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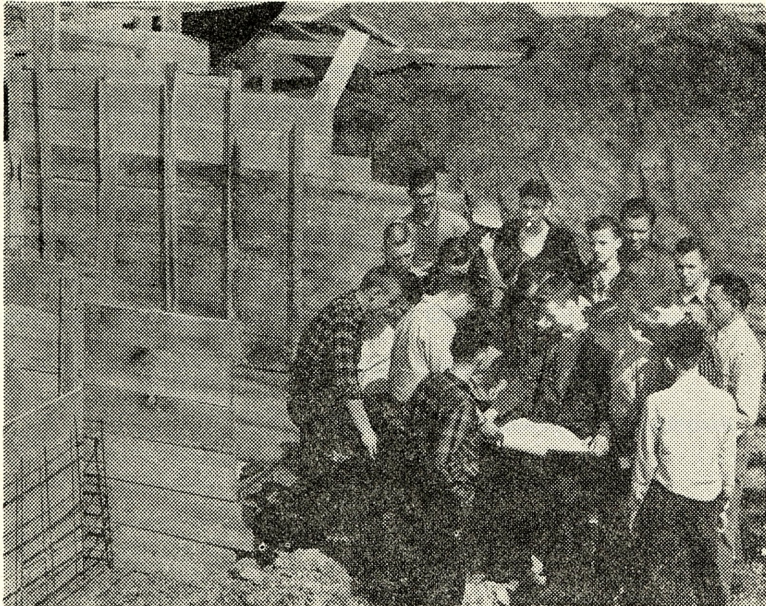
Cedar County

Soil Conservation

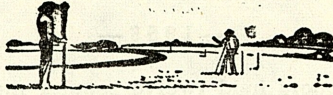
District

Tipton, Iowa

Annual Report, 1958



Ralph Gruenwald, teacher, and the Tipton Voc. Agriculture class, studying the blue prints of the Max Phelps structure which was being built when picture was taken last spring. Max and son look on.



The activities and accomplishments of the Cedar County Soil Conservation District were many and quite varied during the calendar year 1958. We, the district governing body, will try to enumerate these accomplishments with our objectives, appreciation, and progress in soil conservation as completed or to be completed by the local soil conservation district.

The concept of soil conservation has come to mean proper land use, preventing all forms of soil deterioration, rebuilding of depleted soil, improving grass and woods, proper drainage and building soil fertility where it is needed. This concept can be fulfilled when our primary objective to get every acre of land in the county under proper land use and treatment according to its needs and capabilities is reached. In order to attain this objective, we will need cooperation from you, your neighbor and other agricultural agencies.

The progress shown in this report has been made possible through the cooperation of the many agencies, organizations, individuals, schools and churches. We want to thank those who have participated in the soil conservation program during the past year of the Cedar County Soil Conservation District.

Your District Commissioners:

Wm. W. Wertzbaugher, Chairman

Paul Hain

Harold Oldorf

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

— 1958 —

The commissioners held twelve regular meetings during 1958 for the purpose of administering the district soil conservation program. New farm plans were presented and approved and technical work and progress of the district was reviewed.

Calvin Moore, soil conservationist trainee, reported for duty in January, as work unit conservationist of the Hardin County Soil Conservation District.

William Wertzbaugher attended the Soil Conservation Short Course in January at Iowa State College as a representative of the District.

The annual meeting of the district began with a free pancake and sausage dinner at the Tipton City Hall in March. The principal speaker was Rex Conn of the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Harold Oldorf was elected commissioner for a six-year term to fill the vacancy of retiring commissioner James Smith.

A meeting was held in March with earth-moving and drainage contractors. Attendance was near one hundred percent.

A panel from Cedar County discussed the functions, problems and accomplishments of a district at the regional meeting of soil conservation districts at Cedar Rapids.

Soil Stewardship material was sent to ministers in the county during May in preparation for Soil Stewardship Sunday. There were several reports of special sermons being delivered regarding Soil Stewardship Sunday.

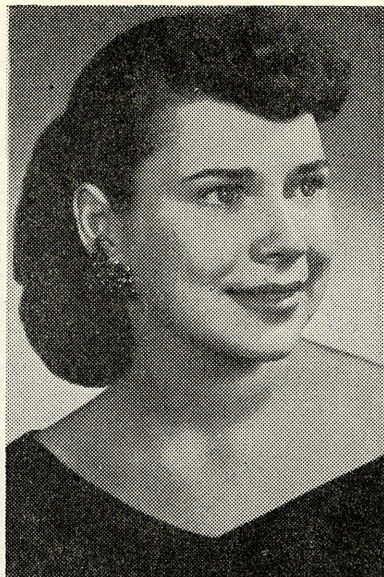
Howard Hamilton, County Extension Director, received the WMT Soil Conservation Award during Soil & Water Conservation Week in June.

The district commissioners selected Marvin Mallie and Charles Shugar as the outstanding conservation farmers in Cedar County for 1958. Their farms were entered in the statewide Des Moines Register & Tribune Conservation contest. As district winners, each received a certificate from the Des Moines Register & Tribune.

In September, William Wertzbaugher received the Cedar Rapids Gazette award and bronze plaque as the outstanding district commissioner in Region 8.

The district commissioners, county board of supervisors, and county A. S. C. committee held joint tours to observe conservation practices in Cedar County.

