

Little Sioux Stream Flood Control, Related Problems Aired at Ida Grove Hearing

BY JULIE GOODSON

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IDA GROVE, Ia. — Pros and cons of possible flood control and related water problems on the Little Sioux river and its tributaries were aired at a public hearing conducted here Monday by the United States army corps of engineers.

Principal arguments presented centered on recent efforts of the Iowa state conservation commission, its branch organizations and other interested conservationists to prevent straightening of the channel because it would destroy wildlife resources.

Numerous individuals, however, expressed their personal desires or that of the organizations they represented to forget the fish and game aspects of the project and concentrate on the farmlands involved.

Just last week the Iowa conservation commission adopted a resolution calling on the army engineers to reject any flood control plans which call for "channeling" the Little Sioux river or its tributaries in north west Iowa.

Such channel straightening provides only "ineffectual flood control" while ruining fishing and recreation along the rivers, the commission believes.

The group also waged a similar battle with the corps against the proposed Big Sioux river channel straightening above Sioux City.

An estimated 250 persons from a dozen Iowa communities attended the congressionally authorized session which was chaired by Lt. Col. Harold J. St. Clair, Omaha district army engineer. Mayor Albert R. Bird of Ida Grove was honorary chairman and introduced the colonel and his party.

Monday's hearing marked the first time Col. St. Clair had presided at such an event since replacing Col. H. G. Woodbury, jr., former Omaha district engineer who was transferred to Korea early last month.

No Definite Plan

The army engineers came to Ida Grove with no definite proposal to make nor any plan or project to describe.

Col. St. Clair prefaced his remarks by saying, "We are here today in order that you may tell us about the ideas you have and the improvements needed to solve your problems. The flow of information at this hearing is essentially one way, from you to us. This is your meeting and I am your moderator."

Before calling for comment from the floor, the colonel also asked for a frank and full expression of views of all interested parties stressing that "based on the information presented here, we will make our investigations and prepare and submit our report."

"During the course of our investigation we will co-ordinate our studies with state and federal agencies, other organizations, and most important, with you, the local people that would be directly affected by any potential programs that are developed," Col. St. Clair declared.

"If necessary, public meetings at the conclusion of the investigation will be arranged in order to inform the public of our findings. It is

views of all interests relative to the study findings in framing recommendations.

"These views also will be made a part of my report. The transmitted report will be officially reviewed by the various federal agencies and the governors of Iowa and Minnesota. If the report findings and recommendations are concurred in by the chief of engineers, and assuming a project is recommended, the report will be submitted to congress for project authorization and if the project is authorized, funds will be requested for construction.

"This means simply that project authorization and funds for construction are a responsibility of the congress while the corps of engineers' responsibilities are those of a technical consultant to the congress," stated Col. St. Clair.

The colonel noted that nearly 20 years had elapsed since the initial studies were made on the flood problems of the entire Little Sioux river basin. The final comprehensive report, published in 1948 as house document 275, concluded that while the entire basin was subject to flooding, the flood hazard was most severe in the lower basin, within the Missouri river flood plain; that flood control in the basin above the Missouri flood plain, by measures under the jurisdiction of the department of the army, was impracticable or economically unfeasible at that time, but that flood damages in the area should be appreciably reduced after inauguration by the department of agriculture of its approved program for soil erosion prevention and runoff and water flow retardation; and that in the same Missouri flood plain area a project for flood control by means of channel improvements, levees and appurtenant works, was practicable, desirable and economically justified, and should be constructed.

Col. St. Clair also reviewed the congressional authorized remedial program for abating damages from floods, surface soil erosion and major gullying by means of treatment of farmlands and building of structures to control major gullies in the portion of the Little Sioux river watershed lying below Osceola and Clay counties, and above the Missouri river flood plain.

Will Confine Study

"Since installation of measures for control of flood flows on the Little Sioux river and its tributaries crossing the Missouri river flood plain is almost complete, our present studies will be confined to the flood problem areas upstream of the existing project, and will reflect the changed needs and demands for project development, and will have the advantage.

"Inasmuch as the request for the restudy originated with landowners in the flood area along the West Fork of the Little Sioux river in Woodbury county and with the citizens of Ida Grove, primary consideration will be given to the possibilities for providing protection for those areas," Col. St.

that it might take three years to complete the investigation.

Apprehension over any proposed development resulting in straightening of the stream was voiced by Earl G. Rose of the Iowa conservation commission, who noted that the Little Sioux "is an important fishing stream."

He also stated his belief that any flood control work should begin upstream even in Minnesota and urged that various marsh areas and lakes along the Little Sioux be protected.

Mayor Albert Bird of Ida Grove, countered the opposition to channel straightening saying, "If it is possible to control flooding in Ida Grove we certainly are in favor of it."

The mayor vividly described early floods in his town and in particular the flood of 1914 when rescuers, he said, had to lash victims together to keep them from floating away.

Correctionville farmer, Lee Smith, took issue with the conservation head saying "I doubt that the two or three dollars charged for fishing licenses is worth the price of the corn that is knocked down by floods."

Another farmer, C. C. Rasmussen of Ida Grove suggested, "We will have to work from all sides . . . damming and diking as well as soil conservation."

Two special reports on flood situations in the Little Sioux basin were presented to Col. St. Clair during the hearing. One concerning the Ida Grove's devastation totaling \$132,895 property loss and other damage in late August of 1962 was prepared by J. V. Heffron, chairman of the city's flood control committee.

Cherokee business men affected by recent flooding along the Little Sioux also gave the engineers a 1963 supplement. Les Licklider of Cherokee also spoke in favor of using good soil conservation measures to keep the flood control stage down. He said the 24-foot level in 1963 was the highest his home town had known in the last 60 years.

E. J. Greskowak, mayor of Mapleton, addressed the meeting both as a city official and a farmer. He cited corps help in trying to save the Mapleton airport during recent flooding by suggesting car bodies being put along the river bank, but added that even they had been carried away. He said he had spent \$5,000 for diking purposes, but only recently the river still cut away an acre or more of his land.

Kenneth Carney of Ida Grove, chairman of the Ida county board of supervisors, presented still another proposal for flood control in the Ida Grove area where the Maple river and Odebolt creek are a prominent part of the Little Sioux river basin.

Asks Impoundment Area

He requested the engineers to build an impoundment area creating a large lake in Ida county on the Maple river since "this in itself would be a flood prevention

benefit of providing a much needed recreational area in this location."

Mr. Carney suggested sections 13 and 24 of Logan township in Ida county, north of the county seat. He added that the board of supervisors also wanted to go on record as supporting the state conservation commission policy of opposing stream straightening and wildlife and recreational area destruction.

Others opposing any change in the river included Robert Wiltse, secretary of the Correctionville Catfish club, composed of 320 members; Harry W. Heritage of Correctionville, chairman of the Woodbury county conservation board; Mayor Claire Ferguson of Sioux Rapids, Ia., representing the town council, Sioux Rapids Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations deeply interested in conservation; Mrs. Muriel Minglinas, chairman of the Sac county conservation board and W. L. Sanford, president of the Sac County Sports men's club.

O. E. Warnock, president of the United chapter Izaak Walton league of Sac, Buena Vista and Cherokee counties turned in a prepared statement noting that his group by resolution supported the Iowa conservation commission on this matter and desired it be known that the group's position is identical to Mr. Rose, superintendent of fish and game for the commission who appeared earlier Monday at Ida Grove.

Mr. Warnock said his group further feels that "it is of the utmost importance to maintain the Little Sioux as a recreation area and straightening of the stream

would destroy it as a fish habitat and would eliminate wooded areas which occur along meandering banks."

He urged that should there be flood control measures taken, to be accomplished by upstream damming rather than accelerated runoff.

Cites Levee Work

Roy Swain, chairman of the Monona county board of supervisors, in his statement, cited the Little Sioux channel levee alternation and improvements done by the corps and (known as Plan O), to protect land in Harrison and Monona counties at and completed the estimated cost of \$18,000. As spokesman for the board, he felt the one evident weakness was in the Woodbury - Monona county area along drainage district number 2 (West Fork) as witnessed in the Hornick flooding back in 1962.

Elvin E. Leonard, spokesman for the Ida county board of supervisors, stated that flooding on the Maple river has been a source of considerable damage to Ida county bridges and that planning of permanent structures has been delayed subject to when, where and how control measures will be instituted. The board, he said, feels that effective control measurers upstream will result in materially shorter bridge structures than now required.

Judges Use Plane to View Conservation Work on Farms



Journal Photos by Marc Cox

From the air you can see the whole farm—every field, every gully and sign of erosion, every light spot of soil. Men who are doing the Area judging in the Sioux City Program for Permanent Agriculture soil conservation program

this year used airplanes to speedily and efficiently compare Iowa farms. This is the Otto Dose farm, operated by LeRoy Dose, Ida Grove, Iowa, as it appeared last week to judges circling it. The Dose farm is one of three top conservation

farms in Ida County as picked by earlier judging teams. The farmstead lies in relatively flat land, but note the large amount of terracing and contouring of the steep slopes up to the tree-covered ridge.



