRAINS:

To lay out wagon train routes. To secure help of local farmers and implement companies in furnishing wagons, tractors and drivers. To set-up loading and unloading stations. See that wagons are safe and properly fixed for hauling the public.

PLOWMAN'S BANQUET:

To secure site for banquet-suggest the new school building. To obtain some church group to serve the banquet. To help in setting up the program and securing local talent for entertainment. To assist in publicity and ticket sales.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS & TOURS:

To invite students from all county schools to attend the field day and take part in the special tours. This special activity is aimed primarily toward the elementary students for purposes of introducing conservation to the younger groups.

CLEAN-UP:

To promote and publicize clean grounds during the day's activities. To have large wire containers placed for disposing of garbage and trash by the public. To secure help for policing and cleaning up the grounds following the field day activities. To see that each food stand is responsible for cleaning up its own trash-this also goes for each exhibitor.

GROUND PREPARATIONS:

To secure whatever help is needed to accomplish jobs. To see that meadows are mowed some 7 days before event. To remove fencing where necessary. To help erect post and wire around the plowing sites. To erect fencing where necessary. Etc.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS:

To secure a listing of possible exhibitors. To have clerical help in mailing out contact letters and to keep books for exhibitor's money, space allocated and etc. To set up a working capital for publicity, stamps, paper, clerical help, etc.

FINANCES:

Has responsibility of keeping books on all field day finances and to be general treasurer or appoint someone to be treasurer. To work with the Chamber of Commerce in setting up a working capital for purposes of covering expenses before outstanding debts or exhibitors fees are collected. This capital to come from local businessmen or from Chamber fund on a re-imbursible basis.

STATE FIELD DAY
HOWARD GILLESPIE - ROY TITUS FARMS
SEPT. 16, 1960

LETTER No. 1
Feb. 24, 1960

Mr.
Guthrie Center, Iowa

Dear Sir:

YOU have been selected by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the Field Day, to be CHAIRMAN of the following Committee:

Our first meeting is to be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 4th, 1:00 p.m. at the Midway Cafe meeting room. Purpose of meeting is for organization and explanations.

The State Field Day is a big task for a few, but with all Committees doing their share, the task will be light for the Community as a whole and will give each of you a feeling of satisfaction and pride for a job well done.

If at all possible, we urge you to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

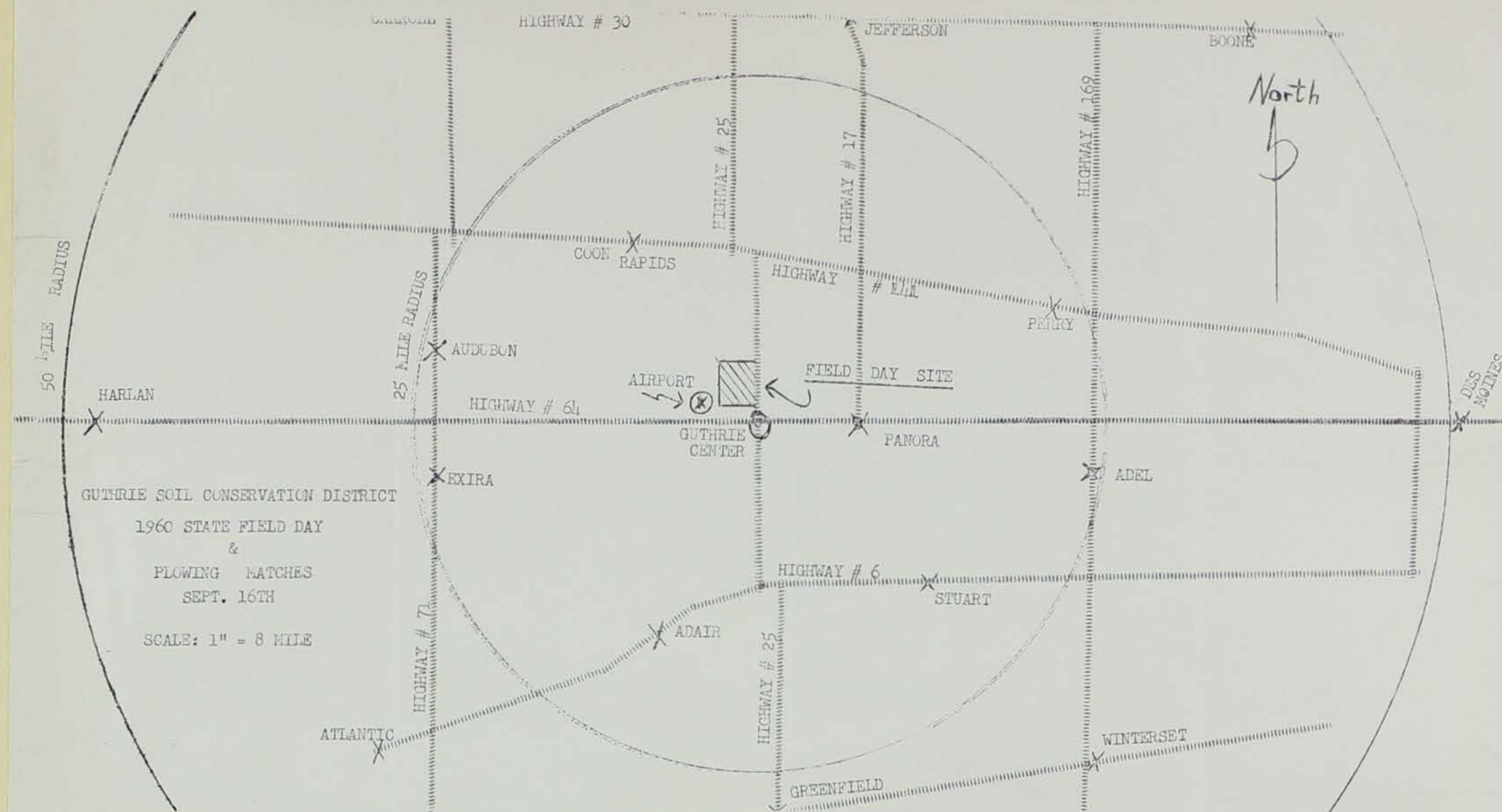
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IOWA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS FIELD DAY
AND ANNUAL W - H - O PLOWING MATCHES

OFFICIAL CAR

GILLESPIE & TITUS FARMS, Guthrie County
SEPTEMBER 16, 1960

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Dear Sir:

The Iowa State Soil Conservation District Field Day & Plowing Matches will be held in Guthrie Center, Iowa, September 16, 1960.

We are expecting a crowd of 25,000 to 50,000 people at this event. This is a great opportunity for you to display your product as 90% of the expected crowd will be farm folks. This is the largest farm event in Iowa and the only State Soil Conservation event.

It is probable Presidential candidates from both major parties will be speakers.

Enclosed is a diagram showing the area involved. You will note the exhibitors area is well situated near the various activities. We have room for approximately 100 exhibitors on lots, 50' by 75'. The price for each lot is \$35.00. Locations will be drawn by lot so the price to all can be held at the same level. Space will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

Tents will be available in various sizes. The prices on these is enclosed. This price includes erecting and taking down.

Please fill in the enclosed confirmation sheet and return at once with your check, to be certain you get an exhibition space. If you desire a tent, the cost can be included in the same check.

The grounds will be available and your allotted space marked out Monday, Sept. 12, preceeding this big event.

Exhibits must be completed by September 15th.

Electricity will be available in the exhibitors area. Please check confirmation sheet if you desire it. Within reason, the cost of the electricity will be included in the \$35.00 rental fee.

If you need a Motel or Hotel room we suggest you make your reservation now. A list of all Motel & Hotels in this area will be furnished upon request.

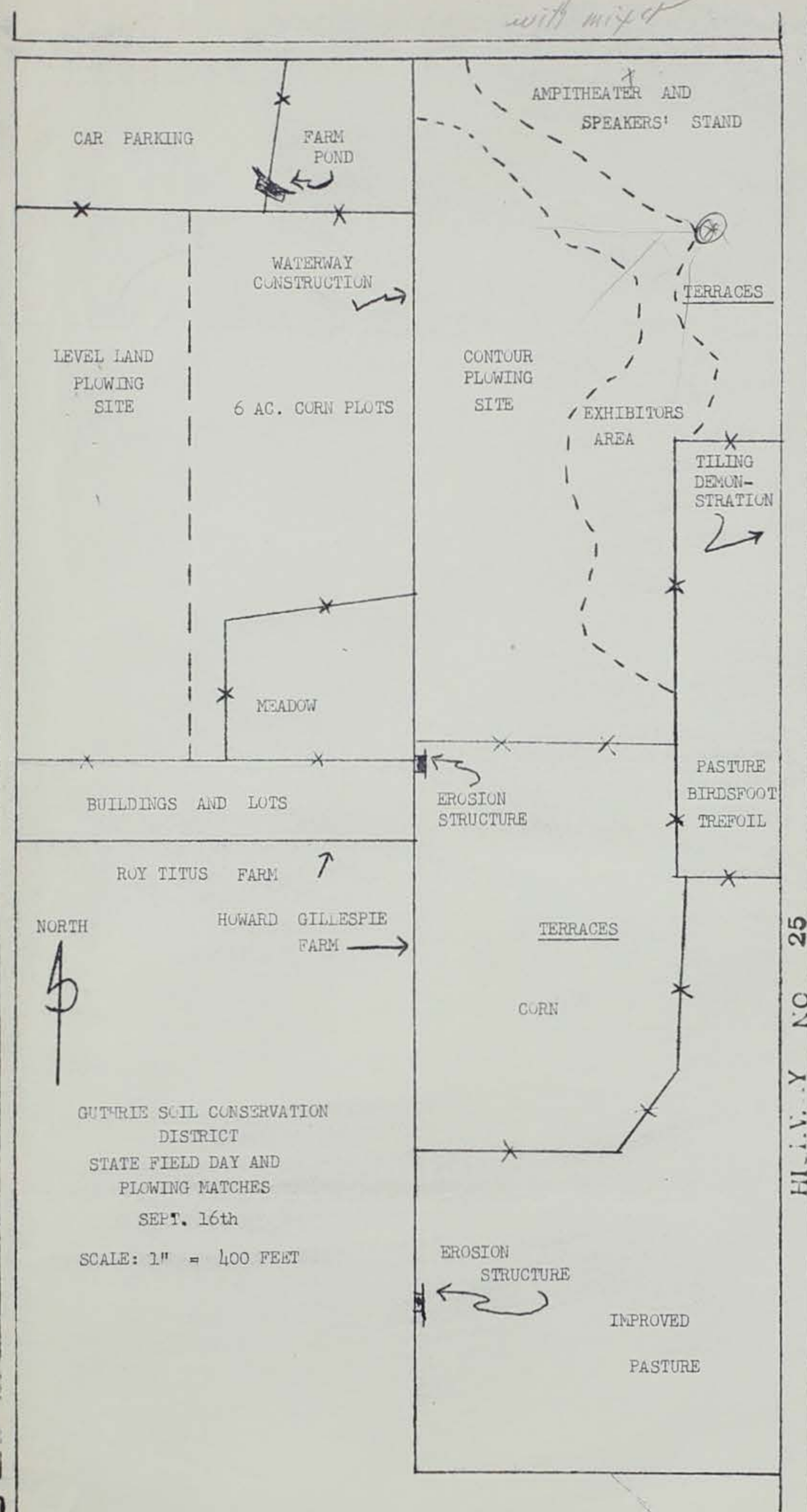
We sincerely hope to hear from you in the near future, we look forward to seeing you on the big day, September 16th. The splendid cooperation of exhibitors has made this event one of the big ones in Iowa in the past. We feel sure your participation in this event will help make it the Biggest and Best Iowa State Soil Conservation District Field Day & Plowing Match ever.

Sincerely yours,

Max Arnold
Max Arnold, Chairman
Commercial Exhibits
c/o Chamber of Commerce

P.S. In fairness to the lunch stands, no refreshments will be served by exhibitors.

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If it is possible for you to help on the wagon train, please report to the headquarters tent no later than 8:00 a.m. for briefing.

Enclosed is a "RESERVED" sticker for your vehicle to enable you in parking. Lee Neal

INFORMATION SHEETS FOR BOTH TECHNICIANS AND TEACHERS

To be used on the WAGON TRAIN. This information is accurate and technically right. However, you are to use terminology you think the public will understand best.

STOP NO. 1

FARM POND Usage: Livestock Water, Fire fighting, wildlife, recreation. To be fenced, with tank below.

DRAINAGE 9.6 acres	SURFACE AREA 0.4 acre
DEPTH 12 ft.	3 acre feet of water
YARDAGE 3308.9	1 million gallons
TOTAL COST: \$700.00 Farmers Cost: \$280.00 Govt. Share \$420.00	

STOP NO. 2

WHEEL TRACK CORN Preparation: Plowed May 12 and 13, no disking or harrowing
Planted May 13
Hoed June 10
Cultivated June 29

14,000 stalks to acre, 40" spacing between rows

Yields: Good as conventional methods Weed Control: Only fair--unless pre-emergence spray is used.

STOP NO. 3

WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION

To be minimum width of 20 ft.	Designed according to drainage acres
Eliminates ditches - which means tractor safety, ease of farming, facilitates wildlife habitat, furnishes terrace outlets.	To be seeded to grasses - not legumes
	Govt. share -- 60% of cost, or .07¢ per yard of dirt moved.

STOP NO. 4

SOIL EROSION STRUCTURE (Completed June 1)

Usage: Gully control, livestock water, wildlife habitat, recreation.	
Drainage area, 15 acres	Pond area, 0.7 acre
Cubic yards earth, 4452	100 feet of 1½" stock water pipe
7 acre feet of water, 2,250,796 gallons	Tank to be installed below fill for permanent water supply
TOTAL COST OF PIPE: \$466.93	Total Cost of Str.: \$1357.33
Farmers Cost: \$533.13	Govt. Share: \$824.20

STOP NO. 5

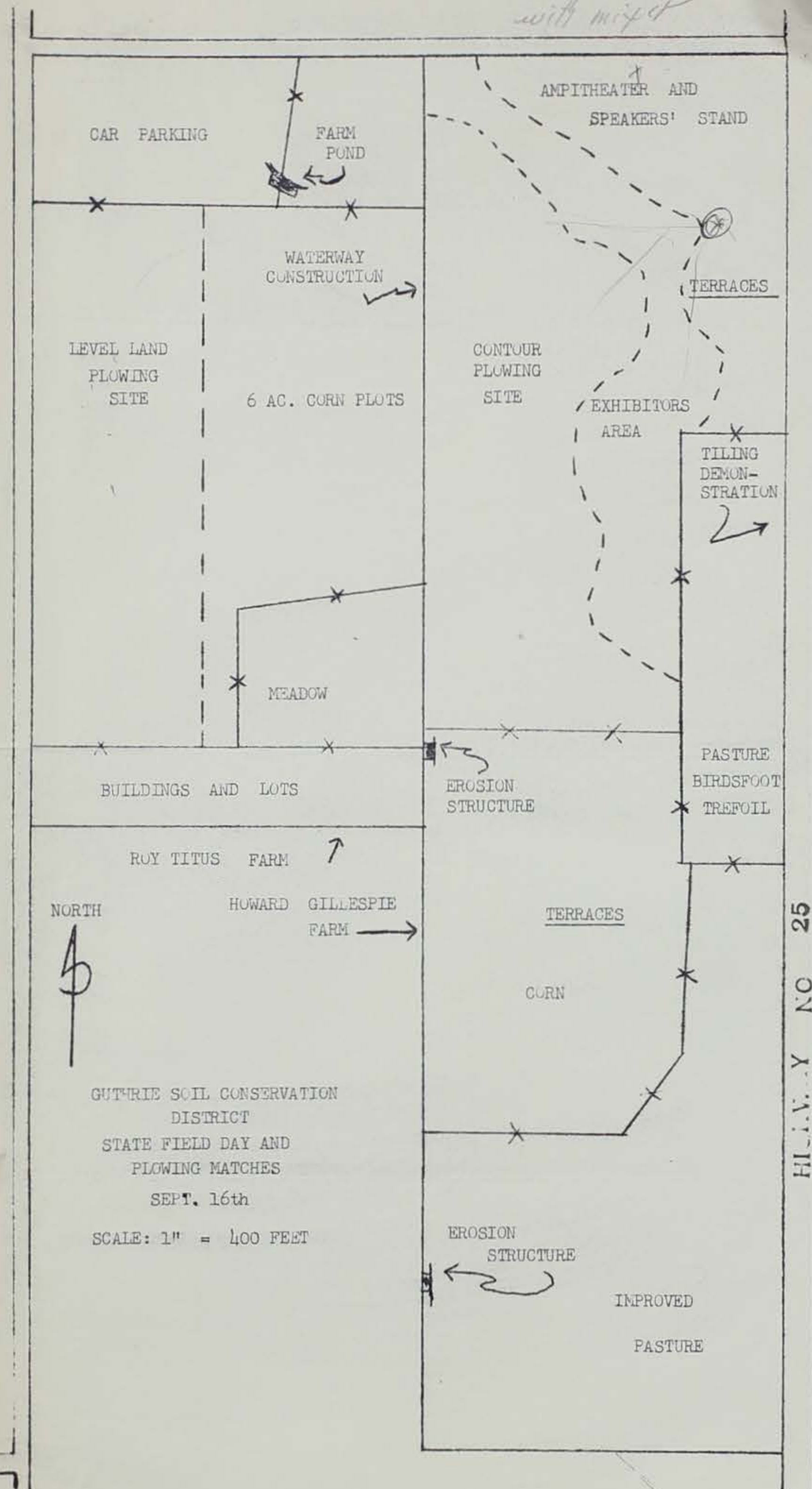
POND SAFETY SHOULD BE FENCED. Safe swimming area roped off.
Deep water marked Obstructions under water should be marked, such as rocks, submerged pipe, stumps, etc.
Approximate Cost for safety equipment: \$11.00

STOP NO. 6

WILDLIFE AREA Pond stocked with catfish, or bass and bluegill. Multiflora rose hedge and honeysuckle hedge for food and shelter. Other plantings for food and beauty.

STOP NO. 7

NEWLY SEEDED WATERWAY Completed June 1. Previously, 7 foot gully by 30 feet wide. Saucer shaped waterway, now crossable. Probably will need tiling.



PAGE 2 -- WAGON TRAIN INFORMATION

STOP NO. 8

CORN PLANTED ON TERRACED LAND & GRASSED WATERWAYS

Terraced corn means contoured rows:

- Conserves moisture and soil
- Conserves gas and tractor wear as compared to up and down the hill
- Means 7 to 12 bushels more corn per acre

Grassed Waterways:

- Terrace outlets
- Eliminates ditches
- Slows movement of water
- Trails and nesting for wildlife
- Grass good for hay making

STOP NO. 9

IMPROVED OR NEW PASTURE PLANTING Birdsfoot Trefoil and Orchard Grass

- Rate: 5# per acre trefoil, 4# per acre orchard grass, plus 1 bu. per acre oats.
- TREATMENT: Seed to be inoculated, soil tested especially for lime and phosphate. To be grazed after oats are 6 to 8" high. To be clipped for weeds.
- PRODUCTION: Excellent for pasturing, fair for hay. 2nd or 3rd year before top production is evident.

STOP NO. 10

TILING

- Why: To eliminate hillside seep
- How: Tile sides to intercept seep before reaching waterway
- Size: 5" tile - plenty of natural fall - 90 rods being installed
- Total Cost \$330.00 -- Govt. share \$112.50 -- Farmers Cost \$217.50
- Govt. does not help in non-cropland tiling for purposes of bringing more land into production.

STOP NO. 11

TERRACES

- 2000 feet of parallel terraces, or better aligned terraces, built to fit 4 row equipment. Will accommodate 4 rows on each slope. Distance between terraces measured so farmer will not need to plant short rows. Saves time and gas.

Graded terraces, built to carry excess water around hill to grassed waterway.

A terrace system to be effective must not allow the soil to start moving, therefore you must hold water that falls high on the hill or it will carry soil down and fill lower terrace. Thus, we need to start our first terrace about the same distance below the brow of the hill, as the second terrace is from the first one.

TOTAL COST: \$120.00 FARMERS COST: \$50.00 GOVT. SHARE: \$70.00

STOP NO. 12

TERRACE CONSTRUCTION

- Types: Graded and level
- Systems: Parallel or better aligned and conventional, or follow the contour
- Spacing: Minimum of 80 feet
- Conformation: If possible, each slope of terrace to be 14' in length. This is for modern machinery.
- Types of Construction: Bulldozers, Road patrols or graders, Terrace machines, and plows
- Govt. Share: 70% or 3.5¢ (3½¢) per foot.

TO MENTION OR POINT OUT:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LEVEL LAND PLOWING SITE | CONTOUR PLOWING SITE |
| FENCE BUILDING DEMONSTRATION | TWO-WAY FLOW DEMONSTRATION |
| SHEEP-DOG TRIALS | COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS |
| WILDLIFE EXHIBITS | DIFFERENT PLANTINGS OF HYBRID CORN |

GUESTS ON STAGE

Gerald Laughery

Mrs. Lois Reed

2 Plowmen and wives

Howard and Wilma Gillespie

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Titus

Herb Plambeck

Queen of Conservation - *Joyce Sandell*

Max Arnold

Clarence Hidlebaugh

Edmund Groomes

Nixon Party of three

Hobart Newton

Lee Neal

R. Y. Taylor

Frank Thompson

Harry Cowden

S. E. Robinson

Ed Bower

L. E. Williams

G. W. Prince

Elmer Moreland

Ronnie Bohlender

Beverly Corrigan

Bill Griener

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mrs. Dorothy Neal

George Fell

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Louie Hansen

Rev. Robert Dodder

Derry Bohlender

Peter Pearson

Charles Owen

C. H. Taylor

Don Reigel

Fred Owens, Jr.

Bill Wesack

Jack Blood

Frank Mendell

Keith Kirkpatrick

Wm. Greiner

Scott Gonzales

Margradelle Gonzales

Sally Morlan

WELCOMING COMMITTEE FOR NIXON'S ON FRIDAY - SEPT. 16

Gerald Laughery

Mrs. Gerald Laughery

Mrs. Herb Reed

Mrs. Dean Davis

G. W. Prince

Mrs. G. W. Prince

Max Arnold

Mrs. Max Arnold

Mrs. Jean Hasbrouck

Harold H. Beane

Individuals from Guthrie County who will be on the "Welcoming Committee" or on the State on Friday September 16th.

Mrs. Herb Reed (Lois), Panora
Mrs. Gerald Laughery, Guthrie Center
Mrs. Dean Davis (Maxine), Panora
G. W. Prince, Guthrie Center
Max Arnold, Guthrie Center
Mrs. Max Arnold, Guthrie Center
Howard Gillespie, Guthrie Center
Mrs. Howard Gillespie, Guthrie Center
Esther Prince, Guthrie Center
Jean Hasbrouck, Guthrie Center
Harold H. Beane, Guthrie Center
Hobart, Newton, ~~Stuart~~ Stuart
Herb Plambeck, Des Moines (WHO)
Edmund Groomes, Menlo
Roy Titus, Guthrie Center
Lee Neal, Guthrie Center
L. E. Williams, Guthrie Center
Mrs. Roy Titus, Guthrie Center
Frank Thompson, Guthrie Center
C. H. Taylor, Guthrie Center
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S. E. Robinson, Guthrie Center
Elmer Moreland, Guthrie Center
Ed. Bower, Bayard
Ronnie Bohlender, Guthrie Center
Beverly Corrigan, Guthrie Center
Clarence Hidlebaugh, Bayard
Bert Wilson, Menlo
Derry Bohlender, Guthrie Center
Peter Pearson, Guthrie Center

"Queen of Conservation" to be named on Thursday Evening Sept. 15th.

R. Y. Taylor, Guthrie Center
Charles Owens, Guthrie Center

a report on your 1960

"queen of conservation"



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT. The 1960 Queen of Conservation, Joyce Sandell, center, posed with her "court" of regional finalists after being chosen queen at the Plowman's Banquet. The finalists were, left to right, Pat Keeney, Runnells; Shirley Goins, Diagonal; Evelyn Rasmuson, Rockwell City; Queen Joyce; Linda Redfern, New London; Muriel Pfister, Decorah; Patty Gray, Osceola; and Sandra Lea Hickman, Winthrop.

A pretty Webster county farm girl, Joyce Sandell from near Fort Dodge, was named winner of the 1960 Queen of Conservation contest at the Plowman's Banquet, September 15 at Guthrie Center, Iowa. Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sandell, and was chosen queen from a group of nine regional winners who were contest finalists out of an original field of 550 contestants.

Joyce is a junior at Central Webster High School and is active in music groups, girls' basketball and 4-H. As queen, she reigned over the State Soil Conservation Field Day and Plowing Matches, and had the exciting honor of greeting presidential candidate, Richard Nixon and his wife after his farm speech at the event.

The Queen of Conservation contest was co-sponsored by FGDA and the State Soil Conservation Committee. FGDA underwrote the expenses for the contest which included necklaces for district winners, wrist watches for regional winners and a \$250 cash certificate for Miss Sandell as state winner. Don E. Edison, FGDA executive secretary, presented the cash award to Miss Sandell at the banquet.



FGDA executive secretary, Don E. Edison, presented Joyce with a \$250 cash award for state winner.

Over 550 girls entered this year's contest for the largest registration in the history of the event. Previous years had registrations around 350. Seventy-four FGDA member companies sponsored at least one young lady in the contest, and many more companies assisted in promotion and backing of the local contests. The 74 member companies sponsored a total of 169 of the 550 girls entering this year's contest. FGDA member companies are to be congratulated for their fine support in making this the best and largest contest. Tabulations of the registrations indicate that Lost Nation Farmer Cooperative Company turned in the largest number of registrations. FGDA member companies at Otley, Morrison, Elgin and Everly each sponsored over five girls.

The State Soil Conservation Committee as well as the Soil Conservation District Commissioners were very pleased with the contest and the fine support of farmer cooperative elevators. "We are extremely pleased with the cooperation we received from FGDA member companies in this year's

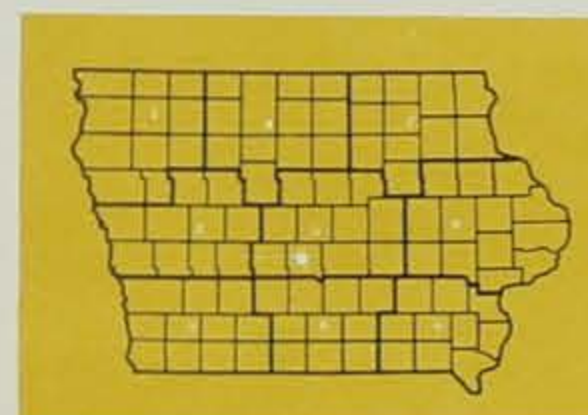


Joyce receives her crown from the 1959 queen, Mrs. Arthur Borsma, the former Janice Radabaugh of Nevada.

1960 IOWA "QUEEN of CONSERVATION" CONTEST

CORONATION
AT
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SEPTEMBER
15, 1960

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STATE HOUSE,
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IOWA



Letter sent to Beverly Wenger & Sharon Wirt

The "Queen of Conservation" Contest Committee would like to congratulate you upon your successful candidacy to represent your district at the regional contest for "Queen of Conservation" to be held at the Guthrie County Fair, Guthrie Center, Iowa on Thursday, September 8th, at 8:00 P. M.

All contestants are to meet at the Midway Cafe east of Guthrie Center at 4:00 P. M. Chaperones will be available to assist the girls in any way they can. A light lunch will be served for contestants only. Admission to the fairgrounds and grandstand will be free. Your parents may pick you up at the fairgrounds when the contest is finished.

May we again remind you that this is not a beauty contest -- no bathing suits or costumes are allowed. When competing, an ordinary street length dress, high heeled shoes, and wholesome personality are most important.

Remember -- you are a candidate from your district in the "Queen of Conservation" Contest, and we are depending on you to be in attendance for the regional competition. Again, congratulations and best of luck, and we shall see you at the regional contest on September 8th.

