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We, the commissioners of the Ida County Soil Conservation District, take this opportunity to thank all those people and firms who helped further the conservation effort during 1968.

We especially thank the individuals and firms who purchased advertising space in this annual report. By doing so, you make it possible for us to finance conservation projects not otherwise possible.

We thank Dave Hessman and his Extension staff for their many assists.

We thank the Editors of the Ida County Pioneer Record and the Holstein Advance for their assistance in telling the conservation story.

We thank the contractors who furthered the cause by their work and by their advertising during Soil Conservation Week in June.

And to those people who helped in many other ways, we thank you for your assistance. We realize it takes teamwork to get the job done, and without your help we couldn't have. Thanks !

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Don D. Goodenow Conservation Technician

Clarence O. Kraft Conservation Aid

Robert G. Gray (Jan 1 to Feb. 19) State Aid

Lou Collins Clerk-Typist



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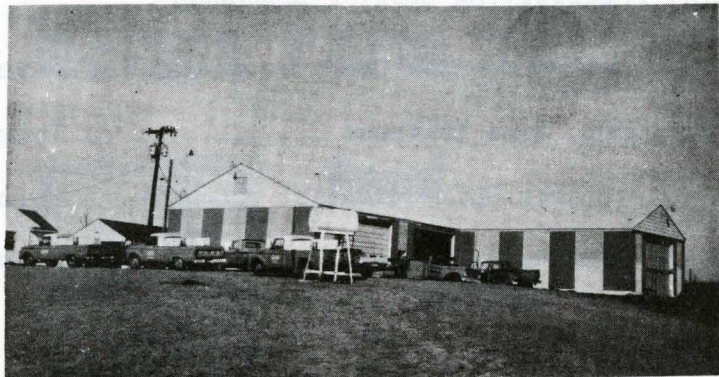
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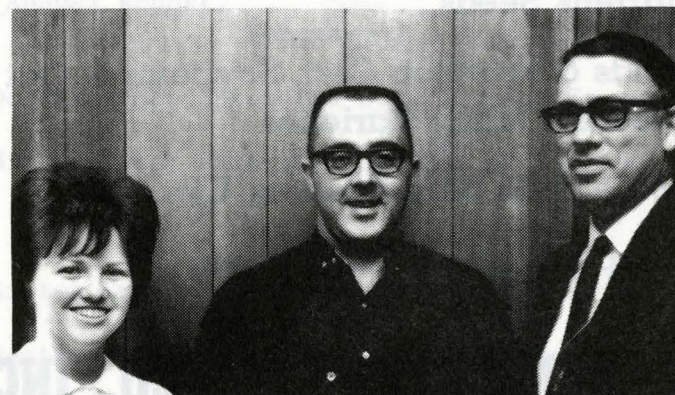
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IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT DURING 1968

January

Plans were made at the regular meeting to work on the 1967 Annual Report.

February

- 11 Don Kauffman appointed SCS District Conservationist
- 26 Bitter Creek Watershed meeting at Carl Huth, Jr.

March

- 5 Bitter Creek Meeting at Joe Grell's home
- 7 Westside Watershed meeting at Correctionville
- 8 Commissioners and SCS staff conduct annual watershed inspection
- 11 Contractors meeting held at the Orchid Club
- 14 West Aldrich Watershed meeting at Battle Creek
- 21 Bitter Creek Watershed meeting at Elvie Dreeszen
- 28 Mitchell, Dausel and Kauffman attended Regional SCD meeting at Primghar

April

- 4 Crawford Creek Meeting at Battle Creek
- 19 Gene Renken, Conservationist transferred to Corning
- 30 Minimum Tillage Field Day, George Hoffman, Jr. farm

May

- 7 Volkert and Dausel went to Yankton, S.D. to pick up trees and shrubs ordered by district cooperators
- 19-25 Soil Stewardship Week
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June

