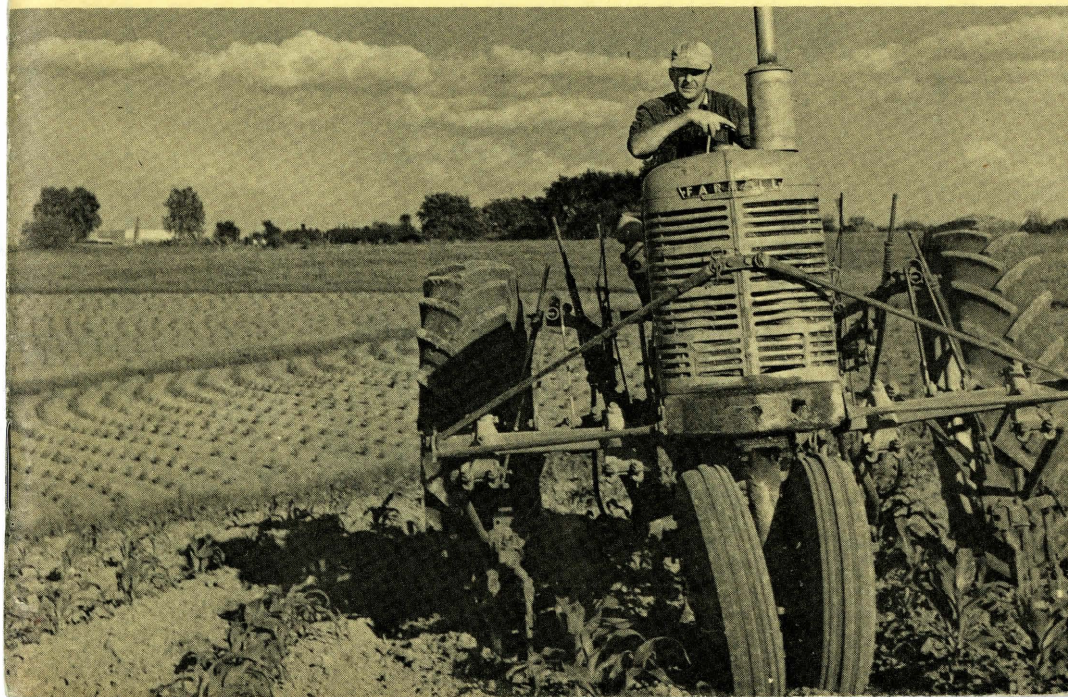


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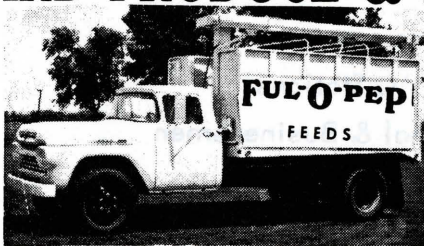
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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1961

1. Biennial election and chicken barbeque held. Lawrence Wallis elected new commissioner.
2. Conservation Week observed by special emphasis in county newspapers, radio & T.V.
3. Diamond Lake Watershed application (under Public Law 566) approved and placed on priority.
4. Conservation Award Winners chosen and honored at Kiwanis luncheon.
5. Queen of Conservation candidate, Janice Duffus & Sue Ryan chosen and recognized at County 4-H Fair.
6. Twilight tour of Vern Brooke farm by Grinnell business men.
7. Tile laid equals 1960 record with approximately 3/4 million tile installed.
8. Cliff Braley appointed as commissioner to serve out unexpired term of Kenneth L. Dieterich.
9. District commissioners, staff and wives dinner guests at the Warren Byers home.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Left to right standing: Clair Hein, Ext. Director; Archie Casebolt, Technical Aid; Morton James, Work Unit Conservationist; Walter Hill Conservation Aid.
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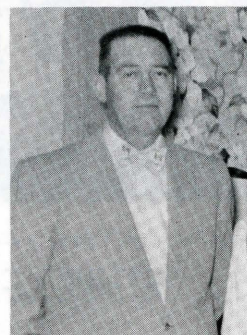
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More than enough tile were laid in Poweshiek County in 1960-61 to take water from Lake Michigan at Chicago and irrigate Poweshiek County.

Approximately 281 miles were installed during the past two years--141 miles in 1960 and 140 miles in 1961.

Enough gullies were filled, shaped and seeded to extend from Montezuma to Des Moines. This was an 80 percent increase over 1960.

Almost nine miles of new diversion terraces were built to shorten the erosive effect of long slopes and to protect bottomland from hill overwash. This was a 17 percent increase over 1960.

Over 2500 acres of NEW contouring was staked on the farms of Poweshiek County. This was added to an estimated 25,000 acres already established.

New strip cropping in the amount of 1874 acres was staked to add to the already established estimate of 14,000 acres.

Over 700 acres of bluegrass pastures were renovated and seeded to improved legumes and grasses. Such improved grasses included birdsfoot trefoil, brome and orchard grass.

Gullies were controlled on 19 different farms with gully control structures. Of these structures, five were concrete and 14 were of metal culvert pipe.

Livestock-water supplies were developed and gullies controlled by the construction of ponds on 16 farms during the year. In some cases good field crossings were also provided by the pond dam.

Pond owners of the county received black bass,

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The district received requests from 41 farmers for such conservation assistance or an increase of 64 percent over 1960.

