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Waggoner to serve as city superintendent of DPW

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In his new role, he will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the DPW, including the maintenance of city facilities and equipment.

"Bill has a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of public works," said Waggoner. "He will bring a fresh perspective and a strong work ethic to this important position."
It's cookie time

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Neil Simon comedy
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The First Nighters of St. Johns will be presenting the Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park" at Ovid-Elsie High School. The play will be presented Saturday, Feb 22 and Sunday, Feb 23, at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be 25 cents.

The cast for the St. Johns production of "Barefoot in the Park" includes the following:

From left: Joe Humenik of St. Johns, Eugene Livingston of St. Johns, Daryles Richardson of Elsie, Mark Klein of St. Johns, Mr. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson.

St. Johns Police report

St. Johns police report is a large handful of crime that has occurred recently in the area.

A large amount of vandalism has occurred recently, although the amount of the damage is not known. Several cars around town have had windows broken, including broken tail lights and back up lights. Several cars have been broken into, including several vehicles belonging to area residents.

A juvenile was arrested on a theft charge Jan 25, 1975, on the 300 Block of North Clinton and charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was taken to jail and pled guilty at arraignment. His trial is set for Feb 13, 8:30 am. The public will have an opportunity to get the chance to find out Saturday, Feb 8, 4 am.

Coffee and rolls will be served and a tour of the new building which is just east of the school grounds will be provided. The public is invited to come and see the new building.

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40th anniversary

Jim and Nettie McNichol of 1201 W. Cedar Rd., DeWitt, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a Mass, Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community of St. Jude's Catholic Church, with St. Jude's being the site of the couple's wedding on May 12, 1935. A open house will follow at 1201 W. Cedar Rd. Jim and Nettie McNichol were married to the former Billie Epp on May 12, 1935. They have lived in the DeWitt area for the last 20 years. This event will be hosted by their children. McNichol's are invited to attend the celebration.

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American Music Month

With his signature on the proclamation in St Johns Mayor Roy Ebert, with the aid of Mrs John F. Caufly Sr, Vice president of the Morning Musical, has declared February to be American Music Month in St Johns. The National Federation of Music Clubs will celebrate its annual "Parade of American Music" throughout the nation. Morning Musicale, has declared February to be American Music Month in St Johns. The National Federation of Music Clubs will celebrate its annual "Parade of American Music" throughout the nation. This year, the Federation will feature the music of American composers.

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BIRTHS

A boy, Joshua was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moldenhauer of 306 S. Scott Rd, St Johns. He weighs 6 lbs. 8 oz. Wednesday. Feb. 12. Mrs. Moldenhauer was born March 27, 1949 in Detroit. He is the son of James and Barbara Moldenhauer. The baby's name is Joshua Samuel Moldenhauer. The mother is the former Sandy Blakesley.

A boy, James Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morgan of Utica, Michigan, Feb. 10. The baby weighs 7 lbs. 4 oz. The mother is the former Patricia G. Morgan. The child's name is James Michael Morgan. The baby's name is James Michael Morgan.

Sisters: Maudenhauer

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moldenhauer of 306 S. Scott Rd, St Johns welcome the announcement of their daughter Elaine was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. H. Morgan, Utica, Michigan. The baby is their son. The name of the new arrival is James Michael Morgan.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs. Lee Silvers of Ottawa Mts., Illinois. A boy, Samson Michael, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moldenhauer, St Johns, Feb. 12. The baby is their son. The name of the new arrival is James Michael Moldenhauer. The baby's name is James Michael Moldenhauer.

Mrs. Donald Silvers of "307 E. Clinton St., Montreal, Canada purchased from any Auxiliary member.

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Blue Star Mothers install new officers

Fowler PTO schedules meeting

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Mr. and Mrs. Wonard I. Jones, 1417 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Elizabeth Jones to Richard G. Blackard, 5355 S. River Dr., DeWitt. The couple will be married in the St. Johns High School Chapel on May 10th. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High. She is the daughter of Mildred Jones of 1417 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. The prospective groom is a 1973 graduate of DeWitt High and is employed by Michigan Beef.

Stewart-Wilson

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**SPORTS**

*St Johns Redwings take on Grand Ledge*

A pair of hopefuls for 3rd place in the West Central Conference --- Okemos and Grand Ledge --- saw the difference end up 56-0 Friday when Grand Ledge scored a win. St Johns went into Tuesday's showdown against Perry as a 3-0 winner, but Perry was beaten by Okemos, 56-0, on Tuesday afternoon. St Johns worked the Okemos team through 14 events in the meet.

The victory was number 100 for coach Stan Stolz. He is the area's best clubs a week ago and most of the way last week was the only other Redwing-in.

The Wings defeated Perry for the 3rd year in a row, and for the 5th year in a row, they defeated Perry 56-0.

*FRESH BOXED CANDIES*
February 5, 1975

District tournaments. St. John's is the clash between Fowler and DeWitt. The game is being played at St. John's to accommodate the large crowd expected to view the clash. Fowler won Friday night in a close game. Both teams used three point shots to their advantage. Fowler hit 10 of 22 shots for the game. DeWitt, on the other hand, made only 16 shots. The Panthers defeated the Panthers by a point edge in the ball game. Bob Wick hit a free throw to put the Panthers in the lead. Ferguson hit on a field goal and then hit a free throw to increase the Panthers' lead. The final score was 70-67. The game was played in a hard fought battle. The final score was 70-67.

Area basketball round-up

February 5, 1975

Area basketball tournaments are winding down into the final games of the season. All teams are preparing for the district and the coming district tournaments. Coming up Saturday night at St. John's is the clash, between DeWitt and St. John's, being played at St. John's to accommodate the large crowd expected to view the clash. Fowler is the clash between Fowler and DeWitt. The game is being played at St. John's to accommodate the large crowd expected to view the clash. Both teams are looking forward to the game and are preparing for the district tournament.

