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Company Shows Concern, Pipe Line Rerouted

Because a large corporation displays concern for local plans and interests, Hardin County has been spared a scar on the timbered area for which the county is becoming well-known, according to executive officer Homer Calkins of the Hardin County Conservation Board.

Gulf Interstate Engineering Company ran a survey line through the eastern portion of Hardin County in preparation for the installation of a pipe line to carry liquid fertilizer. The original line, as surveyed, would have passed through a portion of the "Iowa River Green Belt" which includes the heavily timbered areas lying adjacent to the river.

The installation of this line would have meant the clearing of a corridor sixty feet wide which would have been maintained to allow for any needed line repair.

When the company became aware of the fact, through local legislators, that the installation of this line would conflict with the plan of the Hardin Conservation Board to preserve this Iowa River belt, the engineer rerouted the line, to miss the timbered area.

The desired route was confirmed recently through a joint meeting of the Conservation Board and officials from the company.