Steve Probst, left, and Floyd Peters stand by an open ditch drainage project completed in northern Benton county, which the soil conservationists estimate will drain 2,600 acros. The three mile ditch cut through nine farms.

## Nine Farmers Cooperate In Drainage Ditch Project ers, the project involved two counties, a railroad, the tele-

phone company, an attorney

general's opinion, and several rural roads before the project

The drainage ditch extended

into black Hawk county and

cut through railroad tracks.

the county roads, and tele-

phone company cables. The

soil district requested an at-

torney general's opinion to de-

termine whether the landown-

ers or the county paid for

relocation of a road culvert as

a result of the drainage proj-

The technical advice was

provided by Benton and Black

Hawk counties soil personnel.

Gerald Stevens, conservation

technician, and Steven Probst.

soil conservationist, surveyed

Federal funds were provid-

ed by the Benton and Black Hawk counties Agricultural

Stabilization and Conservation

Service agencies. The two counties provided \$3,000 on a

cost-share basis to the nine

About a third of the drain-

age ditch cut through the Duane Craft farm, and a tenth

passed through the Mildred

Wilt, Emery Kuhn, Willard Jessie, Geraldine Wilson, and

Chester Vaughn farms. Other

farmers who cooperated in-cluded Marian Miller, Gary

Peters said the project did not involve stream straighten-

ing or channelization, a con-

Wilt and the Wagner farm.

for pheasant and quail."

Benton County 4-H

Melvin Krug will be at the

Hawkeye Livestock Auction in Fairfax and Wilbur Runyan will

be at Mt. Auburn from 9 to 12

a.m., Dec. 27. Bob Frimml and

Don Kromminga will weigh at

Keystone from 9 to 12 a.m., Dec. 28. Tom Reisser will weigh at the Cedar Valley Livestock

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was completed.

MT. AUBURN - Nine farmers in northern Benton county enlarged a three-mile drainage ditch to provide a better outlet for water in a 2,600-acre area.

The farmers will be able to install tile in the flat land between Mt. Auburn and La-Porte City, and Floyd Peters of Vinton, Benton county soil conservationist, believes the 40-bushel-an-acre land will be producing 100 bushels after the project is completed this

It isn't too often farmers dig ditches to solve erosion prob-lems. The open ditch project, in fact, is the first of its type in Benton county. Usually soil conservationists fill ditches to

"In this case, the land was eroding because the water didn't have any place to go," Peters explained. "Now the land can absorb the water with proper drainage. The land can act as a sponge."

The project could not have been completed without the cooperation of the nine farmers. One farmer in the area had removed silt from the drainage ditch twice and the

ditch had filled up again. "It is difficult to get people to work together as a group,' Peters admitted, but the soil district accomplished the task by pointing the benefits of the program to those upstream.

Besides the nine landown-



Mon., Dec. 11: Close out sale, 1 p.m., livestock, mach., Mrs. Alvin Meyer and Nile Reinsager, 9 mi. E

Thurs, Dec. 34: Close out sale. David Whiting, 11/2 mi, NE of Copport. Frl., Dec. 15: Real estate auction, 1:30 p.m., 300 acres, Johnson county, Henry J. Kessler estate, 1½ ml. E of Solon, Clase out sele, 1 p.m., mach., hh. goods, D. Lea Meyer, 1½

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I do not claim to understand How he can get around so fast; He must be nothing but a blur To all who see him going past!

Though some may say that Santa Claus Is just a fable merchants tell To lure the shoppers to their stores Because they have much goods to sell.

But I believe him just as real And precious as the Yuletide tree. The Christmas Spirit, I would say, Personified for you and me.

Our land would be a poorer place Without a Santa Claus to test Our faith in what we cannot prove; But with it we are richly blest. -G.A.C.

# Young Holstein

sponsoring the first annual The evening program will fea-young breeders seminar on Dec. ture E. A. Dawdy of Salina,

troversial conservation prac-The two day seminar will "We simply lowered the begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and end at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. depth of the existing ditch," Peters pointed out. "We did All Iowa dairymen are ennot endanger the existing habcouraged to attend, but special itat. The banks were seeded to bromegrass to provide cover

Plans Beef Weigh-In VINTON -- The Benton ounty 4-H committee will weigh and tag market beef project entries during Christmas va-

p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Katter last week.

then travel to the Holiday Breeders Plan Lounge motel in Clear Lake where Dr. Basil Eastwood, Iowa State university extension spe-2-Day Seminar

KLEMME — The Iowa Holstein Breeders Canbest utilize Sire and Cow Evaluations."

15 and 16 at the Cecil Katter Kan. The morning speaker will Farm in Klemme and the Holi- be James F. Pound, director of day Lounge motel in Clear extension for the Holstein-Lake.

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# Farm News

### Cattlemen Could Boost Numbers a Third by 1980

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Cattlemen will keep pace with growing consumer demand for beef by boosting production a third by 1900 if prices, as expected, remain strong, an agriculture department survey

The greatest gain in basic beef herds will come in the southeast where the one-time land of cotton has already become a leading cattle re-

Most cattlemen and other livestock experts checked in the department survey pre-dicted there would be "strong encouragement" for needed expansion in the nation's beef cow herd if prices of feeder calves remain, as expected, above \$35 per hundred pounds.

