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Approve Federal Assistance For Honeycomb Watershed

The application for the Honeycomb Watershed project, located in the Hardin County Soil Conservation District, has been approved for assistance under the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, by the State Soil Conservation Committee. This action was taken at the Committee's regular monthly meeting held April 7.

Receiving this initial approval makes this watershed eligible for federal assistance in the installation of works of improvement necessary for a complete soil and water conservation program in the area.

The Honeycomb Watershed is located in Hardin county south of Iowa Falls and is 1900 acres in size. Twenty farms are located in the project area.

The lack of adequate drainage outlets, causing the flooding of cropland is the main problem in the watershed. There is also a need for several miles of tile intake terraces in the watershed, however, the construction of these terraces is not being accomplished due to inadequate drainage system presently in existence.

Approval of this project brings the total number of applications approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee to 81 covering more than 1,697,787 acres of Iowa land.

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PREPARED WITH TAP PANEL — — —

Hardin Soil District Brochure Tells About 28 Community Parks

Hardin county has 28 municipal parks, a recent inventory reveals.

The parks, their location and equipment are told about in a brochure prepared by the Hardin Soil District in cooperation with the Hardin County Technical Action Panel (TAP).

In a foreword, the Hardin Soil District explains that information must be obtained if an adequate job of planning for the future is to be accomplished. The brochure is the latest in a series of three compiled with TAP, the others covering county parks and outdoor recreation potential in Hardin county.

The brochure was printed with the financial help of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. Hardin residents may obtain copies at the Soil District Office in Eldora.

Here's a listing of community parks in Hardin:

Ackley — Four parks: Victory Park, Ackley City Park, Boy Scout Park and the Ackley Swimming Pool Park.

Alden — Two parks: Laude Memorial Swimming Pool and the River Front Park.

Eldora — Three parks: Eldora Swimming Pool Park, Eldora Ball Park and Eldora City Park.

Hubbard — Two parks: Brubaker-Hoelscher City Park and the Walter L. Keller Athletic Field.

Iowa Falls — Twelve parks: North Park, Water Works Park, Rock Run Park, River Bend Park, Dougan's Landing, Estes Park, Jones Park, (swimming pool), Foster Park, Ellsworth Park, Iowa Falls Oak Park, Linear Park and Seven Gables Park.

New Providence — One: the New Providence Park.

Radcliffe — One: the Radcliffe Memorial Park.

Steamboat Rock — One: Franklin Square:

Union — One: Kauffman Memorial Park.

Whitten: — One: Whitten Park.

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Honeycomb Area Tour Thursday

The State Soil Conservation Committee will tour farms in the Honeycomb Watershed area located south of Iowa Falls on Thursday, March 27.

Following the tour, the Committee will meet at the Hardin County Soil Conservation District Office in Eldora at 1 p.m. Thursday.

The purpose of the tour and meeting will be to determine whether or not Public Law 566, a federal act providing funds for watershed protection and flood prevention, would be applicable in the Honeycomb area.

The Honeycomb Watershed involves 20 farms in sections 3, 4 and 5 in Ellis township and sections 34 and 35 in Hardin township. The area, encompassing approximately 1,900 acres, is located south and west of Iowa Falls.

The objectives of the watershed formation would be land improvement through crop land drainage and installation of erosion control practices.

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State Committee Tours Two Area Watersheds

The State Soil Conservation Committee toured the Honeycomb and Union Watersheds Thursday, reports Chuck McCarty, Hardin Soil Conservation District Conservationist.

Federal funds through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566, are being sought for the two areas to aid in flood and silt control.

The Honeycomb watershed is located south and east of Iowa Falls and involves approximately 1,900 acres. The Union watershed is located on the northwest edge of that community and contains approximately 692 acres, including the South Hardin Recreation Area.

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SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK BEING OBSERVED JUNE 15-22 –

Hardin Soil Conservation District Accomplishments Many, Varied

Soil and Water Conservation Week, June 15-22, points out the varied and many accomplishments of the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

The Hardin Soil Conservation District was organized in 1945. The first soil conservation district was organized in Iowa in 1940.

Major emphasis in the Hardin District has been on proper land use.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Listed among the accomplishments during the past year have been the signing of 120 land owners to conservation agreements for soil and water conservation planning. This involves approximately 28,000 acres in Hardin county.

In addition, the district's personnel wrote 52 conservation plans involving 12,480 acres. The plans are for complete land use planning for protection and use of soil as a natural resource. Also, 20 former plans, involving 4,080 acres, were revised.

The week points out the fact that the district has 881 cooperating land owners, involving 200,000 acres. Last year alone, the district gave approximately 1,200 individuals technical services; provided 569 conservation land plans involving 90,000 acres; and gave 88 group requests (plans involving more than one land owner) assistance involving 20,000 acres.

A total of 150,000 feet of tile was installed during the past year along with 28,000 feet of grass backsloped terraces with tiled outlets.

The above two figures bring the total in the Hardin District to 12 million feet of tile installed and 100 miles of grass backsloped terraces.

TREE PLANTINGS

In addition, the District has been active in tree planting. Last year, eight acres of evergreens were planted bringing the District's total to 157 acres.

Thus far in 1969, the District has distributed the following plant materials: 10 pounds of emerald crownvetch; 500 amur honeysuckle plants; 1,000 autumn olives; and 10 bushels of dwarf reed's canary grass.

In connection with plant materials, 102 test plots have attempted to be established throughout the county. Also windbreaks involving 10 farmsteads have been established this year.

ACTIVITIES

The single most important activity during the past year was the sponsorship of the 1968 Conservation Field Days and Plowing Match held east of Eldora September 5-6.

Art, speech and beauty contests have been sponsored by the local District during the past year. The District along with the Pine Lake Wildlife Club sponsored Mrs. Mildred Miller and Mrs. Leona Froning at the Conservation Workshop held at Springbrook.

A conservation workbook contest is presently being conducted in the county's schools by the District.

In cooperation with the Eldora Chamber of Commerce the District sponsored a booth at the 1968 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on conservation practices.

Last summer, the District hosted a meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the Soil Society of America held at Pine Lake Country Club. Approximately 450 persons attended the meeting.

In addition, 2,500 books from the Soil Society of America were supplied to schools in Hardin county regarding conservation education. The project was a joint venture of the District and the Hardin County Conservation Board.

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Govern Conservation District



Heading the Hardin Soil Conservation District are the above three commissioners and two assistant commissioners. From the left are Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe, Kermit Whitehead of Radcliffe, Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock, Carroll Hobson of Eldora and Ted Cutler of New Providence. Hobson, Whitehead and Knutson are commissioners with Hobson serving as chairman. Primus, who is past chairman of the commissioners, and Cutler are assistant commissioners.

PRIMARY GOALS

Listed among the primary goals of the District during the past year were the following:

(1) To develop a minimum tillage program to supplement terracing and contouring as erosion control practices.

(2) Sponsorship of inventoring of municipal recreational areas (Pine Lake Wildlife Club defrayed cost of 4,000 prints of material distributed).

(3) Started program of studying needs for tile drainage in the western portion of the county.

AWARDS

Several personnel connected with the District received awards and recognition during the past year.

Dean Kelsey of Iowa Falls, a former commissioner, was awarded a lifetime membership in the Iowa Soil Conservation District Commissioners Association.

Paul Primus, chairman of the District Commissioner's last year and now an assistant commissioner, was named the outstanding Soil District Commissioner in the State of Iowa in 1968.

Mrs. Ray McDowell of rural Eldora was given the "Outstanding Teacher Award for Conservation in Iowa" by WMT-TV, Radio in Cedar Rapids.

Dennise Huston of Union was selected as the 1968 Queen of Conservation during the 1968 Field Days held at Eldora.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jordening of rural Eldora were selected as the Sweepstakes Winner in Region 3 of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Awards Program.

PERSONNEL

Chairman of the Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners is Carroll Hobson of Eldora. The other two commissioners are Kermit Whitehead of New Providence and Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe.

Serving as assistant commissioners are Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock and Ted Cutler of New Providence.

Charles McCarty heads the local office staff as district conservationist. Other personnel includes Dean Miller, conservation technician; Earl Griffith, soil conservationist; Joe Shore, conservation planning aide; and Diane Neubauer, state clerk.

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To Elect 3 Soil District Commissioners Here May 28

Election polls will be open Friday, May 28, to select three commissioners for the Hardin County Soil Conservation District.

Two polling sites will be available where voters may cast their ballots, including the Hardin county courthouse in Eldora or the Iowa Falls fire station in Iowa Falls. Polls will open at 12 noon, closing at 6 p.m.

All general election eligible voters residing within Hardin county may cast their ballots at one of the polling sites.

Candidates nominated for the three commission positions are: George A. Brindle, Union; Martin L. Broer, Iowa Falls; Emerson R. Calkins, Iowa Falls; Kenneth N. Leeps, Iowa Falls; Richard J. Rubow, Eldora; Kermit C. Whitehead, New Providence.

Whitehead is seeking a second term, completing a six-year term as commissioner. Three commissioners will be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a six year term, the second highest number of votes a four year term and the third highest number of votes will serve a two year term. Only one candidate can be elected from a precinct.

Governing body of the Hardin Soil Conservation District will consist of five commissioners after the election. The three new commissioners will join Carroll Hobson, Eldora and Caleb Knutson, Radcliffe, who are fulfilling their unexpired terms.

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FOR EXPANDED SOIL DISTRICT BOARD — — —

Conservation Vote Is Rigged Unless More Candidates Emerge

ELDORA — An election for an expanded soil conservation board is "loaded" as it now stands — all the candidates will win.

This is no reflection on the candidates, there's simply no competition yet, says Dick Bassett, district conservationist. The lack of contests for three open positions on the board is probably because the public hasn't realized yet that any eligible voter in the county can serve on the board.

Basset explained that the soil conservation program is departing from its former role of helping rural land owners only.

The problem is bigger. Problems of soil erosion and environment extend within city limits as well as rural area, he notes.

FIVE-MEMBER BOARD

As a result, by law, the Hardin Soil Conservation District board is being expanded from three to five members. Any eligible voter in the county may seek one of the three open terms.

The candidate getting the most votes will gain a six-year term. The second best vote-getter will gain a four-year term and the third best will gain a two-year term.

The term of Kermit Whitehead of New Providence is expiring and he is seeking another term. Also, Richard Rubow of Eldora and Emerson Calkins of Iowa Falls have filed nomination papers for the two new terms.

Nomination papers require 25 signatures and may be obtained at the Soil Conservation Office at Eldora.

The board is non-political and that's why the election is not conducted with a general election. Members of the conservation board and staff have been contacting residents they think are qualified and might be interested in serving, Bassett said.

The district has until 60 days after April 12 to schedule the election.

Original plans were to have held the election by now. But the date has been postponed until more candidates are obtained.

In prior elections, only rural land owners were eligible to vote. In the forthcoming election anyone eligible to vote in a general election may participate.

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STATE TO DECIDE LENGTH OF DIRECTOR TERMS–

Whitehead Re-elected; 2 Tie For Hardin Soil District Commission

Kermit Whitehead of New Providence was re-elected to his second term as commissioner of the Hardin County Soil Conservation District.

Whitehead received 79 votes in the county-wide election Friday to win the post with Emerson R. Calkins of Iowa Falls and Richard J. Rubow of Eldora having 58 votes each to win the other two commissioner posts.

Whitehead will be serving a six year term, with one of the other two serving a four-year term and the remainder to serve a two-year term. The terms for the directors will be decided at the state level, with the decision announced in the near future.

Other candidates in the election and their number of total votes are George Brindle of Union, 19; Martin Broer of Iowa Falls, 50; and Kenneth N. Leeps of Iowa Falls, 8.

A total of 95 eligible general voters cast ballots in Friday's election at two polling sites, one in Eldora and one in Iowa Falls

Governing body of the Hardin Soil Conservation District consists of five commissioners following the election. The three new commissioners will join Carroll Hobson of Eldora and Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe who are fulfilling their unexpired terms man of the present three-member board.

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6 Candidates Compete For 3 Soil Commissioner Posts

Six candidates are competing for three positions in the Hardin County Soil Conservation District Board of Commissioners during elections Friday, May 28.

Two polling sites will be available where voters may cast their ballots, including the Hardin county courthouse in Eldora or the Iowa Falls fire station in Iowa Falls. Polls will be open at 12 noon, closing at 6 p.m.

All general election eligible voters residing within Hardin county may cast their ballots at one of the polling sites.

Candidates nominated for the three commission positions are: George A. Brindle, Union; Martin L. Broer, Iowa Falls; Emerson R. Calkins, Iowa Falls; Kenneth N. Leeps, Iowa Falls; Richard J. Rubow, Eldora; Kermit C. Whitehead, New Providence.

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ELECTION WILL BE MAY 28 — — —

Six Candidates Vie For Terms On Soil Conservation Board

Six candidates have filed for three Hardin County Soil Conservation District posts.

The election will be conducted May 28 to select three commissioners.

The election is new this year in the sense that any eligible voter for a regular election also is eligible to be a candidate or vote in the soil election. Previously, the process was limited to rural land owners in the district.

EXPANDED CONCERN

Conservation is recognized now as more than a rural concern and programs affect urban as well as rural residents. Thus the election has been expanded.

There will be two polling places open. They may cast ballots at either the Hardin Courthouse at Eldora or the Iowa Falls Fire Department at Iowa Falls.

Polls will be open from 12 noon - 6 p.m. All general election eligible voters residing within Hardin county may vote at one of the places.

Candidates for the three positions are:

George A. Brindle, Union, Union Twp.; Martin L. Broer, Iowa Falls, Ellis Twp.; Emerson R. Calkins, Iowa Falls, Hardin Twp.; Kenneth N. Leeps, Iowa Falls, Hardin Twp.; Richard J. Rubow, Eldora, Eldora City, and Kermit C. Whitehead, New Providence, Providence Twp.

Whitehead seeks a second term. He is now completing a six-year term as commissioner.

The other candidates are new. Three commissioners will be chosen by the following method:

— The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a six-year term; the second highest will serve a four-year term, and the third highest number shall serve a two-year term.

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Park Entrance —

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the south of the junction of Iowa 175 and Iowa 118 will only require minor reconstruction or relocation and we feel at this time no additional right of way will be needed for this new connection.

As soon as the preliminary plans are available on the design

Resource Day —

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man, Iowa Falls.

Assistants: First aiders, to be announced; members of the Izaak Walton League.

All students will attend the five sessions. Each class is to be 45 minutes long with a sack lunch break of 35 minutes at noon. Classes will start as soon as the first bus arrives at each site. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. For persons who would like to attend the sessions, the schedule is as follows:

8:30 - 9:30, Registration; 9:30-10:15, Air; 10:25 - 11:10, Land; 11:20 - 12:05, Water; 12:05-12:40, sack lunch; 12:40 - 1:25, Animals; 1:25 - 2:20, Plants; 2:20-2:30, prepare for departure.

Reece and Ferris areas are parks maintained by the County Conservation Board and the Wildlife Club is owned by the organization. All participants are reminded to wear warm, comfortable clothing as the areas are relatively undisturbed growth and wear shoes suitable for hiking. Rain date has been set for April 27.

Steering committee for this event has been Kermith Huehn, Coordinator; Curriculum, Bill Schmidt; Handout, Homer Calkins; Instructor recruitment, Jim Johnson; Teacher Assistant recruitment, Jerry Price; Publicity, Mrs. Betty McDowell; Site Organization, Irwin Burns.

Sponsors of the activity are the Hardin County Soil Conservation District and Hardin County Conseravtion Board.

Contributing groups other than those mentioned above are the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Hardin County Izaak Walton League; Soil Conservation Service; Hardin County Extension Service; Iowa State University, Ames; State Conservation Commission; Hardin County Rural Development Committee; and the Biology Departments of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls.

SCHEDULED FRIDAY, APRIL 23 —

Finalize Plans For First Co. Natural Resource Day

Final plans are being formulated for the Youth Natural Resource Day to be Friday, April 23, for all sixth graders in Hardin County.

Two University of Northern Iowa student groups will assist during the day and many local people have offered their services. The Social Studies Methods class, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Pierce, is writing suggested follow-up activities to be distributed to the sixth grade teachers who attend. Twenty of these students will assist group leaders at Ferris Wilderness area.

The student chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America is furnishing five instructors for the classes. The South Hardin County Red Cross Chapter is furnishing people to offer first aid at each of the sites. The Eldora high school special education class will assist at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. Students from Ellsworth Junior College are also working on materials and will assist with classes.

C. O. Rubow, local realtor, has offered to furnish lunches for special guests who attend such as press personnel, radio and television personnel, representatives of the State Conservation Commission and Department of Public Instruction.

The personnel and staff for ch site is as follows:

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Eldora and Steamboat Rock.

Site Coordinator: Mrs. Ray McDowell, former teacher.

Instructors: ANIMALS, Curtis Daggs, Scout leader, Eldora; PLANTS, Robert Meader, naturalist, New Providence; AIR, Ellsworth college student; LAND, Wendell Dubberke, Geologist, State Highway Commission, Iowa Falls; WATER, Dick Kaduce, Park Officer, Gale Bosch, Park attendant, Eldora.

Assistants: Firt aiders, Mrs. Jim Gustison, Mrs. Richard Pettigrew. High School Special Education. Five student assistants from U.N.I. Judy Robinson, Vicki Halvorsen, scout leaders. Ellsworth College students will assist with the class also.

FERRIS WILDERNESS AREA serving Ackley-Geneva, Alden-Popejoy and Iowa Falls students.

Site Host: Lloyd Roland, County Conservation oBard.

Site Coordinators: Joe Shore, SCS; Jim Johnson, Extension Service; Irwin Burns, County ty Conservation Board.

Instructors: ANIMALS, Mrs. Dallas Walsh, housewife, Iowa Falls; Galen Hinkel, Conservation Officer, Hampton; Duane Wilson, Conservation Officer, Eldora. PLANTS, Mrs. Harold Hubbard, former teacher, Iowa Falls; Bob Wilson, Boy Scouts, Ackley; Bob Carpenter, District Forester, Charles City. AIR, Jerry Price, Izaak Walton Leage, Iowa Falls; Bill Schmidt, Head day, Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls; Emerson Calkins, former teacher, Iowa Falls. LAND, Dick Bassett, Work Unit Conservationist, Eldora; Bill Trampe, Chairman, Conservation Board, Steamboat Rock; Min Amemiya, Extension Agronomist, Ames. WATER, Dean Miller, SCS, Ackley; UNI student, Cedar Falls; Homer Calkins, Executive Officer, Conservation Board; Hugh Riglin, science teacher, Ackley.

Assistants: First Aid, Dorothy Westbury, Iowa Falls. Fifteen student assistants from UNI, Cedar Falls.

REECE MEMORIAL PARK to be attended by Union-Whitten, Hubbard, New Providence and Radcliffe.

Site Host: Member of County Conservation Board.

Site Coordinators: Mrs. Kermit Whitehead, Mrs. Ted Cutler.

Instructors: ANIMALS, Fern Cook, 4-H assistant in photography; another instructor to be announced; PLANTS, Sylvan Runkel, Biologist, SCS, Des Moines; Bob Moorman, Extension Wildlife Conservation, Ames. AIR, Students from Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls and UNI, Cedar Falls. LAND, Kermit Whitehead, Soil Commissioner, New Providence; Mrs. Mildred Miller, teacher, Eldora; Student from UNI. WATER, Harold Luiken, County Conservation Board, Steamboat Rock; Mike Fisher, business-

Resource Day —

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Crownvetch Growers Discuss Techniques

The annual Crownvetch Growers meeting was held Jan. 22 at the Hardin Soil Conservation District office in Eldora.

Bill Rountree, plant materials specialist from Elsberry, Mo., discussed techniques of harvesting, processing, seed prices and future outlets for the legume. Crownvetch is a soil stabilization and beautification plant, used along roadsides, gullies and new construction areas. Once the plant is established very little care is required.

Those attending the meeting were William Rountree, Valie Ioerger, Dean Kelsey, Ernie Barz, Homer Calkins, Irwin Burns, Dr. R. R. Griffel, Forrest Huston, Kermit Whitehead, Caleb Knutson, Neil Martin, Jim Johnson, Richard Bassett, Dean Miller and Joseph Shore.

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Conservation Art Show Winners Announced Following Judging

The third annual Conservation Art Show, sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and corrdinated by the Hubbard Paint and Pallette Dabblers Club, was held the weeeknd of April 25 in the Hubbard Community Building.

Entries were on public display Sunday afternoon. Judging was done Saturday by Mrs. Gail Rinderknecht of Ames, art teacher in the NESCO school; Homer Calkins of Iowa Falls, executive officer, Hardin Soil Conservation District; and Kermit Whitehead of New Providence, commissioner for the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

Selective entries will be exhibited in Hardin county banks during the next few months. The traveling exhibit will first be displayed at the Security State Bank in Hubbard.

Members of the Hubbard Paint and Pallette Dabblers Club working on the art show were Jan Uschkrat, Beverly Hueser, Trudy Sunderman, Edythe Robertson, Berniece Weld and Marguerite Willmore.

Following are the art show winners:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade 1—Kathy Rieks, Hubbard, first; Mike Dubberke, Hubbard, second.

Grade 2—Rand Swenson, Hubbard, first; Lyndon Groth, Eldora, second.

Grade 3—Ricky Hueser, Hubbard, first; Lori Sue Rieks, Hubbard, second.

Grade 4—Bruce Lampe, Hubbard, first; Jimmy Wagner, Eldora, second.

Grade 5—Allen Doering, Hubbard, first; Rodney Kenagy, Hubbard, second.

Grade 6—Jim Faust, Hubbard, first; Kim Kirkdorffer, Eldora, second.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Oils or Acrylics: Rodney Lee, Iowa Falls, first; Robin Rooks, Eldora, second; Patti Jo Roll, Eldora, third.

Charcoal-Pastel-Graphics: Crystal Hanson, Eldora, first; Curtis Balvanz, Steamboat Rock, second; Carol Jones, Eldora, third.

Watercolor: Angie Walters, Eldora, first; Doreen Baker, Iowa Falls, second; Sue Tjaden, Eldora, third.

Collage or Dimensional: Nola Mortenson, Radcliffe, first; Linda Dawson, Steamboat Rock, second; Bob Williams, Eldora, third.

ADULT DIVISION

Oils and Acrylics: Mildred Lepper, Radcliffe, first; Edythe Robertson, Hubbard, second; Lorine Knutson, Radcliffe, third.

Charcoal-Pastels-Graphics: Mildred Lepper, Radcliffe, first; Berniece Weld, Hubbard, second; Windy Livy, Gilbert, third.

Watercolors: Shirley Shirley, Eldora, first; Beverly Hueser, Hubbard, second; Shirley Shirley, Eldora, third.

Collage or dimensional: Windy Livy, Gilbert, first; Edythe Robertson, Hubbard, second.

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Tama Landowners View PL Watershed

Twenty-seven Tama county landowners viewed the Pine Lake Watershed during an all-day tour hosted by the Hardin Soil Conservation District last Thursday.

Primary purpose of the tour was to acquaint the Tama landowners with the grassed backslope terrace system as an effective sediment and chemical control tool.

The tour began with a morning program in the community room of the First National Bank, Eldora. The group heard comments from Carroll Hobson, Chairman, Hardin Soil Conservation District; Dean Miller, Conservation Technician; Dick Bassett, District Conservationist; Everett Pierce, State Conservation Commission; and John Laflan, Agricultural Engineer in charge of the Agricultural Research Service experimental station on the Ray McDowell farm.

In the afternoon the group traveled throughout the watershed. Stops were made at the Ray McDowell, Guy Norris and Lee Lundy farms. The last stop was near the Pine Lake Wildlife Club where the group saw terraces on the Chris Schaa farm.

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APPOINTED BY GOV. RAY THURSDAY —

State Soil Conservation Post To Carroll Hobson

Carroll J. Hobson, 49, of Eldora was appointed Thursday by Governor Robert D. Ray as a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

Hobson, active in Hardin county soil conservation work for several years, will fill the unexpired term of Wendell C. Pellett of Atlantic, who recently resigned. Hobson assumes his duties immediately with the term ending June 30, 1975. He becomes the first Hardin county man to ever serve on the committee.

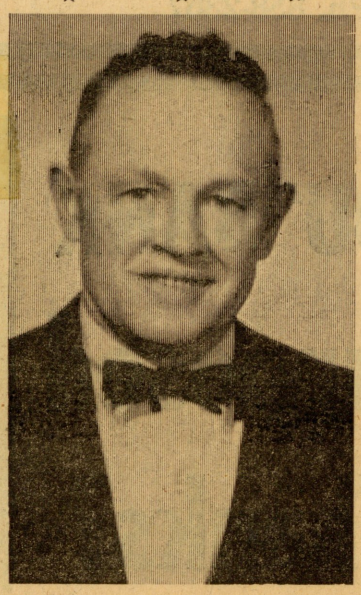
The State Soil Conservation Committee is composed of five members appointed by Governor Ray, in addition to four ex-officio members: Marvin A. Anderson of Ames, Dean of the Iowa State University Extension Service; L. B. Liddy of Des Moines, Secretary of Agriculture; William H. Greiner of Ankeny, Director of the State Soil Conservation Committee; and Wilson T. Moon of Des Moines, State Conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

In addition to Hobson, other appointed members are Tom Kenney of Akron, Donald L. Johnson of Fairfield, Fred Cherry of Rowley, and George K. Annan of Clarinda.

The committee meets on a monthly basis and will be involved in implementation of the new State Soil Conservancy Law, signed last week by Governor Ray. It becomes effective July 1, 1971.

The State Soil Conservation Committee is responsible for the administration of the State Soil Conservation Districts Law. Duties include organization and supervision of soil conservation districts, supervision of soil conservation district commissioner elections, promotion of soil conservation programs in soil conservation districts, dissemination of information between districts, assistance with the development of watersheds and act for the governor in approving or disapproving applications for watershed assistance under the federal watershed program, reviewing and making recommendations to the governor for approval or disapproval of federal Resource Conservation and Development projects, securing the cooperation and assistance of federal, state and local agencies in the work of soil conservation districts, and administration of state appropriations to soil conservation districts.

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CARROLL J. HOBSON
(Term Expires In 1975)

Hobson has served as a Hardin County Soil Conservation District Commissioner since 1965 and prior to that served two years as an assistant.

HONORED IN 1970

He was honored last year by being named 1970 Outstanding Soil Conservation Commissioner for the 12-county North Central Region III area.

A lifelong resident of Hardin county, Hobson and his wife, Catharine, have four children: Brian of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mark, stationed with the Corps Military Police in Okinawa; and Maureen and Maurice, both at home.

Hobson has assisted in conducting several tours of Pine Lake Watershed and was active in organizing and promoting the 1968 Field Days. During the event, he was chairman of the educational exhibits and also chairman of the field crops division.

In 1969 Hobson was instrumental in obtaining $50,000 flood restoration funds for Hardin county and helped inventory the heavy flood damage that occurred that summer. He used his flying ability to obtain pictures of the flood damage.

Hobson has used his airplane on photographic missions for the soil conservation service throughout North Central Iowa. At the 1969 annual Commissioners Conference held in Des Moines, he served as committeeman on the rural-urban and recreational committee and this year is serving on the education committee. He has been head of the district's watershed program which worked to achieve application approval for the Honeycomb and Union watersheds. In 1968 he helped develop and carry out district programs which won the district the 1969 Goodyear Award.

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H.C.I. Eldora
March 12

Set Conservation Art Contest At Hubbard In April

Third annual Soil Conservation art contest will be held at the Hubbard Community Club April 24-25 with open house for the public Sunday, April 25 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Art rules and entry blanks are available from any Hardin county bank or school. The contest is divided into three sections: grades one through six (posters only); junior high and high school, and adult. Categories are acrylic or oil, water color, sketches-graphic-pastels, college or dimensional.

Themes will be based on ecology, pollution, wildlife, forestry, recreation, man's use in his environment which includes many areas.

The contest is sponsored by the Hardin County Soil Conservation office and coordinated by the Paint and Palette Dabblers Art Club of Hubbard.

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Teachers, Students Comment, Criticize —

Evaluation: Resource Day Successful . . . But

"We've learned a lot from this experience."

A comment from Mrs. Ray McDowell of Eldora followed the first Youth Natural Resource Day held Friday in three conservation sites in Hardin county for sixth grade students.

Mrs. McDowell, a member of the coordinatng committee and and instructor during the day said that next year she would like to see the project include seventh and eighth graders as well as sixth grade pupils. "We learned, too," she said, "that the groups should be smaller—say, 12 in each session."

It was a day of learning for all of those involved in the experiment which was sponsored by the Hardin County Soil Conservation District and the Hardin County Conservation Board. Contributing groups were the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Soil Conservation Service, Hardin County Rural Development Committee, Hardin County Izaak Walton League, Extension Service and C. O. Rubow, Realtor of Eldora.

Jim Johnson, county extension director, said he was impressed with the quality of instructors for the program. "I think the high quality of these instructors is to be commended because it helped keep the interest of the student throughout the entire day," he commented.

Johnson felt in future years that the coordinating committee should insist that an adult or teacher accompany each group to eliminate all problem of discipline and enable the instructors to keep control of all sessions.

He said he felt instructors should be better acquainted with the sequence so that each of them ended their sessions at the same time. And he felt the instructors should visit the site prior to the event to acquaint themselves with available materials.

STUDENTS COMMENT

Although not all the evaluations have been compiled, a committee meeting was held Wednesday morning to review some of the comments prepared by the participating sixth grade students.

"The whole day was pretty groovy," was how one student put it, but not all the comments were favorable. The major remark from the students was that the class sessions were too long.

For the most part, however, the students were complimentary toward the experimental program, saying they liked the outdoor classroom and study of nature.

The coordinating committee discussed long-range plans as a result of the experimental project. The committee is interested in seeing each school have an outdoor classroom of its own in the future.

Also, plans were finalized to organize a Hardin County Education Committee on which educators from throughout Hardin county will serve and plan the next Youth Natural Resource Day, scheduled in 1972. Appointments to the committee will be forthcoming soon from the Hardin Soil Conservation District office in Eldora.

Serving on this year's committee were Kermith Huehn, coordinator; Bill Schmidt, Homer Calkins, Jim Johnson, Jerry Price, Mrs. Ray McDowell and Irwin Burns.

Class sessions were held on the subjects of air, land, water, plants and animals. Sites of the classes were the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Reece Memorial Park and Ferris Wilderness Area.

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CLASS SESSION AT PINE LAKE WILDLIFE CLUB ON RESOURCE DAY FRIDAY

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leave at the end of this school year for the South Tama school system.

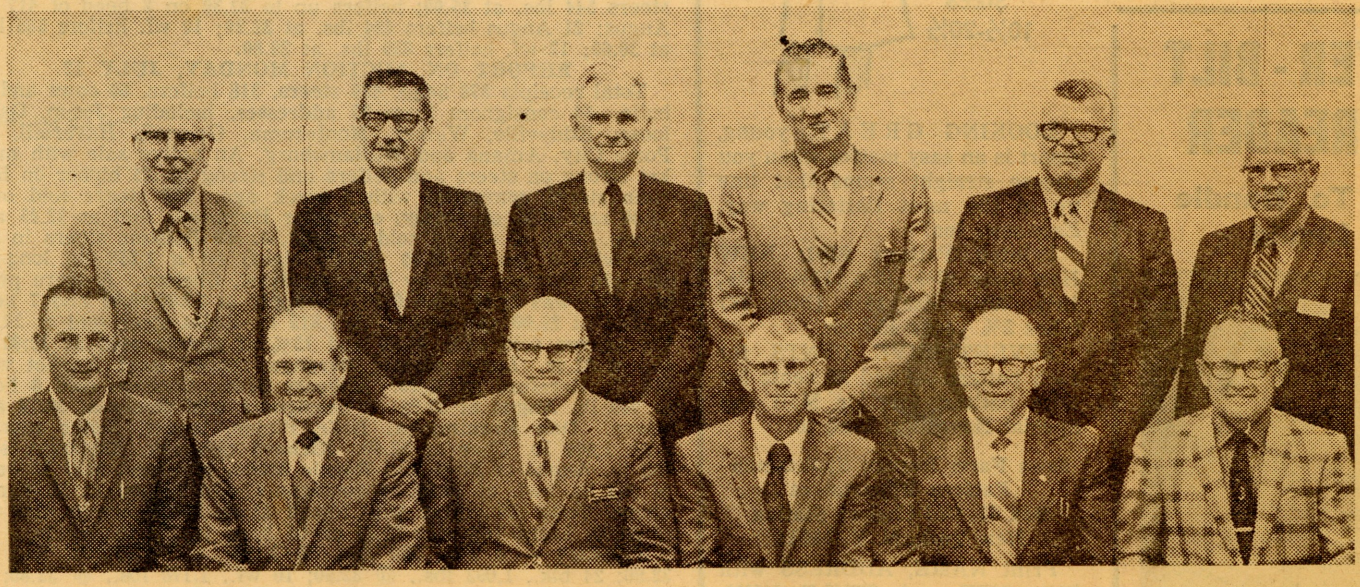
Master of ceremonies for the program was instructor John Shanks, who was assisted by members of the special education class; Mrs. Leona Froning, vocal music instructor and Dick Bassett, work unit conservationist with the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

The program was attended by all elementary school students who also participated in the musical portion of the program.