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1. TERRACES & DIVERSIONS	8.85 Miles
2. PONDS COMPLETED	14 No.
3. STRUCTURES	19 No.
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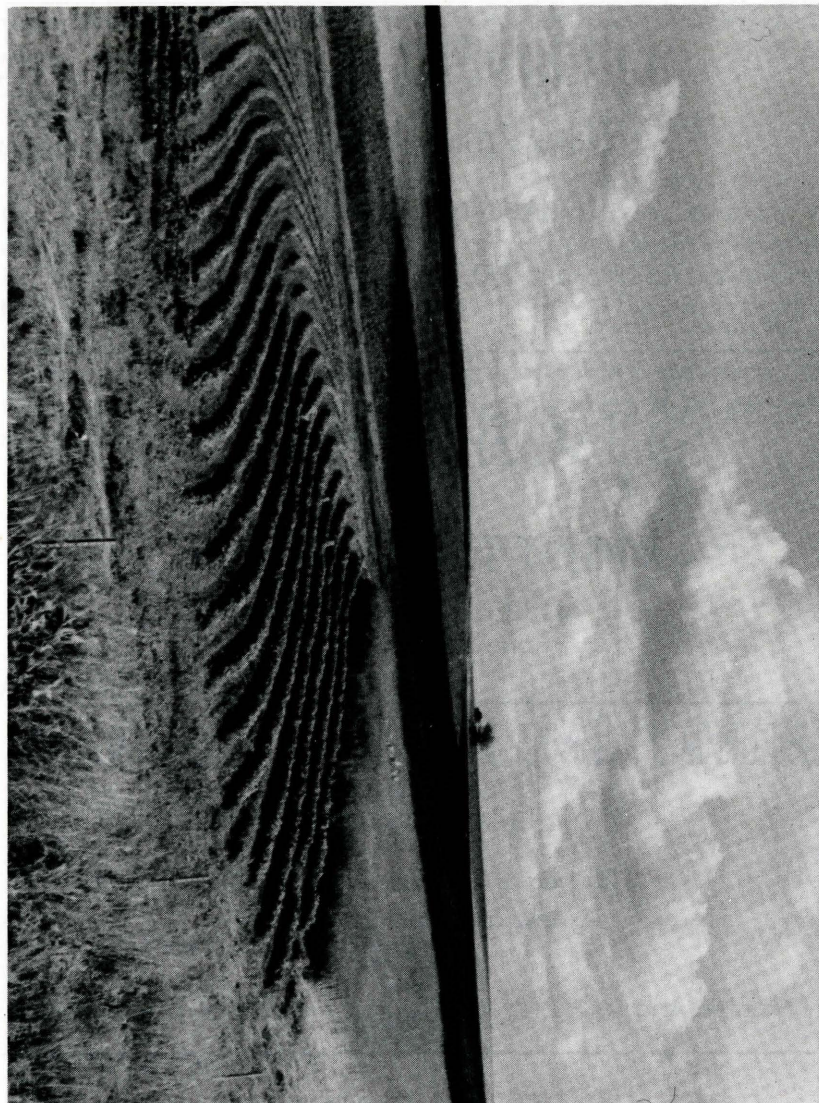
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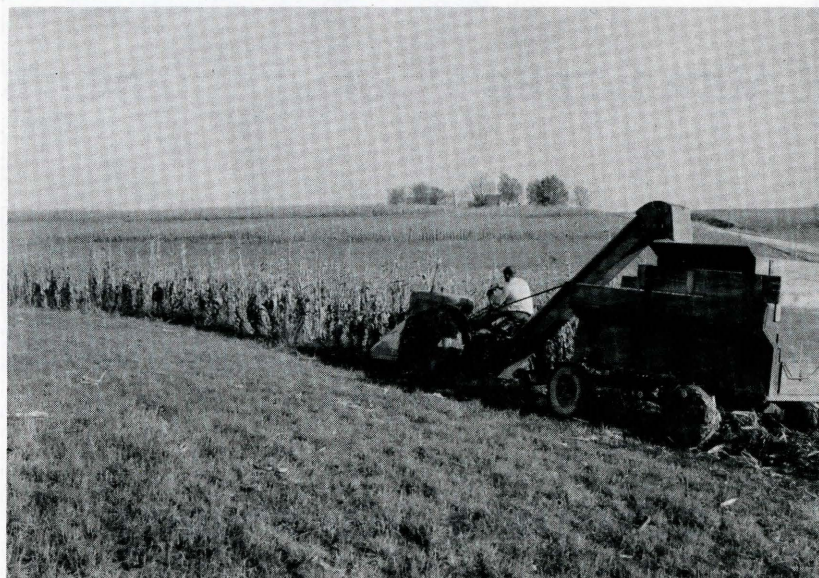
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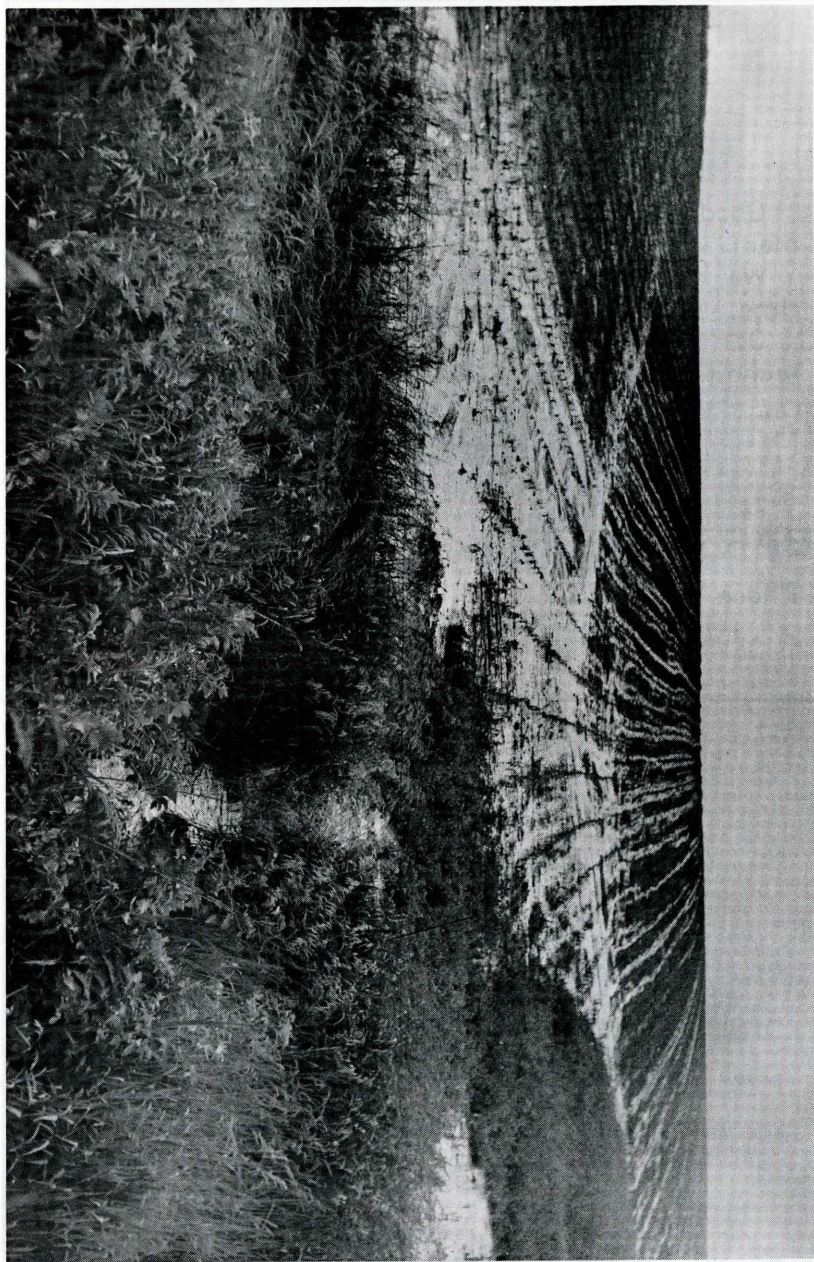


