

Soil Conservation Seen by Rotarians In Pictures, Tour

The results of a 1949 Conservation Field Day were viewed by Manchester's Rotary club Monday following the weekly club luncheon.

Colored slides of a conservation project on the Don Eibey farm west of Manchester were shown by George Carlson, soils technician and farm planner, and Robert Hall, county extension director. The slides showed "before" conservation practices.

The group visited the farm after viewing the slides and drove into the area involved. Grass waterways and cultivated land have replaced the badly eroded areas shown in earlier pictures. Eibey and Carlson explained the work done in the fields.

Guests of the meeting were Delaware Soils Commissioners Lyle Sutton, Delhi; Clifton Klaus, Colesburg; and Eibey. Paul Andre, associate farm editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, was also a guest.

Fred Rugen, Clearwater, Fla., Rotarian and A. B. Hutchison, former Manchester resident, were introduced.

Rotary Club to Tour Donald Eibey Farm, View Soil Practices

Manchester Rotary club members will participate Monday in a soil conservation tour of the Donald Eibey farm 2 miles west of Manchester.

Eibey is a soil district commissioner and has taken soil conservation seriously. He has a complete farm plan laid out by the Soil Conservation service. The yields on his farm have increased tremendously as a result of participation in mechanical soil conservation practices.

The effects of improved agronomic practices in Delaware county has not been reflected in substantial increases in average yields because nearly one-third of the county has lost 50 to 75 per cent of its top soil.

The Rotary's tour to the Eibey farm is a part of the activities planned by the Soils district in conjunction with State Soil Conservation Week June 16 through June 23.