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SO PROUDLY WE HAIL.....

Recently, Jackson County proudly announced that it was free from debt.

That's news. For any political division to be free from debt is practically unheard of. That's true of most business too.

To be free of debt generally means that one is growing thick through the life and head. It means that business has come to a start 'gill.

For Jackson county to be free of debt is to outwardly say to the world

"We are perfect. We have no further need of buildings, roads, improvements. We are far - fact."

And anyone who lives in the county knows that that isn't true.

Jackson County has some of the nation's worst roads and one of the seasons they are so bad is due to faulty thinking - if there is any thinking at all - at the head of the road department.

Many, many roads are graded flat - when they are graded - and soon water runs down the middle, digging ditches and trenches instead of the water running off the road and into ditches.

There are too many curves, too much natural hazard left in the way of the motorists.

There is too little attention paid to the future and too much attention paid to better equipped, patch and pray sort of business.

All this indicates a pinch-penny attitude on the part of the "top guys" who should do a job well, spending a little more money but doing something once instead of a dozen times.

It must be nice to be free of debt but to brag about it when so much is needed is like the murderer who killed his mother:

He was sorry too at, wasn't he?

CONSERVATION NEWS

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Bob also set up a plan for Truman to measure stream flow from a spring to determine availability of the water for irrigation.

G.R. McDole, SCS soil management specialist from Portland, spent two days last week studying soil management problems on the sticky soils in the Sams Valley soil conservation district and nearby areas.

C.R. Buehler, SCS conservation surveyor, completed soil surveys recently on the Elgood Abbott, Ed Gebbard, and M.L. Perry farms in the Beagle area.

Wilton White has requested engineering assistance on planning and layout work on another portion of his irrigation system and for contour spreader furrows on his dryland pastures.

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