The annual F. F. A. Soil Judging contest sponsored by the district was held at the Russ Willer farm in October. Five F. F. A. chapters participated with the Tipton F. F. A. chapter winning the contest and the Bennett F. F. A. chapter placing second.

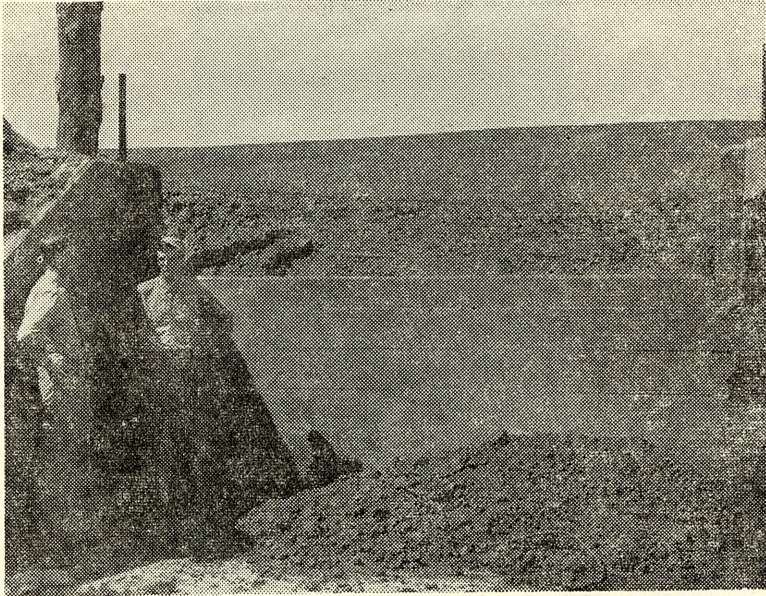


Miss Dorothea Busching, Stanwood,
winner of the Regional "Queen of the Furrow" contest held at
All-Iowa Fair in Cedar Rapids last fall. Miss Busching
was sponsored by the Cedar County Soil Conservation
District and the local American Fence Dealers

The district together with the American Fence Dealers again sponsored the "Queen of the Furrow" Contest. Miss Dorothea Busching of Stanwood and Miss Joyce Schwitzer of Tipton represented the district at the All-Iowa Fair in Cedar Rapids. Miss Dorothea Busching was crowned "Queen of the Furrow" at the All-Iowa Fair in Cedar Rapids and represented eight eastern Iowa counties as a regional candidate for "Queen of the Furrow" in a statewide contest at Cedar Rapids in September.

Don Williams and Clarence Beyer continued in their assignment with the district; Mrs. Lucille Farnum and Mrs. Hilda Carey remained, each working half time as clerks. Don "Bing" Welty continued as a part-time conservation aid assisting with ACP layout. Darwin Hoeft reported in December as soil conservation trainee.

The commissioners met with the County A. S. C. Committee in November to assist in working out the plans for the 1959 A. S. C. Program.



Don Williams and Max Phelps discuss Max's recently completed concrete structure. Earthwork around structure and watercourse have just been completed but waterway had not yet been seeded when this picture was taken.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

The following indicates the goals for 1959, accomplishments during 1958, and the total progress to date :

	1959 Goals	1958	To Date
District Cooperators	45	45	555
Farm Plans	32	32	348
Follow-Up	100	105	
Contouring	2800 Acres	2062 Acres	26377 Acres
Strip Cropping	120 Acres	95 Acres	1622 Acres
Pasture Improvement	350 Acres	256 Acres	2254 Acres
Wildlife Improvement	30 Acres	32 Acres	227 Acres
Structures	15	14	38
Ponds	8	5	35
Tile Drainage	85,000 ft.	42,262 ft.	1,230,994
Terracing	12 Miles	9 Miles	37 Miles
Waterway Development	30 Acres	17 Acres	253 Acres
ACP Referrals serviced(No.)	260	241	

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial assistance given the district by the State of Iowa provides aid in accomplishing district objectives. Expenditures of state funds in Cedar District in 1958 were as follows:

District Operation Expenses	I A Budget
Contests	\$ 25.97
Commissioners' Mileage and Expenses	264.76
Office Supplies	156.67
Meeting Expenses	10.55
Office Expense	87.15
Printing	40.00
Total Expenditures	\$585.10

Clerical and Technical Aid	2 A Budget
Clerical	\$2332.59
Technical	98.16
Total Expenditures	\$2430.75

CONSERVATION NEED DETERMINATION

Considerable time and effort has been expended on a total conservation needs determination for the Cedar District.

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CONCLUSION

The Cedar County Soil District Commissioners wish to acknowledge the assistance given by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service personnel in carrying on the district work load.

Recognition is given for the cooperation shown by the following organizations and agencies: County A. S. C. Committee and Staff, Extension Service, F. F. A. Chapters, State Conservation Commission, Farm Bureau, Farm Loan Association, Production Credit Association, and local civic and commercial organizations. We wish to extend our thanks also for the fine support given by the local newspapers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial statement shows the status of the fund in accordance with the objectives of the fund in 1933 were as follows:

District Convention Expenses	
Constitution	2.00
Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions	10.00
Office Supplies	10.00
Stationery	10.00
Office Expenses	10.00
Stationery	10.00
Total Expenditures	52.00
District and Technical Aid	
Technical	10.00
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Total Expenditures	20.00

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