

## INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a poster and essay contest each year and information was sent to all schools and 4-H clubs in the county. Themes for the 1981 contests were: "Dirt Who Needs It?" and "Will there be enough land to feed us in the year 2000? - Can soil conservation make a difference?".

Soil Stewardship Week, May 24-31, was again sponsored by the Douglas SWCD. The theme for 1981 was "Society's Pressure Points". Soil Stewardship books were sent to all churches in Douglas County.

The Fair Booth display at the county fair was well attended again this year. Various leaflets pertaining to soil and water conservation were available and as an added attraction several potted evergreen trees were given away.

Several classroom presentations were given in county schools, including slide shows, informational presentations, and question and answer sessions.

An Open House was held at the district office with the following agencies available to help landowners: ASCS, the DNR forester, Douglas County Extension Agent, and FmHA personnel.

The District Board has, as a priority, set goals towards putting more conservation education programs to the public to inform them of our on going conservation programs.

## CONSERVATION FARMER

Richard and LaNell Schlosser were chosen as the outstanding Conservation Farmers in Douglas County for 1980. The Schlossers farm in the northeast part of the county and have been District Cooperators since 1978. Conservation practices on their farm include: contour stripcropping, terraces, an ag waste management system, stockwatering ponds, a farmstead shelterbelt, and minimum tillage. The Schlossers attended the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' State Convention held at St. Cloud in early December.