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**SOME LUCKY IOWA
FARM GIRL-AGE 16-21
WILL BE CROWNED-**

"QUEEN of CONSERVATION"
at
PLOWMAN'S BANQUET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1960

SIMPLE CONTEST RULES

- * 1 Open to all single girls between the ages of 16 and 21.
- * 2 Contestants must live on farms in Iowa.
- * 3 Applicants must register on attached Contest Entry Card. Attached Entry Card must be completely filled out, signed and mailed immediately to register in time to qualify for local elimination contest.
- * 4 All decisions of the judges will be final.

The lucky girl who wins the 1960 "Queen of Conservation" Contest will have a combination of:

POISE...
BEAUTY...
PERSONALITY
... the three points upon which judges determine the winner.

RESULTS 1960 STATE LEVEL LAND PLOWING CONTEST

Place	Contestant's Name	Opening Furrow (15)	Furrow Straightness (10)	Furrow Conformation & Uniformity (20)	Quality of tillage Surface (15)	Trash Coverage (15)	Land Ends (10)	Closing Furrow (15)	Total Quality Score	Penalty Score	TOTAL SCORES	Land No.
8	ROY BECKETT BOONE	11	6	17	12	10	7	8		-2½	68.5	9
7	H. M. BOERSMA SIOUX	11	5	18	14	11	7	6		-1½	70.5	7
6	DALLAS BOWMAN DALLAS	12	6	16	13	14	7	6		--	74	1
5	JERRY JENSEN CHEROKEE	11	5	17½	13	13	7	10		-1	76.5	4
4	JOHN MONOGHAN BREMER	7	5	12	8	8	4	7		--	51	6
3	GEORGE NEGEN BUTLER	9	6	17	12	11	7	12		--	74	2
2	ERWIN SCHUBERT OSCEOLA	13	6	16	12	12	9	9		--	77	8
1	FRANK WHEELER WARREN	10	4	16	12	14	6	9		--	71	5
	FRANCIS WILLEY GUTHRIE	11	8	19	14	13	6	13		-2	82	3

Judges:

1960 Iowa Plowing Match Entrants and Score Card Gillespie & Titus Farms — Guthrie Center, Iowa — September 16, 1960

LEVEL LAND SECTION				Opening Furrow (15)	Furrow Straightness (10)	Furrow Conformation (20)	Quality of Tillage (15)	Trash Coverage (15)	Land Ends (10)	Closing Furrow (15)	Time	Premium or Penalty	Total Score	Placing
Land	Plowman Name	Address	County											
	Roy Beckett	Boone	Boone											
	H. M. Boersma	Sheldon	Sioux											
	Dallas Bowman	Adel	Dallas											
	Jerry Jensen	Meriden	Cherokee											
	John Monaghan	Waverly	Bremer											
	George Negen	Clarksville	Butler											
	Erwin Schubert	Harris	Osceola											
	Frank Wheeler	Prole	Warren											
	Francis Willey	Herndon	Guthrie											

CONTOUR SECTION				Opening Furrow (15)	Furrow Straightness (10)	Furrow Conformation (20)	Quality of Tillage (15)	Trash Coverage (15)	Land Ends (10)	Closing Furrow (15)	Time	Premium or Penalty	Total Score	Placing
Land	Plowman Name	Address	County											
	*Art Raich	Sheffield	Franklin											
	Bob Barrow	Kosauqua	Van Buren											
	Clemet Birney	Dow City	Crawford											
	Clark Bull	Guthrie Center	Guthrie											
	Lavern McCabe	Cascade	Dubuque											
	Vernon Robinson	LeMars	Plymouth											
	Adam Schwab	Shell Rock	Butler											
	John Stroborg	Blockton	Taylor											
	Richard Wagner	Homestead	Iowa											
	Ray Willhoite	Wall Lake	Sac											
	Don Wittrock	Pringhar	O'Brien											
	Harold Zeliadt	Prole	Warren											

RULES IN BRIEF

1. Plowmen must be farmers or farm workers and winners of county or district contests or selections.
2. Lands will be drawn by lot.
3. Farmer-owned equipment will be used.
4. Plow size will determine time limit.
5. Penalty will be charged for overtime.
6. Plowmen will complete designated lands.
7. Three guide stakes will be set out on each end. Plowman has right to change center stake.
8. Each plowman is allowed one assistant.
9. One referee will be assigned each plowman.
10. Furrows must be parallel with land contour and 5 to 8 inches deep.

Prizes and Trophies Awarded by WHO

State Plowing Contest—\$100, \$75, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10.
Safety Section—\$10, \$5, \$3, \$2, \$1.

Champion Plowman—Radio Station WHO Trophy and trip to represent Iowa in 1961 National Plowing Matches

Please Remember: SAFETY FIRST — On the farm, in the home, on the highways . . . and at Soil Conservation and Plowing Match Events.

Program Plowman's Banquet



Thursday, September 16, 1960
6:30 p.m.
Guthrie Center, Iowa

PLOWMAN'S BANQUET

STATE FIELD DAY & PLOWING MATCH

Guthrie Center, Iowa

Thursday, Sept. 15, 1960
6:30 P.M.

Admit One

Price \$2.50

RESULTS

1960 STATE SENIOR FLOWING CONTEST

PLAC- ING	CONTESTANT'S NAME	SCD	Open- ing Fur- row (15)	Furrow Confor- mation & Uni- formity (15)	Quali- ty of tilled Sur- face (15)	Trash Cover- age (15)	Gras- sed Water- ways (10)	Lead Ends (10)	Grass & Furrow Closing (20)	Total Quality Score	Pen- alty Score	TOTAL SCORE	Land No.
2	ART RAISCH	FRANKLIN	5	12	12	9	10	9	18	75	1.5	73.5	5
1	BOB BARROW	VAN BUREN	14	13	12	14	8	7	16	84	1.5	82.5	3
9	CLEMENT BIRNEY	CRAWFORD	6	9	8	5	5	8	13	54	0.5	53.5	7
3	CLARK BULL	GUTHRIE	10	10	12	11	5	8	17	73	0.5	72.5	6
7	LAVERN McCABE	DUBUQUE	10	11	10	10	7	6	16	70	6.5	63.5	9
12	VERNON ROBINSON	PLYMOUTH	5	9	9	5	0	7	9	44	24.5	19.5	10
11	ADAM SCHWAB	BUTLER	5	10	9	5	9	7	15	60	13.5	46.5	2
5	JOHN STROBURG	TAYLOR	14	10	10	10	9	9	15	77	11.5	65.5	12
8	RICHARD WAGNER	IOWA	10	10	10	6	8	7	14	65	3.5	61.5	18
4	RAY WILLHOITE	SAC	10	11	12	11	9	7	19	79	12.5	66.5	1
6	DON WITTRICK	O'BRIEN	9	11	11	11	9	8	17	70	11.5	64.5	4
10	HAROLD ZELIAIT	WARREN	6	8	9	9	6	5	12	55	7.5	47.5	11

Judges:

Official Souvenir Scorecard

1960 IOWA PLOWING MATCHES

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CHILLED JUICE

BAKED HAM BAKED POTATO

GREEN BEANS SLICED TOMATOES

CABBAGE SALAD

HOT ROLLS — JELLY

COFFEE

APPLE and CHERRY PIE

Program

TOASTMASTER — Keith Kirkpatrick
Radio Station WHO

INVOCATION — Monsignor Kelliher

WELCOME — Clarence Heidelbaugh

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PLOWMEN INTRODUCTIONS AND
DRAWING OF LANDS

STATE FINALS —
"QUEEN OF CONSERVATION"
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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1960 STATE CONTOUR PLOWING CONTEST

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2	ART RAISCH	FRANKLIN	5	12	12	9	10	9	18	75	1.5	73.5	5
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Guthrie County
Jerry Jensen
Cherokee County
John Monogha
Bremer County
Frank Wheeler
Warren County

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Ray Whillhoite
Sac County
Bob Barrow
Van Buren County
Don Whittrick
O'Brien County
Harold Zelladt
Warren County
John Stroburg
Blockton County
Clemet Birney
Crawford County
Laverne McCabe
Dubuque County
Vernon Robinson
Plymouth County
Clark Bull
Guthrie County
Art Raisch
Franklin County
Richard Wagner
Iowa County
Adam Schwab
Butler County

Queen of Conservation

Evelyn Rasmuson
Rockwell City
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Larchwood
Linda Redfearn
New London
Sandra Lea Hickman
Winthrop
Muriel Pfister, Decorah

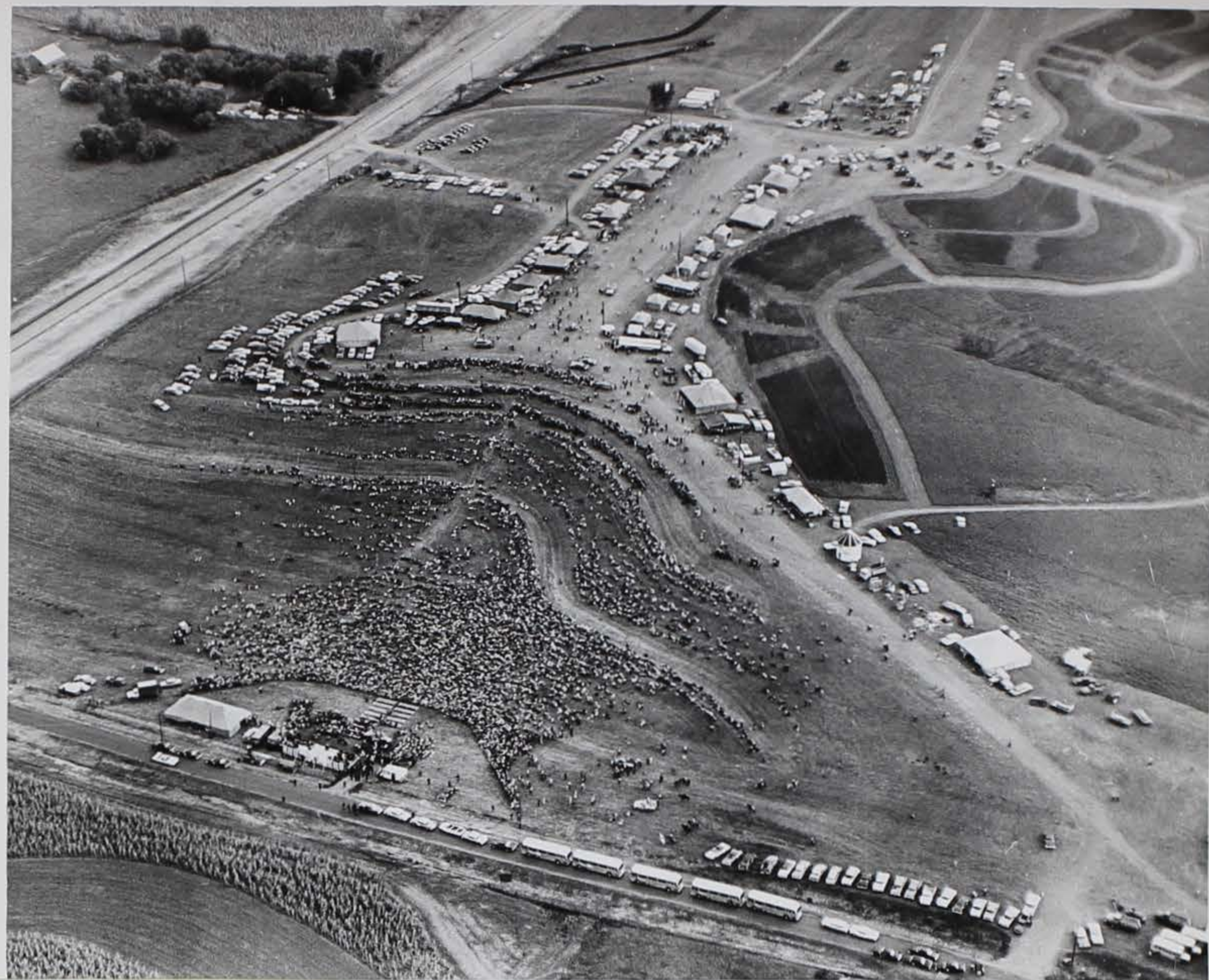
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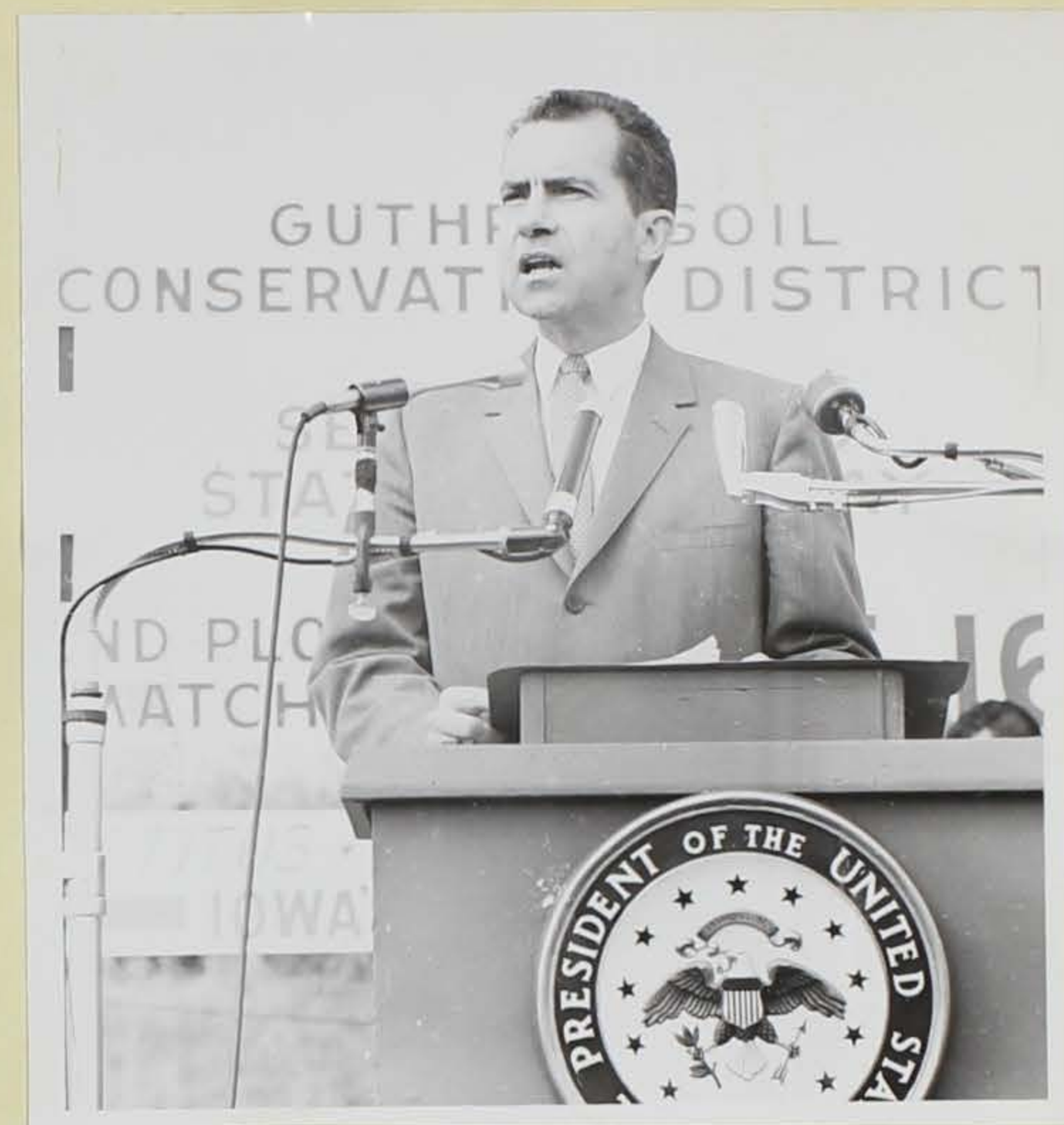














GUTHRIE CENTER GUTHRIE COUNTY

THE GUTHRIAN

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK IN IOWA WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS

Official County Paper

Guthrie County, Guthrie Center, Iowa

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1959

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Support Needed Before Final Decision on Site

Is there enough community support in Guthrie Center and Guthrie county to sponsor an event next September 23 which will probably bring presidential candidates and approximately 20,000 persons from all over Iowa and the nation to a farm located two miles northwest of Guthrie Center.

That will be the question at a meeting set for Friday afternoon at the Midway Cafe in Guthrie Center. Invitations have been sent to approximately 20 clubs, businesses, and organizations by the Guthrie Soil District Commissioners.

Developments last week have produced this: The State Field Day Committee has agreed to use the Otis Leib farm, two miles northwest of Guthrie Center and Leib has agreed to let the committee use his farm.

Now the question is there enough community support for the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts Field Day and State Contour and Level Land Plowing Matches to be held here.

Lee Neal, district conservationist, said today the final step in bringing this national publicity getting event to Guthrie county is for the Soil District Commissioners to see if enough support can be pledged to put the event over. If they can find the support they will give their okay and the field day will be held here.

"People don't realize," explained Neal, "that this is a community project and the Soil District Commissioners can act only as a steering committee to get the many things accomplished."

To enable the field day to be held near Sioux City this year nearly 25 community committees had to function. They included doing everything from the actual planning to providing parking attendants.

Besides the various committees there will be great need for volunteer labor in preparing the farm for its role in the spotlight for a day.

The event is sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee, Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Radio and Television Station WHO, Iowa State University and Iowa Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

If the event is held on the Leib farm officials estimate crowds of upwards of 20,000 to attend the one-day event. A Plowman's Banquet is held the evening before so housing will have to be arranged for.

Officials of the event think that 1960 being a presidential election year there is a great possibility a candidate or candidates for president will speak at the event.

Pick Two Farms For Soils Event

The Iowa Soil Conservation Field Day and state plowing contests will be held on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms on Highway 25 about one mile north of Guthrie Center.

The events will be held late this summer, according to William H. Greiner of the state soil conservation committee. General chairman will be Clarence Hildebaugh, a former commissioner of the Guthrie soil conservation district.

H. Gillespie, Roy Titus Farms Chosen As Site

The 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Matches will be held on the farms of Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus, one mile north of Guthrie Center. The event will be held sometime during the last two weeks of September and estimates have placed expected attendance at the Field Day at 20,000 persons.

Officials of the event think that 1960 being a presidential election year there is a great possibility a presidential candidate or candidates will speak at the event.

The Field Day is a one-day event with a Plowman's Banquet held the preceding evening. The affair is a community function and the sponsors act as steering committees for the community.

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Friday Meeting To Judge Community Support For 1960 State Field Days

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1960

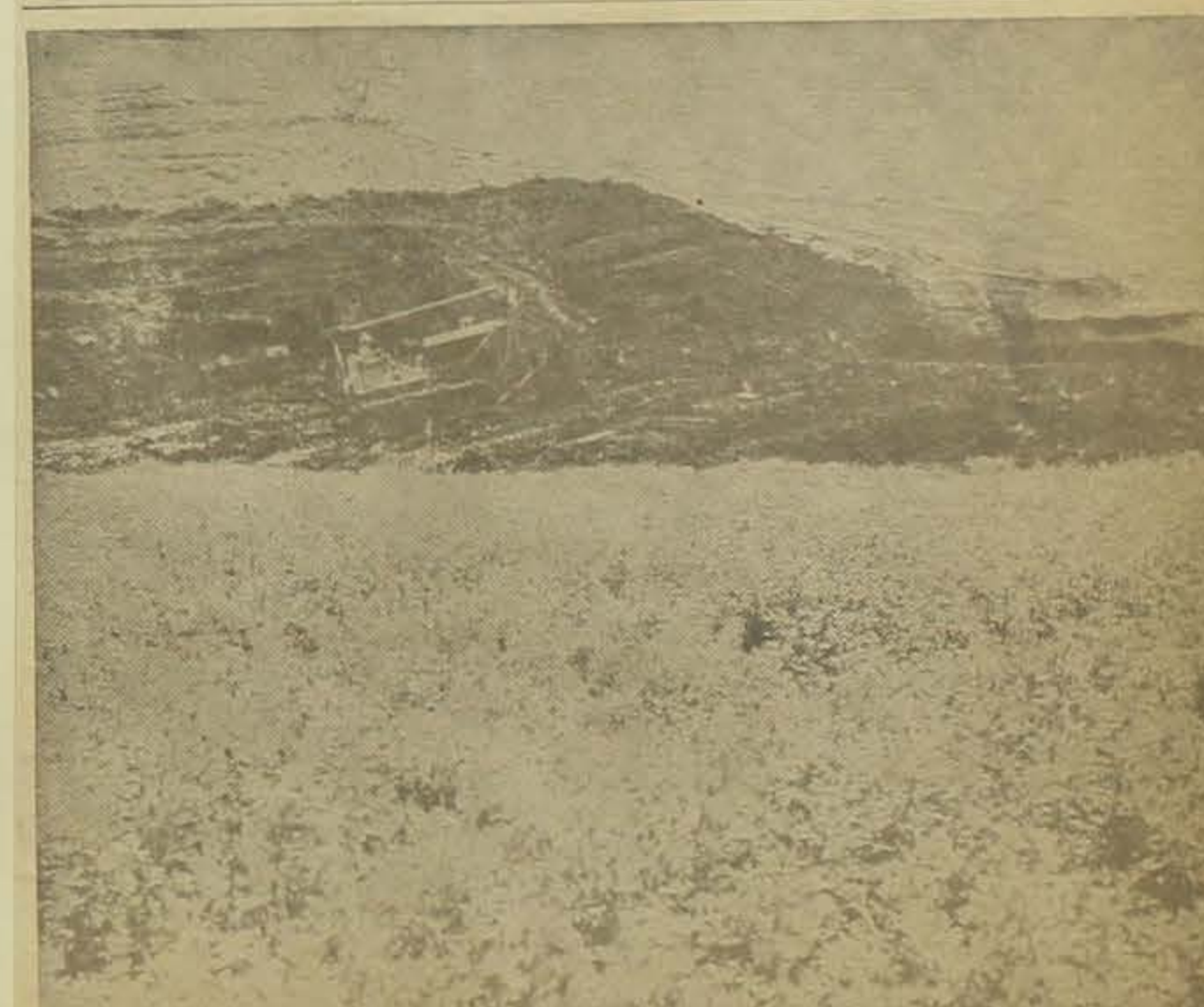
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1960 State Field Day Near Guthrie Center

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Build Pond For Field Day

An ideal wildlife area has been planted at the State Field Day and Plowing Match site near Guthrie Center.

Bill Wesack, chairman of wildlife projects for the event, said the area has been planted around a farm pond constructed between the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms, site of the Field Day.

The pond area is surrounded by wood, conifers, caragana, and wild grape.

The State Conservation Commission has surrounded the pond area with multiflora rose and bush honeysuckle. Other plantings include dogwood, which will be a wildlife habitat.

General Chairman Of 1960 Field Day Is Named

Clarence Hildebaugh, Dodge township farmer, has been selected general chairman of the 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Matches which will be held on the north edge of Guthrie Center.

Hildebaugh was a charter commissioner of the Guthrie Soil Conservation District when it was formed in 1945. He served in the commission for post until 1951. The general chairman farms 160 acres eight miles north of Guthrie Center on highway 25.

The chairman, along with the central committee of event, has named committee chairmen and called a meeting of the heads for next Friday, March 4.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 1 p. m. at the Midway Cafe in Guthrie Center, is to explain the purposes of the different committees and outline work to be done in preparation of the field day.

A list of the appointments of committee chairmen may be found on the right of this story.

Lee Neal, district conservationist, announced today the field days will be held Friday, Sept. 16. Selection of the site was announced earlier.

The state and national drawing event will be held at the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms, one mile north of Guthrie Center.

Officials of the affair believe that 1960 being a presidential election year candidates vying for the nation's post office might be induced to speak at the field day. Estimates place expected attendance at about 20,000 persons if a presidential candidate comes to Guthrie county.

The Thursday evening preceding the field day a plowman's banquet will be held.

With the naming of the committee heads the officials stressed the point that the affair is a community function and the support of area residents will be needed to make the field day a success.

The event is sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee, Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Radio and Television Station WHO, Iowa State University and Iowa Extension Service, Guthrie Soil Conservation District, and the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



Clarence Hildebaugh

Committee Heads Picked

The following committee chairmen for the 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Matches were announced today by the central committee of the events.

Airport	Melvin Kallesen
Wildlife Projects	Bill Wesack, Bill Riaski
Emergency and First Aid	Don Benton
Flag Raising	American Legion: Rex Calley
Highway Traffic Control	Bennie Sheeder
Construction	Lester Carper, Dean Holmes
Housing and Hospitality	Elmer Moreland
Car Parking	Don Laughery, Wayne Laughery
Band Music and Entertainment	Ralph Brown
Power and Water	Warren (Bob) Shelley
Soil Conservation Projects	Lee Neal
Telephone and Speaker System	Norman Steensen
Food and Drink Concessions	Sam Robinson
Mounted Patrol	Cliff Trostle, Harold Luckinbill
Publicity	Charles Gonzales
Program and Speaker	Harold Beane, Gerald Prince
Wagon Trains	Clark Bull, John Elise
Plowmen's Banquet	Mrs. Carroll Lupardus
Clean-up	Arch Silletto
Outdoor Classrooms and Tours	Gaylord Elliott
Ground Preparations	John Houghton
Commercial Exhibits	Max Arnold, Harold Beane
Finances	Marvin Rorick, G. M. Barnett, Jr.
Signs	Bud Parrott
Central Committee	Clarence Hildebaugh, Chairman;
	Louie Hansen, secretary; Elmer Moreland,
	treasurer; Keith Kirkpatrick, Bill Greiner,
	Frank Mendel, Kenneth King, Lee Neal,
	Charles Ballantyne, Clark Bull, Bill Wesack, Bryan Wesburg.

Field Day Work Rolling Along Await Presidential Conventions

Rain apparently hasn't hampered work programs on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms north of Guthrie Center which will host the 1960 Iowa State Plowing Matches and Field Day.

Planting at the site has been completed and construction of a farm pond at the scene was recently finished. In addition, new fence has been built and hundreds of odd jobs are in the process of being readied for the state's biggest farm event September 16.

The Soil Conservation Service has been laying out space for field demonstrations and exhibits. It was announced that more work would be started within the next few days.

Meanwhile, a local committee is waiting the outcome of the national political conventions which start Monday. The significance of the presidential nominee for both parties may be far reaching in Guthrie county. Contracts already have been made with the national committees for both parties to send their presidential nominees to the plowing match. There is much speculation the Sept. 16 day may bring about a major farm policy speech here if the candidates do appear.

At the present time chances of securing both presidential hopefuls appears to be good.

Max Arnold, chairman of the commercial exhibits, said national firms have already indicated they wanted space at

the big event. Present plans call for space to be reserved for 100 commercial exhibitors. Meanwhile, committees are at work on other phases of the program.

Another highlight of the event will be crowning the Queen of Conservation at the plowman's banquet preceding the field day. The state winner will be announced at that time. The contest formerly was known as the "Queen of the Furrow" contest.



Howard Gillespie (left) and Roy Titus discuss the many changes taking place at their adjoining farms one mile north of Guthrie Center in preparation for the 1960 State Field Days and Plowing Matches on Sept. 16.

Work In Progress at State Field Day Site

Field preparations and conservation measures are well underway on the 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Match site, stated Lee Neal, conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Guthrie county.

The site is located on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms located one mile north of Guthrie Center and is to be held on September 16.

To date, the following has been done: Level land plowing site seeded, ten acres of trefoil and orchard grass seeded, seven different hybrid corn lots, six acres in size or larger, twelve acres of pasture top dressed with nitrogen, wheel track planting, and the construction of a drop inlet structure.

Neal says that in addition to the above projects, one will be able to see strip cropping, terraces, waterways, tiling, and livestock pond construction.

Wallace Farmer Sept. 1960



Outside stuff

NEED A BIT of twine?

Chances are Guthrie county farmer Roy Titus could spare some. After 4 years of feeding twine-tied bales, he's rolled up a "twine ball" measuring 10 feet around. It may not be the largest twine ball on record. But I'll wager you won't find a bigger one hanging in any other Iowa barn.

