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By Howard Beyer, Chairman

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The American farmer is a proud producer and many have become proud conservationists. During the last 30 years many in our county have changed their farms from one of erosion and depleting fertility to one with increased production through the use of terraces, strip cropping, contour cultivation, and grassed waterways.

The Soil Conservation Service was set up in the 1930's to provide farmers and landowners with technical and engineering guidance and assistance in preparing their soil and water conservation plans. Each farm has its own individual problems to be solved and Charles Shirley, our Work Unit Conservationist and his staff are ready to give you help. We feel everyone owes it to themselves and the future generations to do their part in preserving, or if necessary, improve Iowa County's fine soil.

In behalf of the S.C.D. Commissioners I would like to thank all who help carry on the Iowa County Soil Conservation Program. Those who bought advertising in this book are contributing funds for the printing of this book, certain items of office equipment, County Speech Contest Awards, Soil Stewardship Week supplies, and various other expenses that cannot be taken care of through government appropriations. The banks of Iowa County and surrounding towns pay the expenses of the Awards Banquet given for the county Des Moines Register and Tribune contest winners. The Grinnell Mutual Re-Insurance Co. sponsors the Regional and State Soil Conservation Speech Contest. The Conroy Farmers Co-op has sponsored the County Conservation Queen Contest. Fine cooperation is given by the contractors working in the county.

In conclusion, I want to express my appreciation to all the office staff and commission members for being such a grand group to work with -- and a shamrock to the commissioner that keeps the meetings from becoming too routine!

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Commissioners of Soil and Water Conservation Districts are responsible for guiding the operations of that district. They initiate, plan, and help put into practice the program of the district. They are the governing body of the district.

A business meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month at the Soil Conservation Service Office in Williamsburg. Typical items of business are review of conservation plans, agreements signed by new cooperators, planning of activities such as speech contests and awards banquets.

Commissioners are elected for six-year terms, with one commissioner being elected every other year.

A soil conservation district advances soil conservation in direct proportion to the activities of the district governing body. The district commissioners have great responsibilities in carrying out the functions of the district.



Commissioners are Howard Beyer, Chairman; Harold Sherman; Jack Shannahan, Treasurer; and Don Eash and Dick Mouchka are assistant commissioners.

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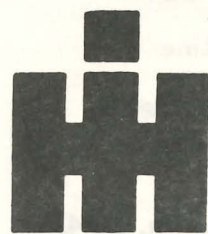
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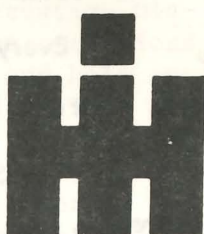
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Last spring Karen Gorsch spent two weeks in on-the-job training in the SCS Office, as part of the business course she was taking in high school. Dale Martinson worked during the spring and part of the summer as a state aid. This was also an on-the-job training program conducted by the Vo-Ag Dept. of the Williamsburg School.

During the months of June, July and August; Lee White worked in the SCS Office as a summer trainee, employed by the Soil Conservation Service. We look forward to having him back next year.

