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INTRODUCTION

Once again another year has swiftly passed. With it has come many good things, especially many fine accomplishments on the farms in Ida County. Land owners and operators are to be commended for their concern and stewardship.

The district commissioners also deeply appreciate the support received by merchants, businessmen and non-farmers. Thanks to your financial support, we were able to carry out projects not otherwise possible.

We thank "everyone" for their concern and efforts toward making our district a better place to live.

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ASSISTANTS

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Kenneth Borchers
Marvin Volkert

Wayne Bennett
Robert Mitchell
Henry Brueck, Jr.



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Robert Bumann, Battle Creek. Elected
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 Raymond W. Schumann.....WAE Technician
 Luella (Lou) Collins.....State Clerk

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 Vernon Meyers.....Little Sioux Engineer
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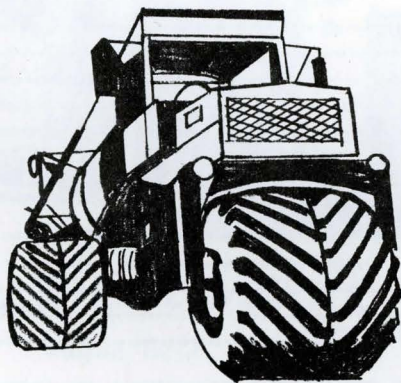


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back - Clarence "Dutch" Kraft, Ray Schumann.



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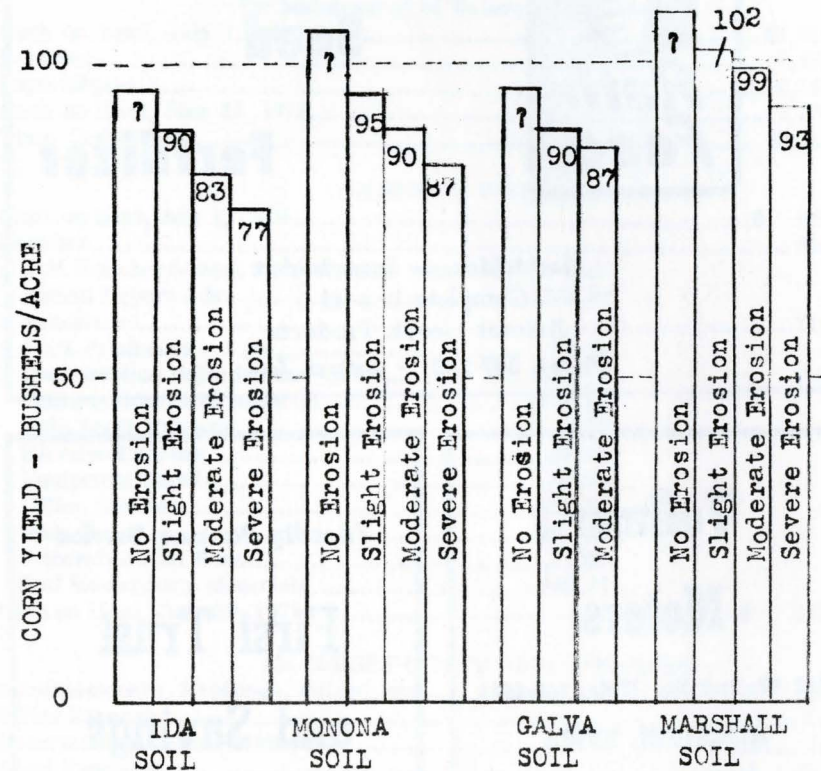
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WHAT PRICE TOPSOIL?

Ever wondered whether topsoil is worth saving--whether conservation practices are worth the effort?

Here is a chart showing comparative corn yields on the major soils in the county with various amounts of top soil present:



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WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND

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Cash on hand, July 1, 1970.....	\$1,814.11
Receipts.....	7,498.14
Expenditures.....	6,542.00
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1971.....	2,770.25
Time Certificates.....	28,564.75