Incidentally, you'll probably have a chance to see his twine collection this fall. Titus is one of the hosts for the 1960 Iowa Conservation Field Day and Plowing Matches, September 16. Why not mark the date on your calendar. You'll see conservation farming at its best. There'll be plenty of competition in both level-land and contour plowing too. And don't forget that bale of twine!

Utilities Being Constructed For Field Day

Construction of telephone and electrical circuits at the site of the State Field Day and Plowing Matches was speeded up this week in preparation of the event which will be held next Friday.

Both Iowa Electric Light and Power and Guthrie County Electric Cooperative are cooperating in constructing lines and supplying the site with electricity.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, in cooperation with the local United Telephone Company, are constructing a special cable from the site to long distance circuits at Stuart.

Plans are also being made for a long distance open line from the site to Washington, D. C. for Vice President Nixon.

A Wirephoto sending station will be constructed in the upstairs of the Times-Guthrie building.

The speakers' stand is also being constructed at the site on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms, one mile north of Guthrie Center.

The stand will be located at the northeast corner of the site.

The lots for the plowmen are being staked out.

Officials of the event said today progress has been steady and as yet no major problems have occurred.

State Field Day Progress Good

Work is progressing at a rapid pace in preparation for the 1960 State Field Day and Plowing Matches near Guthrie Center, committee heads learned at a recent meeting.

Everything is proceeding to schedule, and as yet, no "snags" have occurred.

Committee heads in charge of the contour and level land plowing matches report approximately 24 participants will be on hand for the event.

The plowmen will be chosen in individual county contests throughout the state.

In regard to the plowmen, local officials of the matches issued a call today for housing for the men and their wives.

Elmer Moreland, chairman of the committee in charge of housing, asks that anyone who would be willing to host a plowman and his wife for a night to contact him or the county extension office.

Exhibit Demand

The committee in charge of commercial exhibits reported a heavy demand for space but some space still remains.

A probable highlight of commercial exhibits will be a fence building machine. The device digs post holes and completely erects a fence.

The State Department of Public Safety has also asked permission to have an exhibit and present demonstrations.

Outdoor Classes

Details are now being worked out with the schools in the county for outdoor classes to be held at the field day. It is not yet known if schools in the county will dismiss for the day.

However the outdoor classrooms will be conducted by taking the children from schools, via busses, and conducting tours for them.

Another added attraction for the state-wide event, which will be held Sept. 16 on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms, one

mile north of Guthrie Center, will be sheep dog trials. Plans for this attraction are being arranged for by Dewey Conz, secretary of the Iowa Sheep Producers Association.

Plowmen's Banquet

The Guthrie county Farm Bureau has agreed to take charge of selling tickets for the Plowmen's Banquet which will be held the night before the big event.

At the banquet will be the finals of the Queen of Conservation and the drawing of land plots by the contesting plowmen.

Considerable Work Done On State Field Day Site

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Neal says that in addition to the above projects, one will be able to see strip cropping, terraces, waterways, tiling, and livestock pond construction.

Bill Wesack, Chairman of Wildlife Projects for the State Field Day, has announced that an ideal wildlife area has been planted at the site.

Wesack states that a farm pond with a drop in-let tube has been constructed on the fence line between the two farms. The pond has several functions such as erosion control, livestock water, recreation and wildlife habitat.

The State Conservation Commission under the direction of Bob Barrett, Area Game Manager, has set-up a wildlife area around the pond, which includes an acre of ground in addition to the water surface acres.

The Commission personnel has surrounded the pond area with multi-flora rose and bush honeysuckle. Other plantings include dogwood, conifers, caragana, wild grape, etc.

According to Wesack, one will be able to see a pond area that has value to the farmer, that lends an esthetic value to the farm and is ideally set up for protection and increase of our game birds.

A pretty farm girl from the Guthrie Soil Conservation district could become Iowa's 1960 "Queen of Conservation," according to Clark Bull, chairman of the district.

The "Queen of Conservation" contest replaces the former "Queen of the Furrow" contest and is being co-sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (Cooperative) of Des Moines.

A glamorous wardrobe and beautiful wrist watch await the lucky winner. Besides her prizes, the new queen will be hostess for Iowa Soil Conservation Districts Field day and Plowing matches which will be held near Guthrie Center on Sept. 16.

She will also be the official hostess for the annual conference of Soil Conservation District commissioners taking place in the Blackhawk hotel, Davenport, on Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

The contest is open to all single girls between the ages of 16 and 21, who reside on farms in Iowa. The queen will be chosen for her poise, personality, intelligence and personal attractiveness.

The district contest for Guthrie will be held on Aug. 11, at 8:30 p.m. in Guthrie Center. Entertainment and music will be furnished by Guthrie Center school dance band under the direction of Don Regal.

The two district winners will each receive a beautiful pearl necklace and will compete in this area's regional contest to be held at the Guthrie County fair in Guthrie Center on Sept. 8.

One winner from each of Iowa's nine soil conservation district regions will vie for the crown of "Queen of Conservation" in the state-wide contest to be held at the plowman's banquet in Guthrie Center on Sept. 15, which will be held in connection with the Iowa Soil Conservation District's Field day and Plowing matches.

Official entry blanks can be obtained at the local soil conservation district office, or from any member company of the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa in this area, or from the Farm Bureau Women of Guthrie county who are handling the arrangement for the entire Queen contest in Guthrie county.

Entry closing date for contestants is Aug. 3.

GUTHRIE COUNTY

Co. Farm Bureau Will Handle Ticket Sale For Plowman's Banquet

The Guthrie County Farm Bureau will handle the sale and distribution of tickets for the Plowman's banquet, Sept. 15, under the direction of Doris Lupardus.

The dinner will be served by the Catholic church women at the new grade school in Guthrie Center. Tickets are \$2.50 each and everyone is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the Guthrie County Farm Bureau office or from any member of the State Plowing Match committee.

The menu consists of juice, baked ham, baked potatoes, green beans, sliced tomatoes, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee and apple or cherry pie. The crowning of the "Queen of Conservation" will take place along with other entertainment during the evening.



Committees Give Reports On Field Day

Chairmen of the 24 local committees met in Guthrie Center recently to give progress reports and do further planning for the Iowa Conservation Field day and Plowing matches to be held on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms Sept. 16. Meeting with committee chairmen were members of the State Field Day committee. This is expected to be the largest farm event in Iowa this year. Agricultural tours, demonstrations, exhibits and plowing matches will give the spectators a full day at the field day.

COUNTY PLOWING MATCH TO BE IN AUGUST

Clark Bull, chairman of the Guthrie Soil District, announces that a county Contour Plowing match is to be held in August. The winner of the match will be eligible to plow in the state plowing match which is to be held in Guthrie Center this year on Sept. 16.

Any farmer who is interested in entering the plowing matches should submit his application to the soil office before Aug. 5.

The exact time and place of the match will be announced at a later date. Cash prizes are to be awarded for first and second places.

Plan New Feature At State Plowing Match

Glen's Gleanings

By Glen Shields
Agency Manager

Vacation time, fair time and state plowing match and field day all coming up before long, will be a good time to enjoy yourself for you have earned a rest from your labors.

With the political candidates selected, we will all be watching to see what they promise to do for the farmer. And what they do for the farmer affects all of us in the Midwest. I personally feel the farmer is not the forgotten man so many people talk about. When you think of our increasing population and the ever need for more food, we are not whipped yet.

Sure we have our problems, surpluses, allotments, compliance supports, etc., but has there ever been a time when we didn't have problems.

Right now, I have numerous problems. I need to get a new special agent, we need to get around the county and discuss the needs of our members as we do pride ourselves in being a service to member company. So, if you do have any problems you would like to have our help on, please give me a ring and I'll be very happy to call as soon as I can. Happy vacationing. — Glenn Shields, agency manager.

WANTED

Sleeping rooms for State Plowing Match contestants and their wives for the night of Sept. 15. If you have one available contact Elmer Moreland, Guthrie Center, phone 267W.

NOTICE

See the article on page 5 of last week's Spokesman about soil conservation practices.

Co. Resolutions Comm. Will Meet July 29

A meeting of the Guthrie County Resolutions committee will be held July 29 at 8 p.m. in the Farm Bureau meeting room.

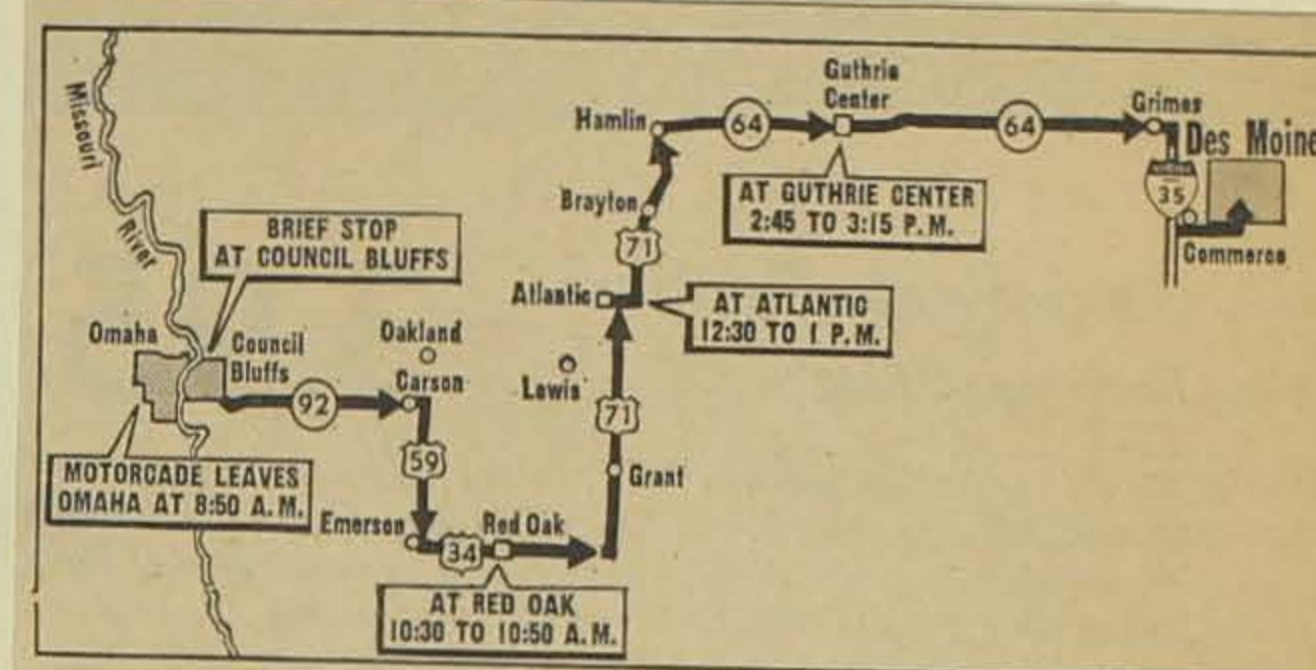
The committee with Fory Bassett, county vice president as chairman, will discuss and adopt final plans for the Policy Development program.

The opinionnaire will be compiled with the emphasis this year being on State Policy.

Candidates Confer With Governor



Democratic candidates in Guthrie county met with Governor Herschel Loveless in Guthrie Center preceding the governor's Field Day appearance. From left, Eddie Stark, Panora; Martin Peterson, Menlo; Governor Loveless; Ronald Fellmeyer of Guthrie Center, and Robert Dailey of Casey.



MAP PREPARED BY REGISTER STAFF ARTIST

Vice-President Nixon will follow this route today on his campaign trip from Omaha to Guthrie Center, then on to Des Moines. Times are approximate. Republican officials said Thursday attempts were being made to speed up the schedule by about 10 minutes.



Route in Des Moines

Nixon in Iowa Friday

Iowa Republicans were preparing to give Vice-President Richard Nixon a rousing welcome Friday when he comes to this state for a series of campaign appearances.

Nixon, the Republican nominee for president, is scheduled to arrive in Omaha, Neb., tonight for an overnight stay. He will deliver a breakfast address there Friday morning.

He is scheduled to leave Omaha at 8:40 a. m. Friday and stop in Council Bluffs for 10 minutes. The candidate is to reach Red Oak at 10:20 a. m. for a talk at the fall harvest festival.

He will eat a box lunch in Sunnyside park at Atlantic at noon and will leave there at 1 p. m. for Guthrie Center where he will deliver a half-hour address about 2:45 p. m. at the state plowing matches on the Titus and Gillespie farms.

The Nixon party next will come to Des Moines, arriving at the edge of town about 4:30 p. m. and reaching the Hotel Savory at about 5 p. m.

He will leave the hotel at 7:30 p. m. for Station WHO-TV where he will deliver a campaign address over a seven-state TV hookup.

Nixon is scheduled to leave Des Moines by plane at 9 a. m. Saturday for Sioux City where he will address a downtown rally before taking off at 12:30 p. m. for Minneapolis, Minn.

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Calendar of Coming Events

USS American Fence and other Farm Products manufactured by American Steel & Wire Division will be on display at many of the big agricultural shows and field days this Fall.

Come visit us and see the new Mechanical Fence Erector demonstrated. Recently developed by American Steel & Wire Division and U. S. Steel, the new fence building machine can be seen in action at the following farm shows:

Sept. 16—Soil Conservation Field Days and Iowa State Plow Matches, near Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Sept. 21, 22, 23—Farm Progress Show, Joliet, Illinois.

Sept. 21, 22, 23—Soil Conservation Field Days and National Plowing Contest near Sioux Falls, S. D.

Oct. 1-Oct. 8—National Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa.

The Iowa Farm Register

Candidate Calendar

Speaking dates for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates today and Saturday:

TODAY

NIXON—Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Red Oak, Atlantic, Guthrie Center and Des Moines, Ia.

KENNEDY—Harrisburg and York, Penn., and Baltimore, Md.

LODGE—Sarasota and Miami Beach, Fla.

JOHNSON—Las Vegas, Nev., and Oklahoma City, Okla.

SATURDAY

KENNEDY—Greenville, Greensboro, Asheville, Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C.

NIXON—Sioux City, Ia., and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

JOHNSON—Arlene, Tex.

LODGE—Returns to Washington.



Pond Area for Wildlife

This is the wildlife habitat area being developed for the 1960 Iowa Soil Conservation Field Day and Plowing Matches one mile north of Guthrie Center. Guthrie county extension director Louie O. Hansen (left) and Neil Anderson of the Iowa Conservation Commission, Guthrie Center, are shown visiting about the wildlife area. The farm pond and dam development started in June.

Haven for Wildlife Is Being Set Up

By Don Muhm

(The Register's Farm Editor)

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.—A model wildlife habitat area is being created at the site of the 1960 Iowa Soil Conservation Field Day one mile north of here.

Nucleus of the wildlife area is a farm pond built near the fenceline between the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms.

Those farms constitute the site of the field day Sept. 16 when presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon is scheduled to deliver a major farm address.

Neil Anderson, Iowa Conservation Commission worker from Guthrie Center, said the habitat was set up to be a model wildlife area.

Spring plantings, unfortunately, did not fare well.

Consequently the growths of multiflora rose, Russian olive, honeysuckle, ponderosa pine and other plantings haven't attained optimum growth.

Fenced Pond

The farm pond area will be fenced. Persons attending the field day program will be able to view the area and obtain information about starting habitat areas.

Anderson, a 53-year-old former farmer, has worked for the conservation commission for three years.

The conservation event is held jointly with the Iowa plowing matches.

Louis O. Hansen, Guthrie county extension director, said 40,000 persons are expected to attend the program.

Visitors will tour the Gillespie and Titus farms in wagons. Stops will be made at experimental plots which concern minimum tillage, crop varieties, parallel terraces, strip cropping, use of fertilizers and the wildlife area.

Demonstrations planned include a two-way plow operation and an automatic fence-builder.

Hansen said officials plan to have a second earth dam and farm pond area under construction during the field day.

Chairman

General chairman of the event is Clarence Heidelbaugh of Bayard.

The annual plowman's banquet, held the evening before the plowing matches, is scheduled Sept. 15 at the Guthrie Center Elementary School.

The "Iowa Queen of Conservation" contest finals will be held then. The 1960 queen will preside at the field day.

LIST PLOWMEN IN 2 CONTESTS

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA. (P)—Six former state champions plan to take part in the Iowa plowing matches Friday, five in the contour section of the contest and one in the level land division.

The plowing matches, part of the Conservation Field Day, will be held on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms north of Guthrie Center.

Won When Only 16

The former champions planning to participate are Bob Barrow of Keosauqua, who was runnerup in the national contest in 1951; Don Wittrock of Primghar; Clark Bull of Guthrie Center; Adam Schwab of Shell Rock; defending titlist Art Raisch of Sheffield; and Jerry Jensen of Meriden.

Jensen, now 21, won the level land title when only 16 years old. All except Jensen will compete in the contour division.

Other Contestants

Other contour contestants are Ray Wilhoite, Wall Lake; Harold Zeliadt, Prole; John Stroburg, Blackton; Clemens Birney, Dow City; Lavern McCabe, Cascade; Vernon Robinson, La Mars; and Richard Wagner, Homestead.

Competing against Jensen in the level land contest are Francis Willey, Harndon; George Negen, Clarksdale; H. M. Boersma, Sheldon; Roy Beckett, Boone; Dallas Bowman, Adel; Frank Wheeler, Prole; Erwin Schubert, Harris; and John Monaghan, Waverly.

The 16 plowmen will compete for more than \$750 in prizes given by radio station WHO.



CONSIDERABLE ORATORY EVERYWHERE WITH COLD WAR FRONT MOVING INTO THE VICINITY AND CONTINUING HIGH PRESSURE POLITICAL DEBATE OVER MOST OF THE NATION. HOT WORDS AND WINDY SPEECHES LIKELY. MOST ISSUES WILL REMAIN UNSETTLED.

FRANK MILLER

Former Champs In Plowing Matches

Several former Iowa plowing champions will be among the contestants today at the state matches on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms north of Guthrie Center.

A field of 21 farmers will compete in contour and level land plowing events.

Among the former plowing champions are Don Wittrock of Primghar (1956), Clark Bull of Guthrie Center (1957), Bob Barrow of Keosauqua (1951), Adam Schwab of Shell Rock (1957), Art Raisch of Sheffield (1958-1959), and Jerry Jensen of Meriden (1955).

Other contestants: Ray Wilhoite, Wall Lake; Harold Zeliadt, Prole; John Stroburg, Blackton; Clemens Birney, Dow City; Lavern McCabe, Cascade; Vernon Robinson, La Mars; Richard Wagner, Homestead; Francis Willey, Harndon; George Negen, Clarksdale; H. M. Boersma, Sheldon; Roy Beckett, Boone; Dallas Bowman, Adel; Frank Wheeler, Prole; Erwin Schubert, Harris; and John Monaghan, Waverly.

The men will compete for \$750 in prizes in the contest sponsored by Radio Station WHO.

Friday, Sept. 16

9:00 A. M. Fontanelle Legion Drill Team.

9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Soil Conservation Demonstrations—wagon taxi tours, wildlife exhibits, industrial and commercial exhibits and fence building demonstrations.

9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon, Sheep Dog Demonstrations—Dewey Jontz, Fieldman, Iowa Sheep Association.

9:30 A. M., 1960 State Level Land Championship Plowing Contest.

10:30 A. M., 1960 State Contour Championship Plowing Contest.

11:45 A. M., Band Music—Guthrie Center Community School Band.

12:00 Noon to 12:30 P. M., Stage Program—Edmund Groomes, Master of Ceremonies. Welcome—Clarence Hildebaugh. Invocation—Rev. Robert Dodder, First Methodist Church. Presentation on "Queen of Conservation."

12:30 P. M. to 1:30 P. M., Presentation of Special Guests. Address by: Honorable Quentin Burdick, United States Senator from North Dakota.

1:30 P. M., Band Music—Guthrie Center Community School Band.

2:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M., Stage Program—Presentation of officials, plowmen, awards and prizes. Herb Plambeck, farm director, radio station WHO.

2:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M., Presentation of Special Guests. Address by: Honorable Richard M. Nixon, Vice President of the United States and Republican Presidential Nominee.

Eight county Farm Bureaus have planned a big Farm Bureau exhibit for the state field day, Friday, Sept. 16.

A contest for estimating the cost of repair of an actual wrecked car will be available. Make your estimate and win an electric 1½ gallon ice cream freezer.

SEE car tires actually being made by your Farm Service company.

SEE the enzyme cow, with the enzymes working in an actual cow's stomach.

SEE the Farm Bureau Women's exhibits on civil defense, trends in agriculture, know and understand Farm Bureau and citizenship.

SEE your Farm Bureau in action on reapportionment, property tax, co-operative marketing, etc.



Linda Redfearn



Patricia Keeney



Patty Gray



Sandra Lea Hickman



Joyce Sandell



Sharon Lee Grotewold



Shirley Jean Goins



Muriel Pfister

Will Vie For Queen Title

Nine pretty farm girls from throughout Iowa will compete Thursday night in Guthrie Center for the state Queen of Conservation title.

The nine are finalists in the contest which has been running all summer in a series of eliminations in county and then regional contests.

The ninth regional contest was held Thursday night at the Guthrie County Fair.

Winner here was Evelyn Rasmussen, a Calhoun county farm girl from Rockwell City. She was chosen over 13 other girls who included:

Alice Paulsen, Exira; Margie Olson, Coon Rapids; Marilyn Jurschak, Portsmouth; Ardith Nielsen, Kirkman; Carolyn McCaffrey and Diane Schillerberg, both of Denison; Beverly Wenger, Guthrie Center; Sharon Wirt, Panorama; Sharilyn Reed, Lohrville; Mary Nipps, Jefferson; Jane Paup, Bagley; Marlys Keele, Blencoe; and Deanna Mander, Hornick.

The finals of the state contest will be held during the Plowman's Banquet at the new North Grade School gymnasium.

The other eight finalists are: Sharon Lee Grotewold, Larchwood; Linda Redfearn, New London; Sandra Lea Hickman, Winthrop; Muriel Pfister, Decorah; Patty Gray, Osceola; Patricia Keeney, Runnells; Joyce Sandell, Fort Dodge; Shirley Jean Goins, Diagonal.



Evelyn Rasmussen



At Queen Contest

Guthrie and Greene county candidates for Queen of Conservation are pictured with the winner of the regional contest held at the Guthrie County Fair. From left, Sharon Wirt, Panorama; Beverly Wenger, Guthrie Center; the regional winner Evelyn Rasmussen, Rockwell City; Mary Nipps, Jefferson; and Jane Paup, Bagley. Miss Paup is a former Guthrie Center resident.

The crowning of the district Queen of Conservation with the winner going to the state contests will highlight the Thursday evening activities. Sixteen candidates from southwest Iowa will vie for top honors in the contest.

Preceding the Queen of Conservation contest is the massed band concert of the high school bands in the county. Each year the bands have put on a spectacular show during the first evening of the fair.

Janice Borton Crowns New Queen

Joyce Sandell, pretty Webster county farm girl, was crowned Iowa's 1960 Queen of Conservation by the 1959 queen, Janice Borton, of Nevada. The ceremony took place at the Plowman's Banquet Thursday, Sept. 15 at Guthrie Center.

The yet reigning Queen Janice was presented to the audience by Herb Plambeck, WHO radio farm editor. She thanked her sponsors for the eventful year and also for the good time she had that evening. She expressed her sadness as, soon she would end her reign when she crowned the Queen. She was given a lovely corsage. Herb asked her to help him with the drawing of lands for the plowmen.

Earlier in the evening Janice met the nine contestants at the Midway cafe where the judging took place. Later she accompanied them to the school where she helped them change into their formal wear for the banquet.

The highlight of the evening was crowning the new queen.



Pretty Queen To Welcome Nixon Today

By Don Muhm

(The Register's Farm Editor)

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA. — A pretty Webster county farm girl was chosen Thursday night as the Iowa "Queen of Conservation" to reign today over the Iowa Conservation Field Day and State Plowing matches near here.

She is 16-year-old Joyce Sandell, an attractive 4-H girl and basketball player at Central Webster High School of Fort Dodge. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sandell.

Miss Sandell will be among those welcoming Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and Senator Quentin Burdick (Dem., N. D.) to the contest site.

She was selected Thursday night from nine Iowa queen candidates.

Competing for the crown were Patty Keeney, 16, of Runnells; Shirley Goins, 18, of Diagonal; Patty Gray, 16, of Osceola; Sandy Hickman, 18, of Winthrop; Evelyn Rasmussen, 17, of Rockwell City; Linda Redfearn, 18, of New London; Sharon Grotewold, 19, of Larchwood; and Muriel Pfister, 18, of Decorah.

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Fort Dodge Girl Wins

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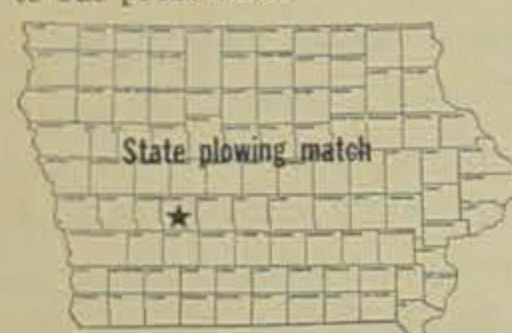
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In order to make a farm show of this size successful it takes a lot of man-power. The manpower consists of 24 committees and each one is functioning.

Clark Bull, chairman of the wagon train committee, states that 25 tractors have been lined up to pull 50 wagons. Each wagon will carry bales of straw for passengers to sit on. Wagons and drivers are being lined up by the Guthrie County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Bull states the wagon train route will be 2.0 miles in length and that special places will be set up as loading and unloading stations. Each train will have a narrator to explain the different conservation practices. While traveling on the wagon train route one will see the following:

He will pass by the commercial exhibit area where some 65 exhibitors will be displaying products. Then on to a system of parallel terraces and then by a waterway under construction. You'll next see a farm pond under construction which will be one acre in size.

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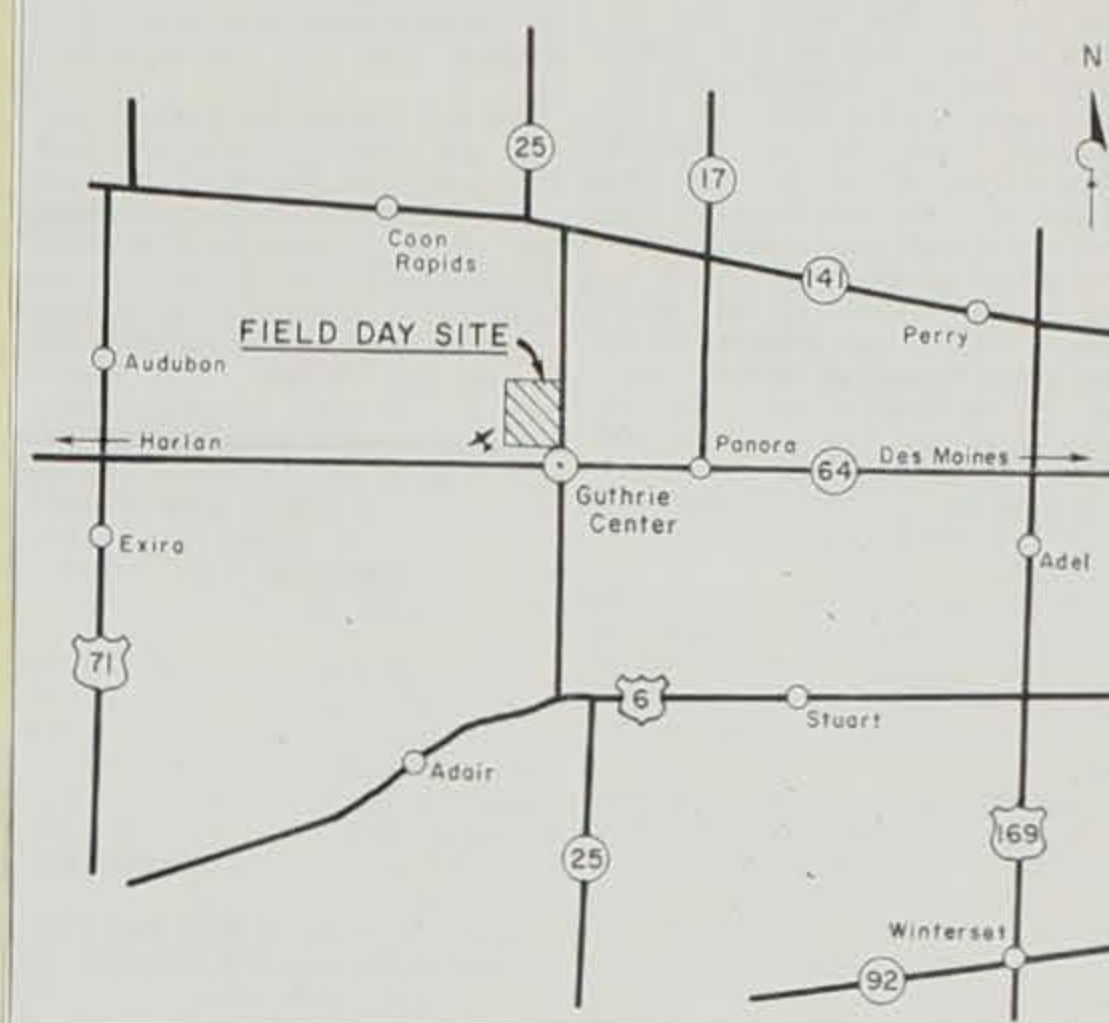
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Farm pond safety is something everyone should know, and a complete demonstration as to how a pond should be used for swimming and boating will be shown.

