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



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



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

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

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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



OFFICE PERSONNEL — Seated: Frances M. Schlesselman, Roger Johannes, Phyllis I. Garner; Standing: Mary F. Van Gorp, Katherine E. Yount, (Program Assistants); Gordon E. Braley (County Executive Director).

ASCS COUNTY COMMITTEE who assist the Office Staff: Melvin Kasal, Lloyd McBride, Evan Johnston.



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OFFICE PERSONNEL — Seated: Kathryn Wemer, Extension Home Economist; Judy Rama, 4-H and Youth Leader; Virginia Mills, Office Assistant; Standing: Charles Wengert, County Extension Director. Dave Wagner, 4-H and youth leader, E. N. P. not shown

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

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

The educational program has been modernized to include work with low income groups. Dave Wagner is the present representative in the Expanded Nutrition Program. His work will be in Jasper

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

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

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The Poweshiek County District Commissioners wish to thank all contractors and businessmen for their support in making this publication possible.

Looking back over the accomplishments for 1971, it's quite evident that our people are aware of many changes which have taken place in our state laws on conserving and preserving our soil. Namely the "Soil Conservancy Bill."

To some people, this is a cruel law to live by. We hope no one will take this attitude. We, as other commissioners throughout the State, feel that if every landowner will inventory his farm and concentrate on good farming practices, he will never have to worry about being asked or forced to keep his soil at home.

SCS and State technicians are here to help any landowner to solve his erosion problems. We realize that there isn't enough Federal money to solve everyone's problems, but we are grateful to get some help for those practices meeting specifications.

More landowners, by far, have applied for cost-share conservation practices than there is money to cover the cost-share payment in this County. But don't despair! There are many practices that can be established without a great deal of cost, such as contouring our lesser sloping land; strip-cropping our moderately sloping land, and establishing improved pastures on the steeper land. Erosion control structures, ponds, terraces will cost a little more to get established, but worth every dollar to the landowner.

Resource conservation plans and engineer designs are very complex. The SCS has provided trained technicians to help solve these problems.

A tremendous job has been done in the past to establish conservation on the land in Poweshiek County. We, as District Commissioners, salute these people and feel in the future others will join in and make an effort to preserve their resources. The efforts of every land user throughout the country will need to be utilized if we are to solve the problem of soil pollution in our lakes and streams.

We are also concerned with air pollution, and the neatness of our farmstead or dwellings. The neat or not-so-neat appearance of any farmstead, dwelling (rural or urban) indicates the type of business person we really are.

Let us prove to our visitors that we are proud of Poweshiek County and take pride in helping to keep "America Beautiful."

NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS FOR 1971

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jerry Dawley | 21. Melvin Steffen |
| 2. Marvin Hicks | 22. Ed Klenk |
| 3. Wayne Hendrickson | 23. Harvey Mikel, Jr. (2) |
| 4. Lester Hendrickson | 24. Raymond Hopwood (2) |
| 5. Eunice Damage | 25. Bernstein Estate |
| 6. Hazel Breniman | 26. Glen Gibson |
| 7. Warren Ryan | 27. Versel Wright |
| 8. Viola Griffin (2) | 28. Leona Johnston |
| 9. B. O. Combs | 29. Glen Lewis |
| 10. Eldon Johnson | 30. Paul McConnell |
| 11. Wayne Fleming | 31. Ronald Arnaman |
| 12. Wilmer Smith | 32. Carol Beyer |
| 13. Norman Sleeuwenhoek | 33. Earl Lidtka |
| 14. Sheldon Figland | 34. Floyd Tish |
| 15. Arnold Septer | 35. Robert Herzberg |
| 16. Gene Hintermeister | 36. Carroll DeJong |
| 17. Glenn Osborn | 37. Arthur Keller |
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New District Cooperators	43 No
Basic Conservation Plans	21 No
Group Plans Prepared	3 No
Contour Farming (new)	296 Ac.
Strip Cropping (new)	757 Ac.
Grassed Waterways	114 Ac.
Wildlife Habitat Development	63 Ac.
Ponds Built	14 No.
Terraces and Diversion	6630 L. Ft.
Gully Control Structures	6 No.
Water Control Str. (for tile outlet terrace)	24 No.
Tile (drain)	536,847 L. Ft.
Minimum Tillage	44,728 Ac.
Tree Planting	43 Ac.
Windbreaks (farmstead)	5 Ac.

