

Wildlife habitat being restored — Co. conservation board pleased

By Dave Smith
Executive Director
Fayette Co.
Conservation Board

After completion of the first year of the Fayette County Conservation Board's Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project, the board is well pleased with the interest of Fayette County landowners in restoring wildlife habitat on their land.

When the project was initiated in the fall of 1976, the Conservation Board felt that project participants would have to be recruited and convinced that it was worthwhile to restore wildlife habitat on their land. This was not the case. The Conservation Board staff was faced with the job of selecting priority areas for the first year's planning and delaying the planning of many areas until the spring of 1978. Response like this is encouraging, especially at a time when so much wildlife habitat is disappearing from the countryside.

It was in the summer of 1976 when the Fayette County Conservation Board members (Carl Hyman, Bud Alderson, Bill Barker, Ron Singall and Russ Cannon) began discussing the possibility of restoring wildlife habitat on private land.

After consulting with Jim Zahner, wildlife management biologist for the Iowa Conservation Commission, Dave Smith, executive officer for the Conservation Board, presented a program to the board that would allow the county to develop and manage wildlife areas on private land.

The program depended upon the securing of "management agreements" between the Conservation Board and the private landowner. A written agreement that requires the landowner to set aside a specific area for the purpose of providing wildlife habitat. The Conservation Board is required to provide and plant all trees, shrubs, and grasses and to manage the area for wildlife. There is no cost to the landowner.

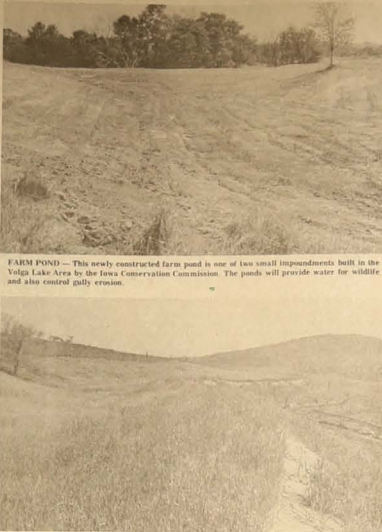
During 1977, the Conservation Board entered into 16 management agreements and seven cooperation projects that amounted to over 100 acres of land. In these areas, approximately 30,000 trees and shrubs were planted. After checking all the areas in the fall, it was estimated that 46 to 75 percent of the trees and shrubs survived the growing season. A wide variety of trees and shrubs are planted in the different areas depending on location and type of wildlife and landowner preference. In 1977 species planted included white pine, red pine, scotch pine, Austrian pine, honey-suckle, autumn olive, dogwood, walnut and hickory. In 1978 the species will include the same as 1977 with the addition of green ash, burr oak, white oak and European larch.

The program for 1978 calls for the planting of 10,000 trees. This will include seven new areas plus the replanting of some existing areas. Again this year, as in the past, the response to the program has been excellent with some requests being turned down. The majority of the areas being approved for planting are located in the west, southeast, and south parts of the county. This is where the habitat loss has been the greatest due to the intensive farming practices.

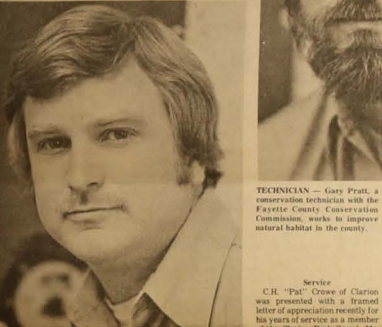
The Fayette County Conservation Board plans on continuing this project indefinitely. Since response to this project has been so great and the number of trees that can be planted each year is limited, the Conservation Board urges anyone who is interested in providing wildlife habitat to check the possibilities of obtaining and planting trees and shrubs in their area.

Although the Conservation Board cannot actually plant everyone's area, the Conservation Board staff will give technical assistance to everyone requesting such help.

Hopefully, the Fayette County Conservation Board, along with the conservation-minded residents of Fayette County, can provide for a better tomorrow by restoring wildlife habitat in Fayette County.



