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FORWARD

The Poweshiek Soil Conservation District Commissioners presents its annual report of accomplishments and activities for the year of 1972.

It is our intension to keep the people of Poweshiek County informed of the outstanding progress that has been made each year.

We wish to thank all groups and individuals who have supported our program and a special thanks to the financial supporters. We are indebted to the agencies who furnished the District with technical help also.

With the wet season of the past year we are satisfied with the progress that was made.

We are quite optimistic about the future. The intensive use of our cropland demands more exacting and careful management practice if soil loss is to be kept within acceptable limits. The increasing amount of wind erosion caused by continuous cropping with corn and soybeans will mean new practices must be introduced. We feel conservation tillage is a method where man can imitate nature's protection by leaving residues on the surface to shield the soil against the erosive forces of wind, water and melting snow.

Iowa farmers are adopting conservation tillage in increasing numbers to keep pace with modern technology.

We are aware of the need to expand our program and hope this will be understood from our State Legislators.

Our job is far from being completed.

We are happy with our educational program, but feel improvement can be made.

We need more people involved and hope this year there will be organizations and educators who will come forward and give our District support.

By District Commissioners

Groups Who Assist The District

1. Soil Conservation Service
2. State Soil Conservation Committee
3. County A S C S (ACP Program)
4. County Extension Service
5. State Conservation Commission
6. Federal Fish & Wildlife Service
7. State & National Assn. of District Commissioners
8. Grinnell Kiwanis Club
9. Newspapers
10. Radio & TV Stations
11. County Board of Supervisors
12. Earth Contractors
13. Vocational Agriculture
14. 4-H Clubs
15. Boy Scouts
16. Public Schools
17. County Farm Bureau
18. County Grange
19. County Conservation Board
20. F H A
21. Professional & businessmen
22. Izaak Walton League
23. N. F. O.



SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - Virgil Edwards, District Conservationist; Andrew Conn, Jr., Conservation Technician; LaVonne Byers, Clerk; Elmer Urfer, part-time State and WAE technician.



DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS - Seated: Mrs. Keith [Gloria] Brannian; Standing: L to R, Arlo Taylor, Charles Fenner, Miles Clayton and Carroll Elscott, Chairman.

Area Staff who assist the District include A. Keith Glandon, Area Conservationist; Marvin Parmer, Civil Engineer; Francis W. Vos, Civil Engineer Technician, and Wilma D. Kimball, Area Clerk.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Poweshiek County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) administers the farm programs in the county.

A.S.C.S. is unique in that locally elected committeemen determine the policy for administration of public funds.

All provisions of the various programs are carried out by regularly employed personnel who administer the program policies established by the elected committeemen.

Processing of Price Support Loans, administering the Feed Grain program, providing loans for on-farm storage and dryers, providing measurement for farmers participating in farm programs, caring for grain stored in CCC bin sites are part of the programs for which ASCS has responsibility.

The Poweshiek County ASC Committee consists of Melvin J. Kasal, chairman; Lloyd McBride, Vice Chairman, and Evan J. Johnston, regular member.

OFFICE PERSONNEL - are: Frances M. Schlesselman, Roger Johannes, Mary F. Van Gorp, Katherine E. Yount, [Program Assistants]; Gordon E. Braley, [County Executive Director].



Pictured is the new building in Malcom, which houses the offices of ASCS, SCS and the Poweshiek County Health Services. Sanitarian



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The Extension Service is the educational arm of Iowa State University. Its purpose is to bring the results of studies and research conducted at Iowa State University to the people in the county. The assistance of the Extension Service is available to all the people of the county, both rural and urban.

The cooperative Extension Service is set up so that Iowa State University at Ames and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperate in the educational endeavor.

The educational program has been modernized to include work with low income groups. Keith Vincent is the present representative in the Expanded Nutrition Program. His work is in Jasper and Poweshiek Counties. He works in the area of better diets and counseling.

The County Extension Council, made up of one representative elected from each township and the city of Grinnell, together with the committees on agricultural production, home economics, 4-H, community development, and public affairs, plan a yearly program to suit the educational needs of the people of the county.

The Extension Director, Charles Wengert, Home Economist, Kathryn Wemer, and 4-H and Youth Leader, David Wagner, have had training at Iowa State University and are approved and recommended for positions in the counties by the State Extension Staff. With the help of specialists and supervisors from this staff, they are responsible for the planning and execution of the county program.