Photo A--Rain of June 15, 1961 produces severe run-off and erosion on up & down farming--Compare with Photo B

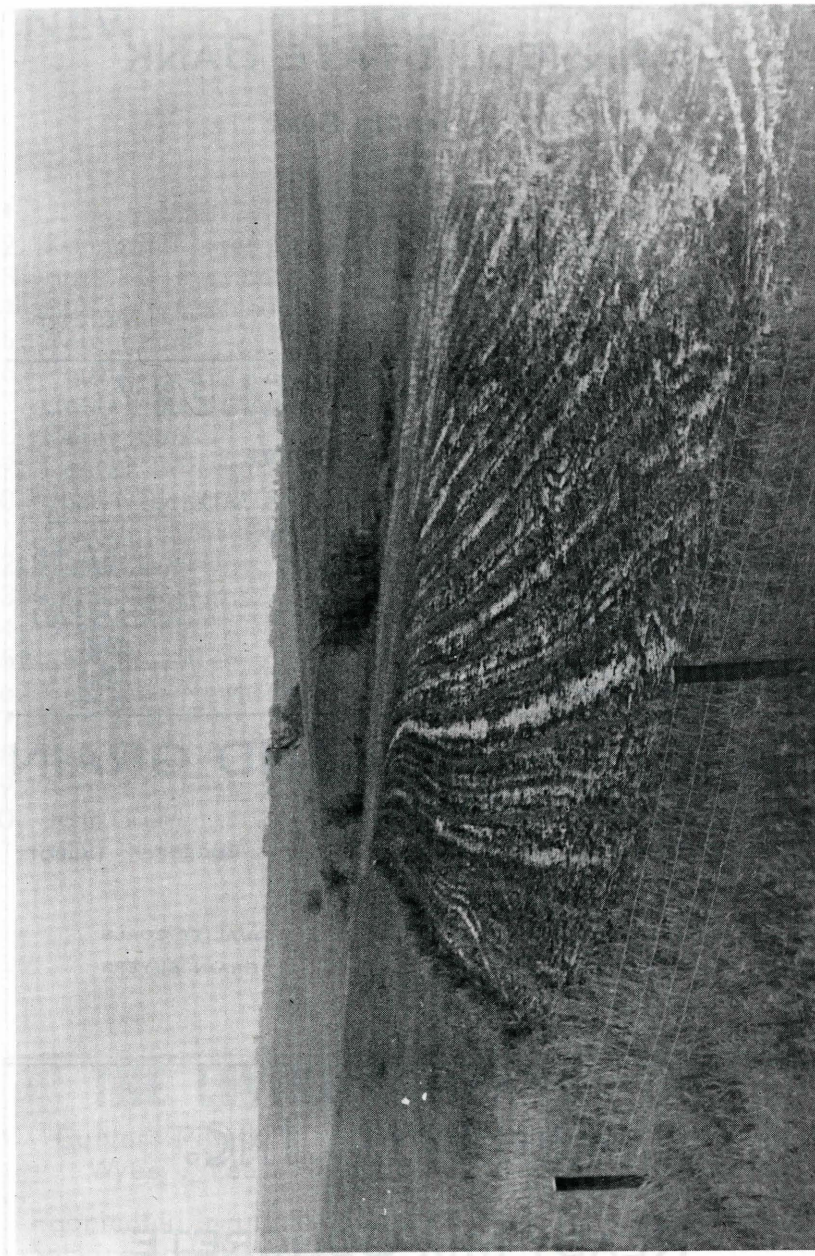


Photo B--Rain of June 15, 1961--Strip cropped field 300-feet from up and down farmed field. Almost no run-off or erosion on stripped field.