Two days of flying completed the judging of 42 farms in 13 counties entered in the 1966 Program for Permanent Agriculture, which is sponsored by The Sioux City Journal and Sioux City Chamber of Commerce. Al Moen,

Area Conservationist, SCS, Ft. Dodge; and Jerry Hollander, engineer, SCS, Spencer, Iowa, look over a map of northwest Iowa at the Cherokee airport to prepare their flight plans.



They're ready to go—Moen (the pilot) and Hollander, in their Piper Commanche, to view from the air the soil and conservation work of topnotch farmers in Ida, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas and Sac Counties.

Cruising at 160 m.p.h., the job took only a couple of hours. The winning farms were judged on the amount and completeness of the soil and water-saving work and the quality of the conservation practices.

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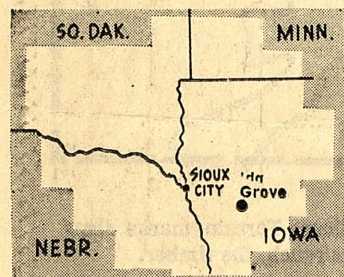
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New Creek Channel Is Plan's Key

By LEE JORGENSEN
Sunday Feature Writer

IDA GROVE, Iowa — "Back in 1962 it was a dreary day, just like today," commented J. V. Heffron, chairman of the Ida Grove Flood Control Committee. "The cloud cover was heavy, precipitation was high—it might sprinkle a little and clouds covered the area without moving. It would pour until the clouds



emptied, then you'd feel a lull of 10 to 15 minutes."

"It took us a while to realize we got a heavy rain," declared Larry B. Gove, another member of the flood committee, but from 2 a. m. on August 30 until the rain ended on August 31, we received 12.05 inches of precipitation, the cause of \$142,985 worth of damage to the community. Boats were necessary on Badger Creek southwest of Ida Grove to evacuate stranded flood victims."

The Ida Grove Flood Control Committee was organized in the summer of 1963.

The First Step

On July 20 of this year the first major step in an investment which may run to \$576,000 was initiated to eliminate a flood problem which has plagued the area for 100 years. A bulldozer began removing trees from Ida Grove City Park along the north bank of Odebolt Creek to make way for a temporary channel and a new 150-foot concrete bridge. The city will temporarily relocate the channel of Odebolt Creek, prior to per-



One of the bottlenecks partly responsible for Ida Grove's flood woes is this old wooden bridge, located over Odebolt Creek on Moorehead Ave. in the northern portion of the city. Another bridge to be removed (on Washington Ave.) is pictured in the background.

manent relocation by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Three streams which join just northwest of the city are the crux of the problem—Odebolt Creek which drains 59 square miles, Badger Creek which drains six square miles and the Maple River which drains 364 square miles. Elk Creek, a mile above the town, draining 12 square miles, sometimes causes problems.

Further aggravating the situation is that when the Maple River is up to its banks the Odebolt cannot drain, sometimes the creek backs up even though

very little water is coming downstream.

The streams have caused an average of 1½ floods each year resulting in annual average losses of more than \$30,000, according to Heffron.

The town worries every time a two-inch rain falls.

To Aid Development

"We think the flood control project will open up land for industry and business," said Heffron. "It will bring development along the railroad right-of-way and the highway."

He said Soil Conservation System projects such as contour

farming and strip farming also have been helping in flood control.

"The bridge is just the start," commented Gove. He added, "The old bridge went down in 1942 when an empty semi-trailer truck sank into it. A wooden bridge replaced it during the war. The bridge now going is to be placed 170 feet north of the old wooden one."

The county a year ago built a bridge east of Ida Grove over the Odebolt as access from Highways 59 and 175 to a new hospital now under construction. Area north of the creek is pri-



Whenever a two-inch rain falls the city of Ida Grove worries. Flooded Odebolt Creek, above, fills lowlands in the northern portion of the city with silt and muck. Four streams have posed problems for the town — Badger Creek, the Maple River, Elk Creek and the Odebolt.

marily residential. South of it lies a portion of the Ida Grove business district.

The city's share—\$176,080—is for bridge construction, a new sewer lift station, sewer lines, water mains, removal of trees, resurfacing of Moorehead Ave., and channel right-of-way.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will excavate a channel of 7,500 lineal feet to straighten the winding Odebolt. Then the conflux of the Maple River, Odebolt Creek and Badger Creek will be leveed for about \$400,000. The corps intends to do the job in one season.

Col. Harold J. St. Clair of the Corps of Engineers wrote that a detailed report of the project is scheduled for completion in November of this year. Mr. Heffron feels the Corps work may begin in 1966.



J. V. Heffron, left, and L. B. Gove, right, both members of the Ida Grove Flood Control Committee, watch as the first trees are ripped out of Ida Grove City Park to make way for a temporary channel.

Photo by Jorgensen

Name Top Conservation Farms of '66

THE SELECTION of the outstanding conservation farms of the year in nine regions of the state were announced Saturday by Frank Mendell, general chairman of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

Mendell, who is state conservationist for the U.S. Soil

Conservation Service, said three farms in each of the nine regions are being honored for outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation. In each region (see map and list of winners below) one of the three farms was named as winner of the sweepstakes award, the highest award made under the

program.

The program is sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register in co-operation with county soil conservation districts, Iowa State University, the Soil Conservation Society of America and state and federal agencies serving Iowa farmers.

The program is now in its fourteenth year.

Under the program, the farms are first judged at the county level with entries separated into three divisions — Division I for owner-operated or family-operated farms; Division II for landlord-tenant operated farms; and Division III for new co-operators in the soil conservation district.

Later teams of regional judges visit the high-scoring farms in each region and select the best entries in each division.

The regional judges nominate one of the three winning farms in each region for the sweepstakes award. The final decision on the awards is then made by the program's state committee.

This year's sweepstakes farms are located in these soil conservation districts: Ida, Dickinson, Winnebago, Clayton, Carroll, Dallas, Poweshiek, Montgomery, and Appanoose.

Other soil conservation districts that have regional winners are: Plymouth, Lyon, Sac, Palo Alto, Hardin, Han-

cock, Allamakee, Jackson, Guthrie, Harrison, Warren, Cedar, Clinton, Ringgold, Adams and Davis.

Sixty-five soil conservation districts participated in this year's program.

The regional winners will be honored this fall and winter at recognition events in the counties where the sweep-

stakes farms are located. Hosts for the events are the soil conservation district commissioners. The Register and Tribune will present certificates and awards at these events.

The nine sweepstakes winners are featured in this edition of the Iowa Farm and Home Register.

Region 1 (Northwest)

Div. I. and sweepstakes — R. H. Goodenow, Battle Creek, owner; Bruce Goodenow, Battle Creek, operator (Ida). (See story on Page 4-F.)

Div. II — Catherine Keffler, Remsen, and Andrew Sonsma, Remsen, owners, Vernon Bunkers, Remsen, operator (Plymouth).

Div. III — Henry Raymaker, Sioux Center, and Adelphos Tepaske, Sioux Center, owners; Teunis Fluit, Rock Rapids, operator (Lyon).

Region 2 (North Central, West Half)

Div. I — Richard Anderson, Early, owner-operator (Sac).

Div. II and sweepstakes — William E. Jackson, Sioux City, owner; Don Burns, Everly, operator (Dickinson). (See story on Page 3-F.)

Div. III — Frank J. Klein, Peru, Ill., owner; Irvin Solberg, Cylinder, operator (Palo Alto).

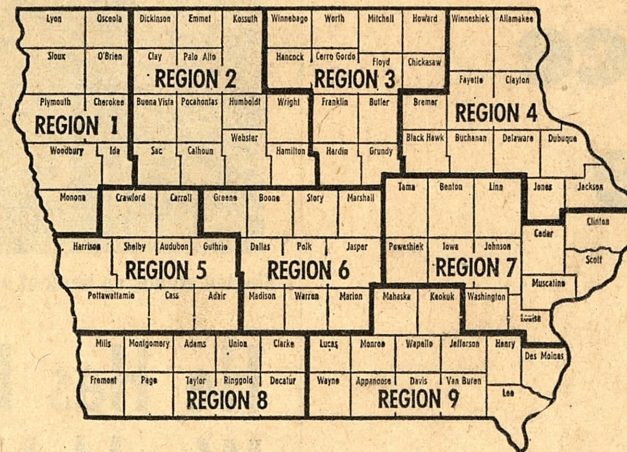
Region 3 (North Central, East Half)

Div. I — Guy Norris, Eldora, owner-operator (Hardin).

Div. II — H. O. Halverson, Forest City, Peter C. Juhl, Forest City, and the Rev. W. T. Wolfram, Ventura, owners;

Frank Halverson, Forest City, operator (Hancock).

Div. III and sweepstakes — Fred Renshaw, Lake Mills (Winnebago). (See story on Page 2-F.)



Region 4 (Northeast)

Div. I and sweepstakes — Lloyd Johannigmeier, Edgewood, owner; Gary Johannigmeier, Garber, operator (Clayton). (See story on this page.)

Div. II — Lester Thomson, Waterville, owner; Robert Fritz, Waterville, operator (Allamakee).

Div. III — Charles Kurt, Bernard (Jackson).

Region 5 (West Central)

Div. I and sweepstakes — Theodore Langel, Templeton, owner-operator (Carroll). (See story on Page 4-F.)

Div. II — Wayne Laughery, Guthrie Center, owner; Melvin Laughery, Guthrie Center, operator (Guthrie).

