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ANNUAL REPORT

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# INTRODUCTION

By Lawrence Kleppe, Chairman

First, I want to extend my most sincere thanks to all those who purchased advertising to make a report such as this possible. Since our budget does not allow for printing the annual report, we must ask for contributions in the form of advertising. Again, I say thanks to all who helped.

There will be many problems during the 70's; air and water pollution is facing our nation. Our Cedar County Soil Conservation Office, Don Williams, Clarence Beyer, and the County Commissioners, are always ready to help you with your problems.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the other commissioners and the office staff for their help during the past six years that I worked with them.

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## - Cover -

The Standard Soil Survey was started in Cedar county in July this past year. Wayne Frederick, soil scientist, is drawing lines on a new aerial photo while Allan Ciha, student trainee and Ed Schermerhorn, party chief, check a core sample for color and texture. It will take approximately 4 years to complete Cedar county.





There has been increasing interest in farmstead windbreaks in recent years. They add beauty and dignity to a farmstead as well as making windy winter days more bearable for both man and animal. Top Photo - Cedar windbreak protects Everett Von Muenster's home in Inland township. Bottom Photo - Windbreak on the Harold Eiler farm, Fairfield township.





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## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1969

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1968 annual report. Copies were mailed to all landowners and operators in the county as well as to others interested in conservation.

Material on Soil Stewardship Sunday was sent to ministers in the county to assist in observing "Soil Stewardship Sunday."

Soil & Water Conservation Week was celebrated with special emphasis in the county newspapers.

A Conservation Speech Contest was sponsored by the district. Winners were: Mary Lou Schnack, Randy Rehmke, and Cindy Langmann in the Junior division, and Barb Sorgenfrey, Dean Howard, and Jeanette Taylor in the Senior division.

All the commissioners, Hilda Carey, district clerk, and Don Williams, district conservationist, attended the area commissioners meeting held at Ox Yoke Inn, Amana on July 21.

Mrs. Jeanette Ruprecht, Lowden, attended 2 sessions of the Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park. Mrs. Ruprecht later appeared on TV Station WQAD, Moline, and told of her experiences at camp.

Bob Gregory, Rochester township, was selected as the outstanding conservation farmer of the year.

The 16th annual soil judging contest was sponsored by the district with 60 boys from three high schools taking part. Lincoln Community won the contest and was awarded a plaque.

Karen Kay Ponx from the Tipton Community School and Kent van Zant from the Scattergood School, near West Branch, attended a 2-day Conservation Workshop for teachers at the State 4-H Camp near Luther.

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# Soil Survey

by Wayne D. Frederick, Soil Scientist

The Soil Scientists with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service are making a new soil map of Cedar County. They will map all of the land in the county. This new map will replace the soil map made about 1920. In addition to being up to date, the new map will be much more detailed. In 1922 they separated 16 soils in Cedar County, now they are separating about 80 soils. They will be able to show as much information about each 10 acres on the new map as was shown for a whole section of land on the old map.

To make this new soil map the soil scientist walks over the land. He periodically stops and probes a hole to examine the soil, identify it and determine the amount of topsoil left. He uses his abney hand level to measure the steepness of the slope and then records this information on the aerial photo.

The Soil Scientists may have already mapped your farm. They may be there this year or it may be a year or two. In any case, when you see them ask them a question if you have one, or at least wave hello.

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The following indicates the accomplishments  
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|                         |             | TO DATE       |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Contour Farming -----   | 1,823 Acres | 55,288 Acres  |
| Strip Cropping -----    | 195 Acres   | 3,175 Acres   |
| Conservation            |             |               |
| Cropping System         | 7,540 Acres | 82,494 Acres  |
| Minimum Tillage -----   | 1,364 Acres | 8,180 Acres   |
| Structures & Ponds ---- | 11          | 181           |
| Grassed Waterways --    | 55 Acres    | 765 Acres     |
| Tile Drainage -----     | 346,322 Ft. | 4,389,659 Ft. |
| Soil Conservation       |             |               |
| Surveys -----           | 4,770 Acres | 178,890 Acres |
| Pasture Planting -----  | 550 Acres   | 6,740 Acres   |
| Wildlife Area -----     | 28 Acres    | 431 Acres     |
| Land Adequately         |             |               |
| Treated -----           | 3,323 Acres | 43,755 Acres  |

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By Jeanette Ruprecht, Teacher at Lowden

