

# **Twentieth Annual Report**

**Des Moines County  
Soil Conservation District**

## **1965**



## Keep This Report

These are addresses and phone numbers of contractors and business firms throughout Des Moines County that can be of service to you.

The Commissioners of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District URGE YOU TO PATRONIZE THESE ADVERTISERS who have indicated an interest in you and your soil conservation efforts: The SCD Commissioners of Des Moines County.

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- Middletown -

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**Iowa Southern  
Utilities Company**

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# Burlington Iowa Banks



We congratulate the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service on the good progress toward putting every acre to its best use and the saving of our soil, our greatest resource.

## Burlington Bank & Trust Company

## Farmers & Merchants Bank & Trust

## National Bank of Burlington

# INTRODUCTION

## SCD Chairman – Eugene Schulte

It is my hope that everyone who receives this annual report will not only analyze the accomplishments of 1965, but will consider their individual conservation needs for the coming year. Years of exceptional income are ideal to accomplish these permanent soil improvements and can be charged fully to the year in which they are completed.

We wish to thank all cooperators who helped make this a successful year for the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District. Only with sponsorship by local organizations could we sponsor various programs. Solicitations from business firms within our area have made this report possible so your patronage of them will certainly be appreciated.

Surpluses of perhaps only a year or two ago are suddenly disappearing. Suddenly "food shortages" take the headlines and while our country is blessed with abundance many other countries face famine. Once again food will surely affect most "Peace Treaties". It has been said that no activity is more to the future of America than the development and conservation of our resources of soil and water. In former times there were many who looked upon soil conservation as essentially a rural problem. Nothing could be more erroneous or dangerous. Conservation is the concern of everyone who eats food, drinks water, and rears a family – in short, it is the concern of all mankind.

## Des Moines County SCD Commissioners



L. to R. Horace Sutton, Art Corman, Eugene Schulte, Harold Yohe, Harold Linder. Schulte is Chairman, Sutton is Treasurer, Linder is Secretary. Assistant Commissioners not shown are, Lloyd Schmeiser and Richard Charbonneaux

# Des Moines County Farm Bureau

312 North Fourth Street  
Burlington, Iowa  
Phone 752-2729

President . . . . . Rolland Fritz  
Vice President . . . . . Ronald Gerst  
Secretary . . . . . Mrs. Margaret Helt  
Treasurer . . . . . Melvin Nelson  
Voting Delegate . . . . . Emmett Messer  
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Fieldman . . . . . Bob Stevenson  
Office Assistant . . . . Bonnie Riddle



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Donald

Phone 865-4658 Yarmouth, Iowa

Phone 752-1407 Burlington, Iowa

## ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Ray Audsley, Work Unit Conservationist for the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District retired.

John T. Baker assumed the duties as Work Unit Conservationist for the District.

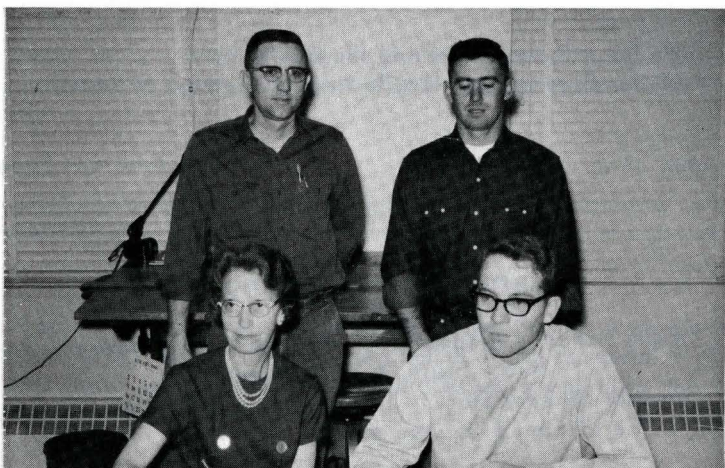
Jack Jacobs, Conservation Technician for the District received a certificate of Merit and a cash award for his outstanding efforts.