FARM POND — This newly constructed farm pond is one of two small impoundments built in the Volga Lake area by the Iowa Conservation Commission. The ponds will provide water for wildlife and also control gully erosion.



TECHNICIAN — Gary Pratt, a conservation technician with the Fayette County Conservation Commission, works to improve natural habitat in the county.

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First soybean sale to Russia told

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first U.S. soybean sale of the season to the Soviet Union has been announced by the Agriculture Department.

Officials said Tuesday that Russia has bought 26,000 metric tons of soybeans, the first in the current soybean marketing year which began last Sept. 1.

During the 1976-77 year, the Soviets bought 800,000 tons of U.S. soybeans. A metric ton is 2,200 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of soybeans.

As is customary, the department did not disclose the U.S. prices in the transaction.

Soybeans are not included in a long-term grain agreement under which Russia is committed to buy at least six million tons of U.S. wheat and corn annually.

Grain sales under the agreement so far this year total about 8.9 million tons, including 6.4 million tons of corn and 2.5 million of wheat, for delivery to Russia through Sept. 30.

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Department economists have been predicting for some time that 1978 meat prices would be higher, particularly for choice cuts of beef which USDA studies show will climb to the record levels of a slaughter.

Beef prices at new high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers are seeing beef prices climb to their highest levels in two years and not much relief in sight, according to the Agriculture Department.

Preliminary figures show that the average retail price of beef, measured on an all-cut basis, climbed to almost \$1.47 a pound last month, a two-cent gain from December.

According to USDA records the January price was the highest since beef averaged more than \$1.44 a pound in retail stores in January 1976.

The January price was up 5.7 percent from last September when beef nationally averaged less than \$1.29 a pound.

Pork prices also have climbed from their low marks of last fall to more than \$1.33 a pound in January, a 4.5 percent gain from less than \$1.27 last October.



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Skin disease plagues nation's beef producers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cattle scabbers, a skin disease caused by mites, continue to plague beef producers in much of the nation, according to the Agriculture Department.

Last month 43 outbreaks of the disease were confirmed in 13 states. Those included: Arizona, California and Illinois, one each; Oklahoma, South Dakota and

Minnesota, three each; Iowa, four; Wyoming, five; Kansas, six; Texas, seven; New Mexico, 12; Nebraska, 17; and Colorado, 20, officials said Wednesday.

Since last Oct. 1, USDA has reported 146 cases nationwide compared with 49 cases in the same October-January period a year earlier, officials said.

Glen O. Schubert of the department's Animal and Health Inspection Service said that scabbers is traditionally a

problem in New Mexico and the panhandle areas of Oklahoma and Texas, but in recent years it has spread to the south. Schubert said the spread is linked to "the movements of exposed and improperly dipped cattle" into new areas.

Scab is caused by tiny mites which burrow into the skin of cattle and feed on their body fluids released from the wounds.

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Milk production 10 billion pounds in Jan.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Milk production continues to increase from year-earlier levels early in 1978, according to the Agriculture Department.

Production in January was nearly 10 billion pounds, up one percent from the same month of last year, says the department's Crop Reporting Board.

Total 1977 milk output was about 123.9 billion pounds, an increase of 2.4 percent from less than 120.4 billion in 1976. It was the most since 1965.

A further increase is expected this year, according to department dairy economists.

Rain, snow help parched winter wheat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rain and snow have helped relieve parched winter wheat fields in parts of the southern Great Plains, particularly in Texas, says the Agriculture Department.

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"In contrast, the production of mulling barley — the major grain used in making alcoholic beverages — increased from 82 million to 127 million bushels in the same period," the department said Tuesday.

American villages and cities had an estimated 77 million trees in 1970, says the Forest Service. By 1977, widespread Dutch elm disease had destroyed all but 34 million of them.

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FINAL CHECKOUT—J.K. "Bud" Siebert, Conservation Technician, is shown during a terrace check-out survey. The outlet terraces are designed to hold 2 inches of runoff water.