Div. III — Dorrance Cox, Moorhead (Harrison).

Region 6 (Central)

Div. I and sweepstakes — Harold Sandquist, Altoona, owner; William Sandquist, Adel, operator (Dallas). (See story on Page 3-F.)

Div. II — Forest D. Hakes Estate, Orval L. Hakes, executor, Norwalk, owner; Foster Sarchett, Indianola, operator (Warren).

Div. III — Raymond Keller, Dexter (Dallas).

Region 7 (East Central)

Div. I — Earl Eiselstein, Lowden, owner-operator (Cedar).

Div. II and sweepstakes — Phillip Lamb, Malcom, owner; Charles DePauw, Malcolm, operator (Poweshiek). (See Page 4-F.)

Div. III — John Schneider and Donald Schneider, Lost Nation (Clinton).

Region 8 (Southwest)

Div. I — Lloyd Stephens, Jr., Delphos, owner-operator (Ringgold).

Div. II — Former Governor Dan W. Turner, Corning, owner; Wayne Crill, Corning, operator (Adams).

Div. III and sweepstakes — Allen Hart, Stanton (Montgomery). (See story on Page 3-F.)

Region 9 (Southeast)

Div. I. and sweepstakes — William C. Singley, Moulton, owner-operator (Appanoose). (See story on Page 2-F.)

Div. II — Mrs. Hazel Goodin, Vandalia, Mo., and Clive Wells, Plano, owners; Clive Wells, Plano, operator (Appanoose).

Div. III — William L. Sloan, Floris (Davis).

A Recreation Area Is Their Conservation Bonus

By Tom Patrick

(Register Staff Writer)

BATTLE CREEK, IA.—One of the nicest farm recreation areas in this part of the state is located on land near here that is owned by R. H. Goodenow and farmed by his son, Bruce.



The area consists of a 4½-acre pond stocked with bass and catfish. A boat, boat dock and playground equipment for children are located at one end of the pond.

And Bruce Goodenow has constructed a gravel-bottom swimming area. The original shape of the pond was changed with the permission of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to construct the swimming area.

"Nearly every evening in the summer we load up the kids and go out to the lake to swim and cook our dinner," said the younger Goodenow.

"It's really great. Some day we hope to build a summer house on the high ground near the pond," he said.

The farm was chosen as a sweepstakes winner in the 1966 Soil Conservation Awards Achievement Program in Region 1 (nine counties in north-west Iowa).

The pond is in the 3,664-acre Pleasant Valley Sub-Watershed in Ida County. Thirty-three farm units are involved in the watershed project.

"People have been unmerciful in eroding the soil in the past," said Bruce Goodenow.



REGISTER PHOTO

A beautiful recreation area is featured on this award winning farm owned by R. H. Goodenow (left) and farmed by his son, Bruce (right).

"This watershed project helps to heal one of the great wounds in the earth's surface that was created by man's carelessness," he said.

The 524-acre Goodenow farm has 13 acres of grassed waterways, over 12 miles of terraces and four acres planted to trees.

In the windbreak there are 3 rows of honeysuckle, 2 rows of ash and 3 rows of Austrian pine.

This year 200 acres are planted to corn and 80 acres to soybeans. About 50 of the

corn acres are cut for silage and stored in three bunker silos and covered with plastic.

The remainder of the acres are in rotation pasture and diverted land.

BRUCE GOODENOW feeds 600 head of cattle and 1,800 feeder pigs each year.

Most of the cattle are purchased in southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

The cattle are put on pasture or on a basic silage ration until the last 120 days

before marketing. During the last 120 days the cattle receive cracked corn, 1½ to 2 pounds of protein, one pound of dehydrated alfalfa pellets and one ounce of non-salt mineral per head per day.

Bruce and his hired man, Lawrence Reitz, do all the farming and take care of the livestock.

Bruce and his wife, Patricia, have four children—Mike, 16; Mark 12; Mason, 8; and Mitchel, 7.

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2 Farmers Winners in Conservation

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Virgil Linman and Robert B. Mitchell, Arthur, were honored at an awards banquet held last Thursday, Dec. 7, at Sutherland. The farm of these men was a regional winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program. The award was made on the basis of general excellence in the application of conservation to keep soil losses to a minimum.

In winning the award they installed 145 acres of contour farming, 51 acres of contour strip-cropping, four and one-half acres of grassed waterways, two and one-half acres of contour fence, planted one acre to trees and renovated 35 acres of permanent pasture.

The awards program is jointly sponsored by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee, Iowa State University Extension Service, Iowa State Department of Agriculture, U. S. Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Society of America, and the Des Moines Register and Tribune.



A map of the Bitter Creek watershed was placed in the Holstein State Bank Friday. Shown with the map, from the left, Elvie Dreeszen, committee member; Arnie Putensen, chairman, Ida County Soil District Commission; Vernon Stamp, secretary; Carl Huth, jr., chairman; Clarence Dau, treasurer; Norton Obrecht, president, Holstein State Bank; and Donald Kaufman, work unit consultant.

Picture of Watershed

The Bitter Creek Sub-watershed Committee, consisting of Carl Huth, Jr., Chairman; Joe Grell, Vice Chairman; Vernon Stamp, Secretary; Clarence Dau, Treasurer; and Elvie Dreeszen, member, unveiled an aerial photograph of Bitter Creek Sub-watershed for public viewing Friday March 1, at the Holstein State Bank.

The 3' x 6' photo of the watershed area, located two miles north and four miles west of Holstein, will remain in the bank two weeks. The map shows the farms involved, the conservation work completed, and areas still needing work.

Organized in January 1966, Bitter Creek Sub-watershed is a part of the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project, located in portions of Griggs and Douglas townships of Ida county and Union township of Woodbury county. Seventy-six individual farms contributed to form the 10,751 acre sub-watershed.

In June of 1967, Bitter Creek Sub-watershed Committee applied and received a "work plan" priority from the Little Sioux Works Committee. To meet the requirements of this priority, watershed needed (a) 50% of the land signed under a cooperative agreement with the Soil Conservation District and (b) a sizable portion of the conservation practices (land treatment) applied.

In October, due to a more rapid development on several laterals, Bitter Creek Sub-watershed was divided into two parts. The lower segment (part 1) consisted of 6503 acres and the upper segment (part 2) consisted of 4248 acres. Then the Bitter Creek Sub-watershed Committee applied and received a "construction" priority on the part 1 from the Little Sioux Works Committee.

The requirements for this priority are (a) 75% of the land under a cooperative agreement, (b) 75% of the land treatment applied or scheduled to be applied. Part 2 still remains under "work plan" priority.

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Bids Let on Little Sioux Flood Project

Little Sioux Watershed construction bids were open today, Tuesday June 25, for construction for 17 flood retarding and grade stabilizing structures in the Quad Valley Sub-watershed 4 miles Northwest of Ida Grove. Apparent low bidder was Maple Valley Construction Company \$108,180.00, other bidders were Godbersen-Smith \$110,820.00, and Grundman-Hicks \$133,443.00

Award of the contract is expected in the very near future, according to Wallis R. Tonsfeldt, Area Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service.

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DON KAUFMANN— new head County Conservationist for Ida County.

Don Kaufmann Appointed Head Of County Conservation District

Don Kauffman is the new head County Conservationist for Ida County. He comes to Ida Grove from Underwood, Iowa.

Don is a 1956 graduate of Iowa State University. For six years he taught agriculture in Iowa schools. He joined the Soil Conservation Service while living in Colo. He was last em-

ployed in Council Bluffs.

Don's family consists of his wife, Wanda; and two sons, ages five and nine. The family will remain in Underwood until school is out.

Ken Burnett will now specialize on farm planning with farmers.

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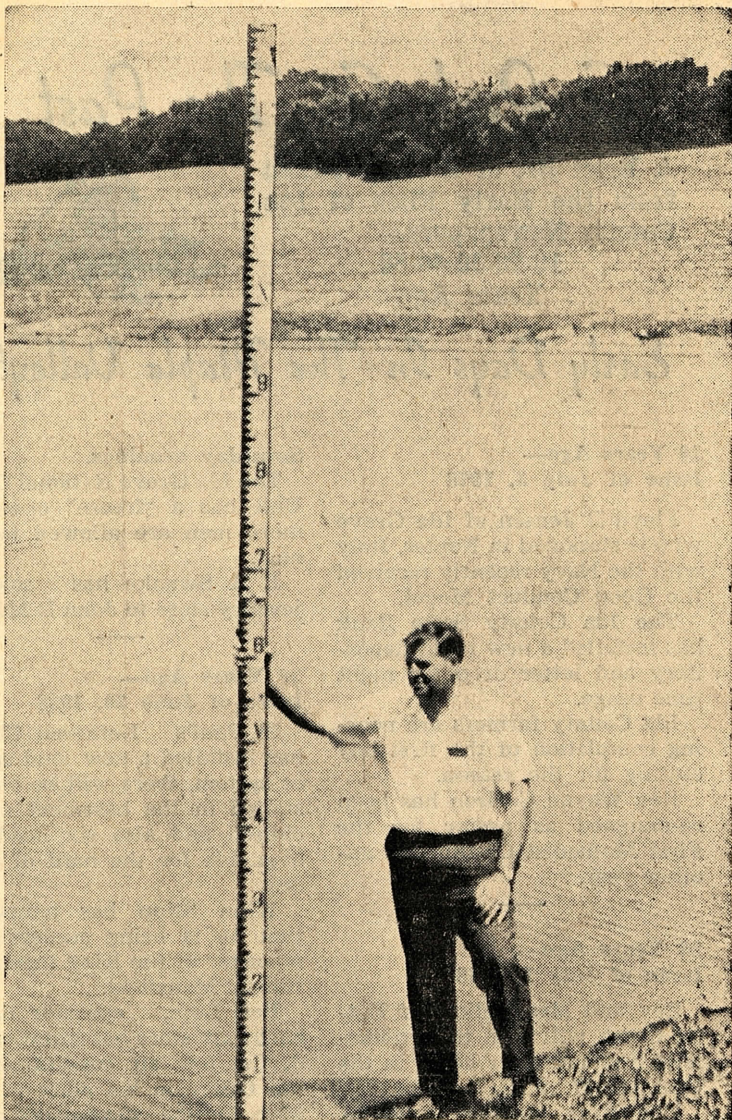
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DIG THAT CRAZY YARDSTICK— Soil Conservationist Don Goodenow shows where the water level should be at the dam at Moorehead Park. The water should be up another thirteen feet.