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Statement of estimated receipts and disbursements from January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

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Legal notice

PASSED, ORDAINED AND DECLARED ADOPTED.

The City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, hereby adopt the following Ordinance as the Zoning Ordinance effective as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 207

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPEAL THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN

BE IT ORDAINED AND DECLARED, By the City of St. Johns, Michigan, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, and the People thereof, acting by and through the City of St. Johns, Michigan, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, and the People thereof, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, be, and the same is hereby, amended and repealed, and all ordinances, laws, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, as follows:

Section 1. This Ordinance is to take effect 20 days after its publication in the official city record of the City of St. Johns and the Village of Ovid, Michigan.

The City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, hereby adopt the Zoning Ordinance effective as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of St. Johns, and the Village of Ovid, Michigan, as follows:

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At the Treasure Chest....

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Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Homes, Inc, for William Dariiher. The Rev. Otto Junior High School in Lansing, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after he pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and armed robbery.

Mr Sleight was born the son of William and Hazel Ashenfelter, of rural St. Johns, for 20 years. He lived at 112 S. John Byrnes of Amboy, HI, in jail by Circuit Court Judge Leo W. Corkin Monday, Jan 27. Jack Edward Wood, 30; to 2 1/2 years in prison after he pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and armed robbery.

The annual Ovid Area Picnic will be held at the Post-Black-necked Green Heron show. The picnic will be held at the Ovid Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds will be open to the public.

The Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids at 701 West West Street, St. Johns, Michigan, 10:30 A.M. Monday, March 5, 1975 for the following items. 

SUPPLYING 22A GRAVEL ON COUNTY ROADS

Sections may be obtained at the Road Commission office.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that in its sole opinion, in the best interest of the commission.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Paul N. Pelletier, Chairman

**NOTICE OF BID**

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Tile drainage - worth the cost? 

Tile drainage systems are used to remove excess water from the soil, allowing it to drain more effectively. This helps to prevent soil erosion and improves the overall health of the soil. 

Wacouta General Store is open for business, and we're open for business at night as well. 

Wacouta Creek will soon be flowing into the Mississippi River, which flows into the Gulf of Mexico. 

The wetland area has been restored to its natural state, and it provides habitat for a variety of wildlife species. 

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2. PERSONALIZED CHECKS... FREE! 
3. $10,000 ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE... ON INSTALLMENT! 
4. CREDIT LIFE INSURANCE... ALL INSURANCE PLANS INCLUDE!
**Clinton County News**

**Back Through the Years**

From the Clinton County News of the 1974 edition.

**ONE YEAR AGO**

**Firefighter's Spree**

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Dallas fort held its annual meeting at the Dallas Club on February 13th. Following is a letter from J.D. Reason, new president of the board:

Dear, Editor:

I am wondering if your Callahan who had also shown an interest in the Board of Directors of the Dallas Fort, as to how the copy has been paid. They, of course, have received their final wages.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Many times editorial writers feel as if they have not published or shown proper personality in the past. This is the first of a series of articles on 1974 Federal and State Taxation.

**POWER TOOLS:** 1/2 drive air and electric impact wrenches, air drills, air sanders, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, and 3/4 drive socket sets, open and boxed end wrench.

**HAND TOOLS:** 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, and 3/4 drive socket sets, open and boxed end wrench.

**AUCTION**

ST JOHNS, MICH.

FEB 4, 1975

Items will be dispersed at our regular auction location located in Denver, Colorado.

**ST JOHNS RESIDENT**

Loreen O. Fowler and Wenda’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fowler, have returned from high school here in 1958. They set out to marry and have a son, Kelly, who was accompanied by his new wife, Kelly Crimm. Kelly Crimm, who was instantly killed at the scene, was no way Kelly could bore me while I was driving along. In the car.

A blaze believed to have been started at the same time for 20 years, but every day depends upon how they shuffle the deck.
Bath Township police chief resigns

The activity report was read by Dan Harger, the new police facilities.

The meeting was called to order at the Township Hall, 780 E. Michigan, DeWitt, Michigan.

The meeting was opened with the prayer of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting was held in the Township Hall, 780 E. Michigan, DeWitt, Michigan.

The resolution to remove the taxes was approved.

The resolution, to grant the Planning Commission, was approved.

The bonus was paid.

The board approved the appointment of Anthony Blair as acting police chief.

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Farming and 4-H - in Clinton County

4-H Chatter
4-H exchange program

By JOHN AYLMORE

The annual 4-H exchange program is underway, and the participation of Clinton County 4-H members is needed to make the program successful.

This group started the program in 1961, and the exchange has been a valuable experience for many of the participants. The program allows 4-H members to visit farms in other areas and exchange ideas and experiences.

The exchange program begins in February and ends in August, and the participants are expected to visit farms in their exchange group and record their observations and experiences.

Exchange Coordinator, Mrs. Bessie Johnson, is responsible for organizing the program and ensuring that all participants are on track.

In Clinton County, the exchange groups are based on the 16 pilot counties selected for the program, and the participants are expected to visit farms in their own county as well as those in other counties.

The exchange program is open to all Clinton County 4-H members, and interested members can contact the 4-H office to sign up for the program.

Chloe's Column

Chloe Padgett
Clinton County Home Economist

This is the time of year when the cold weather is setting in, and the time to start thinking about the heating season is here.

As the weather gets colder, it is important to be prepared for the heating season. This includes checking the heating system, cleaning the furnace, and making sure that the system is working properly.

In addition to checking the heating system, it is also important to make sure that the fuel source is sufficient for the heating season. This includes checking the fuel oil levels, making sure that the Propane tank is full, and checking the Natural gas supply.

