

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

WATER QUALITY - by Ray Beilke, Secretary

Douglas County contains parts of three river watershed and 387 lakes plus numerous marshes that contribute to the well being of man and animal alike.

Douglas County also has a large area that has abundant underground water that is capable of sustaining irrigation.

Water quality plays a large part in the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District's program. Taking care of these water resources finds us more and more involved in barnyard diversions and designing manure pits. We are also consulted on lakeshore erosion problems too, as we have a large population with year around lake homes. People seem to be more aware of problems that are from natural causes and also caused by people. With the expertise of the Soil Conservation Services forty-two years in business, we are a natural to come to for help.

With the Viking Basin groundwater study, roadside erosion control completed and the carp control project underway, we have come a long way in controlling and monitoring our water resources.

These projects, and of course, other wind and water erosion control practices have helped make Douglas County a good place to live, and a good place for others to spend their vacation.

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WINNING FARMER: Darrell Klinder, a Belle River township farmer, sportsman and meat cutter was named Douglas County's "Conservation Farmer" for 1977.

Mr. Klinder has been working closely with the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District for five years in the reclamation of his land.

Because the farm is on sandy soil, Klinder installed an irrigation system. An additional measure to preserve the soils moisture, Klinder chisel plows his field. He also has planted farmstead and field wind-breaks. Mr. Klinder also has preserved land for wildlife habitat.

Mr. and Mrs. Klinder attended the State Soil and Water Conservation Convention at Arrowwood Lodge in Alexandria in December.

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SOIL STEWARDSHIP: The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District again sponsored the yearly Soil Stewardship Week, April 30 - May 7, 1978.

Soil Stewardship Week 16-page 4-color booklet and a copy of the litany was sent to all churches in Douglas County. The theme for 1978 was "Compelling Ventures".