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Ida County Soil Conservation District provided the tuition to help defray her expenses. She will study Biology, which stresses rocks and minerals, soil and land management and water conservation.

Mrs Boggs has taught in the Arthur grade school for 22 years. At the present she is teaching kindergarten and vocal music.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education and psychology from Buena Vista College and has acquired a semester of graduate credits from Drake University.



Mrs Virginia Boggs

Mrs. Boggs To Iowa Teacher's Conservation Camp

Mrs Virginia Boggs, Arthur, will attend Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp, Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center, July 14th to August 3rd. The

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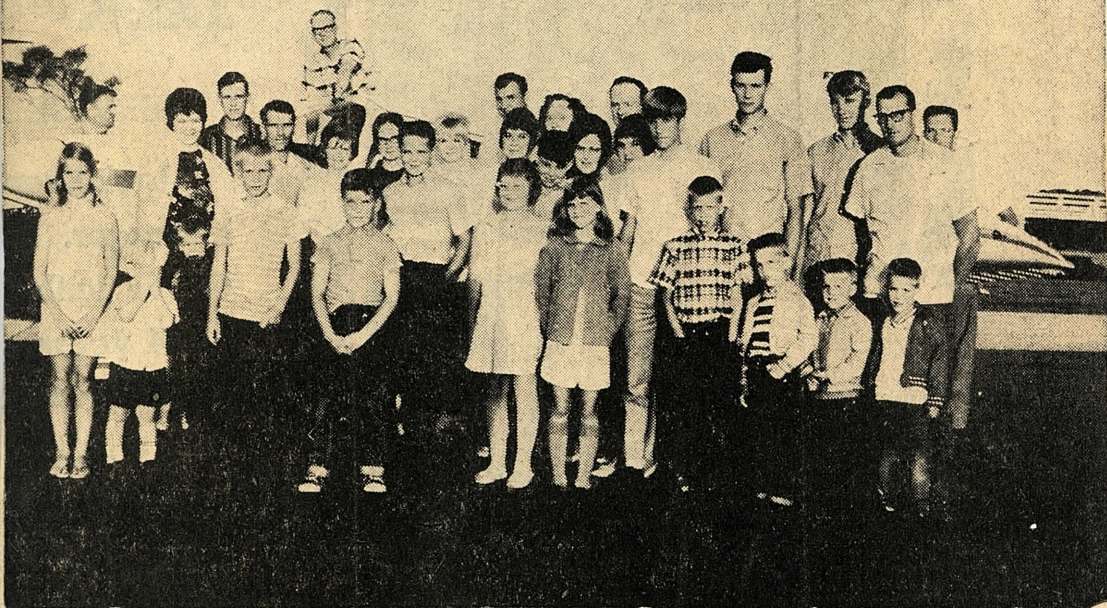
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THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1968

IDA GROVE, IOWA



TAKE PLANE RIDE— Several families of the Grant-Hayes Special Watershed Project are shown next to the plane that carried them over the special project for an aerial view of the completed work. Vic Lunzman, standing on the plane, provided the rides to the families.

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*Ida Grove***Bob Bowen
Wins Soil
Farm Award**

Last week an honor was awarded to Mr Robert Bowen who operates a farm of 260 acres north of Ida Grove. He received a number one rating on his soil conservation practices. Mr Bowen is using the strip crop method in his fields. He finds this an effective way of conserving both soil and water.

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Mrs. Boggs At Conservation Camp For Teachers

Mrs. Virginia Boggs of Arthur is presently attending the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center.

The camp is sponsored jointly by the State Conservation Commission, the University of Northern Iowa, and the State Department of Public Instruction. This program provides the opportunity for Iowa teachers to learn conservation by taking field trips led by experts in the fields of forestry, geology, soils, botany, fish and game management, and natural resource conservation in general.

Mrs. Boggs and approximately 100 other teachers from all parts of the state receive college credits for their participation in this outdoor school, now in its 19th summer.

The teachers are staying at the group camp at Springbrook, where part of their study takes place. However, during the three week sessions the participants will be travelling approximately 1000 miles to study at various areas of interest particular to the topic of study for the day. She will be at the camp from July 14 to August 3.

Mrs. Boggs is a kindergarten teacher at Odebolt-Arthur Community school.

Ida Grove's Minimum Tillage Field Day Draws Big Crowd



The George Hoffman Jr. farm near Ida Grove, Iowa, was a busy place last week when 6,000 people attended the Quad-State Minimum Tillage Field Day. Modern field preparation and planting, utilizing minimum tillage machines, was demonstrated by 25 different machines. The field day was cooperatively sponsored by the Ida County Agricultural Council, the County Extension Service, Iowa State University, radio station WNAX and the Ida Grove Jaycees. Seed corn, fuel, herbicides and fertilizers were provided by local firms. The Hoffman minimum tillage demonstration will be open for inspection throughout the summer. The public may drive in and view the progress of the corn tilled under different methods. A fall field day will be held at harvest time with various types of harvesting machines in use.



Shown in action on one of the plots is a rotary type tiller, preparing soil in one preparation and also planting corn and adding herbicides, insecticides and fertilizer. Ad-

vantages of minimum tillage, as cited by ag experts, include: Moisture conservation, soil saving, less power cost per acre and fewer hours in the field per acre.

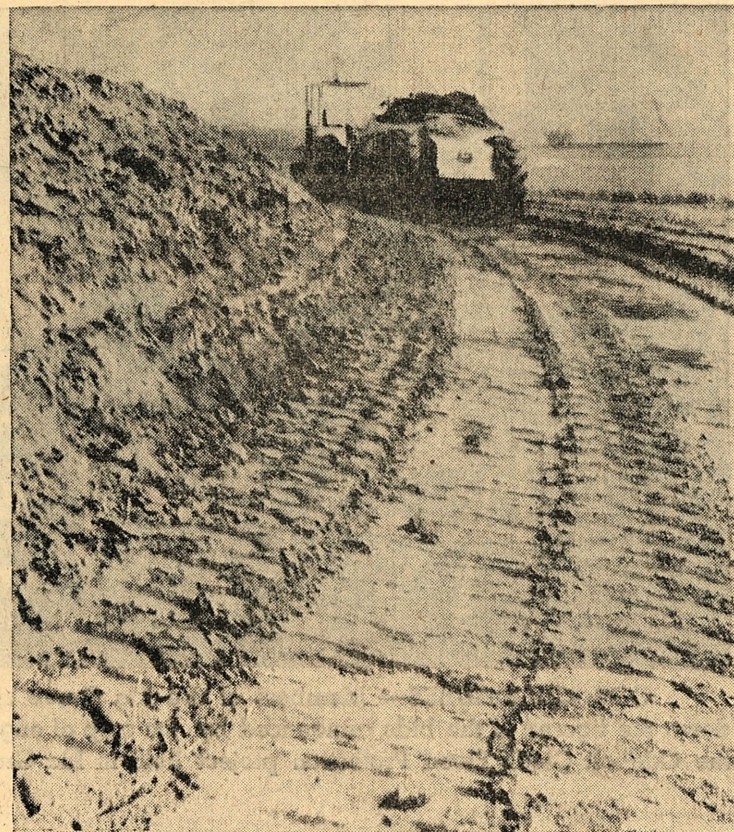


The host family—Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman Jr. and their children, Dan and Linda. Ninety acres of corn were planted on his farm unit. The Hoffmans farm three quarter sections.



TERRACE— A fluorescent tape outlines the channel of a broadbase terrace on the Clint Railsback farm in the Grand-Hayes Special Project.

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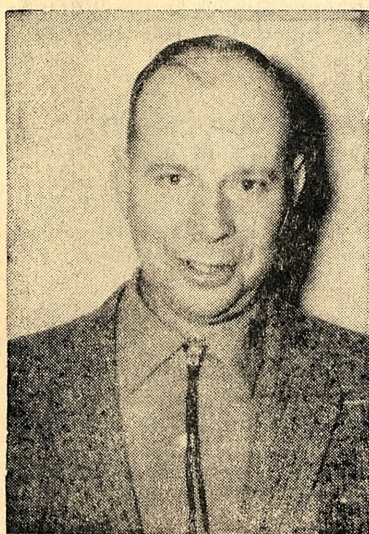


BACKSLOPE— Seeded backslope terraces under construction on the Calvin Goodenow farm west of Battle Creek.



