

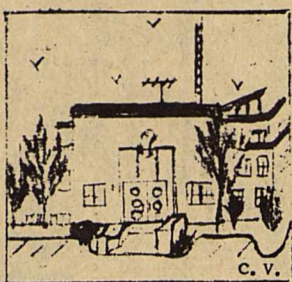


The Plains Record



OUR 37TH YEAR, THE PLAINS RECORD, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1968, NUMBER 21

around plains square



with Teny Lester



Some people may be upset over not getting to read personal and local happenings in this week's paper but we're very happy to have put out the fourth special edition concerning soil and water conservation.

A few people will say "I'm not interested in soil and water conservation, what does it mean to me." To the ones who are not interested, we ask you to please take time to read all the wonderful articles submitted by our local people. These people, from all walks of life, have taken time to submit personal views on what conservation means to them. It will make us all stop and think "Soil and water conservation does mean something, regardless of where I work or live."

I want to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to Murrell Thompson for all the assistance with the edition and to ones writing articles. I know each and everyone lives by a busy schedule and the Record truly appreciates your efforts.

Got so busy and involved this week, I forgot to congratulate the John Nances on their new daughter. Will try to get the announcement in the next edition.

Congratulations are always in order and we would like to add ours to Krista and Scott Cole for their achievements at Wellman Junior High this year. Krista was named valedictorian of the eighth grade class and Scott was named Best Actor at a special awards program. Their father, Homer Cole, is the supervisor of the local Farmer's Home Administration.

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School will be out this week and don't you know the walls of the buildings will almost collapse with silence. The past few weeks have been most enjoyable for me, getting to know so many of the students and faculty. We're going to miss the ones that won't be here next year, we hate to see you go. But we will be looking forward to school starting and working with many of you again.

Made the Caprock Fashion Market scene Sunday with Wilma Anderson of Tokio.

How about a "Blarney" colored bag to go with that "spicy tomato" slack suit this fall? It's not quite as bad as it sounds. - If you don't put those monstrous "clog" shoes with an outfit!

I was only kidding—These things are available but on the whole the casual fashion world is going to be rich in color with good taste in design.

Waved at Eunice Moore as she finished lunch to make more rounds of the exhibits.

Going to borrow Bill Overton's thought this week: Habit is like a cable, we weave a thread of it every day and at last find that we cannot break it. - How true!

Proclamation

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Gene H. Bennett, County Judge of Yoakum County do hereby declare the week of May 19th through the 26th to be set aside as Soil Conservation Week in Yoakum County. Therefore, let every citizen do all that is in his power to practice soil and water conservation at every opportunity for the betterment of our country now and in the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of Yoakum County, Texas to be affixed hereto at Plains, Texas, this the 20th day of May, 1968.

/s/ Gene H. Bennett
County Judge
Yoakum County, Texas

ATTEST:
/s/ Ruby Heald
County Clerk



The Soil Conservation Staff and District Board

DR. SQUYRES TELLS IMPORTANCE IN LIFE FOR CONSERVATION

By Berry N. Squyres, M.D.

Increasing the life span has made it necessary to utilize the resources of the world in order to furnish food, clothing, and shelter for the increased numbers of people. Advances in medicine have made the life span longer. Medicine and its allied sciences are therefore vitally concerned with soil and water conservation.

The dictionary defines health as a "state of being hale or sound in body, mind, or soul." Conservation is defined as "a conserving, preserving, guarding or protection."

The preservation of soil and water is certainly necessary for the preservation of health. In reverse order of the dictionary definition, being sound in mind and soul can be considered first. Much is being studied, and written, in the area of mental health. Most authorities agree that mental health begins with acceptance of oneself — self respect. Self respect cannot be maintained if one persists in getting something for nothing. If one takes from the land it must be replenished, or eventually there will be no more taking. Taking from the soil without replenishing it is getting something for nothing. Soil and water conservation is necessary in order to pay a just debt. Inability, or failure, to pay just debts keep one from having peace of mind.

There are many relationships between health of the body and conservation. An adequate diet is a necessity for body health. The correlation between depleted land and an inadequate diet can be readily seen in countries such as India or China. In this day of buying most of our food stuff at the grocery store, we could lose sight of this correlation. Regardless of how it is packaged, or served, food must come from the land—this is true, of course, even for the so-called synthetic foods. Somewhere, the land must be productive enough to produce what we eat. Conservation is necessary to continue this productivity. It is conceivable that land not now used for production of food stuff would be required for such at some future time.

Adequate clothing is a necessity of body health. Even one who does not farm can see that soil conservation is necessary to assure fibers for the making of clothes. Here again, this is true of the natural fibers as well as the synthetic fibers.

Adequate shelter, another of the necessities of the body, must start with the land. Even in the areas where materials for shelter are not produced there is responsibility (an overlap with mental health—acceptance of responsibility) for conservation in this category.

No one can say what our homes of the future will be built from. Some homes (adobe buildings) are built directly from the soil.

In a light, or not so light, vein some other facts might be mentioned in passing. The very work of soil conservation helps to burn some of the excess calories that most people consume these days. The very time spent in the work of soil and water conservation is time not spent in pursuits such as picketing, demonstrating, etc. Conservation of the land of a family is an area where it is easy to practice "family togetherness."

It should be stated here that conservation for the city or town plot of twenty-five square feet is necessary, just as it is necessary for the ranch of many sections or the farm of many acres.

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Mrs. Tom Box Speaks To 4-H Adult Leaders

Mrs. Tom Box, president, presided for the 4-H Adult Leaders meeting Tuesday night, May 14, at 8:30 in the club room. Mrs. Bob Rucker, secretary, called the roll for the fifteen adults who attended.

A report on the District 2 4-H Adult Leaders Association was given by Mrs. Box who is a delegate. She is also secretary-treasurer of the District Association.