LaVerne Lucas, Flint River Township was hired to work part time for the District.

Charles Ertzinger worked as a College Student trainee during the three summer months for the District. Charles is now a senior Agronomy student at Ames, Iowa.

A new tree planter was made available in the County through the joint efforts of the Extension Service and the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

A new "1965 model" terracing program was introduced into the county.



Back row: Jack Jacobs, LaVerne Lucas  
Front row: Mildred Kleinkopf, John Baker

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Fertilizing & Service Work

## Harold Linder

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Phone Dodgeville 388-2415

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The first Parallel, cut and fill – tile inlet terraces were constructed in the county. The first Tile inlet terrace was built on the P. A. Staub farm in Augusta Township. The first series of parallel, tile inlet terraces were built on the Holly Wagner farm in Danville Township. Over 46,000 feet of tile inlet terraces were built in the county this year.

The number of farms signed up as “cooperators” of the district increased 300% this year as 73 farm owners and operators signed up 12,235 acres with the district. This land will be soil surveyed and as conservation is planned for the land a soils map and aerial photo of the farm will be included with the “Conservation Plan”.

The publishing and distributing of this “Annual Report” to every land owner and operator in the county was a major undertaking by the District. It is gratifying as you study the advertising in this book to see so many business people interested in the agricultural community. Over 2000 copies of this report was mailed out.

Eighty news stories were written by the district staff, 37 Radio talks on conservation were presented over KBUR and 8 terrace demonstrations were held.

The District received an anonymous gift of \$125 to help carry on activities by the district to promote Soil and Water Conservation in Des Moines County.

The District is happy about the interest shown by the Iowa Conservation Commission in the Yellow Springs Watershed. While no definite plans were committed, there is hope. All those interested could help the cause by writing the Commission at Des Moines and your local, State Congressman.

Group jobs (two or more neighbors working together on a common conservation problem) were stressed this year. Thanks to the efforts of Jack Jacobs, there was an increase of 100% in Group jobs completed in Des Moines County in 1965.

## **Turner Seed Store**

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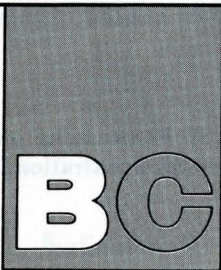
## **Luecking's Tire & Battery Service**

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## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The district sponsored a "Farm Safety" speech contest in December for High School students. Robert Myers, son of the Ralph Myers of rural Mediapolis was the winner. This contest was co-sponsored by the Des Moines County Mutual Insurance Association.

Mrs. Robert Bishop and Mrs. Loren Klindt of Morning Sun, both teachers, were sponsored to Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp, Springbrook State Park at Guthrie Center by the District. Ferne Sergeant of Pleasant Grove Township also attended, sponsored by the Long Creek Conservation Club.

In May the District sponsored a 20 mile tour of conservation farms during Soil Stewardship week for the ministers of the County. The tour ended with a sack lunch provided by the District at the large farm pond on the Holly Wagner farm in Danville Township.

A Conservation Banquet and awards program was co-sponsored by all the Banks in Des Moines County and the District. The contest was in cooperation with the state wide Register and Tribune paper of Des Moines.

In conjunction with last springs flood in the Tama Bottoms, the Work Unit Staff assisted the Tama Bottom farmers by running surveys up through the bottoms establishing flood water elevations so preparations could be made in case the levee broke.

After the Mississippi Flood this District Work Unit Office completed and submitted detailed reports on every watershed in Des Moines County. These reports are part of a complete Mississippi River Basin study being made for flood control purposes.

Special effort is being made to promote conservation in the Watershed above Geode Lake. Soil erosion in the Geode Watershed is causing large quantities of top soil to be deposited in the lake. Concern over this situation has caused the State Conservation Commission of Iowa to Authorize additional "cost sharing" funds for this area. Normal ACP cost sharing plus the help from the Conservation Commission on erosion control dams and tile inlet terraces will cover up to 85% of their cost.

THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU BETTER

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- Sullivan Slough Quarry – Burlington, Iowa Phone 754-7070

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Burlington, Iowa

Phone 752-6388

### Ken Haley

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## DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

| MAJOR PRACTICES     | UNIT  | 1964  | 1965   | Increase |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|
| Contour Farming     | Acre  | 260   | 876    | 237%     |
| Terraces:           |       |       |        |          |
| Parallel-Cut & Fill | Feet  | 0     | 38,850 |          |
| Gradient            | Feet  | 0     | 10,200 |          |
| Diversion           | Feet  | 2,940 | 14,450 | 360%     |
|                     | Total |       | 63,500 |          |

## OTHER PRACTICES

|                       |        |         |         |       |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| Waterways             | Acre   | 23      | 65      | 184%  |
| Farm Ponds            | Number | 22      | 15      | -46%  |
| Tile                  | Feet   | 196,772 | 145,577 | -26%  |
| Erosion Control Dams  | Number | 22      | 22      | same  |
| Open Drainage Ditch   | Feet   | 6,500   | 27,355  | 320%  |
| Group Jobs            | Number | 3       | 6       | 100%  |
| Pasture Renovation    | Acre   | 1,018   | 856     | -19%  |
| Tree Planting         | Acre   | 50      | 93      | 80%   |
| Tile System Structure | Number | 3       | 50      | 1566% |
| Cons. Cropping System | Acre   | 1,054   | 2,553   | 58%   |

## PLANNING PRACTICES

|                 |        |     |     |      |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| New Cooperators | Number | 18  | 78  | 300% |
| Revised Plans   | Number | 21  | 28  | 33%  |
| New Farm Plans  | Number | 9   | 15  | 55%  |
| Farms Serviced  | Number | -   | 437 |      |
| Follow-Up       | Number | 122 | 168 | 37%  |

The Commissioners and staff of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District wish to thank those agencies and people who have helped make these accomplishments possible. The Commissioners especially want to thank the ASC Committee and Office Staff for their support and cooperation.

|                                          |      |                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|----|
| Office Callers . . . . .                 | 1406 | News stories . . . . .   | 80 |
| Telephone Calls . . . . .                | 788  | Radio talks . . . . .    | 37 |
| Meetings attended or conducted . . . . . | 63   | Demonstrations . . . . . | 8  |

# Kenneth Springsteen

**Tile Drainage Contractor**

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# Soil Conservation Contractor

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## **BASIC CONSERVATION PLANS FOR 1965**

Arthur Andries  
Earl Massner  
Ralph Oberman  
Frank (Holly) Wagner  
Adair O. Spear  
E. E. Coffield  
Harvey Eastburn  
C. I. Kliner  
Jessie Gray  
John Schieffer

Loren Klindt  
Earl Meeker  
Francis LaMar  
Rodney Wallman  
Carl Miller  
Lawrence Strawhacker (2)  
Eugene Beckman  
Bernice Scarber  
Isabel Scott Fitzmorris

## **FACTS ABOUT THESE FARMS**

These 20 farms make up 2,754 acres. The owners and operators of these farms have to a varying degree committed themselves and their land to better management which includes:

1. Preservation and maintenance of the remaining top soil.
2. Farming their land as closely as possible within its capabilities.
3. Applying those conservation practices necessary to protect the land from erosion.
4. Accepting the responsibilities that go with Soil Stewardship. "To use but not use up."

## **REVISED FARM PLANS**

Twenty-eight older Basic Conservation farm plans were revised. Often the change of ownership, change in the livestock program or other factors render a conservation plan unsuited for the new operation. These older plans can then be revised to take advantage of new technical information and new, more effective conservation practices.