TERACE INTAKE—Odis Rothberger, long-time conservation farmer near Elgin is shown by a terrace intake. Rothberger raises beef cattle. Protection of the intake riser pipe is necessary when cattle are in the field.

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Opposed to cuts in conservation funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Opposition is building in Congress and among some farm organizations against proposals by the Carter administration to cut federal spending on conservation projects designed to help farmers protect their land.

The proposals were included in budget proposals President Carter sent to Congress a month ago and involve some Agriculture Department programs which will directly affect farmers during the fiscal year which will begin Oct. 1.

Proposed reduction in the program will be reviewed Friday, Feb. 24, at a hearing by a conservation subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Sen. Dick Clark, D-Iowa, a member of both panels, will preside at the hearing.

Carter soil conservation programs have been a major source of support of land-use programs directed at maintaining food supplies and the productivity of the nation's farmland.

"To do so, we need to provide financial assistance programs and research, technical and educational activities to help individual landowners and local public bodies make land-use decisions consistent with local and national objectives," Clark said in a statement Jan. 13.

On Jan. 24, the Carter budget was sent to Congress calling for cuts in key USDA programs and agency spending for next fiscal year.

Clark, in announcing the hearing, said that in all the Carter budget calls for cuts of about \$10 million next year, including a sharp reduction in personnel for the department's Soil Conservation Service.

A recent study by USDA showing that the nation is losing about 2.8 billion tons of cropland soil a year, the equivalent of 40 tons an acre, was cited by Clark as a reason for stepping up conservation efforts.

The government has added farmers in soil and water conservation for more than 40 years, and those programs have helped hold down topsoil erosion, although USDA experts say the loss rate is still much too high.

Clark said that one of the problems is that soil conservation programs are expensive, require detailed study of each local problem, extensive planning and, in many cases, costly in-streams. Further, the effects of such efforts are not seen overnight.

"And so, soil conservation programs are inevitably a prime target for budget cutters," Clark said.

For example, the Agricultural Conservation Program or ACP, which has provided federal payments to help farmers pay for approved conservation work on their land. For many years, such administration has tried to reduce or eliminate the ACP, entirely to save money.

The Carter proposal calls for a cut of almost 50 percent to \$10 million next year from \$20 million currently provided for ACP.

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COUNTY COMMITTEE — Members of the ASCS county committee are, left to right, Herb Ash of Elgin, Roadhigh Extension of Elgin and Les Lynch of Waucoma. Lynch is chairman of the committee.



EXTENSION SERVICE — Members of the Fayette County Extension staff converse in their office in Fayette. Left to right are Dan Burkhardt, extension director; Norma Kerr, A-H program aide; and Paul Dillon, extension home economist.

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ASSISTANT — Darlene Albee of West Union is the Paula office assistant, working in the office located in West Union.

U.S. Agriculture Dept. may help Soviet farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — If a Soviet farmer from the Ukraine wants to know more about grasshopper control or a housewife from Krasnodar is interested in plans for a vacation home, the U.S. Agriculture Department is ready to handle their requests.

Nearly 200,000 government pamphlets are being loaded up for delivery to the Soviet Union this spring where they will be distributed free of charge to visitors at a traveling display depicting "Agriculture — USA".

The U.S. Information Agency is in charge of the exhibit, which also will include American farm machinery and other displays. The pamphlets, or "bulletins" as USDA call them, are to be included.

A department spokesman said that the list of bulletins — about 70 titles — was approved by Soviet embassy officials for distribution during the exhibit's

tour, tentatively scheduled to open in April in Kiev.

The bulletins are generally available to the American public through county extension offices at government bookstores and through the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Although printed in English, Soviet officials have indicated that the bulletins will be popular items, particularly among students and agricultural authorities during the tour.

Among the home and garden bulletins being sent to the Soviet Union are: Eggs in Family Shells — A guide for Consumers; How to Buy Beef Steaks; House Construction — How to Reduce Cost; and Selecting and Financing a Home.

