

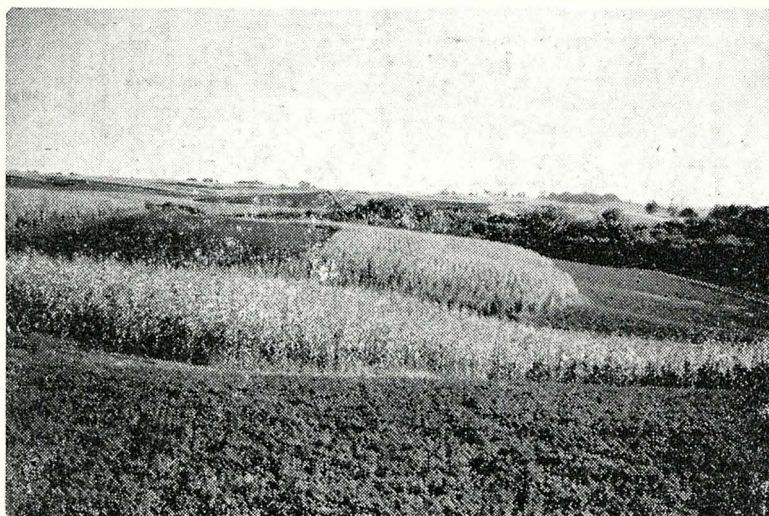
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FOREWORD

by Paul F. Hain, Sr.

The District Commissioners of the Cedar County Soil Conservation district would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make this past year a success conservation wise. The success of any program is determined by the number of people who are interested in it.

As chairman of the District Commissioners, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the business establishments and individuals for their support of Soil and Water Conservation by purchasing ads in our 1961 Annual report. I would implore that all who read this report would mention to the advertisers that you noticed their ad here.

Soil Conservation can not forge ahead without District Commissioners, Farm planners, their assistants, and office clerks. So at this time I want to thank all of them for making 1961 a year of success and progress.

Your District Commissioners are elected by the farmers and land owners of the county to govern the Soil Conservation District. We approve or disapprove requests for assistance in all Conservation matters, and also we approve or disapprove all Farm plans that the Farm planner and his assistant present to us. To date we have never disapproved any request or plan that could be termed in any way part of Conservation.

District Commissioners are elected for a six year term and serve without pay, except for mileage and expenses while attending meetings, conferences and short courses. The Commissioners hold regular monthly meetings plus specials if necessary. They take care of any business which may come before them, including approving Farm plans, requests for Conservation assistance, paying bills accrued by the District, and approving the District Clerk's salary.

We cooperate with the many other governmental agencies in the county, such as the County Extension Service, the County A.S.C. office and the County Board of Supervisors. We sponsor an annual Soil judging contest for all the F.F.A. chapters of the county and award prizes to the winners. This contest has

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Stripcropping cuts soil losses to $\frac{1}{4}$. Virgil Stinocher farm, Gower Township, which has been stripcropped for several years.

had much success in the past and we are sure it will be of much interest in the future. The District has paid the tuition for elementary school teachers who have desired to go to Springbrook State Park for a Conservation short course during the summer. If you know of any teacher who is interested in such a short course, contact the S.C.S. office for details.

It is with deep regret that I give up my office of District Commissioner, but having served my six year term, I feel it is the best policy to let different men have a chance to serve as Commissioner. I have enjoyed every minute of the past six years and appreciate all the help and assistance that I have received. Soil Conservation has steadily progressed these last six years even though sometimes we were a little disappointed. We have seen a few instances where Conservation has been used for a while then dropped, but we hope that these cases are temporary. I'm sure that a lot more of us will think and practice Soil Conservation in the future after seeing so much of our soil washed away in 1961 due to the extra hard rains.