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Realizing the worth and practicality of these "outdoor laboratory" training camps, SCS groups as well as other organizations have readily given their support in the form of scholarships. As a Cedar County participant in 1969, I found invaluable such experiences as learning to take soil profiles, trips to watersheds and terracing projects, taking fish and wildlife counts, visits to marshes and virgin prairies, covering more than 1,000 miles in a three week period. Laboratory projects and specimen collections, too, made it a strenuous but most rewarding experience.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
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| 3. Helen Ryerson            | 23. Delmar Kohl                                    |
| 4. Edward L. Jack           | 24. Carl Agne                                      |
| 5. Amber Jack               | 25. Roger Wiese                                    |
| 6. Harvey Kleppe &<br>Son   | 26. Leo Frederick                                  |
| 7. Robert Taylor            | 27. Robert Albaugh                                 |
| 8. Wilbert Norton           | 28. Marjorie & Eloise<br>Laubscher                 |
| 9. Charles Taylor           | 29. Harold Williams                                |
| 10. William Agne            | 30. Lloyd Erboe                                    |
| 11. Lester Linn             | 31. Evelyn Horstmann by<br>Everett Von<br>Muenster |
| 12. E. J. Compton           | 32. Randall Shaul                                  |
| 13. Crock Bros.             | 33. Everett Oetting                                |
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| 16. John Stevenson          | 36. George & James Cary                            |
| 17. James L. Crock          | 37. Fred Beranek                                   |
| 18. Richard Jedlicka        | 38. Curtis Terhark                                 |
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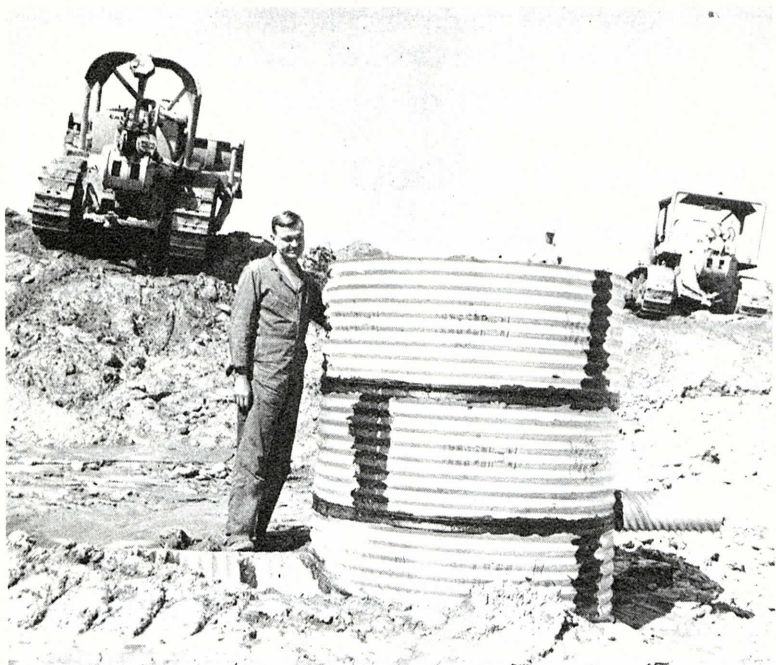
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Everett Crees, top photo, standing along side the riser on the Fred Kaufman earth fill dam which he built last summer, gives some idea of the size of this structure. Lower Picture - Entire length of corrugated metal tube on the dam before earth fill was completed.



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|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| District Cooperators .....          | 38          |
| Basic Farm Plans .....              | 30          |
| Revised Plans .....                 | 12          |
| Planned Cooperator Contacts .....   | 500         |
| Contour Farming .....               | 2,500 Acres |
| Diversions & Terraces .....         | 6,000 Ft.   |
| Grassed Waterways .....             | 55 Acres    |
| Tile Drainage .....                 | 300,000 Ft. |
| Pasture Renovation & Reseeding .... | 400 Acres   |
| Structures & Ponds .....            | 9           |
| Strip Cropping .....                | 200 Acres   |
| Conservation Cropping System .....  | 6,000 Acres |
| Land Adequately Treated .....       | 5,000 Acres |
| Minimum Tillage .....               | 1,500 Acres |

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| 2. Oscar Glick               | 17. Gordon Kruger       |
| 3. Elvin Smith               | 18. E. J. Compton       |
| 4. Melvin Thumma             | 19. Dean Ripson         |
| 5. Floyd Aegerter            | 20. Milton Behrens      |
| 6. Marion Billick            | 21. Orven Voss          |
| 7. Lester Kistenmacher       | 22. Ed Jack             |
| 8. Warren Wiese              | 23. Helen Ryerson       |
| 9. Henry C. Meyer            | 24. Ed Jack             |
| 10. Wilbert Norton           | 25. Vern Schroeder      |
| 11. Bernard Suchomel         | 26. Herbert Sondergard  |
| 12. Rolland Marolf           | 27. Everett Oetting     |
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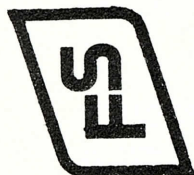
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**I-M BUDGET**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Commissioner's Expense .....    | \$ 190.76 |
| Office Supplies .....           | 261.92    |
| Prizes for Contests .....       | 41.33     |
| Office Expense .....            | 32.50     |
| Rental for Meeting Halls .....  | 5.00      |
| Contests & Demonstrations ..... | 6.40      |
| <hr/>                           |           |
| TOTAL .....                     | \$ 537.91 |