GENERAL FUND

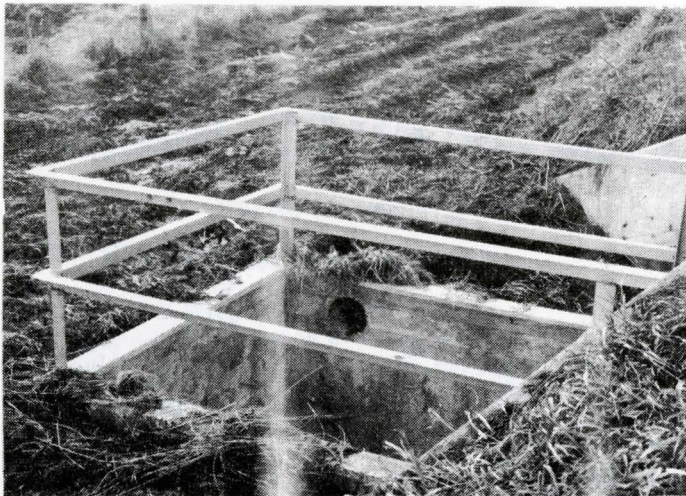
Cash on hand, July 1, 1970.....	\$ 670.75
Receipts.....	595.50
2-M Reimbursement for equipment repairs.....	44.50
Annual Report Ads.....	551.00
Expenditures.....	718.89
Pork Producers - 1 pie.....	19.00
Conservation Bulletins and slides.....	39.14
Commissioners Expenses.....	117.65
Fair Booth Expense.....	5.09
Election Expense.....	37.20
Equipment Repair.....	44.50
Office Supplies.....	223.58
State Dues.....	100.00
Watershed Hall Rental.....	30.00
Soil Stewardship Materials.....	102.73
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1971.....	\$ 547.36

1M BUDGET (STATE APPROPRIATED)

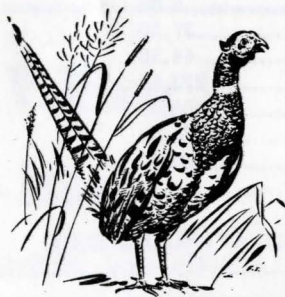
Commissioners, Expenses, mileage, etc.....	\$ 563.39
Office Expense.....	16.00
Materials for Demonstrations.....	20.00
Total Expended.....	\$ 599.39

2M BUDGET (STATE APPROPRIATION)

Clerk's Salary.....	\$ 4,818.23
Clerk's mileage, expenses.....	52.25
Office Equipment repairs.....	44.50
Total Expended.....	\$ 4,914.98



An example of an effective erosion control structure attached to an existing road culvert can be found on the Russell Jensen farm north of Galva. This type of structure is usually less expensive than a separate erosion control structure, and does an excellent job of gully stabilization.



CONSERVATION AWARD WINNERS

Three Ida county conservationists were honored for their efforts during 1971. The winners received recognition for their work through the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program sponsored by the Sioux City Journal Tribune and the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce. The winners received a two-day all expense paid "Conservation Caravan" tour in western Iowa and Nebraska in September. Then they were honored at the Recognition banquet held at Sioux City during November. The district congratulates the winners!



CONSERVATION PARTNERS

J. Henry Brueck, Battle Creek, a long time conservation advocate was one of the three winners in the Permanent Agriculture Program. His cow and calf operation is an important part of his total conservation program.



Louie Kerr, Battle Creek and his nephew Donald Kerr. Donald farms the unit owned by Louie. This unit is another winner in the Permanent Agriculture Program, on the basis of terracing and strip cropping to reduce soil and water losses.