Leo White, agent, and Mrs. Joe Henry Thompson, H.D. Agent, showed slides and narrated the slides on "Record Books." Mrs. Preston Murphy told of the many awards and scholarships available for 4-H Club boys and girls. Vicki Rucker showed and told about her blue ribbon record book winner. Vicki is a member of the Pathfinder 4-H Club in Denver City.

The next meeting will be Tuesday night, August 13 at 8:30 in the club room. The program will be on "Method Demonstrations given by Mrs. Joe Henry Thompson and Leo White. The teams who went to District 2 4-H Elimination in Lubbock May 5 will demonstrate their method demonstrations. They are: Tommy Guy Box and Dale Cleveland, Building a Trouble Light; Shelly Williams and Debbie Addison, piano duet in Share the Fun; and Debbie Chadwick and Sue Cleveland in safety - testing water.

Cake and punch furnished by Mrs. Claudia Addison and Mrs. Cheatham were served.

Water District Tax Refund Scheduled

Landowners in the South Plains Undergruond Water Conservation District who filed for a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance should soon be receiving their tax refund checks according to Wayne Wyatt, manager of the Water District.

Wyatt reports that he recently talked with Internal Revenue Service personnel in the Dallas office and they reported that the water depletion claims filed from this area are now being processed. The cost-in-water tax depletion allowance program sponsored by the Water District has been estimated to benefit local landowners near \$500,000.00 in tax savings and refunds. The tax refund checks to the local landowners which are expected in the near future will range from about \$150.00 to almost \$10,000.00.

The cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance first became a legal deduction for the landowners in the Southern High Plains of Texas in late

1965 as a result of the now famous court case, Marvin Shurbet vs. the United States Government.

Very few, if any, landowners in the South Plains Undergruond Water Conservation District have been allowed the depletion allowance prior to this year due to the necessity of the taxpayer to prove three facts to support his claim to the L. R. S. First, he must prove the cost in his water at the date of purchase, second, he must be able to prove how much water in feet of saturated thickness that he had under his property at the date of purchase and third, he must prove how much the water table declined under his property in the year the claim is made. The necessity to prove these facts made it rather difficult and expensive for the landowner to receive water allowance.

The burden of each landowner to support his cost-in-water income tax depletion claim with sufficient data of fact concerning ground water conditions, changes and economic data was assumed by the South Plains Undergruond Water Conservation District. The Water District prepared a set of hydrological maps and cost-in-water guidelines which were submitted to the L.R.S. for approval for the purpose of supporting the taxpayers claim. The L.R.S. approved these maps and cost-in-water data in February, 1968. The Water District then made this service available to the local landowners in the District on a contractual agreement basis through local tax consultants.

Bob Loe, President of the Board of Directors of the Water District, stated that the District was very happy to have been able to make this service available to the local landowners. Loe further stated that this is only one of the many beneficial services that the District can and will perform for the people we serve.

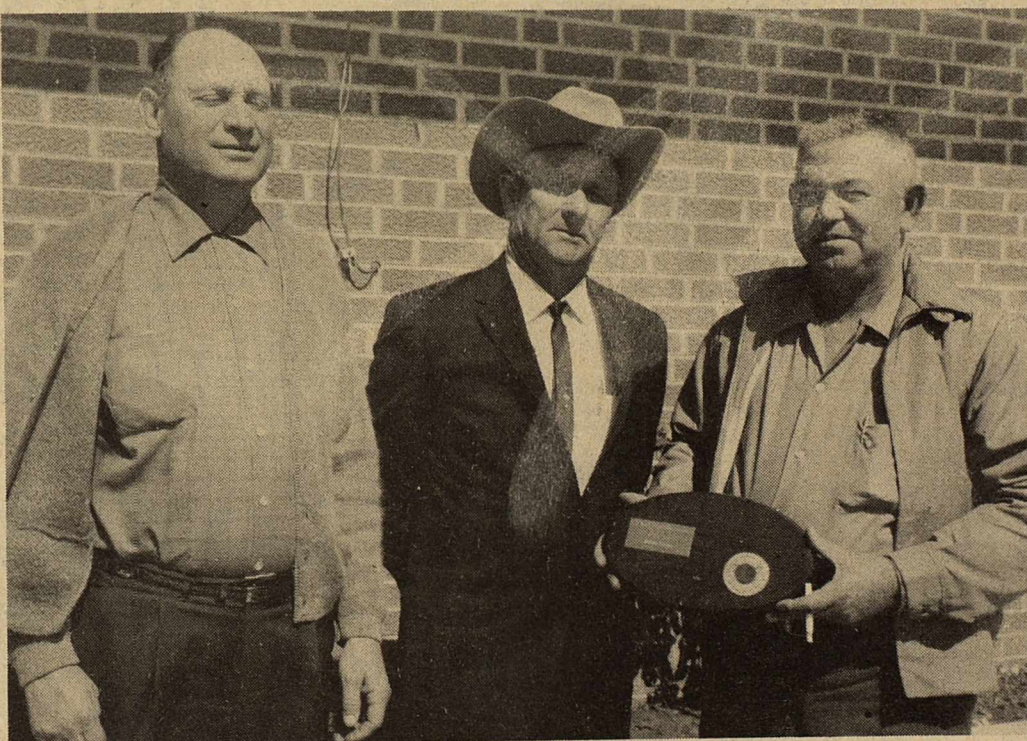
Barrett's Plan Move

L. W. and Claudia G. Barrett, owners and managers of Barrett Funeral Home, have reported to the Record that they will soon be bidding their friends in Plains goodbye. Mr. Barrett related that they will lock the doors of the funeral home shortly after June 1 and will move back to Morton.