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DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S VIEWPOINT

The first item which comes to mind is to express the excellent cooperation we have received from the Poweshiek District Commissioners. I look back three long years and I am happy to say regular monthly District meetings were held along with special meeting called when the occasion arose. When we realize this was withoutpay for the Commissioners, we can doubly appreciate their dedication to this work, which we know is vital to the progress of the community.

Three of the most significant accomplishments with the whole cooperative efforts of outstanding leadership would be; obtaining the necessary easements to complete Diamond Lake Watershed; to make way for the standard Soil Survey which will begin in May, 1973; moving the District Office to Malcom to more centralize the location to better serve all people of Poweshiek County. All of these decisions called for support from many people and agencies.

I truly believe that Poweshiek County has the resources to provide at least an aveage income for it's people and I also believe the people who live here have the ability to accomplish it if they make it their goal.

We have many goals to work at in the future, and we feel the most important one is to continue to educate our farmers to use the new concept in conservation farming.

To fully control erosion on cropland we must look at the modern terrace system that is designed to fit most of our rolling land (up to 11 percent). If we must raise more grain to feed our livestock, then we must go to more conservation practices that will best fit the particular site. We feel seeded backslope tile outlet terraces will do the job, as they can be built to suit the modern farm equipment. Terraces must be parallel and rows kept straight most of the time, if possible. We feel the modern terrace system is what the farmers have been looking for, yet many farmers have not accepted them due to cost and second not understanding their functions.

We are pleased with the increase in conservation tillage equipment that has been purchased in the county. We feel conservation tillage would be next in line if we are to prevent erosion. We feel more pastures need to be renovated to improve our grazing. We also need to do more rotation grazing.

The cooperation we have received from our farmers have been suberb. Since we can work with our city people equally as we do with

farmers, we have reached many people in the industry field. Some people in the city didn't realize we existed, others not realizing that they could utilize our services.

We are pleased with the success and feel in the future we will be able to reach more people. Our intensions are to help make this community a better place to live, work and play.

Feel free to contact your District Office, Malcom, Iowa for assistance.

12 RULES FOR FARM POND SAFETY

1. Small children should always swim under adult supervision.
2. Learn to swim well enough to take care of yourself in the water.
3. Piers and boat landings should be well built and securely braced.
4. Rescue equipment—reaching pole, a rope, or innertubes—should be readily available. Check innertubes periodically for sufficient inflation.
5. Learn how to give artificial respiration.
6. Water supply should be checked and approved by your local health department.
7. Fence your pond, if possible, and lock the gate.
8. Clear the bottom of the pond of all rubbish in swim areas.

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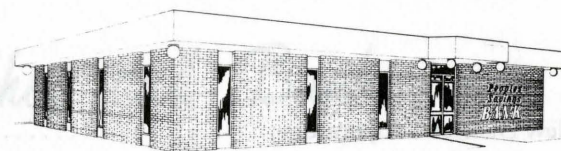
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| 2. Richard Tuttle | 39. Everett Freeborn |
| 3. Roger Jeffery | 40. J. W. Madill |
| 4. Ross Wylie | 41. Walter Oltrogge |
| 5. Thomas Berthusen | 42. Roger Roudabush |
| 6. E. M. Amman (3) | 43. Willis Montgomery |
| 7. Res James | 44. Richard Lowry |
| 8. Donald Nicklas | 45. E. Nikkel |
| 9. Wayne Kies | 46. Clair Gregory |
| 10. Milo Roshel | 47. Dorris Horrigan |
| 11. Joseph Schott | 48. George Murry Est. |
| 12. Eugene Mann | 49. Glen Reed |
| 13. Clifford Schultz | 50. Theo Johnston |
| 14. Bernie Fopma | 51. Dale Larsen |
| 15. Donovan Evans | 52. Lois B. White |
| 16. H. B. McClenathan | 53. J. W. Helsher |
| 17. Raymond Larsen | 54. Frank Helm |
| 18. Sherman LaForest | 55. Clayton Tish |
| 19. Raymond Watson | 56. Dahl Wickham |
| 20. Harold Tice | 57. Edwin Jensen |
| 21. Carl James | 58. Elizabeth Schultz |
| 22. Wayne Sheets | 59. Edward Beggs |
| 23. Harold Hollman | 60. John Jordan |
| 24. M. B. Davis | 61. Richard Pilgrim |
| 25. Morris Vols | 62. Lester Hendrickson |
| 26. Floyd Little | 63. Bertrand Combs |
| 27. Greater Grinnell Development | 64. John Edelen |
| 28. Ernest McDonald | 65. Richard Heemsbergen (2) |
| 29. Carl Orr | 66. Albert Facile |
| 30. John Hall | 67. Bernstein Estate (2) |
| 31. Don Hudnutt | 68. Leslie Steele |
| 32. Delmar Heishman | 69. Roy Casey |
| 33. Ralph Fleener | 70. Deane Casey |
| 34. C. O. Eames | 71. Lawrence Sleuwenhoek |
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ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY 1972

