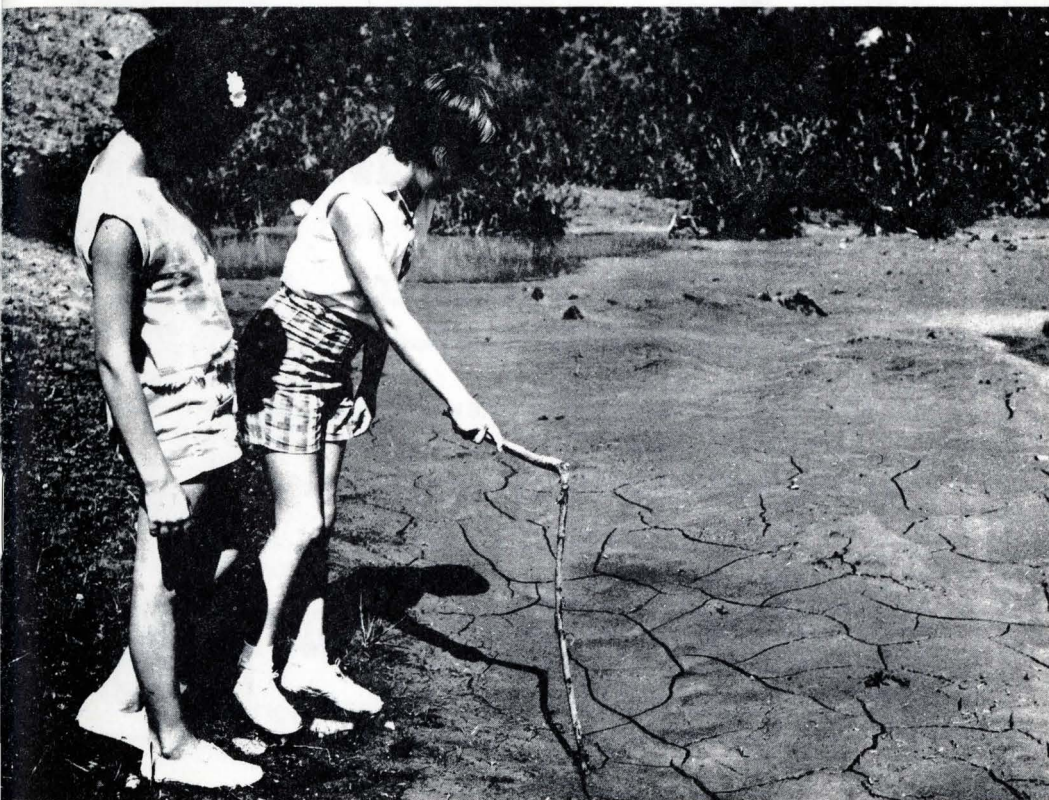


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I have just completed six years as Commissioner of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District, the last two as Chairman. I am quite proud of some of the things we have done while serving. One of the most important achievements of this District is the new approach to saving our most important resource--I mean our "Top Soil". With these new parallel, tile inlet terraces you can save over 90% of any soil that is trying to erode away in your fields.

I am especially proud to have been a part of the large step up in all conservation practices being put on the ground in the last year or so.

Turn to page 14 and study this year's accomplishments. Not only is there a large increase in application, but it represents a well rounded-out program.

Two projects were started this year in our educational effort which should be a big help. A Soil Judging Contest for the schools of Southeast Iowa was started with the first contest attracting five different schools and over 50 students. We hope to continue this event. The second effort which we can be proud of is in the development of a "Conservation Field Trip Guide Book" for the school systems in the county. Seven different organizations are cooperating on this project to write and publish this education guide book.

In saying goodbye--now that my term is up--I want to thank all the business as well as farmers who have accepted their responsibility to see that we leave this land at least as good, if not better, then when we got it.

Last, but not least, I have been associated with the effort of this District to publish and mail to every landowner and operator in Des Moines County - this Annual Report. We have reached farmers who never knew before they could get assistance with their conservation problems.