## **Chuck Allgood**

**-Earth Moving-  
Conservation Contractor**

P.O.Box 118

Winfield, Iowa 52659

Phone 257-3137

## **Dude Duval**

- Land Clearing
- Conservation Contractor
- Earth Moving
- Custom Plowing & Discing

Burlington, Iowa

Phone 862-6297



L. to R.: Dude and operator Terry Poggemiller

# INVENTORY OF SOIL CONSERVATION ACTIVITY BY TOWNSHIP

|                                                  |  |                                                  |  |                                          |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------|--|
| WASHINGTON<br>1. 6<br>2. 29<br>3. 0<br>4. 10     |  | YELLOW SPRINGS<br>1. 6<br>2. 29<br>3. 0<br>4. 10 |  | HURON<br>1. 10<br>2. 39<br>3. 3<br>4. 11 |  |
| PLEASANT GROVE<br>1. 9<br>2. 39<br>3. 2<br>4. 17 |  | FRANKLIN<br>1. 10<br>2. 54<br>3. 1<br>4. 17      |  | BENTON<br>1. 6<br>2. 37<br>3. 5<br>4. 17 |  |
|                                                  |  |                                                  |  | JACKSON<br>1. 2<br>2. 27<br>3. 0<br>4. 2 |  |
| DANVILLE<br>1. 5<br>2. 52<br>3. 1<br>4. 27       |  | FLINT RIVER<br>1. 2<br>2. 15<br>3. 3<br>4. 11    |  | TAMA<br>1. 7<br>2. 44<br>3. 1<br>4. 18   |  |
| AUGUSTA<br>1. 1<br>2. 4<br>3. 0<br>4. 3          |  | CONCORDIA<br>1. 2<br>2. 8<br>3. 1<br>4. 5        |  | UNION<br>1. 5<br>2. 42<br>3. 1<br>4. 30  |  |

**Legend:**

No. below corresponds to No. in Township squares.

1. Is the number of New Cooperators signed up in 1965.
2. Is the number of farms assisted in 1965 by the SCS.
3. Is the number of new conservation plans written in 1965.
4. Is the number of farms applying one or more conservation practices in 1965.



Phil Heckenberg

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## **Phil Heckenberg**

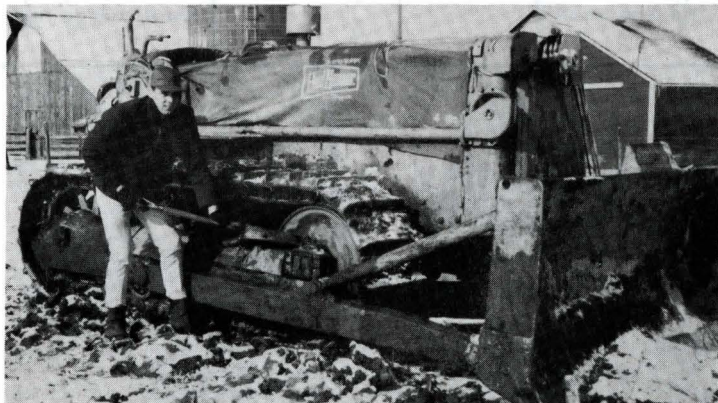
**– Call –**

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**D-7, D-6, Scraper, Custom Plowing, Brush Discing**

**Mediapolis, Iowa**

**Phone 394-3248**



Phil Heckenberg and one of his caterpillars

## STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

The financial assistance listed below was furnished to the SCD by the State of Iowa to further Soil Conservation in 1965.