The heating season is an important time of year, and it is important to be prepared for it. By checking the heating system and making sure that the fuel source is sufficient, you can be sure that your home will be warm and comfortable during the heating season.

North Bengal

Little Handy and Janet Morris, both 4-H members, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clay, of North Bengal, allowing them to spend time with their grandparents.

The weekend was spent enjoying the outdoors, playing games, and spending quality time with their grandparents.

The trip to North Bengal was a much-needed break for the Morris family, who had been busy with their school and 4-H commitments.

The trip was a success, and the Morris family is looking forward to their next visit to North Bengal.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dye of Lansing Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Lansing attended the annual District Report of Mrs. Raymond Greer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and family went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwartz of Battle Creek Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwartz and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Lansing Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher and family attended the 88th District Report of Mrs. Raymond Greer Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Don Dye of Lansing attended this annual District Report Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Greer and family entertained the district reps Sunday evening.

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Dick Allen reports

From the Senate

Federal Land Bank reports record year in 1974

ST JOHNS — Federal Land Bank of St. Johns reported its best results in its 38-year history during the past year. The bank's 1974 net worth of $3,055,794 was 50 percent higher than in 1973, when it was $2,014,922.

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The Governor's budget

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Everyone.

The bad news, Fritz proposes, as he had promised, a capital outlay budget.

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jobs!

And bonding recommendations?!
Ardine High school on Friday, April 5, with 8,500 students attending. The concert is sponsored by the West End High School Music Department and will feature the school’s orchestra, choir, and band. The event is ticketed and proceeds will go to support the school’s music programs.

The concert, titled “A Night of Harmony,” will feature a diverse program of music, ranging from classical to contemporary, performed by talented musicians from the school. Attendees can expect a captivating evening of musical performance, celebrating the rich tradition of music education at Ardine High School.

Tickets for the concert are available for purchase online at www.ardinehighschoolmusic.org or at the school’s main office. Tickets are priced at $20 for adults and $10 for students. Advanced ticket sales close on April 5, and entry on the day of the concert will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The venue, the Ardine High School Auditorium, has a limited seating capacity, so early booking is recommended.

The Ardine High School Music Department is grateful for the support of the community and looks forward to sharing this special evening with everyone. For more information, please visit the school’s website or contact the music department directly.
Resolution recognizes life of service by the late Andrew Cobb of Elsie

Following is the House resolution recognizing the life of Andrew Cobb of Elsie.

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was born February 12, 1911, at Elsie on a farm that had been in the family since 1881, and has been a lifelong resident of Ovid-Elsie Township, Montcalm County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb died of natural causes at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on December 14, 1977, at the age of 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was active in numerous civic organizations and organizations, and was a well-respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was a member of the Ovid-Elsie School Board and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was a member of the Michigan Legislature, representing the 87th District for five terms; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature hereby eulogize the life and memory of Andrew W. Cobb, having served his community with distinction and honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

That the Michigan Legislature hereby eulogize the life and memory of Andrew W. Cobb, having served his community with distinction and honor.

FEBRUARY 2, 1978

The story of Sleepy Hollow--from the beginning to present

On May 14, 1929, the Department of Conservation published the groundbreaking Statement of Policies, which marked the beginning of Sleepy Hollow State Park.

The park is located in Ovid and特点 Township of Ovid. The original 444 acres were purchased from Wayne and Josephine B. Sleeper, who were some of the first to establish the park. The park is now a popular destination for visitors from all over, offering a variety of activities and attractions.

The park features a pond, a beach, and a scenic wooded area, making it a great place for picnicking, hiking, and fishing. The park also offers overnight accommodations in the form of campsites and cabins, and there is a visitor center that provides information about the park's history and activities.

In addition to the park's many amenities, the park also offers a variety of educational programs and events throughout the year, including guided tours, workshops, and nature programs. These programs are designed to help visitors learn more about the park's natural and cultural history, and to encourage them to appreciate and protect the park for future generations.

The park is open year-round, although some areas may be closed during the winter months due to weather conditions. Visitors are encouraged to check the park's website or call ahead to confirm the status of the park and its facilities.

The park is managed by the Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for protecting and preserving the park's natural and cultural resources. The department works closely with local communities and organizations to ensure that the park remains a valuable resource for all.

Sleepy Hollow State Park is a wonderful example of the importance of preserving our natural resources and the value of parks in promoting healthy, active lifestyles. The park continues to be a popular destination for visitors from all over, and it is an important part of the cultural and natural heritage of the region.
Everyday in some way, Wom and Dad... Still missed, still loved and It's almost impossible to...
Next Week in Clinton County churches

All churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Clinton County Area. They must reach us by 6 p.m. Monday to ensure publication in the current week's issue.

Gunnisonville Area

Wednesday, Feb 12
11:00 am - Worship Service
3:00 pm - Women's Society
7:00 pm - Evening Service
9:30 pm - Youth Meetings

Westphalia Area

Wednesday, Feb 12
11:00 am - Worship Service
3:00 pm - Women's Society
7:00 pm - Evening Service
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Maple Rapids Area

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7:00 pm - Evening Service
9:30 pm - Youth Meetings

Matherton Area

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Wacousa Area

Wednesday, Feb 12
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Bath Area

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Victor Township

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Ovid Area

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Fulton Area

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Lansing

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Powamo Area

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Bridgeville Area

Wednesday, Feb 12
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9:30 pm - Youth Meetings

Attend the church of your choice this week

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Clinton County News
February 5, 1975
Watershed project progresses

The West Upper Maple River Watershed Project is downstream and adjacent to the East Upper Maple River Watershed Project. These two watersheds total 295,600 acres and are interdependent. Significant cumulative environmental effects will occur upon completion of both projects.