Did you know that an inch of top soil can be lost in a matter of minutes, but it takes one hundred years to replace it? So I'm hoping a few more every year will become interested in the future of our families, our friends and our nation. With all the surplus that we have in our nation today, "I" believe they could be eliminated if every farmer would put a Conservation plan into practice on his farm. This would not only eliminate the surplus, but at the same time build up the soil. There would be less work to do, and after a very few years you could raise as much on the fewer acres as you did before. By this time, with the population increase, the extra might be needed to feed the hungry mouths. Of course the most important thing is that the Soil will not be washing away, so that when we do need it, it will be here for our use. The S.C.S. Technicians will be happy to help you, come in and see them.



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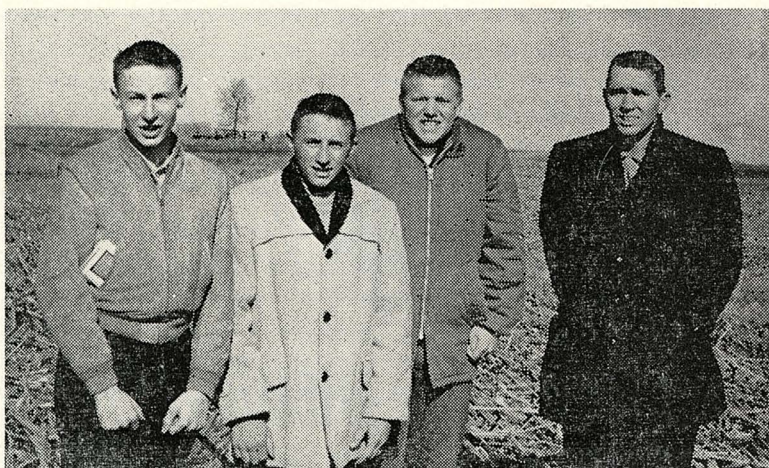
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Paul Hain and Harold Oldorf attended the District Commissioners Short Course at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in January.

Annual contractor's meeting held with 16 contractors present.

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1960 Annual Report. Two thousand six-hundred copies were mailed to each land owner and operator in the county.

Material for 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's newspapers.

Misses Mary Andre and Beverly Holden were selected as Queens of Conservation for Cedar County, and represented the Cedar District at the regional contest held at the Jones County Fair in August.

William Wertzbaugher, West Branch, was selected as the District winner of the Des Moines Register & Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards Contest.

Participation in the eighth annual Soil Judging Contest sponsored by the District broke all records. One-hundred sixty-two boys from eight high schools took part.

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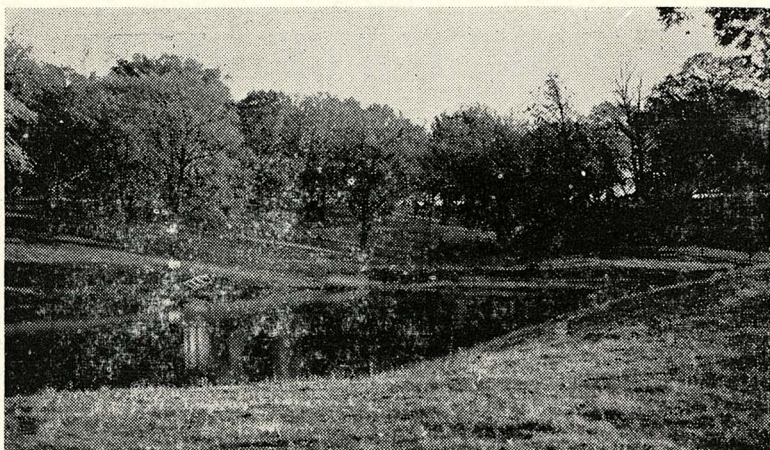