- 13 Ida County Pioneer Record published Conservation Edition
- 16-22 Iowa Soil Conservation Week
- 17 Kauffman presents program to Kiwanis on District activities
- 18 Conduct tour of watersheds for a Crawford-Ida County group
- 20 Work completed in Grant-Hayes Special Project
- 28 Let contract to begin construction in Quad Valley Watershed
- 30 District enters Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Contest
- 30 District purchases 3M 107 copier
- 30 District purchases conservation workbooks for all fifth or sixth graders in county

July

- 2 Entries judged for Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement and Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Contest
- 15 Farmer-Businessman Tour - participants view Pleasant Valley Watershed
- 2-15 Mrs. Virginia Boggs, Arthur teacher attends Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park with District tuition scholarship
- 17 Dausel, Mitchell, Volkert, Kauffman and spouses attend Regional SCD meeting at LeMars
- 23 Don Goodenow conducts sixth grade SS class on tour of Quad-Valley and Pleasant Valley Watersheds

August

- 10-14 Ida County Fair
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September

- 15-17 Annual SCD Commissioners Conference at Mason City. Dausel, Volkert and Lou Collins, secretary attend
- 24 Volkert, Mitchell attend special Little Sioux Works Committee meeting at Sioux City
- 26 Volkert, Dausel, Brueck, Putensen, Kauffman attend Little Sioux Works Committee meeting at Sioux City
- 30 Meeting at Schleswig with Crawford-Ida group

October

- 23 Minimum Tillage Harvest Day at George Hoffman, Jr. farm. District Election for Commissioner to serve from February 19, 1969 to February 19, 1975. Kenneth Borchers elected.

November

Volkert talks with Wiley Mayne to arrange tour of Watersheds in Ida County. Mayne agrees to Spring tour. District contacts Senator-Elect Hughes and invites him on a tour of watersheds in Ida County. Tentatively accepted for spring

December

- 10 Begin work on 1968 Annual Report
- 19 District Personnel and SCS staff hold Christmas dinner at Orchid Club. The SCD commissioners meeting and the radio program aired on KAYL the second Friday of each month were not listed above because they occurred each month.

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MAINTENANCE FUND

(Held in Trust by the District for the Maintenance of
Watershed Structures)

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1967 -----	\$ 464.69
Receipts -----	10,545.75
Expenditures -----	10,400.17
Cash on hand, June 30, 1968 -----	610.27
U.S. Government Bonds on hand, purchase price	6,000.00
Time Certificates, accrued value -----	18,064.75

GENERAL FUND (from various sources)

Cash on Hand, July 1967 -----	\$ 28.86
Receipts -----	1,676.69
Expenditures -----	1,177.96
Cash on hand, June 30, 1968 -----	527.59

IM BUDGET(1968 Fiscal Year)

Commissioners Expenses -----	\$ 449.98
Office Expense -----	30.00
Rental of Meeting Halls -----	20.00
Total Expended -----	499.98

2M BUDGET (1968 Fiscal Year)

(Received from the State of Iowa for Clerk Salary,
Part-time Technical Assistance)

Clerical Salary & Technical Assistance	\$ 5,363.89
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DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1968 (Compared to 1967)

	1967	1968
New District Cooperators	58	43
Conservation farm plans and revisions	42	65
Farms serviced	341	302
Farmers Installing Practices	168	141
Contouring Acres	3237	4040
Stripcropping, Acres	823	343
Terraces, Broadbase, Mi.	1.0	0.3
Terraces, Cut and Fill (Parallel)	31.0	14.5
Terraces, Seeded Backslope	14.0	4.0
Tiling, Miles	25.0	25.0
Waterways, Acres	106	112
Erosion Control Dams	9	7



Wayne Rake, Contractor & Dutch Kraft, SCS Tech. check out broad base terraces completed on the Virgil Linman, Robert Mitchell farm south of Arthur

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Carl Huth, Jr.
Lars Ludvigson
Glen Rochau