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Turn over for articles on Plowman's Banquet & Queen Contest →

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The announcement climaxed months of work by local men who had been working to secure one or both political candidates for the two major political parties.

While in Chicago attending the national Republican convention Cowden was in contact with Senator Burke Hickenlooper and Congressman Ben Jensen concerning the possibility of the Republican presidential candidate appearing at the September 16 event. At that time no definite commitment could be made.

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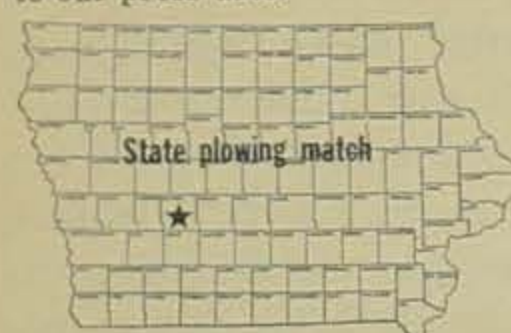
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This has become an annual event since the first barbecue was held three years ago, and all of the vast amount of work involved in serving 1000 people is done by volunteers. Approximately 750 chickens were barbecued by members of the district governing body, and served with the chips, lettuce salad, ice cream, coffee and milk. Tickets were sold at the rate of \$1.25 when purchased in advance and \$1.50 if they were obtained that evening. Volunteer ticket salesmen were enlisted in every township in a campaign to sell tickets in advance.

During the evening, an election for district commissioner was held. George Keehner of Monona was elected for a six year term replacing Norman Amundson of Postville. Mr. Amundson had served as a commissioner for six years and was not seeking re-election.

Lois J. Fette of St. Olaf and Mary E. Ryan of Monona, two attractive 18 year old farm girls, were selected as district winners in the "Queen of Conservation" contest also being held during the evening. Following the announcing of the winners in the "Queen" contest, Bob Lucas and his Square Dancers of Waterloo gave a square dancing exhibition. After the exhibition, the public was invited to join in the dancing.

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Seeking Field Day Accommodations

An appeal for housing for the State Field Day and Plowing Matches Sept. 16 was issued today by Elmer Moreland, chairman of the housing and hospitality committee for the event.

Since Guthrie county has a shortage of public lodging, it is necessary both rural and urban people offer their help in furnishing lodging for one night.

At least 40 rooms with

sleeping accommodations for two are needed. It is also hoped that the people who offer a room will furnish breakfast to their guests the morning of the 16th, Moreland said.

Persons who will be placed in these homes are the contestants for the plowing matches, their wives, and officials of the state-wide event.

This request isn't unusual, according to Moreland, since previous communities where Field Days have been held have come through 100 per cent in furnishing lodging accommodations.

If you are a resident of Guthrie county and can furnish a room, please contact Moreland or the Soil Conservation office in Guthrie Center.

Plowman's Banquet Tickets Now On Sale

Operation Cleanup

A few short weeks ago we suggested a general cleanup of the business and residential district of Guthrie Center in preparation for Vice President Nixon's visit to this community.

The chamber of Commerce followed suit and the city fathers are joining in the plea for a sharp looking city.

And many residents have heeded the cleanup plea. A lot of paint has been sold in the last few weeks to give homes and businesses a new face. Lawn mowers, farm mowers, scythes and sickles have been working overtime in many cases. Already, the city has taken on a new appearance in some quarters.

Much remains to be done. Many persons will continue the cleanup started by their neighbors. The effort expended for the cleanup has not been in vain. Several persons already have remarked about the difference in the appearance of the city.

If the weather is decent September 16, Guthrie Center undoubtedly will have the largest crowd it has ever had.

We can be proud of the work put in by the committee to secure the conservation and field day here. We can be more proud of the time and cooperation extended by residents to make certain the project goes over in a big way.

Everyone has a stake in the event. The pride we have in making the city attractive will leave a good impression in every visitors mind.

We only hope that more people join in the cleanup during the next two weeks.

A lot has been accomplished. Much remains to be done.

We feel that come September 16, visitors to this community will be impressed by the appearance of the city and the warm, friendly welcome they will receive during their short stay here.

Banquet Tickets Going Fast, But Not to Guthrians

If Guthrie county folks plan to attend the Plowman's Banquet feature of the State Field Day and Plowing Matches they had better order their tickets.

This advice was issued today by Mrs. Carroll Lupardus when she reported only 100 tickets are left from the original 400. She is chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet.

Of the 300 tickets sold, nearly all have been to persons outside the county.

Some officials of the event expressed disappointment today that the county residents have not shown more support of the banquet by purchasing tickets.

The event will be in the gym of the new North Grade School beginning at 6:30 p. m.

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The first three days the tickets were on sale 130 were purchased, she said.

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Mail orders should be accompanied by a check.

COMMITTEES MEET

The fifth meeting of the State Field Day committee chairmen has been called for by Clarence Hildebaugh, general chairman. The meeting will be held Thursday, 7:45 p. m. at the Guthrie County Rural Electric Cooperative building on the east edge of Guthrie Center.

Nixon's Visit to Iowa

Iowans will extend a gracious welcome to Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon today, as they cross the southwest corner of the state. A little less than a month ago, Senators Kennedy and Johnson were in Iowa to give the Democratic view on farm policy, and now it is the turn of the Republicans.

In each presidential election year, Iowa gets the limelight on farm policy discussions, for reasons that are obvious. It is not assumed that Iowans are interested only in farm policy. But because of Iowa's prominence in agriculture, this state makes a good setting for debating the issues concerning that industry. Long before the nominations, both the Kennedy and Nixon camps were doing reconnaissance work

on the farm problem in this state. Both men have said that they consider farm policy a major domestic issue in the campaign.

There is special interest in what Vice-President Nixon will have to say at Guthrie Center, because he has not yet given a full statement of his views on farm policy. The Republican farm plank was not as specific as the Democratic on what kinds of government action might be taken.

The vice-president has indicated clearly that he wants a change in farm policy and that he does not agree with President Eisenhower and Secretary Benson on agricultural matters. This has heightened interest in what he will say at Guthrie Center today.

Guthrie Host To Three Queen Contests In Next Two Months

A pretty farm girl from the Guthrie Soil conservation district could become Iowa's 1960 "Queen of Conservation," according to Clark Bull, chairman of the district.

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The district contest for Guthrie will be held August 11 at 8:30 in Guthrie Center. The two district winners will be eligible to compete in the regional contest at the Guthrie county fair September 8.

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Bull said the contest is open to all single girls between the ages of 16 and 21 who reside on farms in Iowa. The queen will be chosen for her poise, personality, intelligence and personal attractiveness.

The two district winners will receive a pearl necklace. Winners in the state contest will receive a wardrobe and a beautiful wrist watch. In

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Official entry blanks for local entries can be obtained at the Guthrie Soil Conservation office or from any member company of the Farmers Grain Dealers association.

Also, Farm Bureau women in the county who are handling arrangements for the banquet have entry blanks.

Closing entry date is August 3.



Guthrie Center, Panora Girls Advance in Queen Contest

Panora and Guthrie Center lassies took honors in the Guthrie County Queen of Conservation contest Thursday night. The two, Beverly Wenger, left, and Sharon Wirt, will advance to the regional contest which will be held during the Guthrie County Fair. The girls, chosen among 15 contestants, are the daughters of Mrs. Iona Wenger, Guthrie Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wirt, Panora.

Seniors Plan Stand For Field Day

Ice cold pop! Get your ice cold pop here! This will be the sound coming from one of the booths at the Field Day program September 16.

The seniors of Guthrie Center high school wish that you would drop by and pick up one of their sack lunches, or some pop, or maybe just a cup of coffee.

We'll be looking for YOU at the senior class booth September 16 at Field Day.

Plan To Attend The State Conservation And Field Day Sept. 16th

Plans have been completed, exhibits erected and all is ready for the state field day, Friday, Sept. 16.

All Guthrie county people can be very proud of the work of the various committees to make this big day a very well organized and eventful one for Guthrie county. Plan now to attend this big event. Come early and enjoy the day.

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Director's Comments

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The three-day agricultural exposition is being sponsored jointly by Radio Station WNAX-570, the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and the South Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Over 100,000 people are expected to visit the 100 acres of farm exhibits and travel the tractor train to the various soil conservation developments established on the Ode Farm.

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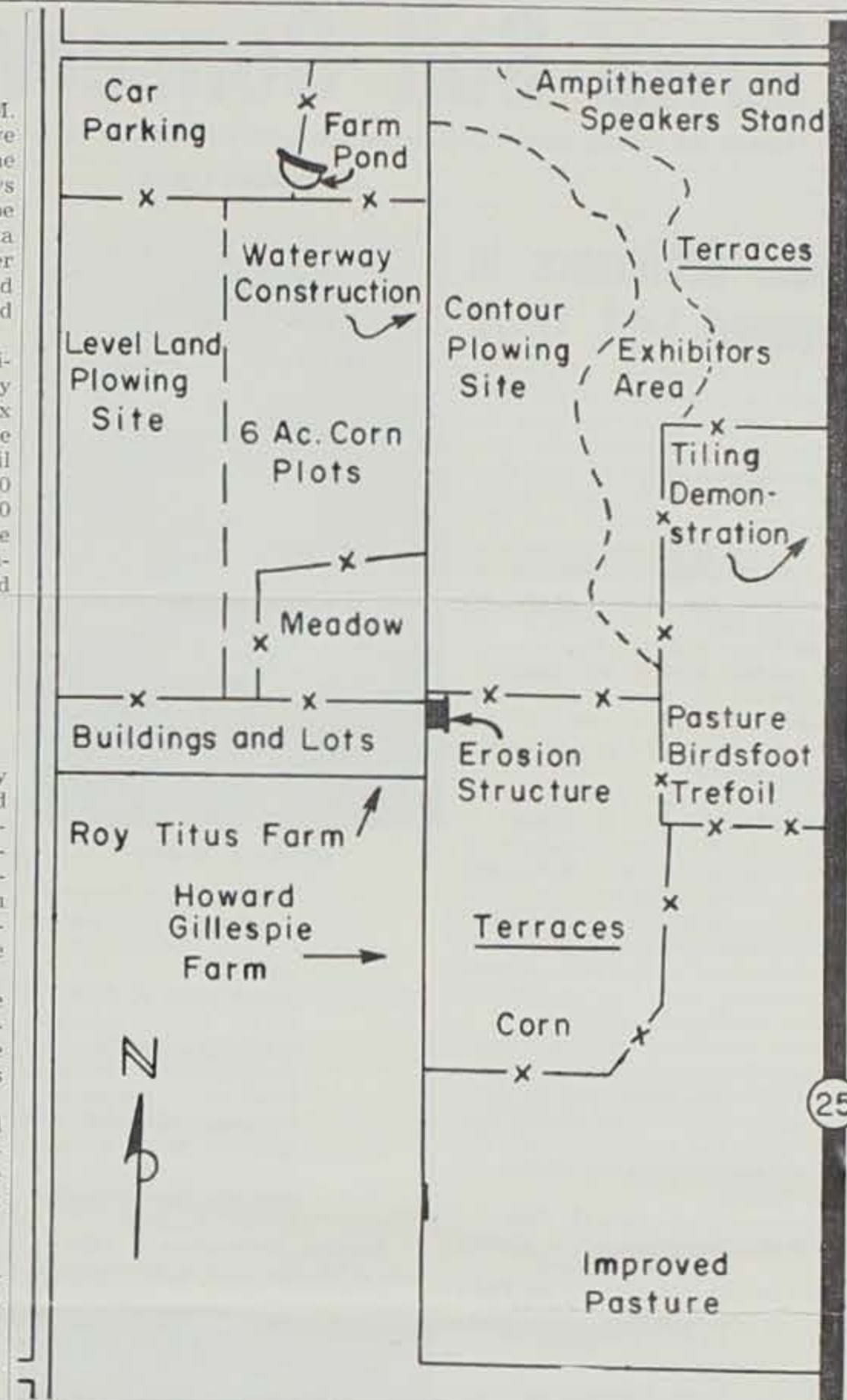
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9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Sheep Dog Demonstrations — Dewey Jontz, Fieldman, Iowa Sheep Association.
9:30 A.M. 1960 State Level Land Championship Plowing



Contest.
10:30 A.M. 1960 State Contour Championship Plowing Contest.
11:45 A.M. Band Music — Guthrie Center Community School Band.
12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. Stage Program — Edmund Grooms, Master of Ceremonies. Welcome—Clarence Hildebaugh. Invocation — Rev. Robert Dodder, First Methodist Church. Presentation of "Queen of Conservation."
12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Presentation of Special Guests. Address by: Honorable

Quentin Burdick, United States Senator from North Dakota.
1:30 P.M. Band Music — Guthrie Center Community School Band.
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2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Presentation of Special Guests. Address by: Honorable Richard M. Nixon, Vice President of the United States and Republican Presidential Nominee.

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HELLO
Dick and Pat
and Senator Burdick too

GUTHRIE CENTER TIMES

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Expect Crowds to Line Route

Nixon's Route to Field Day Site Announced

Guthrie Center Ready For Friday's Big Day

Sept. 1 Plan Nixon's Field Day Itinerary

The final touches for Vice President Nixon's visit to Guthrie Center Sept. 16 were added Tuesday when FBI men and a member of Mr. Nixon's advisory team met with several individuals representing committees for the State Plowing Match and Field Day.

Plans for Mr. Nixon's route, arrival and departure times, accommodations while here and a tour of the field day site were announced.

Also in attendance were members of the Iowa Highway patrol, and members of the state Republican central committee.

Local persons at the meeting were Lee Neal, Bennie Sheeder, Stuart Stringham, Harold Beane, G. W. Prince, Max Arnold and Gerald Laughery.

Final details of Mr. Nixon's visit will be announced at a later date.

Help At Site Of State Field Day

Lee Neal of the soil conservation service, issued a plea today for volunteer labor to work at the site of the plowing matches and field day.

Neal said there are many types of work to be done at the site and anyone wishing to volunteer their services are asked to bring a saw and hammer.

Herndon Man, Clark Bull Win Plow Matches

Clark Bull of Guthrie Center and Francis Willey of Herndon won the two divisions of the Guthrie county plowing matches Tuesday and will advance to the state contest.

Bull took contour honors and Willey was named level land winner.

They will compete in the state plowing matches Sept. 16 at the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms, north of Guthrie Center.

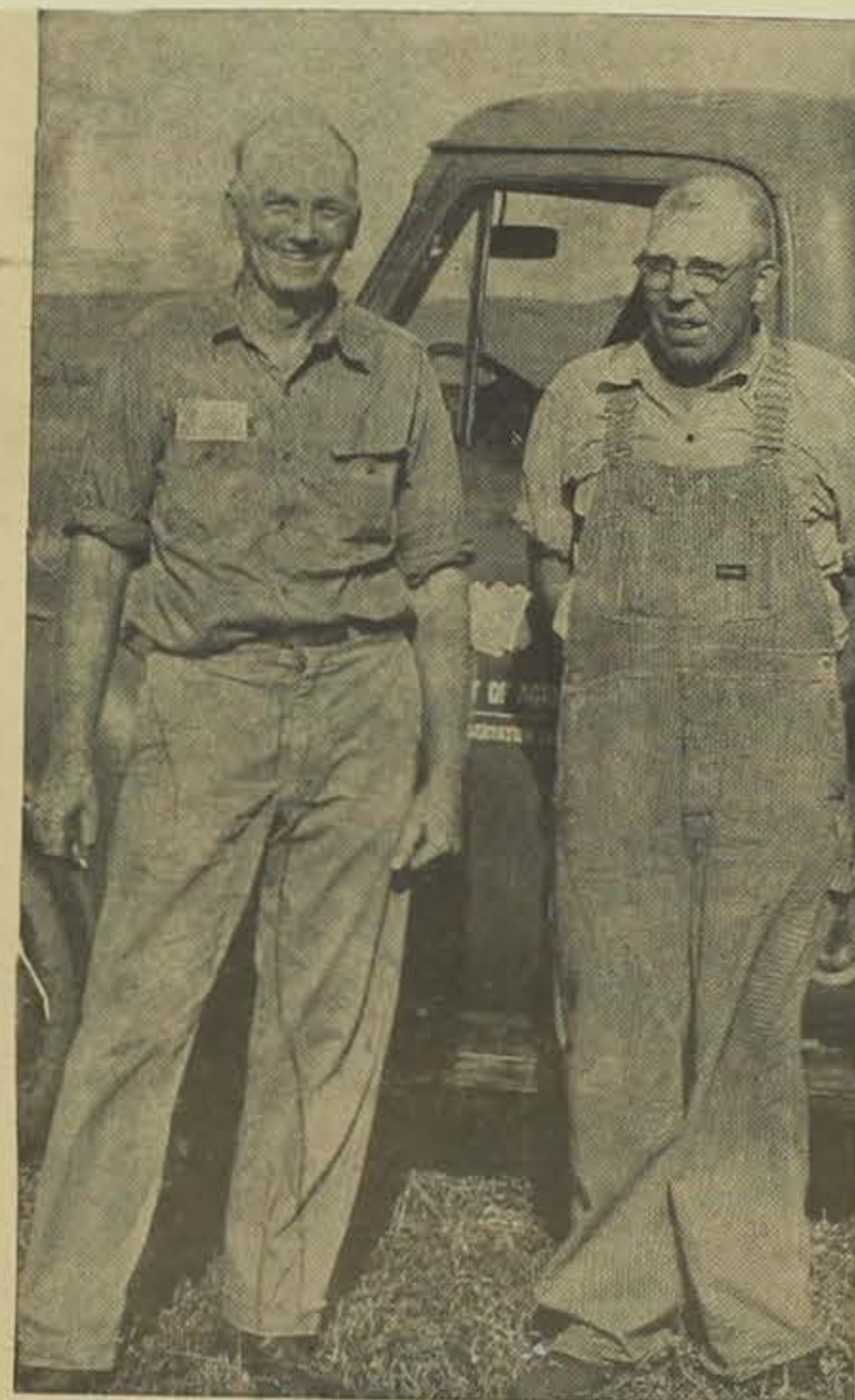
Plowing Matches

Several former state champions will be competing in the contour section. They include Bob Barrow of Keosauqua, who in 1951 won the state title and the runnerup honors at the national contest in Missouri.

Also plowing will be Don Wittrock of Primghar who won the state event in 1956, Clark Bull of Guthrie Center who in 1957 won the state level land crown, Adam Schwab of Shell Rock who took the state contour title in 1957, and Art Ralsch of near Sheffield, who as the defending champion, will try for the third straight year to take top honors.

Other contour contestants are Ray Willhoite of Wall Lake, Harold Zeliadt of Prole, John Stroborg of Blockton, Clemet Birney of Dow City, Lavern McCabe of Cascade, Vernon Robinson of LeMars.

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Win Plowing Matches

These two men will represent Guthrie county at the State Plowing Matches on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms Sept. 16. Clark Bull (left) won the contour match and Francis Willey of Herndon took level land honors. The local contest was held last week.



Won't Be Long

"It won't be long now," Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus are probably saying to each other. After a three year preparation the 1960 Field Day and Plowing Matches will be held on their farms, one mile north of Guthrie Center Friday.

SPEAKERS

TIME SCHEDULE

Field Day officials are hoping a large turnout will line the route of Vice President Nixon and Senator Burdick and Governor Loveless as they travel to and from the field day site.

Here is a brief time schedule and routes of speakers: 10 a.m. — Senator Burdick and Governor Loveless to arrive from Des Moines on highway 64, turn north on highway 25 and proceed to Field Day site. No schedule for their departure has been announced.

2:15 — Vice President Nixon arrives from west on highway 64 turns north at First Street and proceeds to Field Day.

3:30 — Mr. Nixon leaves site by going south on highway 25 to highway 64 and then east out of town.

Arrange Transportation From Guthrie Center To Site

Don Laughery announced today arrangements have been made to provide transportation from Guthrie Center proper to the field day site. Local residents therefore will not have to drive the short distance.

A truck will make runs from the court house at short intervals. Laughery asked residents to leave their cars home and walk to the court house to prevent a parking problem at the debarking point.

Vice President Richard Nixon's route into and out of Guthrie Center was announced today by Guthrie County Sheriff Bennie Sheeder.

The vice president will speak from 2:30 until 3:30 at the State Field Day and Plowing Matches Friday.

Mr. Nixon will come into town from the west on highway 64, turn at First Street and proceed to the gravel road on the north edge of the site on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms.

His caravan will park on the gravel road and Mr. Nixon will walk to the speaker's stand at the northeast corner on highway 64.

Following his speech his caravan will turn south on highway 25 and proceed to the junctions of highways 25 and 64 in Guthrie Center. He will travel to Des Moines on highway 64.

A small army of law enforcement officers have been assigned to the field day, both as protection for the speakers, and traffic control.

Preliminary estimates show some 25 patrolmen will be in Guthrie Center, five patrol cars will accompany the vice president on his Iowa trip.

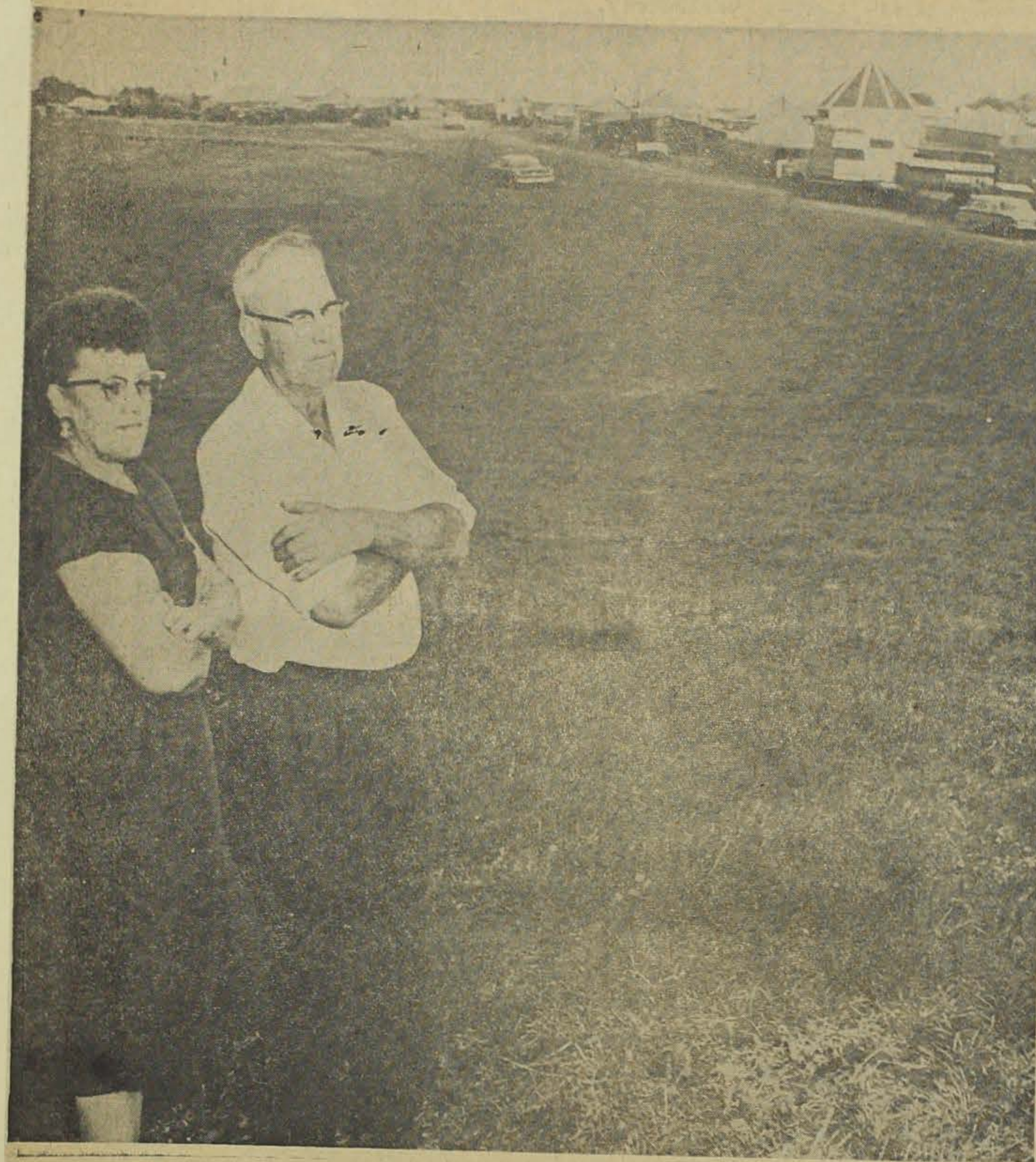
In addition 35 members of the military police of the National Guard will be here; ten sheriffs not including Guthrie county sheriff Bennie Sheeder and his deputy, Stuart Stringham; several members of the Guthrie Center fire department who are deputized; an undisclosed number of agents from the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Secret Service agents will also be on hand, but the number of their scope of operations will not be announced.

Although the political aspects of the field day have overshadowed the true meaning of the event, progress along this line has not slackened.

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Greet Nixon at Plowing Match



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Titus, who with their neighbors, the Howard Gillespies, are hosts to Friday's state plowing match north of Guthrie Center, were on hand Friday afternoon to greet Vice-President and Mrs. Richard Nixon upon

their arrival at the scene of Nixon's first major farm address of the presidential campaign. Here the Tituses look over the scene of Nixon's appearance, a tent city on the eve of the event.

From Here

By Bill Anderson
Fieldman



Several of us had the pleasure to attend the plowing match at Guthrie Center, recently. It was quite a sight and an interesting day if one had never attended such an affair. If it is ever that close again, I hope you, too, may find time to attend.

Newcomer Wins First In Plowing

By Don Muhm
(The Register's Farm Editor)

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.—A newcomer and a former plowing titleholder won crowns Friday at the 1960 Iowa plowmen's contest near here.

Francis E. Willey, 44, of Herndon won the level land plowing crown in his first state competition.

Robert Barrow, 46, the 1951 champion and twice national plowing runner-up, again took the contour plowmen's top award back to his Keosauqua farm.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon presented the champions with their trophies. The farmers also each won \$100. The winners, Barrow and Willey, will represent Iowa at the 1961 national plow matches.

The farmers earned their titles in competition with 19 other plowmen from around the state during the twenty-first such contest.

A precedent came when a Primghar farmer narrowly escaped injury in a tractor tip-over—something officials said has never happened previously in the plowing matches.

