

Estimated 2,500 Attend Area



Pictured above from left to right are Walter Guinn, Clay Barnett and Stanley Johnson. Johnson, 16, represented Van Buren county in the level-land plowing contest and was declared the area champion. Guinn led Davis county competitors in the same event. Barnett is farm planner for the Davis County Soil Conservation District and supervised last week's 10-county event.



Davis county winners in the whirlwind terracing contest are shown above with Dawson Bennett, center, president of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Dean Grim, left, placed second in the area contest, and Ed Bachman, right, was awarded third place. The area title went to Floyd Arnold. Two contestants were forced from the event due to machinery breakdowns.



The above photo was taken as local Scouts prepared to share in the morning flag raising ceremony. The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Houston of the Bloomfield Christian church. Special entertainment was provided by the Bloomfield high school band under the direction of Bill McClanahan.

11,100 Ft. Of Terraces, 600 Ft. Of Diversions, 2 Ponds Built During Day

An estimated 2,500 attended the 10-county Area Field Day and Plowing Matches here Thursday.

The affair, largest of its kind ever staged in Davis county, was held southwest of Bloomfield on the Dean Burton, Jack Finley, Vern Randolph and Walter Grim farms.

Visitors to the Field Day came from throughout southern Iowa and included several flying farmers who made the trip here by air.

The Field Day was co-sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Davis County Soil Conservation District. A major portion of the planning for the event was carried by Dawson Bennett, Chamber president, Clay Barnett, farm planner for the district, and Harold Baughman, district president.

They combined today to express appreciation to the various chairmen and committees for their untiring efforts in making the venture a success.

The Field Day featured an all-day program, including numerous demonstrations, political talks, and plowing matches. The morning was devoted primarily to soil conservation demonstration projects. The projects were interrupted for the noon speaking



Visitors to the field day were transported to the various demonstration and contest sites by means of a wagon train, pictured above during one of the tours. The train consisted of eight wagons, pulled by four tractors. A mobile sound system was employed for explaining the various projects.

Area Field Day Here Thursday



Stewart Thomas, left above, was the area winner in contour plowing Thursday. Verlin Harris, was third in the area competition and led the Davis county contestants. Shown with the winners is Keith Kirkpatrick of WHO and WHO-TV farm departments.



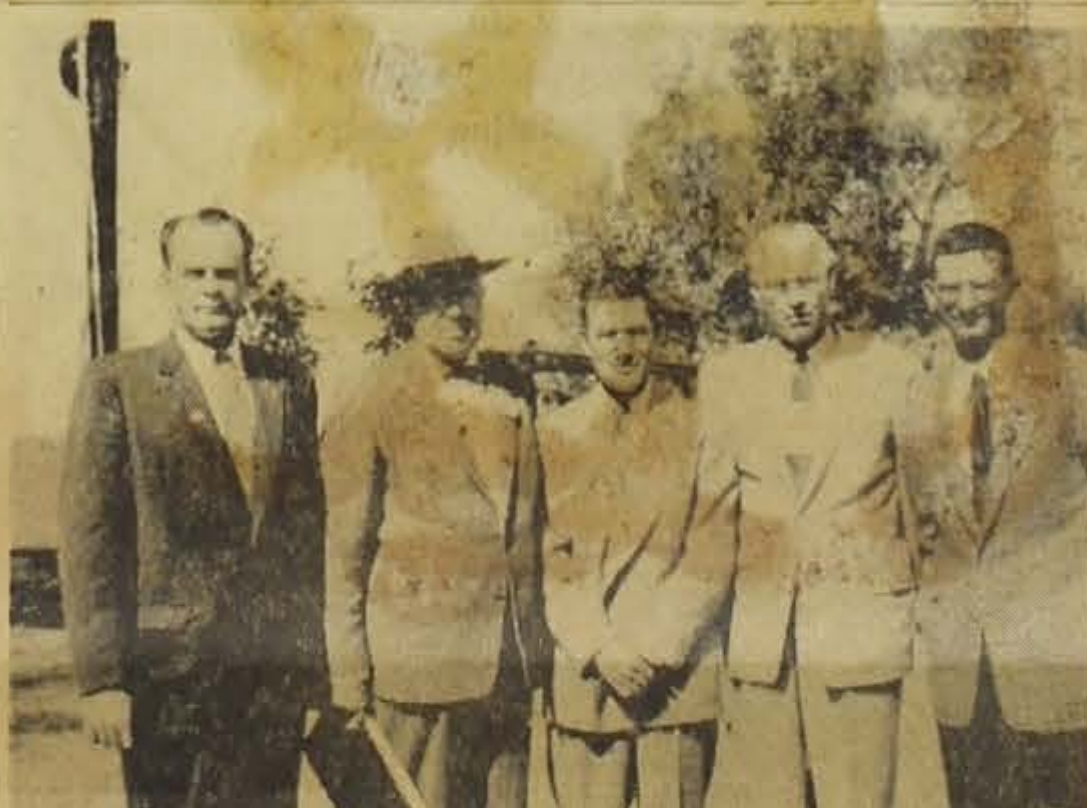
Governor Leo Hoegh is shown above as he addressed the crowd attending Thursday's Area Field Day. The crowd at the all-day event was estimated at 2,500. The field was staged at the Dean Burton, Jack Finley, Walter Grim and Vern Randolph farms southwest of Bloomfield.



Secretary of Agriculture Clyde Spry was on hand for the field day and was included in the numerous introductions. The above photo shows Spry as he prepared to eat lunch at one of the two food concession. The concessions were operated by the American Legion and the Wesley Chapel and West Grove Methodist churches.



Republican candidates shared in the noon program and are pictured above. On the extreme left is W. R. Fimmen, chairman of the Republican county central committee, who introduced the candidates. Others in the photo include, left to right, Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, Congressman Karl LeCompte, State Senator Ted Clark and State Representative Dewey Goode.



Democratic candidates attending the field day and participating in the program included: (left to right) Steven Carter, candidate for congress, R. M. "Spike" Evans, candidate for the United States Senate, Gene Hoffman, candidate for state senator, and Charles Harsch, candidate for state representative, Tom Hardy, extreme right, chairman of the county central committee, also shared in the program.



The above picture shows construction work underway on one of several major projects completed as a part of the field day program. Five dozers and two scoops were at work on the above pond, one of three constructed Thursday.