CHECKS— Don Goodenow, SCS, uses an engineers level to check out the completed seeded backslope terrace on the Calvin Goodenow farm. Gregg, Don's son, lends a hand as rodman. The terraces must be large enough to hold a two-inch runoff.

Commissioners Play Important Role



Arnold Putensen

ARNOLD PUTENSON Chairman, Dist. Comm.

Arnold "Arnie" Putensen operates a 120 acre general livestock farm west of Holstein, and 400 additional acres in partnership with his son, Gary. Putensen was first elected a commissioner in 1963, and was selected as chairman in 1967. He was district secretary for several years prior to becoming a commissioner.

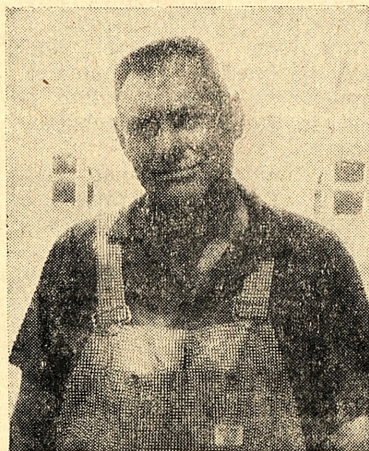
Arnie is concerned about the future of the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project. He says "I don't believe it will be available too much longer and we should take advantage of it while we still can."

MARVIN VOLKERT Commissioner

Marvin farms 3½ miles north of Cushing and also farms in partnership with his son who lives on a separate unit. Marvin has been interested in conservation work for some time and was asked to consider becoming a commissioner as a result of that interest.

Marvin says, "If more people would accept commissioners jobs or similar tasks, they would become much more a-

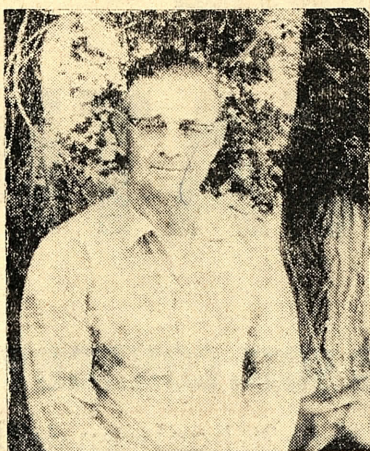
ware of conservation problems." I also feel that we should be more concerned with erosion, the increased "planting of soybeans on steeper land is mak-



Marvin Volkert

ing it very vulnerable to erosion."

Marvin believes that a Standard Soil Survey provided by the Soil Conservation Service is the best basis for land valuation for taxation. He feels it would be a more objective basis than the present one.



Harlan Dausel

HARLAN DAUSEL Commissioner

Harlan Dausel operates a farm eight miles north of Battle

Creek. He became interested in conservation work and requested planning assistance from the district so he could get water for cattle to all parts of his farm. He soon became involved with the formation of the West Aldrich watershed and then was elected to serve as a district commissioner in 1967.

Harlan believes, "Terraces are the best way to keep soil in place and prevent fertilizer from going down the river. They certainly help to maintain or improve your ground."

Harlan has one son still at home, but two others are in the service, one in Viet Nam. Meanwhile, Mrs. Dausel, fills the void by helping out with the field work.



Henry Brueck, Jr.

HENRY BRUECK, JR. Ass't. Commissioner

Henry "Hank" Brueck, Jr., who farms south of Battle Creek, and is now serving as assistant commissioner, is a long-time advocate of soil conservation. Hank was originally appointed to fill the term of William Rossow in 1961. He continued to serve until April

1967, at which time he felt others should take more of the responsibility. During his service as commissioner, Hank served on the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Committee and as chairman of the commissioners.

Hank says "The important changes on soil conservation work has been the changes in the criteria or specifications for the various practices. Also, there has been increased general acceptance of conservation work over the past 20 years. When we first were in the contracting business in 1945, the only thing farmers would accept were 'doodle' dams in ditches." He says, "We must direct our efforts toward education of farmers so we can get complete sheet erosion and silt control."



Abel Peters

ABEL PETERS Dist. Commissioner

Abel Peters owns three farms, two of which are in Ida County. Abel had been an active farmer until 1946, when he retired from the farm. Since that time he has been a farm manager for several farms in Carroll and Crawford counties. Abel was appointed Treasurer of the Ida County Soil Conservation District in June of 1962.

Abel says, "I am very much interested in terraces where they are needed, along with all conservation practices. We have

terraces on our farms here in Ida County. I believe we should use all good practices to conserve all the water we can."



Wayne Bennett

WAYNE BENNETT Ass't. Commissioner

Wayne Bennett, along with his brother Bruce, farms 920 acres of land in Silver Creek township, and much of it is in cultivated row crops. Wayne was asked to serve as assistant commissioner because he and his brother carried out contouring and other conservation practices on their land.

The Bennetts are progressive operators. Long before Ida County held the Minimum Tillage Field Day, Wayne and Bruce were believers. For the past three crop years, they have planted all their crop with a Buffalo Til Planter. Including some custom work, they have planted approximately 3000 acres by this method.

Robert Mitchell

ROBERT MITCHELL Assistant Commissioner

Not available for picture

Robert "Bob" Mitchell operates a general livestock farm south of Arthur, which is owned by his father-in-law, Virgil Linman. The farm was selected as the Northwest Iowa Area

winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Program in 1967.

Since Bob began serving as an assistant commissioner in 1967, he has been very helpful. He took personal responsibility for making the needed repairs in the completed watersheds this past spring.

Bob says, "when it comes to caring for your own farm, cost-share incentives should not be necessary. Land-owners should want to voluntarily maintain their own farm, for they would benefit more than anyone else."

Who Finances Soil Conservation Projects

by Lou Collins

The district has a 1M and a 2M Budget, both appropriated by the State.

The 1M Budget is allocated for use of: mileage, meals and hotel expenses of the commissioners and assistant commissioners; office supplies, such as stamps, stationary and envelopes for the District's use; tuition for teachers interested in attending Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp; printing; contest prizes; and rental for any meetings.

The 2M Budget is for the Clerk's salary; part-time State Aids salaries; and most office equipment. The clerk also receives mileage, meals and hotel expenses when it is necessary to attend meetings which are usually in Sioux City or Des Moines.

Federal appropriation pays the salaries of all SCS employees. The federal government furnishes some office equipment and all the vehicles. The SCS office, which is located in the basement of the Post Office Building, is cost free.

All watershed structures are built with Federal funds and maintained by funds paid by the local farm owner, whose farm is involved.

Bresnahan Pond Silted Full



BY K. BURNETT

Ray Bresnahan, Ida Grove, standing where his children used to swim in eight to ten feet of water. The farm pond was constructed in 1954. In 1960 the Bresnahan farm was contracted into the Conservation Reserve and most of the contributing watershed was in sod until it was plowed and planted to row crop in 1965. The heavy June rains in 1966 and 1967 contributed most of the silt shown here. Prior survey information indicates that the pond has caught one and one-half acre-feet of silt. Mr. Bresnahan attributes most of the lost soil caught here to the fact that the slopes above were planted to clean tilled crops three years in succession. He has been a cooperator with the Ida County Soil Conservation District since 1946 and served as its treasurer from 1948 to 1961.

WANT-ADS
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STABILIZE YOUR GRASS WATERWAYS

Conservation Service Activities Report

by Don Kauffman

Throughout the year, the district commissioners and the assistants, along with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service Staff carry out various projects. The more significant ones are:

1. Enter representative farmers in various conservation achievement contests. Three farmers are ordinarily entered in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program. (1967 entrants were Virgil Linman, owner, Robert Mitchell, operator, Arthur; Roland Loehr, Battle Creek, and Arthur Frandsen, Battle Creek. Vernon Reitz was the district entry in the Progress Contest.) 1968 Entries have not been determined.

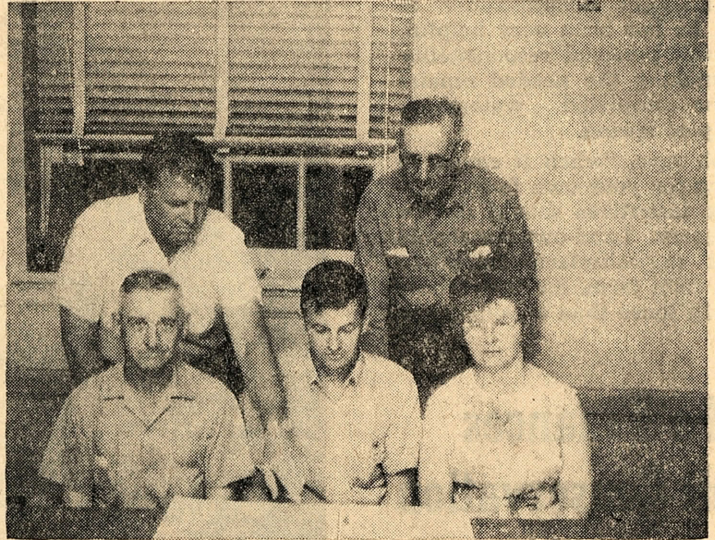
The district entered three farms in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Program sponsored by the Des Moines Farm and Home Register. (1967 entrants were Virgil Linman, (Robert Mitchell, operator), Nellie Odgaard (Tom Odgaard, operator) and Vernon Reitz.