GRIGGS

Wilford Wulf
Albert Rolfs
Russ Benning
Laverne Jochims
Kenneth Goettsch
Loran Dittmer
Kenneth Borchers

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BATTLE

None

LOGAN

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Agnes Wait
John Heilman

SILVER CREEK

H.E. LaBarron
R.F. Drey
Earl Zoch
Wesley Bush

MAPLE

Calvin Goodenow
Henry G. Brueck

GARFIELD

Leo Trieber
Bruce Goodenow

CORWIN

Glenn Konrady
James Pat Torpy
Max Hinrichs
Fred J. Krenk
Richard Schmidt

BLAINE

None

GRANT

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Leon Neubauer
LaDean Bechen

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Hazel Welsh
Donald Bryant
Glen Rochau
Herb Rasmussen
Earl Hammer
LaVerne Bruning
Melvin Kumpula
Richard Nash
Dennis Railsback
Virgil Lundt
Carl Huth, Jr.
Carl Huth, Sr.
Marvin Volkert
Frank Myrtue
Harold Scherner

MAPLE

Calvin Goodenow
Einer Neilson
Isabella Smith
W.C. Graybill
Everett Durston
George Hartley
Thomas Schmidt (2)
Bruce Goodenow
Henry G. Brueck
Henry Brueck, Jr.
Harold Schreiber
Don Nailor

GRIGGS

Kenneth Borchers
Vernon Stamp

BATTLE

W.H. Bremer
Lowe-Weise (2)
Lloyd Rolk
Ed Hammer
Arnold Putensen
Pat McGuire
Norman Beckman

CORWIN

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Vierl McCLOW
Jack Willcutt
Jack Lindquist

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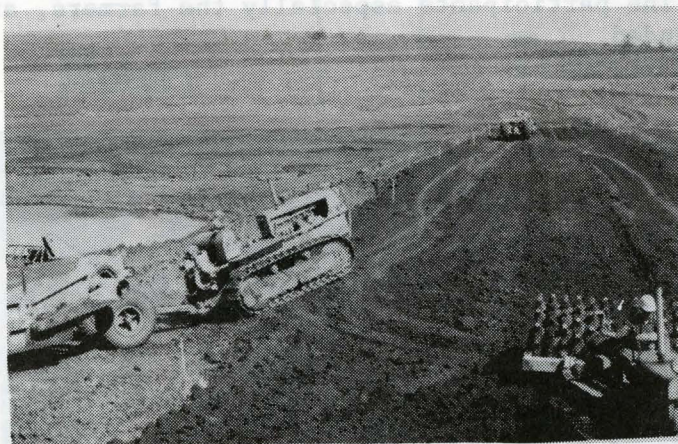
THE LITTLE SIOUX WATERSHED PROGRAM PROGRESS

The year 1968 produced both good and bad news related to the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Program in Ida County.