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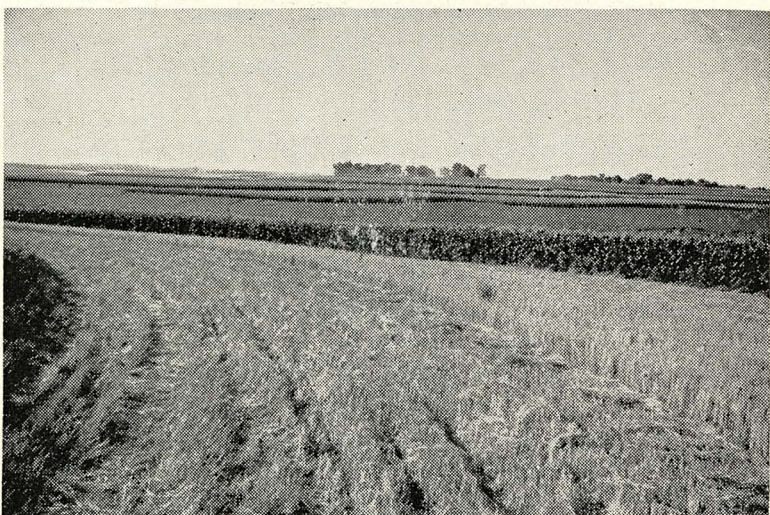
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ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY

The following indicates the accomplishments for 1961, and the totals to date:

		To Date
Contour farming	2,405 Acres	32,265 Acres
Strip Cropping	246 Acres	2,135 Acres
Terraces	2,550 Ft.	237,090 Ft.
Structures	5	61
Livestock		
Watering Ponds	2	48
Grassed Waterways . .	29.6 Acres	312.1 Acres
Tile Drainage	425,351 L. F.	2,062,787 L. F.
Soil Conservation		
Surveys	5,350 Acres	139,830 Acres
Pasture Planting	467 Acres	3,383 Acres
Tree Planting	3 Acres	15 Acres
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Improvement	39 Acres	345 Acres

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| 11. F. W. Hinkhouse | 32. Harold C. Fehling |
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| 13. Wayne C. Tank | 34. Robert H. Guy |
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| 15. Hilbert Marolf | 36. Mrs. Beryl Andre |
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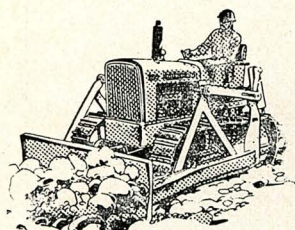
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| 8. Amos Suchomel | 25. David W. Bishop |
| 9. Edwin Slach | 26. L. C. Rummells |
| 10. Milver Kohout | 27. Mary Albrecht &
Wayne Kappeler |
| 11. Martin H. Licht | 28. Ruth McCutcheon &
Michael Moes |
| 12. Carroll Schroeder | 29. George M. Sloup &
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| 13. L. C. Rummells | 30. Carl Brodersen |
| 14. LaVerne A. Wood | 31. Ruth McCutcheon & Verne Svoboda |
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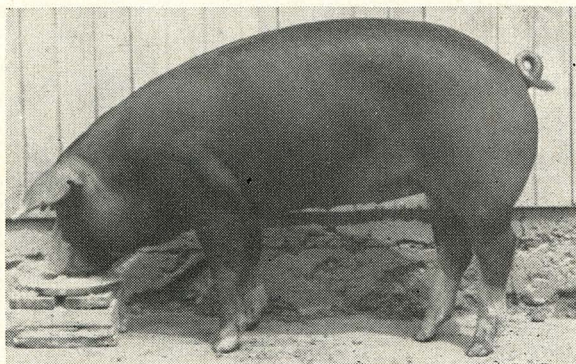
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District Cooperators	40
Farm Plans	30
Follow-up	110
Conservation Soil Survey	5,500 Acres
Contour	2,200 Acres
Stripcropping	210 Acres
Terraces and Diversions	21,000 Ft.
Structures and Ponds	15
Grassed Waterways	35 Acres
Tile Drainage	216,500 L. F.
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Commissioners' Expenses	\$ 178.92
Office Supplies	219.46
Office Expense	71.90
Contests and Demonstrations	30.05
TOTAL	\$ 500.33