### 1-M Budget

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Commissioners Expense . . . . .        | \$ 145.01    |
| Office Supplies . . . . .              | 129.92       |
| Printing . . . . .                     | 69.70        |
| Prizes for Contest . . . . .           | 245.87       |
| Materials for Demonstrations . . . . . | 8.98         |
| Office Expense . . . . .               | 192.40       |
| Meeting Expense . . . . .              | <u>12.62</u> |
| Total . . . . .                        | \$ 804.50    |

### 2-M Budget

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Technical . . . . . | \$ 466.21       |
| Clerical . . . . .  | <u>3,624.43</u> |
| Total . . . . .     | \$ 4,090.64     |

## STATE PERSONNEL

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Mildred Kleinkopf . . . . . | Clerk     |
| LaVeme Lucas . . . . .      | State Aid |

## USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| John T. Baker . . . . .  | Work Unit Conservationist |
| Jack R. Jacobs . . . . . | Conservation Technician   |
| LaVerne Lucas . . . . .  | Conservation Aid          |

## OTHER SCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING DISTRICT

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lyll H. Mitchell . . . . .   | Area Conservationist |
| Margaret L. Dickey . . . . . | Area Clerk           |
| Marion P. Clark . . . . .    | Area Engineer        |
| Robert O. Kluth . . . . .    | Assistant Engineer   |
| Mack R. Miller . . . . .     | Area Soil Scientist  |

# **Paul Brockert**

- \* A.G. Limestone**
- \* Driveway Surfacing**
- \* Bulk Fertilizer**
- \* Fill Material**

Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3864

# **L.M. Whipple**

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- Terraces
- Diversions
- Erosion Control Dams
- Surface Drainage
- Waterways

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Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3363



Over 400 farm ponds have been built in Des Moines County with help from the SCS. Almost everyone of them has a scum problem. 12 lbs. of copper sulfate per surface acre will normally take care of the algae scum problem.



Crownvetch — Both erosion and weed control is provided by this plant. L. to R.: John Maddy, SCS Agronomist, Bob Cummings, IAAP Agronomist, Charles Ertzinger, Student trainee, and Frank Schaller, ISU Extension Agronomist sitting are inspecting the seeding.

## Cosens Insurance Agency

All Lines of Insurance

Bob Cosens  
Office Phone 394-3727

Henry Cosens  
Home Phone 394-3728

Mediapolis, Iowa

# MEDIAPOLIS SAVING BANK



Mediapolis, Iowa Phone 394-3191

## Durocs

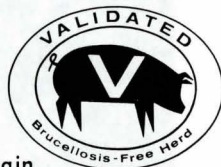
7 Generations of Test Station Records

\* Average daily gains of 2.08 lbs. per day

\* Feed efficiency of 257 lbs. feed per 100 lbs. of gain

\* Average probe of boars of 1.18 inch of back fat

\* State Accredited Herd #16



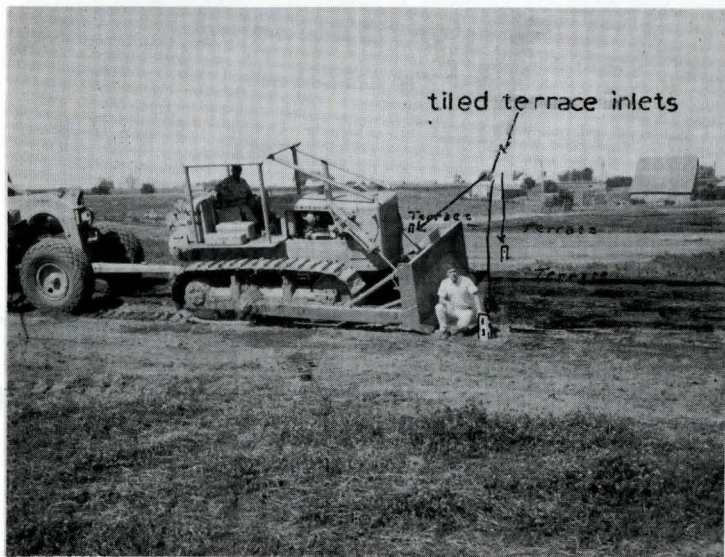
## Melvin Nelson & Sons

Morning Sun, Iowa

Phone Mediapolis 394-3268



One of three parallel, cut and fill, seeded backslope terraces built by Buck LaMar in Union Township. These terraces reduce ground slope between terraces so are most useful on the more rolling ground. Tile inlets were installed to carry off surface water. This allowed all ditches and waterways to be done away with.