2. The district conducts a radio program each month on KAYL at Storm Lake. The program is aired the first Friday of each month.

3. District and SCS personnel participated in the Farmer-Businessman tour conducted during July 1967. Several farms with conservation practices were observed.

4. The district provided deciduous trees and honeysuckle to farmers interested in starting windbreaks. No conifers were handled because they are available locally.

5. District and SCS personnel conducts an annual inspection of the four completed water-



STAFF— Pictured are the members of the Ida County Soil Conservation Service staff. Seated; L-R: Clarence "Dutch" Kraft, conservation aid; Don Kauffman, work unit conservationist; and Lou Collins, clerk-typist and district secretary. Standing: L-R: Don Goodenow, conservation technician; and Kenneth Burnett, soil conservationist.

sheds in the District. They then arrange for repair of any problems, if any, found during the inspection.

6. The district sponsored a dinner this spring for contractors, ASCS personnel, the District and SCS personnel prior to the start of the construction season.

7. The district provides a scholarship to teachers interested in attending Conservation Education Workshops.

Mr Hoyt Acuff from Holstein attended the fall Conservation Workshop held at Luther last October.

The District is planning to provide a tuition scholarship for an elementary teacher to attend the Iowa Conservation Teachers Workshop at Spring-

brook State Park at Guthrie Center in July.

8. Through receipts from the publishing of the 1967 District Annual Report, the district is planning to purchase an office copier and other needed equipment not provided by State or Federal Funds.

9. Provide churches of the county with either inserts or bulletins during Soil Stewardship Week in May.

Silver Creek

By Silver Creek Country Club

The Women's Society of Christian Service met at the church Thursday June 6th. Mrs Everett Baxter was in charge of the program with the lesson called "Citizens in a changing World." Mrs Richard Rasmussen and Mrs Bruce Compton were the hostesses. 28 in attend-

Tons of Topsoil Blowing Away

By Don Muhm

(The Register's Farm Editor)

WIND EROSION wrought by the frequent, strong winds that have whipped Iowa again this spring has created a new and growing concern among farmers and soil conservation leaders.

Soil has piled up — deep — along fences, in ditches and along roadways.

The blowing soil has darkened the skies, and has laid a fine film of silt across the state.

Wind erosion is basically an old problem, but currently is presenting a new challenge to

soil conservationists, farmers and others.

In general, two approaches to combat this problem are being lined up:

First, new emphasis on mulch tillage and minimum tillage, to incorporate plant trash and residue into the upper regions of the soil to reduce the loss of topsoil.

Second, a campaign to discourage fall plowing of fields on which soybeans have been harvested. The rapid expansion of soybean plantings in Iowa is thought to have contributed to the wind erosion problem, since such fields when fall plowed are most susceptible to soil loss.

The loss of topsoil is difficult to measure, but Frank H. Mendell of Des Moines points out that tons have been lost per acre. Mendell is president of the Soil Conservation Society of America and former state conservationist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

"The damage has run into the millions of dollars," Mendell said.

"We have stepped up our research program to be ready to come out with concrete recommendations to fight wind erosion this fall," said Charles Ballantyne, soil conservation specialist at Iowa State University, Ames.

"We're moving rapidly to find out some of the things farmers can do to not only stop wind erosion but prevent water erosion as well. We've got to do something — Iowa looks like the Dust Bowl on certain days."

WILLIAM H. GREINER, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee, believes "changes in cultural practices are needed."

"Farmers cannot continue to plow their farms black and keep on losing topsoil," Greiner said.

"All of us are quite concerned. This is a problem which needs immediate atten-

tion before farmers go to the fields with plows again this fall."

Mendell pointed out that wind erosion once was considered a problem solely for the farmer. But now, he added, it has become of concern to the housewife and to the non-farm resident.

"While it is easier to estimate the damage to fields and the loss of topsoil, it is very difficult to estimate the damages to fences, highways, drainage ditches and the aggravation, inconvenience and cost to housewives," Mendell said.

"Every citizen in the areas where wind erosion is a prob-

lem has reason to be concerned and should support methods of control that can and should be applied on the land."

Researchers at I.S.U. are pretty well agreed that one of the chief sources of the wind erosion problem is the fall-plowed soybean field, according to Ballantyne.

"There is a strong case against the need to fall plow soybean fields that will be planted to corn the next spring for most of Iowa's soil types," he said.

"We feel that the fall-

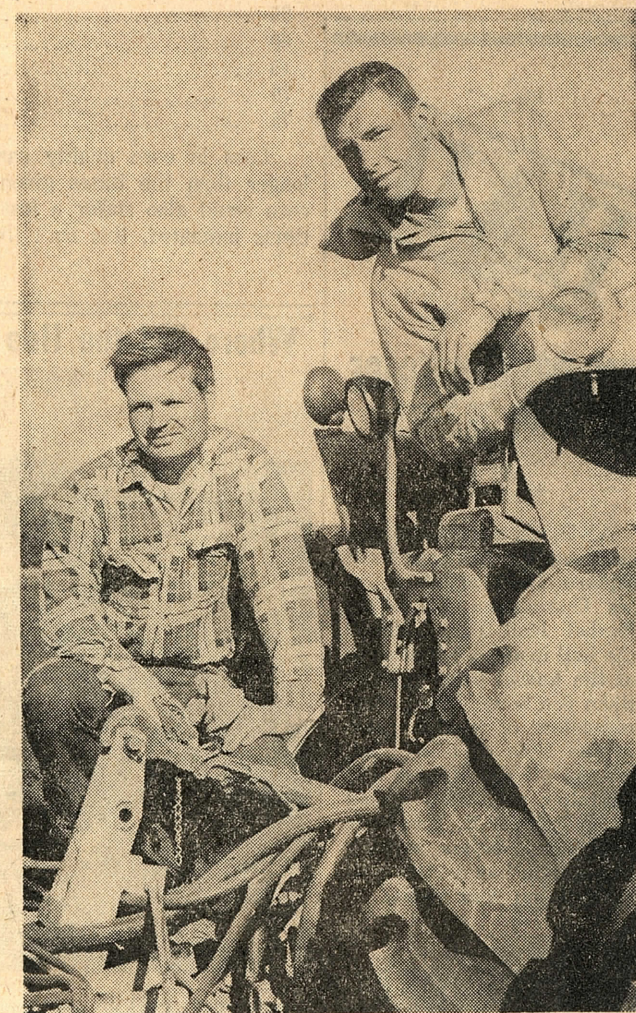
WIND—

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IOWA
Farm
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Robert Henning, hired man, plants corn on Feldkamp farm. Each of the two fertilizer tanks on the tractor holds 200 gallons. Bags of seed are stacked on front of tractor.



REGISTER PHOTOS BY MAURICE HORNER
Harold Feldkamp (left) and Henning check planter.

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Soil Conservation Winners Given

Ida County Soil Conservation Winners are announced today by Marvin Volkert, Ida County Soil Conservation District Chairman. The county participates in two contest programs, namely the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Contest and the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program.

Volkert named winners in three categories in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Contest - Owner-Operator, Merle Greenwald, Battle Creek; Landlord-Tenant, Helen Andresen - Earl Hammer, Holstein; and New Cooperator Tom Conover, Holstein.

In the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program, a farm-group consisting of Merle Greenwald, Battle Creek; Elvie Dreeszen, Cushing, and Hazel Welsch - George Dreeszen, Cushing, were named. Leon Neubauer, Ida Grove, was named as Progress Winner.

Volkert stated these awards were based on conservation accomplishment according to what was necessary to reduce soil and water losses to acceptable levels. County entries will compete against entries from other counties for regional awards. Contest judges were: Howard Parker, Ida Grove; Maynard Hogberg, Ida Grove; and Isabella Smith, Battle Creek.

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Winners in Conservation

Winners of the county honors in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program were announced Saturday by officers of the program, sponsored by the Des Moines Register.

First place in Ida county went to Merle Greenwald of Battle Creek. The second place winner was the farm of Helen Andresen of Ida Grove, tenanted by Earl Hammer of Holstein.

Tom Conover of Holstein was third.

The winners will compete in regional contests.

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YOUR WATER, IS IT VERY PURE?

"Does your water taste different lately?" asks Don Kauffman, SCS district conservationist. "It might, considering the fertilizers, chemicals, and other products we're adding to our environment." "Depending on where chemicals are at, they're either very beneficial or very harmful" says Kauffman, "and your well is NOT the place for them".

"It's easy to get your water tested", reports Dave Hessman, county extension director, "Stop by the office and we'll assist you." Four dollars, the cost of the test, will either provide you with peace of mind or alert you to harmful contamination. Once the kind of contamination is known, you can do something about eliminating it. There are various ways of doing this, and professional assistance may be had through the County Extension office of the Soil Conservation Service.