The Barretts have lived in Plains since 1960, moving here from Morton. Mr. Barrett wanted to offer a special thanks to Raymond Bookout, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Pearl Loe, Rev. H. A. Tarkington, D. C. Newsom, Doyle Newsom and all the rest of their wonderful friends and neighbors for the assistance rendered them during their stay in Plains.

Farmers Union Meet Set

Farmer's Union will meet at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Plains Club Room for their regular monthly meeting. All members are urged to attend.



OUTSTANDING FARMER: Outstanding Conservation Farmer Robert A. Long is shown being presented his plaque by Charles Freeman of the Denver City Lions Club and E. W. New, director of the Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District.



William Worsham, District Director

Two County Officials Plan Austin Conclave

County Clerk Ruby Heald and Charlie Gillis, County Auditor, will be among some 150 county auditors, clerks, treasurers and other officials expected to attend a two-day

University of Texas at Austin conference on financial administration today and tomorrow. The Hidalgo County auditor, Robert B. McLeish Jr. of Edinburg, and a San Antonio

certified public accountant, Roy L. Pope, will be among the speakers for the 10th County Auditors' Institute sponsored by the UT Institute of Public Affairs.

South Plains Names Plains Graduates

Sherm Eugene Hendar, Donald Roy Layton, Shirley Dene McDonnell and Nona Gail O'Neal, all former Plains High students, will be among 131 graduates when South Plains college holds its tenth annual commencement in the new Texas Dome at 10 a.m. Friday.

Ladies Golf Plans Made

Ladies Golf Day is set for every Thursday at the Yoakum County Golf Course with free lessons for advanced players at 8:45 a.m. and for beginners at 9:45 a.m.

The course is reported to be in good condition and golf pro Roy Fain welcomes all ladies, either beginners or advanced.

Golf clubs are available for rent at very reasonable prices.

City Hires McClellan

Plains City Council met in special session Friday night in the City Hall for the purpose of hiring a new plan foreman to replace W. B. Scott, whose resignation is effective June 1.

Ralph McClellan was hired to this position by the Council.

Following certification by Academic Dean Nathan Tubb, a diploma will be presented by college President, Dr. Marvin L. Baker. The invocation will be given by Charles Sylvester. The college chorus will sing selected numbers directed by Harley Bulls with Larry Don Wiley as accompanist.

The commencement address will be given by Dr. Glen E. Barnett, vice-president for Student Affairs and Professor of Education at the University of Colorado.

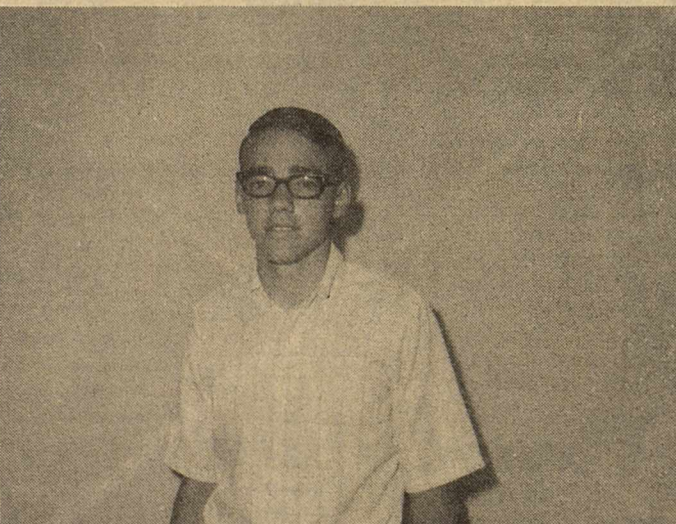
A reception for graduates, their friends and families will be held in the Student Union Building following the service which is open to the public.

Bible School Set Soon

Vacation Bible School has been set at the First Baptist Church for children from 3-16 years of age for May 29 through June 7.

Registration will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. After registration, there will be a parade. School time each morning will be from 8:30 through 11:30.

All children of the above ages are welcome to attend.



DRIVER OF WEEK: Mike Loe, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loe, was named by officials Monday as Safe Driver of the Week. Mike is a freshman in Plains High and participates in football and basketball. He was named Star Green Hand of the local F.F.A. Chapter this year and is a member of the Student Council.

Jr. High Exercise Slated For Friday In Plains

The Plains Eighth Grade Commencement has been set for Friday, May 24, in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

James Stewart and Rojann Harvey are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the graduating group. Other students who had a 90 or bet-

ter average are Kevin Guetersloh, Randal Fitzhugh, Shelley Simpson and Judy Smith.

Students who will appear on the program are Rita Brian, Rojanna Harvey, James Stewart, Shelley Simpson, Joetta Warren and David Barnett. The public is cordially invited to attend.

by Mrs. Bob Blondell

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The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club stresses the importance of soil conservation programs. Each year the club holds a meeting on soil conservation to discuss new ideas. We know that we have a personal responsibility in safeguarding our natural resources. We see the need to preserve the land for future generations. We live in a community that depends almost entirely on the soil; therefore we benefit from study programs that explain modern methods of conservation. We have discussed the need for replenishing the soil by the use of fertilizers. We also realize the importance of covering the

soil with closely growing plants to prevent erosion. Thought has been given to contour plowing and strip-cropping and how it helps prevent wind and rain erosion. Deep-breaking is almost essential to the farmers in this area.

Grass fires are a hazard for the rancher. Livestock can also destroy much of the original plant cover by over-grazing, and it takes many years for grass to return once it has been destroyed.

The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club is concerned with the better understanding of soil conservation and the process involved. We will continue to promote this vital program.

PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION OF CONSERVATION

by Ruby Heald, County Clerk

We are living in the most dynamic era the world has ever known. Change is occurring at such a rapid pace, that we are left breathless, always amazed, and maybe a bit bewildered. Technology plays a major part in our stepped-up pace; it has given us automation to modernize and streamline our operations whether it be in the field of Soil and Water Conservation or other industries. Technological advancement with its miraculous hardware and scientific advancement make it appear that the status of Soil and Water Conservation is diminishing. Nothing could be less true as far as land owners interested in Conservation of their soil are concerned. We must, and we will, control and direct these

tools. We must continue to gain knowledge in every area of our responsibility or we lose our subsoil to other areas of our country and nation as you may see how the terrain has changed today compared to the time when we grew up and the correct measures were not undertaken to conserve the land has not had the proper care. Vegetation needs to be compatible to the soil and environment.

There is a lot to be said for taking a step back to view your Conservation work. It goes along with the old adage about not weeding the forest because of the trees. Much success may be obtained from imagination, planning and service. The land owner is in charge of a complicated operation with many "Trees", and

The following is my idea of soil and water conservation in the Yoakum County:

Severe wind erosion occurred in many areas of the South Plains during the early thirties, creating what later was termed "the dust bowl area". The wind erosion hazard still exists. In addition, there is an increasing need to conserve moisture from both rainfall and underground supplies.

Soil erosion caused by wind and water has been the subject of intensive research by the various agricultural agencies and services. Information gained from these studies has been effective in getting conservation practices established on many acres of land. A critical need, however, exists for the application of additional conservation measures on

yet he is responsible for the efficiency and appearance of the forest.

One way to get an overall view is to take a look at other forests, your neighbors fields and their operation. Communication with other land owners is an important part of Conservation functioning and to seek out the most modern and efficient systems and put them to work in the service of your farms or ranches whether it be a small acreage or covers many square miles.

Two by-words: Planning and Organization, may mean the difference between success and failure.

Irrigation wells and dependable fuel has provided a tremendous economic incentive for farmers and ranchers to get into and expand their Conservation

by Judge Gene Bennett

many other acres. Wind erosion and water use efficiency in the South Plains area are probably the two most prevalent problems in Soil and Water Conservation.

The main objectives in conservation of soil and water in the South Plains area are: (1.) to control wind and water erosion; (2.) mixed lands, and (3.) sandy lands. The application of these practices will also differ for irrigated and non-irrigated lands.

CONSERVATION TREATMENT FOR PASTURE

New stands of grass may be established where long time land divisions are being initiated. Old stands of grass may be renovated through tillage and additional seed may be planted for stand improvement.

Fertilization according to soil test recommendations should be done. This can take place in many cases when renovation or seeding is practiced. This is desirable when planting grasses for hay production.

Weed and brush control should be practiced by chemical, mechanical, and biological methods.

Fences should be constructed and watering facilities provided to permit a system of rotation grazing and hay harvesting, and to allow proper pasture use. Pastures should never be over grazed.

Where irrigation is used on pasture and meadow land, a design capable of obtaining maximum use of water should be employed. Sprinkler systems are more effective on the sandy, more permeable soils. Water delivery systems

should be designed for minimum losses.

Insect control may be needed at times to protect investments in fertilizer and irrigation water.

CONSERVATION TREATMENT FOR RANGELAND

Range sites in the South Plains are classified according to soil texture, thickness of soil, type of soil and topography. There are deep and hard land, mixed land, sandy land, sandy plains, deep sand, mixed plains, rough breaks, bottom land, shallow land, hard and rd land slopes, and mixed land slopes.

Proper range use and deferred grazing should be practiced on all range sites regardless of range condition class.

Seeding may be necessary to improve grass stands on range

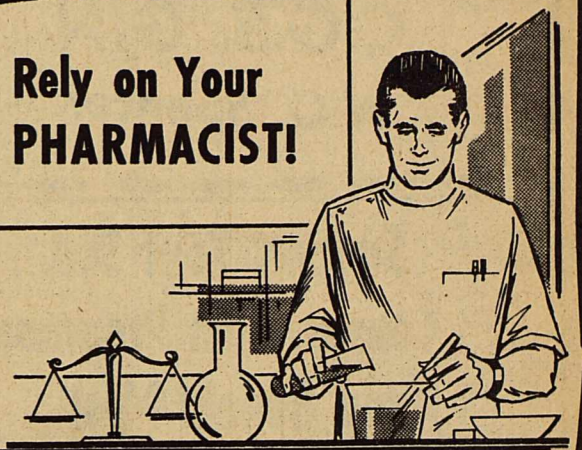
sites when the condition is classified as poor. Native grass seed harvested near the range site should be used if practical.

Brush control should be practiced on all average, medium or poor range conditions classes except in the rough breaks, high lime, shallow land, and steep slope sites. Removal of brush on these areas will not increase grass production appreciably and may accelerate erosion.

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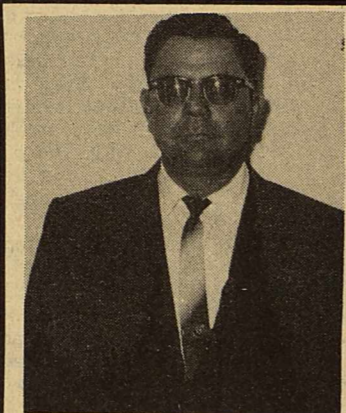
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I believe the county has a moral responsibility for a certain amount of hardship cases. I believe the county should solve as many welfare cases as possible through the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross and other charitable institutions.

If elected Commissioner of Precinct 3 all duties will be carried out in an efficient manner every year of my elected term.

Barron Blair

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Barron Blair



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Fire, flood, drought and improper planting can all lead to soil erosion. It is up to each of us to protect against these hazards. Follow the rules set down by the Soil Conservation District, to conserve that six inches of soil that is our very life.