DES MOINES COUNTY SCD COMMISSIONERS



L. to R. - Horace Sutton, Trea., Henry Dockendorff, Harold Yohe, Art Corman, Chairman, and Harold Linder, Sec. These men comprise the governing body of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

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- ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST -

Mildred Kleinkopf, clerk and secretary for the District received a certificate and recognition for her past 10 years of outstanding service to the District. Mildred received the award from the State Soil Conservation Committee while attending the 21st Annual Conference of District Commissioners held September 18 in Des Moines, Iowa.

132 consultive services were provided by the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District staff to other than farm owners and operators.

The District is cooperating in providing material and financial support toward the publication of a conservation Field Trip Guide Book for the schools of Des Moines County.

Mr. Benton Holihan, Director of Consumer Food Program joined the Technical Action Panel which is made up of USDA agencies.

257 different farms in Des Moines County applied conservation practices in 1967.

Harry Bryant, Conservation Technician for Des Moines County District, attended the Midwest training center at Lincoln, Nebraska, September 25th to October 6th. The orientation course covered the conservation program of the midwest.

Mildred Kleinkopf attended a News Writing Clinic in March. The Clinic was held in Ottumwa, Iowa, by the Soil Conservation Service.



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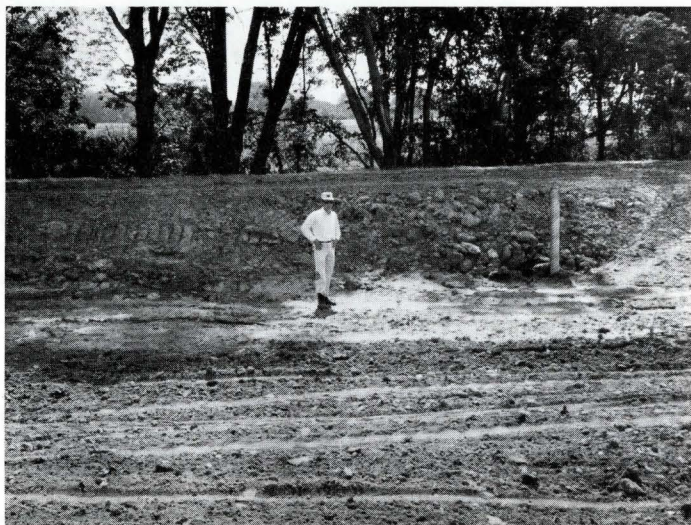
Bob Oetken in the Geode Watershed is shown contour plowing. In the background an inlet pipe for terraces has already been put in place for later terrace construction. Tile inlet terraces provide almost complete erosion control which in turn protects Geode Lake from silting. Extra State cost-sharing is available for terraces in the Geode Watershed above the regular ASC cost-sharing.



A short tour was held south of Burlington where 5 or 6 farms were visited by interested persons during Soil Conservation Week in June, to view conservation in action. The group above are looking at a tile inlet terrace on the Clyde Scherer farm in Union Township. Every effort is made to provide good row alignment, elimination of point rows and farmability of today's terraces.



BEFORE: Brush, trees and debris has been cleared. The terrace outlet pipe installed. This is only one of 5 or 6 similar sites that were tiled and terraced away on the Otto Schmidt farm in Union Township.



AFTER: Same man standing in the same spot after the terrace was built. The edge of the field is now straight, the corn rows can be straight, the edge of the field is firm and soil movement in the future will further level this area.

- HIGHLIGHTS OF 1967 -

Over 120,000 feet of cut and fill, tile inlet terraces were built in Des Moines County in 1967. This more than doubles last year's accomplishments.

Group Jobs (where two or more neighbors work together on a common conservation problem) increased from 9 in 1966 to 34 in 1967.

A Southeast Iowa Soil Judging Contest was organized in 1967. Five schools from the adjoining counties participated. Every effort will be made to make this an annual event.