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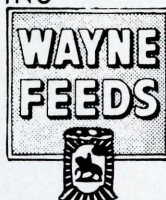
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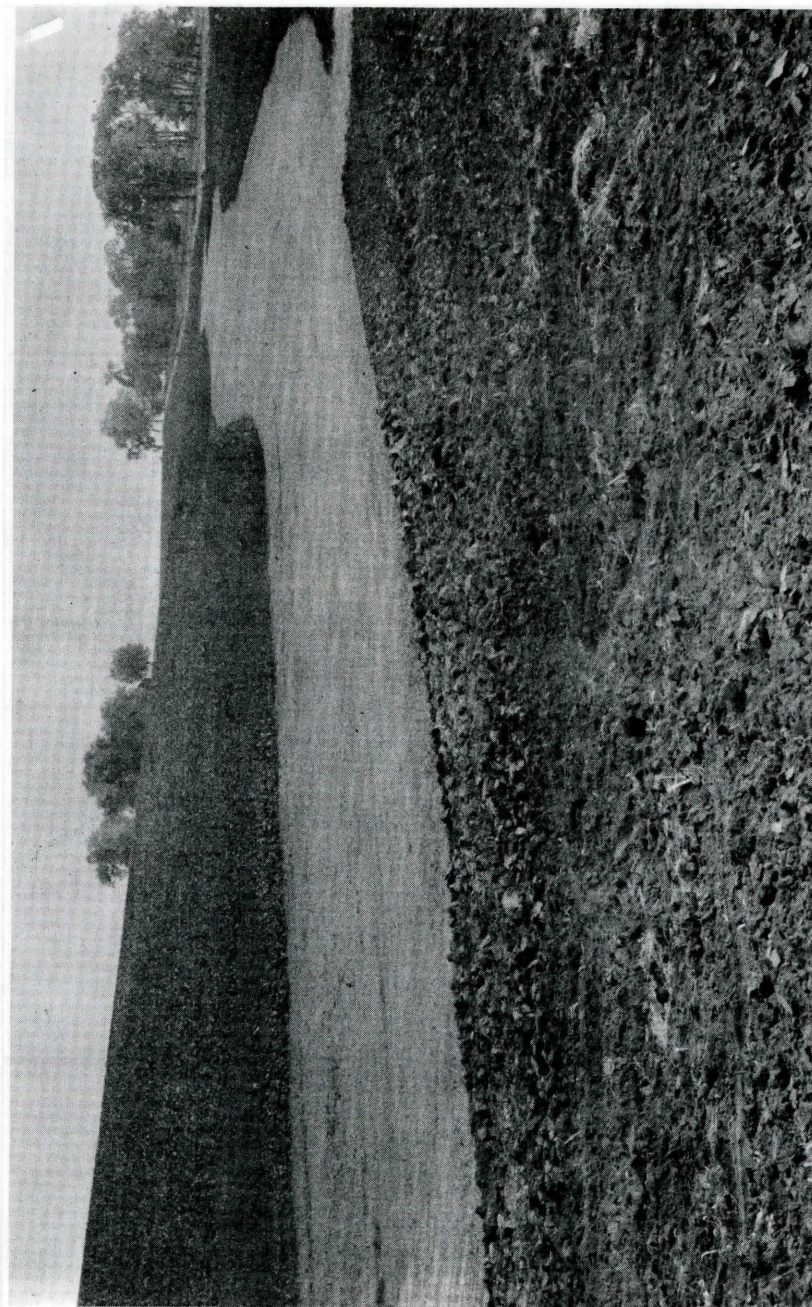
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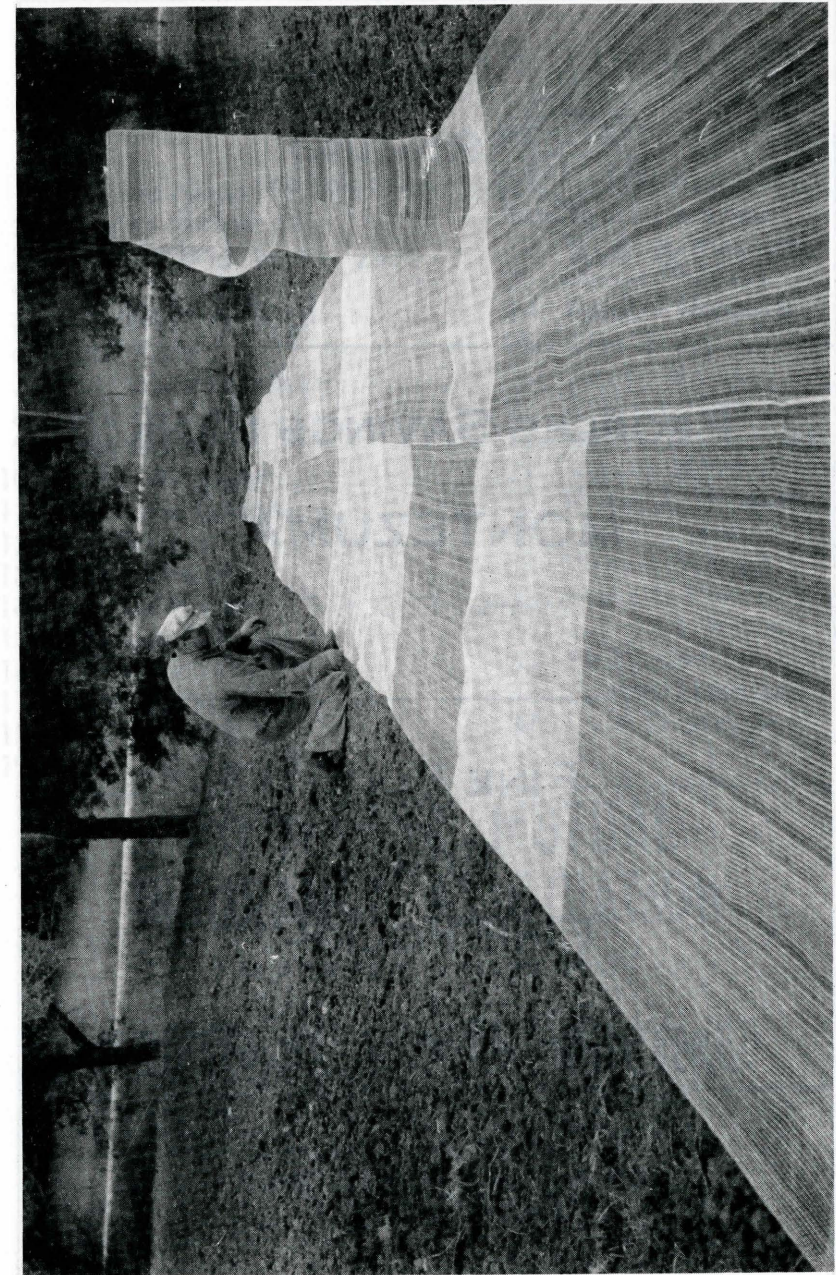