Arbor Day Program Honors Eldora's George Kruger Fri.

An Arbor Day ceremony on the grounds of the Eldora Elementary School Friday afternoon turned out to be a special remembrance in honor of George Kruger.

The program was conducted by members of the high school special education class and involved the planting of a balsam fir. The class dedicated the tree planted during the ceremony to George Kruger, elementary principal who will



State soil conservation committee

The expanded state soil conservation committee held its first meeting last week in Des Moines. Enlarged by the Iowa Legislature this year, the committee is composed of seven voting members (six farmers and a representative of cities and towns) plus ex officio members. The committee includes: (seated, from left) Jerry Norland, Cylinder; Sherry Fisher, Des Moines; Donald Johnson (vice chairman), Fairfield; George Annan (chairman), Clarinda; Fred Cherry, Rowley; Carroll Hobson, Eldora; (back row, from left) Marvin Anderson (ex officio), dean, Iowa State Extension Service; Fred Priewert (ex officio), director, Iowa Conservation Commission; Wilson Moon (ex officio), Soil Conservation Service, USDA; Robert Lounsberry (ex officio), deputy secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture; Thomas Kenny, Akron; Othie McMurray (ex officio), director, Iowa Natural Resources Council. The committee has been responsible for the administration of the soil conservation district law. And the 1971 session of the legislature placed the committee in charge of the newly-adopted soil conservancy law.

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Garbage - To Shred Or Not To Shred, That's The Question

Garbage shredding as an alternative to a sanitary landfill project was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Hardin County Sanitary Soil Waste Disposal Commission Tuesday night.

Question at hand: Should the county go ahead with a proposed land purchase for a sanitary landfill, or should it gather all the facts and figures on a proposed privately-operated garbage grinder system?

Keith Cooper, operator of a printing shop in Nevada offered the garbage information to representatives from several Hardin and Story county communities at Tuesday's meeting in the courtroom in Eldora.

Proposed site for a landfill is the 80-acre farm owned by Harry Hutzell near Highway 65 west of Eldora. Nady Engineering Service of Nevada last week was hired to make geological borings on the farm. Preliminary investigation shows the soil is right for a landfill. Some water was found, but is not felt to be a problem at this time.

Hutzell had indicated he wants $650 per acre for the 80 acres. Charles Nichols, district supervisor for the Federal Land Bank in the northeast section of Iowa, appraised the land at $550 per acre. A three-member team hired by Hardin county appraised the property at $425 per acre.

Cooper illustrated his grinding proposal with color slides from a successful operation of the same type in Madison, Wis., which has been in use for the past three years.

The program includes a building containing a pit for the garbage with a metal chain conveyor carrying the refuse into the grinder. A vertical hammermill which turns 750 revolutions per minute with a 200 horsepower, three-stage motor as power, the grinder can grind most substances, including bricks, rugs, stuffed furniture and blocks. It will not grind cars, appliances and similar heavy items.

Cooper, who would begin the grinding setup as a private enterprise if he could be guaranteed 40,000 tons of garbage a year from Central Iowans, said he has already received state approval for such a setup, without covering of the debris necessary.

He said he could obtain a site five miles west of Nevada, or would consider another property elsewhere, if participating groups wished. A transfer station with a pre-packer crusher might be necessary in other counties, such as Hardin. A pre-packer would cost about $5,000, he said. Trucking could be arranged between the station and grinder.

Cost to set up the grinder for Cooper would be about $250,000. Considering costs to the users on 40,000 tons a year, it would be $3.60 per ton, with that amount dipping if tonnage ran higher than the minimum 40,000 tons. Cooper would want an eight-year commitment from participating towns, counties or groups.

National average garbage per person is five pounds per day, he said. The figures in Central Iowa vary from three pounds in Boone County to 4.4 in Ames, with Hardin estimated to be about 3.5 pounds per person. Roughly estimated it was thought Hardin County participants would produce 18,000 tons per year. Some basis would have to be established for rural residents wishing to participate.

The group is slated to meet again Tuesday, Sept. 21.

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Sanitary Landfill Group Gives Nod To Hutzel Site

The Harry Hutzel farm in the southeast part of Ellis township has been selected by the Hardin County Sanitary Landfill Committee as its preference for a landfill to serve the county.

H. E. Kennedy, Iowa Falls' representative on the committee, said that the site was inspected by the group Monday and an appraisal of the land value and soil test borings have been ordered. These are expected to be completed in time for the committee's consideration at its Aug. 17 meeting.

The 80 acre site is one-half mile east of U. S. Highway 65 and one-half mile north of the county road. Kennedy said that there are no occupied farmsteads adjacent to the property.

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Area Boy Scouts Help Complete Nature Trail Here

A self-guided nature trail has been completed within the 20-acre Pine Lake Wildlife Club Natural Area. The one-half mile long trail will be open to persons who enjoy walking and appreciate nature.

Trail planning and development began last fall as a community project for three boy scouts working towards their Eagle award. The scouts were Kevin Rogers, Iowa Falls; Dave Sommerlot and Mike Freed, Union. Their scoutmasters are Ozzie McCullers, Iowa Falls and Richard Baum, Union.

Other boys scouts working on the trail were Tracy Knight, Tony Heard, Hank Eilders, Kenny Primus, Don Primus, Gerald Lee Harms, Paul Orton and Craig Babcock all from Steamboat Rock. Dean Folkerts and Jerry Knight are their scoutmasters.

The self-guided nature trail was developed within the Pine Lake Wildlife Club Natural Area to provide outdoor facilities for Hardin County school children and adults. Persons taking the trail can get a better understanding of their own environment.

The trees, shrubs, many flowering forbs and few grasses are a living example of the plants that once covered and protected the land near the Iowa River. An observer can see a native oak-hickory woodland plant community which has been disturbed very little by man.

Thirty trees and shrubs along the trail have been marked with a black number on yellow. The plant number, plant name and description of the plant is printed in a booklet. Persons interested in walking the trail may get the free booklet at either the Fidelity Abstract and Title Co. or Hardin Soil Conservation District Office in Eldora. The tour is self-guided and takes about one hour. The plants were identified and the booklet prepared by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and Soil Conservation Service.

Materials to complete the project were donated by the Hardin County Conservation Board, Pine Lake Lumber and Construction Co. and Iowa Electric Light and Power Company.

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Take Borings On Landfill Site

Geological borings were made on the proposed Hardin county sanitary landfill site Monday by Nady Engineering Service of Nevada.

The proposed site is the Harry Hutzell 80-acre farm located one-half mile east and one-half mile north of Joe's Station on Highway 65. Two drillings were made, both to a depth of 50 feet to meet State Board of Health requirements.

The board of supervisors, however, instructed the firm not to begin analysis of the sample until the Hardin County Sanitary Solid Waste Disposal Commission has time to study garbage shredding as an alternative.

The commission is to meet Tuesday night in the county courtroom at 8 p. m. with Keith Cooper of Nevada to discuss a proposed garbage shredding operation. J. C. Whitehead, chairman of the board of supervisors, reports Cooper would start operation if three counties would agree to participate.

Whitehead said it would take two or three weeks before the committee would receive results of the soil sample analysis.

The Hutzell property was appraised Wednesday morning by a three-member committee appointed by Clark McNeal, county attorney. The three members were C. O. Rubow. Eldora realtor, Guy Jones, farm management, Hardin County Savings Bank, and John Potnoven, farm management, Iowa Falls State Bank.

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Sixth Graders To Experience Resource Day

Sixth graders and their instructors from throughout Hardin county will participate in the first Youth Natural Resource Day Friday, April 23 at three conservation sites.

To be held at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Ferris Wilderness Area and Reece Memorial Park, the conservation experiment in education is sponsored by the Hardin County Soil Conservation District and Hardin County Conservation Board.

Steering committee for the event has been Kermith Huehn, coordinator; Bill Schmidt, Homer Calkins, Jim Johnson, Jerry Price, Mrs. Ray McDowell and Irwin Burns.

Contributing groups other than those mentioned above are the Pine Lake Wildlife Club; Hardin County Izaak Walton League; Soil Conservation Service; Hardin County Extension Service; Iowa State University, Ames; State Conservation Commission; Hardin County Rural Development Committee; and the Biology Departments of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls.

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FOR FRIDAY EVENT — — —

Youth Resource Day Organizers Assemble A Wealth Of Talent

A wealth of material and talent has been assembled for Youth Natural Resource Day to be conducted at three sites Friday in Hardin county.

Students will attend five 45-minute sessions. They will take sack lunches for their noon meal.

Classes will start as soon as the first bus arrives at each site. Registration formally is to start at 8:30 a.m. For county residents who would like to attend, the schedule is:

8:30-9:30 — Registration.
9:30-10:15 — Air.
10:25-11:10 — Land.
11:20-12:05 — Water.
12:15-12:40 — Sack lunch.
12:40-1:25 — Animals.
1:25-2:20 — Plants.
2:20-2:30 — Prepare for departure.

UNI STUDENTS

Two University of Northern Iowa (UNI) student groups from Cedar Falls will assist. A social studies methods class taught by Mrs. Mildred Pierce will provide suggested followup activities to be distributed to the class teachers.

Twenty UNI students will assist group leaders at Headquarters Segment, a wilderness area southeast of Iowa Falls. The student chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America will furnish five instructors for the classes.

At each of the three sites, the Hardin County Red Cross chapters will furnish persons trained in first aid.

ELLSWORTH STUDENTS

The Eldora High School Special Education class will assist at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. Students from Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls are working on materials and will assist classes.

C. O. Rubow of Eldora has offered to furnish lunches for special guests such as the press and radio and television personnel, members of the State Conservation and the Department of Public Instruction.

Here are the staffs for the sites:

PINE LAKE

Students from Eldora and Steamboat Rock will visit the Pine Lake Wildlife Club near Eldora. Mrs. Ray McDowell, a former teacher, is site coordinator.

Instructors will be: Animals — Curtiss Daggs, scout leader, Eldora; Plants — Robert Meader, naturalist, New Providence; Air — An Ellsworth College student; Land — Wendell Dubberke, geologist, State Highway Commission, Iowa Falls; Water — Dick Kaduce, park officer and Galen Bosch, park attendant, both of Eldora.

REECE MEMORIAL PARK

Students from Union-Whitten, Hubbard, New Providence and Radcliffe will visit Reece Memorial Park southwest of New Providence.

Mrs. Kermit Whitehead and Mrs. Ted Cutler are site coordinators.

Instructors will be: Animals — Fern Cook, 4-H assistant in photography; Plants — Sylvan Runkel, biologist for the Soil Conservation Service, Des Moines; Robert Moorman, Extension Wildlife Conservationist, Ames; Air — Students from Ellsworth College and UNI; Land — Kermit Whitehead, soil commissioner, New Providence, and Mrs. Mildred Miller, an Eldora teacher, and Water — Harold Luiken, Hardin County Conservation Board member, Steamboat Rock, and M. S. Fischer, businessman - naturalist from Iowa Falls.

HEADQUARTERS SEGMENT

Students from Ackley-Geneva, Alden-Popejoy and Iowa Falls will visit the headquarters segment southeast of Iowa Falls.

Lloyd Roland of the County Conservation Board will be site host and site coordinators will be Joseph Shore of the Soil Conservation Service and Jim Johnson of the Hardin County Extension.

Instructors will be: Animals — Mrs. Dallas Walsh, housewife, Iowa Falls, and Galen Hinkel, conservation officer, Hampton, and Duane Wilson, conservation officer, Eldora; Plants — Mrs. Harold Hubbard, former teacher, Iowa Falls, and Robert Wilson, Boy Scout leader from Ackley, and Robert Carpenter, district forester from Charles City; Air — Jerry Price, representing the Izaak Walton League, Iowa Falls, and William Schmidt, head of the biology department at Ellsworth College and Emerson Calkins, a former teacher, Iowa Falls; Land — Richard Bassett, work unit conservationist, Eldora, and William Trampe, chairman of the Hardin Conservation Board, Steamboat Rock, and Min Amemiya, extension agronomist from Ames; Water — Dean Miller, Soil Conservation Service, Ackley, a UNI student, Homer Calkins and Hugh Riglin, science teacher, Ackley.

Reece and Headquarters Segment parks are maintained by the Hardin County Conservation Board and the Wildlife Club owns its park. Anyone desiring a map may call or write Kermith Huehn, county superintendent of schools, Eldora, Iowa 50627. His phone number is 858-3930. (See page 6.)

All participants are asked to wear warm, comfortable clothing including shoes suitable for hiking.

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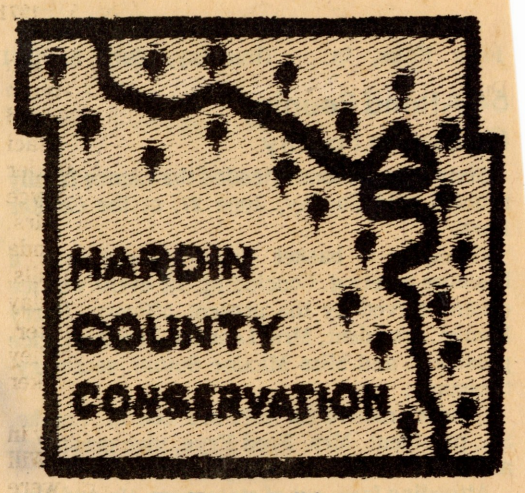
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By Homer Calkins. . .

This has been a good growing year for most plant life and Irwin Burns has taken advantage of this condition by starting a number of new plots of both shrubs and grasses. He has a food plot of field corn and one of buckwheat which should provide a quantity of winter food for wildlife, giving him an opportunity to learn what birds and animals will use such an area. Irwin, with Terry's help, also made a display area of nine varieties of prairie plants, he will use these plots as educational tools in the identification of the native plants which made our prairies famous and produced the rich agricultural portion of our country.

One of the interesting growth patterns of these prairie varieties is their ability to choke out all types of weeds which are so costly to eradicate from roadsides and fields.

We continue to receive communications from various groups and individuals complimenting our community effort in preparation and presentation of objections to any flood control measures in our county which included the construction of high level dams. The almost complete silting in of the Iowa River above the dam at Iowa Falls is a good example of why upstream soil and water control is necessary.

The heavy rains which we received during the last week have done untold damage in many areas, tons of soil have been carried into the streams, these tons of soil would have grown a great amount of food for use by the people of the world in the years to come.

All too often, the full impact of soil erosion is not realized by many people. The two greatest losses are the loss of this priceless, high quality crop producing soil, often containing fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides and the terrible siltation which is caused by this erosion. Every year road maintainence crews spend time in clearing road ditches because of this siltation while our natural water courses are becoming choked with this soil which we cannot afford to lose.

Shouldn't we take a good look at our soil and water practices in both rural and urban areas? Show your interest by contacting the newly enlarged Board of commissioners of the Hardin Soil Conservation District, acknowledging your concern and interest.

Summer brings changes in many things but one of the most general is the weather and its effect on all forms of life. It is always disheartening to hear of the losses which occur during turbulent summer storms. This is one category in which man and his knowledge of science has been unable to produce any change.

Adequate moisture and summer heat combine to produce fantastic growth of vegetation. This in turn means extra hours of mowing of grass and weed control measures in our county controlled outdoor recreation areas. These same conditions guarantee strong growth of the seedling trees and shrubs that Irwin Burns has planted in many areas.

Have you noticed the heavy production of fruits and berries on trees, shrubs and vines? I don't recall a larger crop, nor larger berries than are on the wild strawberries. Their flavor and sweetness places them in a class far above those grown in our gardens. Wild currants, gooseberries, cherries, plums, also varied wild fruits and berries are hanging thick and predict

a heavy harvest for man and wildlife.

Frequent rains have kept most of the streams too muddy for fishing but above average catches are continuing to be reported from the area lakes. To date no large fish kills from pollution have been reported, the volume of water in the streams dilutes whatever toxic materials enters them, Still we must all use precautions to eliminate any pollution.

Last week I had the occasion to visit with Conservation Officer D. A. Wilson and inquired regarding the number of deer killed by vehicles. He reported that he had picked up more dead deer this spring than in any spring since becoming a conservation officer. This is one of the losses which seems to have no solution, the deer seem to be traveling an unusual amount of the time but in no set pattern which will justify deer crossing signs.

Summertime is vacation time. May it be a good time for you to enjoy the beauty and wonders of Hardin County's outdoor recreation system.

The theme of National Wildlife Week in 1970 was "Seen Any Wildlife Lately?"

Summertime is always the time when the young birds and animals begin to be seen, learning to find food and shelter under the guidance of their parents, so why don't we say, " Seen any young wildlife lately?".

Sightings of young wildlife, at this time of the year, is really important to conservation officers for these sightings provide them with an indication as to the number of birds or animals that have been hatched or born this season.

We see signs of the young of wildlife of all types in the county outdoor recreation areas. Small cottontail rabbits are often noticed slipping out of sight along roadways and at the edge of picnic areas, it is often a temptation to attempt to catch these little fellows but experience has taught us that they move far quicker than we do.

New hatches of snakes, turtles, toads and frogs are also to be found. One of the men found a small snapping turtle while the tiny toads are beginning to be found in the damp areas.

Nothing can be much more interesting than watching the parent birds feed their young, who may be full grown, the impatience of the young and the tireless efforts of the parent; or to watch a mother duck proudly lead her little waddlers in their search for food and water; tiny little chipmunks display the quickness and restlessness of youth as they begin exploration of the world about them.

It is an exciting and interesting time when not only the young of the animal world make their appearance but the fruit of the growing season of plant life is also so evident. Why don't you take special interest in our outdoors, it will give you an excellent chance to have a ready answer.

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Whitehead, Calkins, Rubow Win Posts In Soil Unit Vote

Voting in Friday's soil conservation election could hardly be termed "brisk." Only 62 persons voted at Iowa Falls, far fewer than the 209 who cast votes at Eldora.

Kermit Whitehead, New Providence, led the field with 79 votes and garnered the six-year term on the three-man board.

Trailing Whitehead were Emerson Calkins, Iowa Falls, and Richard J. Rubow, Eldora, each with 58 votes. A decision will be made by the state soil conservation office on which of these will be given the four-year term and which will take office for two years.

Martin Broer, Iowa Falls, received 50 votes, George Brindle, Union, 19, and Kenneth Leeps, Iowa Falls, 8.

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ELECTS OFFICERS, MUST CHOOSE SITE — — —

Hardin Sanitary Landfill Unit Forms Basic Plan, Organization

A basic plan has been adopted and an organization is now functioning to create a county sanitary landfill operation.

The system will replace existing dumps which must be closed because of strict new requirements on burning and pollution.

A deadline of 1975 has been established to get such systems functioning, but state officials have indicated many dumps now operating won't be allowed to continue that long.

Plans are now being made by the Hardin County Sanitary Solid 'Waste Disposal Commission which is supported by virtually every Hardin community.

CHAIRMAN

The commission consists of officials from each community who have elected Dr. Lloyd Bates of Union their chairman.

George Vest of Iowa Falls is vice chairman and Carroll Hobson of Eldora is secretary-treasurer.

First step is to select a site. The commission has designated the Hardin Board of Supervisors to recommend a centralized location.

CONSULTANT

Next step will be to hire a consultant to draw plans for the disposal site. Under new pollution and burning laws, the site must be above the water table and must be fixed distances from streams, rivers and state highways.

Communities will have to haul their refuse to the landfill site where it will be promptly covered. Commission officials who visited such an operation in Boone county reported that they couldn't even tell it was a landfill site, because refuse brought to the site and dumped was covered immediately.

"It looked more like a park," Vest reported.

EXPENSIVE

The new system will be more expensive, however. No matter what location is selected, communities will find their travel expenses far greater than to the dumps located near their corporate limits, Vest noted.

And it will be too expensive to create two county landfill sites, the commission has found.

Underground soil formations of the site must meet compaction standards that prevent contamination of the underground water supply, Vest said.

A "rule of thumb" for selecting sites is one acre of ground for each 10,000 in population. Hardin county will need the equivalent of two acres a year.

Because of the setback restrictions from state highways, whatever site is selected will probably require additional expenses of building a road to it, says City Manager Don S. Nichols.

Nichols expects costs for garbage disposal at Iowa Falls to climb considerably when the new system is in operation. Because of the time needed to travel to any site, the new system will probably mean that the city will have to buy one more disposal truck, a $12,000 item.

Because of the time needed to obtain and develop a central landfill site, the city is probably a year or two away from the extra costs. This will be a problem in itself because the city won't know for sure when to budget funds or for that matter, how much to budget, Nichols commented.

Under the rules of the commission, each community official will have one vote plus one more for each 1,000 in population. A half vote will be allowed for each 500 persons in population. The supervisor board also has one vote plus additional votes per 1,000 rural population the board represents.

LOOK FOR THE SMOKE!

Hardin County Pork Producers members are sponsoring a massive barbecue this weekend. The aroma of barbecued pork will be floating along sidewalks in communities throughout the county, with free samples the order of the day. Most groceries will be offering pork specials. Look for the smoke Friday and Saturday, and see advertisements in this issue.

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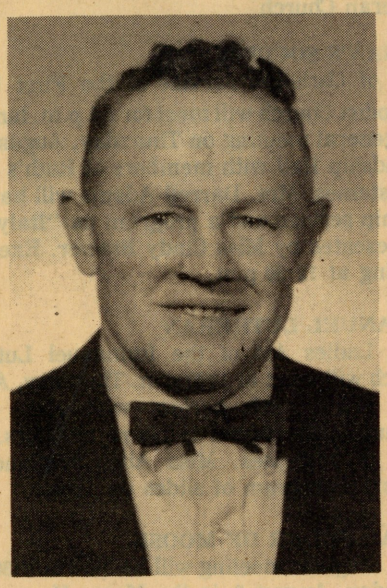
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Eldora Conservationist Wins Outstanding Honor As Soil Commissioner



CARROLL HOBSON . . .

Carroll Hobson of Eldora was named the award winner of the North Central Region III 1970 Outstanding Soil Conservation Commissioners contest at Hampton July 27. There are twelve counties in the Region III area.

The announcement was made during a banquet attended by 150 persons. Making the presentation was Earl Weber of Dows, North Central Region III Director of the Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Hobson who is one of the three commissioners for the Hardin Soil Conservation District will now compete in the State Outstanding Commissioners contest.

Last year Kermit Whitehead of New Providence was named the Region III Outstanding Commissioner. Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock was named the state's Outstanding Commissioner in 1968. This is the third consecutive year that commissioners from the Hardin Soil Conservation District received the award. The contest is sponsored by Wallaces Farmer magazine.

A life-long resident of Hardin County, Hobson and his wife, Catharine, have four children, three sons and one daughter. Brian is farming with his father. Mark has recently entered military service. Maureen and Maurice are students at Eldora High School.

Hobson has performed many duties as a commissioner. He has assisted in conducting several tours of Pine Lake Watershed. He was very active in organizaing and promoting the 1968 Field Days. During the field days he was chairman of the Educational Exhibits and also chairman of the Field Crop Division.

In 1969 Hobson was instrumental in obtaining $50,000 of Flood Restoration Funds for Hardin County. He helped inventory the heavy flood damage that occured, prepared evaluations and submitted requests for the funds. Hobson used his flying ability to obtain pictures that illustrated flood damage. He has also flown his airplane on photographic missions for the Soil Conservation Service throughout North Central Iowa. Many of the pictures that he has assisted in taking are distributed throughout Iowa.

At the 1969 Annual Commissioners Conference held in Des Moines he served as the committeeman on the Rural-Urban and Recreation Committee and this year he is serving on the Education Committee.

Hobson has been head of the district's watershed program which worked to achieve application approval for the Honeycomb and Union watersheds, both Public Law 566 watersheds.

In 1968 he helped develop and carry out sound district programs which won the District the Goodyear Award in 1969.

Hobson has been a commissioner since 1965. He served two years as an assistant before becoming an elected commissioner. He was elected chairman of the Hardin Soil Conservation District in February, 1969.

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ELDORA'S CARROLL Hobson was named last week winner of the North Central Region III Outstanding Soil Conservation Commissioners Contest, following Kermit Whitehead, New Providence (1969) and Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock (1968) to the honor. All belong to the Hardin County Soil Conservation District. Hobson, lifelong Hardin Countian, now is an entrant in the state Commissioners contest.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSION RESPONDS TO PROTESTS —

New Plan Shows No Major Changes at Park Entrance

The Iowa State Highway Commission has shelved previously announced plans to destroy the present entrance to Pine Lake State Park in conjunction with widening of Highway 175.

Eldora Mayor Dr. C. G. Gould was notified of the decision during a telephone conversation with Robert Heneley, district engineer, Monday afternoon. The action was announced following a review of the proposed project by the Commission staff and district office.

Highway Commission officials heard objections to the proposed Pine Lake entrance change during a public information meeting, attended by 150 persons, here last Thursday night.

The plan called for raising of the grade of Highway 175 about 12 feet just east of the Iowa River bridge which in turn would require building up of Highway 118 and the county road south. Highway 118 would have been relocated 200 to 300 feet further east, then would have cut straight north through the bluff and connected with the present road just past the Old Mill drive-in.

The newly proposed Highway commission plan calls for only two major changes: 1) Adding of a third lane, or creeper lane, starting at the east end of the Iowa River bridge for truck and slow moving vehicles going east up the hill; and 2) Construction of a raised island for stop sign placement and control of turning vehicles entering or leaving Highway 118.

An intersection island was constructed at the same site several years ago, but was removed by the Commission following local criticism and replaced with the existing barrel holding the stop sign.

PLEASED WITH CHANGE

Commenting on the change in plans, Dr. Gould commented "Eldora city officials are most pleased with the attitude and cooperativeness of the Highway Commission in this matter. We have always enjoyed a fine working relationship with them in the past and hope to continue in the future. The new proposal will reduce cost of the Highway 118 intersection work by at least half, while maintaining the present safety features and ecology of the park entrance.

"We are willing to concede the proposed intersection island, deemed necessary by the Highway Commission, in view of the other concessions. We are hopeful that the new island can be relocated so as to aid motorists turning into the park from the west."

Key issue in the Commission's announcement to eliminate plans for major alteration seems to rest in their decision to maintain present highway elevations at the east end of the bridge. Substantial raising of the elevation, as originally proposed, would have necessitated major changes at both the north and south entrances to Highway 175.

Written confirmation of the earlier telephone conversation on the new design was received by Dr. Gould from Henely Wednesday. The letter read as follows:

Mayor C. G. Gould
City of Eldora
Eldora, Iowa 50627

Dear Mayor Gould:

The Commission Staff and the District Office have reviewed the proposed design at the junction of Iowa 175 and Iowa 118 on the east edge of Eldora.

The design now to be proposed will include the construction of an eastbound "creeper lane" and two pavement lanes for east-west traffic beginning near the intersection proceeding east up the hill on Iowa 175.

The profile grade near the intersection is proposed to be very close to the elevation which exists now.

We also propose minor reconstruction on the existing Iowa 118 intersection just north of Iowa 175. The reconstruction on Iowa 118 will stop a number of feet south of the Pine Lake State Park entrance pillars. The intersection development on Iowa 118 will provide a current design with a raised island for stop sign placement and also to control the turning movements of vehicles entering or leaving Iowa 118. We feel very strongly the stop sign island is necessary for the continued safe operation of the intersection.

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To Be Reviewed At Public Meeting Monday —

Revive Plans To Construct Steamboat Dam, Reservoir

The Rock Island District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is reviving plans for construction of a controversial dam and reservoir on the Iowa River near Steamboat Rock. It is this plan which will be discussed at a public meeting at the Pine Lake Wildlife Clubhouse Monday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. near Eldora.

Homer Calkins, executive officer of the Hardin County Conservation Board, said the engineers stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss "flood control and related needs" along the river.

The public information meeting in Eldora is one of five such meetings to be held in connection with an Iowa-Cedar River Basin study being conducted by the Corps of Engineers to offer tentative alternatives which might serve to satisfy some of the water and land resource needs in the basin.

The engineers listed these alternatives to the dam and reservoir: 1) flood plain management; 2) flood proofing; 3) flood plain evacuation; 4) floodwalls; 5) channel improvements, dams and lakes on the main stream of the river; 6) soil and water conservation programs; 7) municipal and industrial waste treatment; 8) build an environmental corridor, or 9) do nothing.

The Hardin County Conservation Board has established over a period of more than 10 years a green belt of publicly owned land which stretches for almost 25 miles from Iowa Falls to Eldora. The dam would be constructed just above the present mill dam at Steamboat Rock and would flood the green belt all the way to Iowa Falls, Calkins said.

This stretch of the Iowa River is considered by many to be the most scenic reach along the entire river. The river winds for miles through almost untouched woodland, emerging only occasionally for a county road crossing or other public access.

REVIVED FROM PAST

The controversial project has been on the engineers' books for a number of years and brought complaints from officials of the Iowa Conservation Commission when it was first proposed.

Calkins said it was his understanding that the rapid siltation of the Coralville Reservoir near Iowa City was responsible at least in part for the revival of the engineers' plans.

The location above Eldora is the first place on the river above Coralville where a dam to hold back the river's silt would be feasible, he said.

The area which would be flooded contains many plants and trees which are novel in the part of Iowa. Located there are native stands of paper birch and white pine, both rare in Iowa.

The Rock Island District has three similar projects under consideration in Iowa: a dam and reservoir on the Skunk River near Ames, a dam and reservoir on the Racoon River near Jefferson, and a smaller project on Walnut Creek above West Des Moines.

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Community Betterment Group To Discuss Specific Projects Thurs.

Interested persons are being encouraged to attend a meeting of the Eldora Area Community Betterment Council Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the First National Bank of Eldora.

Chairman James Johnson reports that during the meeting, small discussion groups will be formed to visit about beautification, recreation, government, education, religion, culture, industry, commerce, agriculture, health care, public safety and tourism. Persons attending the meeting will be asked to pick the group in which they are most interested.

A discussion is also planned on the recent inventory of present and proposed projects of area clubs and organizations. Questionnaire cards are still available for interested organizations and/or individuals who have not as yet officially joined in the community betterment effort, Johnson said.

The Eldora Area Community Betterment Council is competing for prize money totaling $4,000 in the first annual Iowa Community Betterment Program.

Johnson explained that a CB Council is not "just another organization", but a planning and coordinating body representing all established clubs, groups and organizations as well as the local governing body and unaffiliated interested citizens. The first indication of a council's success will be the singleness of purpose developed by bringing together leaders of all community groups in a program that contributes towards better living for all, he added.

Persons wishing additional information on the council are encouraged to contact any board member: Johnson, Dr. C. G. Gould, vice chairman, Mrs. Ralph Allbee, secretary-treasurer, Dick Ritter, Jim Sween, Mrs. Donald Wilson, Ray Anderson, George Stauffacher or Al Schafer.

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At Pine Lake Wildlife Club —

River Basin Study Session Set May 17

Eldora will host a community planning session to review possible alternatives for water and land resource development in the Iowa-Cedar River Basin Monday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club.

Other meetings are scheduled at Allison, Charles City, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids during the second and third week of May.

Studies of the Iowa-Cedar River watershed are being made by the Rock Island District of the Corps of Engineers and the Soil Conservation Service. The studies will be coordinated with the Iowa Natural Resources Council and the Iowa Conservation Commission.

Purpose of the planning sessions is to provide the people of the basin an opportunity to consider possible resource development alternatives and to voice their preference for the type of development that best serves their needs.

