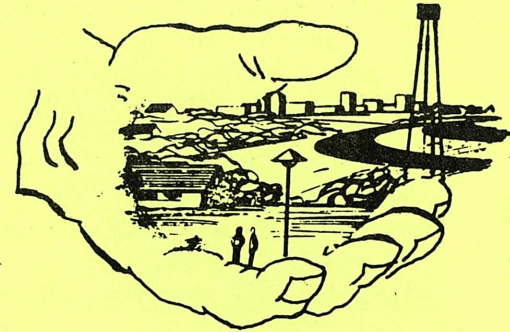




Our Resources



Our Future



Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District

EXTRA! EXTRA!

"WILDLIFE DAY" 2-19-76 - BLACK HAWK PARK

Forester, BOB HIBBS, Biologist, JIM ZOHRER, BART & IKE from our office and representatives from ASCS and the County Conservation Board will be at Black Hawk Park in Cedar Falls from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

They will help you plan your tree planting, wildlife areas or ornamental plantings that you need assistance with. They will also help you order the nursery stock from the State Conservation Commission or a nursery of your choice.

Plant a tree for the BICENTENNIAL!



"DOLLARS & SENSE"

The County Extension Service is holding a Soil Management and Profit Clinic on February 25th, at Dimitri's Smorgas Table in Cedar Falls. Registration and coffee at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will start at 10:00 A.M. and will be over at 3:00 P.M.

Assisting DR. BRUCE EASON will be KAY CONNELLY, Crop Production Specialist, CLAIR HEIN, Resource Development Specialist and DR. GERALD MILLER, Extension Agronomist.

"HOLD THAT LINE"

The recent dry Fall and Winter, plus too much Fall plowing, has caused clouds of valuable topsoil to blow across the Iowa landscape. This has prompted the public to ask why farmers haven't done a better job. Is it that they just don't care?

We don't think so - negligence maybe, but most farmers really care. Hopefully we'll see quite an increase in conservation tillage, leaving more crop residue on the surface, combined with cross-slope operations.

We want to recognize those District Cooperators during the BICENTENNIAL, who have shown their concern by controlling erosion on their land. To do this, we have established a 4-TON CLUB.

You can get an application at our District Office in Waterloo. Or, you can nominate someone you feel should be a member. We will check your land with one of our Technicians and compute the average annual soil loss. Membership will be granted to those who qualify, with appropriate recognition.

Can you qualify?



LOSING GROUND

1975 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

JAMES E. SAGE, CHAIRMAN
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN R. MILLER
CLIFFORD NIEMEYER
GEORGE ISLEY
BEN CLAUSEN, ASST. COMMISSIONER

STATE EMPLOYEES

GERTRUDE BELL, CLERK
KEITH CROWLEY, AIDE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. MCANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
LOREN W. EICKHOFF, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
MARLYN W. SCHAFER, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST
(thru August)

EXTENSION SERVICE

LARRY LOENSER, DIRECTOR (on leave since June)
DR. BRUCE EASON - AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATE

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We are pleased with the response from contributors again this year. We are also pleased with the efforts of our State Aide, KEITH CROWLEY, in contacting people in the district. This kind of teamwork makes our program a lot stronger.

CONTRIBUTORS - 1976 (Since January Newsletter)

CEDAR FALLS SAVINGS & LOAN
POWERS MFG. CO.
PEOPLES BANK & TRUST
FIRST NAT'L. BANK-CEDAR FALLS
JANS REALTY
DAVIS SAND & GRAVEL
HERBERT F. LUDWIG
WATERLOO PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOC.
SHEPHERD LUMBER CO.
ASSINK BROS. INC.
CLAYTON ULRICH
FEDERAL LAND BANK-CEDAR FALLS
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO.
IOWA SAVINGS BANK - DIKE
DALTON PLUMBING & HEATING
NATIONAL DAIRY CATTLE CONGRESS
NORTHLAND PRODUCTS CO.
WALTERS FARM MANAGEMENT

YOUNGBLUT CONSTRUCTION
C. W. SHIREY CO.
J. M. FROST
QUINTER LICHTY
DANISH MUTUAL INS. ASSOC.
MEMBERS MUTUAL OIL CO.
MRS. JIM BECK
ZURCHER CONSTRUCTION
BANCO MORTGAGE CO.
B. H. COUNTY FARM BUREAU
GODFREY GULDAGER
THE LEVINE COMPANY
PAUL B. BARGER
SHEFFIELD BRICK & TILE
JOHN DEERE WLOO. TRACTOR
ZEIDLERS INC.
MAHR CONSTRUCTION
DUNKERTON CO-OP

CLOW & CO.
MIDWAY BANK & TRUST-C.F.
WENDELL FENTON
FLORA P. UHLENBERG
HAWKEYE STEEL PRODUCTS
STANDARD MFG. CO.
THOMAS H. WILLIAMS
VARSITY CLEANERS
GEORGE R. SELK, JR.
GILBERTVILLE SAVINGS
DAMON GUNN
LA PORTE CITY CO-OP
ABC INSURANCE-HUDSON
ROTH JEWELERS
DEWAR ELEVATOR
FARMERS BANK-JESUP

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ACTIVITIES

To provide ourselves more incentive, we entered the Goodyear Contest, which recognizes good District Programs.