	No.	Unit of Measure
New District Cooperators	77	13,520 Ac.
Basic Conservation Plans	43	7,924 Ac.
Group Plans Prepared	11	
Contour Farming		289 Ac.
Strip Cropping		871 Ac.
Grassed Waterways		74 Acres
Wildlife Habitat Development		71 Acres.
Ponds Built	11	
Terrace & Diversions		5,950 L. Ft.
Gully Control Structures	7	
Water Control St. (for tile outlet terrace)	13	
Tile Drains		337,111 L. Ft.
Minimum Tillage		56,250 Ac.
Tree Planting		10 Ac.
Windbreaks (farmstead)	12	5 Ac.
Technical Assistance to Land Owners	391	
Technical services to land owners	1,270	
Referrals Serviced	219	

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BASIC CONSERVATION PLANS FOR 1972

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| 1. Warren Ryan | 21. James Puls |
| 2. M. B. Davis | 22. John McGrory |
| 3. Richard Trucks | 23. James Van Arkel (2) |
| 4. Floyd Lacina | 24. Charles Landuyt |
| 5. J. L. Madill | 25. Eugene Mann |
| 6. Marion Palmer | 26. Charles Carnahan |
| 7. Walter Oltrogge | 27. Lester Hendrichson |
| 8. Lois B. White | 28. Wayne Hendrickson |
| 9. John Jordan | 29. Josephine Schneekloth |
| 10. Evert Vander Pol &
Ben Rykhoek | 30. Ethyl E. Rivers (2) |
| 11. Raymond Watson | 31. John McGrory |
| 12. John Henry | 32. Lester Beyer |
| 13. Dale Rubenbauer | 33. Milo Leimberer |
| 14. Everett Freeborn | 34. Willis Bennett |
| 15. William Vogt | 35. W. L. Showalter |
| 16. Lauren Henry | 36. I. S. U. Foundation |
| 17. John Dawley | 37. Gail Latcham |
| 18. Kenneth Hoksbergen | 38. W. M. Heishman |
| 19. Jack Dawley | 39. Thomas Berthusen |
| 20. Ed Hudnutt | 40. Harold Tice |

REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS FOR 1972

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Farrell Siehl | 6. Melvin Miller |
| 2. Wilbur Allen | 7. Arlo Taylor (2) |
| 3. Lauren Henry | 8. Harry Taylor |
| 4. Sylvan VeVerka | 9. Maynard Lang |
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- 1952—Myron and Richard Sears
- 1953—George Norden, A. L. Leydens, Elmer Dunnick, Kenneth L. Dieterich
- 1954—Wayne Reams, Harry Edelen, Arnold Bastian
- 1955—Lewis Schultz, Earl Fowler, Robert McWilliams, Dean McWilliams
- 1956—Gerrit Septer, Jean Cavell, Miles Clayton, Raymond Vogt
- 1957—Arthur Blome, Janet Wilkins, Calvin Korn, Paul DeJong
- 1958—Lawrence Wallis, Forrest Read, Keith Davis, Gilbert Phipps
- 1959—Alvin and Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnut
- 1960—Waldo and Harold McLennan, Bebedict Peterson, Milferd Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer
- 1961—James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke, George Morrison
- 1962—*David Anthony, Louis Newkirk, Edward Henry, Philip C. Eichhorn
- 1963—*Ed Lowe, *Roger Sampson, Bryon Goldwaite, Marvin Montgomery, George Houser
- 1964—*Melvin Price, Julia Vogt, Wesley Meyers, Lauren Wright
- 1965—Arlo Taylor, Henry Rolffs, Elizabeth Revyuk Estate, Frank and Madeleine Herbrändt
- 1966—Eugene Merck, *Phillip Lamb, *Charles DePauw, Arnout Dunnick
- 1967—Marion Palmer, E. L. York Estate, Earl Heishman, Charles Fenner
- 1968—Ralph Phillips, *Richard Seeland, *Claire Fenner, Donald Brau
- 1969—Patricia Waterbury, Leonard Thys, Sylvan VeVerka, Raymond Cadden
- 1970—*Clarence Van Wyk, C. R. McLain, Howard Johnston, Raymond Gregory, John Thompson
- 1971—Richard Widmer, George Morrison
- 1972—Robert Renaud, Dorothy Royce Renaud, Arnout Dunnick