Information and suggestions obtained at the sessions will be used in the development of specific plans for water and land resource development in the watershed.

Some of the possible alternatives for development which will be discussed at the meetings include 1) flood plain management; 2) protection of local areas by levees and floodwalls and channel modification; 3) flood plain evacuation; 4) tributary watershed soil and water conservation programs; 5) advanced sewage treatment of municipal and industrial wastes; 6) acquisition and development of lands for fish and wildlife habitat, recreation and regional environmental "corridors" or "islands"; 7) construction of dams and lakes on main tributaries; 8) do nothing.

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DURING PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT IN COURTROOM —

Highway Officials To Explain Plans For Pine Lake Entrance Relocation

The proposed roadway change at the entrance to Pine Lake State Park at the east edge of Eldora will be explained by officials from the Iowa State Highway Commission during a public information meeting here Thursday night.

The meeting, to which all interested persons are encouraged to attend, is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Hardin county courtroom.

Present to discuss the entrance proposal will be District Engineer Robert Henely, plus representatives from the Highway Commission's design, right of way and traffic safety departments and State Conservation Commission officials.

The meeting will concern itself only with the Highway 175 and 118 intersection at the state park entrance. The remaining portion of the Highway 175 widening project, which extends about 10 miles east to the junction of Highway 14 (Marshalltown road), will be discussed during an official public hearing July 22, Henely reports.

The information meeting was requested locally following notification that the Highway Commission was proceeding with earlier announced plans to relocate and straighten Highway 118 for a distance of about one-half mile north from Highway 175, to approximate location of the Old Mill drive-in. This would



The questions of whether or not the above Pine Lake State Park entrance will be lost through straightening and relocation will be answered during a public information meeting on the proposed project Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hardin county courtroom. Officials from the State Highway Commission and State Conservation Commission are expected to explain the entrance proposal in relation to widening of Highway 175. Considerable public concern has opposed the entrance change from the standpoint of its natural attractiveness and the cost involved, estimated as high as ½ million dollars.

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involve cutting through the present bluff at the park entrance and destroying several nearby trees.

Three area legislators, State Senator James A. Potgeter of Steamboat Rock, Representative Dick Welden, of Iowa Falls, and Harold Fischer of Wellsburg, have expresed opposition to the entrance change in letters to the Highway Commission.

Petitions opposing the project, with several hundred signatures, were delivered to the Highway Commission last November after word was learned of the proposed park entrance changes.

In part, the petitions, circulated by the Eldora Woman's Club, stated," . . .We fervently disagree with the plans for relocating this road north to Pine Lake at the estimated cost of $225,000 as wasteful and unnecessary.

"1. The present entrance to the Pine Lake State Park has not been a traffic hazard and is one of the most beautiful parts of the area surrounding Eldora and should be preserved — not destroyed . . . The planned relocation will also further enhance the destruction of the ecological balance of nature, which our conservationists have been diligently working to improve.

"2. The estimated cost of rebuilding such a few feet of road, the purchase of additional land and buildings at a tremendous cost to the already burdened taxpayer is totally unnecessary . . . "

Following consideration of the petitions, it was reported locally that Highway Commission officials had verbally expressed the belief that in final plans, any changes at the lake entrance would not detract from the present natural beauty of the area.

However, Hardin County Engineer Rolley G. Glasgow last month received a copy of the Highway Commission's finalized plans and specifications for the project which show the road being straightened and hill cut away at the entrance to the park.

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Formulate Plans For Pine Lake Anniversary Celebration May 23

Plans are beginning to formulate for the 50th anniversary celebration of Pine Lake State Park to be held at the park Sunday, May 23. Sponsoring the celebration is the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, division of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce.

Activities begin in the park at 10 a. m. A trap shoot is scheduled to begin at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club at 10 a. m. and extend through 1 p. m. Competition will cease untill 3 p. m. and then resume until darkness falls in the area.

Free pontoon rides will begin at the Upper Lake boat docks at 10 a. m. and be offered through 5 p. m. To begin at 10 a. m. is the canoe race from Steamboat Rock to the Lower Pine Lake Beach on the Iowa River. The race is expected to conclude about noon.

The afternoon program will begin at the Upper Lake boat dock area at 1:30 p. m. with a performance by the Eldora High School band and a Boy Scout flag raising ceremony.

Iowa's Lieutenant Governor Roger Jepsen is scheduled to speak at 2 p. m. after which a special presentation will be made to him by Eldora Mayor Dr. C. G. Gould and Chamber of Commerce president Dave Brown.

Many added attractions will be available at the park and at the Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club lodge near Steamboat Rock.

Tours of the 33 Hardin county parks will be conducted throughout the day and maps of the various park sites will be available. Guides will also be on hand at each park to conduct a tour of the area.

An Indian artifact display will be available at the lodge near Steamboat Rock provided by local collectors and refreshments will be available both at Steamboat Rock and at Pine Lake.

The wildlife exhibit will be located at Upper Pine Lake, courtesy of the Iowa Conservation Commission and a display of the Pine Lake watershed area, prepared by the Hardin Soil Conservation District, will be locted in the shelterhouse at Upper Pine Lake near the boat docks.

Souvenirs consisting of ball point pens, balloons, playing cards and bolo ties will be on sale in various locations at the park throughout the day. A trackless train will be available to furnish transportation to various parts of the park.

Volunteers are being sought to assist at the park during the day-long event and manpower is being secured from Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycee and Chamber of Commerce members in Eldora. Serving on the PL committee are Harold Dettbarn, Harold Putnam, Curtis Daggs, Virginia Stiles and Jim Shea.

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Hardin Conservation District Seeks Teacher Nominations

The Hardin Soil Conservation District is accepting nominations for the outstanding conservation teacher awards program in Hardin county. All full time public school teachers from kindergarten through high school are eligible.

The objective of the program is to recognize teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our national heritage of natural and human resources.

Anyone in the county may nominate a teacher.

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THROUGH ASC COST-SHARING — — —

Hardin Bests Percent Increase In National Wildlife Acreage

Nationally, 17 percent more wildlife food, water and cover practices were obtained through cost-sharing agreements with farmers and ranchers last year than in 1969, according to Robert J. Willems, acting chairman of the Hardin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

Willems said the totals compare with an 81 percent increase in acres served by wildlife practices in Iowa, and an 85 percent increase in Hardin county.

Practices include establishing cover for game birds and other forms of beneficial wildlife, constructing shallow watering areas and seeking feed plots. Willems said.

"This is just one example of the ways in which farmers are improving the ecological balance in this county and across the nation, building a better environment, and providing more recreation for everyone," Willems pointed out.

Conservation cost-sharing by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is administered by ASC county committees through the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), the chairman explained. A principal reason for sharing costs with farmers is that overall public benefits from such conservation work go far beyond any returns that the individual producer might hope to gain, he added.

Cost-sharing means just what it says, Willems commented: Farmers and the federal government share the cost of agricultural conservation and pollution-abatement practices needed in the public interest, usually on a half-and-half basis.

Looking at the national picture in reference to cost-sharing for wildlife practices on farmlands, ASC county committees provided $3.7 million resulting in more than 1.1 million acres of land being served by newly-installed or improved wildlife practices. Farmers provided at least another $3.7 million for these practices.

This compares with $3.2 million of government cost-sharing funds in 1969, with farmers providing at least as much, to serve 945,000 acres.

This was an increase of 17 percent in both the amount of money provided for wildlife conservation practices and the total acres served, the ASC Committee Chairman explained.

In Iowa, ASC county committees provided $90,381 resulting in 22,480 acres of land being served by newly installed or improved wildlife practices. This compares to $78,306 of government cost-sharing funds in Iowa in 1969 to serve 12,437 acres.

"Last year we increased emphasis on enduring agricultural conservation practices, including those with wildlife benefits, under the cost-sharing program," Willems said, He pointed out that across the nation, 92 percent of all cost - sharing funds were spent on practices with enduring benefits and only 8 percent on practices of limited duration. This was up from 87 percent provided for enduring practices in 1969, he said, adding that ASCS expects the proportion of cost-sharing for permanent-type environmental improvement practices to be even higher this year.

"A major effort was undertaken during 1970 to re-evaluate all ASCS conservation activities in the light of new environmental quality goals," Willems explained.

He added that the objectives of changes in the program are threefold: (1) To increase emphasis on clean air, clean water, more open space, and more and better wildlife habitat; (2) To assure effective conservation accomplishments; and (3) To provide emphasis on conservation and environmental improvement activities that have wide public benefits.

"All practices are now analyzed with a view toward how much they contribute to enduring conservation, improving environmental quality, providing benefits for the community at large — including non-farmers — and giving the best cost-to-benefit dollar ratio," Willems said.

Objectives are emphasized by the new name of the cost-sharing program — the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP). In previous years it was known as the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).



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HARDIN COUNTY CONSERVATION

By Homer Calkins

The observance of "Earth Week" in Hardin County was highlighted by the first countywide "Youth Natural Resources Day".

Although I could write pages regarding all the planning and the actual staging of this event, there are but a few points that I wish to point out at this time.

Generally, this first attempt at a county wide approach to in-the-field instruction must be considered a success. The cooperation was simply wonderful from the various school systems on down the line to the weatherman, for it was a beautiful day.

Despite all the careful planning of the past several months, the actual mechanics of the one-day presentation rested on the abilities of five people who acted as site coordinators. I would like to list their names and pay them a special tribute.

At Reece Memorial Park, Mrs. Kermit Whitehead and Mrs. Lawrence (Ted) Cutler provided a smooth operation of the ten units carried on in that area. Mrs. Raymond (Betty) McDowell used the knowledge she has gained from years of work in this field to oversee five units of instruction at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. The fifteen instruction units at the Hardin County Conservation Board's Headquarters segment functioned on schedule because of the leadership of Jim Johnson, Joe Shore and Irwin Burns.

In next week's column, I hope to list the names and home towns of all persons who served as instructors and helpers for this educational day.

This week has been designated as "Arbor Week." We all hope that each person takes it upon themselves, wherever possible, to plant some type of shrub or tree in observance of this occasion.

As the leaves appear on all types of living plants this spring, we find that during the past year we have lost additional trees. More elms have fallen victims to Dutch Elm disease, some of the oaks have died as the result of the ever present oak wilt and the new oak disease which has not been named nor isolated.

Still more trees have been destroyed during operations to provide more agricultural land or commercial development. All of these trees must be replaced if Hardin county is to maintain the beauty produced only by nature through the natural growth of trees and shrubs.

Irwin planted some trees last week and is scheduled for additional plantings, including about 10,000 for Dean Clampitt south of New Providence. In addition to this large scale operation, he will be establishing addditional display areas at the Headquarters segment to provide educational and research tracts for public use. This work won't be limited to trees and shrubs but will include displays of native wild prairie specie, the seed for this work was provided by William Rountree of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. We feel that this program, which Irwin is carrying on, will help to stimulate more interest in our native plant life and provide enviromental development with plant specie which are acclimated.

With Youth Resources Day completed, all of our work resources will now turn to development and maintenance of our outdoor recreation areas.

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RIVER CLEANUP THIS WEEKEND — — —

Anti-Pollution Projects Drawing More Support From Residents Here

Anti-pollution campaigns this year don't have the fanfare "Earth Day" received last year, nevertheless a growing number of Iowa Falls residents are joining to improve the environment.

Iowa Falls Jaycees and the National Guard will lead a river cleanup campaign Saturday and Sunday. Sixth graders across the county attended special outdoor camps Friday to study natural resources.

The practice of planting trees continues, this time in the hands of a new club, the Iowa Falls Junior Garden Club. And schools will continue a program of making students aware of taking care of the environment.

RIVER CLEANUP

Douglas Stiner and Dr. Dennis Richey are co-chairmen of the Jaycee part of the drive to clean up the Iowa River this weekend.

Jim Granzow is in charge of coordinating volunteers from the National Guard stationed at Iowa Falls who started a river cleanup campaign independently, then joined with the Jaycees when the two groups learned of the other's plans.

They plan to start at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at the city park along Cedar Street, north of the swinging bridge.

An invitation to anyone who wants to help has been issued by the organizations.

Plans are to refurbish the swinging bridge with new railings and paint, to clean river banks of debris, and to remove logs which have floated down and lodged in many places along the water front, making boat and water skiing hazards.

"Manpower will decide whether or not we accomplish what we want to," the chairmen report. They will resume their cleanup work at 12 noon Sunday.

Area firms have been very helpful committing heavy equipment to remove logs, the organizations report.

Stiner has been cruising the river to mark logs for removal and at last report has enough boats volunteered to get the job done Saturday.

Anyone who has spotted a sunken log is asked to mark the location and contact Stiner, Richey or Granzow for removal Saturday.

One person contacted the Jaycees and wanted a tree removed from the river in front of his property. "He wondered if a donation to the Jaycees would be proper and we refused. There are too many organizations involved for us to take the credit," Stiner said.

Scouts, city crews and several private firms are expected to donate labor or equipment.

RESOURCE DAY

Youth Resource Day conducted Friday for all sixth graders in the county was a success. The weather was perfect and classes gathered at three county parks to hear volunteer teaching staffs explain ecology and how students can help.

NEW CLUB

A newly-formed club, the Iowa Falls Junior Garden Club, planted a tree Friday in water works park.

The 18-member club recently received its charter. Mrs. Harold Hubbard and Mrs. Leonard Franka are the leaders from the sponsoring Iowa Falls Garden Club.

Purpose of the junior club is the same as the senior club. Members meet once a month to learn to be better gardeners, observe special events such as the Arbor Day tree planting, and to study flower arranging.

Julie Prochnow is president of the club and Susan Gude is vice president. Amy Prochnow is secretary and Arthur Hubbard is treasurer.

Club members are from seven-twelve years old.

SCHOOLS

Governor Robert Ray has planned a four-week environmental action program which is being followed by elementary schools at Iowa Falls.

The program started with the resource day last week during Ray's designated "Earth Week."

This week is designated "Arbor Week" and fifth grade classes will observe it by planting trees and caring for them.

Ray has designated next week "Keep The Scene Green" week and fourth grade classes will visit the Ira Nichols Wildflower and Bird Refuge.

The final week is designated "Beautification Week" and kindergarten through third grade students will take time to go on trash collecting trips.

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Seek Teachers For Outstanding Conservation Award

The Hardin Soil Conservation District is presently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Conservation Teacher Awards program in Hardin County, it was announced this week. All full time public school teachers from kindergarten through high school are eligible.

The objective of the program is to recognize teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our national heritage of natural and human resources. Anyone in the county may nominate a teacher.

The nominee shall complete and submit an entry form to the Soil Conservation District office in Eldora by June 1, 1971.

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Judge Third Annual Conservation Art Show Sat.

The three judges for the third annual Conservation Art Show, sponsored by the Hardin County Soil Conservation, discuss one of entries they awarded first prize. The art show was held at the Hubbard Community Building, and coordinated by the Hubbard Paint and Pallette Dabblers Club. Judging was done Saturday afternoon with the winning entries on display to the public Sunday afternoon. Pictured is the winning entry in the adult oils or acrylics class entered by Mrs. Mildred Lepper of Radcliffe. The painting is entitled, "Farm Pond." Judging the art show were Mrs. Gail Rinderknecht (far left) of Ames, art teacher at NESCO; K. C. Whitehead of New Providence, commissioner of Hardin Soil Conservation District; and Homer Calkins, Iowa Falls, executive officer, Hardin Conservation Board.

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Conservation Pays . . .

by Homer Calkins,

Executive Officer
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match the area where you find these wildflowers? In most situations, no, such conditions, as needed for wildflower growing, would be too messy and unsightly for today's average community.

For any and all of the above reasons, please, let us leave the native plants where they grow, looking only with our eyes, not our hands, taking only memories and pictures.

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Wildflowers pushing their way up through the winter blanket of leaves; leaf buds on many trees and shrubs swelling to the bursting point; reports of the fish biting; birds scurrying around looking for nesting material; farmers putting in long hours in field preparations — yes, there is no mistake, it's spring.

Things seem so different in the spring. Jeff and I were out-of-doors as it was becoming dark last Saturday evening and we sat and listened to the sounds floating in on the evening air, autos on the highway, tractors in the fields, but above all the evening song of the robin seeming to convey a feeling of satisfaction with the day just passed while from the nearby pond the mingling voices of many frogs, as we listened we could distinguish different voices, especially a deeper than normal tone from these "croakers".

Spring is planting time and Irwin will be planting trees and shrubs as fast as possible for several weeks. Paul Primus in Clay Township and Wade Topp in Sherman Township were the first to call saying their trees were ready for delivery from the Iowa State Nursery at Ames. With the new planter to start this season, we feel a much better job will be accomplished.

April 30 has been designated as Arbor Day, we hope many groups will observe the day by planting trees and shrubs. You, as an individual, can also do your share in this annual observanve by a planting of your own, just one tree a year per person, will make such a difference in the years to come.

Our new map is now ready for distribution. This shows the location of the county controlled outdoor recreation areas and the roads leading to each area. This map was completed by George Gethman and Larry Williams of Eldora, these men should be complimented on the very fine workmanship evidenced by this map. These maps will be made available to the public at several places within the county.

Spring is always a time of wild flowers and so many people have the urge to go to the wilderness areas to pick quantities of these beauties or dig up the plants to take home. Each year I make this plea, don't disturb this natural resource. Remember the Iowa law imposes a penalty of $100 for anyone convicted of picking flowers or removing plant life from public property. If you think this is an uncalled for law, consider what our areas would be like if each of you and your neighbors took but one plant and one handfull of flowers, what would happen to the beauty of spring?

Another point to consider in this urge to dig up and transplant these beauties of nature; can you provide the soil conditions, the humidity and the shaded, protected environment to

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Virginia's Varieties

by Virginia Stiles

Today's "Little Red Hen" tells a different story.

Once upon a time there was a little red hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "If we work together and plant this wheat, we will have some fine bread to eat. Who will help me plant the wheat?"

"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Not I," said the Goose. "Then I will," said the little Red Hen — and she did.

After the wheat started growing, the ground turned dry and there was no rain in sight. "Who will help me water the wheat?" said the Little Red Hen.

"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Not I," said the Pig. "Equal rights," said the Goose. "Then I will," said the Little Red Hen — and she did.

The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap the wheat?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Out of my classification," said the Pig. "I'd lose my ADC" said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen — and she did.

When it came time to bake the bread, "That's overtime for me," said the Cow. "I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the Duck. "I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the Pig. "If I'm the only one helping, that's discrimination," said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen — and she did.

She baked five loaves of fine bread and held them up for her neighbors to see.

"I want some," said the Cow. "I want some," said the Duck. "I want some," said the Pig. "I demand my share," said the Goose.

"No," said the Little

Iowa House

RICHARD W. WELDEN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
HARDIN COUNTY

I tried to summarize where the legislature was so far as making any headway on the problems of money and taxes the other day and it really wasn't very encouraging.

It seems to me there are four concerns in this area which demand our attention.

1. Controlling the cost of state government.

2. Taking care of the deficit.

3. Making a determination of what state taxes we might reasonably be expected to raise to return to local governments. At the same time we are considering this we should increase our efforts in plugging loopholes and exceptions in the collection of state taxes and in returning tax exempt real estate to the ax base.

4. Making a determination of what local subdivisions should get this money, how to distribute it and how to insure that it is spent properly.

As far as the first item is concerned we should expect guidance from the Appropriations Committee. If I am any judge of what that committee is doing we will get some solid hard headed recommendations from that committee which will call for rigid economy in state government.

We should have faced up to the deficit a month or more ago. The House finally made an effort a week ago and got the cold shoulder from the Senate and the Governor. Whether they come around to the same approach in the near future remains to be seen. This deficit is really a carry over from the last biennium.

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uation per pupil ratio. Under most equalization plans, we would receive little additional aid and most of the money would be returned to districts with more students and lower valuation. Any foundation plan which

At the present time it looks like we are going to push it over into the next biennium and create a demand for a greater tax increase. We should put some tax into effect immediately and pay our bills. This business of charging this years expenses to next years income is no good for anybody.

As far as the third item is concerned there are some signs that we are going to make some headway in plugging loopholes and eliminating some of the tax exempt real estate!

I had hoped we could make a determination of any tax increases independent of the distribution, but it doesn't look like we will. It is my opinion that the package approach, which we appear to be headed for, does not lead to the best legislation. We will probably wind up in the last days of the session passing something that isn't the way it should be in order to get something that we have to have.

In the meantime we keep on passing bills. This morning we passed the judicial district reorganizaton bill and the bill to develop a program to train doctor's assistants.

April Service Schedule

April 16 — Sign up for seed corn employment — 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All area seed corn companies will be represented.

April 21 — Employment Service — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

April 22 — Drivers License Examiners — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 26 — Social Security — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

April 28 — Employment Service — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

April 29 — Drivers License Examiners — 8:30O a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHOP THE ADS!

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Conservation Pays . . .

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When spring comes "bursting out all over", as it seems to this year, those of us concerned with the outdoor recreation areas of the county feel a certain amount of frustration. Our plight reminds me of a fable which was found in our third or fourth grade readers, in this story a man starts cheerfully on a trip astride his mule but because of the chiding of people he encountered and his desire to satisfy everyone's wish, he attempts the impossible task of attempting to satisfy everyone's suggestion and in the end lost everything. Our work would suffer the same sad fate if we attempted to carry on in the manner suggested by all those we attempt to serve.

Although the weather was exceedingly balmy last week, there still remained, in the timbered portions of many of our county areas, snow banks and very soft, unsettled conditions which would not allow equipment to enter to carry on the necessary work of dead tree removal or construction of any kind.

We are overwhelmed with the interest that you people are showing in our program for better use of our natural resources. Many of you realize that these precious portions, such as our Iowa River Green Belt and outdoor classrooms, are very definitely an irreplaceable resource which must be wisely used to secure the fullest amount of returns today and in the years to follow.

Continued requests for tours of some or all of our areas show public interest and price in this unique feature of of our county. Because of increased demand, we hope to offer several new services this year including guided canoe floattrips through the Iowa River Green Belt and educational tours for adults similar to the Youth Natural Resources Day which will be held later this month.

Another help to those of you who wish to visit our county areas will be a new map which is now being printed which will list all of our county areas and the roads that lead to each one. Although many of these properties are undeveloped, we ask you to remember our aim is to retain the unique qualities of nature as we find them remaining here.

Irwin and his crew will soon be starting the spring planting of shrubs and trees. Last week we received our first shipment which consisted of two varieties of autumn olive and amur maple. Also to be planted will be small demonstration plots of native grasses furnished through the courtesy of the Soil Conservation Service.

Just remember, one of our major aims is to assist you to better appreciate Hardin County out-of-doors for it is yours.

NEXT MONTH FOR IOWA FALLS-ALDEN— — —

County FFA Chapters Slate Well Water Testing Program

Iowa Falls and Alden farmers are invited to participate in a cooperative well water testing program conducted by Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters throughout the county.

"Anyone interested is asked to contact us immediately. We want to spread the work out over four weekends in May," explains Dale Moehling of the Iowa Falls High School vocational - agriculture department.

Iowa Falls farmers may contact the department at 648-3404. At Alden, farmers are asked to contact instructor Duane Brouwer at 859-3393.

TO STATE LAB

FFA members will take water samples on Fridays or Saturdays, and will mail them to the State Hygenic Laboratory to arrive for testing the first of the week.

"We'll do all the work. All they'll have to do is show us the faucet," Moehling says.

Cost of the test will be $5. Testing will be for nitrate residue and coloform traces. The fee will pay for bottles, postage and expenses of driving.

CONTACT EARLY

Arrangements for tests may be made by contacting any FFA member also, Moehling states. "The one thing we ask you to do is contact us now, so that we can plan the work," he adds.

Ackley and Eldora FFA chapters also are conducting the water testing.

Results of the testing will be sent to the Hardin County Health Board which will send the results to individual farmers to use as they wish.

"They'll know the quality of water in their well," Moehling explains.

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BACKGROUND ON PROBLEM — — —

Extensive Well Water Testing Is Aim Of Development Group

Plans for a county-wide well water testing program were discussed at a recent Hardin County Rural Development Committee Meeting.

The committee is composed of representatives of all United States Department of Agriculture employees in Hardin County, including Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Farmers Home Administration.

Dr. Lloyd Bates of Union, representing the County Board of Health, explained the board's function and discussed its role in the water testing program.

Norbert Hildebrandt, representing the Vocational Agriculture instructors, told of the Future Farmers of America plan to test well water. This will involve all FFA chapters in Hardin County. Some 4'H clubs will also be assisting in the project.

Jim Johnson, Hardin County Extension Director, gives this information that well owners should understand about water:

NITRATE-NITROGEN

Nitrate is the end product of the decomposition and final oxidation of the organic nitrogen compounds which occur abundantly in plant and animal matter and in feces and urine.

Natural nitrates may occur in soil or underground rock formations, but usually in our area in amounts not over 1 ppm. Anything over 10 ppm is considered dangerous and should not be used to prepare formulas for babies. The hazard from nitrates in the water supply is due to the possible poisoning of the infant by this substance.

Nitrates, when ingested by the infant, are changed by the bacteria present in the infants intestines to nitrites.

Nitrite is a reduced (oxygen deficient) form of nitrogen which reacts with hemaglobin in an infant's bloodstream, making it incapable of carrying oxygen. This anemic condition, known as methamoglobanemia, is serious and has been known to be fatal. It affects primarily infant and adult intestines.

Boiling of the water does not eliminate this problem but increases the concentration of nitrate by evaporation. There is no method available which is practical for the removal of nitrate from a small ground water supply.

BACTERIA

The type of bacteria that are tested for in the water are known as coliform group organisms and are found present in the intestinal tract of humans and animals. If found in the water test, this may be considered an indication of recent sewage pollution. This can be from direct contamination, soil runoff, or seepage containing these organisms.

There are sometimes harmful organisms in the intestinal tracts of animals and humans. Therefore, it is necessary to consider all fecal coliform organisms as an indication of dangerous contamination. These bacteria may be removed by chlorination, but further tests should be done to find out if there is a constant source of contamination.

IRON

Iron is commonly found in the ground waters of Iowa. When iron-bearing water is first drawn from the well, it is usually clear and has little color. Upon exposure of the water to the air, sometimes in less than an hour, a murky brown color develops, and upon standing, a reddish-brown precipitate collects in the bottom of the container.

The iron is in solution when water is underground, and after contact with the air, it is precipitated as ferric hydroxide.

Iron in excessive quantities in water is frequently the cause of disagreeable tastes and odors. Such water will stain porcelain plumbing fixtures and is unsatisfactory for cooking and laundry. This type of mineral iron can be removed from the water by means of oxidation - filtration or the ion-exchange process presently used by commercial water softening units.

There is no information available to indicate that iron in the quantities ordinarily found in the waters in Iowa is injurious to health. Iron-bearing waters frequently contain "iron" or "mineral" bacteria. This group of organisms is distinguished from other filamentous bacteria by the thick gelatinous envelope that surrounds the individual cell. These bacteria have the ability to precipitate iron from iron-bearing waters. The moss-like growth of these organisms may develop obstructions in pipes, and cause "red water" and tastes and odors in the water. This growth can often be destroyed or inhibited by chlorinating the water in the well or in the water supply system.

HARDNESS

This means that the water requires excessive amounts of soap to form a lather or that much incrustation forms on a vessel of water which stands or is heated. This condition is due to the presence of calcium and magnesium and sometimes iron and aluminum. Both calcium and magnesium are easily removed by an ion-exchange system, more commonly called a softening system.

Hardness can be an economic problem in wastage of soap and incrustation inside water heaters and home heating systems Boiler scale). In areas where extreme hardness (150 ppm. or more) is found, it is more economical to either purchase or rent a softening system.

Calcium and magnesium are minerals which make their way into the water supply due to the dissolving action of water on the limestone formations in which the water is stored (limestone being composed primarily of highly soluble Calcium Carbonate ($CaCO_3$) and Magnesium Carbonate ($MgCO_3$).

Workshop Tells Operation Of Hardin County Program

Marshall, Poweshiek, Tama and Hardin counties were represented at a four-county meeting in Marshalltown April 7 at which three Hardin county people explained development of the Homemaker Health Aide Service.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gethman, welfare worker, Mrs. Jane Faust, director of homemaker service, and Hardin County Nurse Mrs. Hester Elerding were present at the invitation of the participating counties.

Hardin county is listed as second in the state in the number of Homemaker Health Aide service hours given.

Other counties are interested in finding out about the Hardin county service which is unique because it provides both the homemaking service and the nursing service.

Some counties have a visiting nurse service, others the homemaking service.

Experience has shown that a high percentage of the elderly have health problems and Hardin county tries to meet both needs.

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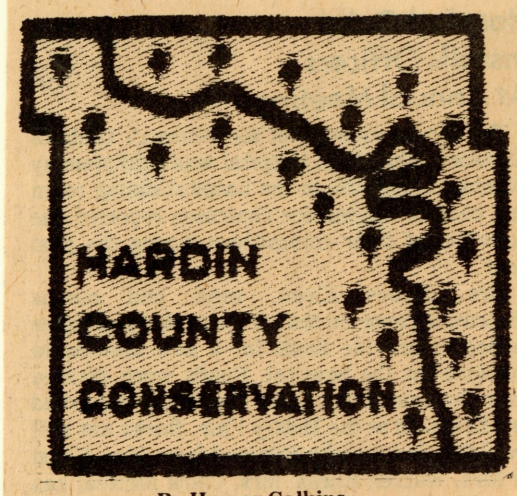
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When spring comes "burstin' out all over", as it seems to this year, those of us concerned with the outdoor recreation areas of the county feel a certain amount of frustration.

Our plight reminds me of a fable found in our third or fourth grade readers. In this story, a man starts cheerfully on a trip astride his mule but because of the chiding of people he encounters and his desire to satisfy everyone's wish, he attempts the impossible task of attempting to satisfy everyone's suggestion and in the end lost everything. Our work would suffer the same sad fate if we attempted to carry on in the manner suggested by all those we attempt to serve.

Although the weather was exceedingly balmy last week, there still remained, in the timbered portions of many of our county areas, snow banks and very soft, unsettled conditions which would not allow equipment to enter to carry on the necessary work of dead tree removal or construction of any kind.

We are overwhelmed with the interest that you people are showing in our program for better use of our natural resources. Many of you realize that these precious portions, such as our Iowa River Green Belt and outdoor classrooms, are very definitely an irreplaceable resource which must be wisely used to secure the fullest amount of returns today and in the years to follow.

Continued requests for tours of some or all of our areas show public interest and pride in this unique feature of our county. Because of increased demand, we hope to offer several new services this year including guided canoe float trips through the Iowa River Green Belt and educational tours for adults similiar to the Youth Natural Resources Day which will be held later this month.

Another help to those of you who wish to visit our county areas will be a new map which is now being printed which will list all of our county areas and the roads that lead to each one. Although many of these properties are underdeveloped, we ask you to remember our aim is to retain the unique qualities of nature as we find them remaining here.

Irwin and his crew will soon be starting the spring planting of shrubs and trees. Last week we received our first shipment which consisted of two varieties of autumn olive and amur maple. Also to be planted will be small demonstration plots of native grasses furnished through the courtesy of the Soil Conservation Service.

Just remember, one of our major aims is to assist you to better appreciate Hardin county out-of-doors for it is yours.

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Reveal Future Watershed Needs in Pine Lake Report

Results of the Pine Lake Watershed Inventory were reported by Hardin and Grundy county soil conservation district officials to the Iowa Conservation Commission in a special meeting held in November, 1970.

Primary goals of the inventory are to: 1) save the farm land from eroding away its topsoil and chemicals and 2) save the two Pine Lakes from chemical pollution and siltation.

Pine Lake Watershed Inventory produced revealing facts, including information that the watershed encompasses approximately 10,000 acres and of this total area, 80 percent of the land is farmed intensively to corn and soybeans.

Presently, there are 1,200 cropland acres protected by terraces and other soil-saving devices. The study shows that 160 miles of grass backslope terraces would be needed, ten earth water control structures and six concrete grade stabilization structures to finish the job.

Estimated cost of totally protecting our lakes and repairing the farm land around them would be $842,188.

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Landfill Group To Organize Again April 20

A 15-man committee was appointed by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors to continue work in establishing and working out preliminary plans for a sanitary landfill site in the county.

The committee will include six members appointed at large, six members representing the municipalities and the board of supervisors. The committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 20, at the city hall in Eldora. Dick Ritter was appointed to represent the city of Eldora.