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| 14. George Houser | 33. Merrill Norden |
| 15. Forrest Doty Jr. | 34. Jerry Cranston |
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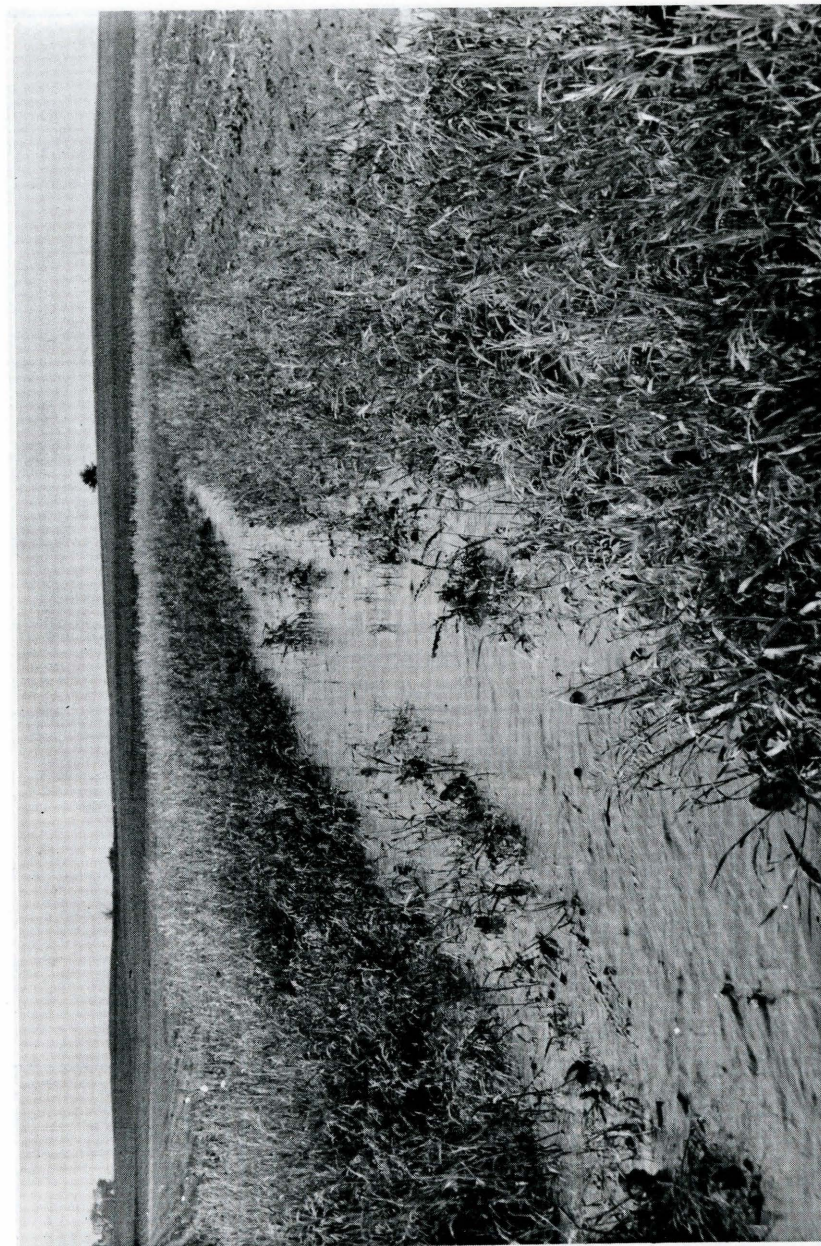
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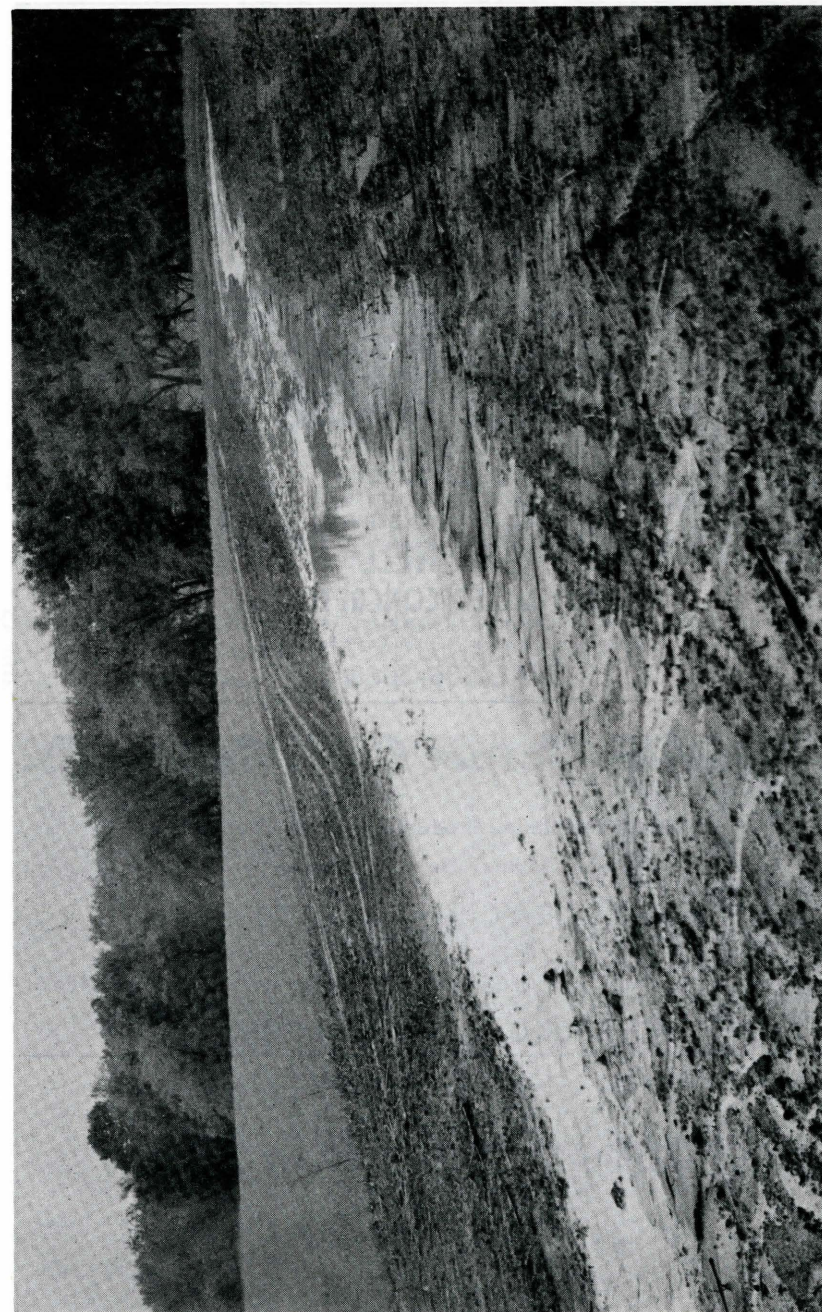