Over 70 news stories submitted by the work unit staff were published, KBUR and KYND broadcast more than 49 conservation comments. One tour and five demonstrations were held in 1967.

Two teachers were sponsored to the Fall Conservation Workshop at Luther, Iowa, by the Long Creek Conservation Club and the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

Six teachers from this county were sponsored to the Springbrook Conservation Camp for College accredited courses by the Long Creek Conservation Club located at the IAAP. This is undoubtedly the greatest number of teachers from one county in the State.

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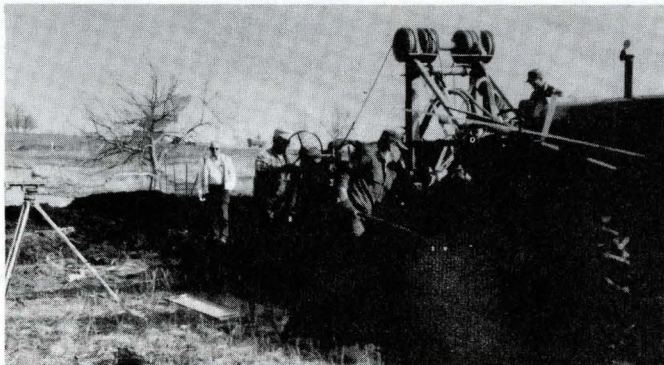
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- DISTRICT ACTIVITIES -

JANUARY: The Soil Conservation District held a meeting for the contractors of this area. Garren Benson, Extension Agronomist and Charles Balantyne, Extension Soil Conservationist from Iowa State University, presented a program on "How Soil and Water Losses Directly Affect Crop Production" and Soil Conservation - a growing problem.

MARCH: The District Commissioners and work unit conservationist attended a regional Commissioners meeting in Ottumwa.

The District wrote, published and mailed approximately 2,000 1966 "Annual Reports" of the District accomplishments.

APRIL: Soil Stewardship Week was observed by news releases and material sent to every church in the District.

MAY: The Eland Insurance Agency of Mediapolis representing the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co., and the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District co-sponsored a Soil Conservation Speech Contest.

JUNE: The District sponsored a terracing demonstration on the S. S. Barton farm of Yellow Springs Township for the FFA class of Mediapolis.

Soil Conservation Week was observed by a conservation tour made to 5 farms in Union and Concordia Township.

AUGUST: John T. Baker and family attended the National Soil Conservation Society Convention held the 14, 15 & 16 in Des Moines, Iowa.

SEPTEMBER: The District recognized Mrs. Edna Bush of the Huron School system as the outstanding conservation teacher in the District for 1967.

The county conservation needs committee was re-activated. A meeting was called to consider needed revisions of the conservation needs inventory of the county.

OCTOBER: The Southeast Iowa Soil Districts sponsored a Soil Judging contest. The contest was held on the Warren Langwith farm in Washington Township.

NOVEMBER: The Annual "Conservation Awards Banquet" sponsored by the Banks of Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis, was held in Danville to honor outstanding conservation farms in the District.

DECEMBER: A nominating committee was selected to pick candidates for the forth-coming commissioner election to be held in early 1968.

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MAJOR PRACTICES	UNIT	1966	1967	INCREASE
Contour Farming	Acres	956	1386	+45%
Terraces:				
Parallel-Cut & Fill	Feet	58,125	120,900	+108%
Tile Inlet Terrace Pipes	Number	104	177	+70%
Diversion	Feet	3,795	4,735	+25%

OTHER PRACTICES

Waterways	Acres	70	135.8	+94%
Farm Ponds	Numbers	21	26	+24%
Drainage Tile	Feet	169,110	280,802	+66%
Erosion Control Dams	Number	21	28	+33%
Open Drainage Ditch	Feet	40,865	53,447	+30%
Pasture Renovation	Acres	723	693	- 4%
Tree Planting	Acres	40	23.5	-41%
Tile System Structure	Number	10	21	+110%
Conservation Cropping System	Acres	1,966	8,256	+320%
Acres Soil Surveyed	Acres	7,915	420	-95%