Representatives from the municipalities will be appointed from the Hubbard-Radcliffe area, Whitten-Union-New Providence area, Alden-Buckeye area, Iowa Falls, Ackley and Owasa-Steamboat Rock area.

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Deadline Fri. For 1971 Feed Grain Program

Carrol W. White, chairman of Hardin County ASC Committee reminds farmers in Hardin county that Friday, April 9 is the last date framers can sign up to participate in the 1971 Feed Grain Program.

Many new farmers are signing for the first time, White states. "We now have over 80 percent signed up, but we should have 95 percent or better when the final count is made," he said.

White said although a farmer may have requested measuring service, he must sign up by Friday. Reporters may not be able to measure the farm by the final sign-up date. Measuring service then can be completed later.

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Hardin FFA Members Schedule Well Water Sampling Program

A well-water sampling program is being conducted under the auspices of the Hardin County Board of Health with the cooperation of Future Farmers of America members in five chapters in Hardin county.

The FFA boys will receive complete instructions on how to properly take a water sample to be tested by the State Hygienic Laboratory in Iowa City.

Well-water samples will be testd for bacterial analysis. Each of the two tests cost $2 or a combined cost for just testing of $4. An additional dollar is being charged for having an FFA member properly take the well water sample and send it in for the farmer, which would be a total cost of $5 for well water sample collecting and testing.

Any farmer wishing to take his own well water sample or have an FFA member take the sample for him is requested to contact Norbert Hildebrandt or Dean Bartelt in this area who are vocational agriculture instructors from Eldora and New Providence respectively.

Tentative plans call for taking the well samples on Friday, April 16. Therefore, farmers are requested to notify the vocational agriculture instructors of FFA members in their area well ahead of this time. This will give the FFA members time to make plans for sample collecting.

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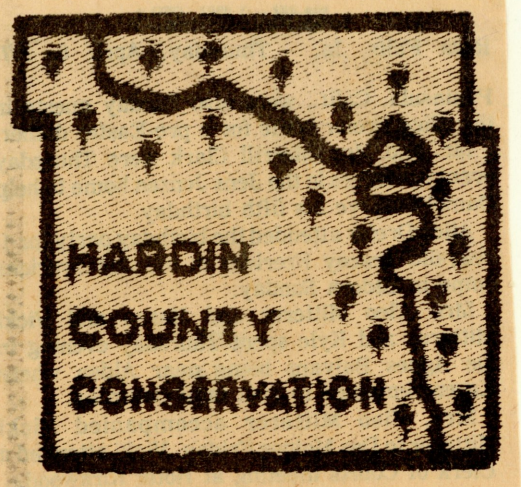
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Remind Co. Artists About Conservation Art Show April 25

Hardin county artists are reminded this week of the 1971 Hardin County Conservation Art Show at the Hubbard Community Club (Golf course) Sunday, April 25 from 1 to 5 p.m.

No pre-registration of entries is required by the artist. However, entries must be delivered Saturday morning, April 24. Closed judging will take place Saturday afternoon. Some of the entries will be selected for the traveling tour at Hardin county banks for the next several months.

The show is being coordinated by the Hubbard Paint and Palette Dabblers Club, and is an annual event sponsored by the Hardin County Conservation District.

Pony Express Ride Sat. For Handicapped

"We ride so children can walk", is the theme the Pine Lake Saddle Club has chosen for its ride for crippled children Saturday, April 10.

Twelve riders will make the ride beginning at Steamboat Rock. The Steamboat Rock Girl Scouts will collect for crippled children prior to April 10 and meet the riders at the Steamboat Rock bank at 7:30 a.m. to donate their collections to begin the drive.

Meeting the group in Eldora will be the Eldora Jaycees and the Eldora Girl Scouts, who plan to sell Easter lilies on Good Friday for the fund. They expect to be in Eldora on the courthouse square about 8:15 a.m. Saturday.

The riders will then head west on highway 175 and south through Lawn Hill to New Providence, where they will make their collections from the cafe, grocery store and bank.

Their ride will take them back north near Lawn Hill and west on the blacktop to Hubbard, which they will ride through without collecting.

They will ride westward to Radcliffe, where they will join the Levi and Lace Saddle Club at 9:30 a.m. and continue to Des Moines and Camp Sunnyside, hopefully arriving about 3:30 p.m. They will donate their contributions to the crippled children's fund with money collected in Hardin county being used for handicapped children from Hardin county attending Camp Sunnyside.

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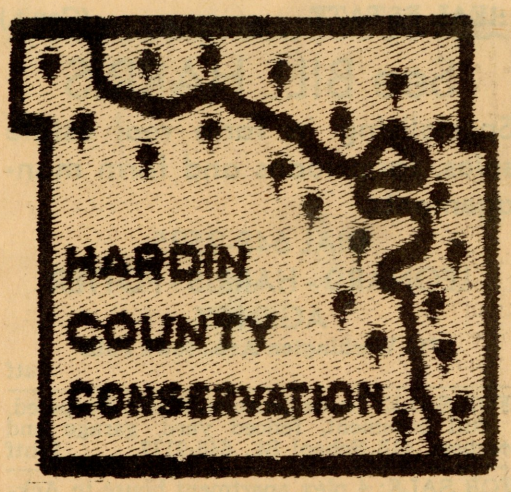
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3-71 Hubbard Review

Art Show

The Third Annual Soil Conservation Art Contest will be held at the Hubbard Community Club (at the Golf Course) on April 24-th-25th with Open House for the public on Sunday afternoon, April 25th, 1-5 pm.

Art rules and entry blanks will be available soon from any Hardin County bank or school. There will be three different divisions. Grades 1-6 Posters only; Jr. High and High School and adult. The categories are: acrylic or oil/ watercolor; sketches/ graphic/ pastels; and collage or dimensional. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Themes will be based on ecology, pollution, wildlife, forestry, recreation, man's use of his environment which includes many facets and are explained more thoroughly in the entry blanks.

So get busy artists and we can have one of the finest shows in central Iowa for 1971!

Sponsored by: The Hardin County Soil Conservation Office and coordinated by: The Paint and Palette Dabblers art club of Hubbard.

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With the Girls State Basketball Tournament completed, we know it won't be long until spring weather comes. Already there are many changes in our out-of-doors.

The cardinal and blue jay have really started calling, the male cardinals are setting forth their territories for the coming year and their insistent whistles bring response from the females as they dart from cover to cover. I observed several in the Ira Nichols Area last week and it was very evident that the males were feeling the coming of spring and were showing off for everyone concerned.

The bluejays are still banded together in small groups and remind me of boisterous school boys traveling around looking for something to do while pausing quite often to shout back and forth or to join together to chatter and talk things over.

Often in early spring, we are surprised by a glimpse of bird life which we do not expect. Mrs. Dallas Walsh had the unexpected pleasure of catching a picture of six goldfinch in their winter coats as they came to her bird feeder. Several other people have told of seeing robins about their homes. With the geese moving into southern Iowa, it won't be long until they will be working up this way as they follow the melting ice and snow.

Yes, as Jerry Price remarked last week, some people claim to have no interest in our outdoor life, yet spring finds everyone reacting to the change, the sight of returning birds and the appearance of spring flowers is a tonic to everyone.

The National Wildlife Federation is proud of their efforts, throughout the years, in promoting programs directing attention to our out-of-doors and the mistreatment it has received in the past. Each spring the observance of National Wildlife Week focuses public attention on our native animals pointing out the part they play in our world society, the theme of this year's observance, "Wildlife: Who needs it?", should wake us up to this realization. If each of us would but pause and give a little thought to this question, I feel we might well come up with hundreds of answers which but points out that we all feel, in our own way, the need for wildlife.

With spring plans well underway, I should like to encourage each of you to consider the planting of some tree or shrub to insure a fresh, beautiful Hardin County tomorrow. We are always ready to help with any planning needed and Irwin Burns will be able to give suggestions and facts for most local planting needs.

This week marks the closing of a career that has meant much to the outdoor recreation program in Iowa. H. W. (Benny) Freed has retired from his position as Director of County Conservation Activities. We are thankful for his efforts which helped direct the development of this system in Hardin County.

Spring weather always seems to give such a lift to everyone's spirits, all thoughts are geared 'to the out-of-doors. We all look forward to the change from winter clothing and to the warmth and clean new growth of vegetation throughout the countryside.

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Changes do take place in our animal wildlife, too. Last week while visiting with Harold Luiken, he told of the changes that occurred since he did considerable hunting as a young man in the 1920s. Rabbits were to be found in nearly every locality, then, but today it is an event to see a jack rabbit and considerable tramping is often necessary to locate many cotton tails. Foxes and coyote were a rarity but in late years fox have been quite numerous and we have reports of coyote in several sections of our county.

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Are we going to keep our wildlife? That is up to you and me, are we going to do our part? Are we going to become so absorbed in our so called progress that we completely destroy the habitat which must be available for their existence, not realizing that we have lost until they are gone?

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By Homer Calkins. . .

Spring weather always seems to give such a lift to everyone's spirits, all thoughts are geared to the out-of-doors. We all look forward to the change from winter clothing and to the warmth and clean new growth of vegetation throughout the countryside.

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Discuss Plans For Well Water Test Program

Plans for a county-wide well water testing program were discussed at a recent Hardin County Rural Development Committee meeting in Eldora.

The RD committee is composed of representatives of all United States Department of Agriculture employees in Hardin County, including extension service, soil conservation service, agricultural stabilization and conservation service and Farmers Home Administration.

Dr. Lloyd Bates of Union, representing the county board of health, explained the board's function and discussed its role in the water testing program.

Norbert Hildebrandt, representing the vocational agriculture instructors, told of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) plan to test well water. The project will involve all FFA chapters in Hardin county. Some 4-H clubs will also be assisting in the project.

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Eldora Betterment Council Sets Organizational Mtg.

An organizational meeting for the Eldora Area Community Betterment Council is set for Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the First National Bank, Eldora.

The meeting will be open to the public with special invitations extended to representatives of organizations within the area. Business will include adoption of by-laws, selection of the organization's official name, naming of a board of directors and a general discussion of community-wide betterment programs.

Plans for the organizational meeting were announced following a meeting of a temporary steering committee Monday noon. Attending the meeting were Dr. C. G. Gould, Harold Dettbarn, Fred Tully, Jim Sween, Jim Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Allbee. Orville Lamb, Mrs. Donald Wilson, Ray Anderson, Dave Brown and Al Schafer.

It was emphasized during the meeting that both city and rural organizations within the area should be asked to cooperate in the program.

It was suggested that a seven-member board of directors be composed of the following committee chairmen: planning, projects, publicity, manpower, mayor's office, resources and scrapbook.

The local betterment council will be competing for prize money totaling $4,000 in the first annual Iowa Community Betterment Program.

The program, being coordinated by the Division of Municipal Affairs, State Office for Planning and Programming, is designed to provide the incentive for the stimulation of citizen interest in the improvement of all aspects of their community. Iowa business and industry is providing funds for cash prizes and awards.

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as not "just another organization", but a planning and coordinating body representing all established clubs, groups, fraternal organizations, agencies and institutions as well as the local governing body and unaffiliated interested citizens. It was explained that the first indication of a council's success will be the singleness of purpose developed by bringing together leaders of all community groups in a program that contributes to better living for all.

The program is divided into six population categories: 1. Under 500; II. 501 - 1,500; III. 1,501 - 5,000; IV. 5,001 - 10,000; V. 10,001 - 25,000; and VI. Over 25,000.

First prize of $500, second prize of $300 and third prize of $200 will be awarded in each of the first four population sizes under the agreement that it be used for community improvement. Achievement awards will also be given to the three runners-up in each size category, and special awards will be given for the best single projects and leadership.

The Iowa Community Betterment Program is formulated to provide incentive to Iowa communities through annual competition for cash prizes and achievement awards. Projects may be of two general types, study project and action projects, and many include the following:

A. Beautification activities;

B. Improvement of recreational programs and facilities;

C. Governmental improvements (planning, capital improvement programming, zoning, water, sewage and drainage systems, streets, roads, etc.);

D. Improvement in educational, religious and cultural (music, art, literary) programs;

E. Industrial, commercial and agricultural development;

F. Tourism or special events development;

G. Coordination of community activities.

Projects of both long and short range nature will be eligible, but only the portion of a long-term project completed within the contest year, November, 15, 1970, to November 1, 1971, will be considered in the annual competition.

Entries will be judged by impartial professionals in the field of community development. The winners will be announced at an annual awards banquet and community development seminar shortly after the close of the contest year.

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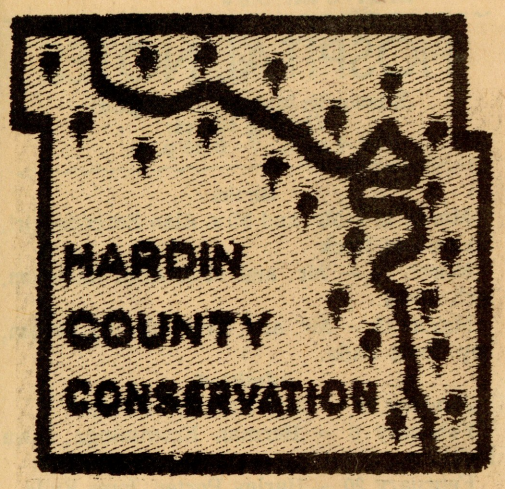
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By HOMER CALKINS. . .

The week of March 21-27 has special significance this year for it not only is the first day of Spring by has also been designated as "National Wildlife Week."

There are so many ways that we can give an assist to our wildlife every season of the year. Now, with the winter nearly gone, the food for our resident birds is also nearly gone and it is extremely important to keep feed in the bird feeders and suet available. During the past weekend I noticed how many birds came to our feeders, chickadees, Junco, hairy and downy woodpeckers, nuthatch and red bellied woodpecker.

Nest boxes are always needed, every year more of the den trees which are used by both birds and animals are being cut down. Care should be taken in making these nest boxes to use the correct dimensions for each specie. Placement is always very important, too, be it for wood ducks or little jenny wren, be sure it is where birds will want to nest.

Sheriff Lowell McCormick visited with me last week about wildlife plantings. Many of you may not know that he has one of the older established wildlife plantings in the county. All types of wildlife use this area and find food and shelter there the year around. Lowell said he has more area to be planted and asked that it be included in the spring plan. Continued interest such as this guarantees the future of wildlife in our county.

During the next two weeks I will be distributing more of the material for National Wildlife Week. Everyone seems so interested in this year's program for it emphasizes the many important features which must be recognized and included in maintaining our wildlife population in balance.

Interest continues to build up for spring tours through the various county controlled outdoor recreation areas. Some wish to have a guided tour of parks and picnic areas while others have special interest in the outdoor classroom project which we are developing.

Wind damage has been rather heavy in the Ira Nichols Area with some trees falling upon the fence. Irwin expects to start clean-up as soon as the weather will permit, we also hope to install additional footpaths to allow passage into other parts of the area. Our plan now calls for this area to be opened on Sunday afternoons when the weather permits.

With the Girls State Basketball Tournament completed, we know it won't be long until spring weather comes. Already there are many changes in our out-of-doors.

The cardinal and the blue jay have really started calling. The male cardinals are setting forth their territories for the coming year. Their insistent whistles bring response from the females as they dart from cover to cover. I observed several in the Ira Nichols Area last week and it was very evident that the males were feeling the coming of spring and were showing off for everyone concerned.

The bluejays are still banded together in small groups and remind me of boisterous school boys traveling around looking for something to do while pausing quite often to shout back and forth or to join together to chatter and talk things over.

Often in early spring, we are surprised by a glimpse of bird life which we do not expect. Mrs. Dallas Walsh had the unexpected pleasure of catching a picture of six goldfinch in their winter coats as they came to her bird feeder. Several people have told of seeing robins about their homes. With the geese moving into southern Iowa, it won't be long until they will be working up this way as they follow the melting ice and snow.

Yes, as Jerry Price remarked last week, some people claim to have no interest in our outdoor life, yet spring finds everyone reacting to the change, the sight of returning birds and the appearance of spring flowers is a tonic to everyone.

The National Wildlife Federation is proud of their efforts, throughout the years, in promoting programs directing attention to our out-of-doors and the mistreatment it has received in the past. Each spring the observance of "National Wildlife Week" focuses public attention on our native animals pointing out the part they play in our world society, the theme of this year's observance, "Wildlife: Who needs it?," should wake us up to this realization. If each of us would but pause and give a little thought to this question, I feel we might well come up with hundreds of answers which but points out that we all feel, in our way, the need for wildlife.

With spring plans well under way, I should like to encourage each of you to consider the planting of some tree or shrub to insure a fresh, beautiful Hardin county tomorrow. We are always ready to help with any planning needed and Irwin Burns will be able to give suggestions and facts for most local planting needs.

This week marks the closing of a career that has meant much to the outdoor recreation program in Iowa. H. W. (Benny) Freed has retired from his position as state director of county conservation activities. We are thankful for his efforts which helped direct the development of this system in Hardin county.

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Iowa Conservation Officials Here On PL Event Plans

Three representatives from the Iowa Conservation Commission office in Des Moines met with members of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee in Eldora Friday to finalize plans for the golden anniversary celebration of Pine Lake State Park.

The Commission, which is one of the assisting organizations planning the celebration scheduled Sunday, May 23, will handle state-wide publicity prior to the event, emphasizing the fact that Lower Pine Lake is the oldest artificial state-owned park in Iowa.

Other assisting organizations for the event include the Hardin County Conservation Board, Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club, Hardin Soil Conservation District, Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Isaak Walton League, Kiwanis, Jaycee and Rotary Clubs of Eldora and the Hardin County Extension Service.

Serving as members of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, a division of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce are Harold Dettbarn, Curtis Daggs, Harold Putnam, Virginia Stiles and Jim Shea.

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Propose County Farm As Possible Landfill Site

The county farm northwest of Eldora was mentioned as a possible site for a county-wide sanitary landfill site at a meeting of the Hardin County Solid Waste Disposal Committee Monday night in the Eldora city hall.

Before actual planning starts on a site, the committee made arrangements to become a legal body. Dr. Lloyd Bates of Union, chairman of the group, read parts of a letter from the state attorney general's office supporting such an organization as legal under Iowa regulations.

The Board of Supervisors were instructed to work with the county attorney on a resolution establishing the landfill organization. Once the committee is legal, actual planning is to begin on a landfill site.

Bates also reported on a trip several of the committee members took to view the landfill site in Boone county.

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State Conservation Officials, PL Group Meet Friday

Representatives from the Iowa Conservation Commission in Des Moines are scheduled to meet with members of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, division of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce Friday, March 12.

Purpose of the joint meeting is to coordinate plans for the forthcoming golden anniversary celebration of Pine Lake State Park.

The Commission officials will check parking facilities for the event at the park as well as handle state-wide publicity about the affair prior to the celebration.

The observance, scheduled for Sunday, May 23, is a cooperative effort of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, assisted by the Iowa Conservation Commission, Hardin County Conservation Board, Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club, Hardin Soil Conservation District, Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Eldora Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and Hardin County Extension Service.

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Review Hardin County History

At the March meeting of the Hardin County Historical Society Monday, two reports of county historical background were presented.

Gerald Dreier of rural Hubbard gave a summary of the history of Point Pleasant, once a town of 300 people, and the first county seat of Hardin County.

Wilson Hadley of New Providence gave information about a history of the Old Settlers organization, once incorporated, which existed from 1884 until 1957, at which time it became non-existent.

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Anti-Pollution Is Aim Of REAP Agriculture

Anti-pollution and other environmental benefits have been stressed in the development of the Hardin County Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) for 1971, according to Carrol W. White, Hardin ASC chairman.

"REAP formerly was ACP — the Agricultural Conservation Program — which has been in operation in the county for many years," White noted. "The name change is the key to the program change. Long-range preservation of the environment and more public benefits are being emphasized."

"Lower priority is being placed on conservation practices which are production oriented or which provide only temporary benefits," he said.

"In considering applications by farmers, as individuals or in groups, the County ASC Committee will give first priority to those which will best improve the community environment and provide the most public benefits," White said.

Encouragement will be given to such farmland conservation measures as dams and ponds, permanent grass cover, sod waterways, buffer strips, and tree plantings, all of which help retain and slow down water and reduce siltation as the water moves downstream. Practices which help reduce pollution from animal wastes, fertilizers and pesticides also will be encouraged.

REAP will continue to be administered by the Hardin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee. Carrol W. White is chairman of this farmer elected ASC Committee, with Robert J. Willems as vice-chairman and Robert J. Hoffman as member.

Most cost-sharing is on a 50-50 basis between farmers and the government. However, the government will assume a greater portion of the cost for certain practices carried out in special projects or by low-income farmers.

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The ASC committee chairman said every attempt is being made to help farmers and the general public understand how the new Rural Environmental Assistance Program can best serve Hardin county.

"This is a continuing program with an annual allocation of funds," he said. "We plan to invite more community participation in planning and carrying out farmland conservation practices under REAP which can provide long-term benefits to the entire community — such benefits as cleaner water and air, better recreation, green open spaces to help beautify the county, better habitat for wildlife. REAP is an agricultural conservation program for the benefit of everyone, and everyone can be involved in REAP progress." The 1971 allocation for Hardin county is $55,000, a reduction of $19,000 from 1970.

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Ia. River Basin Study Group Meets In Eldora

State Soil Conservation Service watershed planning committee outlined steps for completing the five-year Iowa-Cedar Rivers Basin study at a meeting held Wednesday in the community room of First National Bank in Eldora.

Resource inventory data will soon be collected and assembled for Hardin County, according to district conservationist Dick Bassett.

Study objective, as stated by the USDA planning group, is to prepare a plan which will help the coordinated and orderly conservation, development, utilization and management of water, land and related resources in the the Iowa River Valley.

One important aspect of the study will be to improve the agricultural economy in the 8,200,000-acre basin which extends from southern Minnesota to the Mississippi River road north of Burlington. Flood control, water storage and recreation facilities will also get high priority in the state and federal plans.

A total of 23 conservationists from several adjoining counties attended the planning session in Eldora.

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Conservation Pays . . .

by Homer Calkins,
Executive Officer
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Every storm that we have brings more of a realization of the importance of trees. The two storms we have had, since the first of the year, gave a good demonstration. While the wind blew the snow in sheets across the bare country-side to build huge drifts, behind the protection of natural timbered area the force of the wind was broken and the snow's distribution was even and didn't present the problems to man or the danger to wildlife.

The members of the Hardin County Conservation Board and personnel of the work force are continually learning more and more of the balance which was planned and carried out by nature to protect the earth and its natural resources which are so necessary for survival.

Timber management, including replanting, is one part of a continuing conservation program that this group hopes to carry on from year to year. As we go into spring, new planning has been made in timber management which has never been carried on in our programming — that is selective cutting.

District Forester Robert Carpenter of Charles City has spent several days in our county controlled areas assisting with a forest management program One of the first things Mr. Carpenter said, which impressed me very much, was "Remember, there are conservationists and there are preservationists." He then pointed out to us that not to cut mature, diseased or weed trees was to be a preservationist, saving everything. A conservationist would carry on a management program to guarantee the future of the timber. Our preservationist attitude is beginning to ruin our timber lands, we are depriving our areas of the necessary development of young trees by leaving the old mature trees stand and so shade the areas that young replacement trees are unable to grow as they should. At our request, Mr. Carpenter has marked the trees that should be removed and we have made arrangements for those to be harvested.

Work Unit Conservationist Dick Bassett was formerly with the Federal Forestry Service and he was quick to realize the advantage of carrying on this timber management plan. He pointed out that much of our timber land did not provide good wildlife habitat for there wasn't enough shrubs and browse for deer and only the edges of these timbers are used extensively by wildlife.

Another part of timber management is the replacement of trees, this we have carried on for several years but have never felt that it was successful. One problem has been that the planter which has been used is not a tree planter but a tobacco transplanter which does not have the capacity to handle trees and in many instances the survival rate of these have been very low. The Hardin County Conservation Board, at their last regular meeting, voted to buy a new tree planter which will handle the seedlings which are generally

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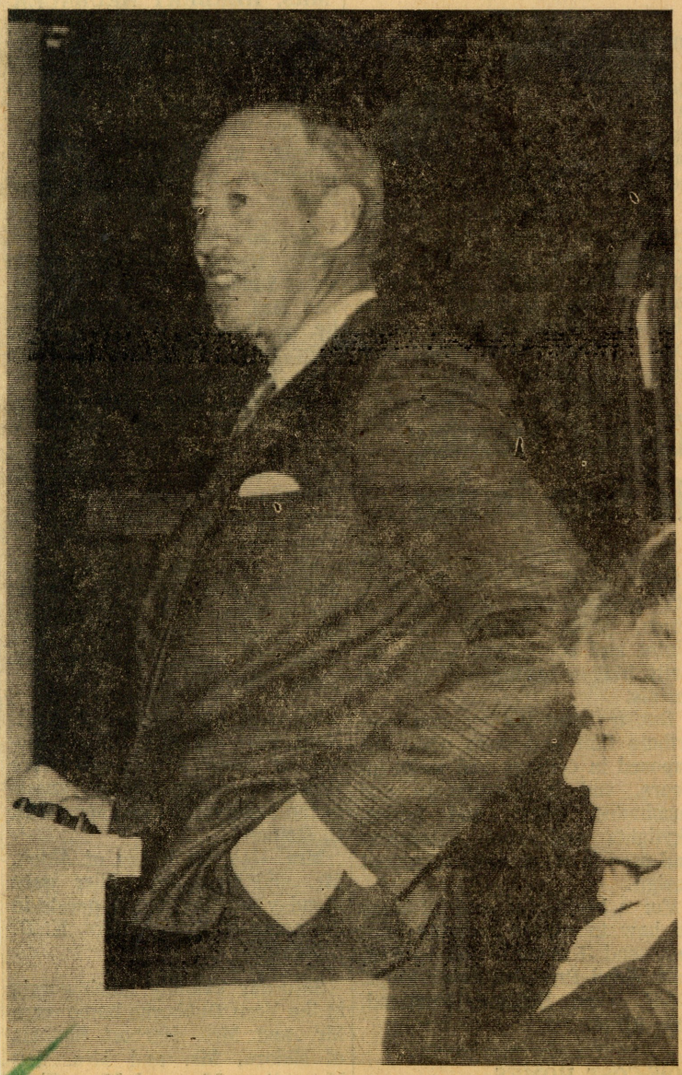
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Dr. Bates Speaks, Awards Given At NP FFA Banquet

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Dr. Lloyd Bates, Union veterinarian, (photo at left) was guest speaker for the annual New Providence Future Farmers of America (FFA) parent-son banquet held Friday in the community room of the south Hardin community School. Jim Faris (photo at right) president of the Rising Sons chapter of the FFA, served as master of ceremonies for the event. John Elerding was Creed Speaker and the invocation was offered by Mark Bradley. Faris introduced members of the school board and high school faculty who were special guests for the meal. Tom Hohl provided the welcome from the sons and Dallas Williams the response from the parents. An instrumental musical number was provided by Robert Winter, Randi Williams, Charles Lawler, John Elerding, Bill Sparks, Marvin Williams, Kim Faris, Bill Minteer, Kent Wright, Rex Lawler, Mark Bradley and Myron Youngman. Kim Faris was presented the Star Greenhand Award during the awards program from Charles Lawler and Marvin Williams. Dr. Bates' talk climaxed the evening's program.

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Municipalities Re-Elect Gould; Discuss Civil Defense, Ambulances

Dr. C. G. Gould, Eldora mayor, has been re-elected president of the Hardin County League of Municipalities.

Also re-elected were Maynard Chance of New Providence, vice president, and Eugene Setchell of Eldora, secretary. The three have served in office since formation of the league in February, 1970.

The election was held during a joint meeting of the Hardin County League of Municipalities and Hardin County - Municipal Joint Civil Defense Agency at Iowa Falls. In addition to the election, a major topic of discussion was the county-wide civil defense program.

Ackley Mayor Elmer Younker was named head of the Civil Defense Agency, succeeding Iowa Falls Mayor Earle Fitz, who asked to be replaced for health reasons. Alden Mayor Carl Kienol was named vice chairman of the civil defense board, which is composed of Sheriff Lowell McCormick, Supervisor J. C. Whitehead of New Providence and either the mayor or appointed representative from each municipality in the county. The Eldora city representative is councilman Orville Gatton.

It was announced that Don Patton of Mason City, who has served Hardin county as part-time Civil Defense Director since 1969, will be resigning his local post in the near future to devote additional time in his Civil Defense duties in Cerro Gordo and Franklin counties.

SEEK GRUNDY CENTER

Thus, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors are presently investigating the possibility of joining with Grundy county in a two-county civil defense program. Grundy disbanded civil defense efforts following resignation of its director a couple of years ago. If the two counties do combine their efforts, a full-time director would likely direct the joint civil defense program.

As Hardin County Operations Officer, Setchell presently shoulders a major portion of civil defense responsibilities in the county.

SEEK 25c ASSESSMENT

During its meeting, the Civil Defense Agency recommended that the present 10 cent per capita assessment for civil defense operations in the county be increased to 25 cents per person. This assessment is paid by municipalities for all town and city residents and by the board of supervisors for rural inhabitants.

All town councils in the county will now vote on the recommended increase for residents of their communities with the board of supervisors to decide for their rural constituents.

Dr. Gould reported following the meeting that increased civil defense funding is necessary in order for the county to undertake any "action programs". The present budget, Gould added, barely covers organizational expenses.

Revenue raised throughout the county for civil defense is matched by federal funds. Thus, on the basis of 1970 census figures which showed Hardin county population at 22,248, the 10 cent per capita assessment raised $2,224. When matched by federal funds, the total county-wide civil defense budget reached $4,448.

INCREASE TO $11,124

If increased to 25 cents per person, the county share of $5,-562 when matched by federal funds would increase the total budget to $11,124.

The Eldora city council, during its regular meeting last week, voted in favor of the increased 25 cent assessment providing that other towns in the county and the board of supervisors support the increase.

In addition to matching operational funds from the federal government, both city and county governments are eligible to receive federal assistance to cover losses during natural disasters. For example, damaging flood waters in 1969 resulted in thousands of dollars in federal funds for Hardin county and the cities of Eldora, Ackley and Alden.

DISCUSS AMBULANCES

Also discussed during the League of Municipalities meeting was the need for upgrading ambulance equipment and personnel training. It was proposed during the meeting that the Board of Supervisors establish minimum standards in regards to equipment available in ambulances serving the county. Specifically, it was noted that not all ambulances are equipped with resuscitators.

Following discussion, it was recommended that all ambulance operators be urged to upgrade their equipment on a voluntary basis. If, however, this proves unsatisfactory, the Board of Supervisors will be encouraged to establish minimum standards in conjunction with the issuance of subsidies for ambulance operations in the county.

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CURRENT COMMENT

BY the STAFF

From the mouths of babes, it is said come some of the most worthwhile words. We have a perfect example of this in a poem prepared by Jan Hirt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hirt of Eldora, a student in the Eldora Community elementary school, whose third grade teacher is Mrs. Karen Black. Following is the conservation poem prepared by Miss Hirt:

I am a . . .

I am a rocket burning up gas,
All of a sudden I gave a blast.
Up I went in the air
With all the smoke polluting the air.

I am a trash can,
With out any trash.
Because the inconsiderate man,
Throws his trash on the grass,

I am an unhappy fish,
I do not like all the pollution.
To stop the chemicals is my wish,

Will someone please think of a solution.

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Acquire Teachers For Resource Day Project April 23

Planning committee for the first "Youth Natural Resource Day" for Hardin county sixth graders, scheduled Friday, April 23, have begun to acquire teachers for the day long session.

Three outdoor class sites will be used for the natural resource project which is being held in conjunction with National Wildlife week.

Eldora and Steamboat Rock students will hold sessions at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club; Ackley-Geneva, Alden-Popejoy and Iowa Falls students will meet at the Farris Wilderness and students from Union-Whitten, Hubbard, New Providence and Radcliffe will hold classes at Reece Memorial Park near New Providence.

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IN COUNTY CONSERVATION AREAS — — —

Hardin Students Will Take Part In Natural Resource Day

Sixth graders of the Iowa Falls schools will be participating in a "Youth Natural Resource Day" April 23 which is sponsored by the Hardin County Soil Conservation District and the Hardin County Conservation Board.

