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Tree planting

Several Davis County farmers have been planting trees and such a project was taken on recently at the John Herr farm, three and a half miles north of Troy. Riding the tree planter

is Monte Mason of Burlington while John Rowe, also of Burlington, drives the tractor. In the background are Cliff Cronk and Herb Hill, both of Bloomfield

Local farmers plant trees

By MARY RUNKLE
Farm Feature Editor

Several Davis County farmers have just finished planting pine trees on their land.

Pictures here were taken when nine thousand White pine were being planted (week before last) on the John Herr farm three and one-half miles north of Troy.

Bill Howk is another farmer

who recently planted 5,000 trees: 2,000 White, 2,750 Scotch, and 259 Jack pine.

Homer Eakins put in 2,000 White pine on his place in the southwest part of the county. Cleon Harris of near West Grove planted 250 each of White and Jack pine. Dewey Holton, rural West Grove, planted 1,000, half Red and half White pine. Planted on the Richard Schoonover place were 500 pine, bringing this spring's

total to 19 acres in trees for the county.

The trees were planted 1,000 to the acre, spaced six foot apart in rows of eight foot wide. These three-year-old seedlings on the Heer farm were planted by John Rowe Nursery of Burlington but some of the other Davis farmers used the local FFA tree planting machine to put theirs in. The machine, mounted behind a tractor, makes a trench. A person riding inserts a tree, then the trench is pressed back in place by back wheels.

Herb Hill of Bloomfield was in charge of the planting on the farm owned by Herr. Hill had Norman Hanson, local forester and tree farmer, to help him with the project.

Trees from the state nursery at Ames are available each spring through the Soil Conservation office. They cost \$25 a thousand plus delivery. Since tree crops are long-term investments, farmers can be paid for 80 per cent of the cost of trees and labor, not to exceed \$75 per acre.

Hill said there would be another 10,000 trees planted on the Herr farm next year. A Pennsylvanian who plans retirement here, Herr bought the 208 acre farm last fall. Known as the Guthrie estate, the farm was given four years ago to the United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Church trustees rented the farm out until Herr bought it and started planting trees.