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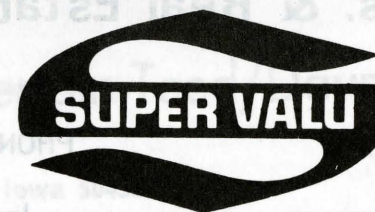
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Additional L-M Budget		200.00
Commissioners mileage, meals, hotel	\$539.01	
Office Expense	158.40	
Office Supplies	191.44	
Meeting Expense	11.15	
Total	\$900.00	\$ 0

II-M BUDGET		\$7494.00
Gross Earnings (Clerk & Tech.)	\$5065.60	
State Retirement	177.30	
Federal (SS Tax)	263.39	
Health Ins.	144.00	
Clerk Travel	24.05	
Equipment	225.29	
Life Ins.	5.34	
Total	\$5904.97	
Release		\$1814.32
Additional		225.29
Total	\$5904.97	0

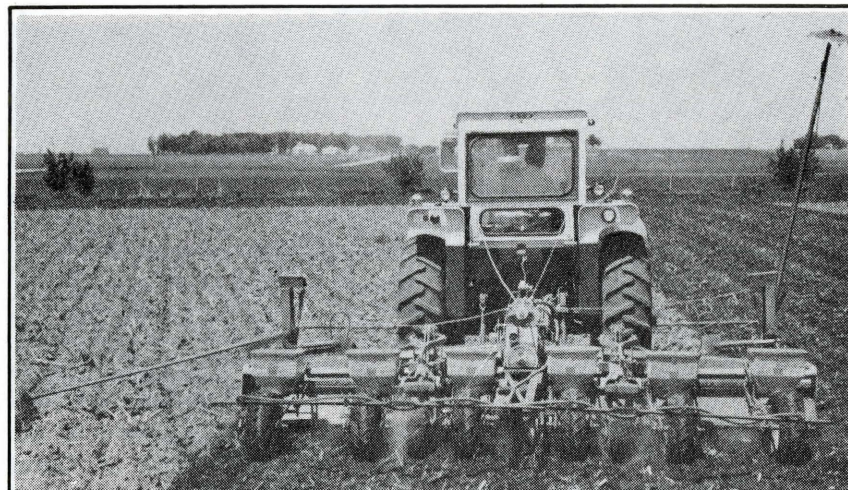
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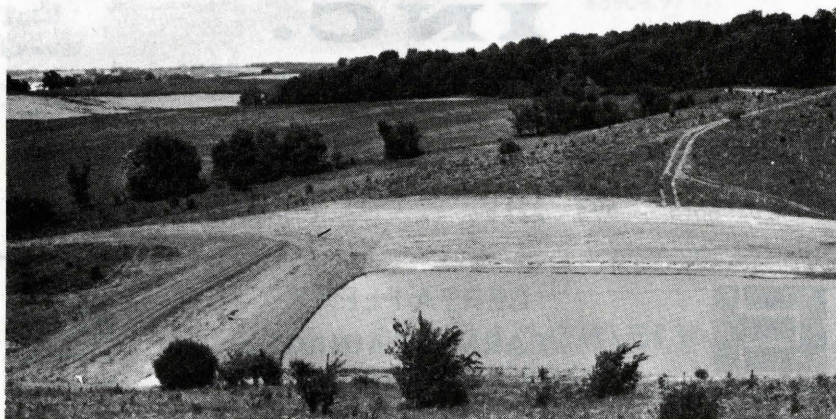
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Above picture: Farm pond and contour strip cropping system on the Dorothy Renaud farm, tenant Robert Renaud, located in Grant township, 1½ miles SW of Grinnell. The Renaud's are a cooperator with the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District. The pond is part of their conservation plan.

