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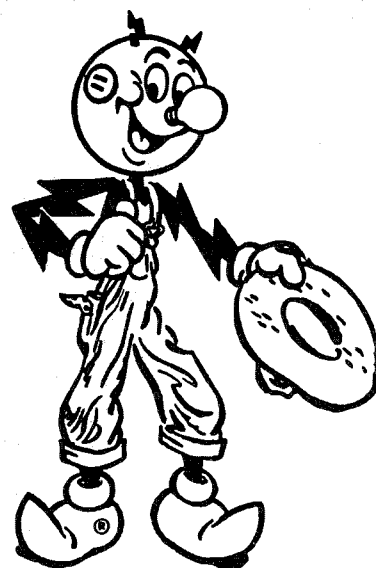
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INTRODUCTION

by Harold Sherman

I hope you folks who receive this report of our past year's work will read it to see what we have been doing for your neighbors and give serious consideration as to which of these practices you would like to have us help you with. I'm sure every farmer in Iowa County can benefit from some type of soil conservation practice or practices and those of you who haven't tried any as yet surely should be thinking about it and discussing it with those who have or the Soil Conservation Service. We know we can increase yields by fertilization, but if we don't combine it with soil conservation and fertilizer can wash down the river with the soil.

In times like these when we are having surpluses and farm products are hard to sell at profitable prices it is difficult for us to realize that it is important to save and improve our land to make it become more productive. However, we must try to realize that as population increases and more land is taken for dwelling areas and industries we will in time reach a point where we won't be able to find enough good productive land to produce enough food to feed the increased population and will be faced with a starvation problem like other nations which waited too long to take care of what they had. Please give this careful consideration. Once the soil is badly eroded it is a long, expensive process to restore it.

We wish to thank all individuals or organizations who have helped us in making this a good year for the Iowa County Soil Conservation District and those who have contributed money for the ads so that it was possible for us to publish this report.



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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Clayton J. Dietrich, resigned as Commissioner of the District. Howard Beyer of Honey Creek Township was asked to fill this position. Howard has assisted the district for over 10 years now.

John T. Baker, Work Unit Conservationist, will be transferred to Burlington, Iowa, the first part of 1965.

Darwin Hoeft is in the process of transferring into Soil Scientist work.

The Bowling Team sponsored by the district won a traveling trophy in competing with the district team from Muscatine County.

Jim Rocca of Independence, Iowa, now provides technical services in the area of tree planting and timber management.

Charles Shirley from Vinton, Iowa will take over duties of Work Unit Conservationist on March 1st.

Harold Sherman's term as Commissioner of the district will expire this summer. An election will be held to fill this vacancy this summer. Any land owner or operator interested in conservation is eligible for nominations.



Back row: Ed Edwards, Ted Setzer, Darwin Hoeft.

Front row: John Baker and Sharen Hagen.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

The district sponsored a Conservation Speech Contest. Donna Chandler of Marengo was the winner. Donna represented the district on the regional level later in the summer.

An Area Soil Judging contest was held on the Michael Lawler farm in Honey Creek Township in May. F. F. A. Chapters from six schools competed.

The Regional Soil Conservation Commissioners meeting was held in Iowa County at the Amanas. The Regional Conservation Speech contest was held in conjunction with this meeting.

The Conroy Co-op. Elevator co-sponsored the Queen of Conservation Contest again this year with the soils district during July.

The Iowa County Soil Conservation District sponsored a flying tour during July. Over fifty people flew, seeing Iowa County Lake, Terraces, strip cropping and conservation farming in general.

This program is planned again for the summer of 1965.

The Williamsburg Jaycee and the Soils District sponsored two teachers to the Conservation Education Workshop near Luther in October. Miss Logan and Miss Black of the Williamsburg Community Schools participated.