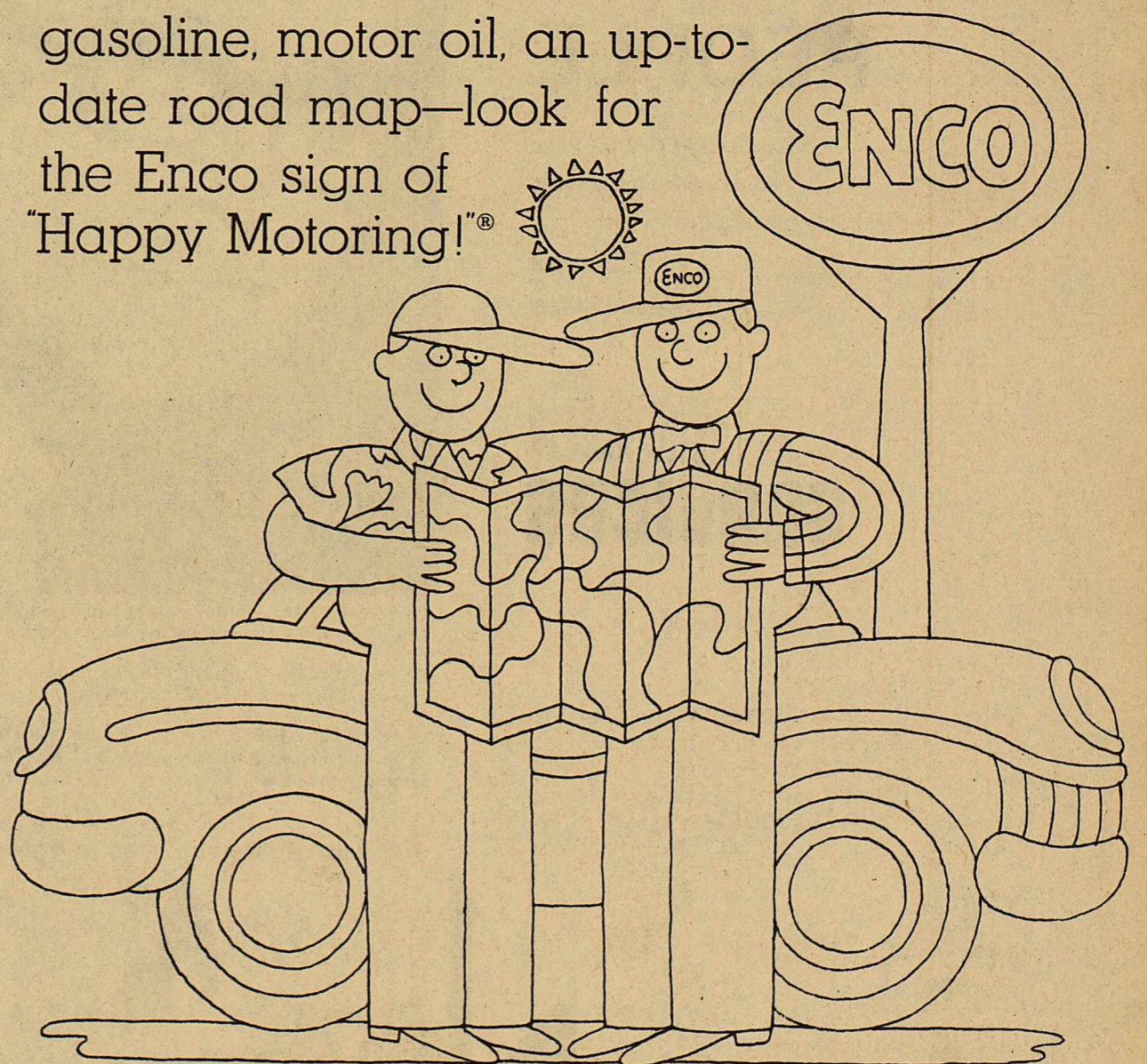


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by Homer P. Cole, Farmers Home Administration

For the soils of your farm, now is the time to compare and evaluate. Are you receiving maximum yields and income? What is the capability of your farm unit. Look at your fields for signs of erosion, then decide whether or not you need to change your methods of farming and management. The choice, of course, must be yours.

Yoakum County covers 830 square miles. Soil scientists made a survey to learn what kinds of soils are in Yoakum County, where they are located and how they can be used. For the best use and management of the soils, and what yields can be expected consult the local representative of the Soil Conservation Service. They will work out a complete plan for your farm.

Yoakum County with its 531,200 acres of land has in the past 30 made good growth and development in the field of agriculture. Yoakum County has a great potential for further development.

In the next thirty years of the year 2000 the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In its publication "Communities of Tomorrow" is of the opinion that land and water resources will have to double the food output.

In order to meet this need, conservation and proper use must be made of all of the soil, forest, grassland, and wildlife resources on our farms.

To help direct the forces of change, plan now for a better tomorrow.

CONSERVATION WEEK
by Mayor Roy Edwards

Cities and Municipalities across the Nation are more concerned with Soil and Water Conservation today, than any other period of history of our great Nation.

More particularly are we, as a Municipality, concerned with fresh water conservation. Fresh water that seems to be in bountiful supply today, may not be adequate for the population ten or twenty years from now.

To be able to supply the needs of future generations with

by Vernon Townes, County Attorney

Soil Conservation is a subject that vitally affects and concerns every citizen of West Texas, and not just the farmer or rancher. Often times people feel that if they do not own land that it is a subject that is of no concern to them.

However, although the housewife may not own any land when she tries to get the sand out of her house following a sandstorm, she should remember that soil conservation would have either eliminated or vastly reduced that particular problem. When an oilfield contractor has trouble getting down a road because sand has blown across it, or when a city merchant complains because of a farm economy, all of these are problems that can be directly effected by soil conservation.