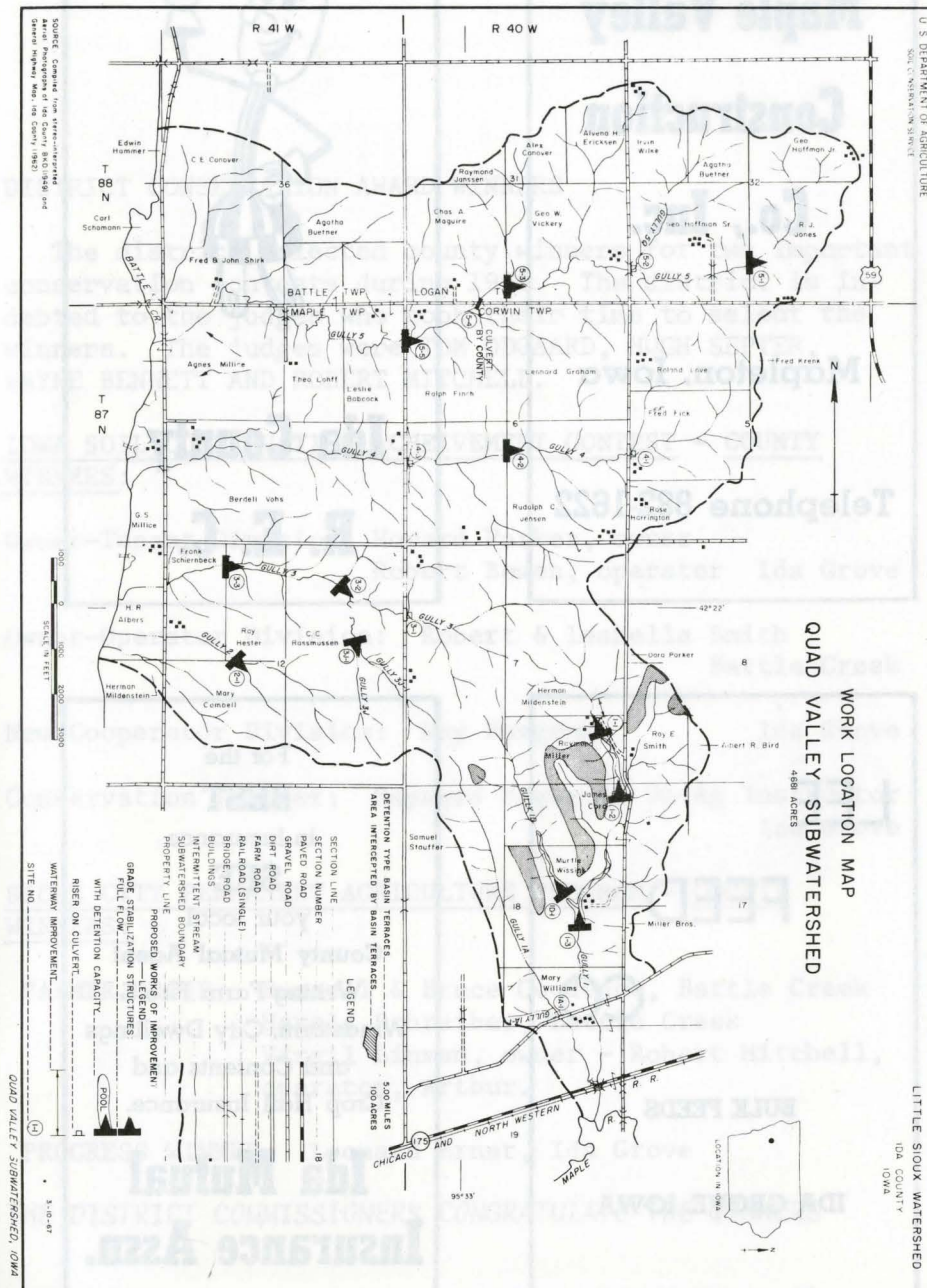
The good news was that actual construction began on Quad-Valley sub-watershed. The 4,700 acre watershed is located northwest of Ida Grove and is mainly in Corwin township. Seventeen erosion control structures are being built. Three of these are detention structures (ponds) and the rest are gully stabilization structures at key sites in gullies or along roads. Farmers have already completed 37 miles of terraces on their individual farms.

Carrying out this project represents more than ten years effort on the part of the sponsors and the land owners involved.

The bad news is the tightening of the specifications and the increasing difficulty in justifying watershed construction. These problems resulted in preventing work being started in Crawford Creek and Bitter Creek sub-watersheds. A re-evaluation of these two sub-watersheds is planned in the near future with the hope that it will result in the "green light" for these areas.



Work progresses on structure 1-D on the east lateral of Quad-Valley. Work will be completed in 1969.



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The district selected county winners for two important conservation contests during 1968. The district is indebted to the judges who took their time to select the winners. The judges were TOM ODGAARD, HUGH SEPTER, WAYNE BENNETT AND ROBERT MITCHELL.