Basic land treatment measures will be applied to 32,000 acres of cropland, 750 acres of pasture land, 5,700 acres of forest land, and 1,110 acres of other land to adequately treat and protect these acres. Structural measures planned for both projects include 47.1 miles of multi-purpose channel work, 1.0 mile of floodway, 18.6 miles of levee construction, 11.8 miles of collection channels, 1.0 mile of snaking, 3.6 miles of suction type dredging, 4 pumping stations, 1 multiple-purpose structure, 1 single-purpose structure, and 7 public access sites.

The levees, collection channels and pumping stations were planned and design together as an integrated unit to solve the flooding and drainage problems on the 15,000 acre problem area between Bannister and Highway 27. No-till-type dredging on the Maple River in both the East and West portions were designed to reduce required pumping.

Effects of channel work and the two flood water retaining structures in the East Upper Maple River Project were considered in the design of the levees. Downstream peak flows will be higher, but they will have no significant environmental effect. The first nine miles downstream from the West Upper Maple Watershed are in the Maple River StateGame Area, and the flood plain is managed as Type 4 and 7 wetlands.

Annual meeting is Feb 8

The Annual District Meeting will be held at noon at Ovid-Elkton High School, February 8, 1975.

The speaker is Tony Pasionek on Zero-Tillage. The entertainment will be Chris Howe, a popular local singer who will accompany himself on the guitar. The Clinton County Soil Conservation District board announces their selection for the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1974 award and the Conservation Sign winners. These awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 8, 1975.

These farms were selected by the district board at their regular monthly board meeting held on December 10, 1974 at the SCS office in St. Johns. They were determined by the amount and quality of the conservation practices they have applied on their land.

The Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1974 award will go to Aiden Livingston of Livingston Farms in Greenbush Township.

The Conservation Sign winners are as follows: William Broox of Bath Township; Becker Bros, and Bernard Thales of Beaverton Township; Claude B. Folsom of Dallas Township; Harry Harden of Dubois Township; William D. Platte of Westphalia Township; and Leon R. Thiel of Riley Township.

To name 2 Directors

Two expiring directorship terms will be filled by the Annual meeting of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District on February 8, 1975.

The three-year terms of Stanley Baird, Chairman of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, and Robert Moore, Vice Chairman of the District, will expire.

Nominated for the directorship positions were Stanley Baird, Peter Korem, Robert Moore and Jack Schwark.

The district’s nominating committee consisted of Chairman Clarence Manning, William Meyers, David Swanson, Warren Swanson, and Roger Leng, who met with District Director Kenneth Lundenbeck Dec 17 at the SCS office.

All land owners or operators and their wives will be eligible to vote at the Feb 8 annual meeting.

Zero—Tillage

‘The no-till method of planting corn offers many benefits to growers, especially on rolling land. Yields in Michigan have been essentially equal to conventional tillage. Some yields have even been higher. Reports indicate the fuel needed to raise a crop of corn is only about one tenth using no-till as compared to plowing, discing, dragging, etc.

The real benefits are found in a substantial reduction in soil loss and soil erosion. The cover retained on the soil surface by planting in sod saves plant food, moisture and valuable top soil.

Tony Pasionek, District Conservationist of the Isabella Soil Conservation District, will show slides of Zero-Tillage for corn at the Annual Meeting of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District.

The slides were taken in Isabella County of corn growing without plowing. Think of the gas and fuel oil that would be saved if one half of the corn grown in the United States was grown on land that had not been plowed. Growing corn in sod without plowing is a good conservation practice.'
To whom it may concern

February 5, 1975

Each year our State and Nation experience growth which is evidenced in increased housing and commercial developments, public service facilities, added miles of all classes of highways and others. Growth is considered a healthy sign and proof that our way of life enables us to make use of these many benefits. Each of us feel we have the right to better homes, shopping centers and highways.

Expansion generally involves changes in land use which often cause adverse effects on other uses. Conflicts of interest arise as a result. One such conflict involves agricultural lands. Michigan loses thousands of acres of its farmlands each year to these other uses. The Michigan Department of Agriculture has suggested a need for a million acres of agricultural land by the year 2000 which is more than the cropland acreage in use today.

Many concepts of land use programs have been presented at local, state and federal levels to deal with the conflict of interest. These land use concepts vary in scope from doing nothing, through zoning, tax relief for certain uses, to outright government ownership of land for specified uses.

It behooves each one of us to be concerned with the vital issue of land use... We must, as responsible citizens, become fully informed and actively and effectively involved in solving this problem to the best of our ability.

To be well informed, one must have the basic facts. Soil Conservation Districts over the past 36 years, have been actively involved in dealing with the wise use of land and its related resources.

Through their programs and experiences, districts have developed valuable land use data and expertise. Getting acquainted with your soil conservation district and its programs should be the first giant step toward coming to grips with the issue of land use.

The directors of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District look forward to being of assistance and working with you.

Donald J. Schaner, Chief
Soil & Water Conservation Division
Michigan Department of Agriculture

A job to do

Soil conservation districts in Michigan can look back with pride on the accomplishments of last year—another quarter million acres of Michigan land were adequately treated to resist soil erosion, for example. But the important job of protecting natural resources is not finished. Democracy everywhere in America will have greater responsibilities and opportunities in 1975 and...
District accomplishments and future

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District, its directors and cooperating agencies have done a commendable job in carrying out an effective program during the past 20 years.

There are two completed watershed projects in your district or the Osceola-Waters and Mudruck Creek Drains, and the District is currently a sponsor of the East and West Upper Maple River Watershed Projects.