Former champion Don Wittrock, 39, said he swung sharply to avoid bumping into a group of men at the end of his plowing area.

A rear wheel slipped into a furrow on a hillside at the contour plowing match site and the machine flopped on its side.

"I knew what was happening," Wittrock said later. "And I jumped clear as the tractor tipped over."

The O'Brien County farmer borrowed a tractor to com-

plete his contest plowing, and wound up in sixth place.

Barrow, the 1960 contour champion, farms 560 acres near Keosauqua. He has won two plowing crowns in three tries at the state contest.

The Guthrie County level land plowing champion, Willey, farms 320 acres.

Light rain dampened the trials on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms.

Results, in the order the farmers finished:

Level land plowing division — 1. Francis Willey, Herndon; 2. Erwin Schumert, Harris; 3. Jerry Jensen, Menden; 4. Dallas Bowman, Adel; 5. George Negen, Clarksville (a tie); 6. Frank Wheeler, Piro; 7. H. M. Boersma, Sheldon; 8. Roy Eckert, Boone; 9. John Monaghan, Waverly.

Contour plowing division — 1. Bob Barrow, Keosauqua; 2. Art Ralsch, Sheffield; 3. Clark Bull, Guthrie Center; 4. Ray Wilhoite, Waukegan; 5. John Stroburg, Rockton; 6. Don Wittrock, Primghar; 7. Laverne McCabe, Cascade; 8. Richard Wagner, Homestead; 9. Clamant Birney, Dow City; 10. Harold Zallert, Piro; 11. Adam Schwab, Shell Rock; 12. Vernon Robinson, Le Mars.

The Iowans who will repre-



Nixon Admires Plowing Awards

Vice-president Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential candidate, admires awards presented to Bob Barrow (right), 46, of Keosauqua, the contour plowing champion, and Francis E. Willey, 44, of Herndon, level land champion, Friday at the state plowing matches.

sent their state next week at the national plowing matches near Sioux Falls are Richard Davitt of Piro and Arthur Ralsch of Sheffield.



Exciting Honor For Joyce Sandell

Joyce Sandell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sandell, Route 1, Fort Dodge, is pictured here with Vice President Nixon at the Plowing Match and Conservation Field day at Guthrie Center last week. Also in the picture are the two winners in the plowing match.

Her role as queen continued in an exciting light Thursday when she was one of the leading figures in the parade and festivities for Senator John Kennedy during his visit to Fort Dodge. Along with these honors, Joyce received a \$250 check toward furthering her education as a part of winning the queen contest.

(Webster Co.) Farm Bureau Spokesman, Oct. 6, 1960

DALLAS COUNTY

Over 12,000 Visit Farm Bureau Exhibit At Field Day

Over 12,000 people visited the Farm Bureau exhibit at the state field day at Guthrie Center last week.

The big 30 by 30 exhibition tent had a steady line of viewers from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Helping to make the Farm Bureau exhibit interesting were the Farm Bureau Women from Dallas, Adair, Madison and Guthrie counties. The Farm Bureau Women exhibited their four-point program in citizenship, civil defense, trends in agriculture and know and understand Farm Bureau.

The Farm Service companies exhibited their products and the Insurance services held a contest on estimating the damage of a wrecked 1954 Ford auto, parked in front of the tent.

There was also a stage built in front of the exhibit where Mrs. Lee Rusk, wife of Serv. Co. Mgr. Lee Rusk of Greenfield, played the organ. Free shows were given by Bob Moore of the Farm Bureau Service Company of Iowa, on building an actual car tire in 20 minutes.



Pictured here is the exhibit on "Trends in agriculture" as shown and erected by the Dallas County Farm Bureau Women for the state field day Farm Bureau exhibit. Mrs. Paul McCleary was chairman of the committee and serving with her to build the wonderful exhibit were Mrs. Dorothy Boots, Mrs. Ed Slanning, Mrs. Paul Brooks and helping were Mrs. Carl Heinz, Mrs. Gerald Taylor, Mrs. Ronald Book and Mrs. Dale Emmert.



Pictured here is a scene from in front of the Farm Bureau exhibit at the state field day in Guthrie Center last week. Two large signs were erected reading "Farm Bureau World's Largest Farm Organization." Mrs. Lee Rusk is pictured playing the organ on the stage in front of the exhibit tent.



Shown here is the Farm Bureau exhibit at the state field day at Guthrie Center.

From The Field

By Louie Hackbart
 Area Fieldman

I was very proud of the cooperation of the eight surrounding Farm Bureaus in erecting the Farm Bureau exhibit at the plowing match.

25,000 at Field Day; Francis Willey Wins



The highlight in the Guthrie county farmer's life was achieved Friday when Francis Willey of Herndon won the level land division of the state plowing matches. His trophy was presented by Vice President Richard Nixon.

Although threatening skies early Friday apparently cut attendance, some 25,000 people were on hand at the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms north of Guthrie Center for the annual State Field Day and Plowing Matches.

Highlight of the day was selection of champion level and contour plowing champions, and the appearance of political nobilities such as Vice President Richard Nixon, Senator Quentin Burdick of North Dakota and Governor Herschel Loveless.

Most of the two parties' state candidates were also on hand.

Nearly 300 newsmen were on hand to cover the event. Most were in Guthrie Center because Nixon's address was pre-billed as a major farm message of the presidential campaign.

Willey Wins

Guthrie county's own entry in the level land plowing division, Francis Willey of Herndon was named state champion.

Bob Barrow of Keosauqua took contour honors. Guthrie county's entry in this division—Clark Bull—finished third.

A precedent came in the matches when a Primghar farmer narrowly escaped injury in a tractor tip-over—something officials said has never happened previously in the plowing matches.

Don Wittrock, a former champion, said a rear wheel slipped into a furrow as he was turning and the machine flopped on its side.

Results of Matches

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CONTOUR—1. Bob Barrow, Keosauqua; 2. Art Ralsch, Sheffield; 3. Clark Bull; 4. Ray Wilhoite, Wall Lake; 5. John Stroburg, Blockton; 7. Laverne McCabe, Cascade; 8. Richard Wagner, Homestead; 9. Clemet Birney, Dow City; 10. Harold Zelladt, Prole; 11. Adam Schwab, Shell Rock; 12. Vernon Robinson, LeMars.



Joyce Sandell, state Queen of Conservation, presents Mrs. Herschel Loveless with a bouquet of roses following the Democratic portion of the Field Day program. Flanking the two ladies are Governor Loveless on the left and North Dakota's U. S. Senator Quentin Burdick.



Vice-President and Mrs. Richard Nixon are shown greeting the crowd at the state farm plowing match at Guthrie Center Friday. (Bill's Studio Photo)



Seated on the platform, left to right, are Jack Miller, candidate for U. S. senate; Fred Seaton, U. S. Secretary of the Interior; Wm. Moaty, Lt. Governor nominee; Mrs. Nixon, and Norman Erbe, candidate for governor. Curtis Riehm, 6th district Congressional candidate, is shown behind Erbe to the right. (Bill's Studio Photo)



Wagons, pulled by tractors, were used to transport spectators at the state plowing match Friday near Guthrie Center. Seated on bales in the background are Mr. and Mrs. Warden Patrick of Coon Rapids and Mrs. John J. Rogers in the foreground. (Bill's Studio Photo)



Hello Mr. Vice President



Vice President Richard Nixon is introduced to Mrs. Max Arnold on Mr. Nixon's visit to the State Field Day and Plowing Matches. Making the introduction is Gerald Laughery, chairman of the Guthrie county Republicans. On left is Howard Gillespie, who along with Roy Titus, were hosts to the event.

25,000 Listeners



The Guthrie Center high school band, directed by Donald Reigel, played before one of its largest audiences on record recently when the band played before 25,000 at the annual Field Day and Plowing Matches.



View Women's Program

One of the main attractions in the big Farm Bureau tent at the state plowing matches Sept. 16 near Guthrie Center was the display of women's activities. Through the combined efforts of several county Farm Bureau women's groups, a display of different phases of the Women's activities was exhibited.

Des Moines Sunday Register

Nixon on Farm Policy

In his speech on farm policy at Guthrie Center, Vice-President Nixon conveyed a determination to take practical action, to try out new ideas, and not be bound by dogmatic concepts about what is "proper" for the government to do.

This is welcome news. The specific details of a farm "plan" are less important than a willingness to be flexible in approach.

The main theme of Nixon's Iowa speech was on dealing with the immediate problem of surpluses. His proposals are not new, but we are impressed with his readiness to increase federal spending in order to make some headway. He said past efforts had been "too timid and too little."

Nixon suggests first a large expansion in the Food for Peace program. He proposed this earlier in a North Dakota speech, and it has been strongly advocated by many Democrats in congress, notably Senator Hubert Humphrey. We assume that Nixon still conceives of this program as something to be worked out in co-operation with other surplus-producing countries such as Canada. In his previous speech on this, he mentioned the possibility of a United Nations agency to co-ordinate and direct the use of food for underdeveloped countries.

The vice-president also has taken up a proposal made by Governor Rockefeller of New York and by some farm groups—the building of strategic food reserves around the country in convenient locations. This plan has also been suggested by Dr. Edward Teller, the nuclear physicist, as a prudent national defense measure. Nixon said the food so stored would be isolated from commercial markets and be available for emergencies such as "sudden international requirements or an enemy attack."

Nixon advocated "urgent exploration" of the possibilities of converting surplus grain to protein foods for distribution to hungry people here and abroad. The Corn Growers Association has proposed such a program, and it was given a bow in both Republican and Democratic farm planks.

There is logic in this idea. Grain con-

verted to meat, dairy products and eggs could be canned and used effectively in school lunch programs, as well as the overseas Food for Peace effort. Food in this form would provide more flexibility in the use of surpluses as "capital" for development projects in the poor countries.

Canned protein food also would be more storable and would fit in well with the strategic food reserve plan.

Nixon has said before that he favors expanding the Soil Bank. In this speech, he suggested that "payments in kind" be made from the grain reserves to farmers retiring land in the Soil Bank.

There is nothing wrong with this idea in principle, providing current grain output is reduced sufficiently so that the total amount of grain going into consumption is reduced. But this is unlikely, and we would put a low priority on "payment in kind."

If payments in kind simply replace grain that would have been produced, the effect on market supplies and prices of farm products would be nil.

The Soil Bank is a program of long-range adjustment and the emphasis should be to get labor and capital out of agriculture.

Nixon promised that in another campaign speech next week at Sioux Falls he will outline a plan for avoiding the building up of new surpluses. He also will deal with price supports in this speech.

Reducing the grain surplus is important, and the methods Nixon suggests trying are good ones. But the main current farm problem is to get production into line with consumption at a reasonable level of prices. One of Secretary Benson's difficulties has been that he has been concerned mainly with getting rid of the surplus and has neglected the continuing upsurge in output. Disposing of the present stockpile will not solve the farm problem.

We hope, therefore, that Vice-President Nixon will show the same vigorous approach to meeting the overproduction problem as he has on disposing of surpluses.

Meets Mr. Nixon



Vice President Richard Nixon is introduced to Gerald Prince, a member of the Guthrie Center welcoming committee when the Vice President visited the Field Day and Plowing Matches recently. Making the introduction is Gerald Laughery of Guthrie Center.

100,000 Iowans to See Nixon Today

MAJOR FARM ADDRESS AT PLOW MATCH

Will Stop at Bluffs, Red Oak, Atlantic

By George Mills
(Register Staff Writer)

OMAHA, NEB. — Richard Nixon will put on a strenuous drive in Iowa today and Saturday for the midwest "farm belt" vote.

The Republican presidential nominee will deliver a major agricultural address this afternoon at the state plowing matches north of Guthrie Center.

He will make at least six other speeches, varying in length from appearances of a few minutes to a 30-minute television talk tonight in Des Moines.

Well over 100,000 Iowans are expected to see Nixon in his various appearances between Council Bluffs and Des Moines today and in Sioux City Saturday.

The pace he will follow in this state is not one a physician would recommend for a 47-year-old man with a game knee. His ailing leg, incidentally, may interfere with Nixon riding in the back seat of a convertible for any great distance. He needs room to stretch the world's currently most famous leg.

Land Retirement

Nixon comes to Iowa committed to support a federal policy of taking sufficient land out of production to lift the burdensome surpluses off the back of the farmer.

Farm leaders are interested in hearing how Nixon proposes to sell congress on a big increase in the land retirement program, also known as the "soil bank."

Forces in other parts of the nation, some of them agricultural, are not enthusiastic over any such increase.

Nixon also has announced that the controversial Ezra Benson would not be his secretary of agriculture.

By Motorcade

The Nixon party, including Mrs. Nixon and nearly 100 newsmen, was scheduled to reach here early today.

Accompanying Nixon is Fred Seaton, secretary of the Interior. Seaton, a Nebraskan, is the candidate's top farm adviser.

Nixon will appear at a breakfast here today.

Traveling by motorcade, the party will leave here at 8:40 a. m. and will enter Iowa at Council Bluffs where a short talk is scheduled in Bayliss Park. Here is the rest of today's schedule:

Red Oak at 10:30 a. m.

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NIXON'S VISIT

A Speech in Square at Red Oak

Iowa—

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from a platform in Bayliss park in Council Bluffs, he will rejoin the caravan for the drive to Red Oak.

Escort

As vice-president, Nixon will travel with secret service protection and a highway patrol escort. Intersecting roads will be blocked a short time before he passes them and the road ahead of the caravan will be cleared of traffic for several miles.

He is to reach Red Oak at 10:30 a. m., on the second day of a three-day celebration devoted to agriculture, industry and politics.

He will make a brief speech from the bandstand in the Red Oak square.

By appearing Friday, he will be a day ahead of several state candidates—Republican and Democratic—who will be Red Oak guests on Saturday, the day originally set aside for politics.

Atlantic

The Nixon party is scheduled to leave Red Oak at 10:50 a. m. and drive to Atlantic, its luncheon stop.

Here again the Atlantic city park will be the rallying point. Box lunches have been ordered by the Cass county Republican organization for members of the party.

Bands and school groups from surrounding areas have been invited to join the welcome.

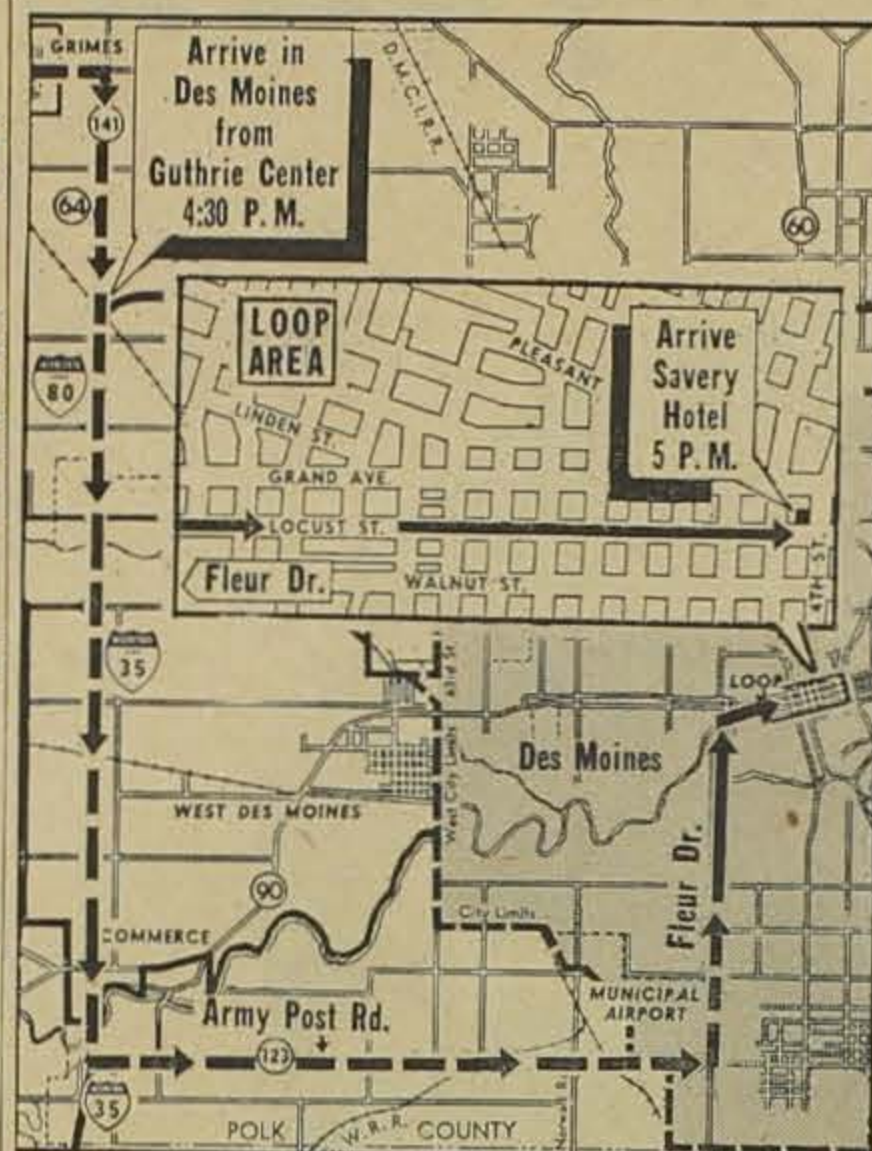
Nixon will speak 15 minutes at Atlantic and then leave at 1 p. m. for the state plowing match at Guthrie Center.

The plowing matches and conservation field day will be held on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms north of Guthrie Center on Highway 25.

Nixon is expected to arrive at 2:45 p. m. and deliver his speech from a stand in the northeast part of the grounds.

The speech is one of the major developments of the campaign and one of two to deal particularly with the farm problem. The other will be at Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 23.

The groundwork for the speech was laid by Nixon in a meeting of Republican agri-



This is route Nixon caravan will follow Friday through southwest Des Moines to Hotel Savery.

cultural leaders at Chicago immediately after the Republican national convention.

He arranged then for a series of regional meetings of farmers at various points at which suggestions were made for Nixon's consideration. Each meeting was attended by personal representatives of the vice-president.

Added interest in the speech was caused this week when Nixon's opposition to possible veto of the new dairy support bill in Washington was made known.

Agriculture Secretary Benson has favored a presidential veto.

After Nixon's Guthrie Center speech, the caravan is scheduled to leave at about 3:15 p. m. for Des Moines.

His caravan is scheduled Des Moines at about 4:30 p. m.

Fleur to Locust

Welcoming crowds, bands and signs are expected to line the rest of his route on Fleur drive north to Locust street and east on Locust street to Hotel Savery, where he and Mrs. Nixon are to spend the night.

He is scheduled to make a half-hour televised broadcast over a seven-state network

from Station WHO-TV studios at Twelfth and Walnut streets between 8:30 and 9 p. m. Friday.

This broadcast also is to deal with his program on farming subjects.

Republican state headquarters said the following Iowa stations will carry the speech: WHO-TV at Des Moines, KTIIV at Sioux City, KQTV at Fort Dodge, KGLO-TV at Mason City, WMT-TV at Cedar Rapids and WOC-TV at Davenport.

Sioux City

His final stop in Iowa on this trip will be at Sioux City Saturday.

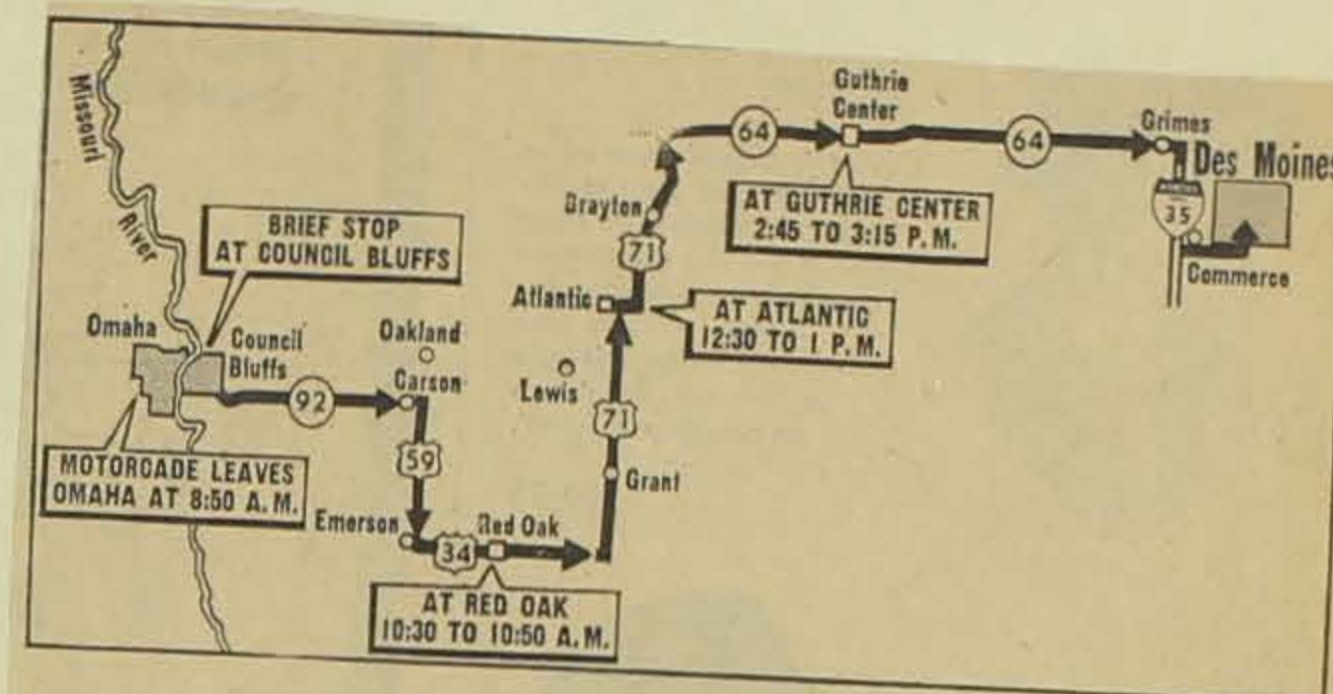
The Nixon party will leave the Des Moines airport by plane at about 9 a. m. Saturday.

He will speak at a rally in downtown Sioux City shortly after 10:30 a. m. Shortly after noon he will leave for Minneapolis.

The energy of the Nixon campaign is illustrated not only by the six speeches planned in Iowa Friday, but by his program before he flies to Omaha Thursday night.

On Thursday, he was scheduled to appear at Atlantic City, N. J., Roanoke, Va. and St. Louis, Mo.

He is no stranger to Iowa campaigning, having stumped the state in his vice-presidential campaigns previously.



Vice-President Nixon will follow this route Friday on his campaign trip from Omaha to Guthrie Center, then on to Des Moines. Times are approximate. Republican officials said Thursday attempts were being made to speed up the schedule by about 10 minutes.

Map Prepared by Tribune Staff Artist

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Thurs. Sept. 15, 1960

Nixon Visit Fulfills Promise

Vigorous Drive In Iowa

By Cliff Millen

Vice-President Nixon and his wife Pat will come to Iowa Friday to meet its townspeople and its farmers.

His first visit to the state as the Republican presidential nominee will be in fulfillment of a promise he made to Iowans at the Republican national convention in Chicago before he was nominated.

He promised then to campaign vigorously in Iowa and took under consideration the first suggestions for the speech he will deliver Friday afternoon at Guthrie Center.

It will be his first major address on the farm issue since his nomination.

As such, it has special political meaning because of the interest of Iowa farmers who want to know what he thinks about their problems and how his plans may differ from those of the present national administration.

He will visit Council Bluffs, Red Oak, Atlantic, the state plowing match at Guthrie Center, Des Moines (where he will make a seven-state televised broadcast), and, on Saturday, Sioux City.

Plan Welcome

At and between these points, preparations were being made Thursday for a welcome with bands, banners and crowds. Republicans are cashing in on their opportunity to raise crowds at all stops.

Nixon and a large party of

newspaper, radio and television men with his staff will arrive at Omaha by plane Thursday evening.

Friday morning, after an Omaha appearance, they will come into Iowa at Council Bluffs at 8:50 a. m. in a caravan composed of a number of private cars and large press buses.

Accompanying Nixon will be Mrs. Nixon and Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton, who is a Nebraskan.

After a 10-minute speech

Iowa—

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VICE-PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON

Panorian Meets Mr. Nixon



Mrs. Herb Reed of Panora greets Vice President Nixon upon his arrival at the Field Day and Plowing Matches. Pat Nixon is at far right.

ground, pushed themselves and their staffs into 18-hour days and hollow-eyed fatigue. The idea was to chop the day into valuable hours and many states,* to dart in and out of as many towns and cities as possible, to make the same basic speech sound hopefully fresh to each new audience, to capture local television and newspaper headlines, and whisk off again for the next town while the crowds were still applauding and calling for more. The big TV spectacles, with the whole country watching at once, could come later. Now the object was to be seen in person by as many people as possible.

Nixon's Take-Off. While nursing his infected knee at Walter Reed General Hospital, Richard Nixon had spent long

overlook what is right, and be almost always got in the "impact line" about "never apologizing to Khrushchev." It was a well-tested speech, and though newsmen and other camp followers wilted at hearing it over and over, Nixon delivered it each time with the appearance of freshness and splashes of local color—as if he had thought it all up just the moment before. He made a strenuous week of it, climaxing in Iowa when he spelled out the first half of his far-reaching farm program (see below).

Kennedy's Landing. Both Kennedy and Nixon assumed that people wanted to get a look at, and form an impression of the candidates, rather than listen to long oratory. Kennedy in particular found lis-

been suggested that your objective is to divide our country in the midst of our election. Let me say as emphatically as I can: Those tactics will not work. You may hear us inquiring into our lost prestige, our shaky defenses, our lack of leadership. But do not be deceived. The Democratic Party wants to win this election . . . to achieve peace and regain our security and rebuild America's strength."

Operation Consume

Talking to a crowd spread across the hillside at Guthrie Center, Iowa last week, Richard Nixon wanted the farmers to know that they are the last people he would hold responsible for the costly farm program. Fat farm surpluses that have kept farm profits so slim, said he, are the "product more of politics than of productivity. It is wrong to blame the farmer for the fact that Government illogically insisted upon unrealistic incentives to keep production up, while at the same time it conjured up bureaucratic controls in a futile attempt to keep production down."

Since Government got the farmer into difficulty, said he, "Government should unhesitatingly, as a matter of obligation, help indemnify him to get him out." Government programs had been "too timid and too little" up to now he said, not mentioning either the Eisenhower Administration or Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson by name. Present surpluses, said Nixon, should be disposed of; future surpluses should never be allowed to accumulate. And at the 21st annual plowing contest in Guthrie Center, Nixon discussed the four parts of "Operation Consume," his plan for dealing with the surplus part of the problem. It calls for:

- 1. Intensified U.S. effort to funnel farm surpluses into the United Nations' Food-for-Peace Program, plus a careful development of foreign markets in underdeveloped countries for American produce.
- 2. Creation of a strategic food reserve at home, stockpiles set up at convenient points in case of enemy attack and periodically renewed with fresh supplies.
- 3. Setting up a "barter" system by which farmers would be paid out of present surpluses for keeping part of their acreage idle; farmers could then sell or feed to livestock the surplus grain they received.
- 4. An urgent study of methods for converting excess grain into low-cost protein foods, e.g. canned meat, powdered milk and eggs, for distribution at home and abroad.

All this, said Nixon, would cost the U.S. more at first, but "we must and should be willing to pay more in order to take a big bite out of the surplus" by a target date four years hence. "No more exciting challenge will confront the next President and his Administration than

* Lyndon Johnson was ready to fill any gaps: Nixon, he said, had defended Benson's farm program "for seven years and seven months, but now wants the voters to believe for the next 60 days that he favors the Democratic approach on the surplus problem."