Chuck Allgood, contractor, puts the finishing touches to the first complete set of parallel, tiled inlet terraces in the county. These terraces are on the Holly Wagner farm in Danville Township. Over 40 farmers stopped to see these terraces during construction.

**Junior Black**  
**Earth Moving**  
**&**  
**Conservation**  
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Phone 394-3427

**K & M FORD TRACTOR  
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Mediapolis, Iowa

Phone 394-3434

**Limestone Spreading**  
**Bulk Fertilizer**  
**Driveway Rock.. Black Dirt.. Clay Fill**

**TED NELSON**

Mediapolis, Iowa

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L. to R.: Bob Kuntz, Dennis Peterson, Rick Verling, Robert Meyers, and Art Corman. Commissioner Corman presented the awards to the Farm Safety Speech contest winners. As winner, Bob Myers received a \$25 bond and Trophy. The Eland Insurance Agency of Mediapolis co-sponsored this contest.



A lightnoon lunch at Holly Wagners farm pond in Danville Township concluded a 20 mile Soil Stewardship field tour. This tour was sponsored by the District for the ministers of the county. The quiet beauty of well cared for land was a rewarding experience for all who attended.

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L to R: Paul Peterson, Adelaide Snyder, Robert Zaiser and Eugene Schulte, Chairman of the District. Not present was Pierce Giffin, and Mrs. Virginia Sharar. These people were honored at a Banquet in Mediapolis sponsored by the Banks of Des Moines County for their efforts as conservation farmers. They also received engraved plaques.



Tile inlet Terraces - Bob Zaiser is looking at one of his tile inlets being installed by Ken Springsteen, tiler from Morning Sun. Terraces were later constructed using these inlets to take water from the terraces. Tile inlet terraces are the ultimate in erosion control.

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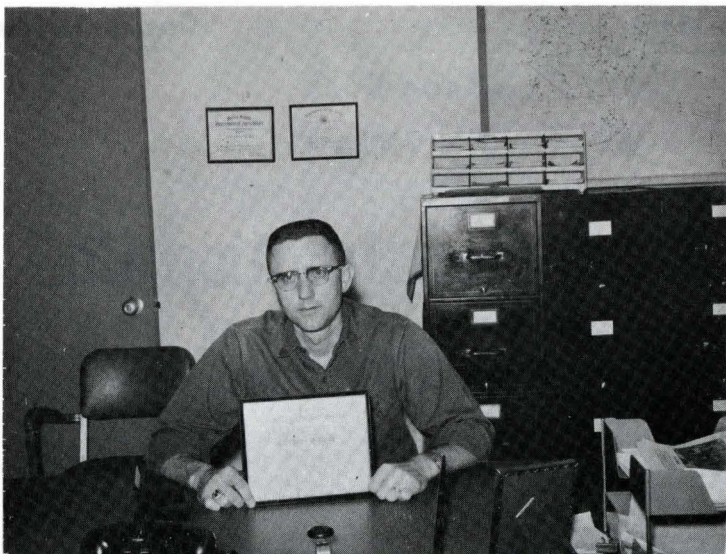
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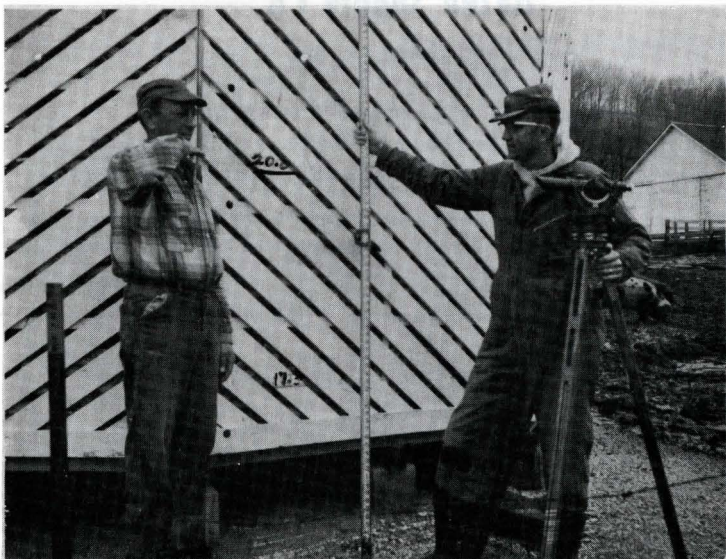
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Jack Jacobs, Conservation Technician with the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District received a certificate of Merit and a cash award for his performance as acting Work Unit Conservationist after Ray Audsleys retirement.