PLANNING PRACTICES

New Cooperators	Number	102	62	-39%
Revised Farm Plans	Number	9	32	+255%
New Farm Plans	Number	32	39	+22%
Farms Serviced	Number	511	461	-10%
Planned Follow-Up	Number	275	254	-7.6%
Group Conservation Jobs	Number	9	35	+277%

Average over-all increase * 71%

**The 71% increase does not reflect the decrease in acres soil surveyed but does include the loss of new cooperators as the result of the decline in Soil Surveys.*

CREDITS

The Commissioners and staff of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District wish to thank those agencies and people who have helped to make these accomplishments possible. The Commissioners especially want to thank the Extension Service and the ASC Office Staff and County Committee for their support and cooperation.

The Conservation Contractors who work in Des Moines County play an extremely important part in the conservation program of the District. Without their concern and efforts all the planning, selling and engineering would mean little - - actual construction of these practices on the land is the real proof of our efforts.

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Telephone Calls	587	Radio Talks	49
Meetings attended or conducted . .	56	Demonstrations & Tours	6

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Older farm plans are revised as requested and as construction of new conservation practices or land-use changes indicate the need.

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With strip cropping in the background - Lawrence Whipple, Contractor from Mediapolis, is shown shaping a ditch into a grass waterway on the Genevieve Crew farm in Yellow Springs Township. This waterway was tiled just prior to the shaping. The land just above is to be tile inlet terraced with Hugh Jamison and Mrs. Crew cooperating on the joint terracing project.



Clyde Scherer of Union Township is shown seeding the new waterways shaped from ditches on the John Kuisle farm which he operates. Tile inlet terraces or diversions are planned for the cropland in the background. Unless you change the conditions that caused the original ditches there is little hope of establishing new waterways.

STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

The financial assistance listed below was furnished to the SCD by the State of Iowa to further Soil Conservation in 1967.

1-M Budget

Commissioners Expenses.	\$219.01
Office Supplies.	71.78
Prizes for Contest.	94.95
Office Expenses.	<u>113.48</u>
Total.	\$499.22

2-M Budget

Technical.	\$ 294.88
Clerical.	3730.95
Travel.	37.55
Equipment	<u>31.50</u>
Total.	\$4094.88

- WORK UNIT PERSONNEL -

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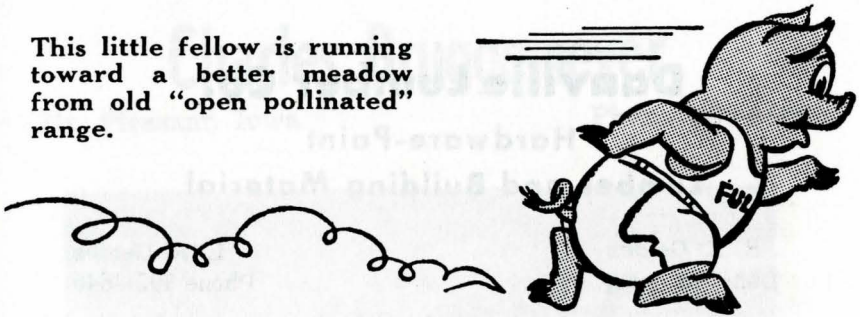
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Field Trip Guide Book - The different organizations in Des Moines County who are interested in conservation, met at the SCS office in November to plan the organization and publication of a Field Trip Guide Book for the schools of Des Moines County. Committees were formed and work was started at the first meeting.



The Mediapolis FFA class and their instructor, Jim Howell, visited the S. S. Barton farm in Yellow Springs Township, to watch the disappearance of ditches and the construction of over a mile of tile inlet terraces last May. Barton, standing to the right is ready to start plowing the straight terraces with his big 5 bottom outfit.