Farm ponds are one of the most popular conservation practices in rural America. By 1969 more than 2.2 million ponds were built in the United States and many more will be needed in the future. Land users have become aware of the benefits of providing water for fish production, irrigation, livestock water, orchard spraying, fire protection, recreation and wildlife habitat. There are more than 460 ponds in Poweshiek County.



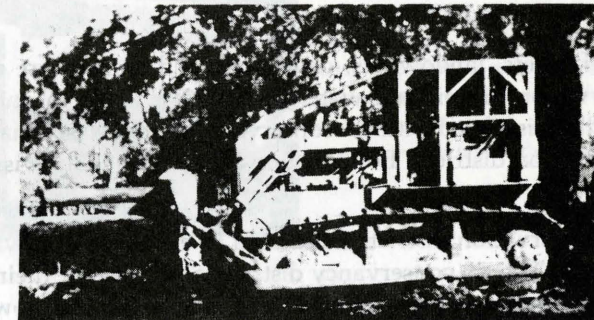
Picture above shows erosion control water impoundment structure, built on the Lyle & Thomas Baker farm, section 18, Jefferson township.

The Baker Brothers are a cooperator with the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District.

The structure is part of their conservation plan.

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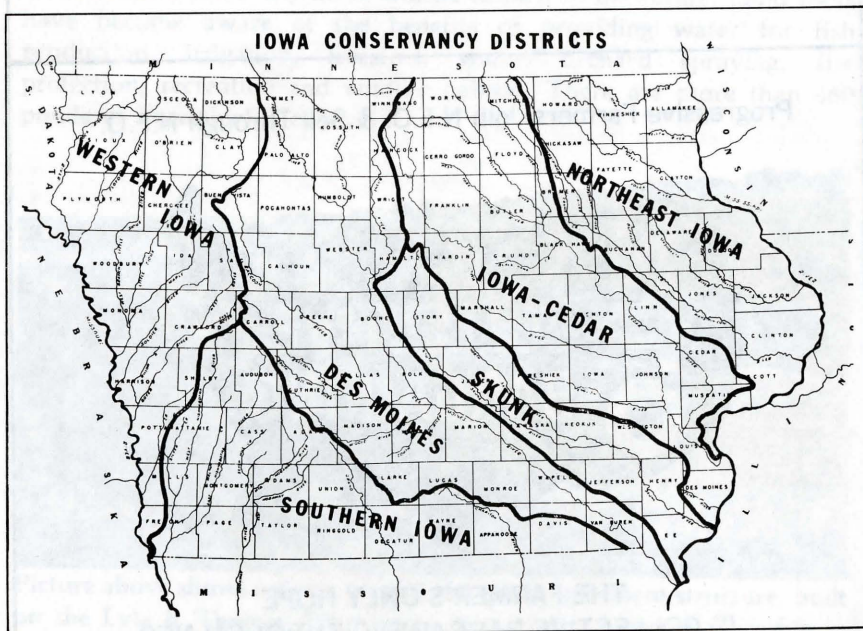
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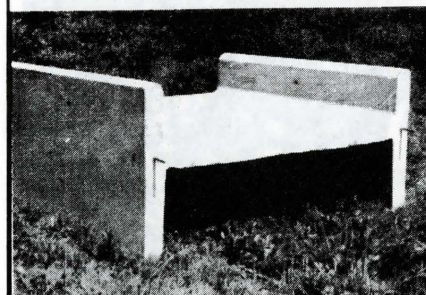
IOWA'S NEW CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS AND SOIL LOSS LIMIT REGULATIONS

Iowa farmers, landowners, developers and citizens are responsible for conservation of soil and water resources. Power to enforce these responsibilities is vested with six conservancy districts (see map) and 100 soil conservation districts. Both groups are political subdivisions of the state of Iowa.

Soil conservation districts have been in existence in Iowa for more than 25 years. The six conservancy districts and rules for their operation were created by the Conservancy District Act of the 64th Iowa General Assembly. This Act also spells out an Iowa conservancy policy and provides for establishing soil loss limit regulations.