As an attorney in examining abstracts that cover a period of many years, I can see the effects of soil conservation, or conversely of land abused, and its direct effect upon land values. I have in mind right now a tract of land in Yoakum County that was put in cultivation many years ago, but conservation practices were not followed and in some drought years,

prosperity and fresh water, it is necessary that we realize the value of conserving our soil and water today. As mayor of the City of Plains, I want to help in recognizing this as Soil and Land Conservation Week.

the land just blew out and was practically destroyed in its value; it has recently been placed back in cultivation with proper conservation practices being followed and the value of the land has increased. Originally the land was ranching land, then when it was placed in cultivation its land value increased greatly in its value; it has now been leveled and placed back in cultivation with proper conservation practices being followed and now the land is again increasing in value. This story is repeated many, many times over this West Texas area.

The reason that it is everyone's business is that although the farmer must be the one who follows proper land practices the increased awareness of each citizen of West Texas can emphasize and point up the importance of proper conservation practices and there is a great amount of mass psychology in this soil conservation matter. We have seen many times how the practices of one farmer following proper conservation practices can influence and effect his neighbor, and the increased awareness of all of the people of West Texas of the importance of this matter to each of us can engender an enthusiasm for proper practices among those most directly effected.

Any time the sand is blowing in West Texas if you will drive around through the country you will find some fields blowing badly and some holding, and in 99% of the cases the difference between holding and blowing is proper conservation practices. . . . And further you will find that in Yoakum County land values vary most widely, due to the condition of the land and again this relates to proper conservation practices. Proper conservation practices can enable the farmer to realize more profit from his operations and everyone in West Texas ultimately are dependent upon the farmer as the backbone of West Texas economy and therefore this matter is something that all of us should concentrate upon constantly.

CONSERVATION IN YOAKUM COUNTY
by Raymond Bookout, Commissioner

I have lived in Yoakum County since 1930. There has been a great change in farming and practices in the past 37 years. In the early days with only teams to farm with there was no such thing as deep plowing. We had no way to stop the sand as we do today.

What little we did grow was almost all harvested either by grazing or bundling. Good crop residue was just not available. We did not realize that leaving the residue would save soil or moisture.

Grass on land that is not good crop land is the best use; we will see more and more of our sandier land put in a permanent stand of grass.

In the 1940's and 1950's the county commissioner of Yoakum County spent several hundred tax dollars on leveling of fence rows and sand hump. In the last few years there have not been building up and

we think with continued Soil and Water Conservation. We will not need to spend your tax dollars for an un-needed job. That is to Haul off Your Topsoil.

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DON'T LET WIND EROSION GET OUR SOIL
by Bill Overton, ASCS Manager

Don't let wind erosion get a grip of our farms and our future. Wind erosion can destroy farm productivity for not only us but for those that come after us.

Yoakum County farmers have signed intentions to divert 52,522 acres of cropland from the production of cotton and feed grains under the 1968 cotton and feed grains programs. To comply with their intentions the diverted land must be

put to an approved use. With the good moisture the opportunity is great now for establishing a good approved conservation crop cover. How will this land look next spring?

Both our personal prosperity and our country's growth depends on good sound soil conservation practices. What we do today for lands sake will benefit us, our land, our community tomorrow.

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WATER CONSERVATION
by Foy Streetman, Chamber of Commerce President

Being approached to write a short article about water conservation, came somewhat as a surprise, being that I am somewhat of a novice in this area.

Rumors of lowering water tables shows that now is the time to take some decisive action, water being the determining factor in success or failure of the West Texas area.

Of course, we know to be conservative is the first step but with the increasing demand this will not be enough. There are such companies as American Foundering and Manufacturing that are coming up with methods to abstract pure water economically from salt water which we have a quantity underground supply of.

There also are government programs that might be successful in bringing water from some of the more fortunate regions that have more than adequate reservoirs.

Most of all is to understand the need and do as much as we can for the future.

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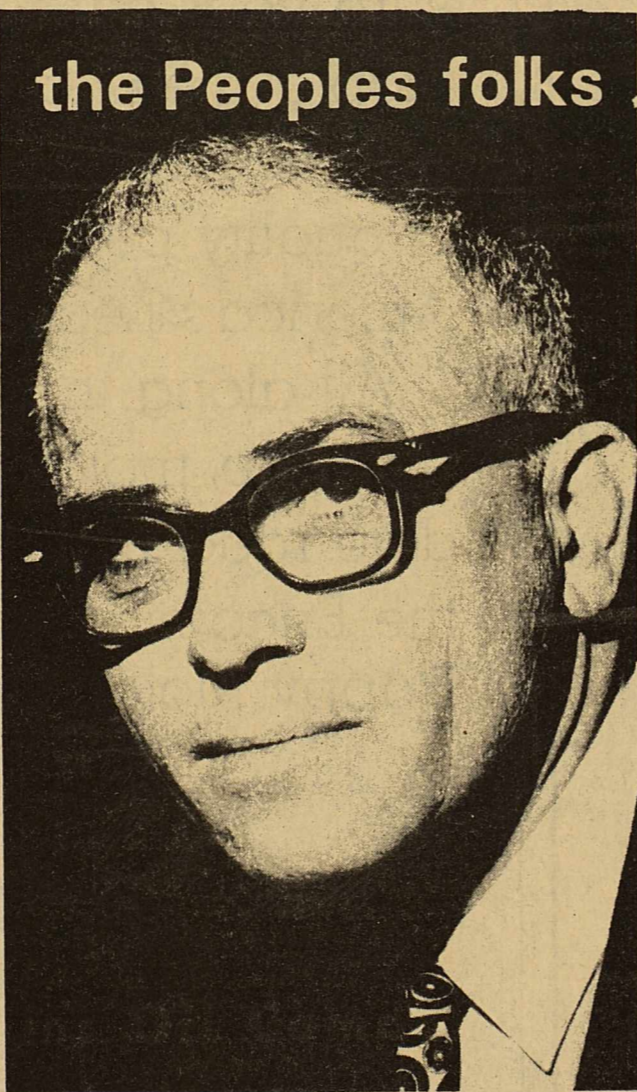
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Yoakum County was one of the seven counties that had an entry in Region I for the Conservation Homemaker of the Year Award. This was the largest number that has entered in a number of years. Mrs. Charles Williams of Route 1, Tokio, Texas was the participant from Yoakum County, and the county is grateful to Mrs. Williams for representing the county so well.