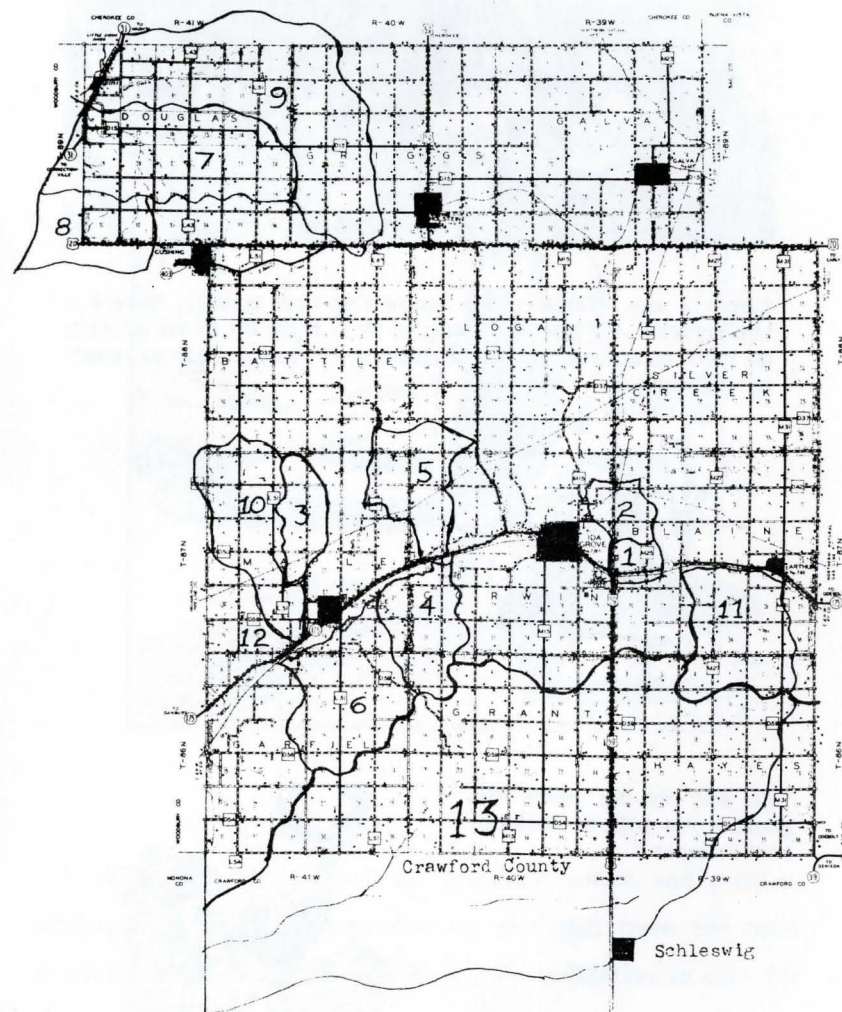
WATERSHED SCOREBOARD

How does the watershed area you live in stack up with the others within Ida County? Here is a comparison of the organized watersheds:

No. on map	Name of watershed	Acres within co.	Stage* of devel.	Land treatment** % complete	Expected const. date
1	Kirkholm	818	D	complete	1949 (completed)
2	Perion	2,030	D	complete	1949 (completed)
3	E. Aldrich	1,852	D	complete	1955 (completed)
4	Pleasant Valley	3,664	D	complete	1965 (completed)
5	Quad Valley	4,681	D	complete	1968 (completed)
6	Crawford Creek	8,300	C	60%	1973 - 1975
7	Bitter Creek	11,000	C	65%	1974
8	West Side	1,800	B	50%	1975
9	Ashton	17,700	A	45%	undetermined
10	W. Aldrich	5,000	B	45%	undetermined
11	Hoskins	7,570	A	40%	undetermined
12	Moorehead	4,100	A	40-45%	undetermined
13	Soldier-Beaver	45,000	A	40%	undetermined

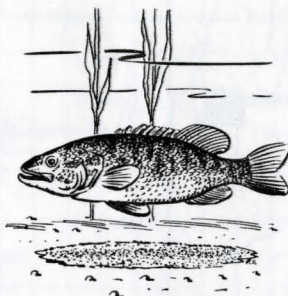
* Stage of Development A = just organized
B = on planning list
C = scheduled for construction
D = construction complete

** Adequate land treatment is defined as that which has 5 tons per acre soil loss per year. Before construction of dams or structures are built, 75% of the land above them must be adequately treated.





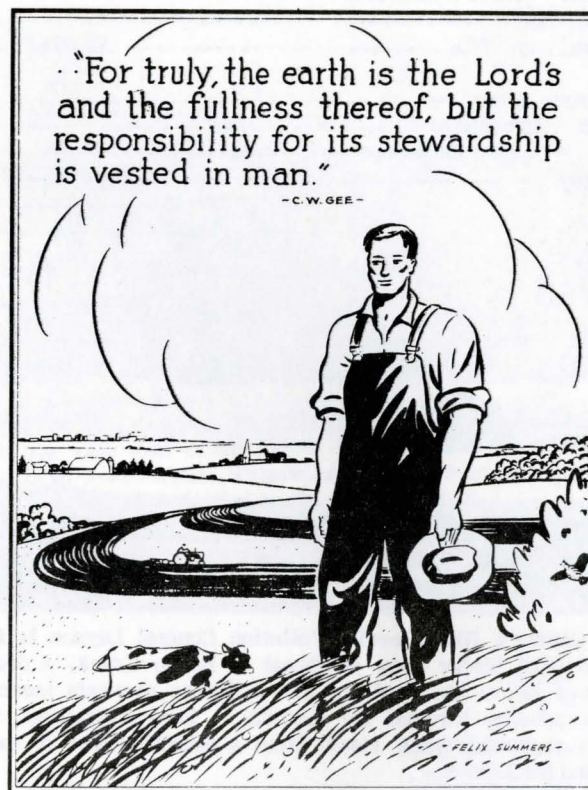
Cameras are always more interesting than cattails. Here's a kindergarten and special education class from Ida Grove pausing on their conservation tour of Moorehead Pioneer Park to "mug" for the camera.