A county-wide committee is formulating plans. Kermith Huehn, county superintendent of schools, serves as chairman. Committee chairmen include Bill Schmidt, curriculum; Homer Calkins, material for distribution; Jim Johnson, instructors; Jerry Price, assistants; Mrs. Betty McDowell, publicity and Irwin Burns, preparation of class sites.

The Farris Wilderness (County Conservation Board headquarters) will be the site for Iowa Falls, Ackley-Geneva, and Alden-Popejoy students. Eldora and Steamboat Rock students will meet at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club while Reece Memorial Park near New Providence will serve students of Union-Whitten, Hubbard, New Providence and Radcliffe.

Five basic resource subjects will be air, land, water, plants and animals. Ecology and environmental pollution will be discussed as part of each category. Classes will be 45-minutes each and will continue throughout the day. Each student will attend all five sessions.

Registration will begin the day's activities at 8:30 a.m. with sessions ending at 2:30 p.m. Students will bring a sack lunch for noontime.

Each school district will furnish transportation for the students and teachers to the classroom sites.

Contributing groups for the day are the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. Soil Conservation Service, Hardin County Rural Development Committee, Hardin County Izaak Walton League, Hardin County Extension Service.

A rain date has been set for Tuesday, April 27.

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Conservation Pays . . .

by Homer Calkins,

Executive Officer
Hardin County
Conservation Board

Each spring we are asked to suggest trees and shrubs which are especially adaptable for wildlife and to provide screening or background effect. I will describe some of the shrubs that are available.

Cardinal variety autumn olive is one of the newer shrubs to be recommended for this locality. Growing to fifteen feet in a spreading manner, it provides excellent nesting facilities for songbirds. The foliage is gray green and the small fragrant, yellowish bloom of May and June turns into an abundance of red speckled fruit which will remain on the limbs from September through February being used for food by twenty-five varieties of birds. It is adapted to most soil conditions and is winter hardy.

Silky dogwood grows to about ten feet and is a most decorative shrub the year around with green summer foliage turning purple in the fall, flat clusters of white spring flowers which develop into clusters of blue fruit providing food for wildlife in August and September. Winter finds this shrub outstanding with its reddish-purple stems.

Tartarian honeysuckle is one of the old stand-by larger shrubs which has been used for years for screen plantings, wildlife habitat and general cover plantings. Reaching a height of twenty or more feet it produces white, pink or yellow blossoms which are followed by bright red fruit which remains on the stems all winter. It is a very adaptable plant growing in most soil types in either sun or shade. The berries of this shrub are eaten by many birds and I have observed winter resident robins feeding on them until Christmas and on occasion have watched squirrels hanging on the slender limbs eating the berries.

Ninebark is one of our native shrubs which provides unequalled shelter planting. Growing to eight feet it provides good low cover although it grows in an upright manner. Shiny, maple like leaves stay green during the growing season. Clusters of small white flowers produce pods containing tiny seeds which remain all winter being used by the smaller birds for winter feed. This plant does well in all local soil conditions and is tolerant to shade being especially valuable when used in conjunction with taller plantings which do not provide low level cover.

When the area will allow, a planting made of a variety of shrubs is very successful for it will then provide food and cover for many different birds and also produce flowers and fruit most of the summer and fall.

Mr. Sylan Runkle, the Federal Field Biologist who visits Hardin County each year to assist with plant identification, suggests a very simple method to provide the food plants birds prefer. Plow a strip of ground six feet wide to what ever length desired, down the center of this plowed area drive strong stakes extending three to four feet above ground, string a single wire along the tops of these for birds to rest upon. The perching birds will then sow the area with the seeds they prefer.

The week of March 21-27 has been designated as National Wildlife Week. I want to encourage each of you to take special note of all of our native wildlife, are we giving them the habitat they deserve or are we continually robbing them of the heritage of living here on earth by our disregard of the part they were meant to play in this thing called life?

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Corn, Soybean Clinic Set At I. F. March 22

A corn and soybean clinic will be held Monday, March 22 at Siloam Springs northwest of Iowa Falls, with registration scheduled 9:30 a.m. according to Jim Johnson, Hardin County Extension Director.

The program, will include the latest technology information on corn and soybean production.

E. R. Duncan, extension agronomist, Iowa State University in Ames, will speak on environmental quality in perspective. Fertilizer needs of soybeans will be the topic presented by C. J. deMooy, agronomist from Iowa State.

Dr. Robert Nyvall, extension plant pathologist will discuss Southern corn leaf blight and soybean diseases. In addition, a report on corn production practices for this area and "what worked and didn't work in 1970" will be discussed by Dale Studt, crop production specialist from Mason City.

A question and answer session will also be held, with a free noon meal to be served.

Co-sponsors of the clinic, which is open to the general public, include Citizen Printing Company, Citizen State Bank, Ralston Purina, Weaver Limestone, Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. and Hoffman Seed Farms, all of Iowa Falls.

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Pine Like Group Plots 50-Year Anniversary

ELDORA — Plans for the 50th anniversary of Pine Lake at Eldora continued at a meeting of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee Wednesday night at the First National Bank.

Homer Calkins, executive officer of the Hardin County Conservation Board, stated that the Board is sponsoring a map which is being drawn to show the trail of the Hardin County Park Conservation areas. The trail is 105 miles long, if you take the round trip. Beginning at Pine Lake, the trail is routed through towns and adjacent areas of Steamboat Rock, Cleves, Iowa Falls, Buckeye, New Providence, Union and back to Eldora. Access routes to all parks will be shown on the map, which is being drawn for the Board by George Gethman, retired Assistant Hardin County Engineer.

Curtis Daggs is preparing a written program of activities for May 23, which is still in rough draft. It will be completed in time for the Sports and Vacation Show in Des Moines, March 23 through 28. Daggs states that the State Soil Conservation Commission has given 100 percent approval to the celebration.

Present at the Wednesday evening meeting were C. O. Rubow representing Pine Lake Wild Life Club; Calkins; Dick Bassett, representing Hardin County Soil Conservation District, and Arnold McAllister, representing the Agriculture and Conservation Committee of the Kiwanis Club. Members of the Committee are Curtis Daggs, Harold Dettbarn, Harold Putnam, Jim Shea, Mrs. Evelyn Stone and Virginia Stiles.

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Set Natural Resource Day For All Hardin 6th Graders

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Plans are now being coordinated by a county-wide committee headed by Kermith Huehn, County Superintendent of Schools. Committee chairmen include Bill Schmidt, curriculum; Homer Calkins, material for distribution; Jim Johnson instructors: Jerry Price, assistants; Mrs. Ray McDowell, publicity and Irwin Burns, preparation of class sites.

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ECOLOGY, POLLUTION

To be covered in the 45-minute classes will be air, land, water, plants and animals. Ecology, where necessary, and environmental pollution will be discussed as a part of each category.

The basic five natural resource subjects will be taught continuously throughout the day. Each student will have a chance to attend all of the classes, with 10 minutes allowed between each session to progress to the next class location.

Registration will begin the day's activities at 8:30 a.m., with most of the sessions concluded by 2:30 p.m. Each outdoor class instructor will provide a brief rest period for the students and teachers. Each group leader will be provided a map or directory illustrating class locations, drinking water and sanitary facilities.

Individual school districts will provide transportation for students and teachers to respective outdoor class sites. Students are advised to dress for outdoor classes, wearing warm clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Each student will provide his own noon lunch and should provide a notebook and pencil.

Contributing groups for the day are the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Soil Conservation Service, Hardin County Rural Development Committee, Hardin County Izaak Walton League, Hardin County Extension Service.

If weather does not permit the sessions to be held that day, a rain date has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 27.

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Prepare Maps For Park Tour At PL Event

Homer Calkins, executive officer of the Hardin County Conservation Board, announced this week that plans for the tour of the 33 county parks during the Pine Lake anniversary celebration in May are taking shape.

A map will be provided marking all the available parks for tourists during the celebration and each of the parks will be marked and manned during the day May 23.

The celebration, which is being sponsored by the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, a division of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce, is to honor the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Pine Lake State Park

1st. Still time to select your own color schemes. The Laurens Lawler home will also be constructed in March in the same area in Steinfeldt's 1st Addition. All lots in Fairview Add. have been sold but there are some choice lots available in Steinfeldt's 1st Addition and in Langfritz Place Addi-

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FROM THREE TO FIVE COMMISSIONERS— — —

Conservation Board Expanding; Any Hardin Voter Is Eligible

An election will soon be held to choose three commissioners for the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

Any person shall be eligible for the office of commissioner who is a qualified voter and resides within Hardin county.

This is a change. Past commissioners had to own land outside of incorporated towns to be eligible. Now city and town residents are included for the office of commissioner. Nor is it necessary to own land.

Another change will also take place. There will be five commissioners governing the soil conservation district after the election instead of three now. Carroll Hobson, Eldora, and Caleb Knutson, Radcliffe, will continue their terms as commissioners. Kermit Whitehead's term will expire; however, he is eligible to rerun. Two new commissioners positions will be filled in addition to the position vacated by Whitehead from New Providence.

Persons interested in becoming Soil Conservation District commissioners should contact one of the above three commissioners of the Hardin Soil Conservation District office at the Eldora Post Office Building.

City and town residents are encouraged to consider the responsible position.

"Rap Line" Hours Change; Organizers Want To Know Any Gripes With Service

Hours for the "Rap Line" at Iowa Falls are being changed and at the same time, area youth are invited to phone in their biggest gripe with the talk phone.

Hours will be from 8-11 p.m. week days and from 8 p.m. - midnight Friday and Saturday nights.

Organizers of the talk service for youth report varied success. Calls have fallen off in recent weeks. At the same time, many who have called with a problem have called back later to relay their thanks, they found the response they needed when they called.

The "Rap Line" number is 648-4681.

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To Elect 3 Commissioners In March —

Change Conservation Eligibility

Dick Bassett, Hardin Soil Conservation District Conservationist, announced this week that some changes will be noted in the forthcoming election for soil commissioners.

No date has been scheduled for the election, but it will be held sometime in March. Any person shall be eligible for the office of commissioner who is a qualified voter and resides within Hardin county.

This is a change from past years, as commissioners had to own land outside incorporated towns to be eligible. Now city and town residents are included for the office of commissioner. Nor is it necessary to own land.

Another change in this year's election is that there will be five commissioners governing the soil conservation district after the election instead of the three-member board at present.

Carroll Hobson, Eldora and Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe will continue their terms as commissioners. Kermit Whitehead of New Providence will be eligible for re-election to the board and two new commissioners will be elected in addition to the position vacated by Whitehead.

Bassett stated nominations are now open for commissioners' positions and city and town residents should consider serving on the board under the new changes. Persons interested in entering the election should contact either Bassett or any of the three commissioners.

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Landfill Committee Expanded, Six New Members Appointed

ELDORA — The Hardin County Solid Waste Disposal Committee has tentatively set its sights on a single sanitary landfill and has appointed a 15-man committee to work out preliminary plans for the project.

The Committee met with the Hardin County Board of Supervisors here last week and decided that the larger committee would be more representative of the entire county. Its make-up is to include:

Six members appointed at large, six members representing the municipalities and the three county supervisors. The at-large members will be Carroll Hobson, Eldora, Lisle Cook, Hubbard, Ray Taylor, Steamboat Rock, George Hammer, Union, Foster Mason, Iowa Falls, and Dr. Lloyd Bates, Union, who will also represent the county Board of Health.

The problems encountered by Grundy county in establishing a landfill were discussed as were the costs to be assessed in Hardin county.

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Minimum Tillage Gaining In Iowa

Nearly two million acres of Iowa's corn and soybeans were planted last year without preparing a seedbed with the usual moldboard plow. Wilson T. Moon, State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, stated that this trend in minimum tillage has been increasing in Iowa for the last three years.

In 1968 a survey was made to determine the use and acceptance by farmers of minimum tillage on their land. The survey indicated that nearly 1,500 farmers had used special machines to plant in crop residues on one-quarter million acres. Another 3,000 farmers did not plow but used machines already on their farms to prepare seedbeds for corn and soybeans on 150,000 additional acres.

The new survey in 1970 indicates that the use of special machines for planting in crop residues has increased to 400,000 acres. When combined with those who did not use a moldboard plow to prepare a seedbed, but used chisel plows, field cultivators, disks or other machines to prepare a seedbed for planting with conventional planters, the figure increased to nearly two million acres for this effective conservation measure.

Mulch on the soil surface saves soil by acting as an umbrella in preventing raindrops from reaching the soil. This umbrella provides protection from the time of planting until the growing crop forms its own cover over the row. With conventional plowing, residue is buried beneath the surface. Heavy rains may cause up to 90 percent of the annual erosion during this early growing period.

Mulch and minimum tillage practices also reduce the wind erosion, Moon said. Farmers are delaying the tillage of soybean fields until spring and are chiseling, discing, or using tillage systems other than plowing for corn. Unplowed fields do not blow dust like fall-plowed fields, he said.

Mulch tillage systems are most prevalent in the west half of Iowa and include till planting, chisel planting, rotary and coulter-type machines. Tillage activities in the Soil Conservation Districts of the Sioux City area are outstanding examples. The soybean area of north central Iowa has made spectacular advances in substituting other tillage machines for the moldboard plow, especially in preparing seedbeds on soybean land.

In Franklin county, about 40 farmers are using tillage systems that do not include moldboard plowing. They used these systems on nearly 5,000 acres in 1970. Many more farmers have modified their tillage operations to reduce operations and expenses. Often their new systems combine field operations so that trips over the field are reduced, as well as eliminating plowing of soybean stubble.

In selected areas such as Jasper, Poweshiek and Mahaska Soil Conservation Districts in the southeast and Benton, Clinton, Clayton and Winneshiek in eastern and northeastern Iowa, good interest has developed in finding substitute machines for moldboard plowing.

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Watershed Planning Begins For Iowa-Cedar Rivers Study

The watershed planning party for the Iowa-Cedar Rivers Basin study met at the First National Bank in Eldora Feb. 10.

State Soil Conservation Service watershed party members outlined the steps for completing the five-year river basin study. Resource inventory data will soon be collected and assembled for Hardin county.

The study objective as stated by the USDA planning group is to prepare a plan that will help the coordinated and orderly conservation, development, utilization and management of water, land and related resources.

One important aspect of the study will be to improve the agricultural economy in the 8,200,000 - acre basin which extends from southern Minnesota to the Mississippi River north of Burlington. Flood control, water storage and recreation facilities will also get high priority in the state and federal plans.

Twenty-three conservationists from several adjoining counties attended the planning session.

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Morlee Watershed Meeting Set At Lee Center Church

A meeting for all landowners and operators in the Morlee Watershed will be held on Feb. 18, in the Lee Center Methodist Church basement. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Information will be given on the Morlee Watershed, including: a review of previous progress, the step-by-step process of a watershed program from the application to construction, the procedure and function of a preliminary report, the Soil Conservation Service activities planned for the watershed, and conservation practices that farmers can install before watershed construction begins. After the above items are covered, individual questions will be answered.

The purpose of this meeting is to make landowners and operators in the Morlee Watershed aware of the watershed goals, activities necessary to a successful watershed program, and activiites of the SCS in the watershed area.

Coffee and donuts will be provided prior to the meeting time.

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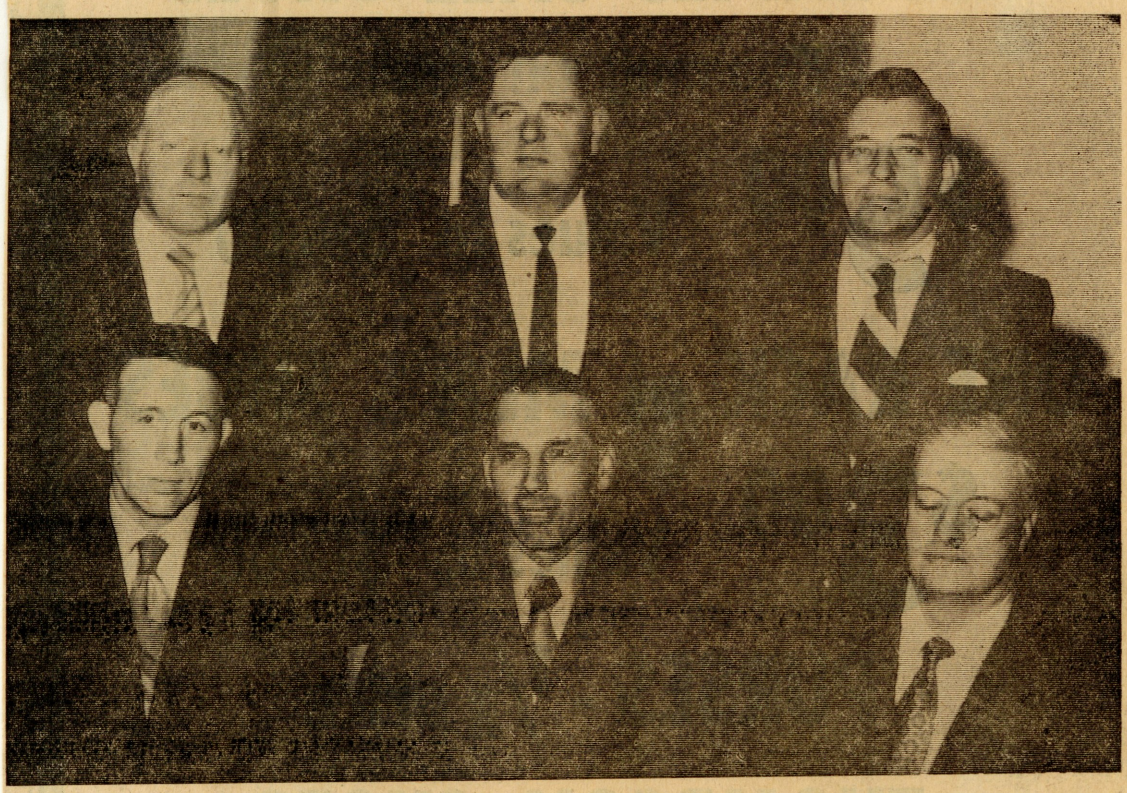
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Bill Krause Heads Farm Service Directors



Bill Krause of Alden (standing, right) was re-elected president of the Farm Bureau Service Co., following the annual meeting at the youth building in Eldora Tuesday. Other board members are front row (left to right) Wayne Samuelson of Jewell, Harold Ziesman of Eldora, John Follett of Conrad, vice president. Back row (left to right) John Eller of Radcliffe, Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock, secretary-treasurer and Krause. Samuelson replaces Bob Huddleston of Williams on the board.

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Over 400 At Anniversary FS Meeting Tues.

A total of 410 persons attended the 40th anniversary meeting of the Farm Bureau Service Co. held Tuesday at the youth building in Eldora.

During the meeting, Wayne Samuelson of Jewell was elected to a director post to replace Bob Huddleston of Williams and John Eller of Radcliffe was re-elected to the directorship. Other directors are Harold Ziesman of Eldora, Bill Krause of Alden, John Follett of Conrad and Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock.

At the board's organizational meeting, Krause was re-elected president while Follett and Primus were elected vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

During the program, a presentation was given by Karl Kiilsholm of Algona, Iowa's intellectual immigrant.

A watch was presented to Walt Klein of Alden for 35 years of service with Mel Kramer, FS manager, receiving a 25-year pin and 20-year pins given to Mrs. Loree Cobb in behalf of her late husband, Bill, Jesse Reece and Lee Sanders.

In 1970, FS sales totaled $2,769,230 with earnings of $133,222, reports manager Kramer. Dividend checks were distributed at the close of the meeting. A noon dinner was served by the Eldora township Farm Bureau ladies.

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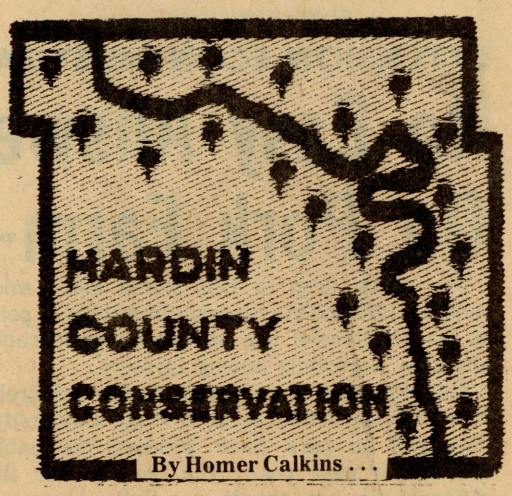
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By Homer Calkins . . .

Living in this ever changing world makes education one of the foremost essentials of survival. Those of us concerened with actual conservation work, are always on the alert for methods to bring to the public a better knowledge of our natural resources and the need for a control of their usage.

We spend hours preparing educational material for all age groups on various ecological subjects but to fully present this material we too must always be aware of the changes which effect our world.

Last week, Irwin Burns and I were invited to attend a meeting which dealt entirely with the growing of crown vetch, many of you may feel that this would be a subject only for farmers. I will tell of the information that we learned at this meeting so you may realize why it was so much of interest to us.

Promoted by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and attended by those farmers of the county who grow crown vetch for seed, it was addressed by Billy Roundtree of the Ellsbury Missouri Research Station of the Soil Conservation Service. Roundtree has a background which has given him close association with the plant materials in the central part of our nation.

A legume, crown vetch has found a very important part to play in several types of conservation. Its heavy, matted growth makes wonderful nesting and generally good habitat cover for wildlife. And it holds its leaves into the winter, providing food, not only from leaves but the quail thrive on the black, bitter seeds. It provides an excellent deer pasture the year around. Even when covered with snow, the deer dig to find this winter forage.

Another great use which is being made of this plant is in the control of erosion in the highly vulnerable areas in new road construction and areas where shaping of land has been carried on for housing and commercial development.

The use of crown vetch in road ditches has drawn a great amount of attention. Although not quickly established, it is very hardy and grows so densely that there is no chance for weed growth which eliminates the need for spraying. When you travel on the Interstate highways you will notice that this plant has been used extensively on the steep slopes left during construction. Its dark green foliage and purple, sweet scented flowers make it a beautiful addition to the landscape. Here, too, one of the main features of its use is, once established, it requires very little further care, while stabilizing the steep slopes.

We feel that there is a very definite place in this county for the use of crown vetch and we know that many of you, in rural or urban areas, would be well pleased with the results of establishing a seeding of this multi-use plant in a problem area.

If you are interested in further information contact Extension Director Jim Johnson or personnel of the Hardin Soil Conservation District, or Irwin Burns or myself.

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REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the 1970 Iowa Corn Yield Test Reports for this district are now available at the extension office, according to Jim Johnson, Hardin County Extension Director. Hardin County is in District 3, but some District 5 varieties would also apply, according to Johnson.

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Last week I had my material all ready for this column expecting to deliver it to the news office for publication. In it I remarked that, although it is a new year, outdoors it didn't look any different than last year.

Well something happened that changed all this — a regular Iowa blizzard. Road conditions wouldn't allow me to reach the news office and I think you will agree the outdoor world looks different with its covering of snow.

There were many news stories regarding the activities of people and their plan changes because of the storm. Heart warming stories of help being forthcoming when sorely needed, but what about the effect of this weather on our wildlife?

Conservation Officer D. A. Wilson has been working throughout the county attempting to access the loss to our permanent wildlife population. In some areas he has found many dead pheasants, some, it was evident, had tried to move to better shelter but were unable to fly and perished. Observing groups of crows in open fields, he found that they were feeding on pheasants who, unable to find relief from the storm, had died from exposure. As road ditches provide much of the cover available to these birds, Mr. Wilson feels that many were covered by the drifting snow and perished.

We know nothing of the loss to other varieties of wildlife including winter resident song birds, but we are sure that there has been considerable suffering because of the lack of suitable habitat. I hope many of you will look around the landscape and see what few places are left where wildlife can find food and shelter from any adverse conditions, after you have noted this lack of adequate habitat won't you do something about it?

The Hardin County Conservation Board has always felt that much more public education should be available on the many facets of conservation. Plans are being formulated for a special program to be started in the spring which we hope will provide much needed emphasis toward better public interest in and knowledge of the need for tomorrow's well being. Concerned with these plans are Hardin County Superintendent of Schools Kermith Huehn, Extension Director Jim Johnson, Work Unit Conservationist Dick Bassett, Conservation Aide Joe Shore, Conseravtion Officer D. A. Wilson and myself. As this program is developing, more people will be drawn into its planning and actual development. You will be kept informed as to the progress of this plan including more detailed information as to its structure.

Don't forget those bird feeders, it is one way that each of us can offer some much needed help to a part of our wildlife during the winter weather. Be sure to keep a constant food supply available.

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Thompson Slated Guest Speaker For Growers Banquet

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Before coming to Iowa State, Thompson was a graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin. He is married to the former Alice Winborn of Iowa City and the couple have two daughters.

Winners in the 1970 growers contest will be honored at the dinner, sponsored jointly by the Eldora Chamber of Cmmerce and the Iowa Crop Improvement Association of Ames.

Shorthorn Association Elects Colo Man



Leland Kellogg, second from left, of Colo was elected president of the Marshall and surrounding county Shorthorn Breeders Association during the annual meeting at the Mis' Steak House, Whitten, Thursday afternoon. Other officers are seated, left to right: Charles Packer of Marshalltown, vice president; Kellogg; Loyd Beecher of Union, secretary-treasurer; and Warren Cowman of Prairie City, President of the Iowa Shorthorn Association. Standing, left to right. Dale Petty of Eldora, sale manager; Wm. Moore of Iowa Falls, Homer Long of Grundy Center, Claude Smith of Clemons and Lawrence White of State Center, all directors. Kellogg, who served as last year's vice president, succeeds Bob Fuller of Eldora as president. Beecher was re-elected secretary-treasurer. It was voted during the meeting to hold the 96th annual spring Shorthorn sale on May 31 at the Marshall county fairgrounds in Marshalltown. Thursday's annual meeting attracted 22 members, who heard Iowa President Cowan report on the 125th Jubilee Shorthorn Show held in Denver, Colo.

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BY the STAFF

Jim Johnson of the Hardin county extension office released the following list of things we all can do to solve pollution. Some of these rules came as surprising to some of us here at the Herald-Index:

1. Don't use colored paper tissues, towels and toilet paper. The dye lingers on.
2. Return coat hangers to the cleaner.
3. Use decomposable pasteboard, cardboard or paper containers. Or returnable ones.
4. Don't let gas station attendants "top off" your gas tank causing spillage.
5. Stop littering and remind others not to.
6. Work garden fertilizer deep into the soil.
7. Report junked cars to the Sanitation Department.
8. If you commute, join a car pool.
9. Don't burn leaves or garbage.
10. Report any oily, sulfurous black smoke to the Sanitation Department.
11. Follow manufacturers' instructions. Measure detergents carefully.
12. Don't flush filtertip cigarettes down the toilet.
13. Better yet . . . stop smoking.
14. Never flush what you can put in the garbage.
15. Avoid disposable diapers.
16. Protest unnecessary noise levels.
17. Teach kids antipollution ideas.
18. Ease burden on sanitation system. Use water only when necessary.
19. Use less gas and electric power. All power pollutes.
20. Use live Christmas trees and replant them.
21. Shop with a reusable tote bag.
22. Keep your car well tuned.
23. Apply pesticides only as recommended.
24. Use cloth handkerchiefs, napkins and towels.

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Soybean Production Techniques Are Subject Of Feb. 11 School

Production, harvesting and storage of soybeans will be the topic of a one-day Extension school for Marshall, Hardin and Story counties on, Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Fisher Community Center in Marshalltown, according to Jim Johnson, Hardin county Extension director.

The program will include soybean seedbed preparation, population and row spacing, depth of planting, varieties, diseases, and insect and weed control.

Mechanical cultural practices will also be discussed. This will include primary tillage operations, secondary tillage to achieve favorable seedbed, planting and adjusting pesticide applicators and weed control implements.

Adjusting and operating combines to avoid field loss and damage will be discussed along with problems related to storage, handling and drying of soybeans.

E. R. Duncan, Extension Agronomist and Dale Hull, Extension Agricultural Engineer from Iowa State University will present the program. There is no cost or enrollment fee for the one-day school, Johnson said. Everyone is invited including farmers, seedsmen, implement dealers, and farm managers.

The Soybean Production school was planned by the Hardin County Extension Council as a part of the adult education program conducted throughout the year.

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Home Improvement Program Planned By Extension Service

ELDORA — Are you interested in learning "how-to-do" some home improvements? A program with presentations on home improvement skills will be held Feb. 17 in the afternoon and evening at the Youth Building, Eldora, says Mrs. Carol H. Beckman, Hardin County Extension Home Economist.

This program has been organized with eight 35 minute presentations. The skills which will be presented are Nature Materials, Wood Finishing, Fabric Tips, Creative Stitchery, Picture Framing, Decoupage, Batick and Tie Dye.

There is a 25c pre-registration fee for each presentation a person attends. To pre-register or to receive more information, contact Hardin County Extension Service, Post Office Building, Eldora 858-3362.

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Interest in what is in store in the future is always a subject in which people are interested. Quite often, as I meet with groups throughout the county, I have the time to ask for questions from those present and most times these deal with our plans or the outlook for the future, this is good for it conveys to us the public interest in our work.

I should like to spend some time pointing out some of the signs and trends which we feel will affect the future and how we hope to meet the demand of this trend.

Picnicking, always one of the prime interests in our outdoor areas, seems so simple yet here we find a change taking place. Where once all the food was prepared and then taken to a cool shady spot to eat, now it is often the practice to take the food stock and cook the meat, make the coffee and often other dishes at the spot of picnicking. This has caused a change for now we must provide grills of some nature, ample garbage facilities as well as picnic tables. This is good for it means people spend more time in the out of doors. Yet another change that is taking place — the time for picnics, once practiced only in the most mild weather, coming to a large extent on weekends, now is enjoyed every day of the week and spreads out over the entire year, I have observed families enjoying a meal in the out of doors, in the coolest part of the fall even though they were bundled up in heavy clothing. We have had reports and have seen evidence of picnics with snow on the ground in mid-winter. This means a change in the planning

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Re-Schedule Clinic For Cattle Feeders

Short course for cattle feeders, feed manufacturers, bankers and others interested in the cattle feeding industry, which was originally scheduled for early January, has been rescheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22 and 23, according to Jim Johnson, Hardin County Extension Director.

The meetings will be held at the youth building in Eldora, beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day. Appearing on the two-day program will be Bill Zmolek, Mitch Geasler, Bob deBaca, Bob Rust, Dr. John Herrick, Dr. Richard Willham, and Don Gee.

Those interested in attending should contact the extension office in Eldora.

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By Homer Calkins . . .

The future is always a subject in which people are interested. Quite often, as I meet with groups throughout the county, I have the time to ask for questions from those present and most times these deal with our plans or the outlook of the future, this is good for it conveys to us the public interest in our work.

I should like to spend some time pointing out some of the signs and trends which we feel affect the future and how we hope to meet the demand of this trend.

Picnicking, always one of the prime interests in our outdoor areas, seems so simple yet here we find a change taking place. Where once all the food was prepared and then taken to a cool shady spot to eat, now it is often the practice to take the food stock and cook the meat, make the coffee and often other dishes at the spot of picnicking, this has caused a change for now we must provide grills of some nature, ample garbage facilities as well as picnic tables, this is good for it means people spend more time in the out of doors. Yet another change that is taking place — the time for picnics, once practiced only in the most mild weather, coming to a large extent on weekends, now is enjoyed everyday of the week and spreads out over the entire year. I have observed families enjoying a meal, in the out of doors, in the coolest part of the fall even though they were bundled up in heavy clothing. We have had reports and have seen evidence of picnics with snow on the ground in mid winter. This means a change in the planning of our work for now, with the many establishments considering a four-day week, every day will be a day off for some one to enjoy getting out in our out of doors. Our one closed shelter house is used extensively the year around and this all means that you the public will use our parks, on this basis, if we will provide adequate shelters and snow removal to allow you to enter our areas in winter.

Camping, also, has seen exceptional changes, once only practiced by the more hardy souls equipped with suitable tent and gear, this leisure time is now enjoyed by thousands who have mobile camping units which give protection from inclement weather and is carried on the year around. We have inquiries from various parts of the state, as well as locally, regarding winter camping in some of our areas. This leads to the fact that some of our outdoor recreation lands must be available all the time.