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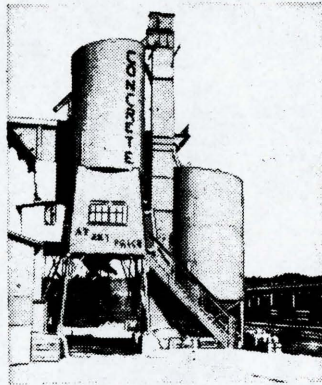
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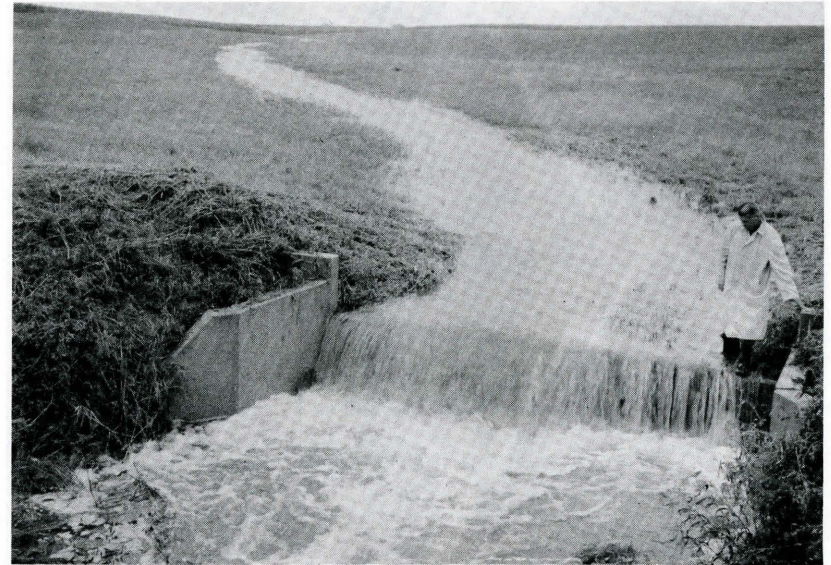
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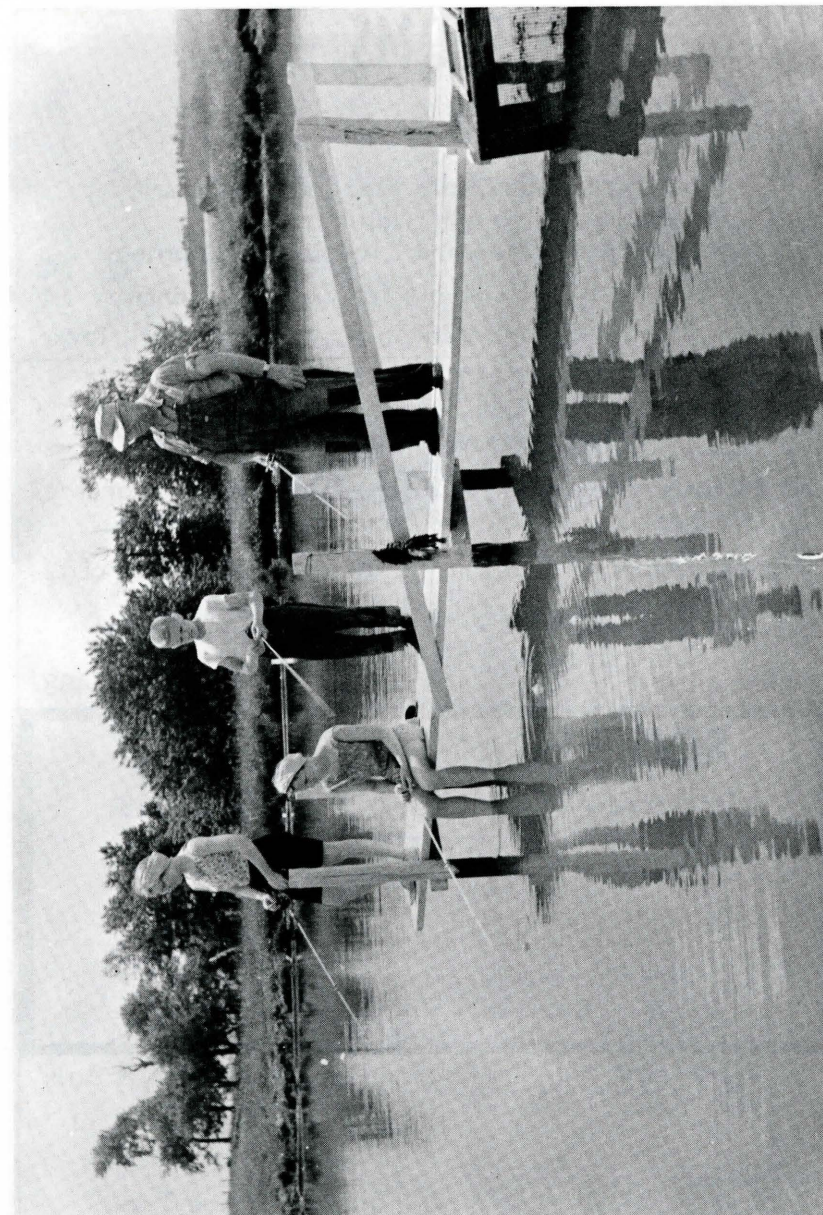