The amount of conservation work applied on district cooperators' land in Clinton County since 1954 has been substantial. During this time, 30 miles of grassed waterways, 32 miles of windbreaks, and 3 miles of diversions have been installed to control wind and water erosion. Nearly 19,000 acres of productive farm land has been improved through the installation of 2,650 miles of tile drains.

There are many new challenges facing your district today that make your responsibilities as great or greater than they have ever been. The demands for food and agricultural products is perhaps higher today than at any other time in recent history. It is estimated that by the year 2000, food production in the United States must more than double.

Agriculture in Clinton County is capable of doing its share in providing increased production. More than 90% of the land in the County is classified as prime for agriculture. One of the first challenges your district faces is that of protecting this prime agricultural land. The District should be responsibly and actively involved in land use decisions that will serve the best interest of both farm and city.

As pressures for more production and intensive use of land increase, the importance of soil conservation practices becomes greater. The District will be looked to for leadership in controlling erosion and sediment on both agriculture and developing land. Conservation Tillage practices that reduce energy requirements, as well as control wind and water erosion, will need to increase. New sophistications in drainage and irrigation practices will also be needed to improve production efficiency.

The Soil Conservation Service and Clinton County Soil Conservation District have accomplished much through a fine working relationship. By continuing this same spirit of cooperation, the challenges of the future can be faced with confidence.

James S. Johnson
Area Conservationist

SCD Board announces 1974 award winners

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District Board announces their selection for the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1974 Award and the Conservation Sign winners.

These awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting Feb 8, at Ovid-Elsie High School.

These farmers were selected by the district board at their regular monthly board meeting held Dec 17, at the SCS office in St. Johns. They were determined by the amount and quality of the conservation practices they have applied on their land.

The Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1974 award will go to Alden Livingston of Livingston Farms in Greenlawn Township.

The Conservation Sign winners are as follows: William Brown of Bath Township; Becker Bros and Bernard Tedes of Bengal Township; Claude D. Fields of Dublin Township; Harry Harden of Dunlap Township; William D. Plate of Westphalia Township; and Leon R. Thiel of Riley Township.

Tony Paslawski, District Conservationist, Mt Pleasant, will speak on Zero Tillage for corn.

We congratulate the Clinton County Soil Conservation District for their determined efforts in preserving our precious soil.

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Conservation farmers of the year

The Directors of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District have selected Alden Livingston and his son Eugene as the Conservation Farmers of the Year Award that they present annually to the cooperators of the District who have done an outstanding job of establishing conservation practices on their farms.

Alden and his wife, Doris, and Eugene and Carole are partners in operating the Livingston Farms in Greenbush Township. They own 660 acres and rent another 100 acres. Alden said that his father moved onto the present home farm in 1905 and Alden was born there as was Eugene.

The Livingstons have a very diversified operation. They have a 35 Jersey cow dairy herd, feed out 250 steers a year, raise 600 to 700 tons of carrots a year, and harvest 170 acres of mint. They tap 600 maple trees and process the sap into maple syrup in their new evaporator building that was built to replace the one that burned last year.

The rest of the farm is used to raise corn, grain and hay for the livestock operation. Livingston Farms have a 35 Jersey cow dairy herd, feed out 250 steers a year, raise 600 to 700 tons of carrots a year, and harvest 170 acres of mint. They tap 600 maple trees and process the sap into maple syrup in their new evaporator building that was built to replace the one that burned last year.

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Land use competition

Competition between land uses in this nation has reached a point that concern is evident at local, state and national levels. The term "land use" itself has ingrained conflicts. We take a fixed notion that resources "belong" to us, and utilize this resource to meet our needs. Conflicts arise because of our individual perception of needs and land users have varying goals and attitudes as to how land should be managed.

Unwise land use caused the Dust Bowl days of the early 1930's when soil from the West was deposited on the front steps of leaders in Washington. It became obvious that some attempt should be made to protect and care for the land. The soil conservation movement in America began with the recognition that our natural wealth must be used wisely, if all hope to benefit from our great natural resources. Conservation means wise use. Soil Conservation Districts answered the need for logical land use planning that was compatible with local goals and needs. Wise land use and planning were the ultimate goals of the early conservationists and still remain as the number one priority.

No other organized group in America has had such a direct effect on the wise use and management of land at the local level as Soil Conservation Districts, and their technical advisors, the Soil Conservation Service. Throughout American history, the resource base of "land" has not changed. The conflict over competition for its use has however. Some land areas that have been managed wisely for years as a result of the application of conservation measures now face competition from a variety of other uses. Wisely-managed agriculture itself gives way to new land uses such as development, industry, highways, and a host of other competitors for "land". The use may change but conservation problems associated with land may very well continue.

Land use decisions must have a logical starting point, and the land itself is the place to start. The technical knowledge and ability to guide land use decisions based on resource consideration is well within the group of soil conservation districts in Michigan. District leaders know what areas in their District are prime for agriculture, forestry, wildlife, etc., based on well founded natural resource considerations such as soil, water, climate and other matters.

Soil Conservation Districts are one of the most logical groups in Michigan to help make land use decisions. Historically, these districts have served the individual land owners. Now it is time for them to offer their services to units of government or others assigned responsibility for land use policy and planning.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, a working partner of Soil Conservation Districts, has a clear mandate on land use.
"Year of the economy"

By Congressman Bob Carr
6th District, Michigan

The year 1975 can accurately be called the "YEAR OF THE ECONOMY". The question remains, however, as to what kind of economy we will have. Recession? Depression? Stagflation? The list of things we call our situation is endless.

Inflation? Inflation? Inflation? The only real decision we need to face is "What are we going to do about it?"

Probably one of the single most important areas the 94th Congress will have to deal with is agriculture. Our economy cannot begin to heal itself without the burden being lifted from farmers and consumers alike.