Many people ask "What do you think, are we going to lose all our wildlife?" This is a question we often ask ourselves as we realize how the numbers of many species are decreasing rapidly. We realize that wildlife must have some natural habitat to survive and in attempting to provide this, Hardin County Conservation Board purchases and plants thousands of trees and shrubs each year also assisting landowners in similar projects. Knowing that some specie prefer grassed areas, we also are working to establish prairie seedings in several localities.

We hope that you realize that this means we will attempt to provide year around access to some of our parks which will be more adequately equipped. Also a continuing program will be carried on to attempt to re-establish wildlife habitat to forestall the loss of our fast dwindling native wildlife.

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State Rural Development Conference Thurs.

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Rural Iowa's economic development situation and trends, plus special emphasis on housing, will highlight the year's State Rural Development Conference here Friday, Feb. 5, on the Iowa State University campus.

The all-day program, with registration between 9 and 10 a.m. in the Memorial Union Sun Room, breaks into two main sections:

In the morning, with state soil conservationist Wilson Moon presiding, ISU Extensionist Dean Marvin Anderson will lead the speaking program. Anderson will briefly report on a Presidential Task Force on Rural Development in the United States, with special emphasis on recommendations for rural development in Iowa.

Leroy Peterson, director of the Iowa Office of Planning and Programming, will report on population, migration, planning and other state services that relate to rural development.

A member of the Iowa Development Commission, Kenneth Joslin, will speak on the job picture in Iowa — growth, location and kinds of jobs. He also will report on agricultural development, industries attracted to Iowa, and community needs for economic development.

The afternoon session will dwell on "housing for Iowans." After a presentation, "State's Role in Housing," by Kenneth C. Henke, Jr., of the Office of Planning and Programming, a four-man panel will take over: Nate Ruben, Federal Housing Administration; Joseph L. Strasser, Des Moines Savings and Loan; and two men from the Farmer's Home Administration, Kenneth Bower and Robert Dotzler.

Robert Pim, state director for the Farmers Home Administration, will preside over the afternoon session.

Any Iowan interested in the subjects at the state Rural Development Conferences is welcome to attend. A modest registration fee covers cost of a noon luncheon as well as conference expenses.

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Conservation Publication Lists Private Outdoor Areas

Final in a series of three publications on the recreation area facilities in Hardin county has been released by the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

This report deals with the private outdoor recreation areas in Hardin county, while the first two contained information on the Hardin County Conservation Board Areas and Municipal Parks in Hardin County.

Following is a brief resume of the private areas included in the recent publication:

ACKLEY RECREATION

Established in 1948, the Ackley Recreation club is located in the south part of Ackley. All golf course equipment and a modern clubhouse is available to members seven days a week during the summer season.

A three-acre area just inside the Ackley city limits is the site of the Ackley Saddle Club which was established in 1968 with the main function to teach the Ackley youth how to ride, train and care for their horses.

The Quad-County Conservation League recreation area is located one-half mile north of Ackley with activities of trap shooting and wildlife conservation provided.

ALDEN BOAT CLUB

The Alden Boat Club located on the west edge of Alden provides boating and fishing for club members and the public on a fee basis. The clubhouse is available to rent for private parties.

ELDORA AREAS

Church camps — three church camps are available at Pine Lake State Park, including Pine Lake Baptist Camp, Church of the Brethren and Quaker Heights.

Pine Lake Wildlife Club — located three miles northeast of Eldora, this club is on a 23-acre tract. The club, established in 1937 has the honor of being the oldest wildlife club in Iowa. A family attraction to the wildlife club is the eight fish fries served each year to the public. A modern clubhouse has kitchen facilities and three meeting rooms.

Pine Lake County Club — swimming and golfing are two sports enjoyed at the Pine Lake County Club during the spring, summer and fall months. Patrons from all over Iowa are attracted to this 70-acre area. This area was established in 1923 and located two and one-half miles northeast of Eldora.

HUBBARD RECREATION

The Hubbard Recreation club was established in 1963 and has a 50-acre tract of land located one mile south-southeast of Hubbard. The area is particularly designed for golfing, but fishing and wintertime sledding and snowmobiling are enjoyed.

Seven miles north of Hubbard is located a 20-acre lake owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gehrke, designed for camping, fishing, hiking or just resting under the oak trees.

IOWA FALLS AREAS

Highland Golf and Country Club — golfing, social activities, picnics, cookouts and an Easter egg hunt for children are all enjoyed by members and out-of-town guests at the 80-acre Highland Golf and Country Club. It is located one-fourth mile southeast of Iowa Falls and is open seven days a week.

Iowa Falls Boat Club — a large log clubhouse, boathouse and ramp on West Union Street within the city limits of Iowa Falls provide social and boating facilities for members and their guests. Boating is the main recreation enjoyed spring, summer and fall. The Iowa Falls Boat Club was established in 1936.

FRIENDLY FAIRWAYS

A new recreation area established in 1970 is adjacent to the Radcliffe Airport. The Radcliffe Friendly Fairways will feature fly-in golfing since an airplane will be able to taxi up to the golf course. Other activities planned for the 60-acre area include picnicking, tennis and badminton. Club memberships and daily green fees are available.

STEAMBOAT ROCK

At the northwest edge of Steamboat Rock is located the Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club. This 137-acre area is for public recreation, camping, snowmobiling, skiing, sledding, toboggoning and fishing.

UNION RECREATION AREA

The South Hardin Recreation Area was established in 1967 and is located at the northwest edge of Union. The 52-acre recreation area provides swimming and golfing during the summer months. The clubhouse is open all year long and is available for rent for special occasions. A library located in the clubhouse is

Copies of the newly-published report can be secured through the Soil Conservation Service office in Eldora, all banks in Hardin county, Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce, Eldora Chamber of Commerce, Fidelity Abstract and Title Co. of Eldora and Price's Sporting Goods, Iowa Falls.

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Iowa-Cedar River Basin Part Of Resource Study

Opportunites to improve the over-all quality of the environment of the Iowa-Cedar River Basin will be determined in a national resource study which began August 3, according to Wilson T. Moon, State Conservationist of Des Moines.

The 8,200,00 acre basin extending from north of Austin, Minn., southeasterly to Burlington, will be examined to determine what opportunities exist to solve water and related land problems.

All but 11 sections of land in the extreme southwest corner of Hardin county are within the study area. The study is a cooperative effort co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation and the Iowa Conservation Commission.

Needs of the people for improved recreation, improved fish and wildlife resources, and improved water supply and quality will be examined.

The river basin is part of the Upper Mississippi River Basin for which broad studies are now being completed.

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Carroll Hobson Named 1970 Outstanding Commissioner

Carroll Hobson, Eldora, was named award winner of the North Central Region III 1970 Outstanding Soil Conservation Commissioners contest at Hampton Monday, July 27. There are 12 counties in the Region III area.

Announcement of the winner was made during a banquet attended by an estimated 150 persons by Earl Weber of Dows, North Central Region III Director of the Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Hobson, who is one of three commissioners for the Hardin Soil Conservation District, now competes in the State Outstanding Commissioners contest.

Last year, Kermit Whitehead of New Providence was named the Region III Outstanding Commissioner. Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock was named Iowa's Outstanding Commissioner in 1968, and makes the third consecutive year a commissioner from the Hardin Soil District has received the award. The contest is sponsored by Wallaces Farmer magazine.

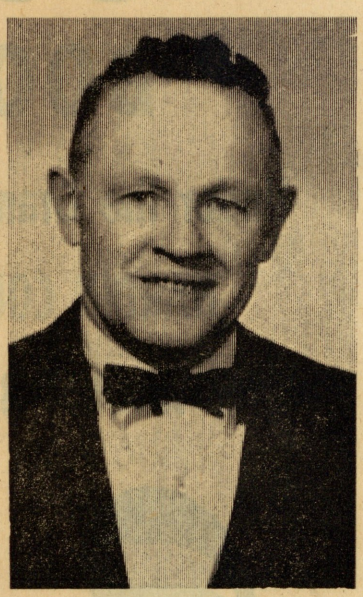
A life-long resident of Hardin county, Hobson and his wife, Catharine, have four children. A son, Brian is farming with his father and another son, Mark, recently entered the military service. Maureen and Maurice are students at Eldora High School.

Hobson has assisted in conducting several tours of Pine Lake Watershed and was active in organizing and promoting the 1968 Field Days. During the event, he was chairman of the educational exhibits and also chairman of the field crops division.

In 1969 Hobson was instrumental in obtaining $50,000 flood restoration funds for Hardin county and helped inventory the heavy flood damage that occurred last summer. He used his flying ability to obtain pictures of the flood damage.

Hobson has used his airplane on photographic missions for the soil conservation service throughout North Central Iowa. At the 1969 annual Commissioners Conference held in Des Moines, he served as committeeman on the rural-urban and recreational committee and this year is serving on the education committee. He has been head of the district's watershed program which worked to achieve application approval for the Honeycomb and Union watersheds. In 1968 he helped develop and carry out district programs which won the district the 1969 Goodyear Award.

Hobson has been a commissioner since 1965. He served two years as an assistant before becoming an elected commissioner.



CARROLL HOBSON
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Conservation Workbook Winners Receive Awards

Hardin county youngsters who won awards in the annual workbook contest during the 1969-70 academic year, co-sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and County Conservation Board were given their awards during the first fish fry at the Pine Lake Wildlife Club Friday evening. Shown in the picture are: back row (left to right) Mrs. Mildred Miller, judge for the competition; Jean Geerdes, Steamboat Rock; Dyanne Bonewitz, Ackley; Toni Smith, New Providence; Carol Faris, New Providence; Mrs. Leona Froning, judge. Front row (left to right) Yvonne Munier, Ackley; Lyndon Cakerice, Eldora; Cathy Bradley, New Providence and Dawn Fiekes, Ackley. First, second and third place winners were given sweat shirts such as the one Miss Bradley is displaying, in various colors. Vicki Butler of Steamboat Rock also won a sweat shirt, but was not present when the picture was taken. Those receiving honorable mention were awarded special tote bags. Both tote bags and sweat shirts were stenciled by Dodger Manufacturing Company of Eldora.

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Conservation Art Show Scheduled April 17, 18, 19

Local artists are reminded of the second annual Conservation Art Show scheduled April 17-19, sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and the Pine Lake Artists.

The committee in charge of the program includes Mrs. Robert Shirley, Mrs. Richard Murphy and Mrs. Thomas Reiber, who announced there will be three divisions available in this year's competition, with judging to take place in the community room of the First National Bank in Eldora.

The three classes include 1) junior and senior high students in Hardin County; 2) children, grades kindergarten through sixth; 3) adults.

Entries must be delivered to the First National Bank Friday, April 17, between 4 and 7 p.m. with closed judging to take place Saturday, April 18.

The show will be open to the public Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Selected entries will be in a traveling display in all Hardin County banks.

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Soil Stewardship Week Stresses Man's Use Of Related Resources

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which places emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water, and other related resources, will be celebrated locally, May 3-10, according to Carroll J. Hobson, Chairman, Hardin Soil Conservation District.

"Resources and Renewal", the theme of this year's observance underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in dealing forthrightly with current issues involving stewardship of natural resources. The Hardin Soil Conservation District and some 3,000 companion Districts throughout the nation along with their State and National Associations are sponsoring the event for the 16th consecutive year.

Locally churces of all faiths are invited to participate in this year's observance.

Other Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners are Kermit Whitehead of New Providence and Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe.

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Soil, Water Conservation Week June 14-21

June 14-21 marks the 33rd observance of Soil and Water Conservation Week in Iowa.

Carroll Hobson, Chairman of the Hardin County Soil Conservation District has said the activities of the district are no longer confined to the individual farm. The Iowa legislature during the last session recognized that wise use of resources is of equal concern to all citizens regardless of their place of residence.

Accordingly, cities and towns are now officially included along with the agricultural lands in each soil conservation district.

Hobson said the environmental issues of today make it doubly important that rural and urban people work together in solving common problems related to resource management.

He said major efforts of the Hardin district during 1970 will be placed on achieving individual and area resource conservation planning to improve the quality of the environment for both rural and urban people.

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Hardin Soil Conservation District Commended For Overall Program

The Hardin County Soil Conservation District has been commended on its 1969 annual report of activities by State Conservationist Wilson T. Moon of Des Moines.

The letter of commendation, received by the Hardin district last week, reads as follows:

"Mr. Carroll Hobson, Chairman
Hardin County Soil Conservation District

P. O. Box 108
Eldora, Iowa

"Dear Mr. Hobson:

"We have had copies of your Annual report of District activities of 1969 for some time, but I have only recently had the opportunity to review it in detail. I am very much impressed with the number of activities your District either sponsored or is engaged in. I am familiar with the organization you have achieved, and your ability to participate in such a variety of enterprises is a tribute to that organization.

"I was interested in the comments on the first page of your report regarding environmental development and resource development. These are terms that are becoming more familiar to all of us, and I realize that the Hardin District is in a position of leadership in this area also.

"I note, too, that the Hardin District has recently won the Goodyear contest, and had the sweepstakes winner in the Register and Tribune contest. These are further tributes to the fact that you have an active and well accepted District program.

"Please accept my congratulations for a very successful year and my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Wilson T. Moon
State Conservationist"

Hardin County Soil Conservation District Commissioners are Carroll Hobson of Eldora, chairman, Kermith Whitehead of New Providence, and Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe. Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock is an assistant commissioner. Chas. McCarty served as District Conservationist here through November, 1969, a post assumed on Dec. 1, 1969, and still held by Dick Bassett.

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Hardin Soil Conservation Unit Receives 25-Year Certificate

The Hardin Soil Conservation District was presented a certificate for 25 years of effective operation.

The certificate read "The District has provided a means for all of the people within its boundaries to develop and carry forward a program to protect and conserve the natural resources and furnish a better life for all concerned. Gratefully recognizing valuable services performed by the district and its people, we hereby affix our seals and signatures."

When the district first began operating in 1945, agricultural soil erosion caused by runoff water and wind were the major tasks. Now the district program also includes applying conservation technology to problems of urban expansion, solid waste disposal, highway and utility planning and maintenance, recreation facilities, and beautification.

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Present Completed Pine Lake Inventory To Ia. Commission

Carroll Hobson, chairman of the Hardin Soil Conservation District announced that on Monday, Nov. 23, a completed inventory for the Pine Lake Watershed will be presented to officials of the Iowa Conservation Commission.

Those invited to the meeting are Senator James Potgeter, Representatives Richard Welden and Harold Fischer; Director of the State Conservation Commission Fred Priewert, John Fish and Everett Pierce, State Conservation officials, Area Conservationist Alan J. Moen; Lee Lundy and John Janssen of the Pine Lake Watershed Board of Directors; Earl Weber, region three director of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and the commissioners and staff from both the Hardin and Grundy Soil Districts.

The Hardin Soil Conservation District completed a pilot subwatershed inventory nearly a year ago. That initial watershed study was adopted for use by the State Conservation Commission and will eventually be expanded to include all the lakes in the state of Iowa.

The commission intends to prolong the life-span and improve water quality of all lakes in the state by promoting upland conservation treatment. The State Conservation Commission administers all the state-owned lakes and parks in Iowa.

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Conservation Pays . . .

by Homer Calkins,
Executive Officer
Hardin County
Conservation Board

Living in this ever changing world makes education one of the foremost essentials of survival. Those of us concerned with actual conservation work, are always on the alert for methods to bring to the public a better knowledge of our natural resources and the need for a control on their usage.

We spend hours preparing educational material for all age groups on various ecological subjects but to fully present this material we too must always be aware of the changes which effect our world.

Last week, Irwin and I were invited to attend a meeting which dealt entirely with the growing of crown vetch, many of you may feel that this would be a subject only for farmers, I will tell of the informatoin that we learned at this meeting so you may realize it was so much of interest to us.

Promoted by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and attended by those farmers of the county who grow crown vetch for seed, it was addressed by Billy Roundtree of the Ellsbury Missouri Research Station of the Soil Conservation Service. Mr. Roundtree has a background which has given him close association with the plant materials in the central part of our nation.

A legume, crown vetch has found a very important part to play in several types of conservation, it's heavy, matted growth makes wonderful nesting and generall good habitat cover for wildlife, holding its leaves into the winter, it provides food, not only from these but the quail thrive on the black, bitter seeds. It provides excellent deer pasture the year around for even when covered with snow the deer dig to find this winter forage.

Another great use which is being made of this plant is in the control of erosion in the highly vulnerable acres in new road construction and areas where shaping of land has been carried on for housing and commercial development.

The use of crown vetch in road ditches has drawn a great amount of attention and interest. Although not quickly established, it is very hardy and grows so densely that there is no chance of weed growth which eliminates the need for spraying. When you travel on the Interstate highways you will notice that this plant has been used extensively on the steep slopes, left during construction, its dark green foliage and purple, sweet scented flowers make it a beautiful addition to the landscaping. Here, too, one of the main features of its usage is, once established, it requires very little further maintenance while stabilizing the steep sloping areas.

We feel that there is a very definite place in this country for the use of crown vetch and we know that many of you people, in rural or urban areas, would be well pleased with the results of establishing a seeding of this multi-use plant in a problem area.

If you are at all interested in further information contact Extension Director Jim Johnson, personnel of the Hardin Soil Conservation District, Irwin Burns or myself.

questions concerning drug abuse. In the studio to take part in the discussion was an audience of several staff members as well as two boys from each cottage.

Many thanks to the members of the panel for their informative and thought-provoking presentation of one of the major problems that currently plague our nation.

Boys to Present Diorama

The boys in Mrs. Lucille Myers' Junior High class have another project under way. Mrs. Myers, after having read a book, *The Loner,* to the class, assigned Larry Dawson, James Hahn, Gary Stice, Walter Hall, LeRoy Thomas and Ralph Dean to narrate the story and illustrate it by means of a diorama. The roll of drawings has been completed, and the narration and diorama will be video-taped by our Electronics Department. Good luck, boys!

Vocationally Speaking

A pat on the back for instructors Marion Stewart and Harold Knutson and their students in Vocational Painting and Decorating for the excellent job they completed recently in sketching and painting an attractive sign for the Hardin County Soil Conservation District.

Student Tony Peeks is credited with the paintwork on the structure, which measures 8 by 12 feet. It has a yellow and white background with a black arrow pointing the way to the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, and features a duck, in shades of brown, flying in the same direction. The bottom line on the sign reads: "A Cog in the Wheel of Progress."

The sign, which was placed on the east side of the Steamboat

Student Tony Peeks (left) Did Paintwork on Wildlife Sign



Rock-Eldora blacktop immediately south of the Wildlife Club turnoff, was donated by the Hardin County Soil Conservation District to the Pine Lake Wildlife Club in recognition of the club's efforts over the years in the area of soil conservation work.

In addition to Tony Peeks, the other students in Vocational Painting and decorating are: Keith Truax, Jim Grolkey, Ron Brown, Arthur Wells, Jim Coons, Bradley Brocksmith and Calvin Clark.

In our opinion, Instructor Wayne Smith's students in Vocational Baking have been "tastefully" successful in their experiments with new types of pastries. For example, they lately produced a new streusel-topped roll and some cinnamon rolls that were right down delicious. And there are more goodies on the way, for they plan to make some Danish and French pastries.

Incidentally, we were happy to hear Mr. Smith report that his boys have the spirit and the cooperation that are required in order to have a smooth-running bakery. The students in the program at this time include Dave Robson, who is the student foreman, Robert Grant, Terry Crawford and Randy Allen.

The new student foreman in Instructor William Harner's Vocational Machine Shop program is Mike Jennings. He and three other students—Dave Sampson, Mike Gott and Vince Spoonmore—are testing their skills in the fashioning of model cannons. Austin Myers is still at work on his drill press vise, while Roger Long is putting the fin-

Dave Robson, Bob Grant and Terry Crawford Display Goodies







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of our work, for now, with the many establishments considering a four day week, every day will be a day off for some one to enjoy getting out in our out of doors. Our one closed shelter house is used extensively the year around and this means that you the public will use our parks, on this basis, if we will provide adequate shelters and snow removal to allow you to enter our areas in winter.

Camping, too, has seen exceptional changes, once only practiced by the more hardy souls equipped with suitable tent and gear, this leisure time is now enjoyed by thousands who have mobile camping units which give protection from inclement weather and is carried on the year around. We have inquiries from various parts of the state, as well as locally, regarding winter camping in some of our areas. This leads to the fact that some of our outdoor recreation lands must be available all the time.

Many people ask "What do you think, are we going to lose all our wildlife?" This is a question we often ask ourselves as we realize how the numbers of many varieties are decreasing so rapidly. We realize that wildlife must have some natural habitat to survive and in attempting to provide this, Hardin County Conservation Board purchases and plants thousands of trees and shrubs each year also assisting landowners in similar projects. Knowing that some specie prefer grassed areas, we also are working to establish prairie seedings in several localities.

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Five Candidates Seek 2 Posts On Iowa River Cons. Board

Five candidates are seeking the two directorships on the board of directors of the Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club with election scheduled to be held during the group's annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Candidates for the posts include Wendell Hoekstra, Eldora; Don Finger, Steamboat Rock; Paul Eckhoff, Steamboat Rock; Adolph Weber, Ackley and Ron Hunter, Marshalltown. Directors with terms ending this year are Thomas Hy Kruse, who currently serves the organization as president and Frederick Fisher. Neither will seek the posts again.

Holdover directors are Art Mills, Dean Folkerts, Ron Kruse, Bill Rewerts and Harold Dettbarn. Mrs. George Hemmen serves the group as secretary.

Reports of the current membership drive and the winter carnival will be given during the meeting at the lodge near Steamboat Rock.

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HARDIN COUNTY CONSERVATION

Conservation Trail
By Homer Calkins. . . .

Last week I had my material all ready for this column expecting to deliver it to the news office for publication. In it I remarked that, although it is a new year, outdoors it didn't look any different than last year.

Well something happened that changed all this — a regular Iowa blizzard. Road conditions wouldn't allow me to reach the news office and I think you will agree the outdoor world looks different with its covering of snow.

There were many news stories regarding the activities of people and their plan changes because of the storm. Heartwarming stories of help being forthcoming when sorely needed, but what about the effect of this weather on our wildlife?

Conservation Officer D. A. Wilson has been working throughout the county attempting to assess the loss to our permanent wildlife population. In some areas he has found many dead pheasants. Some, it was evident, had tried to move to better shelter but were unable to fly and perished. Observing groups of crows in open fields, he found that they were feeding on pheasants who, unable to find relief from the storm, had died from exposure. As road ditches provide much of the cover available to these birds, Mr. Wilson feels that many were covered by the drifting snow and perished.

We know nothing of the loss to other varieties of wildlife including winter resident song birds, but we are sure that there has been considerable suffering because of the lack of suitable habitat. I hope many of you will look around the landscape and see what few places are left where wildlife can find food and shelter from any adverse conditions, after you have noted this lack of adequate habitat won't you do something about it?

The Hardin County Conservation Board has always felt that much more public education should be available on the many facets of conservation.

Plans are being formulated for a special program to be started in the spring which we hope will provide much needed emphasis toward better public interest in and knowledge of the need for tomorrow's well being.Concerned with these plans are Hardin County Superintendent of Schools Kermith Huehn, Extension Director Jim Johnson, Work Unit Conservationist Dick Bassett, Conservation Aide Joe Shore, Conservation Officer D. A. Wilson and myself.

As this program is developing, more people will be drawn into its planning and actual development. You will be kept informed as to the progress of this plan including more detailed information as to its structure.

Don't forget those bird feeders, it is one way that each of us can offer some much needed help to a part of our wildlife during the winter weather. Be sure to keep a constant food supply available.

(Editor's note. Office hours for Calkins are from 9 a.m.- noon Tuesdays and Thursdays in the basement of the County Office building at Eldora.)

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SCHEDULED APRIL 17-19, 1970 —

Announce Rules For 2nd Conservation Art Show

The second annual Conservation Art Show has been scheduled for April 17-19, sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and Pine Lake Artists.

Committee in charge of the program includes Mrs. Robert Shirley, Mrs. Richard Murphy and Mrs. Thomas Reiber, who announced that three divisions will be available in this year's contest, with judging to take place in the community room of the First National Bank in Eldora.

The three classes include 1) junior and senior high students in Hardin County; 2) children, grades kindergarten through sivth; 3) adults.

For each division, the rules are as follows:

2. Soil and land management plus geology
3. Forestry (Botany)
4. Water management: tiling, dams and terraces, and fresh water
5. Human resources
6. Urban conservation of air and water
7. Recreation

B. AWARDS: There will be the following awards in each class — first, $10; second, $7 and third $5.

POLICIES:

A. All entries must be framed and suitable for hanging.

B. We will not be responsible for loss or damage, although care will be taken to insure safety of exhibits.

C. Entries not selected for hanging may be picked up between 3 and 4 p. m. Sunday or between 9 and [illegible] m. Monday, April 20.

D. If [illegible] selling

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

A. Oil or acrylic; B. Watercolor; C. Graphic.

CALENDAR:

A. Entries must be delivered to the First National Bank of Eldora, Friday, April 17, between 4 and 7 p.m.

B. Judging will be Saturday morning, April 18. This will be closed judging.

C. Winning entries will be hung and the show opened for public display Sunday, April 19 from 2-4 p.m.

D. Selected entries will be in a traveling show in all Hardin County Banks.

AWARDS:

A. THEME: Awards will be based on the artist's original interpretation of conservation in HARDIN COUNTY. Themes should express man's rational use of the environment to achieve the highest quality of living for mankind. Such examples are:

1. Wildlife (Zoology)
2. Soil and land management plus geology
3. Forestry (Botany)
4. Water management: tiling, dams and terraces, and fresh water
5. Human resources
6. Urban conservation of air and water
7. Recreation

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POLICIES:

A. All entries must be framed and suitable for hanging.

B. We will not be responsible for loss or damage, although care will be taken to insure safety of exhibits.

C. Entries not selected for hanging may be picked up between 3:00 and 4 p.m. Sunday or between 9 and 11 a.m., Monday, April 20.

D. If artists are interested in selling their works, it may be done privately. Please post amount desired so it is visible to viewers.

E. All works must be original and the work of the entrant.

F. The size must not exceed 30" x 36", including frame.

G. Selected winning entries will be in a traveling show to all Hardin County Banks.

H. These rules pertain to junior and senior high students in Hardin County Schools.

I. Clearly state name and address on back of each entry.

KINDERGARTEN THRU SIXTH GRADES

ENTRY CATEGORY: An original poster with no limitation as to size & material.

CALENDAR:

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C. Winning entries will be displayed and the show opened for the public Sunday, April 19, from 2 - 4 p.m.

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5. Human resources
6. Urban: conservation of air and water
7. Recreation

B. AWARDS:

A first prize award will be chosen in each of the seven grades. This child will be given a conservation sweatshirt.

POLICIES:

A. We will not be resopnsible for loss or damage, although care will be taken to insure safety of exhibits.

B. Entries not selected for hanging may be picked up between 3 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Award winning entries may be picked up following the show at 4 p.m. Posters may also be picked up Monday, April 20, from 9 to 11 a.m.

C. All work must be the original work of the entrant.

D. Please print on the back of each entry:

Child's name and address; parent's name; school; grade; age; sweatshirt size.

E. Teachers are encouraged to enter one posted from each grade in their school. Individual entries will also be accepted.

HARDIN COUNTY ARTISTS

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

A. Oil or acrylic; B. Watercolor; C. Graphic.

CALENDAR:

A. Entries must be delivered to the First National Bank of El-

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Crownvetch Growers Meeting Jan. 22

The annual Crownvetch Growers Association will meet Friday, January 22, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Hardin Soil Conservation District office in Eldora, located in the Post Office Building.

Bill Rountree, Plant Materials Specialist, from Elsberry, Mo., will be the guest speaker. An informal discussion of seed prices, and new uses and methods for harvesting crownvetch will be some of the topics covered.

Crownvetch has been grown in the county for harvesting of seed since 1966.

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Conservationists Have Several Ways To Assist More Cover For Wildlife

Conservation officials in Hardin county have several methods of drawing support for additional wildlife cover.

They are encouraging residents to maintain and increase the natural bird and wildlife population through more cover.

Several groups within the county are interested in more areas to be planted to wildlife cover and are offering cooperation to promote it.

Anyone interested in any phase of wildlife habitat plantings is urged to contact any of the following groups: Soil Conservation Service, Hardin County ASCS, Hardin County Chapter Izaac Walton League, Conservation Officer D. A. Wilson, Pine Lake Wildlife Club and personnel of the Hardin County Conservation Board.

Plans may be made for planting stock and also for means of planting and maintaining these areas.

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Change Tillage Methods? Talks At Union Feb. 19

Should a farm operator reduce or greatly change his tillage operations for corn and soybean production on farms in this area?

Some of the answers to this and similar questions will be presented at the Minimum Tillage Conference at Union on Feb. 19. It will be in the South Hardin Recreation Center starting at 9:45 a.m.

Minimum Tillage Specialists from Iowa State University on the program will be Dale Hull and Min Amemiya. Don Gee, Central Iowa Extension Economist, will discuss the cost cutting possibilities of reduced tillage in corn and bean production.

John Maddy, from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service will talk on some of the specific reduced tillage practices he has closely studied.

Farmers, farm managers, implement dealers and others interested are invited. Those planning to attend should notify the Extension office in his home county so arrangements can be made for the noon meal.

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Seek Additional Wildlife Cover In Hardin County

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Plans may be made for the planting stock and also for means of planting and maintenances of these areas.

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Reduced Tillage Meeting Thursday

Minimum or reduced tillage will be featured at an all-day meeting at the South Hardin Recreation Center at Union Thursday, Feb. 19, according to Jim Goode, county extension director.

Four extension specialists and one conservation specialist will [illegible] on the tillage program that begins at 9:45 a.m.

According to Goode, farmers and others who want to know about minimum tillage machines and systems are welcome to attend. There will be no meeting charge. However, those planning to attend are urged to call the County Extension Office, so plans can be made for food service. Goode pointed out that a large crowd is expected and eating facilities are limited in Union. The Eldora number to call is 858-3362. Residents of nearby counties are invited.

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Conservation Art Show Scheduled April 17, 18, 19

Local artists are reminded of the second annual Conservation Art Show scheduled April 17-19, sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District and the Pine Lake Artists.

The committee in charge of the program includes Mrs. Robert Shirley, Mrs. Richard Murphy and Mrs. Thomas Reiber, who announced there will be three divisions available in this year's competition, with judging to take place in the community room of the First National Bank in Eldora.

The three classes include 1) junior and senior high students in Hardin County; 2) children, grades kindergarten through sixth; 3) adults.

Entries must be delivered to the First National Bank Friday, April 17, between 4 and 7 p.m. with closed judging to take place Saturday, April 18.

The show will be open to the public Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Selected entries will be in a traveling display in all Hardin County banks.

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McDowells Named 1969 Farm Family

The Ray McDowell family of Eldora and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell of Grinnell were named in October, 1969, as winners of the 1969 State Conservation Farm Family Award.

This is the highest honor bestowed annually under the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Award Program, which is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register in cooperation with conservation and educational agencies.

Selection of the state award winner is based on outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation as well as family participation and leadership in community and church affairs.

Ray McDowell and his wife, Betty, who farm 280 acres of land one mile east of Eldora, have two children Mark, 12 and Margaret, 10.

The farm, which is owned by Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell, was one of four farms featured at the 1968 Conservation Field Days and lies partially in the Lower Pine Lake Watershed.

The McDowells were honored at a recognition banquet at St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldora in December.

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Conservation Art Show Will Be Held April 17-19

The second annual Conservation Art Show will be April 17-19 at the First National Bank of Eldora.

Open to all students in Hardin county schools, grades kindergarten through sixth, the show is for original work. Judging will be April 18. Winning entries will be displayed and the show opened to the public from 2-4 p.m. April 19.

Theme of the show is for expression of man's use of the environment to achieve the highest quality of living for mankind.

There also are divisions for junior high, high school and adult artists.

The show is sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners. They are Carroll J. Hobson, Caleb Knutson, Kermit Whitehead, Paul Primus and Ted Cutler.

Entries will be assembled by the Pink Lake Artists club members headed by Shirley Shirley, Audrey Murphy and Sue Reiber.

