

TIMES Editorial

Tribute to Floyd Peters

One man who is going to be greatly missed around Benton County now that he is retiring from his job as County Soil Conservationist is Floyd Peters. He hardly needs any introduction to your readers because for the past 23 years he has been busily engaged directing a program that has Benton County known all over the middlewest for its remarkable progress in this all-important area of agriculture.

Drive around Benton County particularly in the summertime and you will see on every hand farms which reveal a lot of time, energy and money spent to save the valuable top-soil. It is safe to say there isn't another county in Iowa which has more to show than we do here.

Floyd Peters came here in 1958 and with him things really started to happen aided by a Committee of dedicated citizens who can also take a great deal of pride in what has been accomplished. Some figures are in order.

Peters and his capable staff have been involved in the installation of 75,000 acres of contouring, 6,000 acres of strip-cropping, 1,400 miles of terracing, 30,000 feet of diversions, 1,600 acres of waterways, 157 grade-stabilization structures, 67 farm ponds and 1,888 miles of tile. Aren't those figures impressive!

As time moves on the enormous importance of saving our priceless Iowa soil is becoming more and more apparent. As conservation projects become more widespread they seem to induce more farmers to participate. So what the Benton County Committee and Floyd Peters and his staff have done will continue to reap rewards not only in soil saved but in more farmers joining in.

Floyd Peters can derive a lot of satisfaction in driving around Benton County and seeing on every hand results of his creative efforts. He has truly done a wonderful job. We wish him happy years in the future and hope he continues to stay with us here in Benton County.