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| 2. CARGILL RESEARCH
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| | 13. L. A. COWLES |
| 3. ROGER PETERSON | 14. ROBERT VAN DEKROL |
| 4. RICHARD WIDMER | 15. LOUIS FORD |
| 5. ROBERT E. HAMILTON | 16. ROBERT DIMIT |
| 6. HENRY THOMPSON | 17. LYLE and THOMAS BAKER |
| 7. MRS. DAVE LINCOLN | 18. WALTER and JOHN BECK |
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1963—*Ed Lowe, *Roger Sampson, Byron Goldwaite, Marvin Montgomery, George Houser

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Commissioners mileage, meals, hotel	\$174.79
Office Supplies	67.11
Office Expense	130.47
Prizes	11.25
Meeting Expense	115.50

Total

499.12

499.12 plus 1.19

I-MA BUDGET

107.69

Commissioners mileage, meals, hotel	107.69
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Total

107.69

107.69 0

II-M BUDGET

6439.00

Gross Earnings (Clerk and Tech)	5781.72
State Retirement	202.38
Federal (SS tax)	291.25
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Trees are for people and people had better be for trees! They cover one-third of the land area of the United States and the world. They have influence on the weather, on rivers and on the wind.



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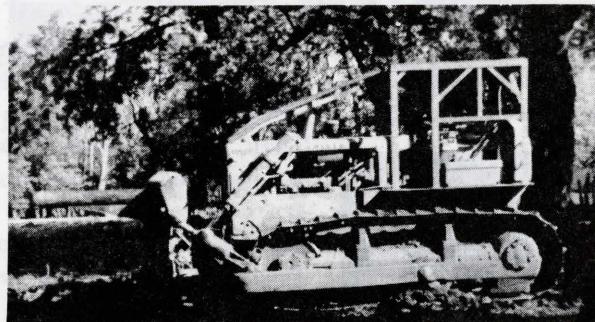
People depend upon trees in so many ways, yet they are often taken for granted. Only a country that has no forests fully appreciates their importance, and no nation can become strong without trees.

The importance of trees should present a challenge to the people of Iowa. Even though we are basically an agricultural state, we should not forget that trees do have a place in our environment and we should continue to plant trees where they are needed. We have a lot of sub-marginal land in Iowa that could be more productive planted to trees.

In 1971 sixteen rural landowners in Poweshiek County planted over 41,000 trees and wildlife shrubs that were purchased from the State Conservation Nursery at Ames. Some of these were planted with federal cost-share assistance through the REAP program. Each year over 1 million trees and shrubs are planted in Iowa for wildlife cover, erosion control and reforestation from the State Conservation Nursery. Free technical assistance is available to rural landowners who would like to plant trees for the above purposes. This assistance is through the District Forester of the Iowa Conservation Commission. The forester for Poweshiek County is Roy Hatcher. He can be contacted by writing to Box 681, Marshalltown or by contacting the Soil Conservation District office in Montezuma. The Soil Conservation District owns a tree planter and it is available to residents of Poweshiek County free of charge. Assistance is also available for timber management and marketing from the forester.

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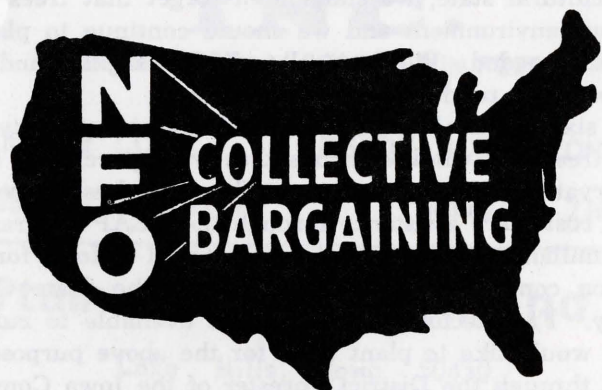


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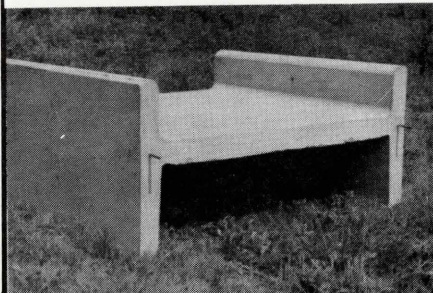
Applications for loans are made at local county offices of the Farmers Home Administration, generally located at county-seat towns. A county or area committee of three farmers certifies eligibility of applicants and maximum amount of loan, and reviews borrower's progress.

Help is given applicants in determining their credit needs, working out debt repayment schedules, and solving other financial problems even though they may not be eligible for a loan.

Loan services in Poweshiek and Mahaska County are handled through the FHA Office in Oskaloosa, Iowa, with John A. Crumly as County Supervisor.

