

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

OUTSTANDING FARMERS

Roger and Pat Dittberner, Leaf Valley Township, were chosen the Douglas County Conservation Farmers of the year for FY 1982.

The Dittberner's operate a dairy and hog farm. The following conservation practices have been installed on their farm: a barnyard runoff collection pond, a liquid manure holding pit, a stock watering pond, a 700 foot clear water diversion, and a farmstead shelterbelt.

The Dittberner's attended the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts annual convention at Alexandria in early December.

ESSAY, POSTER, AND MURAL CONTEST

The theme for the 1983 contest was "Trees are for ???". Poster and Murals - information packets were distributed to county fifth and sixth grade teachers with slide presentations given upon request.

Poster Contest Winners:

First place - Carie Thieschafer, St. Mary's School

Second place - Jason Lederman, St. Mary's School

Mural Contest Winners:

Dean Ratajesak, Trevor Rediehs, Chad Beheng, and Scott

Larson - group project from these sixth graders at Milto

Essays - information was distributed to county junior and senior high school teachers.

Essay Contest Winners:

First place - JoAnne Glein, Jefferson Senior High

Second place - Carla Grover, Jefferson Senior High

Cash prizes were given to all winners. All entrants in the mural contest received a bare root tree.