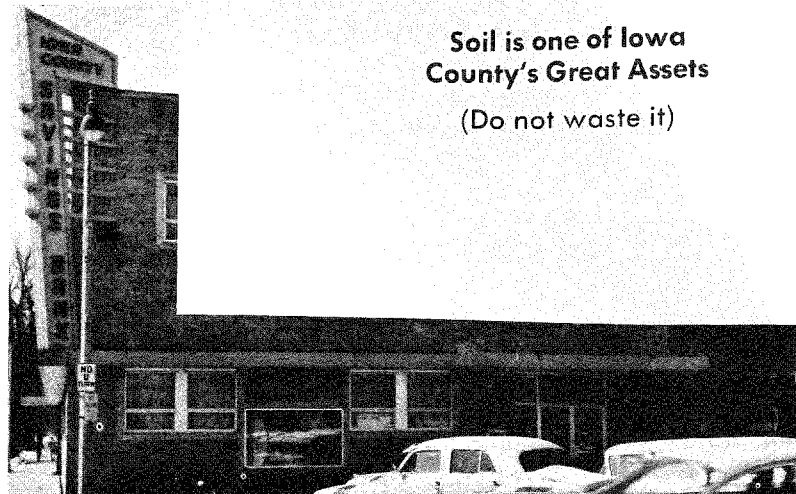
The banks of Iowa County plus Belle Plaine and Wellman co-sponsored with the district, a banquet and awards program in cooperating with conservation contest put on by the Register and Tribune paper of Des Moines.

Twenty-five hundred Annual Reports were published and distributed in Iowa County last year.

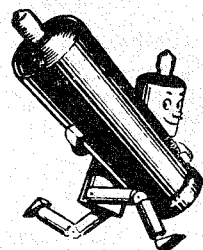
Note! If you are interested in taking the flying tour this summer to see conservation and other points of interest, you must contact the Soil Conservation Office in Williamsburg. Final confirmation and time will be arranged at the time of the tour.

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DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAJOR PRACTICES	UNIT	1964
Contour Farming	Acre	4,790
Strip Cropping	Acre	1,727
Terraces:		
Standard	Feet	6,800
Parallel	Feet	60,800
Diversion	Feet	28,555
	Total	96,155
Waterways and Terrace outlets	Acre	142
Farm Ponds	Number	18
Tile	Feet	308,708
Erosion Structures	Number	6
Open Drainage Ditch	Feet	22,630
Tree Planting	Acre	51.5

OTHER PRACTICES

Establishing Headlands	Feet	170,480
Stocking Fish Ponds	Number	17
Wildlife Habitat Development	Acre	41.5
Fence Removal	Rods	11,200
Conservation Cropping System	Acre	9,127

PLANNING PRACTICES

New District Cooperators	Number	59
Conservation Farm Plans	Number	52
Revised Farm Plans	Number	15
Farms Worked on	Number	482
Farms Applying Conservation Practices	Number	282

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

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E. Burdette Lortz
Eugene McMenomy
Mrs. Harold Slaymaker
Harvey Wiedemier & Wayne Meyer
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Everette Denzler
Donald Johnson
Robert & Herbert Wallace
Chalmer Ranfeld
Lloyd Simmons (4)
Lloyd E. Schaffner
Kenneth & Henry Yoder
Ralph Lortz Jr.
Bernard Himmelsbach
John P. Jennings
John J. Donahoe
J. Henry Zimpleman
Edward Maschmann
Alvin Teggatz (2)
C. Shaull & C. Lortz
Milford Schwarting
Harold Shedenhelm
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Walter Holderness
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Robert Walker
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Dwight Slaubaugh	Pauline Lillie	Orlo Buswell
Robert Michalek	Leonard Lower	Robert Murtha
M. J. Wilkinson	James Williams	David Boland
R. Burdette Jack (2)	Geo. Maschmann	Ben Osweiler
Arnold Stutzman	Alvin Tegatz	Leo Yeries
L. W. Martin (2)	Donald Semler	Allen Snyder
Owen Tompkins (3)	Dean McMenomy	Ervin Kimm
Leonard Hartgrave	Merrill Norden	V. R. Points
Harold Heitshusen	Mary Slaubaugh	Vernon Schmidt
Lloyd Simmons (4)	Herbert Swain	Wallace Bros.
Milford Schwarting	Orlo Mitchell	Art Timm
Carroll Gunderson	Lortz & Shaull	Allyn Evans
Everette Denzler	Gene Herdlicka	Miriam Pooge

FACTS ABOUT THESE FARMS

These 67 farms make up 12,217 acres. The owners and operators of these farms have to a varying degree committed themselves and their land to better management. This includes:

1. Preservation and maintenance of the remaining top-soil.
2. Farming their land as closely as possible within its capabilities.
3. Applying those conservation practices necessary to protect the land.
4. Accepting the responsibilities that go with Soil Stewardship. "To use but not use up".