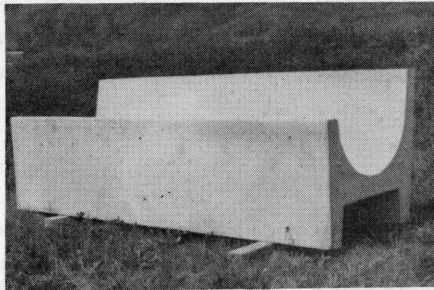
Office day in Mahaska County is each Monday from 8:00 to 5:00 at the FHA Office located on Old Highway 63 South of Oskaloosa. Office day in Poweshiek County is each Tuesday from 9:30 to 12:00 noon at the ASCS Office in Montezuma.

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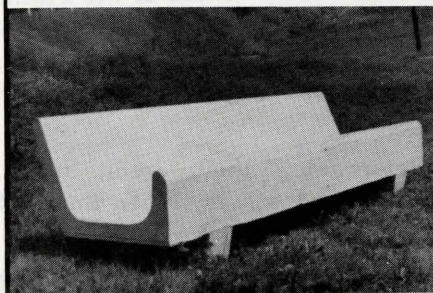
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Although Poweshiek County had a higher pheasant population during the 1971 season, hunter success was not as good as it was in 1970. Due to the early corn harvest and reduced natural cover, the birds became wild early in the season. There seemed to be a reduction in the number of resident hunters; however, the number of non-resident hunters increased sharply. The increase in non-resident hunters is due in part to glowing reports in some sporting magazines about the terrific pheasant hunting in Iowa. The Iowa Conservation Commission does not advertise for non-resident hunters.

Again I want to stress the importance of cover. Cover is a basic requirement if we are going to maintain a good pheasant population.



Ralph Leigh

Early in the fall the cover looks good, but by the time the snows of February and March come, what little cover we have is pretty well knocked down. A small wildlife cover planting on each farm in the county would contribute greatly to our pheasant and quail populations. Wildlife cover plants are available at nominal cost from the State Conservation Commission.

Late season rabbit hunters have had poor success. Early in the year the rabbit situation looked good. Apparently an outbreak of tularemia has occurred and reduced the number of rabbits significantly. Tularemia is transferable to man. When cleaning rabbits, it would be advisable to wear rubber gloves if you have any cuts on your hands. Once the animal has been cooked, there is no danger of infection.

In an effort to curb the abuse of the landowner deer license, the legislature changed the requirements for getting the free license. As a result, there were fewer free licenses issued. The number of paid licenses this year was the same as in 1970. Deer hunter success was not as good as it was last season.

I would like to repeat again, that wildlife cover is important. Orders for wildlife cover plants are being taken now. Also cost sharing is available through the Rural Environmental Assistance Program. For assistance, contact your ASCS office.

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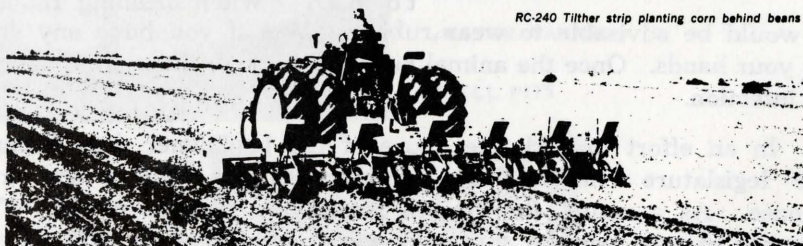
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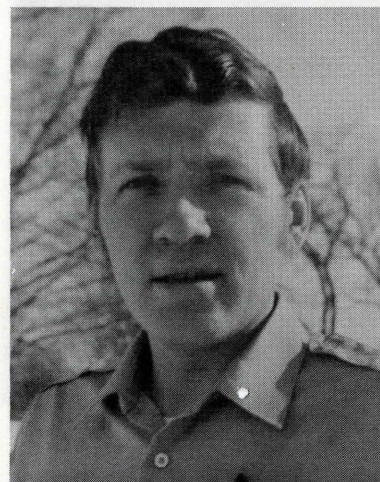
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WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

One theme that has evolved from wildlife research the world over, and Iowa's pheasants are no exception, is that **habitat is the key to game abundance**. If this is true, then it should follow that most of our pheasant management in Iowa should be directed toward developing and maintaining better habitat. This is precisely the main function of the Wildlife Section of the State Conservation Commission. Effort is now being put forth in this direction the year round by management biologists of the Commission.