Soviet farmers may want to look at Johnson Grass As a Weed; Lightning Protection for the Farm; Wireworms on Irriga-

tion; and the pamphlets — 3,000 each are being sent for most of the bulletins — the department will provide 25 copies each of its yearbooks going back to 1966.

The yearbook titles include: Crops in Peace and War; Insects; Water, Land, Food; Consumers; All; Protecting Our Food; Food for Us All; A Good Life for More People; Shopper's Guide; and Gardening for Food and Fun.

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mission can provide the capability for the development of long-range goals and objectives for the region. This involves the coordination of governmental activities dealing with issues which cross city and county boundaries.

2. MANAGEMENT — The Regional Planning Commission can provide an administrative home for federal grant-in-aid programs which must be carried out on a multi-county basis, and also serves as the 4.6% Regional Clearinghouse. This is a program of review and comment concerning application for federally-funded programs. The purpose is to coordinate project planning in the five counties and prevent duplication of services.

3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE — The Regional Planning Commission can provide a planning capability to member governments of which individually they could not afford. The Regional Planning Commission can assist in the day-to-day planning and management activities of local governments and can be viewed as an extension of the administrative staffs of member governments. Many local units of government cannot afford full-time salaried officials. There is where the Regional Planning Commission staff can be most valuable in carrying out planning functions at a minimum of cost to local units of government.

At the present time, the Regional Planning Commission staff is involved in a number of activities. Shortly, the Commission will begin work on a two-mile interterritorial study for the City of Owens, which will be based upon a study suitability for future development purposes, and work is continuing for the City of Weirsgate for improvement to their city park.

It is continually helping the member cities and counties prepare and submit a variety of federal grant applications, including Bureau of Outdoor Recreation grants, Housing and Urban Development, block grants, the Economic Development Administration's Local Public Works grants, and others.

The Regional Planning Commission is also involved extensively in transit planning and coordination as well as updating and revising city codes and zoning ordinances.

Simply speaking, the overall purpose of the Regional Planning Commission is to serve and strengthen local governments by providing a "buffer" zone when dealing with state and federal agencies and to give member governments a professional capability not available on an individual basis.

More eggs last month survey shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's best producer about 1.7 billion eggs last month, up a percent from January of last year, according to the Agriculture Department.

The department's Crop Reporting Board said Tuesday that as of Feb. 1 about 28.7 million hens were in the nation's egg laying flock, up a percent from 27.6 million a year ago.

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ASCS DIRECTOR — Gene Brownell is the Fayette County ASCS county executive director.



P.A. CLERK — Mrs. John Riles is the ASCS administrative and P.A. clerk in Fayette County.



ECONOMIST — Paul Dillman, rural Volga, is the Fayette County Extension home economist and works out of the county extension office located in Fayette.



ACP CLERK — Marcella Loucks is the ASCS prior support and ACP clerk in Fayette County.



P.A. ASSISTANT — Imelda Butters, Fayette, is a P.A. assistant with the Fayette County ASCS office in Fayette.



4-H ASSISTANT — Norma Kerr of Castalia is the 4-H program aide for Fayette County. She works with the Fayette County Extension Service office in Fayette.

More cattle due to abundant corn and lower costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surveys of major beef states show that cattle feedlot inventories are continuing to increase in the wake of abundant corn supplies, lower feed costs and prospects for gradually improving market prices for grain-fed cattle.

The Agriculture Department said Tuesday that there were an estimated 8.41 million cattle being fed for slaughter on Feb. 1 in the seven states checked each month. That was up 9 percent from a year ago.

Further, the report said that placement of new cattle in feedlots last month totaled at most 1.84 million head, up 20 percent from January of last year.

Department experts have been predicting that feedlot cattle production will rise this year as producers take advantage of lower-priced grain and the outlook for a gradual strengthening in the cattle market.