April - Jack Jacobs trying to convince Gilbert Laue how high the flood waters will be if the levee broke. It did and it was, (in fact, even higher). The SCS ran survey lines up through the bottoms helping to define those buildings and areas that would be severely affected by a break in the levee.

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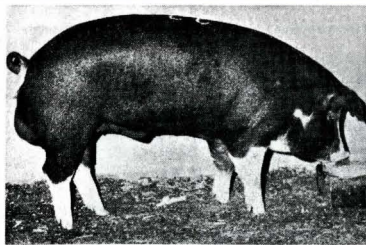
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Jack Jacobs and John Baker of the Soil Conservation Service are shown unloading a new tree planter. The planter which is jointly owned by the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation District will be managed by the County Conservation Board.



Clean up - After the Flood receded in the Tama bottoms. Rex Mackey is shown cleaning debris from an open ditch on the General Investment Co. farm.



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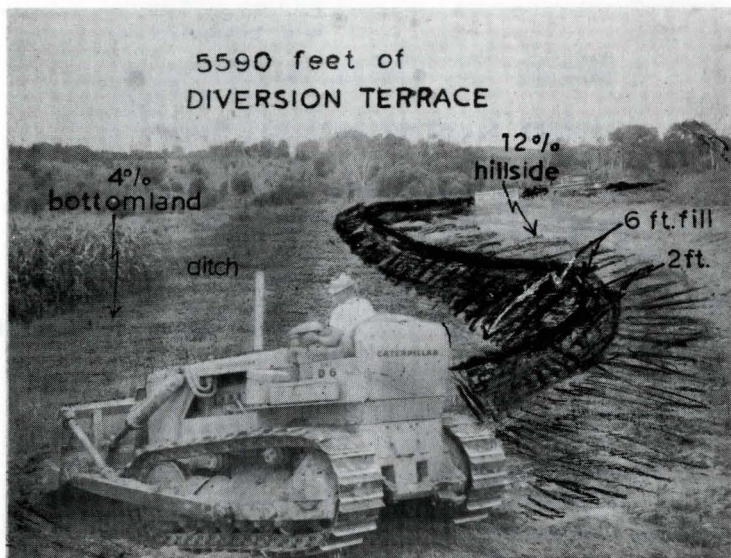
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Max Moore built this erosion control dam on his farm in Franklin Township last August. The pond filled in 3 weeks. A 9000 yd. fill produced about 4 acres of water, took 20 feet of fall out of the ditch and absorbed the run off water from 90 acres of land. Max plans to develop the pond's wildlife and recreation potential with plantings etc.

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This pond was built by Jerry Miller in Franklin Township. LaVerne Lucas holding the rod and Jacobs on the Instrument are checking it out. Bouge and Walker construction contractor from New London is putting the final touches to the fill.



LaVerne, Annette and Paula Lucas are shown selecting their Christmas tree from their own tree plantation. LaVerne works part time for the Soils District. LaVerne's father "Rudy" has been a cooperater of the district 15 years and has many conservation practices on his farm including plans for tile inlet terraces in 1966.

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