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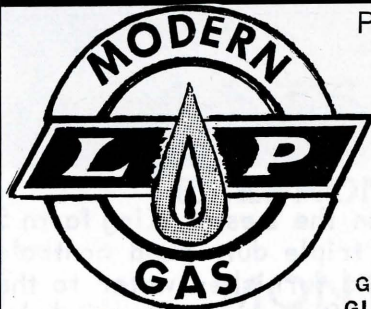
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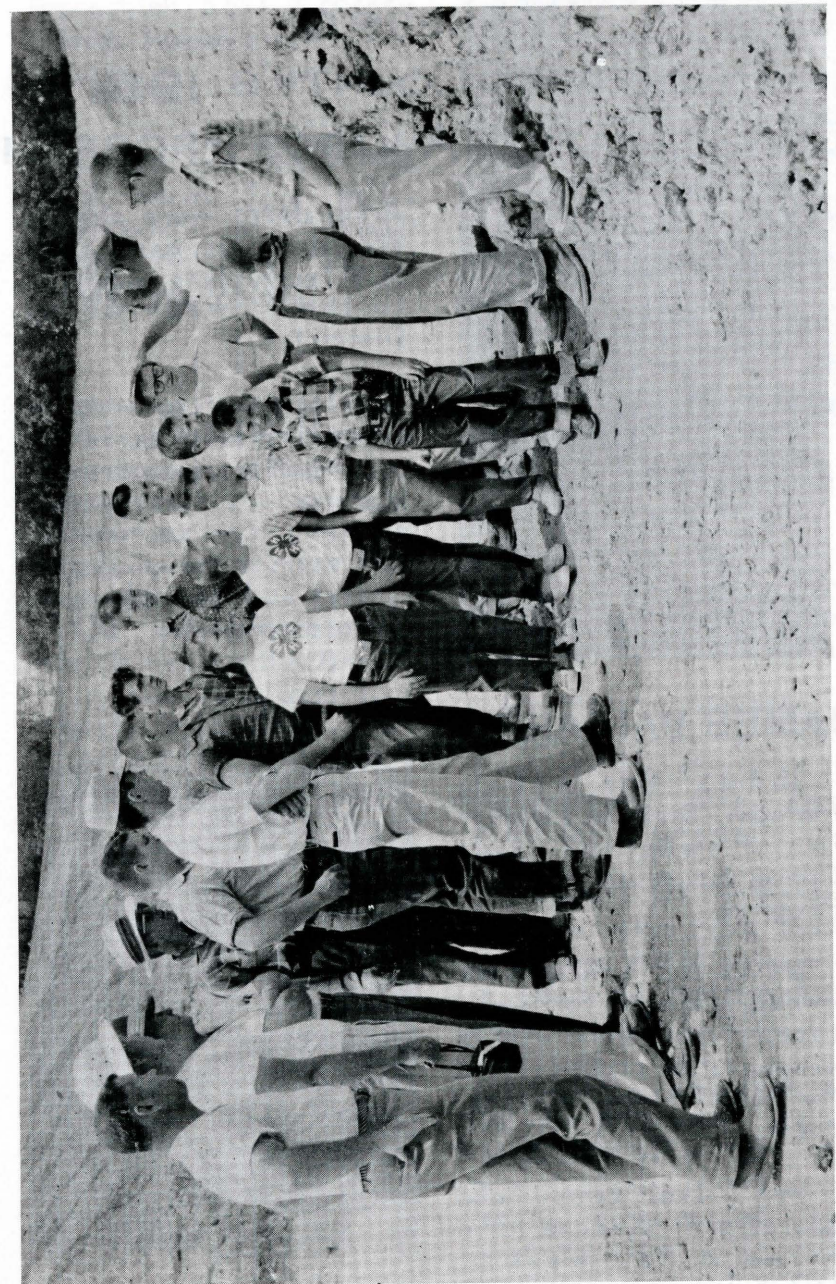
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Arkel farm were planned six years ago, assisted by SCS technicians, assigned to the Poweshiek Soil District.