"Me and my big mouth will provide you with a challenge next summer."



"You'd be a dear too, if you save me a place to live!"

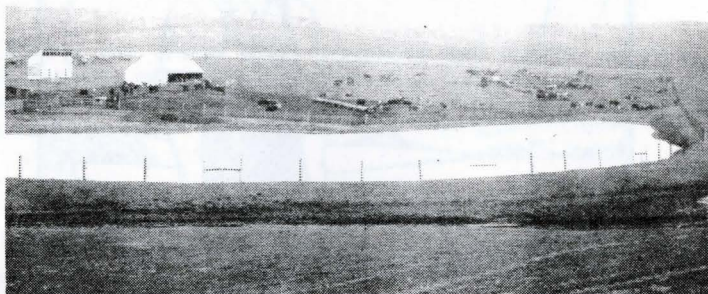


After you eliminate all the economic, social, and political reasons for practicing conservation, you still have the most compelling one left; stewardship - - the obligation to care for the land properly.

Anonymous

CONSERVATION WORK COMPLETED DURING 1971

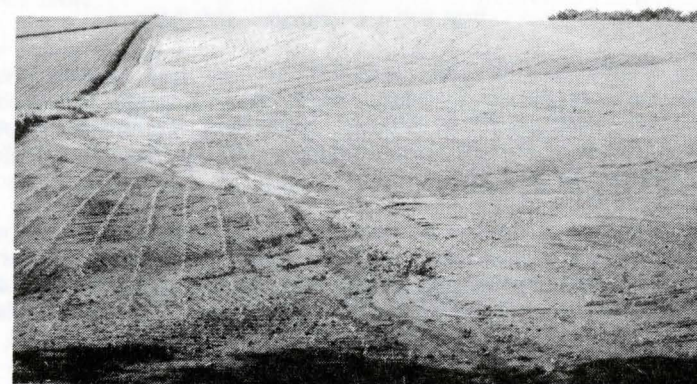
Contour Farming-----	2290 acres
Crop Residue Use-----	3169 acres
Feedlot Pollution Control Lagoon-----	1
Erosion Control Structures or Dams-----	4
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks-----	6.7 acres
Grassed Waterways-----	75.4 acres
Waterway Drainage Tile -----	131,634 ft. or 24.9 miles
Terraces:	
Basin (pasture land) -----	1,571 ft.
Cropland - Broadbase -----	50,298 ft.
- Seeded Backslope -----	185,138 ft.
Diversions -----	7,426 ft.
Total -----	244,433 ft.
Total miles -----	46.3



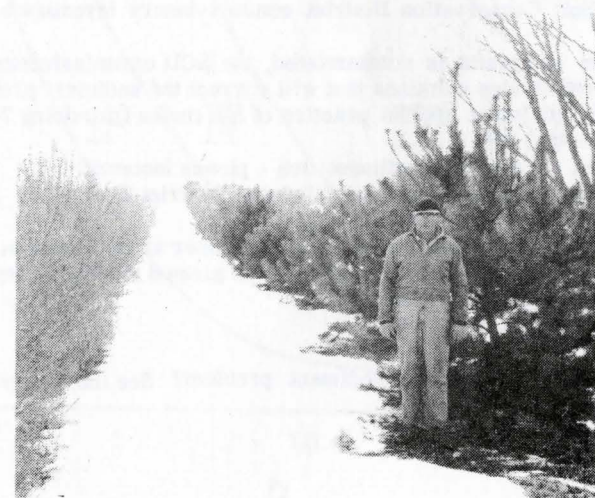
Ida County's first Feedlot Pollution Control Lagoon is located on the Bill Meier farm southeast of Battle Creek. A diversion terrace above the feed lot and buildings prevents much water from passing through the feedlots. Then a drainage ditch in the foreground takes runoff from a detention dam on the right around the lagoon.