Dick & Pat Nixon in Indianapolis. The spectaculars could come later.

hours working out his in-and-out schedule. On the opening day of his campaigning, President Eisenhower and Vice Presidential Nominee Henry Cabot Lodge saw him off in a storm at Baltimore's Friendship International Airport (it reminded Ike that he had launched his own 1952 campaign in a storm in Abilene). The chartered Boeing 707 landed in sunny Indianapolis at lunchtime, in Dallas by mid-afternoon and in San Francisco at sunset—with time for parades, speeches and interviews at each stop. So it went through the week as the Nixons put the jigsaw puzzle of the U.S. together in their own way—hitting Portland, Boise, Grand Forks, Peoria, St. Louis, Atlantic City, Roanoke, Omaha and winding up in Minneapolis with a turnout of 100,000.

At most stops, Nixon had one simple all-purpose speech; he pleaded with voters to pick the candidate who could keep the peace with honor, who could maintain the Eisenhower record; critics, he said pointedly, are far too interested in what's wrong with America, too prone to

* Nixon visited 21 in one week, Kennedy 27.

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GUTHRIE COUNTY



Farm Bureau Has Exhibit

Pictured here is a scene of the Farm Bureau exhibit at the State Field day. Eight surrounding counties helped set up the exhibit, which was enjoyed by more than 12,000 visitors. It was one of the biggest and most interesting exhibits at the field day.

From The Field

By Louie Hackbart
Area Fieldman

The field day was very successful and well organized. We certainly had heavy traffic through the Farm Bureau exhibit during the day. We also enjoyed having the many Farm Bureau members come in asking for Farm Bureau stickers to wear on their coats. We hadn't planned on giving any stickers away for we didn't have any, except car bumper stickers but they worked nicely on coats also.

I wish to thank all personnel from Adair, Audubon, Madison, Dallas and Greene counties for their wonderful cooperation and

ideas that made our big Farm Bureau exhibit a wonderful success.

I wish to congratulate Melvin Clark and Clark Bull for a tremendous job of organizing the wagon train.

Glen's Gleanings

By Glen Shields
Agency Manager

A. W. Potthast of Minburn was the winner of the electric ice cream freezer given on the car estimate at the plowing match.

Now that the fair and plowing match are over, maybe yours truly can settle down to calling more in the country. However, I still am looking for a special agent, so if you know of a man between 25 and 45 who wants to make a change in occupation let me know and I'll be glad to talk with him.

Just a little reminder that Christmas is not too far away. A child's life insurance policy makes a wonderful gift. Many parents purchase paid up insurance policies for their children at this time of year to be sure of delivery by Christmas.

Let me show you a plan and the small amount of dollars needed to invest today which will help them with their educational needs of tomorrow. Thank you.

FB Has Exhibit Tent At Plowing Match



Pictured here is the Farm Bureau exhibit tent at the State Plowing Match held at Guthrie Center. Eight county Farm Bureaus pitched in, put up a wonderful display of the Farm Bureau, Insurance and Farm Service. We're sure that those of you who attended the plowing match this year didn't miss our exhibit.

Notice

The Guthrie County Farm Bureau board of directors wishes to thank all the wagon train drivers, implement dealers and farmers who donated tractors for the wagon train for the State Field day.



Vice President Nixon shakes the hand of Max Arnold, of Guthrie Center, a member of the local welcoming committee. Next to Arnold are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Prince.

Newcomer Wins First In Plowing

By Don Muhm
(The Register's Farm Editor)

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.—A newcomer and a former plowing titleholder won crowns Friday at the 1960 Iowa plowmen's contest near here.

Francis E. Willey, 44, of Herndon won the level land plowing crown in his first state competition.

Robert Barrow, 46, the 1951 champion and twice national plowing runner-up, again took the contour plowmen's top award back to his Keosauqua farm.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon presented the champions with their trophies. The farmers also each won \$100. The winners, Barrow and Willey, will represent Iowa at the 1961 national plow matches.

The farmers earned their titles in competition with 19 other plowmen from around the state during the twenty-first such contest.

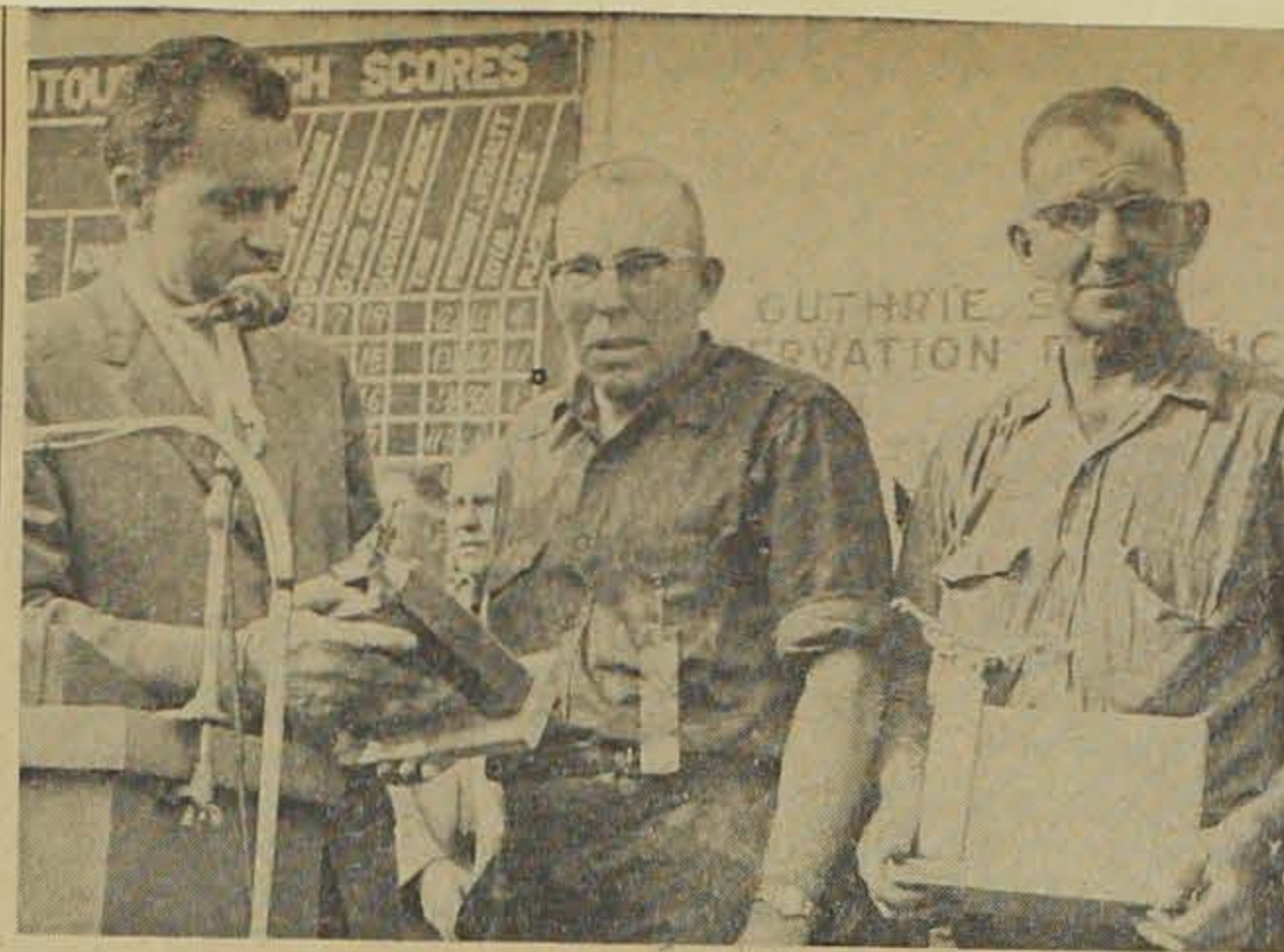
A precedent came when a Primghar farmer narrowly escaped injury in a tractor tip-over—something officials said has never happened previously in the plowing matches.

Former champion Don Wittrock, 39, said he swung sharply to avoid bumping into a group of men at the end of his plowing area.

A rear wheel slipped into a furrow on a hillside at the contour plowing match site and the machine flopped on its side.

"I knew what was happening," Wittrock said later. "And I jumped clear as the tractor tipped over."

The O'Brien County farmer borrowed a tractor to com-



Nixon Admires Plowing Awards

Vice-president Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential candidate, admires awards presented to Bob Barrow (right), 46, of Keosauqua, the contour plowing champion, and Francis E. Willey, 44, of Herndon, level land champion, Friday at the state plowing matches.

plete his contest plowing, and wound up in sixth place.

Barrow, the 1960 contour champion, farms 560 acres near Keosauqua. He has won two plowing crowns in three tries at the state contest.

The Guthrie County level land plowing champion, Willey, farms 320 acres.

Light rain dampened the trials on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms.

Results, in the order the farmers finished:

Level land plowing division—1. Francis Willey, Herndon; 2. Erwin Schubert, Harris; 3. Jerry Jensen, Medora; 4. Dallas Bowman, Adel; 5. George Negen, Clarksville (a tie); 6. Frank Wheeler, Prole; 7. H. M. Boersma, Sheldon; 8. Roy Beckett, Boone; 9. John Monaghan, Waverly.

Contour plowing division—1. Bob Barrow, Keosauqua; 2. Art Ralsch, Sheffield; 3. Clark Bull, Guthrie Center; 4. Ray Wilhoite, Waukegan; 5. John Stroburg, Blockton; 6. Don Wittrock, Primghar; 7. Laverna McCabe, Cascade; 8. Richard Wagner, Homestead; 9. Clemet Blaney, Dow City; 10. Harold Zeindt, Prole; 11. Adam Schwan, Shell Rock; 12. Vernon Robinson, Le Mars.

The Iowans who will repre-

sent their state next week at the national plowing matches near Sioux Falls are Richard Davitt of Prole and Arthur Ralsch of Sheffield.



Pat and Dick in Guthrie

Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife Pat wave to an estimated 25,000 persons who heard him deliver his first major farm message of the political campaign, at the annual State Field Day and Plowing Matches on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms.



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The caravan consisted of several Iowa highway patrol cars and press busses, in addition to the Nixon car.

An Hour Late

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80,000 GREET CANDIDATE ON HIS IOWA TRIP

Talks to 25,000 at Plowing Match

By George Mills

Vice-President Richard Nixon said in Iowa Friday that "as a matter of simple justice" steps should be taken to enable the farmer to share in the nation's prosperity.

Nixon and his wife, Pat, re-ceived a large and cordial welcome as they spent the day campaigning along a 200-mile route in southwest Iowa.

An estimated 80,000 per-sons, including many thou-sands of youngsters vigorous-ly waving flags, turned out to greet the Nixons.

He campaigned on the issues of "farm," "peace" and "experience in dealing with the Russians."

The day-long tour by motor caravan extended from Oma-ha, Neb., and Council Bluffs to Des Moines by way of Red Oak, Atlantic and Guthrie Center.

The receptions were as warm and pleasant as the mild and mostly sunny weather.

Would Cost More

Addressing a crowd of 25,000 at the state plowing match near Guthrie Center, Nixon outlined

a program de-signed to cut the farm sur-plus and to boost farm income.

Informed Republican sources said the program would temporarily add from 500 million dollars to one bil-lion dollars a year to federal farm costs.

"The income of wage earner increased 15 per cent in the last seven years," Nixon said. "The farmers barely held their own, and in some areas slipped off. It is only right that prosperity be shared by everybody."

Nixon pledged a four-point, four-year program to "get the surplus off the farmer's back and onto the nation's back."

Nixon proposed that a series of steps be taken to cut the surpluses to "man-ageable proportions" in the next four years. He suggested:

1. Removal of a lot more land from production under the "soil bank." (He reportedly is thinking in terms of supporting proposals to boost retired land

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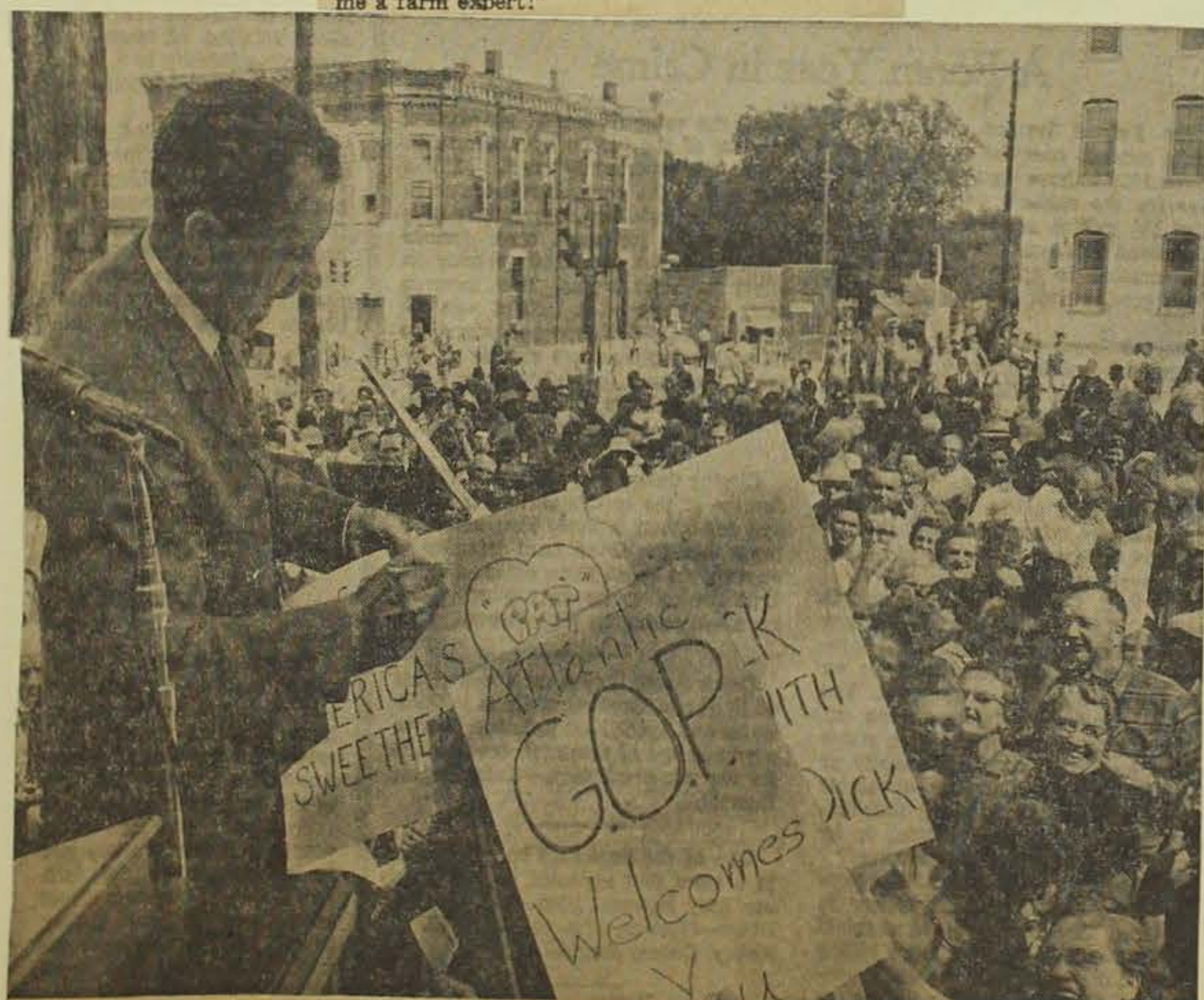
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The G. O. P. presidential contender doesn't limit his hand-shaking to those of voting age, offering his hand to future voters as well during stopover in Atlantic.—Register Photos by Jack Brinton.

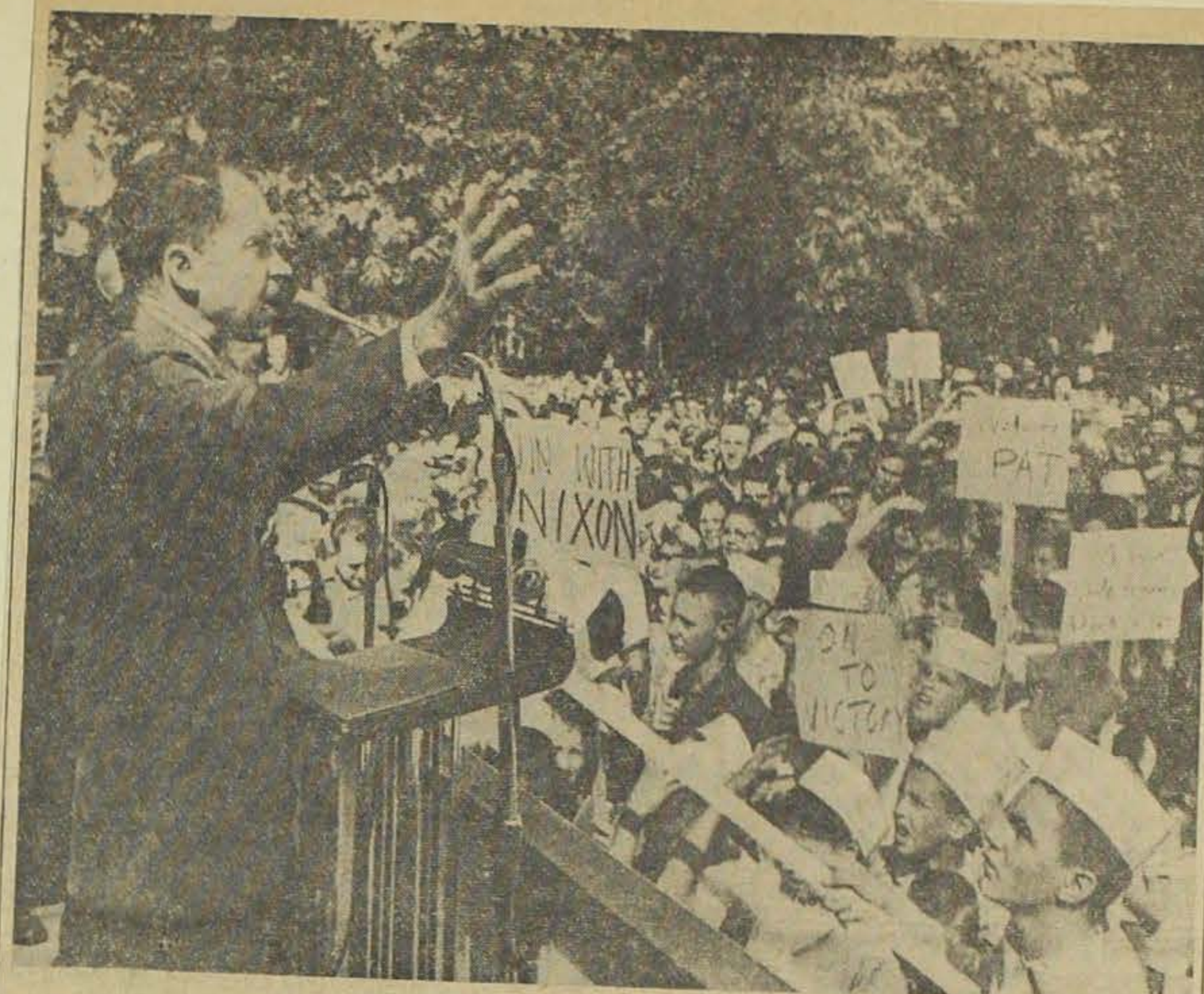


Waving ears of ripening corn, picked from a field near Atlantic, Nixon quipped: "This makes me a farm expert!"



The vice-president obliges with autographs on Nixon placards after his speech in Atlantic where

an estimated 4,000 turned out to see the campaign party before it continued to Guthrie Center.



NIXON IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

This was the scene Friday in Council Bluffs' Bayliss Park as Vice-President Richard Nixon raised his arms in

greeting to the large crowd gathered to hear the Republican presidential candidate as he began his tour of Iowa.

Light Rain Over Iowa

A blanket of light rain covered nearly all of Iowa Friday, giving the state a gray and dreary day.

The rainfall was generally light and in some areas amounted to nothing more than drizzle. The northwest counties and the western border area escaped it entirely. Amounts of more than an inch were reported at some points in the northwest quarter of the state, however, with Iowa Falls measuring 1.45 inches, Steamboat Rock 1.13 and Dumont 1.04.

Temperatures were quite mild. Early morning lows ranged from 53 at Spencer to 65 at Davenport. Highs Thursday were from 75 at Boone, Fort Dodge and Ottumwa to 80 at Jefferson.

Nixon's Words In Sign Language

By Staff Writer
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.—About 325 students from the Iowa School for the Deaf turned out to greet Vice-President Nixon as his caravan approached the school on the east edge of Council Bluffs.

The caravan made an unscheduled stop and Nixon and his wife climbed atop the hood of their car. Nixon spoke briefly to the flag-waving youngsters.

A teacher, Mildred Alber, relayed his message to the students in sign language from the hood of the same car.

"One of the things that gladdens us most is to see such a warm welcome from young people," Nixon said at the stop. "America needs the contribution of everyone to make our dreams come true."

"We like you, Dick," shouted one student.

Nixons Into Iowa

Warm Reception For Candidate

By Cliff Millen
and Marvin Braverman
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He stopped along the way, at Red Oak and Atlantic, giving residents of those areas a liberal and smiling share of himself and his charming wife Pat.

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4-Point Program On Farm

Cites 'Too Timid, Too Late' Steps

By Fletcher Knebel
(Of The Tribune's Washington Bureau)

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.—

Vice-President Nixon Friday pledged a four-point, four-year "Operation Consume" to get the huge \$9 billion crop surpluses "off the farmer's back and the nation's back."

He gave no price tags for the surplus-removal job, but he had indicated previously that it would cost a substantial sum for the first "and perhaps other years."

Earlier Friday, an "informed source," briefing the press on the advance text of the speech the Republican presidential candidate was to deliver here Friday afternoon, estimated Nixon's program would cost from \$500 million to \$1 billion more the first year.

Extra Sum

The extra sum would be added to some \$3 billion a year now spent for the soil bank, surplus disposal abroad and surplus storage.

Nixon's speech here, his first major farm address, was delivered to a farm audience. The scene was the state plowing matches being held north of here.

Without mentioning Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, whom he proposes to dump from the cabinet if elected, Nixon in the text of his speech declared efforts to solve the surplus problem had been "too timid and too late."

He skipped the controversial price control structure, but promised to deal with it in a second farm speech next week at Sioux Falls, S. D., where he will propose what he calls "Operation Safeguard" to prevent the building up of surpluses again.

'To Take Bite Out of Surplus'

Here are Nixon's four proposals "to take a big bite out of the surplus":

A "sharp intensification" of the food-for-peace program under which surplus products are sold and given away abroad.

Creation of a "strategic food reserve," proposed by New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, by which surpluses would be stored for long periods around the country against the possibility of an enemy nuclear attack, presumably in underground vaults requiring much new construction.

Barter payments from the surplus to farmers who retire land from production under the soil bank program.

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Nixon Enjoys Himself, Beans, School Bands

Grinning Dick Nixon held two ears of corn above his head in Sunnyside Park at Atlantic Friday and said drily: "This makes me a farm expert."

The Republican nominee for president enjoyed himself hugely as he campaigned with a homespun touch over southwest Iowa. As he opened a carton of beans in his box lunch at Atlantic, he commented:

"Beans are good. Back in my high school days, I ate baked beans and a hamburger for lunch every day."

Nixon proved to have a weakness for high school bands. He wanted to stop every time he saw a red-tufted band cap or a baton.

"Give the band a big hand," he told the crowd at Atlantic as the high school band played the "Notre Dame" song. "That is one of the best bands I've ever heard. Remember, I know something about it. I'm an old piano player."

Views on Education

Nixon said providing youngsters with good education is vital, but he added:

"Let us make sure that education remains free without being controlled, without having anybody in Washington telling communities what to teach their young people."

Given an 1887 Indian Penny

The Nixon caravan did not have time to stop and visit the Arch Prall farm east of Atlantic as planned. Nixon invited the Pralls to "come to the inaugural" instead. (The next president of the United States will be inaugurated Jan. 20.)

"We accepted," Prall said. Asked if he would go if John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, were elected, Prall retorted: "Not on your life."

Nixon acquired an 1887 Indian head penny in Atlantic from John M. Wheatley, a retired farmer.

"I've had this penny a long time," Wheatley said. "Keep it for good luck." Nixon thanked Wheatley.

Football Language

In his talk in Atlantic (where the crowd was estimated at 4,000), Nixon emphasized one point in football language.

"To be successful in football, you need a husky line, good fast backs and pretty good plays," the candidate said, "but unless you have a good coach and a good quarterback, the other side may win. In addition to our strength in this country, we must have the right leadership, experienced in dealing with those threatening the peace of the world."

Some Objection

Reporters were told that the principal of Abraham Lincoln High School at Council Bluffs received some calls objecting to dismissal of students to see Nixon. The principal reportedly replied that the young people were being released from class to see the vice-president of the United States, not a political candidate.

Incidentally, Cy Rapp of

Shenandoah was worried Thursday night lest the Council Bluffs crowd would be slim. He feared that not enough work had been done to build a crowd. He need not have worried. The turnout was excellent. Rapp was marshal of the auto caravan.

The crowd demonstrated in Council Bluffs and elsewhere that "touching time" is here again. Hundreds of persons stretched out hands just to be able to say they touched Nixon. The "touching" craze always develops in presidential campaigns.

Greeting for Deaf Children

One of the most moving events of the day was Nixon's speech along the highway to children of the Council Bluffs School for the Deaf. When the caravan halted, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon climbed on to the hood of the car. Miss Melba Alber, high school principal at the institution, climbed up beside them.

Then, as Nixon spoke, Miss Alber translated the words into sign language.

"As we travel through beautiful Iowa, it gladdens our hearts to see young people such as yourself giving us such a friendly welcome," the vice-president said.

"And one of the things that makes us very proud is the way people with handicaps are making such a contribution to our country."

"You see, America needs the best that everybody can give, and we ask that each and everyone of you make every contribution by being good citizens and by doing your job as well as you can."

The youngsters applauded vigorously, although a little more slowly than in cases of persons with normal hearing.

Flags, Cheers, In Small Towns

The caravan was greeted with cheers and waving flags on passing through such towns as Treynor, Carson and Emerson. Sometimes there were color guards out, and bands.

Bands from Red Oak, Villisca, Henderson, Stanton and elsewhere provided plenty of music for the occasion. "California Here I Come" was a popular song.

Residents of such towns as Lyman, Grant, Exira and Brayton lined the streets and waved as the Nixons passed through.

Many cars stopped along the highways to watch the caravan. People gathered in little groups at crossroads. Farmers leaned on fences while holding children. Others watched from halted tractors.

Nixon Party in Atlantic for Lunch

Guthrie Center in afternoon



It's box lunches for Dick and Pat during stop in Atlantic city park at noon. "Look what I got,"

the vice-president seems to be saying to his wife. The Nixons spent Friday night in Des Moines.

Iowans Are Hosts to Dick and Pat

Des Moines Register
Sat., Sept. 17, 1960



Republican presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon speaks earnestly to crowd of 8,000 jamming town square Friday at Red Oak. The vice-president

and Mrs. Nixon (seated behind and to right of her husband) stopped in the southwestern Iowa city on the way from Omaha, Neb., to the Guthrie Center

plowing match. Jack Miller, Sioux City, Republican candidate for the U. S. senate, is sitting next to Mrs. Nixon.—Register Photos by John Houlette.

'The Farmer Has Not Shared Proportionately in . . . Prosperity'

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critics as just another name for the same surplus, since the grains would be moved to other places and preserved for a longer time, presumably by new methods, such as radiation treatment.

A number of years ago Senator Humphrey (Dem., Minn.) offered a somewhat similar approach by suggesting that surpluses be stored in caves in the Mississippi River basin.

Payments In Kind

Although Nixon did not specifically pledge an expansion of the soil bank program, which expires this year, he said the "payments-in-kind from existing surpluses" would be part of the land conservation and retirement program.

The Nixon-Rockefeller treaty of Fifth Avenue called for a major expansion of the present 28,000,000-acre soil bank and Nixon apparently stands on this agreement.

Nixon said costs of the program would be justified "because it was the government, mainly, that got the farmer into the farm problem."

"The government should unhappily, as a matter of obligation," he said, "help in demitting him to get him out."

The Republican nominee said the nation got into the surplus dilemma because the government spurred farmers to increase production during World War II and the Korean War.