When the quality of water cannot be improved by eliminating or diverting the source of contamination, it's worth considering a Community Water System. "High quality water from central sources is provided to outlying farms in the similar fashion that electricity is provided to farms," according to Wayne Doty, Farmers Home Administration representative. "Kansas has many of these systems operating, and they offer some distinct possibilities for Ida County."

If you are having problems with your water supply, it might be worth investigating this community water supply approach. Stop in at the Extension Office, Soil Conservation Service, or ASC Office for more information.

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Wiley Mayne Tours Watersheds

Wiley Mayne, U S Representative from the First Congressional District will tour Ida County Saturday May 31, according to Marvin Volkert, Chairman of Ida County Soil Conservation District. Mayne, along with officials of the Ida County Soil Conservation District, county and towns will view Crawford and Pleasant Valley Sub-watershed, south and west of Battle Creek. The tour was arranged in accord with Mr Mayne's desire to become better acquainted with the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Program.

The group will assemble at 9:00 A.M. at the Moorehead Park at Ida Grove and from there tour the watersheds by bus. They will return to the park for a discussion and lunch at noon.

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Will Tour Watersheds

The Ida County Soil Conservation District will conduct Congressman Wiley Mayne on a tour of the two sub-watersheds in the Little Sioux flood prevention project Saturday, May 31. The purpose is to better acquaint the congressman with the program in Ida county.

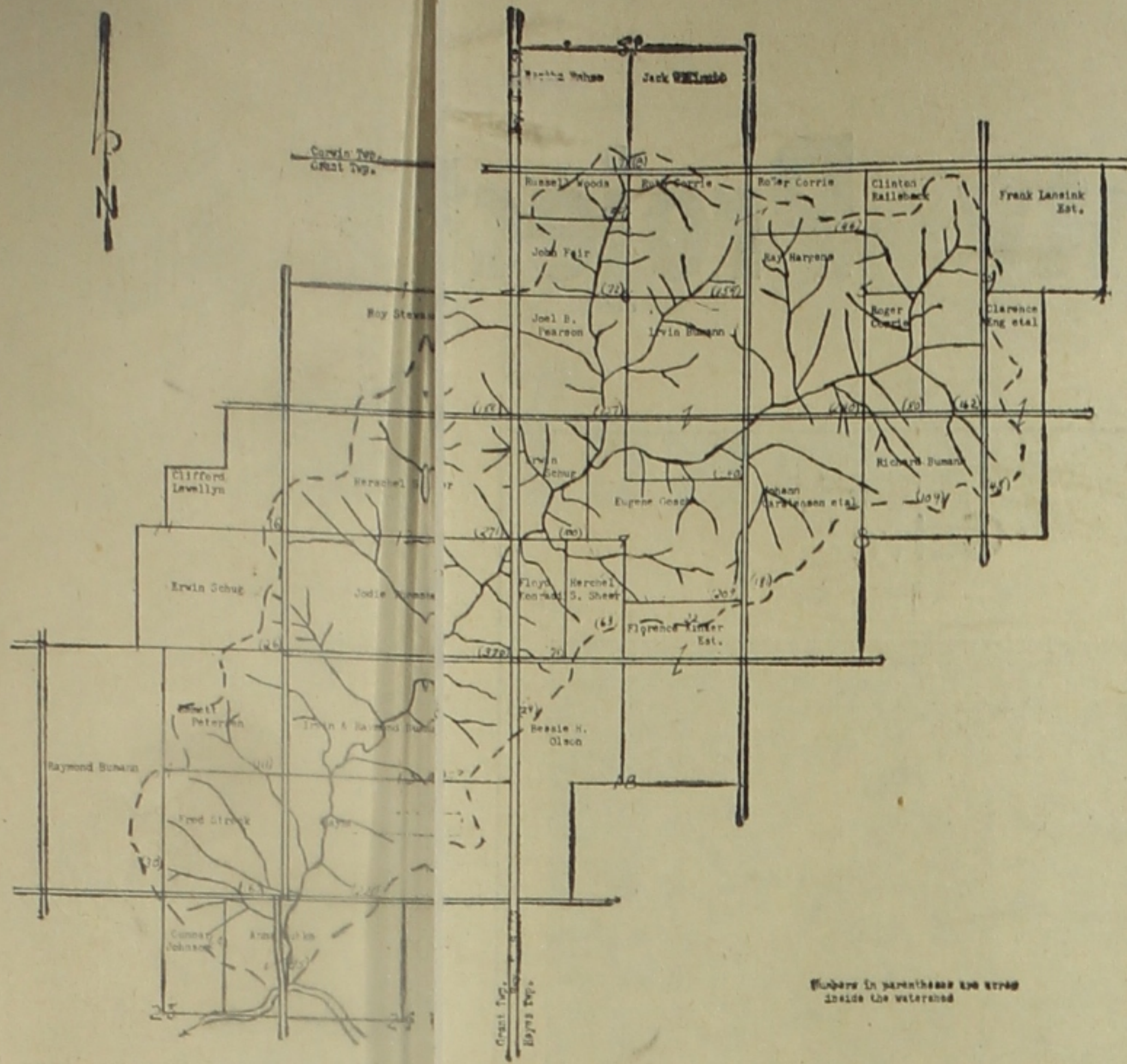
The program will open at the shelterhouse in Moorehead Park just northeast of Ida Grove. There will be a tour orientation discussion at 9:30 a.m.

From 9:40 to 11:15 a.m. the group will tour the Crawford creek and Pleasant Valley sub-watershed south and east of Battle Creek.

From 11:15 until noon there will be a discussion of the tour and Little Sioux program at the shelterhouse.

The Conservation District will serve lunch at noon.

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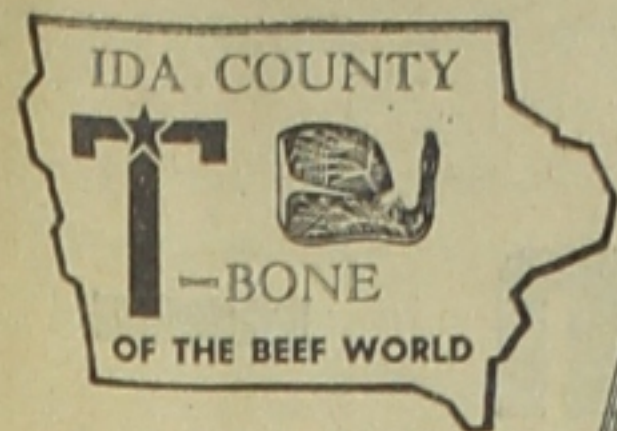
FARM TALK

by Dave Hessman

I would like to first remind everyone of the field days scheduled for the Allee Farm. This is one of Iowa State University's Experimental Farms located near Newell. This field day will be held on Monday morning, June 19, beginning at 9:00 A.M. There will be a beef barbecue dinner at noon. This farm carries out a lot of the experimentation on beef cattle as to feedlots, shelter and fencing. I am sure many of you would enjoy a visit to this farm.

We have several dates which you should be marking on your calendar for various summer activities. The Western Iowa Experimental Farm Field Day will be on June 27. Also, on June 27, an informative meeting on artificial insemination of swine will be held. This will begin at 8:30 P.M. at the Swine Testing Station. Another date would be the Experimental Station Field Day at our Northwest farm. This is located at Sutherland and will be held on June 29.

We seem to go from one extreme to another in Western Iowa over one week's time. We were very dry and then moved to a very wet situation with a lot of damage from water erosion. This always reminds us of good soil



THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1967

IDA COUNTY PIONEER RECORD FARM PAGE

Schedule Annual 4-H Judging Workouts

during the week of June 18 through June 25.

We, in Ida County, are most happy to be serving as hosts for the fifth annual Quad-State Minimum Tillage Field Day. This will be held during the early part of May, of 1968. A committee has already been formed and will be selecting a farm in the near future. This will be the first job of the county committee to select a farm. This will draw around 3500 people into Ida County for the one day session. This should be a real valuable asset to the county and a real fine educational event.

Our schedule for the coming week will be as follows. The State 4-H Conference will be held next week. The county presidents and music delegates will be going on Monday, June 19. The remaining part of the delegation will be going on Wednesday June 21.

The annual summer livestock judging workouts have been scheduled for Ida County 4-H-ers on June 20, June 28 and July 5.

The workout on June 20 will be held at the Tom Conover farm beginning at 8 a.m.

Classes will consist of gilt selection, dairy cattle, beef steers, market hogs, breeding gilts and market lambs.

The workout on June 28 will get underway at 8 a.m. at the Leroy Bremer farm. Judging will consist of beef steers and beef heifers. The group will then move on to the Tom Conover farm at 9:30 a.m. to judge another class of beef steers, two classes of dairy and market hogs.

The workout on July 5 will get underway at 8 a.m. at the CCA

Swine Testing Station. Two classes of market hogs and some market lambs will be judged. The group will then move to the Fred Krenk farm at 10 a.m. and judge breeding ewes, market lambs and beef steers.

Team

Dave Hessman, County Extension Director, will be in charge of the livestock judging program this year. From these workouts team members will be selected to represent Ida County at the Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair, Little International at Ames and many other various livestock judging events.

Team members doing most of the judging last year were Cary Conover, Allen Conover, Bruce Conover, Don Bremer, Bob Freese and Jim Beyer.

Since the state 4-H Dairy Judging contest has been changed from Waterloo to the Iowa State Fair this year, Ida County will have two judging teams at the State Fair.