II-M BUDGET

Salary—Clerk & State Aid	\$3,270.00
State Retirement	111.71
Federal Retirement (Social Security) ..	98.10
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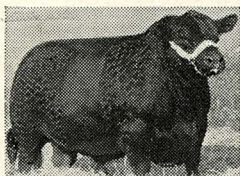
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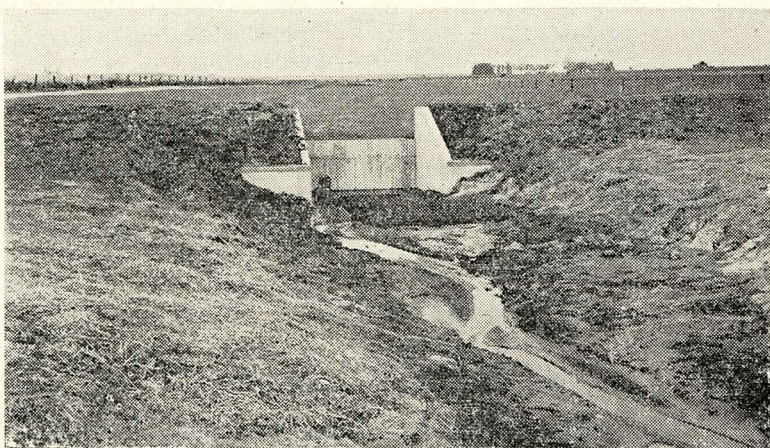
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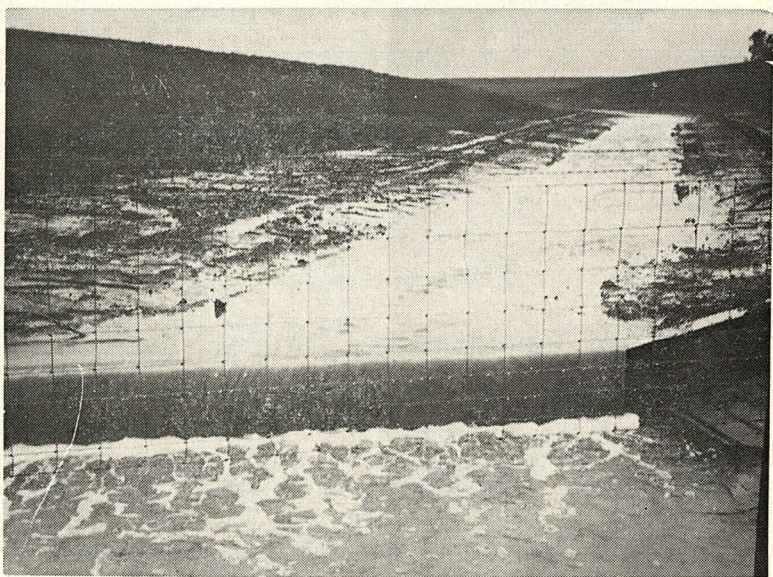
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Drop spillway type structure on the Harold Cromer farm, Rochester township. There are two more structures within less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Harold's structure.



Concrete structure on the Leo Twachtmann farm, Springfield Township, followed a heavy September rain. The watercourse had not been seeded when this 7-inch rain came. However, there was little or no damage to the watercourse. (Photo by Roland Buck)

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The Extension Director worked very closely with grain, fertilizer and seed dealers in an effort to furnish them with the latest research information on improved varieties, fertilizer recommendations, and the need for soil conservation.

There is more interest in soil conservation every year as more and more farmers realize the value of the same. However, we still have a long way to go. You and I are very fortunate in living in one of the best counties in one of the best states in one of the best countries of the world. Most of our soil is productive enough to merit saving. When you and I think about soil conservation and what it can mean to us as well as future generations it certainly gives us cause to pause for meditation.