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST - COUNTY WINNERS:

Owner-Tenant Division: Howard Parker, owner
Robert Bowen, operator Ida Grove

Owner-Operator Division: Robert & Isabella Smith
Battle Creek

New Cooperator Division: Ray Hargens Ida Grove

Conservation Teacher: Maynard Hogberg, Vo-Ag Instructor
Ida Grove

SIOUX CITY PERMANENT AGRICULTURE PROGRAM - COUNTY WINNERS:

FARMER GROUP: Russell & Bruce Goodenow, Battle Creek
Harold Schreiber, Battle Creek
Virgil Linman, owner - Robert Mitchell,
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PROGRESS WINNER: Leonard Ernst, Ida Grove

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MINIMUM TILLAGE

Minimum Tillage was an oft-mentioned phrase in Ida County during 1968. The main reason was that the Quad-State Minimum Tillage Field was held in Ida County this year. The host farm was the George Hoffman, Jr. farm just north of Ida Grove. A follow-up Harvest Day was held on October 23.

The events were co-sponsored by Ida County Extension Service, Iowa State University, Radio Station WNAX, Yankton, South Dakota, the Ida County Agriculture Council and the Ida Grove JayCeers. Many other organizations and businesses were instrumental in making the event a huge success. The Ida County Soil Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service feel privileged to have been a part of this event.

The event was particularly successful in showing the people the many machines available for "reduced" or "minimum" tillage. Results at harvest time bore out the fact that this type of tillage does not reduce yields greatly but can reduce operation costs.

From the standpoint of conservation, minimum tillage can be quite beneficial. Methods that leave the ground two-thirds or more covered can cut soil and water losses in half compared to clean-till methods. The practice has considerable potential in Ida County and it will be worth watching to see if its use increases in the next several years.



Machines and people came from all over to make the Quad-State Minimum Tillage Field Day successful. Planting corn in alfalfa was just one unusual performance observed that day.

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Bernard Collins	Garfield	3208	Grassed Backslope
Floyd Konrady	Hayes	3586	Broadbase
John Crawford	Battle	1959	Broadbase
Robert Smith	Maple	7352	Grassed Backslope
Richard Bumann	Garfield	4603	Broadbase
Calvin Goodenow	Maple	3411	Grassed Backslope
Billy Schrader	Garfield	6100	Broadbase
Fred Paulsrud	Garfield	1833	Broadbase
Burdell Vohs	Corwin	4970	Broadbase
Merle Greenwald	Corwin	4960	Grassed Backslope
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Ransom Leonard	Griggs	520	Grassed Backslope

Terrace construction was considerably short of district goals for 1968. We plan to do what we can to improve the output for 1969. The district feels terraces are still the most effective erosion control practice and they're need now, more than ever.



Bench Terraces being built by Jim Witt of Battle Creek on Calvin Goodenow farm three miles west of Battle Creek.