Grant - Hayes Special Project Underway

In April of this year the Ida County ASCS was authorized a Special Project, somewhat similar to a watershed project, with funds totaling about \$23,000.

Included in the project were 3600 acres of land in Hayes and Grant townships.

Under the terms of the project terraces, grass waterways, including tiling and erosion control structures are to be cost-share by the Federal Government on an eighty per cent basis instead of the lower standard rates in effect in the rest of the County. So far about \$12,000 has been

allocated for waterway and tile construction and \$7,000 for terraces. The ASCS Committee reports that engineers are working and have nearly completed their study of where structures will be needed to stabilize their waterway. It is hoped that the project will be completed by fall.

Do Your Business
In Ida Grove



FARM SLANTS

by

HUGH J. SEPTER

Farm Representative and Vice President

of Ida County State Bank

The Extension Service in Ida County has formed an Agricultural Promotional Committee to look ahead to coming events and make plans for development and promotion of agricultural events.

The Committee met for the first time last week and several upcoming events were discussed.

The first event on the calendar is a Businessmen-Farmers tour of some of the farms in the area. The tour will be held on the evening of July 10 and will leave the Ida County Fair Grounds at 5:30 p. m. It will end with a lunch at Sherman Park northwest of Holstein. Transportation by bus will be furnished. The Committee would like to have people from all of the towns in the area and from the rural areas make reservations so they will know what arrangements to make for buses and for the lunch. I think reservations on cards will be available through the Extension Office at the banks of the area. It should be an interesting evening for both business people and farmers.

Then on June 27 there will be a meeting at the Co-op Boar Testing Station west of Ida Grove on swine artificial insemination. This meeting is called for 8:30 p. m. Interested people are invited to attend.

On September 6 a Beef Cattle Day will be held in Ida Grove. More information will be available on it later.

One of the upcoming events in the future will be the Four State Minimum Tillage Demonstration to be held in Ida County next spring.

Keep these events in mind and plan to attend.

Practice Conservation

JUNE 18-24 SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK



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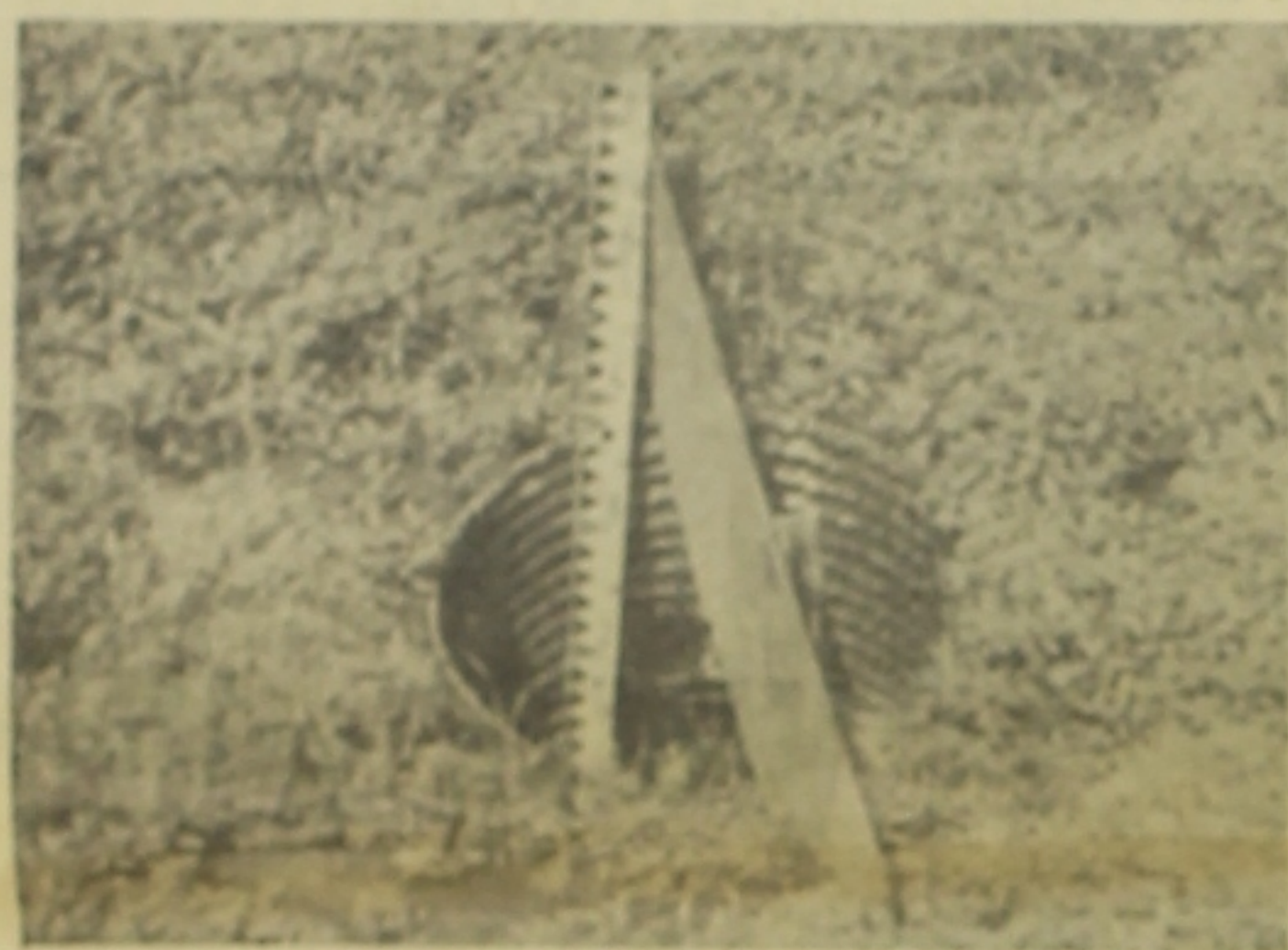


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Battle



Logan



Silver Creek



Maple



Corwin



Blaine



Garfield



Grant



Hayes



Soil Conservation In All Townships

Soil Conservation can be practiced in every township in Iowa County. The map on the left shows that there are many different practices possible which can be used to conserve the precious top soil.

Douglas

This is a tile outlet on the Joe Grell farm. The concrete basin provides a place for livestock to drink on an otherwise unwatered part of the farm.

Griggs

This grassed waterway on the Emil and Vernon Stamp farm was constructed this spring. When a heavy pod covers this area there

will be little chance that a gully can form again.

Gales

A surface intake on a tile drain was installed in this waterway on the Dean Ruser farm. This intake collects the surface water entering the upper end of the grassed waterway and lets it down into a tile drain.

During a storm the waterway will carry off the excess water. During fair weather the intake will carry all of the water coming into the farm and will keep the waterway dry enough to grow a good stand of broom grass.

Battle

A steel culvert river was built

on the Wm. Bremer farm. This river protects the grassed waterway above from gullying. It also serves as a stable tile outlet.

The vertical sheet of steel was installed to keep the intake from forming a vortex during storms.

Logan

Grassed backslope terraces were built on the Roland Jensen farm. Dirt to form the ridge was obtained from below the terrace. The steep backslope is seeded with broom grass.

These terraces were constructed parallel, thus eliminating point rows. Since these terraces are on a moderate slope they will protect the land from sheet erosion.

an even if it is in more than 50 percent of the time, Ken Burnett, SCS, stated.

Sidney Creek

This culvert river of concrete was installed at the James Coulter farm. This is a joint project of Coulter and Ida County.

Burnett stated that the river will be stabilizing the creek above and will provide a stable tile outlet through which he can drain a lateral to the creek and make it into a grassed waterway.

Maple

A pond on the R H and Bruce Goodenow farm was located as part of the Pleasant Valley Watershed. Some of the land adjacent to the pond and has been fenced and planted to trees and shrubs under the Pittman-Roberson wild life area development program. The area has also been developed as a recreation site.

Corwin

Parallel contour strip-cropping is shown on the Chris & Tom Odgaard farm. Since the edges of the strips are parallel point rows are eliminated and farming is easier. Strips on the contour are twice as effective as contour farming in controlling erosion.

Blaine

Fishermen enjoy the sport at the Don Goodenow pond which was constructed as part of the Perion Watershed. This pond and some of the adjacent land is also developed under the Pittman-Roberson program.

Garfield

This is a concrete culvert river which heals a gully on the Keith and Muri Brown farm. Where the cattle are standing was once a deep raw gully.

Grant

Parallel grassed back slope terraces were constructed on the Tom Schmidt farm. When these terraces are plowed the steep back slopes will be left in sod. Now that they are built the field can safely stand fifty percent more rowcrop in the rotation than if they were not there, Burnett said.

Hayes

This grassed waterway was recently constructed in the pasture on the Gene Goeck farm. When a good stand of grass is obtained an ugly gully will be healed. This farm is part of the special project area mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

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AROUND IOWA —

Rug
A former Sibley man, Keith

Wells, recently was awarded a top United States rug design honor. This was the fourth national award which Mr. Wells has received.

Centerville

Dr. Andrew M. Sims, one-time pastor of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church has been presented a commemorative certificate as a new member of the Century Club.

by Together made the presentation was made in St. Cloud, Florida where he made the winners.

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