The QUINTER LICHTY family was named our outstanding District Cooperator for 1974, and the winner in our Conservation Achievement Awards Contest.

We provided scholarships to MRS. H. D. FOELS of Postville and MRS. ROSE ESKRIDGE, Waverly, to attend the Teachers' Conservation Camp.

MARLYN SCHAFER, our Soil Conservationist, was promoted to the District Conservationist's position in the SAC District.

ACTIVITIES (cont'd.)

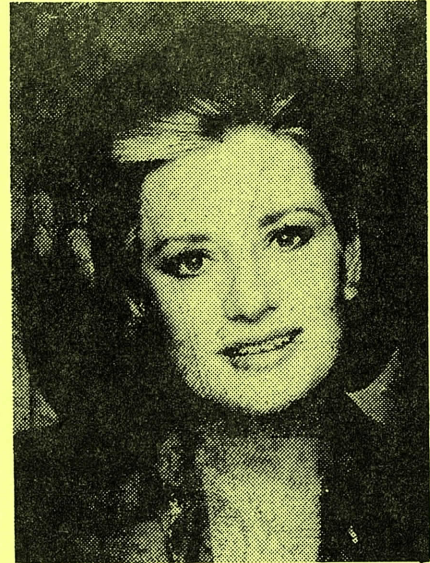
The highlight of our year was attained in June. Through the cooperation of many people, especially the IOWA AIR NATIONAL GUARD, we provided helicopter tours over three watersheds. They were: Virden Creek at the north edge of Waterloo, Dry Run Creek to the west and south of Cedar Falls, and Laurel-Rose watershed just west of Hudson.

Landowners and local government officials could see first-hand some of the existing problems of flooding and erosion, the progress toward solutions and the need for more action.



Ready for take-off

A class of UNI students in environmental concerns did a special study of the Dry Run problem, visited a similar project at Charles City and proposed some actions to local government officials. Cedar Falls City officials followed up by attempting to contact all owners, held a hearing for their inputs, provided funds to assist with construction and requested the District to do an in-depth study for development. We are encouraged by such actions.



BARBARA WALTERS
of
the "TODAY" Show

Commissioner JOHN MILLER and family were selected to be hosts to the "TODAY" show on NBC when they made their BICENTENNIAL salute to IOWA. We were proud of the image of life in Iowa that the MILLERS gave to the nation.

BEN CLAUSEN was appointed to another term as Assistant Commissioner. He has special responsibilities in the area of environmental education. After we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IOWA-CEDAR CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, BEN was selected as our representative to the State Advisory Committee.

BILL EUBANK of the Waterloo JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WORKS is Chairman of that local committee.

DR. BRUCE EASON, Extension Agricultural Associate, joined us while Extension Director, LARRY LOENSER, is taking a leave of absence.

The ASCS County Committee was able to approve three more Long Term Agreements with:—

EDWIN A. BALDWIN
JOHN ROBERT MILLER
HAROLD BAUER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

1M BUDGET - Allocation..... \$ 1,300.00

Commissioners' Exp. \$582.46
District Expense 717.54 1,300.00

Balance..... -0-

2M BUDGET - Allocation..... \$12,156.00

Salaries.....\$10,984.35
(Clerk & Aide)
Travel Exp. &
Equipment..... 138.11 \$11,122.46

Balance..... \$ 1,033.54

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REVOLVING FUND - 1975 (1-1-75 to 12-31-75)

Contributions.....\$ 1,560.50
Nat'l. SCD dues....\$250.00
Iowa SCD dues..... 100.00
Iowa SCSA dues..... 96.00
Newsletter..... 884.84
Educ. material..... 181.50
Misc. Expense..... 148.16 \$ 1,560.50

Balance..... -0-

3M BUDGET (7-1-74 to 6-30-75)

Allocation.....\$10,000.00
Additional allocation.... 2,500.00
Total....\$12,500.00

Used for LTAs..... 4,325.48
\$ 8,174.52

6 requests approved..... 8,072.65

Balance.....\$ 101.87

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1975

NEW COOPERATORS.....13
CONSERVATION PLANS.....34
REVISED PLANS.....14
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORIES.....23
UNITS OF GOV'T. ASSISTED.....20
INVENTORIES-UNITS OF GOV'T..... 7
GRASSED WATERWAYS.....45.6 Ac.
CONSERVATION TILLAGE.....2984 Ac.
PARALLEL TERRACES.....54,650 Ft.
TREE PLANTING.....5.5 Ac.
TILE.....297,769 Ft.



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