Feedlot beef production sagged in recent years when prices of corn and other grain rose and cattle prices dropped. This resulted in severe culling of herds and a larger output of "non-fed" beef from cows and calves.

Now that the nation's overall cattle inventory has been pruned sharply, experts say that prices may gradually go up this year. However, the increase in feedlot production will be more than

offset by a decline in non-fed cattle marketings.

The Feb. 1 feedlot inventory included:

Arizona 296,000 head, up 10 percent from a year ago; California 662,000, down 1 percent; Colorado 800,000, up 11 percent; Iowa 1.05 million, up 11 percent; Kansas 1.0 million, up 9 percent; Nebraska 1.79 million, up 11 percent; and Texas 1.84 million, up 11 percent.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite severe storms and cold weather, the nation's winter wheat crop is still rated in "fair to good" condition in most areas, according to the Agriculture Department.

But officials said Tuesday in a weekly weather review that non-irrigated stands of wheat in the southern Great Plains were still under drought stress.

"Snow protected most of the nation's wheat acreage from the low temperatures across the northern Great Plains and the Corn Belt," the report said.

But for the week of Feb. 6-12, excessive moisture caused wheat plants to turn yellow in some areas of the West, including California and Oregon, the report said.



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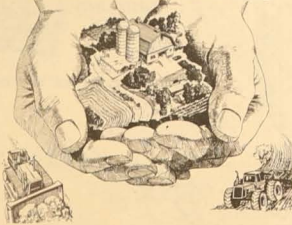
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REGIONAL PLANNING — Members of the Upper Exploration Regional Planning Commission staff are shown at their office in Pauline. Seated are Jerry Dunke, director of the Regional Planning office, and Mary Schall, secretary. Bookkeeper standing in the background are Anne Powers and Rick Ernst. Both regional planners with the office. For information on what the office does, please see the story on page 11 of this section.



LAND PRESERVATION — Members of the Fayette County Land Preservation Policy Commission are shown during a recent meeting. Seated are Dan Burkhardt, secretary; James Stewart of Oelwein, chairman; Herb Haas of Oelwein, vice-chairman. In the back are Frank Thyer, alternate member, Randall; Donald Bartels of Westgate; Paul Schuchman Jr. of Arlington and LeAllen Kios of Wadena.

Europe potential U.S. soybean market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says that the seven countries of Eastern Europe are a potentially growing market for U.S. soybeans but that it will take strong efforts to develop.

Despite apparent internal efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseeds, imports of soybeans and meal for feed production have gained momentum, the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said.



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Beef prices . . .

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few years ago. In July, 1975, the average all-fed retail price of beef was \$14.41 a pound. Pork rose to a peak of about \$1.30 a pound in October of that year.

The underlying reason for rising beef prices is that cattle producers, financially hard-pressed for several years, voluntarily undertook to reduce their herds by sending surplus cows, calves and other cattle to slaughter.

This resulted in consumer beef prices being held in check the past two years, averaging less than \$1.30 a pound over the entire 14 months against the record annual average of \$1.45 in calendar 1975.

By the beginning of this year the U.S. cattle inventory was pared to 116.3 million head, a 12 percent reduction from the Jan. 1, 1975, peak of more than 132 million.

Thus, USDA says there will be two to four percent less total beef on the consumer market this year than in 1977.

But there will be perhaps 10 percent more pork than in 1977 and broiler production may be up six percent or more. That means more competing meats for consumers to choose from this year. It also will help temper future beef price increases.

Further incentives of feedlot cattle — the kind that produce the choicest beef — are up substantially from last year, meaning that retail prices could ease back a bit later this winter and early spring if the live cattle market weakens enough.

Department analysts say, however, that this may be

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PULLA SUPERVISOR — James H. Rogers of West Union is the county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration (FARM) office in West Union.

Temporary and that cattle increasing cattle prices, according to the analysts, again later this year.