He denied that the farmers "live off the public treasury at the expense of other Americans."

Rather, he said, "most of the increase in today's grocery bill reflects, not payments to farmers, but modern refinements in processing and inflation costs all along the line."

'Short End Of Stick'

The vice-president chimed in with the Democrats, who have contended that farm income lags woefully.

He did not, however, blame his own administration, aside from the "too timid and too little" charge.

"The net income of farmers," he said, "while the nation generally has prospered, has not been rising or even staying level; it has been going down."

"The bald fact is that the farmer has not shared proportionately in America's increasing prosperity. He has been getting the short end of the stick."

An authoritative source in the Nixon entourage said definitely that the vice-president, if elected, would recommend an extension and expansion of the soil bank program.

Nixon implied in his speech, that farmers who retire land from production would be paid only "in kind" from the surplus stocks, but a spokesman said cash payments were not excluded from Nixon's program.

Field Shaped Like a Bowl

The vice-president was to deliver his speech from a raised platform in the center of a field shaped like a bowl.



CROWD WELCOMES NIXON TO MIDWEST

Vice-President Nixon, Republican presidential candidate, signed autographs and shook hands with a crowd of about 900 persons pressed around him upon his arrival early Friday at the Omaha airport. Following a breakfast

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Nixon said with a broad smile.

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He also boosted the local pride by speaking of A. M. Piper, editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, as an old friend.

Decision

Nixon then turned serious and told the crowd that "the decision you will make Nov. 8 will be one of the most important of your life."

"It will determine the future of America and the future of the world, because America has the responsibility of leading the world."

The greatest qualification the next president must have is to be able to keep the peace for America, he asserted, adding:

"We want a world of peace with freedom."

"America must begin by being the strongest nation in the world militarily."

"We must keep it strong in diplomacy, in which we deal with the men in the Kremlin."

Nixon said that Russia must be dealt with firmly and without loss of temper and that the president must have judgement and experience and know the men in the Kremlin.

"No Apology"

This was a repetition of a statement Nixon made earlier.

Nixon also repeated, amid rousing cheers, his statement that the president of the United States was right not apologizing to Soviet Premier Khrushchev over the U-2 incident and that the times should never come when an American should feel that he should apologize or express regret.

"Keep Iowa Prosperous—Vote Democratic."

Such signs were a drop in the bucket compared with others;

"Mark X for Nixon," "Welcome Pat and Dick," "Iowa Says Hello," "Nation's Rail Center Likes Nixon," "I Like Pat," "We're for Dick," "We Kid You Not."

The caravan itself was free of political signs, a requirement for highway patrol escort.

The patrol services were provided as a mark of respect for the vice-president, rather than as a recognition of a candidacy.

(Cheers)

The caravan moved on to Red Oak at speeds up to 65 miles an hour. Farmers dotted the highways and townspeople waved and cheered as the caravan passed.

The campaign caravan rolled into Red Oak at 11:45 a. m.

More than 10,000 persons, what observers called one of the largest political crowds in the town's history, listened to a 15-minute speech by Nixon in the town square.

Businesses around the square were closed for the event and children were dismissed from school, and industries shut down.

Large crowds lined the streets of Red Oak (Population: 6,500). Several school bands from surrounding areas blared such tunes as "Anchors Aweigh" and Nixon's campaign song.

"Great"

To a local Republican official, Nixon whispered, "You seem to have the people stirred up."

Asked how he felt, Nixon

world that we won't be pushed around.

"I ask you not to vote for a personality or for a label, but for a man who will give America the leadership it needs."

The vice-president said that one of the greatest advantages this country has over Russia economically is that 7 million American farmers can produce as much as 50 million Soviet farmers.

"Freedom"

Nixon said we should not judge our progress by what our federal government does, but by the development of the policies that the people themselves believe in.

He said that, above everything else, America needs moral and spiritual strength to preserve "a peace with freedom."

He said there is no question that we are ahead of the Russians on this score, because all of their programs are based on materialistic values.

After his speech, Mrs. Nixon was given a bouquet of roses by Sara Martin, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Red Oak.

"Homesick"

Nixon returned to the microphone and thanked the crowd for the flowers. He added that the flowers and the child made the Nixons "a little homesick" for their own children.

"One of the problems in traveling like this," he said, "is that we must be away from our children."

As the Nixons made their way through the happy crowds, a woman remarked to Mrs. Nixon, "You're going to make a lovely first lady."

A woman said she was a "foreigner" and asked an aide as the woman pinned a poppy on him. From somewhere, a \$1 bill appeared and was handed to the woman. Red Oak received a

G.O.P. Farm Policy Hit By Burdick

By Staff Writer

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA.—Senator Quentin N. Burdick of North Dakota, Democratic

spokesman at the state plowing matches here, lashed out Friday at what he termed "the Nixon-Eisenhower-Benson farm policy."

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program he advocated and put into practice."

Costs . . . Surplus

Burdick, who was sent to the senate this summer by a close vote in a special election, charged that "Nixon-Eisenhower-Benson" policies have produced:

"The most costly farm program in history."

"The biggest accumulation of surpluses in history."

"The highest retail cost of food in history."

Burdick said "reconstruction" of the farm program "may take a long time," but added that the Democratic farm plan "is an excellent place to start."

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He declared that removal of agricultural production controls would mean "complete disaster" for the farmer and "empty stores and factories" for businessmen.

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economic segment in our economy."

McManus Talk

Lt.-Gov. Edward J. McManus told the plowing match crowd he would oppose any state tax increase that "would bear unfairly on the farmer."

McManus, Democratic candidate for governor, said he would, if elected, veto a sales tax increase, which he said "is a tax which has no relationship to the farmer's ability to pay."

"It is the duty of the governor to oppose any tax increase that would further aggravate the farmer's position of economic distress," said McManus.

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would be part of the land conservation and retirement program.

The Nixon-Rockefeller treaty of Fifth Avenue called for a major expansion of the present 28,000,000-acre soil bank and Nixon apparently stands on this agreement.

Nixon said costs of the program would be justified "because it was the government, mainly, that got the farmer into the farm problem."

"The government should unhesitatingly, as a matter of obligation," he said, "help indemnify him to get him out."

The Republican nominee said the nation got into the surplus dilemma because the government spurred farmers to increase production during World War II and the Korean War.

He denied that the farmers "live off the public treasury at the expense of other Americans."

Rather, he said, "most of the increase in today's grocery bill reflects, not payments to farmers, but modern refinements in processing and inflation costs all along the line."

'Short End Of Stick'

The vice-president chimed in with the Democrats, who have contended that farm income lags woefully.

He did not, however, blame his own administration, aside from the "too timid and too little" charge.

"The net income of farmers," he said, "while the nation generally has prospered, has not been rising or even staying level; it has been going down."

"The bald fact is that the farmer has not shared proportionately in America's increasing prosperity. He has been getting the short end of the stick."

An authoritative source in the Nixon entourage said definitely that the vice-president, if elected, would recommend an extension and expansion of the soil bank program.

Nixon implied in his speech, that farmers who retire land from production would be paid only "in kind" from the surplus stocks, but a spokesman said cash payments were not excluded from Nixon's program.

Field Shaped Like a Bowl

The vice-president was to deliver his speech from a plank platform mounted on concrete blocks in the center of an alfalfa field shaped like a bowl.

The natural amphitheater is on the 160-acre farm of Howard B. Gillespie, 62, red-haired businessman-farmer whose semi-retirement hobby is restoring run down land to its original fertility by soil conservation and grass-land farming.

Gillespie has a herd of 50 purebred white-faced cattle. He was hobbling about on crutches to spare a foot run over by a farm trailer while getting ready for the big event.

Gillespie and his neighbor, Roy Titus, who farms 92 acres but makes his living running a bowling alley in Adair, shared the role of hosts to the distinguished guests and visitors.



Wirephoto (A.P.)

CROWD WELCOMES NIXON TO MIDWEST

Vice-President Nixon, Republican presidential candidate, signed autographs and shook hands with a crowd of about 900 persons pressed around him upon his arrival early Friday at the Omaha airport. Following a breakfast

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Nixon said with a broad smile.

When Nixon asked if the youngsters in the crowd were getting out of school to attend, there was a shout of "Yes."

"That makes it not too hard to figure out some reasons for the size of this crowd," Nixon said, with a laugh.

He also boosted the local pride by speaking of A. M. Piper, editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, as an old friend.

Decision

Nixon then turned serious and told the crowd that "the decision you will make Nov. 8 will be one of the most important of your life."

"It will determine the future of America and the future of the world, because America has the responsibility of leading the world."

The greatest qualification the next president must have is to be able to keep the peace for America, he asserted, adding:

"We want a world of peace with freedom."

"America must begin by being the strongest nation in the world militarily."

"We must keep it strong in diplomacy, in which we deal with the men in the Kremlin."

Nixon said that Russia must be dealt with firmly and that the president must have judgement and experience and know the men in the Kremlin.

"No Apology"

This was a repetition of a campaign argument in which Republicans are seeking to show the superiority of their candidate.

Nixon also repeated, amid rousing cheers, his statement that the president of the United States was right in not apologizing to Soviet Premier Khrushchev over the U-2 incident and that the times should never come when an American should feel that he must apologize or express regret to Russia.

He also stressed the importance of keeping America strong in ideals.

"Vote Democratic"

The crowd in Council Bluffs was one of the largest ever to greet a campaigner there, Republican leaders claimed.

The students from Abraham Lincoln High alone numbered 1,300.

There were, of course, a few signs of disagreement.

A car bearing posters of Democratic candidates was parked across the street from the park.

A couple of small boys carried a banner reading

"Keep Iowa Prosperous—Vote Democratic."

Such signs were a drop in the bucket compared with others:

"Mark X for Nixon;" "Welcome Pat and Dick;" "Iowa Says Hello;" "Nation's Rail Center Likes Nixon;" "I Like Pat;" "We're for Dick;" "We Kid You Not."

The caravan itself was free of political signs, a requirement for highway patrol escort.

The patrol services were provided as a mark of respect for the vice-president, rather than as a recognition of a candidacy.

(Cheers)

The caravan moved on to Red Oak at speeds up to 65 miles an hour. Farmers dotted the highways and townspeople waved and cheered as the caravan passed.

The campaign caravan rolled into Red Oak at 11:45 a. m.

More than 10,000 persons, what observers called one of the largest political crowds in the town's history, listened to a 15-minute speech by Nixon in the town square.

Businesses around the square were closed for the event and children were dismissed from school, and industries shut down.

Large crowds lined the streets of Red Oak (Population: 6,500). Several school bands from surrounding areas blared such tunes as "Anchors Aweigh" and Nixon's campaign song.

"Great"

To a local Republican official, Nixon whispered, "You seem to have the people stirred up."

Asked how he felt, Nixon replied: "I'm feeling great — and the crowds make me feel better."

Nixon hit hard at the strength theme at Red Oak, also.

He emphasized the need for this country to remain strong militarily, economically, diplomatically and morally.

He said the vital issue is: which of the candidates can best keep the peace and at the same time lead this country to greater heights.

"Tough"

"I know the men in the Kremlin," he said, "I know how tough they are. We must make it clear to the whole

world that we won't be pushed around."

"I ask you not to vote for a personality or for a label, but for a man who will give America the leadership it needs."

The vice-president said that one of the greatest advantages this country has over Russia economically is that 7 million American farmers can produce as much as 50 million Soviet farmers.

"Freedom"

Nixon said we should not judge our progress by what our federal government does, but by the development of the policies that the people themselves believe in.

He said that, above everything else, America needs moral and spiritual strength to preserve "a peace with freedom."

He said there is no question that we are ahead of the Russians on this score, because all of their programs are based on materialistic values.

After his speech, Mrs. Nixon was given a bouquet of roses by Sara Martin, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Red Oak.

"Homesick"

Nixon returned to the microphone and thanked the crowd for the flowers. He added that the flowers and the child made the Nixons "a little homesick" for their own children.

"One of the problems in traveling like this," he said, "is that we must be away from our children."

As the Nixons made their way through the happy crowds, a woman remarked to Mrs. Nixon, "You're going to make a lovely first lady."

"Thank you, you're so sweet," replied Mrs. Nixon softly.

A Loan

Nixon spied a woman selling poppies for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"Lend me a dollar," he asked an aide as the woman pinned a poppy on him.

From somewhere, a \$1 bill appeared and was handed to the woman.

Red Oak received a sprinkle of rain earlier Friday, but as Nixon arrived, the sun broke through the clouds. Temperatures were in the 70's.

Nixon's appearance at Red Oak was part of the annual

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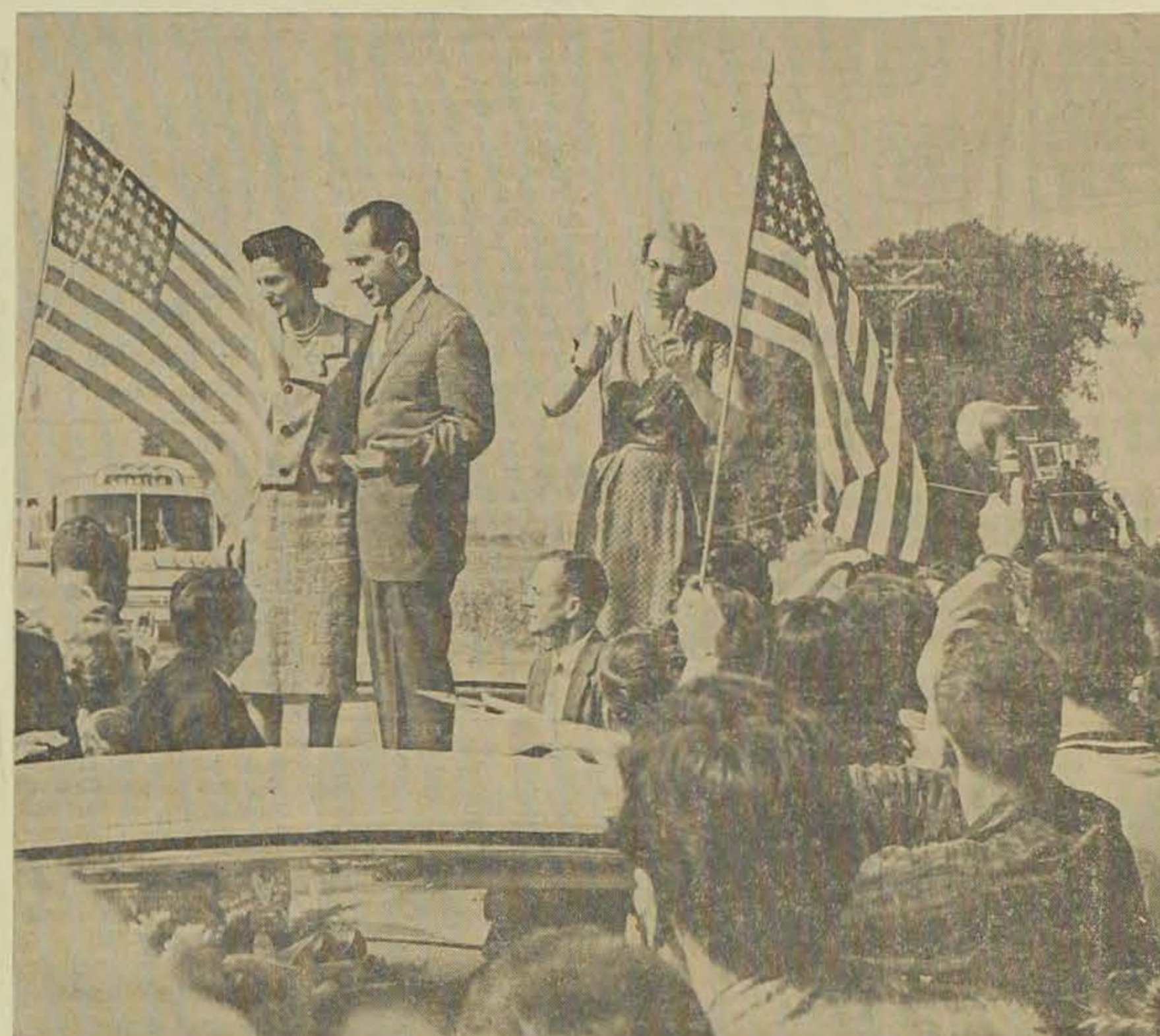
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Farm Problem Called War Heritage



Earlier, at Council Bluffs, Pat and Dick are surrounded by well-wishers as they walk through crowd before the vice-president spoke in Bayliss Park. Pat carries a gift bouquet.



Nixon's Words in Sign Language

The campaign caravan of Vice-President Richard Nixon makes an unscheduled stop Friday at the edge of Council Bluffs where 325 flag-waving students from the Iowa School for the Deaf turned out to greet him and his wife Pat. The Nixons climb atop the hood of their car and the Republican presidential candidate speaks briefly to the youngsters.

A teacher, Melda Alber, relays his message in sign language. "One of the things that gladdens us most is to see such a warm welcome from young people," said Nixon. "America needs the contribution of everyone to make our dreams come true." "We like you, Dick," shouts a student.—Register Photo by John Houlette.

Benson, whom he proposes to dump from the cabinet if elected. Nixon in the text of his speech declared efforts to solve the surplus problem had been "too timid and too little."

The Republican nominee said the nation got into the surplus dilemma because the government spurred farmers to increase production during World War II and the Korean War.

Would Not Meet Khrushchev

Nixon repeatedly maintained that the Republicans have a better record at maintaining the peace than the Democrats do.

"We want our young people to be able to enjoy life,"

he said. "We want them, not only to have better jobs, better education and better health. But we want them to be around to enjoy them."

Nixon said after the Guthrie Center speech that he is unalterably opposed to joining with John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, in meeting with Nikita Khrushchev.

The Russian premier soon will arrive in this country. Reporters said there has been a suggestion that the two presidential candidates confer with Khrushchev.

"I think it would be very bad to have the two candidates call on Khrushchev," Nixon commented. "I will not

consider it under any circumstances."

Urges Realism About Russia

Nixon said in a speech Friday night that the Russians must be dealt with in the future on the basis of "hard-headed realism." In an address over WHO-TV and television stations in six other states, the nominee said:

"We must take nothing for granted and nothing on faith. That's the way the Russians do it and they respect this attitude in return."

The telecast was sponsored by the Republican national committee.

Nixon sat on the edge of a

desk for the TV talk and delivered his talk in a smiling, informal manner. He said that he and Mrs. Nixon felt their Friday tour of Iowa was "one of the most interesting and inspiring days we ever spent."

He said Khrushchev had told him that he was impressed most by two things in the United States: "The city of San Francisco and the productivity of Iowa farms."

Nixon struck at Senator John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, for suggesting that President Eisenhower express regrets to Khrushchev over the U-2 plane incident.

Nixon called this a "naïve attitude" on Kennedy's part.

Entire Farm In Soil Bank

Nixon's major farm speech was delivered on the farm of Howard B. Gillespie, 62, a semi-retired businessman-farmer. His hobby is restoring rundown land. The entire farm is in the soil bank of which Nixon spoke.

In addition to the Gillespie land, the plowing match also was held on the neighboring 92-acre farm of Roy Titus, who makes his living running a bowling alley in Adair.

Nixon spoke in a cup-like valley which is a natural amphitheater. The audience stood above Nixon on the up-slope to the south and west. The sun was a little in the vice-president's eyes as he spoke.

Leaving Guthrie Center behind schedule, Nixon completed the last lap of the journey into Des Moines with stops at Panora and Dallas Center.

Crowds of perhaps 1,000 at each place gave him a cheerful greeting. He noted the number of children at Dallas Center and asked if they had been released from school. Told that it was well past school time (it was 5 o'clock or later), Nixon told the youngsters:

"Now I am really complimented to have you here. You are not even getting out of school to see me."

5,000 Wait At Hotel

An estimated 5,000 persons crowded around the Hotel Savery entrance to greet Nixon when he arrived in Des Moines. Some waited more than two hours for what proved to be a brief look at the vice-president.

He paused at the hotel entrance long enough to thank the crowd.

"As you probably know better than I, we're about an hour late," Nixon said over a loud-speaker. "We just didn't expect anyone to be here at this hour."

This remark was greeted with laughter and cheers.

Nixon then reviewed his travels of the day, ending with, "finally we got to the height of the United States—Des Moines, Iowa."

Then referring to the crowd, he said, "With this, we can't help but carry Iowa."

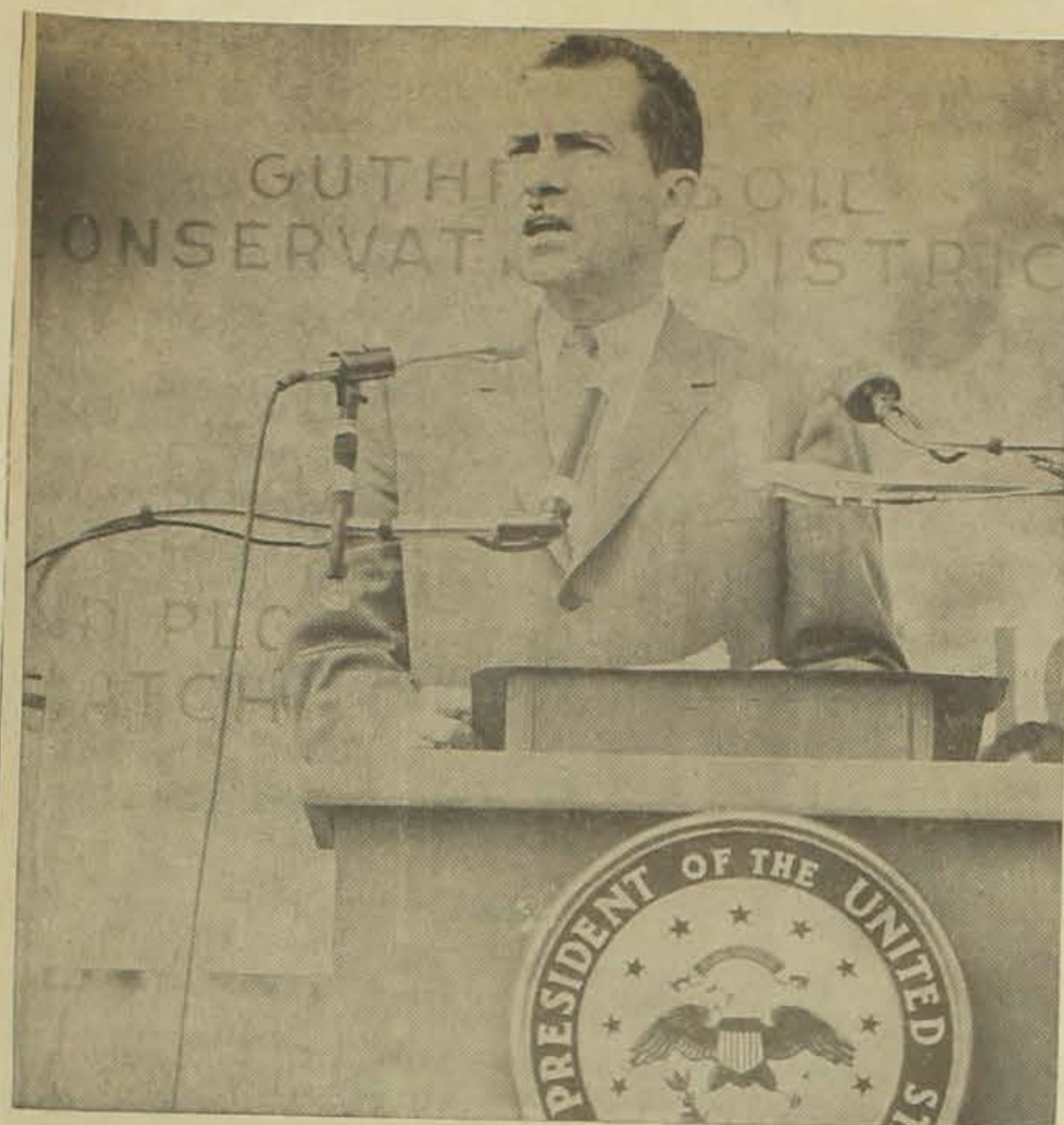
Amid more cheers, he entered the hotel.

New Method To Keep Wheat

Nixon also told of a new experimental method of processing wheat into a canned food that can be preserved for long periods and is protected against radiation.

Nixon said that, although farmers do have some controls, "their production is the result of giving a man more freedom rather than giving him direction and control by the state."

Without mentioning Agriculture Secretary Ezra T.



Nixon on Serious Note

Vice President Richard Nixon is caught in a serious mood as he delivers a major speech of the presidential campaign. The speech was made last Friday at the State Field Day and Plowing Matches held on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms just north of Guthrie Center. More Field Day pictures inside.

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Field Day Wrap-up

The final meeting for the Field Day Committee will be at the Iowa Electric building Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 p. m. It was announced today.

Lee Neal asked that any person or committee with bills must have them ready and presented for payment at this date. All business will be completed with this meeting it was stated.

Also, persons with pictures, stories or correspondence are urged to bring them to the meeting or contact Lee Neal as a scrapbook on the development of the field day and its climax is being kept.

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At Plowing Match

Nixon, Democrats Vie For Farm Vote

Plowing, people, and politics dominated the Conservation Field Day and Plowing Matches held on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms near Guthrie Center, Sept. 16.

Despite overcast skies and light rains that made plowing contestants work just a bit harder, a crowd estimated at 25,000 turned out to watch the expert plowmen and view modern conservation practices.

Although the latest in modern machinery and other farm exhibits drew the usual interest, highlighting the day was an address by Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Nixon followed a program of talks by Democrats, notably Senator Quentin Burdick of North Dakota.

Presidential candidate Nixon presented plowing trophies to Francis Willey of Herndon, level land plowing champion, and Robert Barrow of Keosauqua, contour plowing winner. Barrow was 1951 champion and twice runner-up in national plowing competition. It was the first win in state competition for Willey.

In ceremonies following Nixon's address, Queen of Conservation Joyce Sandell of Fort Dodge presented roses to Pat Nixon. Miss Sandell is a daughter of the Carroll Sandells of Fort Dodge.

Political talks at the plowing match shifted much of the blame for costs of the farm program from farmers. Vice President Richard Nixon, Republican candidate for president, stated, "It is wrong to blame the farmer for the fact that government illogically insisted upon unrealistic incentives to keep production up, while at the same time it conjured up bureaucratic controls in a futile attempt to keep production down."

Senator Quentin Burdick, North Dakota, speaking for

the Democratic party, placed most of the blame on Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benton.

Burdick stated, "The farmer must have increased prices to compensate for any reduced production on his part. This is the way business would manage the agricultural plant, and this is the way the farmers must operate if they are to survive as an economic segment in our economy."

Vice President Nixon pointed out that he would discuss the level of price supports when he talks at the National Plowing Matches in South Dakota. He spoke there last week.



VICE PRESIDENT NIXON

Republican candidate Nixon said there are many misconceptions about the farm program and blamed "those who have written the laws." He stated, "The Agricultural Department budget includes more than payments to farmers. It includes such costs as scientific research and education, food grading, the National Forest Service, water and soil conservation, school lunches, great quantities of food for needy nations."