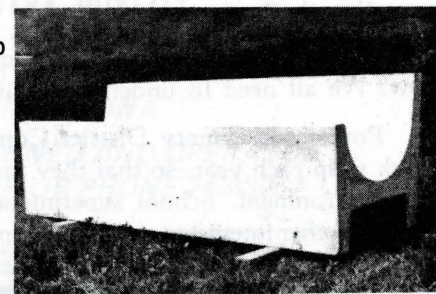


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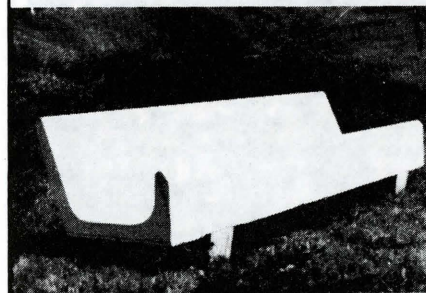
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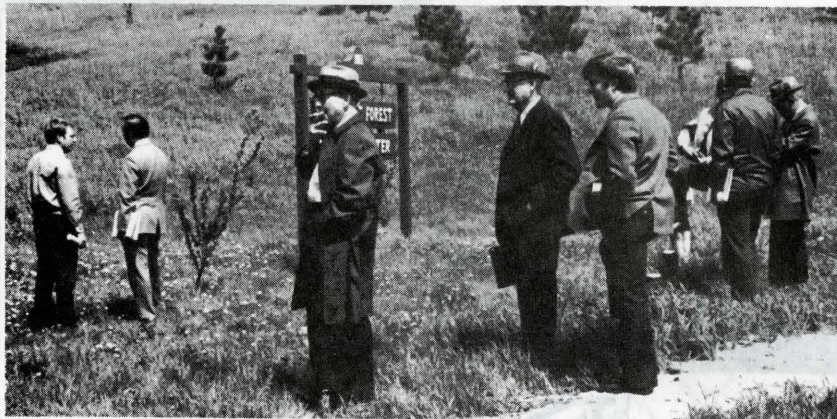
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Above photo shows a group of Educators attending the workshop May 18, 1972 Sylvan T. Runkle, State Biologist with [SCS] now retired, narrating the tour.

Never before has conservation education been more important than now. We all need to understand our natural environment.

Poweshiek County District Commissioners sponsored a teachers work shop each year, so that they might get a better understanding of our environment. School superintendent, Principals, Science teachers and any other interested persons are invited. Our intention is to discover the plant and animal communities and how they survive.



Picture shows SCS Conservationist in training, and touring outdoor Class Room.

Environmental quality is defined and determined by people within the context of cultural, social, economic and political values. An outdoor class room supplements and stimulates the environmental conservation education program in a school. Even Conservationists have to stay abreast on the continuous improvement that can be made in developing an outdoor class room.



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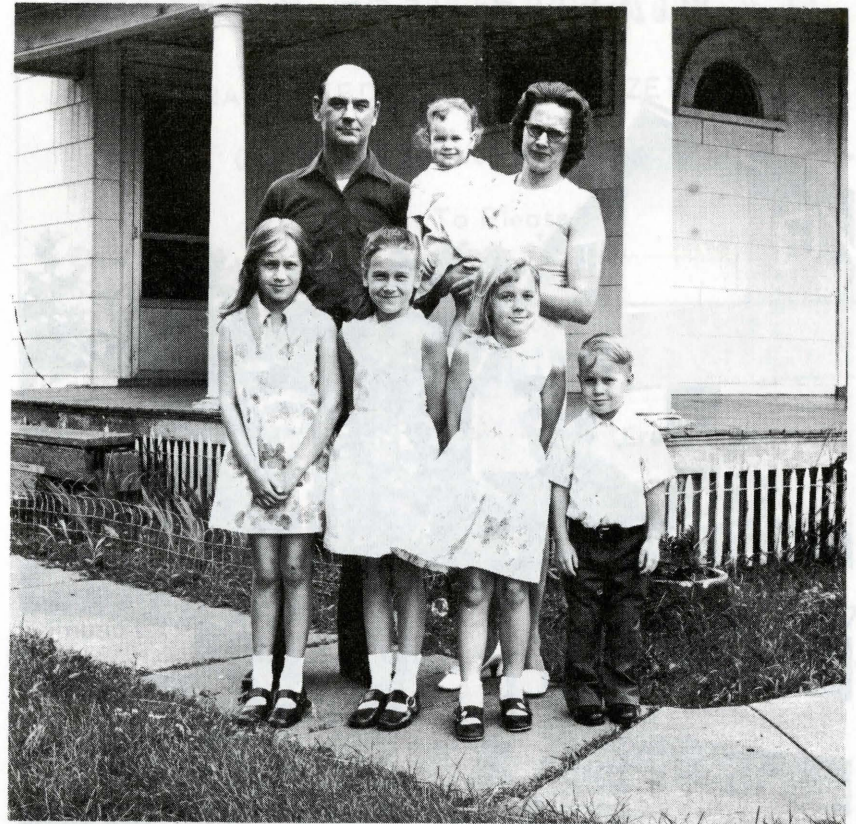
The 1972 winner of Conservation Speech Contest, is Becky Arnaman of rural Montezuma. Becky is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Arnaman.