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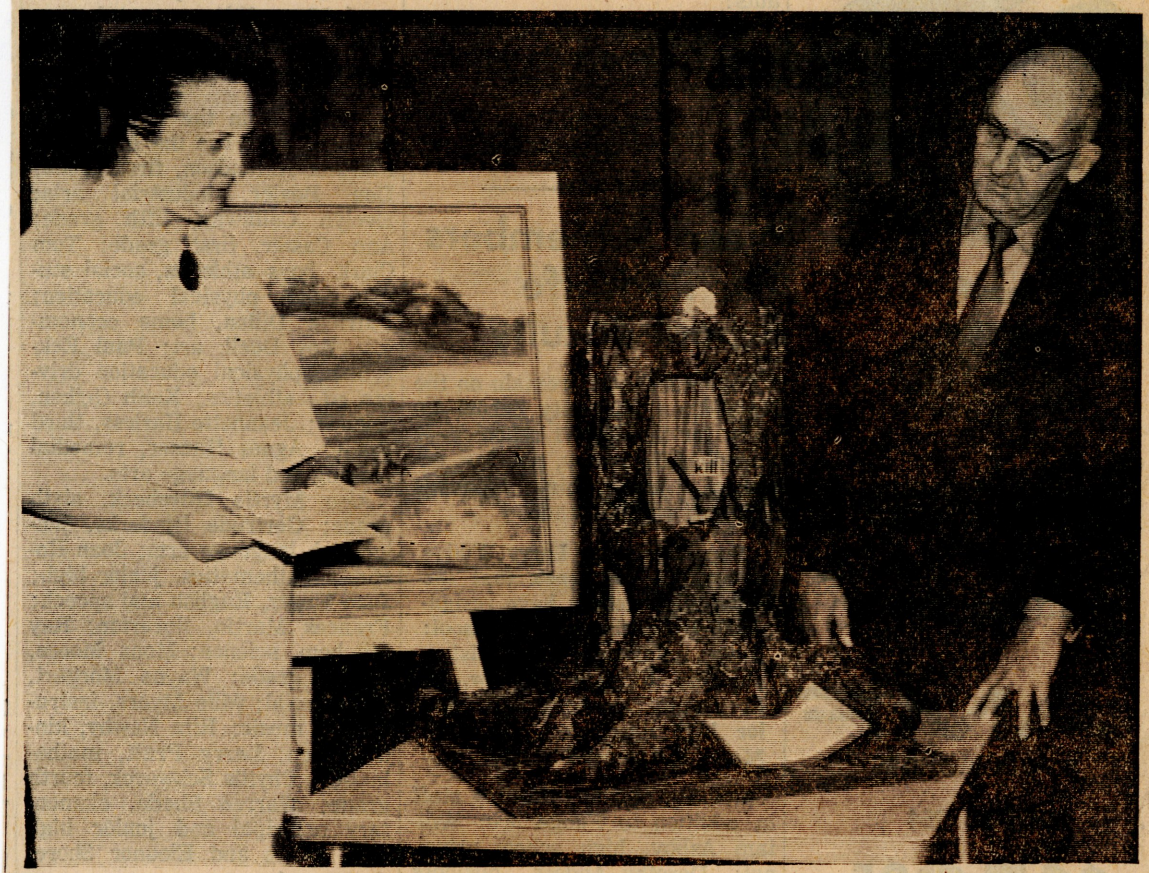
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Conservation Art Display at First National



A display which actually does not qualify in any of the existing categories for the Second Annual Conservation Art Show seems to highlight the event nevertheless.

The display, which emphasizes the waste of mankind throughout the passage of time, was prepared and entered in the show by Laurie Larson, senior at Radcliffe High School. Judges Mrs. Art Benoit (left) of Marshalltown and Harold Luiken of Steamboat Rock admire the unusual papier-mache display during judging Saturday morning. Winning entries from the elementary children, high school and junior high students and adult artists from over Hardin County are on display to the public for two weeks at the community room of the First National Bank in Eldora. Theme of the show, sponsored jointly by the Pine Lake Artists and Hardin Soil Conservation District is based on the artist's original interpretation of conservation in Hardin County. Themes express man's rational use of the environment to achieve the highest quality of living for mankind. Heading the plans for the show are Mrs. Robert Shirley, Mrs. Richard Murphy and Mrs. Tom Reiber, all of Eldora.

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Art Show Winners On Display Now At First National

Winners in the second annual Conservation Art Show last weekend will be on display at the First National Bank in Eldora for the next two weeks.

On display will be entries from kindergarten through adults, with the show open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

The display will be shown at other Hardin County banks following the showing at First National.

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Conservation District Names Winners Of Annual Art Show

ELDORA — Winners of the second annual Conservation Art Show at Eldora sponsored by the Hardin County Soil District are:

Children's Poster Division: Lori Gardiner, first grade; Jean Heiken, second grade; Jimmy Wagner, third grade; Tamma Granner, fourth grade; Kim Kirkdorffer, fifth grade and Christy Hanson, sixth grade.

Winners in the junior-senior high school division are:

Oil and Acrylic Division: Heather Schradle, New Providence, first; Robin Rooks, Eldora, second, and David Evans, Eldora, third.

Watercolor Division: Lawrence Baker, Eldora, first; Jerry Hazelwood, Eldora, second, and Mark Wilt, Eldora, third.

Graphic and Sketches Division: Dave Williams, Iowa Falls, first; Gloria Monroe, Eldora, second, and Grace Romswinkle and Cheryle Burkley (tie), third.

Winners in the adult division are:

Oil and Acrylic Division: Mrs. Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe, first; Mrs. Shirley Shirley, Eldora, second, and Mrs. Sue Reiber, Eldora, third.

Watercolor Division— Mrs. Jan Uschkrat, Hubbard, first; Mrs. Shirley, second, and Mrs. Bernice Weld, Hubbard, third.

Graphic and Sketches Division: Mrs. Shirley first; Mrs. Uschkrat, second, and Mrs. Lepper, third.

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List Winners In Second Annual Hardin Conservation Art Show

Winners in the second annual Conservation Art Show were announced this week following judging Saturday. The winning entries are on display at the First National Bank of Eldora until May 2, after which a select number of pictures will tour all the Hardin County banks.

Sponsoring the art show were the Hardin Soil Conservation District and the Pine Lake Artists. Judging the entries were Mrs. Art Benoit of Marshalltown and Harold Luiken of Steamboat Rock. The entries were open to all Hardin county students and adults who were to depict conservation in Hardin county in the entries.

Following are the list of winners as selected last weekend:

GRADE SCHOOL

First grade, Lori Gardiner, Eldora; second grade, Dawn Heikens, Eldora; third grade, Jimmy Wagner, Eldora; fourth grade, Tamma Granner, Eldora; fifth grade, Kim Kirkdorffer, Eldora; sixth grade, Cristy Hanson, Eldora.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH DIVISION

Oil and Acrylic division: 1. Heather Schradle, New Providence; 2. Robin Rooks, Eldora; 3. David Evans, Eldora.

Watercolor division: 1. Lawrence Baker, Eldora; 2. Jerry Hazelwood, Eldora; 3. Mark Wilts, Eldora.

Graphic and sketches division: 1. Dave Williams, Iowa Falls; 2. Gloria Monroe, Eldora; 3. Grace Romswinckle and Cheryl Burkley, both of Eldora.

ADULT DIVISION

Oil and acrylic division: 1. Mrs. Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe; 2. Mrs. Robert Shirley, Eldora; 3. Mrs. Thomas Reiber, Eldora.

Watercolor division: 1. Mrs. Jan Uschkrat, Hubbard; 2. Mrs. Robert Shirley, Eldora; 3. Mrs. D. E. Weld, Hubbard.

Graphic and sketches division: 1. Mrs. Robert Shirley, Eldora; 2. Mrs. Jan Uschkrat, Hubbard; 3. Mrs. Waldo Lepper, Radcliffe.

A total of 306 entries were noted in the show, with 231 in the grade school division, 45 in the junior and senior high category and 30 adult entries.

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Many Contribute To New PL Wildlife Club Sign



In recognition of their efforts throughout the years in the area of conservation work, the the Hardin County Soil Conservation District has donated the above new sign to the Pine Lake Wildlife Club. The attractive 8'x12' structure was placed Friday on the east side of the Steamboat Rock-Eldora blacktop, immediately south of the Wildlife Club turnoff. The Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. dug the holes for the poles, Langfritz Construction of Eldora did the masonry work and Carroll Hobson transported the sign from the Iowa Training School for Boys, where it was sketched and painted, to the site. Marion Stewart and Harold Knutson, ITS employees, directed work on the sign at the school. Pictured after placement of the sign are, left to right: C. O. Rubow, Wildlife Club secretary-treasurer and project chairman; Herb Ruhnke, past president and chairman of the fish fry committee; Martin Kasischke, president; Joe Shore, State Aide with the Hardin Soil Conservation District; Bradley Brochsmith, Author Wells, Tony Peeks, who is credited with the paint work and Calvin Clark, all boys from ITS; D. W. Dickinson, past president and member of the fish fry committee; Dean Miller, Conservation Technician; and Dick Bassett, District Conservationist. The bottom line on the sign reads: A Cog In The Wheel Of Conservation.

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Nominations Are Open For Conservation Award

The Hardin Soil Conservation District is accepting nominations for the "Outstanding Conservation Teacher Awards" program in Hardin County. All fulltime public school teachers from kindergarten through high school are eligible.

The objective of the program is to recognize teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our national heritage of natural and human resources.

Anyone in the county may nominate a teacher.

The nominee shall complete an entry form and submit the same to the Soil Conservation District Office in Eldora by June 1, 1970. Entry blank can be obtained at the District Office.

The outstanding teacher will be named July 1.

The county winner will be eligible to compete with regional winners for the State Outstanding Conservation Teacher Award. State judging will be completed by September 1, 1970.

The award program is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register, cooperating with the Iowa Conservation Education Council as a division of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

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C. O. Rubow To Receive State Wildlife Conservationist Award

C. O. Rubow of Eldora has been named Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by the Iowa Conservation Achievement Program, sponsored by the Iowa Wildlife Federation in cooperation with The Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Rubow will receive his award at a banquet in the Imperial Motel, Boone, on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. Ten state awards will be presented to recognize and encourage dedicated work by private citizens, government officials, civic and fraternal organizations, industrial firms and communication media in the wise management of natural resources.

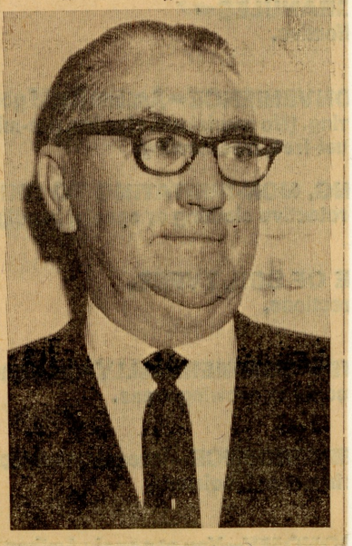
Rubow is presently serving as secretary-treasurer of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, a position he has held since 1938. The club is the oldest independent wildlife organization in Iowa. Homer Calkins, Executive Officer of the Hardin County Conservation Board, reported in Rubow's nomination papers for the awards that his efforts have helped bring about 248 acres of land now devoted to wildlife habitat.

Rubow has cooperated in and provided leadership for many conservation programs. Two years ago, the club through Rubow's efforts completed and published three conservation inventories. These inventories were developed through a joint project with the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

Last year, Rubow helped in the development of a conservation education program. He has also been a loyal worker at the club's monthly walleye fish fries since its inception in 1938.

Rubow helped in the organization and development of the "Pine Lake Watershed Appreciation Days," at which public officals from the federal, state and local levels were invited to tour the Pine Lake Watersned.

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C. O. RUBOW

He has served as the club's representative at several local and county meetings in helping benefit the Pine Lake area. In 1960, when the Upper Lake had to be raised due to siltation, Rubow helped raise $10,000 in local funds needed to solve the problem.

In 1967 and 1968, Rubow devoted much time to the 1968 Iowa Conservation Field Days and Plowing Match, which was held east of Eldora. He served on several committees and as treasurer of the central committee.

Rubow is a member of the Iowa River Preservation Association, Pine Lake Wildlife Club, Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club, Hardin County Conservation Club and South Hardin Recreation Area, Inc.

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Conservationist Of Year Named

Sherry Fisher, Des Moines, was named state conservationist of the year by the Iowa Wildlife Federation Saturday night at the annual awards banquet at the Imperial Inn at Boone.

Others recognized were C. O. Rubow, Eldora, as wildlife conservationist of the year; Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell, Eldora, as soil conservationists of the year; Milo (Smokey) Peterson, Ames, as forest conservationist of the year.

Cited also were Phillip Vaughn, Bettendorf, as youth conservationist of the year; Harold Lincoln, Delhi, as conservation educator of the year; State Representative Donald E. Baker, Boone, as conservation legislator of the year, and the Long Creek Conservation Club of Burlington as conservation organization of the year.

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Soil Stewardship Week May 3-10

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which places emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water, and other related resources, will be celebrated locally from May 3-10, according to Carroll J. Hobson, Chairman of the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

"Resources and Renewal", the theme of this year's observance, underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in dealing forthrightly with current issues involving stewardship of

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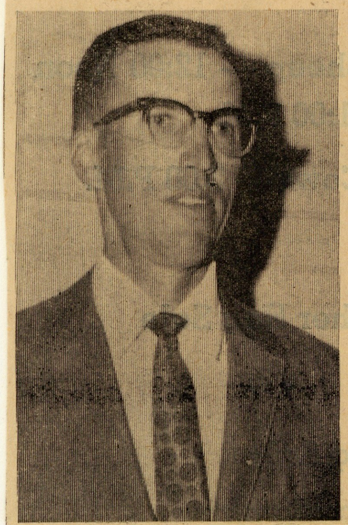
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McDowell Family Wins State Conservation Of Year Award



RAY McDOWELL



MRS. RAY McDOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell of Eldora have been named Soil Conservationist of the Year by the Iowa Conservation Achievement Program sponsored by the Iowa Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The McDowells received their award at a banquet in the Imperial Motel, Boone, Saturday. Ten other state awards were presented to recognize and encourage dedicated work by private citizens, government officials, civic and fraternal organizations, industrial firms and communication media in the wise management of natural resources.

C. O. Rubow, also of Eldora, received the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award during the banquet in Boone Saturday.

In a letter informing the McDowells of their award, the awards committee of the Iowa Wildlife Federation said, "In making this award, the Federation recognizes your unique, sincere dedication to the protection of Iowa's natural resources. Your unceasing concern for a quality environment for Iowa is a source of pride and inspiration for all others who want and need assurance that our environmental issues can be solved by personal involvement."

The Eldora couple was named Family of the Year in the 1969 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register.

The McDowells' 290 acre farm is located one mile east of Eldora on state highway 175. One half of the farm lies within the Lower Pine Lake Watershed project.

Included in the family in addition to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are two children, Margaret, 11 and Mark, 13.

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Nominations Open For Conservation Teacher Awards

Nominations are now being accepted by the Hardin Soil Conservation District for the Outstanding Conservation Teacher Awards program in Hardin county. All fulltime public school teachers from kindergarten through high school are eligible.

Objective of the program is to recognize teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our national heritage of natural and human resources.

The nominee shall complete an entry form and submit to the Soil Conservation District Office in Eldora by June 1, 1970. Entry blanks can be obtained at the district office. The award winner will be named July 1, 1970 and eligible to compete with regional winners for the State Outstanding Conservation Teacher Award. State judging will be completed by Sept. 1, 1970.

The Outstanding Conservation Teacher Awards program is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register cooperating with the Iowa Conservation Education Council as a division of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program.

Des Moines Sunday Register May 24, 1970

86 Counties in Conservation Contest

EIGHTY-SIX out of 100 soil conservation districts in Iowa have decided to participate in the 1970 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

This is the second highest sign-up in the 18-year history of the program. The biggest sign-up was 90 districts in 1968.

The program, which is sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Tribune in cooperation with conservation and educational agencies.

It is designed to encourage more widespread concern for conserving natural resources by recognizing farmers and teachers who do outstanding work in the field. Awards are presented at the county, regional and state levels.

The 1970 regional judges in the farmer division were announced Saturday by the program's co-chairmen, Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and William H. Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The regional judges listed below represent co-sponsoring agencies in this order: the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Iowa Co-operative Extension Service, the State Soil Conservation Committee, and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. The first man, listed is chairman of the judging committee. Some of the men serve on more than one judging committee.

Region 1 (Northwest)—Rients Terpstra, Sanborn; Dean Barnes, Spencer; Wayne Casey, Peterson and Wallis Tonsfeldt, Sioux City.

Region 2 (North Central, West Half)—Kenneth Kassel, Ayshire; Clarence Babcock, Fort Dodge; Wayne Casey, Peterson; Alan Moen, Fort Dodge.

Region 3 (North Central, East Half)—Earl Weber, Dows; Dale M. Studt, Mason City; Fred Cherry, Rowley; Eldon Weber, Mason City.

Region 4 (Northeast)—Oscar Pufahl, Guttenburg; Wayne Dietz, Dubuque; Fred Cherry, Rowley; Eldon Weber, Mason City.

Region 5 (West Central)—Donald Schultz, Avoca; Jay West, Council Bluffs; Wendell Pellett, Atlantic; Leon Foderberg, Council Bluffs.

Region 6 (Central)—Robert Morrison, Prole; Minoru Amemiya, Ames; George Annan, Clarinda; Keith Glandon, Des Moines.

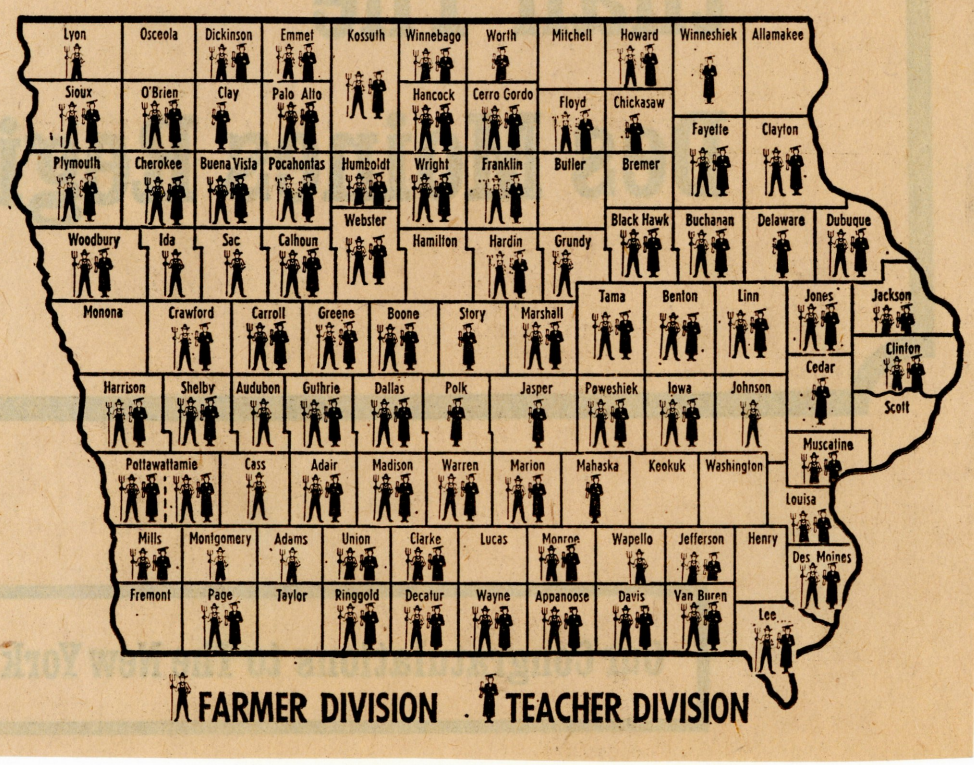
Region 7 (East Central)—George Golinghorst, Walcott; Gene Vincent, Davenport; Donald Johnson, Fairfield; Dale Shadle, Iowa City.

Region 8 (Southwest)—Doyce Miller, Osceola; Stanley J. Murdock, Creston; George Annan, Clarinda; Erwin Aust, Shenandoah.

Region 9 (Southeast)—Ed Klodt, Ottumwa Allan L. Seim, Ottumwa; Donald Johnson, Fairfield; John Eckes, Fairfield.

Judging will be completed at the county level on July 1 and at the regional level on August 1.

Other co-sponsors who are not mentioned above are the State Department of Agriculture, the Iowa chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America; and the Iowa Conservation Education Council.



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Soil Conservation Week Is From June 14-21 Across Iowa

June 14-21 marks the 33rd observance of Soil and Water Conservation Week in Iowa.

Carroll Hobson, chairman of the Hardin County Soil Conservation District, has said the activities of the District are no longer confined to the individual farm. The Iowa Legislature during the last session recognized that wise use of resources is of equal concern to all citizens regardless of their place of residence. Accordingly, cities and towns are now officially included along with the agricultural lands in each Soil Conservation District.

Hobson said the environmental issues of today make it doubly important that rural and urban people work together in solving common problems related to resource management.

He said major efforts of the Hardin District during 1970 will be placed on achieving individual and area resource conservation planning to improve the quality of our environment for both rural and urban people. An up-to-date standard soil survey for the county is needed as a basis for complete resource planning.

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Corn Vetch Growers Ready To Start Harvest

Crown vetch growers are ready to harvest their 1970 crop for seed.

John Maddy, state agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service, says "when the majority of the pods become deep brown in color, this is a good indication the vetch should be winrowed for drying."

A tentative date for harvest in Hardin county, according to Maddy, would be the first of August, give or take a week.

Due to dry conditions in the county, the crop probably will be ready to harvest earlier than usual.

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Crownvetch Crop Ready For Harvest About August 1

The time has arrived for crownvetch growers to think about harvesting their 1970 crop for seed according to John Maddy, state agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service.

"When the majority of the pods become deep brown in color," Maddy said, "this is a good indication the vetch should be windrowed for drying purposes."

A tentative calendar date for harvest in Hardin county, according to Maddy is the first of August. Due to dry conditions in the county, the crownvetch crop will probably be ready to harvest at an earlier date.

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FOR PLANNING INFORMATION — — —

Hardin Soil District Compiles Private Recreation Inventory

The Hardin Soil Conservation District has assisted in conducting three recreation area inventories in Hardin County. The Hardin County Conservation Board Areas and Municipal Parks in Hardin County inventories have been completed and published.

To complete the county recreation resource study, the District has published a brochure titled "Private Outdoor Recreation Areas in Hardin County."

The brochure will be available for personal copies at the Hardin Soil Conservation District Office in Eldora, all banks located in Hardin County, Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce, Eldora Chamber of Commerce, Fidelity Abstract and Title Company, Eldora, and Price's Sporting Goods Store, Iowa Falls.

The Pine Lake Wildlife Club near Eldora has contributed to the success and publication of the recreation brochure. The Hardin Soil Conservation District has expressed special appreciation to the wildlife resource conservation club for their assistance.

The primary purpose of the brochure is for Hardin County recreation planning information. Recreation planning and development in Hardin County depends upon both the present and projected facilities and demands. The existing, well distributed, private facilities provide varied recreational opportunities for local citizens and tourists.

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SPORTS

Groundbreaking At Little League Park Friday

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the proposed site of the new Eldora Little League baseball park Friday afternoon. Cooperating in the first spade of dirt at the location of home plate were Mayor Dr. C. G. Gould and Jaycee president James Sween.

Rough grading and leveling began Saturday on the site located south of the swimming pool. The rough work is expected to be completed in two weeks. Dick Bassett of the local Agriculture Soil Conservation Service surveyed the ground Friday morning for drainage problems. Tiling is to be done in two or three weeks, according to Sween.

The Eldora Jaycees are sponsoring construction of the Little League park. Earlier last month, Jaycee representatives presented their plans for the park at a city council meeting, after which the councilmen, by unanimous vote, approved the site south of the pool.

The council agreed to finance the rough grading, tree removal and tiling. The Jaycees have gone ahead on the project and will be reimbursed by the city on the completion of the park.

Sween said the Jaycees plan to construct an official Little League field. Plans are to have recessed dugouts, bleachers, a pitcher's mound, public address system and press box. A chainlink fence will encircle the field. The concession stand and the restrooms at the swimming pool will be available.

The park will face towards the southeast and will be 200 feet down each foul line and 230 feet to centerfield. Plans are for 20 to 25 feet of foul territory and 30 feet to the backstop behind home plate. The infield will either be grass or rock.

Sween reported that the estimated cost of the park without lights will run approximately $5,000. He reported that the Jaycees netted nearly $1,400 on their sponsored Little League and Babe Ruth Invitational baseball tournament held last week.

Sween commented, "In two or three weeks we are going to need a lot of volunteer help in preparing, fertilizing and seeding the ground. So far, we have received outstanding cooperation from the people in Eldora."

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Groundbreaking Ceremony At Little League Park

Eldora Jaycees and city council held a joint groundbreaking ceremony Friday noon at the site of the proposed official Little League baseball park. The park will be located just south of the swimming pool. Cooperating in digging the first spade of dirt where home plate will be located are Mayor C. G. Gould (right) and Jaycee president James Sween. Rough grading work on the Jaycee sponsored project began Saturday. The leveling and tiling is expected to be completed in two or three weeks, according to Sween. City councilmen and Jaycees attending the ceremony were, left to right, Rex Livingston, Dean Swiston, Paul Dardis, Sween, Dick Ritter, Gould, Dave Granzow, Harold Shephard, Gary Brinkmeyer and Ray Nance. (See accompanying story on sports page.)

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Wildlife Club Announces Conservation Workbook Awards

C. O. Rubow, secretary of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club, announces the winners in the Conservation Workbook contest which is jointly sponsored by the Pine Lake Wildlife Club and the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

The winners in the sixth grade division were: first — Toni Lynn Smith, New Providence; second — Dyanne Bonewitz, Geneva and Vickie Butler, Eldora; and third — Cathy Bradley, New Providence. The winner in the 7th grade division was Jean Geerdes of Steamboat Rock.

Other entries receiving honorable mention for their work were Carol Faris, New Providence; Lyndon Cakerice, Eldora; Yvonne Munier, Ackley, and Dawn Feikes, Ackley.

The conservation workbooks are made available to the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Hardin County schools by the Hardin County Conservation District and the County Conservation Board as part of their conservation program.

Awards will be given to the students participating in the program at the first fish fry at the Wildlife Club on Sept. 25.

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THROUGH CONSERVATION BOARD — — —

Izaak Walton Chapter Planning 55-Acre Outdoor Sports Complex

A 55-acre complex will be developed for outdoor sportsmen in Hardin county through the Hardin County Izaak Walton League.

The site is the Boddy-Hunt area east across Highway 65 from Logsdon Park. The park is south of Iowa Falls about 10 miles.

It will be developed in cooperation with the Hardin County Conservation Board.

BACKGROUND

Background on the site is that two county residents, Verle W. Hunt of Ackley and Lee Boddy of Iowa Falls, purchased the land when it was offered for sale but the Conservation Board did not have funds to buy it. They are in turn selling it to the Conservation Board.

The Conservation Board is leasing the land to the Izaak Walton League for $1 a year. All Hardin county residents, regardless of whether they are members of the Izaak Walton chapter, will have the right to use the park. This is a key feature of agreement.

RIGHT TO FEES

At the same time, the Izaak Walton chapter will bear the expense of development and will have the right to charge the public for the use of facilities such as shooting ranges or for camping.

Highway 65 fronts the site on the west and a county gravel road fronts much of the south side. The land is low, with a high bluff on the east side, perfect as a backdrop for rifle shooting. There are numerous wild flowers and natural cover. The Ikes already have planted several hundred more trees and shrubs.

Facilities are planned for rifle, carbine, small arms, trap shooting and archery enthusiasts.

OXBOW CHANNEL

An old South Fork oxbow channel runs through the center of the land. The stream was straightened on the other side of the highway — to avoid two bridges — and the old channel was left. There are springs feeding it now. The channel will be dredged and stocked with fish.

One of the main features of the site will be a 300-yard rifle range.

A rangehouse, clubhouse and double-target shoot range are in the plans. The trap shoot will be at the southeast corner where an old farm house and outbuildings are now. The buildings will be razed.

150 MEMBERS

The Izaak Walton chapter was formed in Hardin county about two years ago and now has 150 members. Though the name implies fishing, the chapter has a broad program of outdoor sports and conservation.

Officers are Jerry Price, president; Robert Pekarek, vice president; Marlyn (John) Gorder, secretary, and Richard Petersen, treasurer, all of Iowa Falls, and board members James Roland of Alden, Gene Farmer of Eldora, Bob Smith of Iowa Falls, Bob Carson of Eldora, and E. W. (Bud) Price and James Bittle, both of Iowa Falls.

The chapter will elect new officers Tuesday.



IKE'S SIGN UP — Jerry Price, president of the Izaak Walton League, Hardin county chapter, stands beside the new Ike's sign erected at the site of a 55-acre outdoor sport complex they plan to develop across from Logsdon Park south of Iowa Falls.

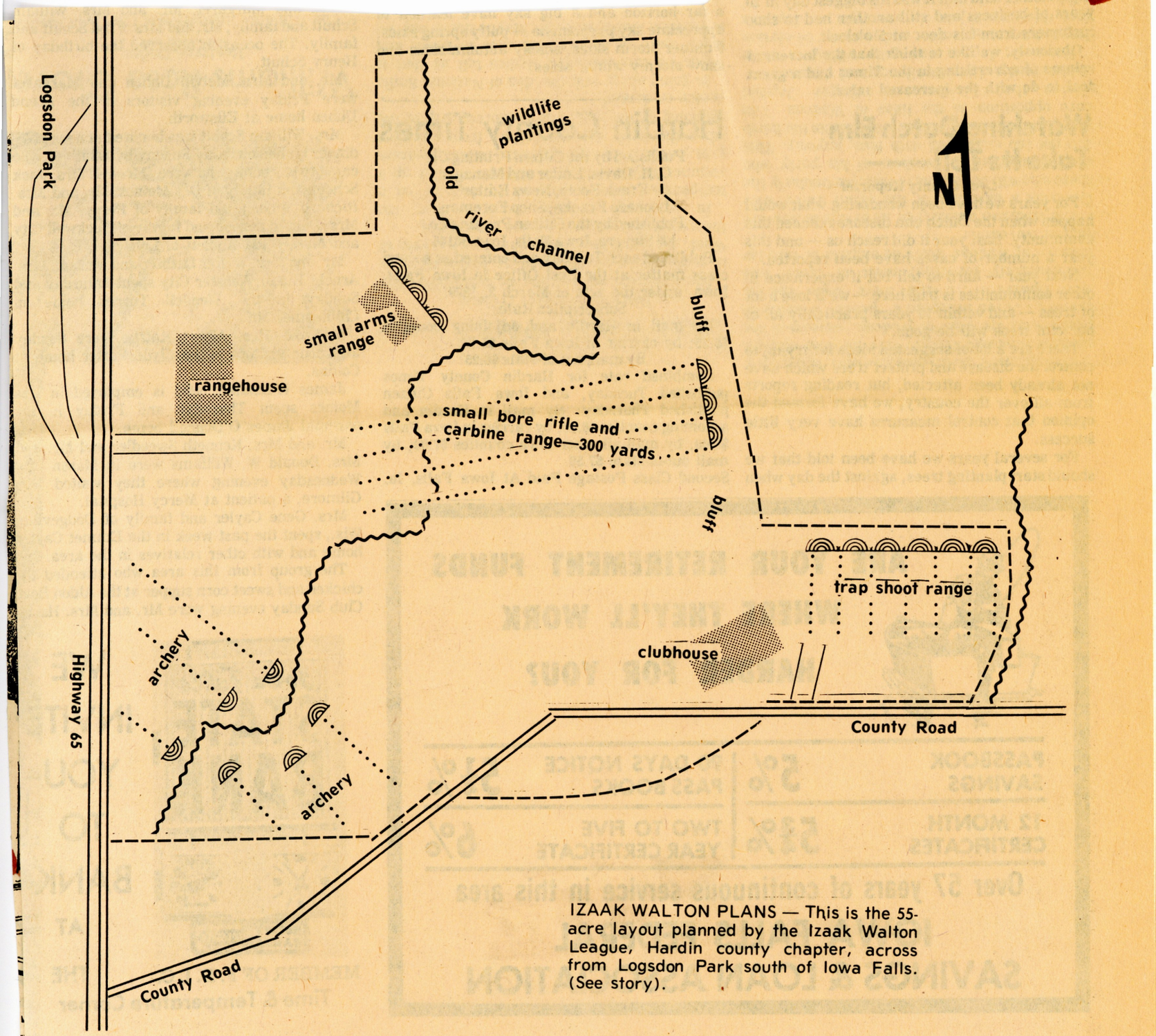
Assessor's Budget Approved Intact At Budget Hearing

The Hardin county assessor's budget of $38,860 was approved intact last Tuesday.