Farmers cannot be expected to produce at full capacity. For many, that would mean financial ruin as production costs have risen dramatically over the past two years. The cost of fuel and fertilizer have doubled and tripled. And, unless the Congress moves to block the deregulation of natural gas, as proposed by President Ford, there will be further increases in the cost of nitrogen fertilizer.

Farmers must be protected from high production costs, and depressed prices that could result from the President's call for "all out production".

Among the actions which I believe are necessary to help farmers, is the increase of target prices for commodities. These prices, and loan rates, established for the major commodities under the 1973 Agriculture Act, are already out of date because of inflation. Those price supports must be raised to meet the higher production costs faced by farmers, cattlemen, and dairymen. In addition, allocation of scarce feed and fertilizer must also provide for sufficient supplies of these essential materials at reasonable prices.

In addition, there are several other proposals now pending before the Congress and worthy of consideration. Senator Humphrey and Congressman Neal Smith have introduced legislation which would establish a grain reserve system. The idea is that the government could purchase commodities during a surplus in order to stabilize higher consumer prices.

A soundly balanced export control program should be investigated as well. Such a program should meet both the needs of the nation's farmers, while protecting consumers from high prices.

Finally, while we must all be aware of our personal energy consumption and spending, it is up to the Executive Branch and the Congress to take swift affirmative action to bring relief to Americans who are being swallowed up by an economy out of control. And the ideas don't just come out of thin air in the halls of the Congress. I need to know what you and your friends are thinking. I invite you to write to me:

Congressman Bob Carr
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Clear seeding of alfalfa can yield up to one-half ton of protein per acre in the first year.
This is one way that dairymen can get clean, homogeneous protein in a hurry. Clear seeded alfalfa also provides an alternative for farmers who have little use for alfalfa straw, grain or sludge that usually is the companion crop with alfalfa.

M.S.U. studies of clear seeded alfalfa over the past three years indicate that average yields during the seedling year will be 3½ tons of hay, containing 20 percent protein.

Using $180 per ton of soybean oil meal as a base figure, the value of the protein works out to be about $36 per ton. This means the alfalfa protein produced in the first year is worth about $36 — figures a test of hay at 12 percent moisture containing 5,100 pounds of dry matter and 1,050 pounds of protein.

Add another $40 for the value of the total digestible nutrients (TDN) contained in the crop and you get a total value of $310 per acre. The clear seeding system calls for seeding alfalfa as early as possible in April, 8 to 12 pounds per acre of Saranac, Thon, Ancorly, Iroquois, 300 or other fast-growing, wilt-resistant alfalfas. (In M.S.U. tests these varieties outyielded Versailles by a half ton per acre in the seedling year and are 10 percent higher yielding for a 3- to 4-year stand). The seedbed should be well-prepared.

4. Fertilize according to soil test, and preferably band the fertilizer under the seed for a quick boost from the phosphorus. Using 200 pounds of (Eptam) acid equivalent per acre will supply the phosphorus and potassium for a three-ton hay crop.

5. Use press wheels on the drill, or a cultipacker behind the drill, to compact the soil around the seed and cover it shallowly for fast emergence.

6. Plan for three cuttings: more, better-quality hay. Take the first when the alfalfa is flowering in early to middle July—about Aug 20 and early October.

Three cuttings in the seedling year 1972 and 1973 tests yielded about three-fourths ton more than two cuttings and the hay was of better quality—it had more protein and was leafier.

7. If the first cutting is flowering and is starting to turn yellow and starring, leaffeppers are the likely cause. Cut immediately since all growth of the alfalfa makes little growth. The young syrgula will be killed, check the second cutting too.

When starting to flower, it will not be damaged—and the leaffeppers will be controlled without any spraying.

8. Topdress according to soil test in the fall or next spring for high second year yields.

There has never been a successful Farmer yet that didn't keep on the look-out for trouble areas on his farm where erosion or poor soil need attention. He knows that he would take a loss on the overall production per acre if these problems were not corrected when they occur. Soil conservation is money.

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The better the job, the more the money

By Robert Moore
Vice Chairman
Clinton County Soil Conservation District

The Soil Conservation Service gives technical assistance to the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, Congress each year appropriates money for the Soil Conservation Service, For the 1975 fiscal year (which we are in now), Congress approved

Conservation Operations $794,118,000
River Basin Surveys & 525,000
Watershed Planning 10,709,000
Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations 122,643,000
Great Plains Conservation Program 20,000,000
Resource Conservation & Development 19,000,000

Each state has their program to use this money, the better the program, the more money that state receives. Within the state each district program is evaluated and assignment of personnel is made based on the needs of the district program.

Part of the needs is the number of cooperators, need to apply conservation practices, number feet of tile installed, erosion control structures installed, feet of open ditch dug, etc. The personnel to do this work comes out of Conservation operations. The money to plan a watershed comes out of Watershed Planning. The money to build a watershed comes out of Watershed and Flood prevention operations. The larger Michigan’s program is, the more federal dollars come to Michigan. Likewise, the better the program is of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District, the more people are assigned to work with land operators in Clinton County.

Our tree-planting machine may be rented for $5.00 per 1,000 trees planted. Schedule the tree planter with District Chairman Stanley Baird by telephoning 669-9553 in DeWitt. All stock is inspected and approved by the Department of Agriculture.

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Farmers exempt from Sedimentation Control Act

By Stanley M. Powell
State Representative
8th District

At recent annual meetings of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District there has been considerable rather heated discussion about the Sedimentation Control Act or the new Sedimentation Control Act passed by the Michigan Legislature in 1972 and as it is now being applied in the preparation, cultivation and harvesting practices. Some of these comments have been rather personal, natural and personal interest in maintaining the productivity of their land and that it is not necessary to regiment them into using soil conserving practices.