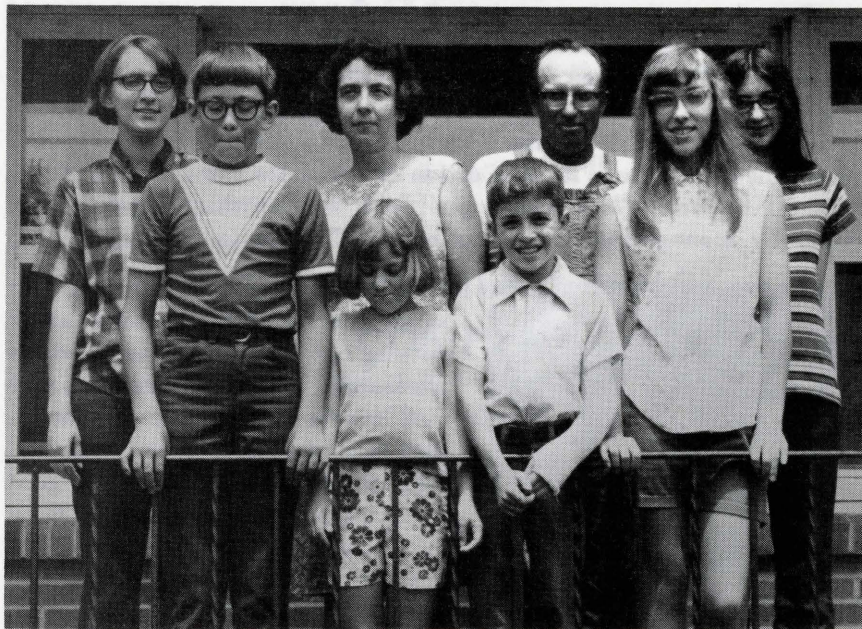
BOB KURT

This is usually the time of year when people start thinking about putting out corn and other feed for pheasants. Although this practice may not do any harm, the fact is that lack of food is seldom the limiting factor in maintaining a good pheasant population in Iowa. Of far more importance is the need for nesting cover and good winter cover.

These basic needs are provided under the Farm-Game Habitat program of the Commission. On many farms in Poweshiek County there are odd areas, pond areas, or fence-rows that could be developed into fine wildlife areas without taking any land out of crop production. By entering into the Farm-Game Habitat Program, a farmer can receive planting assistance and free technical advice on how to develop and maintain better wildlife areas.

If you are interested in improving the quality of our environment and helping wildlife on your farm, contact the Soil Conservation Service or write to me, Bob Kurtt, Wildlife Management Biologist, 203 W. High Street, Toledo, Iowa 52342.

Division I Award Winner



DIVISION I WINNER in the County Conservation Achievement Awards Program is the George Morrison family of rural Grinnell. From left, in front, Duane, Janet, Keith, Rosemary, and in back, Marlene, Mrs. Morrison, George, and Diane.

Morrison owns and operates 320 acres in Sheridan township. A member of the Farm Bureau, Morrison is active in that group's legislative committee and in the First Friends Church in Grinnell.

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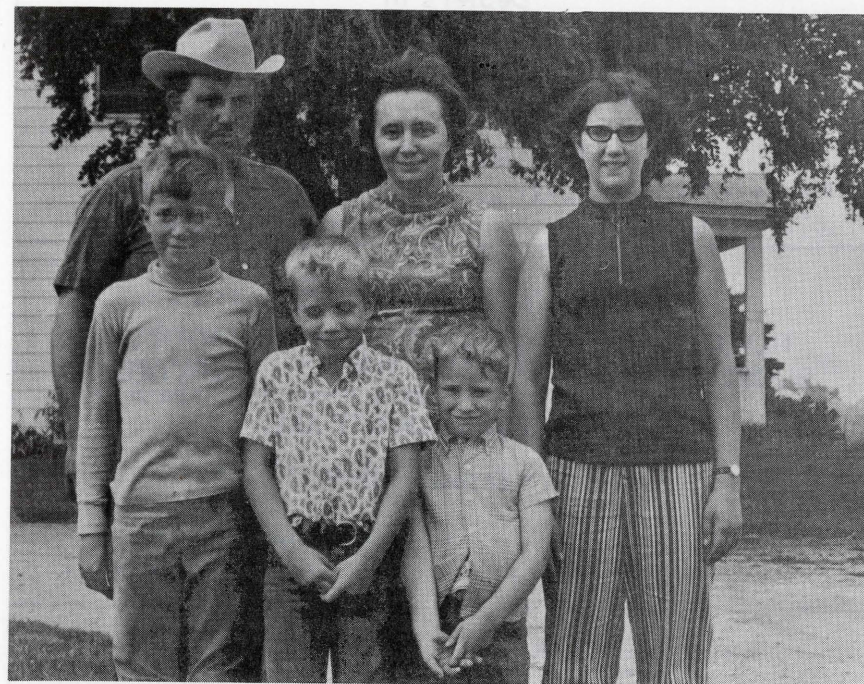
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DIVISION III WINNER in the County Conservation Achievement Awards Program is Richard Widmer and family of rural Deep River. Widmer is shown with his wife, Lois, and daughter, Teresa, and sons, Neil, Myron and Mark.