**II-M BUDGET**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Salary — Clerk .....    | \$3,924.00 |
| State Retirement .....  | 137.28     |
| Health Insurance .....  | 72.00      |
| Federal Retirement      |            |
| (Social Security) ..... | 181.14     |
| Travel .....            | 31.46      |
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| TOTAL .....             | \$4,345.88 |

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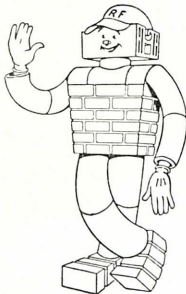
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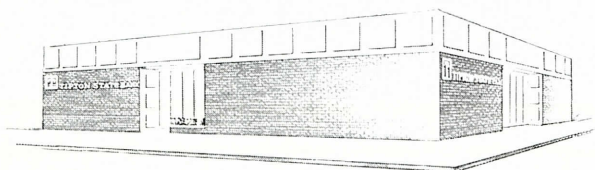
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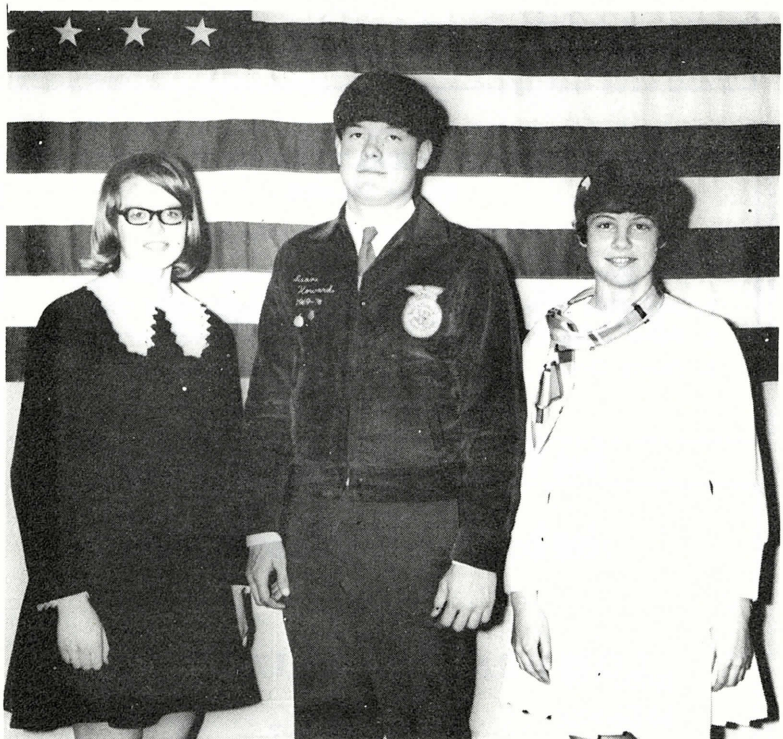
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Winners in the Junior division of the speech contest. Front row, Mary Lou Schnack, 1st., Cindy Langmann, 3rd. Back row - Randy Rehmke, 2nd, and Cindy Sorensen, 4th.



Kenny Pasvogel, Rochester township, has one of many excellent grassed watercourses built in Cedar county in recent years. The waterway is in Center township.

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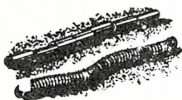
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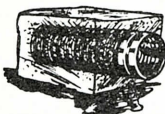
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A.D.S. tubing is designed to function in sandy soils where there is ground movement. Because the piping is flexible, it shifts without fracture, never gets out of line like tile drain or straight length plastic. Greater flow capacity is possible because there is no misalignment. On 5" tubing, flow is equal to, but never less than 5" drain tile with one quarter inch joint misalignment. (According to actual tests conducted at a leading agricultural university.)



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## COMMENTS: By Don Williams

### "District Conservationist for Cedar County"

In the everyday rush and push to make a living, it is not always easy to be overly concerned about "conservation" of our natural resources. Here are some thoughts that someone has to face up to in planning for the future, writing next years laws or investing money in new industry, new homes and businesses.

By the year 2000, the land and water resources we use today will have to Provide.

—Double the food output.

—Double the water for municipal use, quadruple the amount for manufacturing use.

—Double the land used for homes, schools, factories and other urban uses.

—Double the production of wood products.

Only creative conservation policies and programs can meet this need while up-grading the quality of the environment and strengthening the economy and standard of living in the communities of tomorrow.