OFFICE STAFF

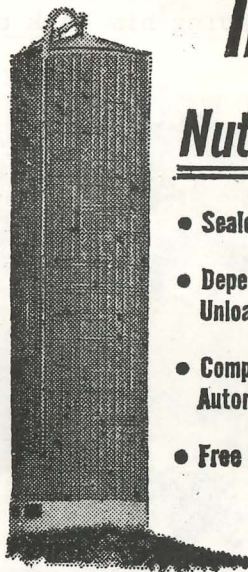


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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- January - Harold Sherman attended the Soil Conservation District Commissioners Short Course at Ames.
- March - A meeting was held for the conservation contractors of Iowa County.
- John Shannahan and Harold Sherman attended Region 7 Commissioners Meeting at Coralville.
- The District held a speech contest. It was won by Dean Spratt of Parnell.
- May - The Soil Conservation District published its annual report and a copy was mailed to every landowner and operator in Iowa County.
- Bulletin inserts were provided for the churches of Iowa County in observance of Soil Stewardship Week.
- June - News articles about local conservation work were published in observance of Conservation Week.
- July - The 4th Annual Conservation Air Tour was held in Iowa County July 16th and was attended by 133 people. Three planes were used to provide rides.
- The Regional Speech Contest was held at Ox Yoke Inn.
- August - Election was held at County 4-H Fair and John Shannahan was elected as commissioner for six year term. Don Eash and Dick Mouchka were appointed for assistant commissioners.
- September - John Shannahan and Harold Sherman attended 21st Commissioners Annual Conference in Des Moines.
- October - John LaRoque, sixth grade teacher at Williamsburg Elementary School, attended the Fall Workshop Conference.
- The Conservation Awards Banquet was held in Marengo. This banquet is sponsored by the banks in Iowa County, plus banks at Belle Plaine and Wellman.
- November - The Regional Award Banquet held at Vinton was attended by all the Commissioners and Wives. Regional awards presented to Mrs. Ila Morse and John Stevenson operator.

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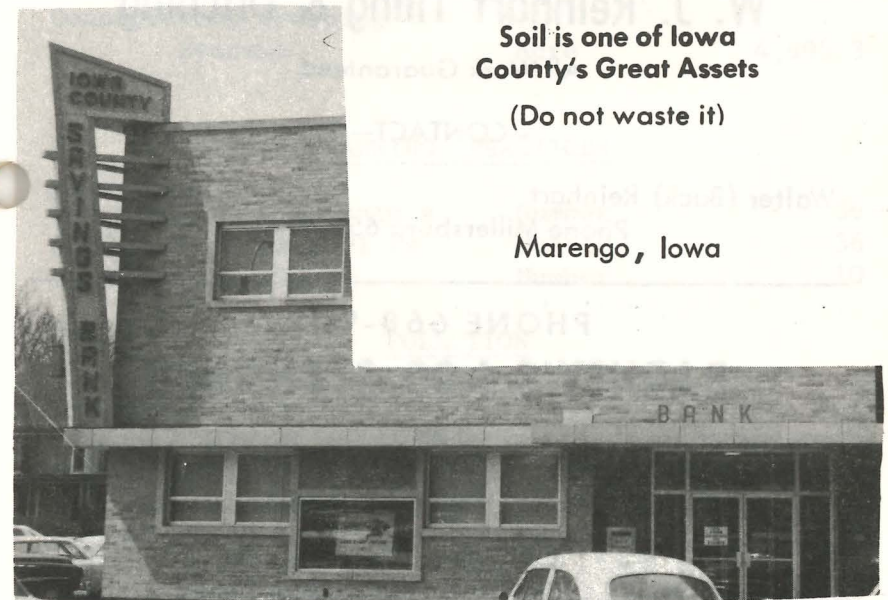
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MAJOR PRACTICES	UNITS	1967
Contour Farming	Acre	3,014.5
Strip Cropping	Acre	1,103.3
Terraces:		
Parallel-Cut and Fill	Feet	73,990.0
Diversion	Feet	36,675.0
Standard	Feet	12,980.0
Total all types		123,645.0

OTHER PRACTICES

Waterways	Acre	201.4
Farm Ponds	Number	13.0
Tile	Feet	375,954.0
Erosion Control Structures	Number	9.0
Open Drainage Ditches	Feet	31,800.0
Establishing Headlands	Feet	136,930.0
Stocking Fish Ponds	Number	6.0
Wildlife Habitat Development	Acre	32.5
Conservation Cropping Systems	Acre	4,995.3

PLANNING PRACTICES

New District Cooperators	Number	36
Conservation Farm Plans	Number	36
Revised Farm Plans	Number	10

POLLUTION

Farmers are being accused openly of pollution of streams, lakes and ponds in our daily newspapers today. Pollution includes silt deposits as well as chemicals. These people have facts of proof of this and are going to enforce new regulations to remedy the situation. We can get a head start on the problem and help eliminate it by using good conservation practices on every farm.

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Garth Hinrichs	Robert Walker (2)
Albert Kochuyt	Achiel C. Wauters
Harold Koehn	Wayne Webster by Doane
Ronald Koehn	Agriculture Service
Stanley Kovar	Thomas Williams
Charles A. Lortz	

Soil maps and field photographs will be ordered for these farms. When the maps are received, the farmer and the conservationist work out a "basic farm plan". This plan sets forth the measures and treatments that will protect the land while obtaining the most desirable, sustained, productive use of the soil and water.