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James Van Arkel, Malcom, Division I winner in Poweshiek Soil Conservation Achievement Program.

Division I recognizes owner-operator for long-time, consistent use of conservation practices and for completeness of treatment.

Van Arkel owns and operates a 200-acre farm three miles west of Malcom.

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VERN BROOKE

Vern Brooke, Grinnell, tenant winner, Division II,

Poweshiek Soil Conservation Achievement Program.

Brooke operates a 193-acre farm four miles south-east of Grinnell owned by Mrs. Harold Evans, Des Moines.

Division II is for landlords and tenants who have done an outstanding job of conserving soil through joint effort.

The conservation plan now in use on the Brooke farm was developed four years ago with the assistance of SCS technicians.

Conservation practices followed include the first system of parallel terraces built in Poweshiek County, reorganized fields, contour strip cropping, grass waterways, soil saving rotations, and tile.

Aberdeen Angus cattle and hogs consume all of the farm produced feed, plus commercial feed purchased. Brooke has resided on the farm the past 11 years.



GEORGE M. MORRISON

George M. Morrison, winner, Division III, Conservation Achievement Award.

Morrison operates a 145-acre farm 6 miles south of Grinnell owned by his mother, Mrs. Julia Morrison of Grinnell.

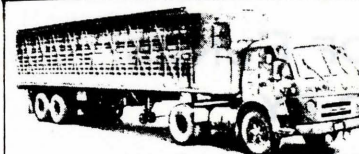
Division III recognizes farmers who have made the most rapid progress in applying conservation since January 1, 1959.

Practices installed on the Morrison farm are as follows; complete reorganization of interior fences, rotations adjusted to slope and soil, strip cropping of all slopes, terraces, grass waterways, farm pond, tiling and ditch straightening.

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Following are names of farmers in Poweshiek County who have been recognized for outstanding achievement in soil and water conservation.

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- 1950 Albert Pleisek
- 1952 Myron & Richard Sears
- 1953 George Norden, A. L. Leydens, Elmer Dunnick, Kenneth L. Dieterich
- 1954 Wayne Reams, Harry Edelen, Arnold Bastian
- 1955 Lewis Schultz, Earl Fowler, Robert McWilliams, Dean McWilliams
- 1956 Gerrit Septer, Jean Cavell, Miles Clayton, Raymond Vogt
- 1957 Arthur Blome, Janet Wilkins, Calvin Korn, Paul DeJong
- 1958 Lawrence Wallis, Forrest Read, Keith Davis, Gilbert Phipps
- 1959 Alvin & Don Schuldt, Louis Newkirk, Paul Hudnutt
- 1960 Waldo & Harold McLennan, Benedict Peterson, Milford Neuhaus, Elmer Urfer
- 1961 James Van Arkle, Mrs. Harold Evans, Vern Brooke, George Morrison



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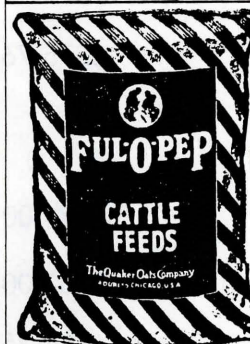
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I-M BUDGET \$575.76

Commissioners, Mileage, Meals, Hotel \$205.46

Office Supplies \$313.30

Prizes for Contests \$42.00

Meeting Expense \$15.00

TOTAL \$575.76

II-M BUDGET

Salary-Clerk \$3134.00

Salary-Technician \$1482.00

Mileage Technician \$54.25

State Retirement \$149.38

Federal Retirement (Social Security) \$138.48

TOTAL \$4958.11

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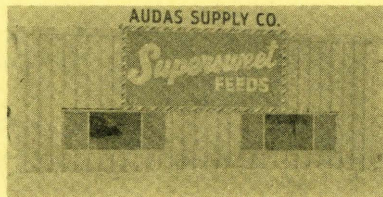
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