The 94% of our population who lives off the farms in our cities and urban areas will not let you ignore the conservation needs of the land. The staff and commissioners of the Cedar County Conservation District encourage you as a land owner or operator to accept the assistance of your conservation district.



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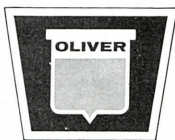




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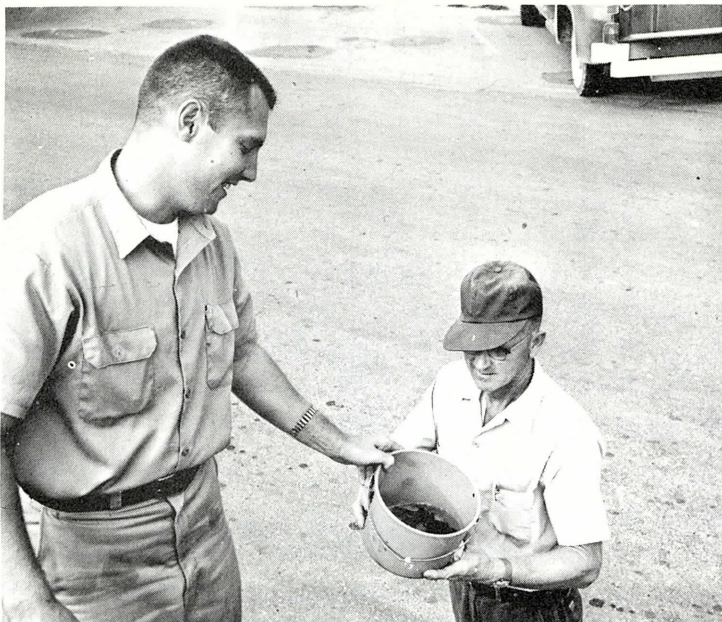
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## What Is A Farm Plan?

A farm plan is a guide that you as a farmer or land owner can use in your long range planning, so that you will use your land within its capabilities. It is your plan, what you are willing to do over the years to maintain and improve the production of your land depending on the type of farming operations you are following.

A soil map is included in the farm plan to show the type of resource you have to work with on your farm. From it you may decide that you need contouring, stripcropping or terracing to control your soil loss. There may be some permanent pasture that can be improved so that forage productions will be increased. A possible pond site for livestock water and recreation. Drainage, both surface and tile may be needed to improve farming operations. Waterways can replace existing ditches or channel water across flat areas. A diversion terrace can divert water from a building site or keep hill water off the bottomland. Trees can be planted on waste areas or as windbreaks.

What you need will be incorporated in your plan. How quickly you do these things depend on you. You set your own pace. If your farming operations change, your plan can be revised to reflect these changes.



Clare Nebergall receiving fish from the Department of Interior.  
Not much weight now, but in one or two years fishing will be good.

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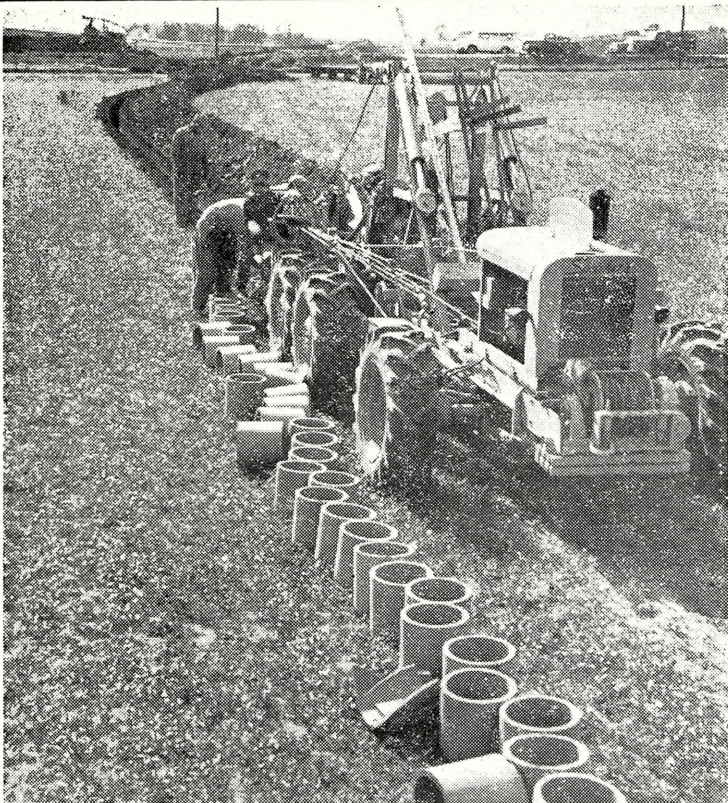
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