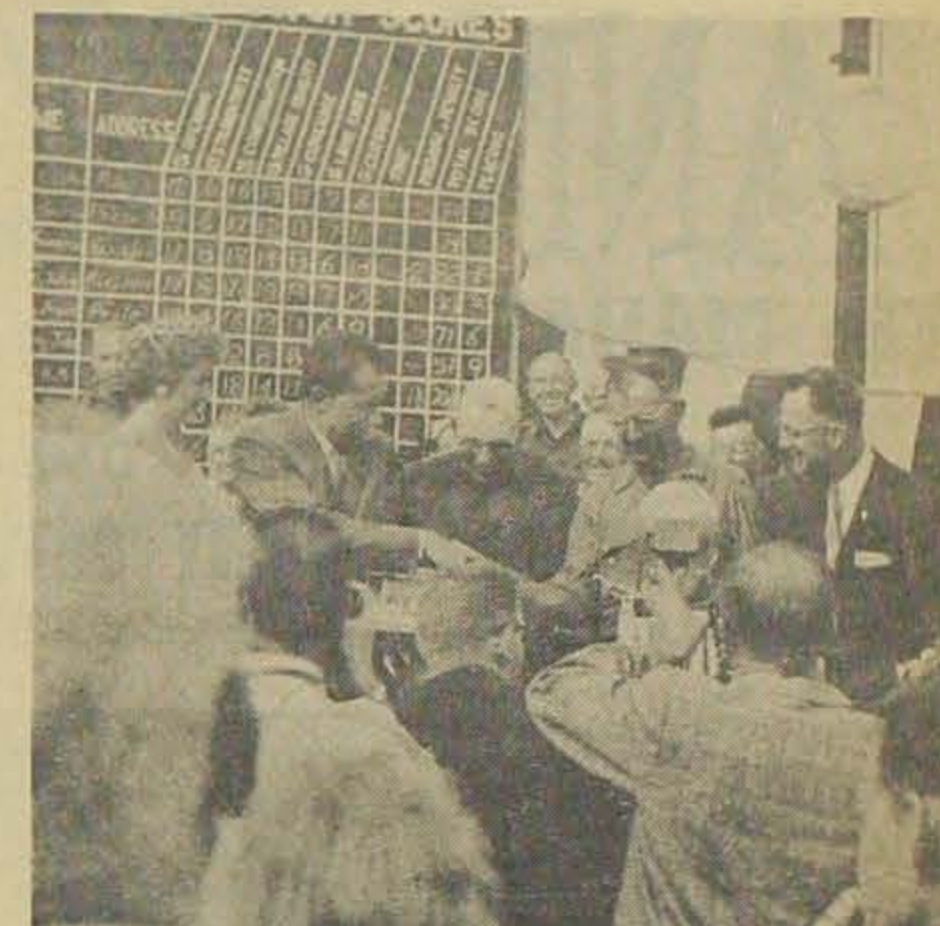
He added, "What the farmer gets is a fraction of the cost and we can't charge all the costs to farmers."

Vice President Nixon contrasted the drop in farm income to the increase in "real take home pay" of wage earners. "The bald fact is that the farmer has not shared proportionately in America's increasing prosperity. Simple justice, not to say the national interest, demands that we develop a program that will assure him a fair return."

Both Vice President Nixon and Senator Burdick recommended an expanded land retirement program as part of their programs for easing the farm problem.



Spectators on the hill got this panoramic view of plowing activity at the Conservation Field Day and Plowing Matches near Guthrie Center. Winner of the contour event, in the foreground, was Bob Barrow of Keosauqua, 1951 champion and twice runner-up in national competition. Francis Willey of Herndon won the level land contest, his first in state competition.



Pleased plowmen receive awards from Vice President Richard Nixon at the Plowing Matches at Guthrie Center. On Nixon's left is Frank Willey of Herndon and Bob Barrow of Keosauqua, both Master Plowmen for 1961. On Barrow's left is Herb Flambeck of radio station WHO, co-sponsor of the plowing event. Miss Joyce Sandell, Iowa Queen of Conservation, adds glamour to the dominantly male group.



Adding glamour and a feminine touch to the afternoon's activities was the presentation of roses to Pat Nixon by the Soil Conservation Queen, pretty Joyce Sandell of Fort Dodge. Congressman Ben Jensen introduced Mrs. Nixon to the crowd of 25,000 assembled for the Nixon address.



Cooperating counties in the Guthrie area prepared this interesting exhibit which attracted sizeable crowds all day. The display included a tire-making demonstration, women's exhibits, insurance display, and live organ music throughout the day provided by Mrs. Lee Bunk of Greenfield.

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NIXON TO GIVE FARM TALK AT PLOW MATCH

Expect 50,000 at
Guthrie Center

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon will deliver his first major farm address of the campaign Sept. 16 at Iowa plowing matches near Guthrie Center.

Both Democrats and Republicans were invited to send major speakers to the plowing contest. The Democrats have promised to send a "high level" spokesman. Former President Harry Truman is considered a "definite possibility," Democratic officials said.

Those who attended a closed meeting in Nixon's Capitol office last week reported that there had been general agreement that a fresh approach to the nation's farm problems is definitely in order.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson still insists that the farm program that he has supported and Nixon has disavowed "will gain support as time passes."

Nixon has already served notice that he considers the Benson farm program to have been "wrong." The vice-president has said he argued for a different approach in Eisenhower administration councils for the past five years, but was outvoted.

Nixon announced last week the appointment of William McKerrrow, a 38-year-old farmer from Pewaukee, Wis., as his personal representative at a series of farm conferences to be held through the Midwest.

On Gillespie Farm

It was also announced that the Republican national committee farm division will form Republican farm action committees in 15 agricultural states to help promote party candidates for congress.

Nixon will speak on the Howard Gillespie farm one mile north of Guthrie Center on Highway 25. The Gillespie farm and the adjoining farm of Roy Titus are the sites of the Soil Conservation Field Day and Plowing Match.

Sponsors are preparing for a crowd of 50,000. Parking space for 20,000 cars has been prepared.

There will be state contests in level-land contour plowing, sheep dog demonstrations and demonstrations of farm machinery.

The field day will be preceded by a "plowman's banquet" the evening of Sept. 15 at Guthrie Center. At the banquet one of some 560 contestants will be named Queen of Conservation.



PAT LISTENS

The American flag flutters overhead while Pat Nixon listens attentively to her husband, Vice-President Nixon, as he delivers his farm address at the state plowing matches near Guthrie Center Friday afternoon. Mrs. Nixon was at the side of her husband, Republican presidential candidate, during a strenuous day of campaigning across Iowa Friday.

At the plowing match site, church groups and civic organizations from Guthrie Center and the surrounding area will set up food stands.

Two-Way Affair

William H. Greiner, executive secretary of the state soil conservation committee, said he expects the exchange of agricultural information with Nixon to be a two-way affair.

"We want to get him out here and see some conservation and see what we're doing in our program," Greiner said.

Clarence Hidlebaugh of Bagley, former soil conservation district commissioner, is general chairman of the field day program.

Nixon will make another major farm address Sept. 23 at a plowing contest at Sioux Falls, S. D. Senator John F. Kennedy, Nixon's Democratic opponent for the presidency, will also speak at the Sioux Falls contest.



Pat and Dick in Guthrie

Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife Pat wave to an estimated 25,000 persons who heard him deliver his first major farm message of the political campaign, at the annual State Field Day and Plowing Matches on the Howard Gillespie and Roy Titus farms.

Gets Feel Of Tractor



Vice President Richard Nixon gets the "feel" of a tractor. Mr. Nixon made an unscheduled trip into the Field Day site following his speech before an estimated 25,000 persons.



Nixon Talks to 25,000 at Plowing Match

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon rests his ailing left knee while talking to an estimated 25,000 persons in a natural amphitheater at the state plowing matches on the 160-acre farm of Howard B. Gillespie Friday afternoon north of Guthrie Center. The Republican presidential aspirant, delivering the first major

farm address of his campaign, pledged a four-point, four-year program to get the huge \$9 billion crop surpluses "off the farmer's back and the nation's back." The Gillespie farm, including the amphitheater, is in the government soil bank.—Register Photo by Del Borer. More Pictures: Page 5.



WHAT A CANDIDATE SEES--AS HE SPEAKS

This was the scene—from Vice-President Nixon's position behind the speaker's platform—as the Republican presidential candidate delivered the first major farm

address of his campaign to some 25,000 listeners gathered on the 160-acre farm of Howard B. Gillespie near Guthrie Center Friday afternoon. During the course of his one-

day swing through west central Iowa—from Council Bluffs to Des Moines—the vice-president and his wife, Pat, were seen by an estimated 80,000 Iowans.

IN IOWA VISIT

Nixon Centers on the Issue of Peace

Thousands Line Route

By Marvin Braverman

Iowa farmers Saturday had Vice-President Nixon's promise of help, but what the Republican presidential candidate really hammered away at during Friday's long day of campaigning for the farm vote was the "peace" issue.

He wove the peace theme into his speeches at every stop on the assumption that the farmer will look beyond his fields in voting for a president in November.

He sympathized with the economic problems of the farmer and said he would try to solve them.

But the overriding issue, Nixon told his Iowa audiences, is the global struggle to preserve peace and human liberty.

Record

And, he asserted, the Republicans have a better record at maintaining peace than the Democrats do.

"To enjoy higher farm income, better jobs, better education and better health care," he stressed time and again, "we must be around to enjoy them."

Nixon's 200-mile motor tour from Council Bluffs to Des Moines Friday drew enthusiastic response.

Upward of 80,000 persons, including many schoolchildren, listened to his six speeches or lined his caravan's route.

The crowds of 8,000 at Council Bluffs and 12,000 at Red Oak were described as among the largest for a campaigner in the history of those communities.

At Atlantic, where Nixon and his wife box-lunched, 4,000 were on hand.

His major farm speech Friday afternoon at the state plowing contest near Guthrie Center drew upward of 25,000 persons.

Another 20,000 greeted him in and near Des Moines, where he stayed overnight.

Nixon's speeches won strong applause, especially when he stressed the "peace" theme, but it was his ability to talk like the man next door and to cash in on sudden opportunities that made his aides beam.

"Yes"

At Council Bluffs, when Nixon asked the crowd if the hundreds of youngsters on hand were getting out of school to attend the rally, a shout of "Yes" got things off to a good start.

The vice-president made political hay also when he stopped his caravan just outside Council Bluffs to say hello to 325 students at the Iowa School for Deaf.

It was his most unusual talk of the day.

Standing on the hood of their car with one of the school's teachers, the Nixons spoke to the students while the teacher relayed their words in sign language.

Football

At Red Oak, Nixon endeared himself to many by mentioning that a football player from Red Oak starred at Whittier College (in Nixon's hometown of Whittier, Calif.).

And, after his wife received a bouquet of roses from a child, Nixon told his Red Oak crowd "things like

this make us homesick for our own children."

Bands

At Atlantic, Nixon's homespun campaign dealt, among other things, with bands.

"Give the band a big hand," he told his audience as the high school band played.

"That is one of the best bands I've ever heard."

"Remember, I know something about it. I'm an old piano player."

In his farm speech at Guthrie Center, the vice-president outlined a program designed to cut the farm surplus and to boost farm income.

He said the farmer should share in the nation's prosperity "as a matter of simple justice."

He said he had given much thought to his program, contemplating heavy new shipments of surplus commodities to the hungry abroad, and creation of strategy food reserves across the country.

Nikita

Nixon's corn-growing, shirt-sleeved audience, bronzed from days in the sun, applauded perfunctorily until he got going on his favorite theme: That he and his vice-

presidential running mate, Henry Cabot Lodge, are best qualified by experience to deal with Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

He gave a resume of his farm program on a 30-minute telecast in Des Moines, but, knowing where he gets his greatest response, veered quickly to the peace issue.

His news secretary, Herbert G. Klein, said he planned to hit hardest at that again in Sioux City, while repeating the details of the farm program.

There are some among Nixon's advisers who think his best course is to outline his basic proposals in prepared statements and strip down his speeches to his basic campaign appeal.

"Peace"

He always gets a big hand when he says that, under President Eisenhower, the nation "got out of one war" and avoided others, and that he and Lodge are dedicated to keep the peace "without surrender" and the extension of freedom around the world.

Apart from his basic speech, he is suggesting that Kennedy, is "naive" regard-

ing international communism.

Nixon never fails to say that there are those, who like Kennedy, have suggested that Eisenhower might have prevented Khrushchev's blow up of the Paris Summit conference if he had expressed regrets for allowing the U-2 spy plane to fly over Russia just prior to the meeting.

His Theme

It's good for applause when he adds that he hopes the day may never come when any president "will ever apologize for defending the security of the United States."

And so, he sticks by this text at every stop he makes. For it is on this ground, he has made clear, he is counting on election to the White House.

Nixon--

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a record they could be proud of. He said that record would be a foundation for the future.

He said he had been campaigning in Iowa since 1952 and that the Republican organization had never failed in its crowd-raising functions.

"Wonderful"

He praised the "wonderful reception" at Des Moines Friday night, which closed his strenuous day of campaigning.

The crowd at the hotel Saturday morning which gave him a standing ovation when he came in, refused to be satisfied without some words from his wife Pat.

Their trip through the Iowa farms and towns Friday had reminded her, she said, that Iowa "is one of the nicest states of all."

Nixon was introduced by Dr. Floyd Burgeson of Des Moines, the Republican candidate for congress.

Al Couppee, Republican candidate for sheriff who was master of ceremonies, congratulated Nixon on "having the only injured knee that wasn't blamed on football."

The Nixons had breakfast alone in their suite at 7 a. m. on coffee, fruit juice, toast, corn beef hash and poached eggs.

The Iowa Republican Farm Council agreed to join with the Republican county workers to hear his talk so he would not have to give two talks.

This swelled the ballroom crowd. Another crowd of about 300 gathered outside the hotel to see him before he left for the Des Moines municipal airport by motorcade.



A Pair of Queens

Mrs. Richard M. Nixon chats with Joyce Sandell, 17, of Fort Dodge Friday afternoon at the state plowing matches near Guthrie Center. Joyce Thursday night was chosen Iowa "Queen of Conservation" to reign over Iowa Conservation Field Day and plowing matches.

Added Reward: Nixon Greeting

GUTHRIE CENTER, IA. (AP)

—The 1960 champions of the Iowa plowing contest each had a cash reward of \$100 Saturday and a handshake from Vice-President Nixon to remember.

They are Francis E. Willey, 44, of Herndon, a first-time winner of state competition, and Robert Barrow, 46, of Keosauqua, an old hand at this sort of thing.

Willey won the level-land plowing title and Barrow the contour championship Friday. Nixon, on hand to make a speech in his presidential campaign, presented the trophies.

Barrow was state champion in 1951 and twice finished second in the national plowing contest. He and Willey will represent Iowa in the national competition in 1961.

According to custom, Iowa representatives at the national contest near Sioux Falls, S. D. next week are the state winners of 1959, Richard Davitt of Prole and Arthur Raisch of Sheffield.

80,000 GREET CANDIDATE ON HIS IOWA TRIP

Talks to 25,000 at
Plowing Match

By George Mills

Vice-President Richard Nixon said in Iowa Friday that "as a matter of simple justice" steps should be taken to enable the farmer to share in the

nation's prosperity.

Nixon and his wife, Pat, received a large and cordial welcome as they spent the day campaigning along a 200-mile route in southwest Iowa.

An estimated 80,000 persons, including many thousands of youngsters vigorously waving flags, turned out to greet the Nixons.

He campaigned on the issues of "farm," "peace" and "experience in dealing with the Russians."

The day-long tour by motor caravan extended from Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs to Des Moines by way of Red Oak, Atlantic and Guthrie Center.

The receptions were as warm and pleasant as the mild and mostly sunny weather.

Would Cost More

Addressing a crowd of 25,000 at the state plowing match near Guthrie Center, Nixon outlined a program designed to cut the farm surplus and to boost farm income.

Informed Republican sources said the program would temporarily add from 500 million dollars to one billion dollars a year to federal farm costs.

"The income of wage earner increased 15 per cent in the last seven years," Nixon said. "The farmers barely held their own, and in some areas slipped off. It is only right that prosperity be shared by everybody."

Nixon pledged a four-point, four-year program to "get the surplus off the farmer's back and onto the nation's back."

Nixon proposed that a series of steps be taken to cut the surpluses to "manageable proportions" in the next four years. He suggested:

1. Removal of a lot more land from production under the "soil bank." (He reportedly is thinking in terms of supporting proposals to boost retired land

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HIS ARM RAISED IN SUCCESS, NIXON GETS APPROVAL AFTER OPERATING PLOW ON A NEW TRACTOR AT IOWA STATE PLOWING CONTEST IN GUTHRIE CENTER

BATTLE OF THE FARM

Background for Voting: the campaign's most critical domestic issue

In the heart of the troubled farm belt last week Vice President Nixon took on two campaign assignments, one familiar, the other formidable. Surrounded by admirers, he climbed into the seat of a tractor to operate a new-fangled plow. He also climbed the speaker's stand to make his first major attack on the critical farm problem. Both he and Senator Kennedy recognize the farm mess for what it is—the toughest domestic issue of the election battle. Both know it will take the utmost imagination and daring to deal with it.

The scandal of massive surplus and federal expense has grown far

beyond political lines. For years it has rolled on unsolved and unchecked by both parties. The government program of farm support has mounted to such staggering heights it takes \$1,000 a minute of taxpayers' money just to maintain the surplus crops. Yet with all the support of the farmer's prices and the complex attempts to restrict his production, farm income has long been on the decline.

In the second of its series on Background for Voting, LIFE examines the contrasting ways the candidates would handle the crucial issue (next page) and shows the way voters react to it in one farm belt town (p. 94).

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THROUGH THE BENDING CORN ON THE RAY COURTNEY FARM, CROWD OF 20,000 IOWANS IS SEEN MASSED ON HILLSIDE TO HEAR NIXON'S FIRST MAJOR FARM



SPEECH OF CAMPAIGN. HE DREW BIGGEST CHEER WHEN HE CITED REPUBLICAN ROLE IN KEEPING PEACE

HOW CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARTIES

Vice President Nixon seized the initiative on the issue many politicians call insoluble, the huge farm surplus. At the Iowa state plowing match at Guthrie Center he delivered the opening shot of a double-barreled assault. With "Operation Consume," he advocated surplus disposal by "Food for Peace," welfare programs and strategic food reserves. He offered a novel plan to cut overabundance of grain by feeding it to livestock, thus converting part of the vast surplus to meat and milk. He also proposed the U.S. give grain to the farmers in exchange for reducing production. Iowa farmers, who have heard many a political promise at a plowing match, listened quietly.

Nixon saved the other barrel—"Operation Safeguard"—for this week. Suggesting an expanded land retirement program, he guarantees to repair sagging farm income. He concedes his program may cost far more than the present farm outlay at first, but he says it will eventually cut down costs.

This week Kennedy enters the fight with his first major farm message, in which he will attack the Benson program of lower farm supports. He is expected to promise higher farm price supports than Nixon but to join Nixon in urging land retirement. Kennedy will seek to pin the mess on the Administration, extolling the Democrats as the farmers' longtime friend.

DEMOCRATIC PLANK ON THE FARM ISSUE

USE OF SURPLUS: Expand home consumption, including a broader school lunch program and a food stamp program for the aged and needy. Establish a food reserve for defense purposes. Increase shipments to underdeveloped nations. **FARM INCOME:** Support farmers with production and marketing quotas, loans on basic commodities at not less than 90% of parity, production payments and commodity purchases.

Control production with "an orderly land retirement and conservation program." **FARM CONDITIONS:** Expand, liberalize existing credit facilities as aid to preservation of family farm. Eradicate rural blight with local industrial development, vocational training programs, development of commercial recreation possibilities. Maintain present interest rates to REA co-ops.

WHAT KENNEDY SAYS ABOUT THE FARM ISSUE

"No domestic issue in this election is more important than the farm issue. No part of the American way of life is more important—or in more trouble—than the family farm."

"Farm abundance should be treated as a blessing and not as a curse. There are still more than one billion, 800 million people in other lands trying to get by on less than a subsistence diet. There are still 17 million Americans going to bed each night suffering from malnutrition."

"The farmer has the right to a fair share of our national income. This does not mean that farm prices must always rise—but they should not be the only ones to fall."

"Any program for wheat . . . must bring produc-

tion down below consumption, through bushels as well as acreage controls, so excess volume in storage will be gradually reduced."

"Any attempt to control one commodity and not another is predoomed. Our farm economy cannot survive half controlled and half free."

"The technological revolution has made the American farm the most productive unit in the world. It has also made the farmer a major victim of a high interest, tight money policy."

"Mr. Benson has spent more of the taxpayers' money than any Secretary of Agriculture—he has acquired more surpluses—he has cost farmers more income despite rising food prices—and he has hired more department employees."

WOULD SOLVE PROBLEM

REPUBLICAN PLANK ON THE FARM ISSUE

USE OF SURPLUS: Intensify overseas Food for Peace Program. Create a strategic reserve for national emergency. Payment in kind, out of surpluses, as part of a land retirement program. Widen distribution of surplus to schools, low-income and needy families.

FARM INCOME: Control production by accelerating conservation and voluntary Soil Bank programs. Level price supports to suit specific

commodities. Speed research to cut production and distribution costs.

FARM CONDITIONS: Improve credit facilities. Encourage farmer-owned and operated cooperatives, including rural electric and telephone facilities. Strengthen educational programs of Department of Agriculture and Land-Grant Colleges. Expand Rural Development Program to aid low-income farm families.

WHAT NIXON SAYS ABOUT THE FARM ISSUE

"Because the government shares the responsibility for getting the farmer into his present troubles, the government must share the cost for getting him out of that situation."

"The majority in Congress has persisted in refusing to face up to farm problem and it continues to support solutions conceived for a different period and for different problems."

"We should reject any program which would put the farmer in a government strait jacket in which what he plants, how much he can sell, and the price is determined by bureaucrats."

"While the price support program has proved useful in stabilizing farm prices we must recognize that a parity formula treats the symp-

toms and not the cause of the farm problem."

"It doesn't make sense to spend \$16 million a year finding new uses for agricultural products when we spend \$5 billion a year in financing and storing surplus farm products."

"To bring supply more directly into relation with demand we must recognize the necessity for taking acreage out of production. . . . We must take every possible precaution to avoid creating ghost towns."

"No more exciting challenge will confront the next President and his Administration than that of making a national asset, rather than a liability, out of our nation's ability to produce more food and fiber than any other peoples on earth."



KENNEDY IN TEXAS reminds Texarkana crowd farm income has "deteriorated" under Republicans.

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Nixons Visit To Field Day Highlights Memorable Year In Guthrie County

Review of 1960 In Pictures



Work progressed most of the spring and summer on the site of the State Field Days and Plowing Matches held Sept. 16 on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms, one mile north of Guthrie Center.

Appreciation +

Yes --- It Was Successful

To all who helped and participated at the 1960 Field Day

from these organizations

- 1 - State Field Day Committee
- 2 - Guthrie Soil Conservation District
- 3 - Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce

THANKS AGAIN

The year 1960 will end Saturday night and a look back into the now history of Guthrie county shows the area had an active year.

Probably the news highlight of 1960 in the county occurred when the State Field Days and Plowing Matches were held on the Roy Titus and Howard Gillespie farms just north of Guthrie Center.

To this event came Vice President Richard Nixon to deliver his first major farm address of the presidential campaign.

Hundreds of Guthrie county persons spent many evenings in 1960 working on the Field Day event. And apparently they were well rewarded as an estimated 15,000-20,000 persons were in attendance at the affair.

The following is a short summary of some of the important news events which occurred in the county during the year.

January

In the first week of January, Guthrie County Sheriff Bennie Sheeder arrested Duane Teeter, Coon Rapids. Teeter later entered a plea of guilty to eight December break-ins in Guthrie Center. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

Also during December the Raccoon Area Library Association was formed with ten Guthrie, Greene, and Boone county libraries as members. This was one of the first such associations to be formed.

The first of many snow storms to occur in 1960 blew into the county the latter part of January. Freezing rain fell all day Jan. 28 and then was topped with a light covering of snow. Temperatures took a nose dive the last week in January with 13, 4, 14, and 16-degree below zero readings recorded.

Residents were just recovering from the freezing rain storm when the county was blasted with a 13-inch snow storm which virtually paralyzed the county.

Burglars hit the Juanita's Tavern in Stuart and escaped with some \$500 in cash and merchandise.

February

Guthrie county lost its county attorney in January when Jay Hasbrouck died of cancer. Bayard attorney Coral Greenfield was appointed to the post.

The Masonic Lodge entertained 32 lodges at an institute in February and political activity started that month as Senator G. W. Prince announced he would not seek re-election.

And February tallied another snow storm as 6 to 8 inches of snow, driven by high winds blocked roads in the area. If weather was not bad enough an outbreak of flu was reported in the county during February.

Adair-Casey persons appeared before the board of supervisors during February to complain about bad roads in the area.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip York of Panora. The only twins born at the Guthrie County Hospital during 1960.

March

About 100 persons appeared at a Guthrie Center curb and gutter objectors' meeting. The city council later killed the curb and gutter project, saying it was inadequate for the needs.

Weather again dominated news in March as the year's snow total reached 53 inches.

Field Day news started coming into the scene as Clarence

Hidlebaugh was appointed general chairman of the event.

The Guthrie Center girls were stopped from going to the state girls basketball tournament by a 57-33 defeat at the hands of Bondurant-Farrar in the finals of the district tourney at Adel.

Teacher Clarence Sheeder was injured when an explosion occurred in the science room at the Bayard high school.

During the week of March 10, temperatures dipped to 24 below and another 9-inch snow fell in the county.

April

Population figures announced during April showed Guthrie county's population drop above average.

Snow fall had reached an all-time record—72 inches.

Soft roads in the county caused the supervisors to ban trucks and school busses on county roads.

It was announced in April that the Monteith Phone Company would merge with the Menlo phone company.

Fire destroyed the Ralph Wickland farm northwest of Guthrie Center.

Lowland flooding occurred on the Middle Raccoon River.

The Guthrie Center Legion and Auxiliary hosted a seventh district convention.

May

Ronald Francis Girard, Casey, was arrested and charged with lascivious acts with a child.

Eddie Hardy, 3, was injured in a power take-off at his father's farm near North Branch.

Fire struck at two county farms destroying a barn at the Amos Royer place and destroying the farm home of Arthur Kuster.

A building housing the John Small grocery in Stuart collapsed demolishing several cars parked in front. No one was injured.

A severe hail storm lashed the Wichita area damaging hay and oat crops.

Two British marines, out to set a walking record across the United States, passing through south Guthrie county.

June

A state highway patrol saturation drive in Guthrie county netted 189 traffic violators.

A light number of voters turned out for the June primary election.

Plans were announced for the opening of a state liquor store in Guthrie Center.

Guthrie Center's new industry Maplewood Products became a reality during 1960 and during June orders started coming in to the new industry.

The first auto fatality of 1960 was recorded during June when a Des Moines woman was killed on "Dead Man's Curve" east of Stuart.

July

A Guthrie County Association for Retarded Children was formed.

A proposed Bayard-Bagley school merger was dismissed in district court and set the north Guthrie county districts free to reorganize.

A Stuart farmer — Lester Coleman — was killed when his tractor rolled over. The mishap occurred just over the county line in Adair county.

August

High winds lashed west Guthrie county with crops and barns flattened by nature's outburst.

The Guthrie Center Baptist Church celebrated its centennial.

Bev Wenger of Guthrie Center and Sharon Wirt of Panora won the county Queen of Conservation contest.

North Branch Telephone Cooperative sold to United Telephone of Iowa.

Architects met with the county supervisors to begin making plans for a proposed new courthouse.

September

Springbrook State Park was drained Labor Day evening to enable workmen to make repairs on a valve.

The Coon Valley Archery Club hosted the state championship archery meet over Labor Day weekend.

The Guthrie County Fair was held with Gene Mans taking both champion and reserve baby beef honors.

The big event arrived on Sept. 16 — the Field Days and Plowing Matches. Besides Nixon's visit Guthrie county's own Francis Willey of Herndon won the level land plowing match.

Guthrie Center hosted the state firemen's convention.

October

Break-ins occurred in October at the Bayard and Bagley school houses.

Bagley started ball rolling on reorganization in north part of county. Yale and Jamaica showed interest in merging, Bayard declined invitation to meeting.

The Guthrie Center newspapers launched a \$2,000 subscription contest.

Guthrie Center hosted 1,500 musicians at the state marching band contest. The host school received an "I" rating.

Open house was held at the new Guthrie Center North Grade building.

November

A near record number of voters turned out at the November general election. Big news of the election was the fifth defeat of the courthouse bond issue.

Merger committees were appointed at Bagley, Jamaica, and Yale.

James Dixon, former Guthrie Center resident was named sole heir of famous conductor Dimitri Mitropoulos.

Yale and Jamaica schools lose state approval effective July 2, 1962.

Ed Feilmeyer was elected president of Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce.