A quotation taken from her report is: "We feel conservation of natural resources is very important. The farmland will be and remain more pr-

ductive, and the grasslands will provide better grazing for livestock and more food and better protection for wildlife." Mr. R. S. Wilson, who was Vice President in charge of Sales of the Goodyear and Rubber Company, gave a three-sided philosophy of Conservation: "The Soil--our precious common heritage; The Self-- those qualities of individual self-respect; The Soul-- acceptance by a people of the basic principles of Christ's te-

CONSERVATION
by Sudie M. Thompson, County Home Demonstration Agent

achings. The same definition of conservation fits each of the three because conservation is preservation, protection, and abuse or misuse. Then there are the same elements of danger that affects each such as depletion, erosion, and silting.

Then the tools by which conservation is defended is faith, knowledge, integrity, and industry. These are the elements that make up not only Yoakum County but our nation

because conservation should be everybody's business, with major responsibility resting upon local people in every vicinity. The John Deere Company thinks highly of the conservation of our natural resources because they will give four gold-filled medals of honor to each county. The state winner receives an expense paid trip to 4-H Congress in Chicago; and for the six highest scoring at 4-H Congress, each a \$600 scholarship.

CONSERVATION

by Cordell Huddleston

Protection and Improvement of Our Soil:

Erosion damage is not confined to the land, but it also affects buildings, roads, and equipment. And as a result, the people suffer when the land is not protected. Much work remains to be done before Wind and Water Erosion is brought under control.

Hats off to those dedicated men and women in our community who are practicing con-

servation. We can see a constant improvement in our farm land and this is a direct result of hard work and good conservation.

Let us be good stewards of the soil today in order that tomorrow's generations will have the opportunity to produce the foods and agricultural products needed for survival.

"SOIL CONSERVATION TODAY--GREATER PROGRESS TOMORROW!"

FARMERS REALIZE NEED OF GOOD SOUND CONSERVATION

by H. W. Taunton

We, the farmers, realize the need of good sound conserving practice. Since the early fifties our county has come to the front in preserving and conserving this God given good productive land. Without good practices it would erode.

It is amazing what has been done in our county the past years. With good conservation practices, we have upped the yield of all crops to and above anything thought possible; which we as farmers know we must continue to do with the professional help we have at our fingertips through the governmental offices in our county which is available to us.

As we have strong winds; it is not nearly so bad as it was before we put to practice the rotation of our crops plus be-

ing more conscious of conserving practices so essential to our livelihood. God had blessed of us. Why should we abuse it when we can have a beautiful and productive County which must be to develop our community and town into cities growing with better schools and churches, with even more friends and neighbors to enjoy what you and I have found in a wonderful county with good farmers and business men.

Let us protect our land for future generations--your son and mine. Let us look to the future--planning every step to protect with good conservation practices. With this in mind, we will give a little more to the generations to follow, making our returns greater at present.

CONSERVATION PART OF STUDENT EDUCATION
by John M. Nance

As an educator I am aware of the responsibilities we Americans face in the areas of soil and water conservation. Conservation of our natural resources is an important part of any student's education. We feel that any science course should include a study of conservation.

Since I am a farmer's son and grew up on a farm, I am well aware of the advantages of a sound conservation program. In the early 1950's we did very little planning to protect our soil from the wind. During this time, we saw the rich fertile soil on portions of the farm blow completely away. For several years we could tell the very spots on our farm which was or had been left unprotected.

Later, when it rained, these wind-blown spots were always

the first to wash badly. We certainly paid dearly for our mistakes of poor planning to conserve our rich soil.

After dad put down his first irrigation well, everytime we irrigated the question, "How will we replace all of the pure water taken from the ground?" always arose. Realizing it takes a great deal of time to replenish the supply, I am frightened to see the crystal clear water being pumped from the ground in such great quantities.

Soil and water conservation is a vital topic to each of us in the United States, in Texas and in Yoakum County. It is our responsibility as educators and parents to tell our children of the necessity of conserving these two precious gifts from God.

SAVE THE SOIL

CONSERVATION VIEWS
by R. E. Loyd

This is the time of the year when one can best find the people who are practicing good conservation practices. In touring the countryside the farms which have been farmed by good conservation are not blowing, the borrow ditches are not full of sand, there is still some stalk residue although th-

ey may have already planted and above all they are probably not having to plant over because they did not blow out.

This is what conservation means to me. It is an economic proposition because it takes more money to fight the sand and replant. The farmers who have good practices usually make a better crop also.

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Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
Training Union... 6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m.
W. M. U. ... Tuesday... 10:00 a. m.
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The Plains Record

Most of the native range land has a heavy cover of shin oak with some mesquite and a very limited amount of grass. Under these conditions, cattlemen estimate that about forty acres are required to furnish feed for one cow and then she will need some \$12 to \$15 worth of supplemental feed to get her through the winter.

An effort has been made to improve the grazing value of the native land by using chemicals to control the growth of shinny and mesquite. This

GRASS PROTECTS THE LAND AND FEEDS THE LIVESTOCK
by Leo White, County Agricultural Agent

is a usable practice and offers a great deal of merit but it is not an eradication measure. The large breaking plow used for putting Yoakum County land into a state of cultivation is the best known method of eradicating shinny. This method is costly and it cannot be used in all parts of the county. Some soils have such a thick covering of sand that the deep plow will not penetrate into the underlying clay. This is

the soil where chemical control is the best known treatment.