The Widmers own and operate 320 acres in Deep River township. Widmer serves on the Poweshiek County Extension Council and his family attends the Lutheran Church in Deep River. He is a 4-H club project leader, has managed Little League baseball, and is presently coaching softball for the Deep River adult softball team. He is president of the Deep River Saddle Club and has been a member of the Deep River Boosters Club for seven years. Widmer was also chosen Division III winner in the Region VII area.

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1971

JANUARY

Commissioners attended Short Course at Ames
State and National dues paid

FEBRUARY

Recreational Potential Meeting held
Educational Council meeting in Grinnell
500 Conservation Work Books delivered to county schools

MARCH

Contractors meeting held
District purchased tree planter for county use
Commissioners attended Region VII meeting, Colony Village
Commissioners election (three elected)

APRIL

Two Conservation road signs purchased

MAY

Educational Council Meeting
Belinda Hendricks chosen speech contestant
500 place mats delivered to restaurants for Soil Stewardship Week

JUNE

Conservation Awards Tour
Easements secured for Diamond Lake Watershed
Arlene Ford, teacher, to Conservation Camp

JULY

Neighborhood Youth Corps employee (George Whitehead)
Commissioners attend Regional Speech Contest, Ox Yoke Inn

AUGUST

Install Conservation road signs

SEPTEMBER

Clarence Livermore to River Basin Study
Commissioners attend Conference in Des Moines

OCTOBER

Environmental Council Meeting

NOVEMBER

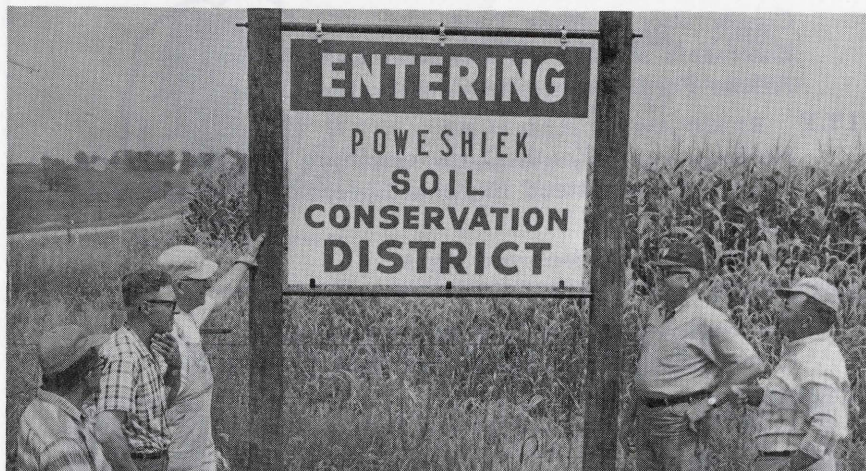
Andrew Conn, Jr. State Employee detailed to Poweshiek Co.

DECEMBER

Region VII Conservation Awards dinner at Washington, Iowa
Christmas Party, Terrace Inn



BELINDA HENDRICKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Welty of Brooklyn, Iowa, was the Poweshiek County Speech contestant for 1971.



ADMIRING ONE OF THE NEW SIGNS installed at the county line on Highway #63 are (L to R) Arlo Taylor and Carroll Elscott, commissioners, Marvin Bunnell, farmer, and Miles Clayton and Charles Fenner, commissioners. Mrs. Keith (Gloria) Brannian, not shown, helped to instigate the project.

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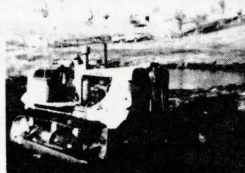
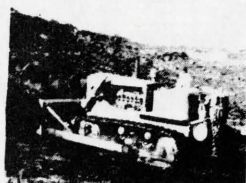
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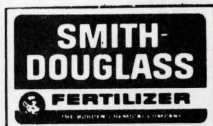
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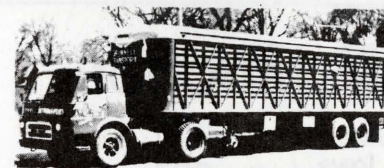
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