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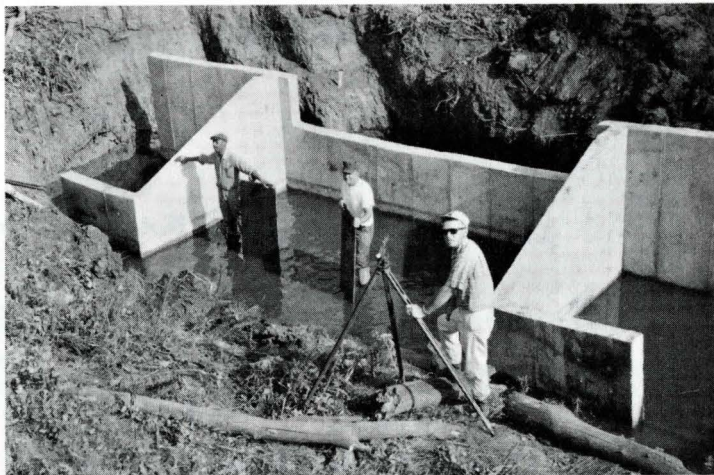
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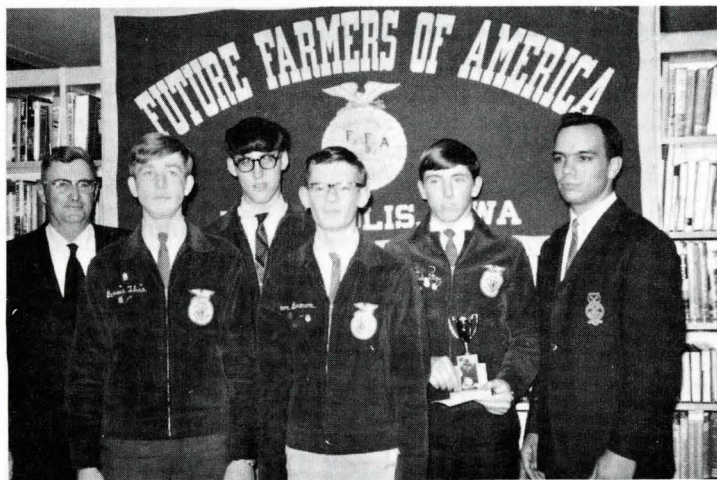
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Franz Charbonneaux, Contractor from Burlington and Eulis Flowers, his helper, are just finishing a large concrete erosion control structure on the Frances Cook farm located in the Geode Watershed. Sandy Hedges of the SCS is shown setting up the instrument to check out the structure. A small drop box type structure was also built on the road culvert in the next ditch west of this structure site.



Harold Yohe, left, Soils Commissioner, awarded prizes to Bernie Thie, Mark Wagenbach, Tom Brown and Bob Perdelwitz of Mediapolis for their efforts in the Soil Conservation Speech Contest. Jim Howell, their instructor is standing at their right. The Grinnell Reinsurance Co., represented by the Eland Insurance Agency co-sponsored this event.

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Walter Fritz, foreground, and Charles Bruggmeyer, contractor from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa are shown assembling the pipe assembly for a large pipe drop inlet structure built by Walter on his farm in Union Township.



Chuck Allgood, contractor from Winfield, Iowa is shown stripping the dam site for a large pond built by Wm. Gerdes in Tama Township. About a mile of tile inlet terraces were built in this field at the same time.