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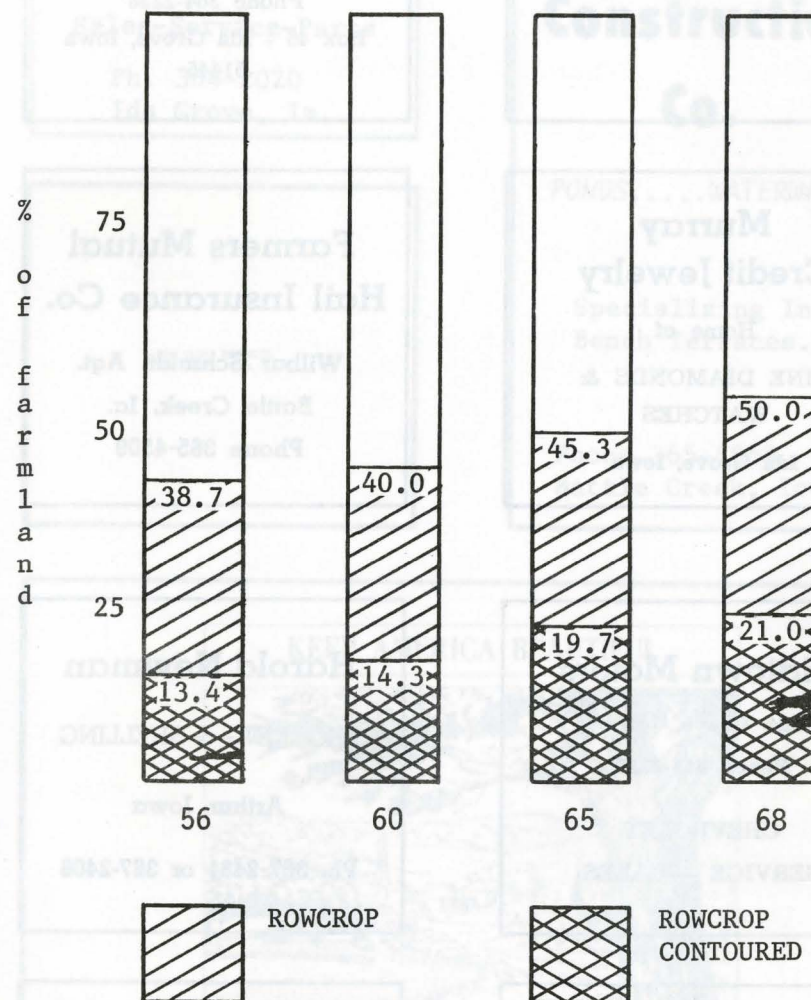


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ADOPTION OF CONTOURING IN IDA COUNTY



It is interesting to note that as row crop acreages have gone up, so has contouring, at an increasing rate. Note that during 1968, 50% of the total farm ground was in row crop. It's important to realize that contouring alone does not necessarily reduce soil and water losses to an acceptable level. We have a long way to go!

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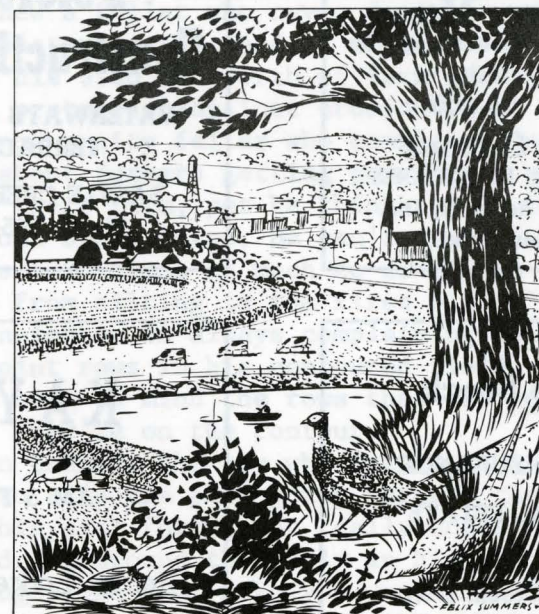
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"Charley" sez, "I know a state legislator who thinks the conservancy bill with compulsory conservation is 'dictatorial' and 'communistic'. "It is not the states concern", says he. Yet when a federal law is enacted he'll say the federal government is going too far and taking away states rights.

My neighbor whooped up his fertilizer rate again this year."Sure does take more 'an it used to", sez he. Naturally, he used to have productive topsoil on the farm!

"I knew a fellar who never fails to put his \$7000 tractor in the shed at night but doesn't provide his \$100,000 worth of farm ground any special protection against erosion".

"I know a city fellar who complains to high heaven about farmers getting government money to terrace their farm, yet he thinks it is O.K. to dredge out state lakes. He can't seem to realize it costs 5-20 times as much to dredge as it does to keep from silting in the first place."

"My neighbor is always complaining about the short point rows in his contoured field. But he doesn't seem to mind the rows that are longer because they're on the contour."

"Then there's the guy who thinks it too much bother to trip the plow going through the waterway in his east forty, yet really moans when he has to drive around the gully in his west forty".

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