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FACTS ABOUT THESE FARMS

These 36 farms make up 4,149.93 acres. The owners and operators have to a varying degree committed themselves and their land to better management which includes:

1. Preservation and maintenance of the remaining topsoil.
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."

Conservation farming is more than "just good farming". It includes benefits to the non-farming public as well as the farmer, in the near future as well as the distant.

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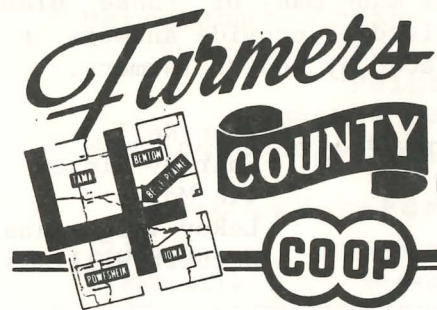
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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1967

Over 123,645.0 feet of terraces were installed in Iowa County in 1967.

Two hundred and one acres of waterways were shaped during the year.

REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS

The following ten farms had been planned in the past by the Soil Conservation District. New technology and farming methods made many of these plans outdated. They were revised to provide answers to conservation problems faced by modern farmers.

Noel Coats
Larry Fuller
Harold Goodman
H. O. Helgeson & Son
Francis Jennings

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Shown below is State Senator Eugene Hill, of Newton, Iowa. He spoke at the Iowa County Awards Banquet on the state legislature's support of soil conservation in Iowa.



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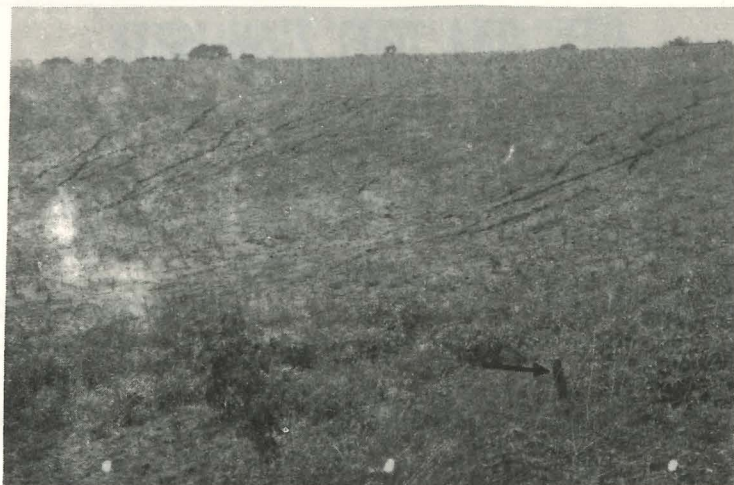
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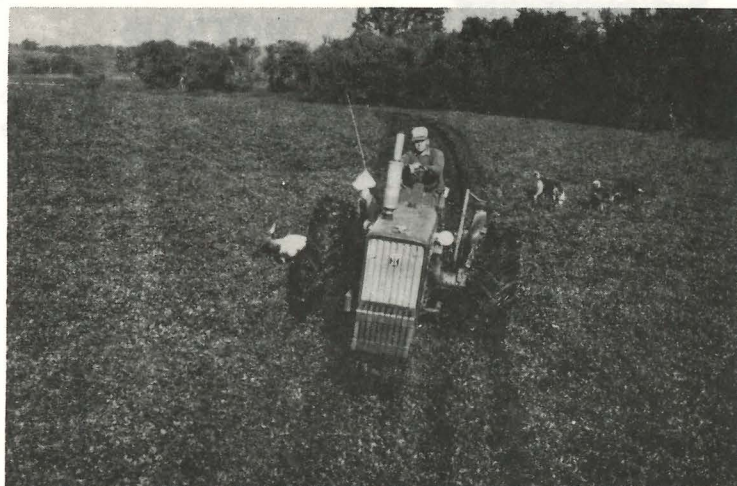
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In spite of much progress, erosion still occurs in Iowa County. Note the ditches that just one rain washed in the hillside. Erosion on this hill was equal to 87 tons per acre. On most soils, erosion of more than 5 tons per acre will depreciate the value of the soil, and increase costs per bushel of production. In the foreground, just the top 18 inches of fence is uncovered. The arrow points to the top of a post. The rest is buried by silt deposits.