Burdelle Knudsen, who lives southeast of Ida Grove on his mother's farm points to the water stored in the terraces. The terraces were built in 1971 and the Knudsen's feel the terraces kept one of their wells from drying during that year.



Just one rain can cause lots of damage as this picture shows. This is in West Aldrich Watershed. A hard rain on May 30, 1971 really messed up a field of newly sprouted corn.



Quite often people comment on how long it takes to grow a windbreak. These 7-8 foot Austrian pine on the Roland Jensen farm north of Ida Grove prove otherwise. The trees were about one foot tall when planted in 1967.

THE IOWA CONSERVANCY LAW

Within twelve months your neighbor may be able to force you to practice reasonable conservation farming. Whats your reaction?? Disgusting?? Communistic?? Dictatorial?? or Finally!! Regardless of your opinion and reaction the fact remains that the legal machinery will be ready to go on "compulsary conservation" by July 1973.

Your local Soil Conservation District commissioners have been assigned the task of setting reasonable soil loss limits for all soils in the county. The State Soil Conservation Committee will then approve the loss limits. The local District commissioners must then hold a hearing to hear valid objections to the loss limits they have established.

Finally, if no valid objections are established, the soil loss limits are adopted and the conservancy law is in operation.

HOW DOES THE CONSERVANCY LAW WORK?

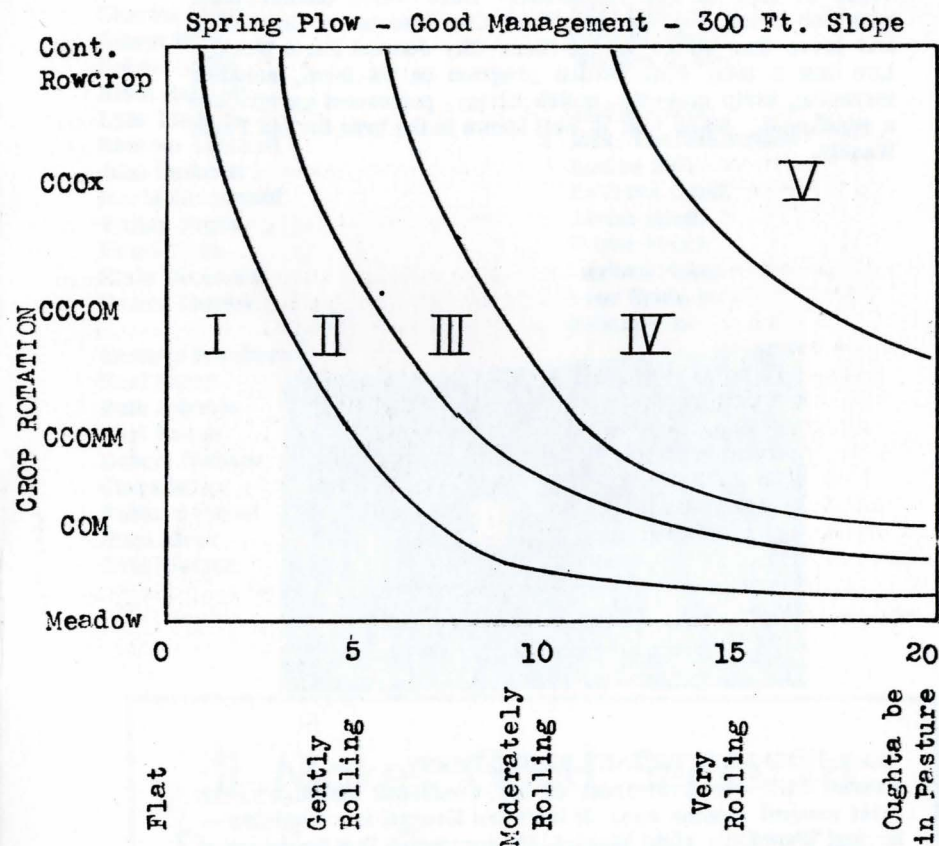
1. A written, signed complaint is filed against an individual who is believed to be causing a sediment problem.
2. The Soil Conservation District commissioners inform the complainant of the filed complaint.
3. The Soil Conservation District commissioners investigate the problem on site.
4. If the complaint is substantiated, the SCD commissioners offer the complainant various solutions that will correct the sediment problem.
5. (a) Complainant applies practice of his choice (providing 75% cost-sharing is available) OR
(b) Does not admit to sedimentation - pleads innocent.
6. SCD commissioners file complaint with District Court.
7. Court appoints an investigative panel.
8. Court appointed panel investigates in manner as in (3) above.
9. If complainant is found guilty, he is given 6 months to begin on a solution and 18 months to complete.
10. No cost-share is permitted.