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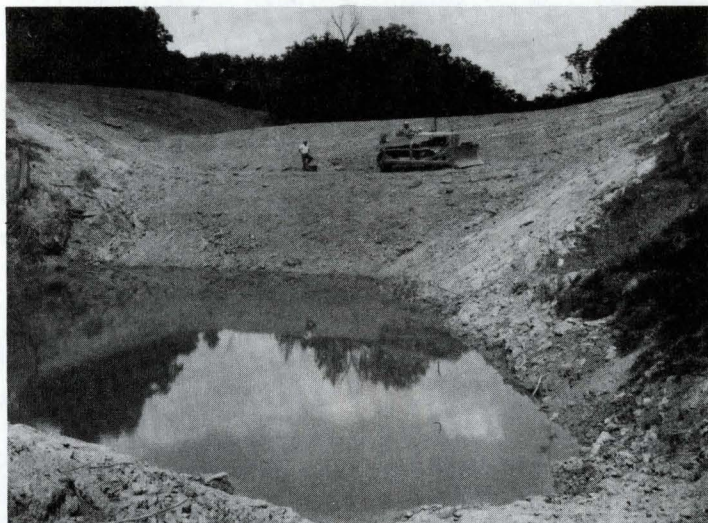
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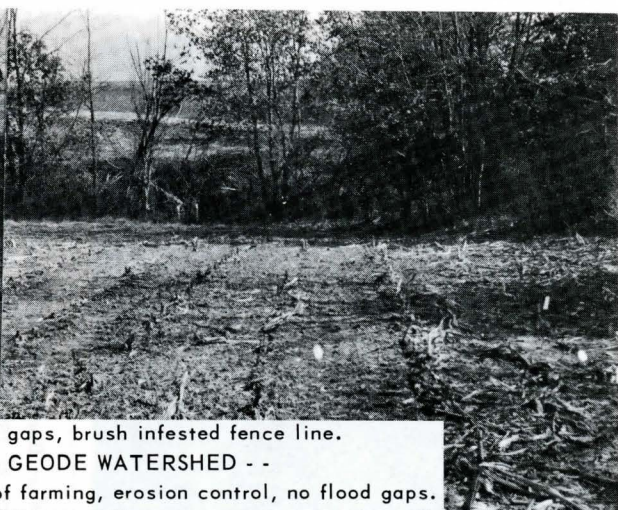
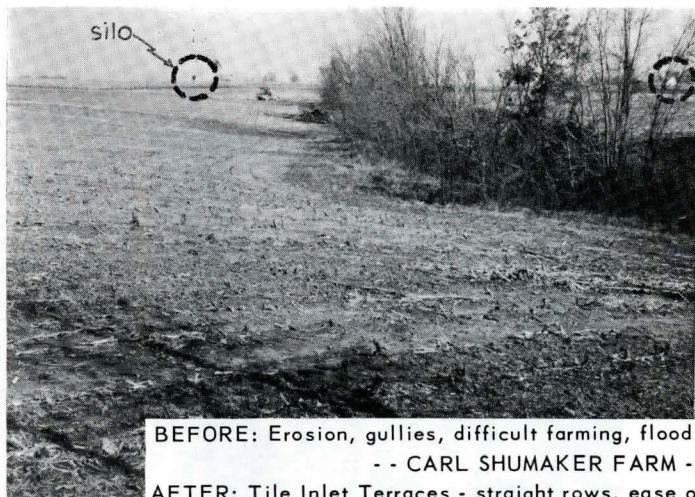
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Al Heckenberg, contractor from West Burlington, is shown finishing a 10 foot wide berm across the face of the dam on the Richard Taeger farm in Pleasant Grove Township.



A small drop box on a road culvert is being checked by Sandy Hedges of the SCS. The box built by contractor, Franz Charbonneaux of Burlington, is located on the Jack Inghram farm in the Geode Watershed. The engineering design for this box and the large dam on the Taeger farm above was provided by the Area Engineers located in Fairfield to service this area.



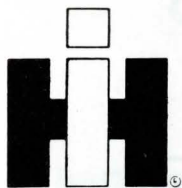
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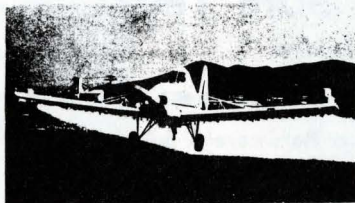
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Five Southeast Iowa schools participated in the Soil Judging Contest held on the Warren Langwith farm in Washington Township. Over fifty students participated in the contest. Louisa, Lee, Henry, and Des Moines County Soil Conservation Districts sponsored the contest.



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