According to Assessor Walter Guenther there were objections voiced to the proposed budget before its approval by the board of supervisors.

The budget includes a $6,800 increase in taxes. Of this amount about $3,000 will be used to cover the expense of getting the assessor's office out of the red. Other expenses were the result of state-ordered revaluations.

The assessor's budget is reviewed and approved annually by the County Conference Board consisting of the mayors of all communities in the county.



IZAAK WALTON PLANS — This is the 55-acre layout planned by the Izaak Walton League, Hardin county chapter, across from Logsdon Park south of Iowa Falls. (See story).

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Most Of Hardin Included Iowa River Basin Study

The opportunities to improve the over-all quality of the environment of the Iowa - Cedar River Basin will be determined in a natural resource study started Aug. 3, according to Wilson T. Moon of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in Des Moines.

The 8,200,000 acre basin extending from north of Austin, Minn. southeast to Burlington will be examined to determine what opportunities exist to solve water and related land problems.

The study is a cooperative effort co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation and the Iowa Conservation Commission.

The need for improved recreation, fish and wildlife resources, water supply and water quality will be examined. Moon said the study will further include flood prevention, drainage and irrigation potential.

The Iowa-Cedar River Basin is part of the Upper Mississippi River Basin for which broad Studies are now being completed. The USDA study team for the Iowa-Cedar River Basin consists of representatives of the Economic Research Service, U. S. Forest Service, and the Soil Conservation Service.

The Soil Conservation Service coordinates the study with the sponsors and with other interested local state and federal agencies.

All but eleven sections of land in the extreme southwest corner of Hardin county are within the study area. The excluded portion of the county is in the Skunk River Basin.

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Along The Hardin Conservation Trail

During the past week I was approached by several groups regarding tours through the Iowa River Green Belt during the coming fall. We are so pleased to have people show interest in this portion of our county. Fairly often we are given the privilege of joining a group visiting our county recreation areas; this gives us the opportunity to promote further interest by pointing out the useful, the beautiful or the unique. Fall is a fine time to leisurely drive through the Green Belt, observe the growth of wild fruit and nuts; the squirrel, the chipmunk and others busy with preparations for winter and the always spectacular leaf coloration to be found on the hillsides.

We urge any and all of you to take some time to visit this beautiful river valley. If I can be of any assistance, my services are always at your disposal for we want you to know and enjoy your Hardin County out-of-doors.

There are so many interesting little things to be found here, did you know Hardin County has a native citrus fruit? Borne on the spiny, sticky prickly ash is a small, perfectly formed orange, perfect in design and aroma but hardly of edible variety for it contains a substance which, when placed in the mouth, produces a numbing effect and was used by the pioneers to ease the pain of a toothache, naturally it became known as the toothache tree.

Another of the odd things that is found here in Hardin County is the May apple. In the spring it is quite showy with its large, cup-shaped, waxy white flower which soon forms into a small green apple that develops through the summer until it is about crab apple size. All parts of this plant are poisonous except the ripe fruit which is edible, either raw or cooked, when it becomes yellow. This was one of the foods which were utilized by the pioneers when they settled and developed this country.

These are but two of the many interesting and unusual things to be found here, things that were used and very much a part of the lives of the Indians and the early white settlers of our county. Don't you think these should be preserved as much as the antiques, the heirlooms and the landmarks are preserved? Does progress mean the destruction of these symbols of our early America?

We have spent considerable time and study in attempting to plan and lay out nature trails with permanent markers to designate the many trees, shrubs, rocks, flowers and animal signs to be found in our county areas. One problem has never been solved, constant vandalism which has denuded many of the areas of all types of informative signs. Unitl this situation is resolved, guided tours are the only means we can offer for your pleasure and education.

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Halt Soil Aid In Chickasaw

State and federal officials say they have withdrawn funds from the Chickasaw County Soil Conservation District until the district commissioners "demonstrate a desire to conduct the program in a manner which will be beneficial to all concerned."

The comments were made in a letter signed by Fred Cherry of Rowley, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee, and Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

The action means Chickasaw County farmers will have difficulty in obtaining assistance in carrying out contouring, strip cropping and building terraces.

The state and federal officials said their agencies have encountered difficulties with the district "largely because of personal differences between the commissioners, the state clerk and the Soil Conservation Service personnel."

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Waste Disposal Group Will View New Hampton Unit

The Hardin County Waste Disposal Committee is planning to view the sanitary landfill disposal system at New Hampton Tuesday afternoon. The landfill meets proper state requirements and is reported to be self sufficient. The committee is leaving from the city hall in Eldora at noon.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled Friday, Aug. 28, at the Union town hall at 8 p.m.

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IMPRESSED WITH EFFICIENCY OF OPERATION —

Hardin Committee Views Waste Disposal System at New Hampton

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Garbage, Rubbish Unloaded . . .



Pushed Into Trench, Packed Down . . .



Final Step Covering With Dirt . . .

Members of the Hardin County Waste Disposal Committee traveled to New Hampton Tuesday afternoon to view that city's sanitary landfill disposal system and discuss the system with the New Hampton mayor and sanitation department head.

New Hampton's disposal system, started in 1964, meets proper state requirements and is nearly self sufficient, according to Ralph T. Canty, mayor of New Hampton.

Committee members viewing the landfill were chairman Dr. Lloyd Bates of Union, Lisle Cook of Hubbard, Elmer Younker of Ackley and Carroll Hobson and Dr. C. G. Gould of Eldora.

New Hampton[illegible] consists of digging a trench six to eight feet deep (the bottom of the trench must be at least three feet above the ground water table), in which garbage is dumped, compacted and then covered each day with a six-inch cover of dirt.

The landfill system is supposedly the least expensive of the acceptable disposal systems. For this reason, the committee is studying this method. It was recommended that New Hampton's landfill be investigated, although it operates only for that city. The local committtee is investigating a disposal system on a county-wide basis.

Members viewing the landfill were impressed by the efficien-

Members of the Hardin County Waste Disposal Committee viewed the actual operation of the sanitary landfill at New Hampton Tuesday. In the top photo, the garbage and rubbish is unloaded from the truck near the trench. In the center photo, the caterpiller tractor pushes the garbage into the trench and packs it down. The bottom photo shows the covering of the garbage with dirt. All garbage is to be covered with at least six inches of dirt at the end of each day. The committee members were impressed by the cleanliness of the grounds and absence of offensive odors.

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cy and the cleanliness of the area. It was observed that there were no papers flying about or garbage seen except what had not yet been covered that day.

SERVES 4,000 RESIDENTS

The landfill serves nearly 4,000 residents of New Hampton. According to printed material distributed, the town purchased a 90-acre site located two and one half miles from town in 1964 to be used as a sanitary landfill. Seven acres selected by the city's consulting engineer was fenced off with a tight fencing at least eight-feet high.

All dumping of trash and garbage is done within the fenced area in the trenches and is buried at the end of the day. There is no burning done on the site.

According to Canty, only three acres of the fenced area is full. Just recently, the city opened the remainder of the seven-acre tract. The rest of the 90-acre site is rented out as farm land to area farmers.

Equipment owned by the sanitation department includes two garbage trucks and a caterpiller

Landfill —

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tractor with an end-loader. Canty reported New Hampton owned a dragline, but found it more practical and more economical to hire a local contractor to come in and dig the trenches.

There are three residential routes and the garbage is picked up twice each week. In the business district, the garbage is collected every day. Garbage and rubbish is buried in trenches dug eight to 12 feet deep, depending upon the depth of the watertable, and 25 feet wide. The dirt is piled on either side of the trench so as to be easily accessible. It also cuts down on the wind problem. Once each week, the haulers police the area.

RATES LISTED

The rates for collection of garbage and rubbish is $1.75 per month for a residential pickup where the same is made through the alley or where the carry is less than 50 feet, $2 per month for all other residential. $1 per minute for time consumed for commercial pickup and $1.50 per dwelling unit within the structure.

The landfill is opened twice each week to the public during the summer and once each week during the winter. Persons not on a pickup route pay $1.25 at the time of dumping. People on the route and wanting to dump are admitted free.

Items not allowed within the landfill area are junked cars, dead animals, explosive materials and other items so large as not to be compressible for landfill operations. Fines are stiff for not following ordinances. Canty told of three residents who dumped their garbage in the ditch. They were traced down and each fined $100.

Canty said, "The people were against the landfill at first, but they have found out it is the most economical way."

The Hardin county committee will meet Friday, Aug. 28, in the Union town hall to discuss the New Hampton landfill. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

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NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. Shirley Albright began duties Monday in the Hardin District Soil Conservation Office in Eldora as secretary. She will replace Miss Diane Neubauer of Hubbard in the position, who will be married August 29. Mrs. Albright of Bradenton, Fla., and two daughters, Julie, 14, and Kelly, 8, will reside in Eldora.

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County Conservation Awards Announced

By James R. McGuire
(Editor of Farm and Home Register)

COUNTY winners in the 1970 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program were announced Saturday by the co-chairmen of the program — Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS), and William H. Greiner, director of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation (DSC).

The county awards for outstanding conservation work in 73 counties go to the owners and operators of 119 farms and to 48 conservation teachers.

The county winners will now be considered for regional awards and later this fall one of the farms and one of the teachers will be singled out for state awards.

This is the eighteenth consecutive year that this awards program has been sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Tribune and the weekly farm section of these papers, the Iowa Farm and Home Register.

Emphasis in the program is on proper use of the land, steps taken to avoid loss of topsoil and to control pollution of ponds, lakes and streams; control of weeds; and good management of natural resources.

Each farm is scored on the basis of practices recommended for the farm with plus points assigned to those completed and penalty points assigned to those not completed.

Teachers are selected on the basis of their effectiveness in creating a favorable climate for conservation education in their classrooms; organizing meaningful conservation field trips; creating an awareness of conservation problems at the local, state and national levels; and motivating students to promote conservation of natural resources.

Winning farms in each county (participating soil conservation district) were selected in three divisions: (1) owner-operated and family-operated farms; (2) landlord-tenant operated farms; and (3) new co-operators in the soil conservation district.

The following list shows the winners in the three farmer divisions and the teacher division. In some cases, the counties are not participating in all four divisions:

Region 1

Northwest

CHEROKEE — (1) Mortenson Brothers (Ronald and Royce), Cherokee; (Teacher) Les L. Licklider, Cherokee (Wilson Jr. High School).

IDA—(1) Joe Grell, Washta; (2) William Davis, Sheldon, owner; Bennett Brothers, Galva, operators; (Teacher) Mrs. Norval (Betty Lou) Waller, Holstein (Holstein Elementary School).

O'BRIEN—(1) Arthur Maris, Keo Kuiper, Archer, Mrs. Grace Kuiper, Archer, and Mrs. Marie Storm, Sanborn, owners; Keo Kuiper, Archer, operator. (2) Mrs. Helen Keene, Hartley, Virgil Banwart, Sioux Falls, S.D., Mrs. Margaretta Harges, Sanborn, owners; Wesley Taylor, Sanborn, operator. (3) Earl Skaar, Gaza. (Teacher) Sister Mary Janet Goetz, Sheldon (St. Patrick's School).

PLYMOUTH—(1) Bessie Fara, Le Mars, owner; John Fara, Akron, operator; (2) Russell L. Knapp, LeMars, owner; Larry W. Miller, Merrill, operator; (3) Ray Loutsch, Le Mars.

SIOUX—(1) Jake Van Beek, Inwood; (2) Kay Vander Lugt, Hawarden; (Teacher) Elwood P. Iverson, Hawarden (West Sioux Community School).

WOODBURY—(1) John Sadler, Correctionville; (2) D & R Farm Co., Holstein, owner; Donald Ludwigsen, Holstein, Ronald Riediger, Sioux City, operators; (Teacher) Connie Cleveland, Sioux City (Riverview Elementary School).

Region 2

(North Central-West Half)

BUENA VISTA—(1) Donald Shevel, Storm Lake; (2) Mrs. Margaret Klinker, Phoenix, Ariz., owner; Alvin H. Petersen, Alta, operator; (3) Daryl E. Frantz, Alta; (Teacher) Mrs. Ardiss Calvin, Alta (Alta Elementary School).

CALHOUN—(2) James R. Kloser, Carroll, owner; Harold Humm, Lohrville, operator; (Teacher) Rudolph Engstrom, Lake City (Lake City Community Schools).

CLAY—(1) Jerome Kimball, Everly; (2) Raymond Olson, Webb, owner; Larry Olson, Webb, operator.

DICKINSON—(1) Ellsworth Tatman, Milford; (2) Johnnie Jahn, Spirit Lake owner; Andrew Hoffman, Lake Park, operator; (Teacher) Claire Champine, Spirit Lake (Spirit Lake Community School).

EMMET—(1) Paul A. Nappel, Dolliver; (2) Taylor Trust of First National Bank, Omaha, Neb.; L. A. Barnes, Sioux City, Bruce A. Anderson, Estherville, owners; Bruce A. Anderson, Estherville, operator; (3) H. A. Jensen, Estherville, owner; Robert Gray, Estherville, operator; (Teacher) Mrs. Harlan (Betty) Peterson, Ringsted (Armstrong Community School, Armstrong).

PALO ALTO—(Teacher) Mrs. Margaret Weller, Mallard (Mallard Community School).

POCAHONTAS—(2) A. R. Omtvedt, Fonda, owner; Bernhard Erickson, Fonda, operator.

SAC—(3) Mrs. Lydia Smith, Sac City, owner; Donald Wilson, Sac City, operator.

WEBSTER—(1) Werner Bargsten, Clare; (Teacher) Mrs. Bernita (Cindy) Stiles, Fort Dodge (Cooper Elementary School).

WRIGHT — (1) Kenneth Mosher, Clarion.

Region 3

(North Central-East Half)

CERRO GORDO — (1) J. Roger Whitt and Son, Mason City; (Teacher) Mrs. Irene Gorkowski, Rock Falls (North Central Community School, Plymouth).

FLOYD—(2) Mary Munsil, Marble Rock, owner; David C. Schlader, Marble Rock, operator.

FRANKLIN—(1) Julius Heiken, Ackley.

GRUNDY—(1) Gordon Davidson, Conrad.

HANCOCK—(Teacher) Mrs. Shirley Bruns, Crystal Lake (Crystal Lake High School).

HARDIN—(1) Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock; (Teacher) Mrs. Mildred Miller, Eldora (Eldora Elementary School).

HOWARD—(1) Godfrey Natvig, Cresco.

WINNEBAGO—(1) Raymond Pederson, Lake Mills; (Teacher) Wayne A. Nattress, Buffalo Center (Buffalo Center Community School).

WORTH—(Teacher) Mrs. Iona Bilstad, Kensett (North Central Community School, Halontown).

Region 4

(Northeast)

ALLAMAKEE—(1) Walter Mahr, Jr., Dorchester; (2) Clement Schulte, Waukon, owner; Gene H. Wilder, Dorchester, operator; (3) James Mettille, Lansing; (Teacher) Norbert E. Duffy, Waukon (Allamakee Community School, Waukon).

BLACK HAWK—(1) Vaughn L. Craft, Hudson; (Teacher) Mildred L. Herman, Fairbank (Dunkerton Community School, Dunkerton).

BUCHANAN—(1) Robert Shaffer, Brandon; (2) Edgar Hood Estate, Independence, owner; Ronnie Hood, Independence, operator; (3) Paul Glen Copenhaver, Independence; (Teacher) Mrs. Enid Gillihan, Winthrop (East Buchanan Schools, Quasqueton).

CLAYTON—(1) Harold Hanson, Elgin; (2) James Mathews, Farmersburg, owner; Edward Wiedenman, Farmersburg, operator; (3) Spook Cave, Inc., McGregor, owner; Gerald Mielke, McGregor, operator.

DUBUQUE—(1) Alvin Cigrand, Cascade; (2) Mrs. Gertrude Sadler, Cascade, owner; Laverne McCabe, Cascade, operator; (3) Ambrose Kurt, Cascade.

FAYETTE—(1) LaVerne R. Swenson, Clermont; (Teacher) Mrs. Bernice Woodson, Hawkeye (Hawkeye Elementary School).

JACKSON—(1) Lester Moeller, Dorchester.

JONES—(1) Larry Manternach, Cascade; (3) Robert Leonard, Center Junction.

WINNESHIEK—(Teacher) Clayton E. Wangsness, Spring Grove, Minn. (North Winneshiek School, Decorah).

Region 5

(West Central)

ADAIR—(1) Kenneth Beaman, Bridgewater; (2) Richard Wilson, Greenfield, owner; Dean Davis, Fontanelle, operator; (3) Melvin Laughery, Orient.

AUDUBON—(1) Eugene Hansen, Exira.

CARROLL—(1) Wilmer Schelle, Breda; (2) Howard Limbaugh, Carroll, owner; Gerald Baumhover, Carroll, operator; (3) Bernard Irlbeck, Templeton; (Teacher) Sister Teresa Kunkel, Lidderdale (Mount Carmel School, Carroll).

CASS—(1) Kenneth L. Martin, Griswold; (2) Marshall Joyce, Park Ridge, Ill., owner; George Steffens, Wiota, operator; (3) Creighton Sindt, Griswold.

CRAWFORD—(1) Clyde Thomson, Manilla.

GUTHRIE—(1) Cecil Railsback, Guthrie Center, owner; Larry Railsback, Guthrie Center, operator; (2) Harris Hess, Coon Rapids, owner; Harry Shackelford, Bayard, operator; (3) Delbert Artist, Adair.

HARRISON—(1) George Barry, Pisgah; (Teacher) Mrs. Thelma Hathaway, Mondamin (Logan-Magnolia Community School, Logan).

EAST POTTAWATTAMIE—(1) Orville Young, Council Bluffs, Darrell Young, Hancock, Clayton Young, Hancock, owners; Darrell Young, Hancock, Clayton Young, Hancock, operators; (2) Henry Cutler, Council Bluffs, Oscar Johnson, Council Bluffs, owners; Dennis Whyte, Walnut, operator; (3) Tracy Howe, Hancock; (Teacher) Raymond J. Hekel, Carson (Carson-Macedonia Community Schools, Carson).

WEST POTTAWATTAMIE—(1) Darrel R. Geise, Underwood; (2) Esther Carpenter, Neola, owner; John Konz, Neola, operator; (3) Clint Goos, Council Bluffs.

SHELBY—(1) Robert Sullivan, Dunlap; (3) Conrad Sorensen, Harlan;

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(Teacher) Ronald W. Pethoud, Harlan (New Park Elementary School).

Region 6

(Central)

BOONE—(1) M. C. Cole, Madrid; (3) Harry Bice, Woodward; (Teacher) Claison Groff, Boxholm (Grand Community School).

DALLAS—(1) Mary Simons, Dexter, owner; Eugene Simons, Dexter, operator; (2) R. A. Emmert, Des Moines, owner; H. A. Burgus, Adel, operator; (3) James Jensen, Woodward.

GREENE—(1) E. A. Cairns, Jefferson; (3) T. E. Terrill, Scranton, owner; Darwin Terrill, Scranton, operator.

JASPER—(Teacher) Mrs. Clela Lair, Newton (Woodrow Wilson Elementary School).

MADISON—(1) H. H. Howell, Cumming; (2) Mrs. T. W. Monson, Waterloo, Neb., owner; George P. Bingel, Winterset, operator; (3) Phillip Corkrean, Macksburg; (Teacher) John Bishop, Winterset (Winterset Community High School).

MARION—(1) John A. VandeKratts, Pella.

MARSHALL—(1) Merle Wolken, Ferguson; (Teacher) Mrs. Marjorie Bloom, Laurel (Rogers Elementary School, Marshalltown).

POLK—(Teacher) Mrs. Carl (Dorothy) Bauer, Mitchellville (Southeast Polk School).

WARREN—(1) Lester Dittmer, Lacona; (Teacher) Mrs. Florabell Lukenbill, Hartford (Carlisle Community School, Carlisle).

Region 7

(East Central)

BENTON—(1) Kenneth Dawson, Parnell; (2) Jay Roller, North English, owner; Norman King, North English, operator; (3) Robert Durr, Williamsburg.

CEDAR—(Teacher) Mrs. Carl (Jeanette) Ruprecht, Lowden (Lowden Elementary School).

CLINTON—(Teacher) Mrs. Elaine Shelton, De Witt (Calamus Community School, Calamus).

IOWA—(3) Robert Durr, Williamsburg; (Teacher) Harold A. Bezoni, jr., Williamsburg (Williamsburg Community School).

LINN—(1) Richard Haughenbury, Coggon; (2) Herbert Pollock, Springville, owner; Willard Goodlove, Central City, operator; (3) Glenn Klinsky, Ely; (Teacher) Larry Kaberle, Rowley (North Linn Community School, Walker).

LOUISA—(Teacher) Warren M. Greene, Columbus Junction (Columbus Community School, Columbus Junction).

POWESHIEK—(1) Clarence Van Wyk, Grinnell; (2) Dr. John Thompson, Iowa City; Raymond Gregory, Montezuma; Charles McClain, Montezuma, owners; Howard Joshnston, Montezuma, operator; (Teacher) Mrs. Barbara Susens, Grinnell (Davis-Grinnell-Newburg Community School, Grinnell).

SCOTT—(Teacher) Don W. Jurgs, Bettendorf (Bettendorf Community School).

TAMA—(Teacher) Mrs. Edythe Hill, Dysart (Dysart-Geneseo School).

Region 8

(Southeast)

ADAMS—(1) Lyle Brenton, Corning.

CLARKE—(1) Merrill McCarty, Osceola; (3) Robert G. Upfield, Weldon; (Teacher) Leland Dolecheck, Osceola (Clarke Community School).

MILLS—(1) Millard Gee, Imogene; (3) Julius Buch, Glenwood; (Teacher) Richard L. Morgan, Emerson (Nishna Valley Community School, Hastings).

MONTGOMERY—(1) Vernon and Robert Vanderholm, Stanton; (2) Hale Brothers, Joplin, Mo., owners; Lloyd and Howard Bradley, Elliott, operators.

PAGE—(1) Lehman Johnson, Red Oak; (2) Chet Holdridge, Shenandoah, owner; Fred Smith, Shenandoah, operator; (3) Lewis Mather & Sons, Westboro, Mo.

RINGGOLD—(1) Stuart Hoover, Redding; (3) Mrs. Jessie Lesan, Mount Ayr, Marvin Main, Mt. Ayr, operator, (Teacher) Mrs. Lloyd Angus, Mount Ayr (Mount Ayr Community School).

UNION—(1) Frank A. Ide, Shannon City.

Region 9

(Southwest)

APPANOOSE—(1) William and Katherine Vinzant, Mystic; (3) C. K. Stradley, Centerville.

DAVIS — (1) Gerald Forsythe, Drakesville; (Teacher) Mrs. Isabel Boatman, Bloomfield (Davis County Community School, Bloomfield).

DES MOINES—(1) Harold Yohe, Mediapolis; (2) Frances Cook, Hays, Kan., owner; John Seymour, Danville, operator; (3) A. M. Wagner & Sons, Danville, owner; Dick Mapel, Danville, operator; (Teacher) James R. Howell, Mediapolis (Mediapolis Community School).

JEFFERSON — (Teacher) Keith Wells, Fairfield (Fairfield High School).

LEE—(1) Walter Krauter, Donnellson.

MAHASKA—(Teacher) Mrs. Harriet Cummings, Oskaloosa (Whittier School, Oskaloosa).

MONROE—(1) William Hughes, Eddyville; (Teacher) Mrs. Jessie H. Howells, Albia (Albia Community Schools).

VAN BUREN—(1) Stanley Woodruff, Milton; (Teacher) Mrs. Maxine Miller, Birmingham (Van Buren Community School, Birmingham).

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Grundy County's Sanitary Landfill To Open Nov. 1

Grundy county's newly acquired sanitary landfill site will be ready for operation November 1, according to a project time table prepared by the Grundy County Sanitary Landfill Commission.

A 10-year lease has been acquired by the Commission on an approved 20-acre site near Holland, beginning October 1.

The landfill will be located on the west 20 acres of a 102 acre farm owned by the estate of August Henze, one and a half miles southwest of Holland.

Board members voted to ask the county board of supervisors and the nine town councils to enter into a sanitary landfill operation agreement implemented by the present 17-man commission.

Peterson Contractors, Inc., of Reinbeck will develop the site so that it will be ready for operation by the November 1 deadline. Actual operation of the landfill (four days a week) will cost anywhere from $1,500 to $2,800 per month.

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N TWO-YEAR CONSERVATION PROGRAM —

State Plans Expansion Of Pine Lake Camping

Plans for expansion of the camping area at Pine Lake State Park were revealed to members of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee during an informal meeting with the Iowa Conservation Commission in Des Moines Tuesday.

Plans for the expansion at Upper Pine Lake are included in the budget asking for the Eldora-based recreation area during a program from 1971-1973. The budget has yet to be approved by the Iowa Legislature.

Included in the expansion is the addition of 80 acres north of the existing campgrounds with the addition of a sewage system, lagoon, lines and lift station, toilet building and shower house as well as possible foot trails.

The entire expansion project is listed as a $144,650 project for the two year period with $75,000 listed for the land, $38,500 for the sewage system, $24,800 for the construction of facilities and $6,350 for the establishment of foot trails. This budget will be presented to the 1971 Iowa General Assembly for approval.

Members of the Iowa Conservation Commission commented that Pine Lake State Park is now a "very desirable area" for planned improvements as it appeals to a large group of people. The commission also mentioned they felt that "no one was more conservation conscious than the Eldora area."

LIMIT REMOVED

During the session, the commission mentioned that the reason for placing a limit on the camping area earlier this year is to prevent the overtaxing of the facilities and that when an expansion program is completed it is very likely the limit will be taken from the area.

When the project will be attempted in the next two years is difficult to say, since priority is given to those parks according to the budget approval presented to the Legislature and this will not be decided until after the 1971 session.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

It was mentioned to the commission that 1971 will mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Lower Pine Lake, the oldest man-made lake in the state of Iowa and state-wide publicity will be given to this by the state organization in connection with the 50th anniversary of the State Parks Association, which will be holding their annual convention in Des Moines in 1971.

Attending the meeting in Des Moines Tuesday were Harold Dettbarn, chairman of the Pine Lake Improvement Committee, a division of the Eldora Chamber of Commerce; Harold Putnam and Virginia Stiles.

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Friday Deadline In ASC Election

Only a few days remain in which eligible farm voters can cast their ballots in the ASCS community committee elections, according to Carrol White, chairman of the Hardin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

September 11 is the final day on which ballots can be mailed or returned to the County ASCS office.

ASC community committees — of which there are 15 in Hardin County — keep farmers updated on government farm programs, elect persons to fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee and name the chairman and vice chairman, and assist the county committee in administering government farm programs on the local level.

When election ballots are received, they are put in a sealed ballot box until the County ASC committee publicly tabulates the votes Tuesday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m. at the county office.

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Special conservation awards will be made to youngsters from over Hardin county who competed in the art contest sponsored by the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

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Local Farm Effort In Conservation Benefits Everyone

Indications are that cost-sharing conservation practices with environment - benefiting values will be installed by approximately 162 farmers in Hardin county this year, according to Carrol W. White, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

"In fact, some 110 farmers have already reported completion of their conservation practices, and about 32 are nearly completed," he said. In addition, the fall signup for conservation work will result in about 20 more farmers participating in the program.

Under this annual program administered by the County ASC Committee, the government shares costs with farmers for installation of needed soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation measures which benefit the environment for all, White said.

"For instance, the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that about 85 percent of the conservation cost-sharing practices across the nation help in the fight against pollution. We feel that the farmers in Hardin county rate well up in this effort."

White pointed out that cost-sharing, usually on a 50-50 basis between a farmer and the government, results in conservation measures which benefit the public more than the producers could afford to do on their own.

The ASC Committee Chairman said practices are individually approved by the county ASC committee and that installation must always meet specified requirements. Full details on conservation cost-sharing are available at the Hardin ASCS office in Iowa Falls.

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75 IN HARDIN — — —

ASC Committeemen Elected; County Convention Saturday

Farmers of Hardin County have elected a total of 75 ASC community committeemen and alternates in a mail election conducted earlier this month, according to Carrol W. White, Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

A total of 1274 eligible farm voters cast ballots — an increase of 168 over last year's balloting, White said. Votes were cast by some 50 percent of those eligible to vote, an increase of nine percent over last year.

ASC community committees assist the County ASC Committee in administering farm programs in Hardin County, such as Feed Grain Program and agricultural conservation cost-sharing measures. They also help keep local producers informed of farm program provisions and regulations.

COUNTY COMMITTEE

In addition, the just-elected ASC community committees will fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee and determine the chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year, White said.

The new ASC community committeemen will convene Saturday at 10 a.m. at the ASCS Office in a meeting open to the public. They will elect one County Committeeman to serve a three-year term and two alternates to serve one-year terms. After the vacancies are filled, the community committeemen will determine which of the three regular members of the County ASC Committee will be Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Each of the 15 ASC community committees are made up of three members and two alternates, who serve for a one-year period. The candidate in each ASC community who received the largest number of votes is the committee chairman. Second highest is vice-chairman; third is regular committee member; fourth and fifth in the number of votes received are first and second alternates.

Here are the newly-elected ASC community committeemen in Hardin County, listed in the order of chairman, vice-chairman, member, first alternate, and second alternate:

Alden Township — Leonard E. Warschko, Marlyn K. Olsen, Bert Fleming, Leonard C. Harms, Keith Bessman.

Buckeye Township — Otis J. Liittschwager, Laverne Peterson, Harley W. Rastetter, Steven Lettow, Marlyn C. Runge.

Clay Township — Ralph H. Reed, Wm. L. Boelman, Elvin C. Harms, Harold A. Jaspers, Robert M. Finger.

Concord Township — Ralph V. Lee, Leland Coburn, Donald E. Friest, Robert Lee, Earl Engelson.

Eldora Township — Harold Balvanz, Jerry Donner, Harvey D. Hinshaw, Irwin Seward, Clarence Paterni.

Ellis Township — Dale Eldridge, Kenneth R. Wood, Harry Axtell, C. Harold Gilbert, Carroll B. Heard.

Etna Township — Woodrow W. Heitland, Harold K. Knoll, Russell D. Richtsmeier, Virgil H. Janssen, Louis Feikes.

Grant Township — Kenneth Brandt, Wilbert L. Doering, Arnold L. Dubberke, Myron West, Russell Van Dornum.

Hardin Towship — Richard Ites, Jr., Gerald Willems, James Richtsmeier, Laurel Williams, Harvey J. Muller.

Jackson Township — Robert J. Klatt, Harry Daleske, Fred Fuhrman, Gary Fuller, Cecil Swaim.

Pleasant Township — Clarence T. Lange, Marlyn Steinfeldt, Everett Elerding, Noa L. Reece, George C. Goschke.

Providence Township — Paul M. Hockett, Kenneth D. Bernard, Lawrence Cutler, Leo J. Faris, Everett Lawler.

Sherman Township — Harvey Hinderaker, Elvern Hake, Arnold Ostrem, Lowell Wykle, James R. Bailey.

Tipton Township — Martin Kulow, Donald Hornung, Gene L. Miller, Gene Dubberke, James Granzow.

Union Township — Joe Rash, Harold Lloyd, Forrest R. Huston, Rex E. Lewis, Denzil Shaver.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

A total of 80 committeemen and alternates have been elected in Franklin county. They, too, will meet Saturday to determine the make-up of the County ASC committee.

Here are the committeemen for the southern tier of townships in Franklin county:

Grant Township — Dean Duit, Edward E. Klein, Dennis L. Neubauer, Harold Richtsmeier, Leo Abbas.

Lee Township — Elwood O. Anderson, Millard D. Rommel, Merle L. Ellingson, James A. Scallon, C. Erwin Peterson.

Oakland Township — Ralph Classon, Alvin W. Benson, Hector J. Anderson, Marvin Campbell, Lynn Nachazel.

Osceola Township — Gaylord Lupkes, Dean J. Brinkman, Calvin Jansonius, William Keninger, Irvin Klahsen.