Is your farm creating a sediment problem? See the next page- and calculate your soil loss.

CONSERVATION SAINT OR SINNER?

How do you rate as a conservationist? Using the chart below, "plug in" your rotation and approximate slope to get an estimated soil loss. Check the categories I thru V to determine your "Saintliness" to comply with the Conservancy Law.

- I. "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" you'll be among them because your soil loss is 5 tons per acre or less!
- II. Slightly tainted - but still Sainted if you're farming on the contour!
- III. Careful sinner - you can be a Winner if you at least contour and practice mulch tillage too. Terracing will do it, too.
- IV. Sinner, you're slipping fast - but it won't last if you get that field terraced-NOW!
- V. O-k Sinner, here's what you can do:
 - (a) Sell the farm quickly before it's all eroded away.
 - (b) Go to confession tonight and resolve to go "straight".
 - (c) Apply terraces or go to 5 out of 5 years grass!
 - (d) Hope you don't have any neighbors - they surely would report you!





The third winner in the Permanent Agriculture Program was Verle T. Law of Correctionville. Here Verle (center) talks with Bob Brink, representing Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and Marc Cox editor of the Sioux City Journal Farm Weekly. Law has a total conservation program on his farm, including terracing, strip cropping, mulch tillage, permanent pasture and a windbreak. Marc Cox is well known in the area for his Farm Weekly.



(above) AND NOW "INSTANT WINDBREAKS!! Everett Still poses in front of his windbreak that didn't even exist several months ago. It isn't that Everett is a magician -- he just knows the right people! He contracted Don Goodenow of Four Seasons in Ida Grove to transplant these 5-7 foot pines.

TERRACE HONOR ROLL

Honor a person that has built a terrace?? Definitely!! Most likely the farmer conservationist who builds a terrace:

Has a sincere desire to leave his farm in better condition than he bought it.....

Has had to put up with at least one neighbor's ribbing about "runining" the farm...

Has had to win an argument with his wife that terraces are more necessary than a new refrigerator, some new outfit, etc....

Has had to put up with soil conservationist's "brain-washing" with facts he already knew.....

Has had to be content with a smaller net income this year with the knowledge that the farm's fertility would be maintained in years to come.....

Has had to give up the "luxury" of plowing his fields round and round and round.....

NOW DON'T YOU FEEL HE DESERVES RECOGNITION?

Here they are:

Eldo Hollander
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Ladean Bechen
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Helen Knudsen (Morrelle)
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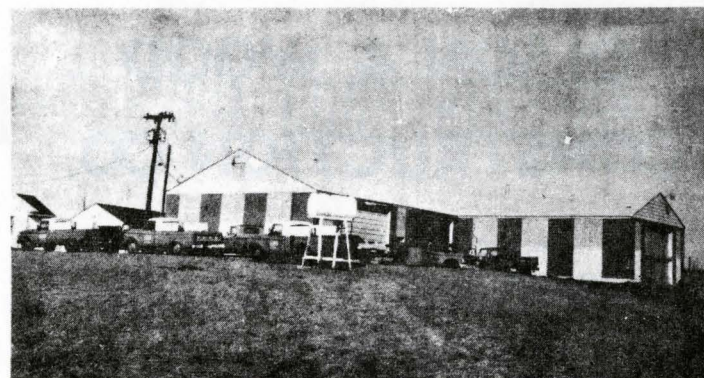
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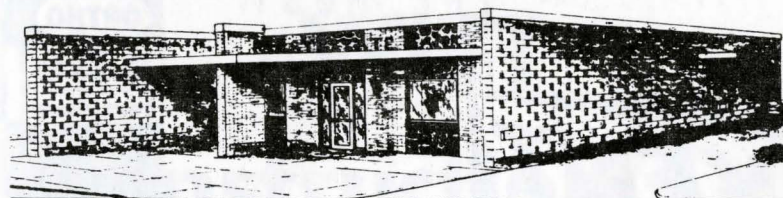
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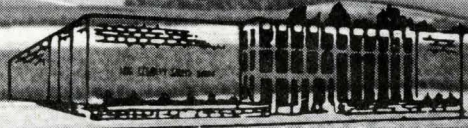
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