Land that has been in cultivation for two years or three years and all the shin oak had been killed, can be put back to grass and used for livestock production. Weeping lovegrass and Blackwell switchgrass has a longer life than weeping lovegrass and cattle like it a little better during the late summer and fall. Weeping lovegrass comes out earlier in the spring and makes a good growth during the spring and early summer. Both these grasses have been known to furnish an almost unbelievable amount of grazing when properly managed. Reports have been made where these grasses carried one head per acre for a four month period. A more realistic figure would seem to be one animal unit for each ten to twelve acres. Then there are those dry years when one cow would stay hungry running on twenty or thirty acres.

By using a good rotation system, one section (640 acres) of these grasses should take care of thirty to forty head of cattle by providing them with a minimum amount of protein supplement during the winter.

SOIL CONSERVATION--DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STAYING OR MOVING
by Lloyd Allsup

Soil Conservation means the difference in living on the South Plains or moving. If no one practices soil conservation, this entire county wouldn't feed very many rabbits.

Before the farmer and the rancher moved into this area, mother nature took care of saving the soil by growing enough grass to seed back each year. Seems like mother nature knows more about conserving the soil than a lot of people. She knows you have to put something back in the soil. A prime example can be seen on a farm near Plains. Someone put the plow on about 100 acres of this section, and didn't practice any type of conservation, what was left is not pretty to see. This completely barren land won't even grow a weed. The rest of the section was never plowed, therefore the grass has held the soil together and it is rich fertile land, that will

This does not sound like a great deal of improvement considering the cost of breaking and reseeding but the people who are doing it feel real good about it.

grow anything. I feel that land is too expensive to leave in grass. So our next best bet is to farm this land but so as mother nature has some and put something back into the soil. There are many known methods we may use in doing this. The best method is to stop wind erosion by leaving clods and stalks on top to break the wind. We have a thriving community in Plains, Texas, and I feel like it's here due to soil conservation. If we will be good stewards of the soil that "God" gave us dominion over, even our neighbors will think more of us.

CONSERVATION IS LONGTIME PROJECT
by H. G. McDonnell

Soil Conservation is a project that has been carried out in Yoakum County for over a period of years. It is a means of preserving the soil from erosion. It is prevented by sowing grasses, leaving a good amount of maize stubble, etc. To many people, it is something that is just going on and to the others, it is something to look forward to. It saves both the farmer and the tax payers money. To the farmer it may mean not having to plant over. Farmers that level a plot of land can also lose money if sand accumulates on the plot of land.

Soil Conservation saves the tax payers money because the less sand that is piled up in the ditches along the highways, the less taxes they have to pay to have the sand hauled out of the ditches. Soil conservation even ships the wildlife. The cover crops provide shelter and coverage for quail, prairie chickens, doves, rabbits, coyotes, etc. This helps the hunters so that they may have plenty of game during the hunting seasons.

Soil Conservation is something that everyone should look upon and decide how it could and does help you.



Supervisor Charles Williams in a field of grain sorghum residue being used to protect soil and conserve moisture.

OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
by Robert Young

Soil Stewardship should be kept in mind by all people. Not only the ones who has the responsibility of management but each and everyone who is interested in the present and future of his country.

The Lord created the heavens and earth and the fullness thereof. Our duty should be working and looking forward to being a food steward to conserve and build for the betterment of this generation and for generations that will follow. There is so much that could be said about our natural resources. Time and talent does not let me say what I would like to express.

We have valuable mineral resources which are fast disappearing and it should be on everyone's mind to take care of the minerals the best we know how.

The fresh water, one of our most valuable resources, needs to be given top priority on the list of all resources for stewardship week. Not only stewardship week but years. Let us all strive for better stewardship for all natural resources.



Crop residue management our best soil protector shown is Doug Lowe of Big Spring area S. C. S. Office.

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STEWARDSHIP OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
by Mrs. Robert Young

Stewardship of our natural resources has now become critical. Not in our state, our nation but world wide. We must become better educated in stewardship, in order to feed the hungry world. We know that a hungry nation will not listen to reasons. A warning of this need may be found by joining with God and others in a Conservation movement. We must join in a nation wide stewardship week, not only this week but in years to come. Each individual must function as a responsible citizen.

The quality and quantity of natural resources have become critical. If we are to leave natural resources for the next generation, we must start acting now to help control air and soil pollution and soil erosion. For over the years we have neglected and misused our resources until it has become a matter of concern.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

We must strive to protect the environment which God had given us. Through the years more and more farmers have moved away from the farm due to the ever increasing expense and taxes which are increasing faster than the prices the farmers receives for the products he has to sell. The solution to this can only depend on how well the farmer can conserve his land by crop rotation and tenacing to conserve the natural waterfall, as well as how he manages his irrigation water and weed control program.

Are we to busy to attend meetings and take an active part in expressing our opinions about the management of our resources. This includes the control of hazardous weeds such as the bind weed which is now taking our town.

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SOIL CONSERVATION
by Thomas W. Barnes

Many of us, except the people who is directly connected with the agriculture industry, never pay much attention what soil and water conservation really is doing, but with the extremely loose sandy loamtype soil that is found in the West Texas region, we must have help in the conservation of our soils. With the help of our soil conservation offices in the west Texas region they may recommend leaving stubble on our land to help combat wind erosion.

With the excellent moisture that has fallen this year we may also count our many blessings for the Dept. in directing our farming practices, in preserving of our sub-surface season. I can't keep from thinking about in virgin soils we are told that there are nine to ten inches of top tillable surface on our land. From wind and water erosion there are only about six inches of tillable soil left. What would happen, I wonder if there wasn't a soil left. What would happen, I wonder if there wasn't a soil and water conservation department for our help in preserving our most precious asset, our land. Without it we would perish. If for one would like to say thanks to the Department.

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