REVISED FARM PLANS

Dean Humphrey (2)	Cleland Schrock	Lloyd Rank
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2. 12	2. 40	2. 18	2. 15
3. 3	3. 12	3. 2	3. 1
4. 3	4. 5	4. 5	4. 1
Hartford	Sumner	Hilton	Iowa
1. 4	1. 4	1. 2	1. 3
2. 17	2. 18	2. 35	2. 24
3. 5	3. 1	3. 3	3. 2
4. 2	4. 2	4. 11	4. 4
Lincoln	Pilot	Troy	York
1. 3	1. 3	1. 10	1. 6
2. 39	2. 20	2. 49	2. 37
3. 4	3. 0	3. 4	3. 7
4. 12	4. 5	4. 19	4. 15
Dayton	English	Fillmore	Greene
1. 1	1. 5	1. 2	1. 1
2. 34	2. 42	2. 32	2. 50
3. 1	3. 3	3. 0	3. 4
4. 13	4. 10	4. 11	4. 14

Legend:

No. below corresponds to No. in Township squares.

1. Is the number of New Cooperators signed up in 1964.
2. Is the number of farms assisted in 1964 by the SCS.
3. Is the number of new conservation plans written in 1964.
4. Is the number of farms applying contouring, terracing or strip cropping in 1964.

Office Callers for 1964857

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Meetings Attended or conducted for 1964 26

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1-M Budget

Meeting Expenses	\$ 3.57
Prizes For Contest	165.68
Office Supplies	70.75
Commissioners' Expense	\$ 255.34
Office Expense	12.51
Total	\$ 507.85

2-M Budget

Technical	\$ 443.95
Clerical	3,299.45
Total	3,743.40

STATE PERSONNEL

Sharon Hagen	Clerk
Edward Edwards	State Aid

USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

John T. Baker	Work Unit Conservationist
Darwin D. Hoeft	Soil Conservationist
Ted Setzer	Conservation Technician
Edward Edwards	Conservation Aid

OTHER SCS PERSONNEL ASSISTING DISTRICT

Dale Shadle	Area Conservationist
Stanley Barker	Area Clerk
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Boys from six Future Farmers of America Chapters participated in a soil judging contest sponsored by the Iowa County Soil Conservation District. The contest was held on the Michael Lawler farm in Honeycreek Twp.



Harold Sherman (right) is pictured here presenting the winner's trophy to Miss Donna Chandler of Marengo following the annual Soil Conservation Speech Contest. Third and second place winners were Joe McCartney of Millersburg, and Sheryl Naughton of Parnell.

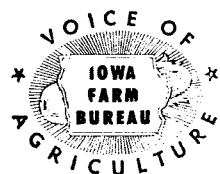
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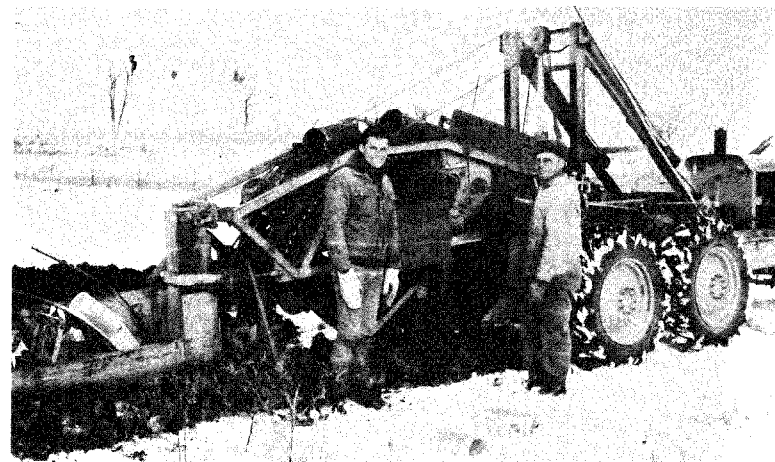
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"Buck" Reinhart (right) and his assistant Jim Reitzler are shown installing tile on the David Boland farm in Troy Twp. Reinhart also operates a farm in Lincoln Twp. and tiles in Iowa and adjoining counties.