Apparent some of the soil conservation officials looked at it a little differently. We were told that the plan was that a farmer would have to secure a permit from his Soil Con-

Agriculture—a changing picture

By Richard J. Allen
State Senator

For years it seemed to many of us that agriculture was a saddled neglected and ignored aspect of our economy and our society. "Neglected"—ignored, and mistreated.

A little attention in legislative halls and less in the press. Farmers went slowly, quietly, about their business of fanners went slowly, quietly, as dry beans and cherries. At Michigan's specialty crops such marketing of some of practices.

But we have some recognition? Properly interpreted would force a farmer to have a permit before he could carry on normal tillage or harvesting operations, I had a bill drafted to re-insert the language. We succeeded in passing my bill and the law now specifies that "Earth change in this section shall not apply to the practices of plowing and tilling soil for the purposes of crop production." The exemption is made very definite by adoption of another amendment which I sponsored stating that "This act does not apply to the plowing or tilling of land for the purpose of crop production or the harvesting of crops."

I was sure that all farmers join with me in the satisfaction which we experienced with the appointment for the first time of a genuine operating farmer to the Natural Resources Commission. It has been said that the Department of Natural Resources affects farmers in more ways and more directly than even the Michigan Department of Agriculture. So Governor Milliken's appointment of the Hillsdale County farmer, Dean Prigot, was very much in order and greatly appreciated.

This appointment is especially timely right now, since the newFarmland and Open Space Preservation Program of Tax Relief is being administered by the Office of Land Use in the Department of Natural Resources.

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Barbara Rehm

Every soil conservation district in Michigan, of which there are 85, has either a full or part-time district aide. Clinton County Soil Conservation District has had a district aide ever since 1950. The present district aide is Mrs. Barbara Rehm, who has been with the district for 4½ years. District aides duties consist of answering the telephone, correspondence, attending board meetings and recording the minutes, bookkeeping and fiscal year auditing, payroll and tax reporting, soil and map work, and making vocational training girls. She also supervises an On-the-Job Training girl from the St. John High School, Theresa Moon.

Mrs. Rehm, with the help of past On-the-Job Training girls, has completed the coloring of all 16 township soils maps and made watershed drain maps for each. The soils maps have been colored to represent: Limitations Residential Development; Without Public Sewers; Limitations Residential Development With Public Sewers; Potential Crop Yields (Prime Agricultural Lands); and Potential Production of Sugar Beets. These maps have been used by Wilbur Smith and Associates; Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and the Clinton County Planning Commission. Special maps have been made for the Mid-Michigan Health Department and the Clinton County township supervisors.

The District's Annual Tree Sale Program also takes up much of her time each spring. She assists the District in the planning, organizing, ordering, and distribution of the many varieties of trees they offer each year. Mrs. Rehm attended the Capital Area Association of Soil Conservation Districts meeting on a regular basis as a recording secretary; the 1974 Region IV Regional Soil Conservation Districts Meeting; and the District Aide Training Session sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee; and assisted the Clinton SCD directors with the annual meeting, Goodyear Contest, and the distribution of 3,000 Soil Stewardship Week bulletins inserts to local area churches.

The importance of lime

By William E. Lasher
Extension Agricultural Agent

Lime is used to increase the pH level in the top soil. The optimum pH level for almost all crops is between 6.0 and 7.0. Lime is used to raise the pH from 5.5 to 6.5 six months to one year in advance of high lime requirement crops. The main benefits of lime are:

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2. Improves crop yields.
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6. Promotes longer growth of legume stands, particularly alfalfa.

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Land use: most important issue

By Dale Ball, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture

The most important environmental issue facing the people of Michigan and the country today is that of land use. A strong land use program must be developed to keep productive land in food production if we are to continue to enjoy our present standard of living. A major portion of a land use program will involve designation of areas for specific uses. Any land use program must incorporate sound management principles.

Soil conservation districts have been operating programs of soil and water conservation for more than 35 years in Michigan. Each district has as its goal, "to assist land owners so that each acre of land is used within its capability so as to produce an economic or social return on a sustained basis." In short, soil conservation districts have been and are concerned with sound land management. At a time when we are losing thousands of acres of productive agricultural land each year to other uses and farmers are being urged to produce more, the role of soil conservation districts becomes even more significant. Proper utilization and management of the croplands we now have is a top priority goal of each district. Assistance in land utilization and management is available through districts for all land users. Through the years, soil conservation districts have assisted land users in establishing conservation practices, such as windbreaks, grass waterways, contour and strip cropping, windbreak planting and others which have helped maintain productivity of the land and have enhanced its aesthetic values.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Agriculture initiated a pilot study which is designed to determine the effectiveness of these measures. This study, being conducted on the Upper St. Joseph River in parts of Hillsdale, Branch and Calhoun counties, will measure runoff (soil loss) from various land uses and determine the effect of land treatment practices on water quality. The data developed from this study will be used to update current programs of soil and water conservation throughout the state and thus improve land management practices which are so essential to our nation's future.
Soil suitability and sewage disposal

Exposure to human waste is potentially dangerous and should be avoided whenever possible. There are many diseases that are transmitted via exposure to improper disposal of human waste; some examples are Hepatitis, Salmonella, Typhoid Fever, Dysentery, Hookworm and Tapeworm infestation. These diseases can be transmitted in many different ways such as on shoes and clothing, with pets and of course carried with insects. Next time you see a fly sitting on your plate, ask yourself where the fly was walking before it stopped in for dinner.

A properly functioning disposal system is one that will accept the normal amount of waste generated per day and still keep the effluent below the ground surface. The key to successful operation of any system is maintenance. In many cases the farmers and men who assist them.