This is a picture of Dick Mouchka marking out contour lines to plow by. Contouring is one way to help reduce erosion.

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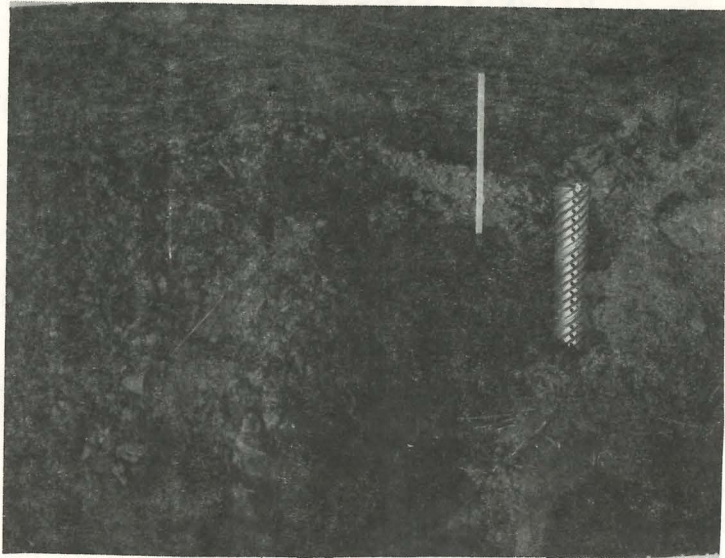
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This is a close-up view of intake pipe for terraces on Dennis Berger's farm in Greene Township.



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1-M Budget

Commissioners' Expenses	\$197.55
Office Supplies	56.81
Office Expense	6.32

2-M Budget

Technical	\$3147.60
Clerical	2343.30

STATE PERSONNEL

Gaynelle Gilbreath (Jan.-May)	Clerk
Lucille Epperly	Clerk
Edward D. Edwards (Part-time)	State Aid
Dale Martinson (Part-time)	State Aid
Lee White (Part-time)	State Aid

USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Charles E. Shirley	Work Unit Conservationist
Kenneth D. Christensen	Soil Conservation Technician
Edward D. Edwards (Part-time)	Conservation Aid
Dale Martinson (Part-time)	Conservation Aid
Lee White (Part-time)	Conservation Aid

OTHER SCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING DISTRICT

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1967 SPEECH CONTEST



Dean Spratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spratt of Parnell, won the District Speech Contest. He participated in the Regional Contest also.

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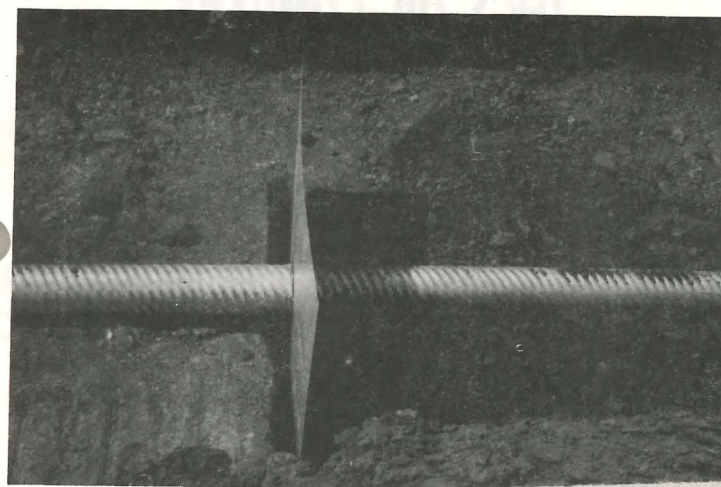
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Dale Martinson is shown setting up the instrument to check the pond on James Kozishek's farm, Pilot Township. In the background is dozer and scraper belonging to Gahring Construction, Contractor on the job.



This is a close-up view of the six-inch trickle tube, with anti-seep collar, installed in all ponds now. The tube provides limited overflow protection, and allows temporary storage in the pond before the grassed spillway is used.

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Jerry Wille, left, and Bob Jones, right; are shown with their 4-H demonstration on soil erosion. They presented this demonstration in the local club, at the county contest, and at the State Fair in Des Moines. The boys learned a great deal about soil erosion while developing this demonstration. In the background is Charles Shirley, who advised the boys on the demonstration.

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