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Over 90% of the terraces built in Iowa County were of the cut and fill type. Several terrace jobs and many strip cropping jobs were not completed this fall because of freeze up. They will be completed this spring as early as possible.

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Ivan Icenbice and his father "Barney" (now deceased) are shown ordering multiflora rose and wildlife plantings for their large pond, constructed last year. Ivan uses conservation on all of his farm.



Bill Olson and Dick Ahrens of Conroy are shown just finishing another tile job on the Frank Ahrens farm in Hilton Twp. Bill and Dick work for Olin Helgeson.

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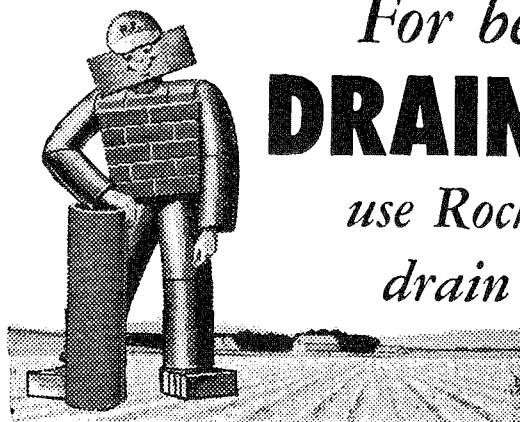
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Elmer Ahrens, his daughter "Julie" and Milford Halvorson of Conroy have just completed their air tour of Iowa County. The profile of Jim Hall, the pilot, from Millersburg can be seen to the right.



Pete De Decker (left) and Paul Sauter (right) of Dayton Twp. are trying out some of the Sauter Bros. new terraces. They had been told by the SCS that they could be farmed with 4-row equipment. The Sauter Bros. have about 300 acres that are planned for terraces. A complete conservation plan was made for the farm by the SCS.

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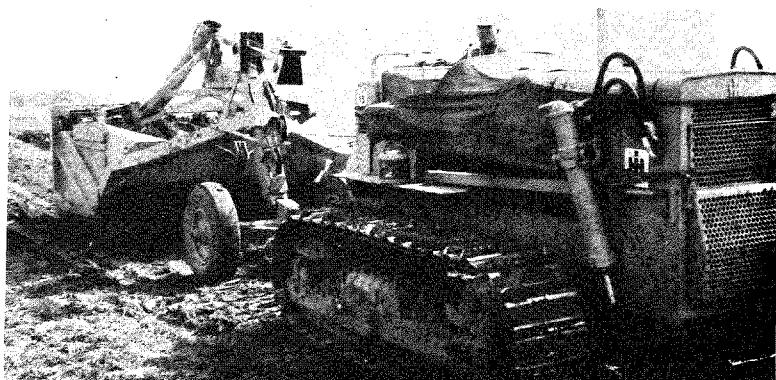
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Surrounded by attendants are the two Iowa County 1964 Queens of Conservation. (Left) Margo Cronbaugh and (Right) Rita Gates. Attendants (left to right) Arleen Martin, Linda Britten, Ellen Schafbuch, Pat Hardin, Connie Shaull, Alice Heitman, Linda Langlas and Linda Peck.



Ed Edwards is setting up the instrument to check out another diversion terrace built by Robert Walker. Bob has built 17,150 ft. of terrace, 8,750 ft. of diversions, strip cropped 70 acres, removed nearly 1,600 rods of old fence and contoured over 300 acres.

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I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom and in the fullest for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind, regardless of race or creed are entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with their own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his fields, pastures, woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest and so shall his descendants while he who rises them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Holding these beliefs to be true I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow men realize their own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow them. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of those who till the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

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