Above picture shows conservation tour with 6th grade class, narrated by District Conservationist.

Poweshiek County Conservation Board at present is developing an area (240 acres) located one mile west of Montezuma to be used for an outdoor study of the natural environment. This area will be available for school, clubs or individuals who desire the study of nature in it's natural habitat. Approximately three and one half miles of walking trails will be developed. When completely developed no guide will be needed to identify plant communities along the trails.

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DIVISION 1 WINNER [Owner-Operator] class in the county Conservation Achievement Awards Contest is the Arnout Dunnick family of rural Barnes City. Shown are Mr. & Mrs. Dunnick with children Susan, Sharon, Shelly, Steven and Sharlene.

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1972

JANUARY:

ASCS County Committee met with commissioners at regular meeting.
Educational Environment Council held meeting at SCS Office.
Commissioners and Clerk attended Commissioners Short Course, Ames.

FEBRUARY:

Kiwanis Awards Luncheon held for 1971 Conservation Achievement Awards Winners.
Contractors meeting held.
State & National Dues paid.

MARCH:

Region VII commissioner meeting at Colony Village attended by all commissioners and District Conservationist.
2500 Annual Reports mailed.
Conservation Work Books ordered and delivered to schools.

APRIL:

Commissioners and District Conservationist on panel discussion at Environmental meeting held in Grinnell.

MAY:

Conservation Speech Contest held.
Soil Loss Limit Regulations for Poweshiek County were adopted.
State 1-M & 11-M Budget adopted.
Conservation Tour by Sylvan Runekl in Diamond Lake Park.

JUNE:

Conservation Awards tour to pick Conservation Award farm.
Plan of Operation & Goals were approved.

JULY:

Special meeting held with residents of Poweshiek County on hearing to adopt proposed soil loss limit regulations for the county.

AUGUST:

Commissioners met with ASCS County Committee.
Award to 4-H Conservation Camp representative.

SEPTEMBER:

Commissioners & Clerk attended Commissioners Conference in Des Moines.
Conservation Awards recognition luncheon by Kiwanis Club for 1972 winners.

OCTOBER:

County Supervisors met with Commissioners.

NOVEMBER:

Two special meetings held on Diamond Lake Watershed.
On-site Review of structures in Diamond Lake made.
District Office moved to Malcom, Iowa.
Commissioners attended National Land Use Policy Conference Des Moines, Iowa.

DECEMBER:

Christmas Party at Terrace Inn.
Open House for New Office building, December 27.



Undoubtedly, the appeal of outdoor recreation is largely in escaping from the pressure of crowded city life so that one might enjoy the quietness and naturalness of open space. Water sports is attracting people of all ages.

We are fortunate to have two private lakes in the county. Holiday Lake (Aerial Photo above) located in Madison township, and Lake Ponderosa, located in Union-Jackson township, near Montezuma, Iowa.

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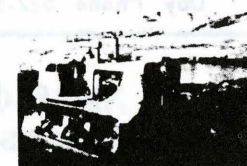
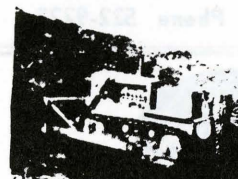
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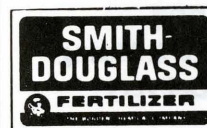
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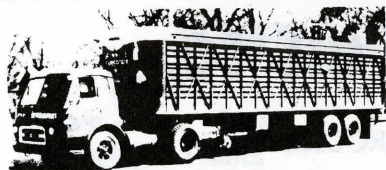
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