Records indicate call prices have been above the \$35 level for about two years and in recent months have been fluctuating around record highs in the \$47 range. One expert here said prices should remain well above the \$35 level for at least the next few years.

The expert 295-member nationwide survey panel indicated total beef cow numbers were likely to grow from about 37 million in 1970 to 46 million in 1980. A herd this size could sup-

ply nearly 23 billion pounds of beef. Adding about 4 billion pounds produced from slaughter of U.S. dairy cows and net imports of nearly 2 billion pounds (up from about 1.3 billion at present) would bring the total 1990 beef supply for consumers to about 29 billion pounds compared with about 22 billion in 1970.

Economists Melvin D. Skold and Roy N. Van Arsdall, authors of the report, said the increase would bring supplies up to current department projections of total 1980 beef use The boost to a total 29 billion pound supply would allow per capital annual consumption to reach about 127 pounds compared with the current level of 114 pounds.

From 1950 to 1970, U. S. beef production doubled as cattlemen switched from dairy to beef herds and moved a growfattening feedlots instead of slaughtering them while young.

But the era in which major gains can be made this way has about ended, and future expansion will have to come

# Letter To Santa

How long it seems since I wrote to you! So long in fact, I'm afraid you may be fright-

Backroad Diary

voice from the grave, I wonder whose beard is whiteest, whose back most

nal youthfulness; my earthly tremor of hand and foot, my coffee-haggled nerves, my marriage-frittered philosophy, and my business-tortured flesh must make you feel very

More like one of the little boys or girls, no doubt, whose stockings you pack on Christ-

fident you'll understand my predicament and sympathize with me.

big list, but not nearly as big. as Richard Nixon's.

First of all I wish you'd kindle in men's hearts everywhere an overwhelming desire and a vibrant willingness to sacrifice personal convenience and pleasure to make others happy. Start with me, Santa, for I keep getting my own bankerings out in front of the other fellow's just as often as anybody.

And, please, Mr. Santa Claus, bring me a razor that will give me the kind of shave anywhere.

off President Thieu's lips and

Nine Named on Cedar

Extension Council

TIPTON - Nine persons were elected to the Cedar county extension council at township elec-

tions held in November. Elected were: Mrs. Stella Gardner, Cass township; Larry Dewell, Dayton; Kenneth Leach, Farmington; Iral Ellyson,

ard Fry, Sugar Creek. Retiring council members are: David Swan, Donn Kleppe, Dexter DeWulf, Ronald Madsen,

ing percentage of calves into Mrs. Dorothy Voss, Harold Hansen: Vern Schroeder, Mrs. Nancy Vincent, Dwayne Lenker. A council dinner and organization meeting is set for Jan. 3 at the Methodist church in Tipton.

30 YEARS AGO - The War primarily from growth in beef | Production | board | b a n n c d cow herds, the economists canning of many food items for

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meaningless, hulf-way tele-phone talk that sometimes runs runspant at our house during those dult moments just before midnight when I'm

trying to go to sleep. Such a device would come handy at other ilmes, too, as when I'm submitted to unsolicited lectures at inopportune moments by the better half. Who knows? With such scien-

tific assistance, maybe I could L. Dale

Ahern

even turn off the strange buzzing sounds that start in my head around the first of the month when bills start showering upon me.

And teach my offspring and theirs the importance of good manners, like dashing to close the garage door after me, jumping out of my favorite chair the minute they see my cur move into sight around the corner of our ranch, delivering the Sunday paper to my bed INTACT each Sabbath morning, and bringing me trays of cheese, egg, and meat sandwiches every midnight for a bedside snack. And take the creaks out of

my old carcass, Santa. I've felt them in increasing numbers and sharpness lately. There are still so many ex-

citing fishing-and-hunting expeditions waiting to be expedited, so many snowy-white galf halfs anxious to be whammed through the sunny skies over the glislening green streches of the fairways, and so much good fun to be had just for the asking by anyone who loves living the way I do.
Convince Republicans that if there weren't any Demo-

crats there wouldn't be any need for Republicans and vice And, speaking of live-saving devices, I'd like an autometic

step-up mechanism to amplify

the weak mumblings of other members of my family when they're imparting ominously significant information to me from remote corners of the homestead and to add emphasis to those rare, sweet mor-sels of praise my acquaint-

ances are more likely than not to leave unsaid. Finally, Saint Nicholas, bring this tired, pot-bellied, old world complete and last-

ing peace
(1) By inspiring political and military bigwigs to fur-nish their people satisfactory reasons before instead of after plunging us into war;

(2) By moderating all manand-woman differences so my Better Half will condescend to me more graciously in recogultion of my role as bead(?) of the house (Man, listen to me!);

(3) By introducing delicious fat-free diets equally as tasty as butter-soaked lobster; (4) By launching an "Off at

70" club for overworked furnace thermostats, especially at parties, and-most of all, Santa, I beseech you,

(5) By giving me another year of the superb aplomb I have maintained for lo! these many years during the trying moments my Better Half stares me down, castigates me verbally, and physically threatens the well-being of my shins during our frequent skirmishes at bridge! As ever

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ITEMS TO BE SOLD: A large quantity of real good hand tools of all kinds, Some laugehold tiems and dishes, including several antiques and unusual collectors items. Please note the starting time, We will self all these items first and still start the Porter sale at 12 noon. BE ON TIME — Lauch on Grounds.

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