Moreover, the reduced cattle grade steers in January, for inventory points to further example, was \$42.81 per 100 pounds in beef supply over the month, up from \$41.30 in next few years and gradually (December \$41.30 in November

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Marilyn Lemman, West Union Elementary School and Jerry McManis, Hawkeye Elementary School attended Iowa Teachers Conservation Workshop Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at Camp Euclid. Belva Houser attended the annual conference in Fort Dodge. Jackson attended one day.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1976 — June 30, 1977

IM BUDGET	
Commissioners travel expenses to district, regional and state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 469.42
Office Supplies	104.73
Printing	15.16
Phone or Carfare	19.00
Meeting Hall Rental	5.00
Office Expenses	289.67
Meeting Expenses	37.31
Refunded Allocation	229.05
Total Allocation	\$1,130.08
IM BUDGET	
Salaries, Inc. of insurance, etc. for clerk and part time conservation aide	\$14,036.72
Equipment Expenses	86.25
Refunded Allocation	624.47
Total Allocation	\$14,866.96
COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND	
Balance on Hand July 1, 1976	\$ 476.08
Transfers July 1, 1976 — June 30, 1977	2,412.90
Total Funds Available	\$2,888.93
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,165.86
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	\$ 723.04
IM BUDGET	
Water Use Share Funds—1976-77 Fiscal Year Allocation	\$27,224.59
Amount Expended For Conservation Practices	21,484.10
Amount Pending Completion of Practices	5,740.49
Total	\$33,449.18
Water Cost Share Funds—1977-78 Fiscal Year Allocation	\$18,041.80
Amount Expended For Conservation Practices	\$7,753.66
Amount Pending Completion of Practices	10,288.14
Balance on Hand	751.91

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Iowans' Commissioners wish to thank the many organizations that have assisted the district during the year. Among these are the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Extension Service, and Farmers Home Administration. State organizations assisting the district were the Department of Soil Conservation, Iowa Association of Soil Conservationists, and the State Conservation Commission.

The newspaper and radio stations serving this area have made a valuable contribution by giving publicity to activities of the district.

We would like to thank the firms doing business in the county whose contributions made possible the printing and distribution of this report.

Specifically mentioned, Fayette Soil Conservation District Commissioners: Paul Schuchman, Jr., Chairman; James Stewart; Frank Thayer; Leslie Anderson; and George Haldeman.



WINDBREAK AWARD—Shown in front of their prize-winning grove, entered recently in the Fayette County Farm, Wildlife League Windbreak Contest, are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Braker of Arlington. Presenting the plaque is Paul Schuchman, Arlington, chairman of the Soil Conservation Service. It reads: "The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, defenders of Soil, Water, Air and Wildlife, 1977, Fayette County S.C.D. Windbreak Award presented to Doug Braker in recognition of an exemplary windbreak planting program that is helping to conserve America's natural resources. David Wright, division president and Robert C. Russell, division executive secretary. The windbreak, which consists of honey-suckle, arbor vitae and Black Hills spruce, was started in 1976."

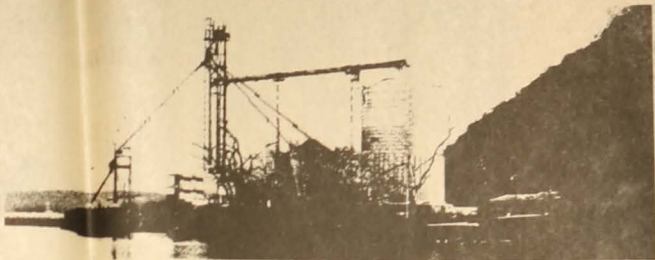


COUNTY COMMITTEE—Members of the Fayette County committee are shown in a recent meeting with James D. Rogers, right, county FWHIA supervisor. The committeemen are, left to right, L. Keith Baker of Westgate, Fred J. Barback of Arlington and Rauben H. Steffen of Chermak, chairman of the group.



MULCHING—When strict conservation practices are not carried out, valuable topsoil ends up in the ditches and finally, when spring weather melts the snow, it clogs streams, choking wildlife. This scene is in a ditch in Northeast Iowa.

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