

Hardin County Index

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July 25-31 Set Aside As National Farm Safety Week

July 25-31 has been proclaimed National Farm Safety Week by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Co-sponsors of the 22nd annual rural safety campaign are the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Special emphasis this year is be-

ing given to preventing accidents, involving slow-moving vehicles, chemicals and electricity and in recreation.

The President urges that vigorous new efforts be made to eradicate hazards and rectify unsafe practices which cause farm and rural accidents.

The latest yearly breakdown of farm resident accidents shows a total of 8,400 deaths and 780,000 injuries. Of the deaths, 3,600 were motor vehicle, 2,000 were in the home, 2,600 were work accidents and 800 resulted from non-motor vehicle accidents.

Several Hardin county businesses are urging greater farm safety in an ad in today's Index.



Expect 8-12% Control of Soil Erosion In Pine Lake Watershed By Year's End In Hardin

Soil erosion on 8 to 12 percent of the land in the Pine Lake Watershed that lies in Hardin County will be controlled during the year 1965, estimates Chuck McCarty, Work Unit Conservationist for the Hardin Soil Conservation District.

The Hardin Soil Conservation District, along with their Grundy county counterpart, and the farmers in the Pine Lake watershed began a stepped up program this spring to stop the flow of silt into Upper and Lower Pine Lakes.

McCarty estimates "that 8 percent of the approximately 5,000 acres that lie in the watershed in Hardin county will be controlled."

"With favorable weather conditions this fall, that figure could reach 12 percent," McCarty continued. An additional 5,000 acres is in the watershed in Grundy county.

THREE-FOURTHS OF SILT

Hardin county, alone, provides about three-fourths of the silt going into Upper and Lower Pine Lakes, do to their proximity.

The silt from Grundy land in the watershed is mostly deposited upstream on Pine Creek, the source of water for the two lakes.

PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 90 percent of the farms in the watershed have signed up for the Pine Lake Watershed program which provides Federal and State funds on a cost-sharing basis.

In Hardin county, seven farms are expected to complete or near completion of soil conservation practices this year.

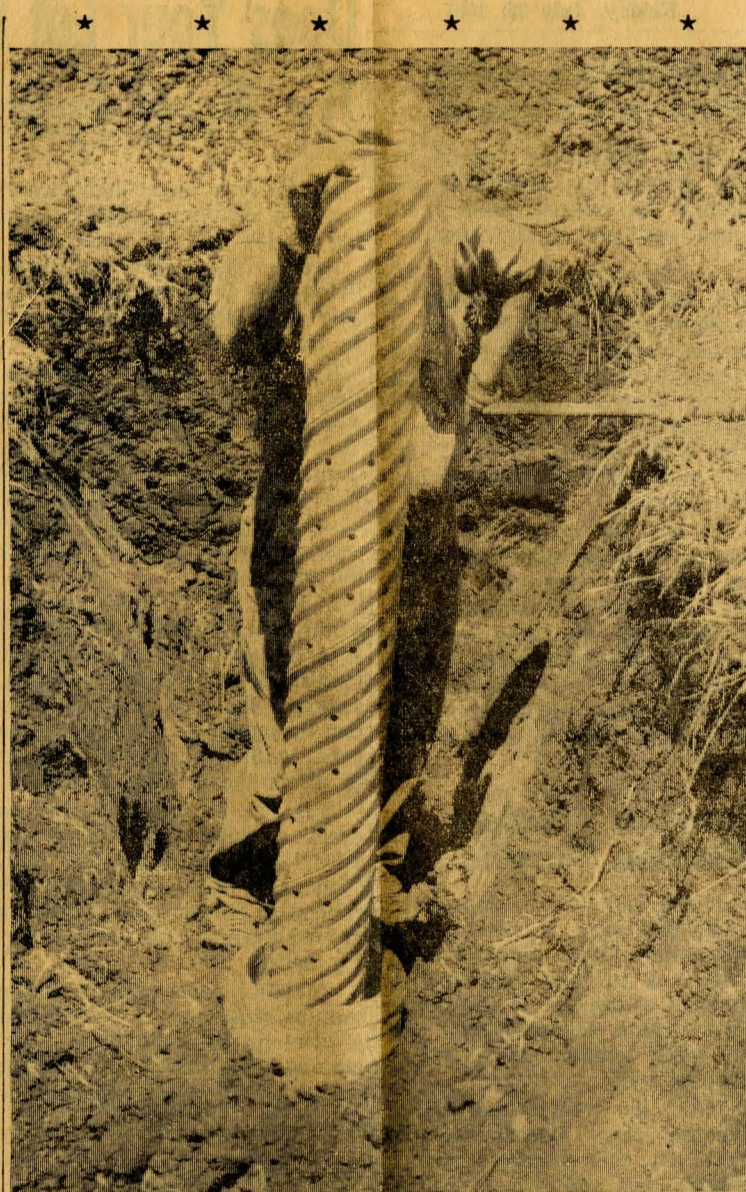
The seven farms belong to the following: Joe Beach, Milton Jordening, Lee Lundy and Lyman Lundy, John Butler, Paul Primus, Marian Q. Reynolds and Al Janssen.

Only the Butler project, located just across the road from the Pine Lake Country Club property, is expected to be completely finished.

Although, the conservation practice structures on the other mentioned farms may not be completely finished this fall, the main silt problem is expected to be solved on those farms.

NEW TERRACES

Being installed on all of the farms is the new bench type terraces with tile outlets. Gen-



A workman for the Shore Construction Co., of Eldora is shown above installing tile outlets for the bench type terraces on the Joe Beach farm in the

Pine Lake watershed. Close to 2 miles of the new type terraces are being installed on the Beach farm.

eral contractors thus far have included Shore Construction of Eldora, Willard Ross of Wellsburg and Merrill Wiechmann of Hubbard.

Ten miles of the new type terraces are expected to be built this summer. The largest are located on the Jordening and Beach farms, each with 2 miles of terraces being constructed.

Also being built in the Pine Lake watershed are soil detention type structures. McCarty says "that the value of such structures is that the soil never goes down the ditch and that there is a better soil profile."

Presently nearing completion is a preliminary survey on the Pine Creek to determine what action can be taken to stabilize the main stream.