Several times each year persons make application for a sewage disposal permit after they have purchased the property. In many cases there simply are no suitable soils on the lot so the permit application has been denied. There are many areas throughout Clinton County that simply are not suitable for septic systems due to the clay soils, high water level or a combination of both. If you already have a septic system serving your house it should be maintained to keep it functioning properly.

If you have any questions regarding Sewage Disposal Systems, please feel free to stop in or phone the Health Department. David Kraker, Sanitarian, Environmental Section, Mid-Michigan District Health Department, Clinton Branch Office.

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There is way to protect land from development

The Office of Land Use, Department of Natural Resources, states that the recent federal proposal to Open Space Preservation programs should take into consideration applications early this year, thus providing an opportunity for its impact on the land. It would allow landowners to protect their land from development by preserving it as open space.

Lands that qualify, are approved and registered for either an open-space easement or a farmland agreement, are exempted from special assessments for sanitary sewers, water and lights, or non-farm drainage unless the assessment were made prior to the signing of the agreement or easement. A land which is exempted from the special assessment will be entitled to the benefit of the improvement until the agreement or easement is terminated and the amount of the exemption has been paid.

Under a farmland agreement, the exact benefits would depend upon the property tax assessed against the property of the landowner. The landowner is entitled to claim as a credit on his Michigan income tax the amount by which the property taxes on the farmland covered by the agreement exceeded 7% of his household income. If the farm owner had no state tax liability, the credit would become a refund to him.

A landowner under an open-space easement, the direct tax benefits are present in the actual taxes paid by the landowner. This is done by reducing the land value by the difference between the current market value of the unrestricted property and the value of the property if the right to develop the land was restricted. This difference is the value of the development rights, which are exempt under the Act, and indicates the direct tax benefit of the landowner.

Challenge--new 4-H program

Challenge is a new 4-H program for youths and adult leaders in Michigan providing them the opportunity to experience outdoor and wilderness adventures. During 1974, Challenge was offered on a pilot basis to leaders and youth in three counties including Clinton, Allegan and Marquette. It is now open to all Michigan 4-H'ers.

Youth who enroll in "Challenge" project will gain experiences in staying in a woods overnight alone, exploring caves and caverns, crossing a berm bridge, repelling down a cliff one hundred feet high, traveling to the top of a mountain and surviving. During several days, scale a mile cliff with only the assistance of a rope, learn more about Indian lore and skills, do backpacking and canoeing and other outdoor wilderness adventures.

In 1974 Clinton County had 51 members enrolled in five local clubs. During the summer the leaders and teen leaders had training sessions in water survival, repelling, going through an obstacle course, first aid and splints, overnight survival, living off the land, canoeing and the eight members had the chance to learn these adventures from their leaders.

Members who participated in this new outdoor adventure learned to make the "impossible" possible, acquire a new sensitivity and appreciation for the natural environment, as well as, seeing themselves from a new perspective.

For the 1975 winter program, Clinton County has 16 members expected to hike in two clubs where they will learn more about winter survival, winter camping, snow shoeing, etc. Challenge is particularly designed to encourage involvement of people not formerly in 4-H. Wilderness survival is important to know since no one ever knows when they might find themselves in this situation.

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Audited Financial Report

Audited Financial Report
Clinton County Soil Conservation District
July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

Balance on Hand July 1, 1973 $1,011.55

RECEIPTS:
District Administrative Funds (State of Mich) $964.00
Conservation District Aide Funds (State of Mich) 3,765.00
State and Regional Meeting Funds 5,000.00
Sale of Tree and Shrub Planting Stock 3,300.00
Machinery Rentals 51.50
Annual Meeting Receipts 470.65
Crownvetch Sales 2,423.75
Other Receipts 85.00
Total Receipts $15,216.08

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS $16,227.63

DISBURSEMENTS:
Office Supplies and Postage $252.53
Directors Mileage and Expense 455.33
Conservation District Aide 7,606.92
Social Security 455.01
Bond, Workmen’s Compensation 48.05
Trees & Hauling 2,627.00
Annual Meeting 740.13
Publications 156.33
Youth Activities 45.00
Educational Materials 89.29
State & National Dues 275.00
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The Bible makes many references to the need for water use. One of the most significant occurs in the time when Hiram, King of Tyre and Solomon, formed a lumber and trading partnership. They sent 80,000 buaxers, and 360 cuts into the hill of Lebanon. Silt cakes above Lebanon, Lebanese became a new industry. Hiram and King Solomon made it out right well money-wise, but their rules of the forest ruined the country in a few years. The one million population of Lebanon dwindled to a handful of villagers. Early civilizations tell us about ways to protect the land before it was ruined, and the land that was ruined became desolate.

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Government land settlement programs, demand for quick profit, failure to recognize long-time climatic hazards, and lack of knowledge concerning devastation of erosion caused large portions of ten states to be abandoned at a derelict was, a desert. The present value of thousands of families and communities is common knowledge. What "Tobacco Road" told about the South, the book "Grapes of Wrath" told about the Great Plains. In both a hundred acres of land were involved. This story is told because the economic conditions of these situations brought about over vast areas and the hazards presented to welfare of the entire country, resulted in today's soil conservation programs. It was the birthplace of the soil conservation movement.

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What to look for when considering where to buy or build:

- Will the soil support my house without settling and cracking?
- What about the water table? Can I dig a basement and keep it dry?
- Can I use a septic system if one is needed?
- Is the lot in a flood plain and subject to flooding from nearby waterways during a heavy storm?
- Is the lot on a hillside subject to slippage or severe soil erosion?
- Will the soil support grass, flowers, shrubs and trees or is it "fill" or raw subsoil that needs added topsoil or special fertilizer and special care? Are certain parts of the lot best for certain uses — a swimming pool in a depressed area, a flower garden in good soil, a rock garden on poor soil?
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