The following poem by L. D. Baver illustrates what has happened in many places where people have continued to abuse the land:

I cut the virgin timber
And plowed the virgin sod
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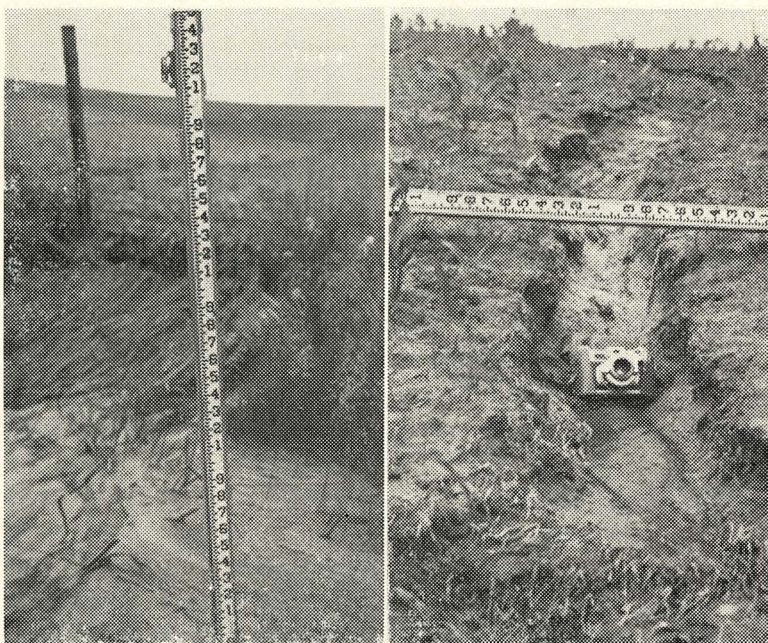
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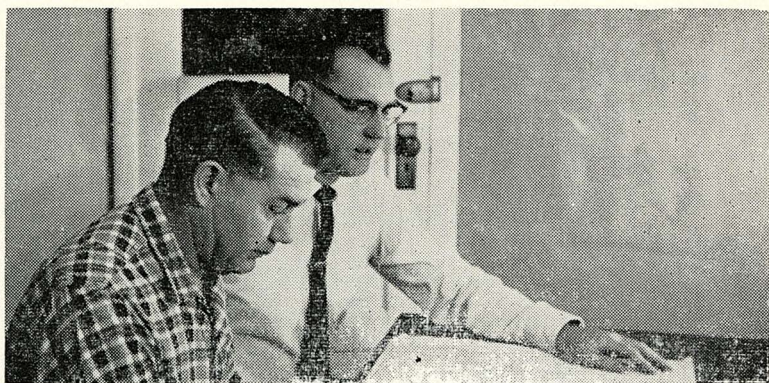
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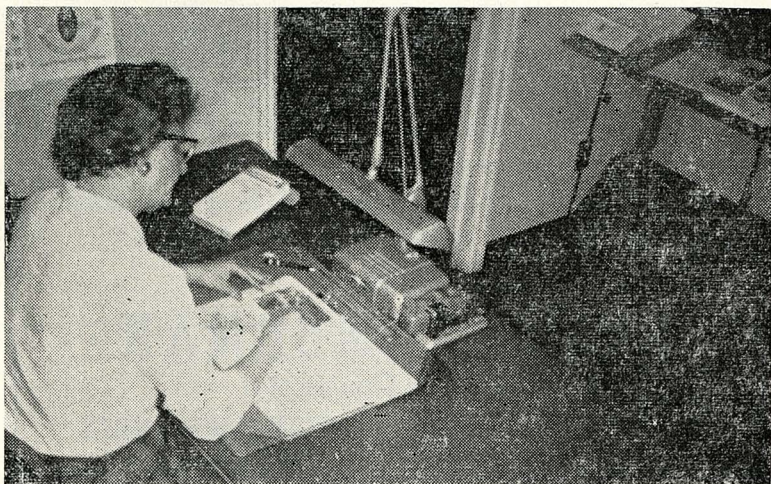
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It is with pleasure that the Cedar County A.S.C.S. reports its participation in soil conservation practices for the year 1961.

In 1960 the program reached only 480 farms. In 1961 664 different farms participated in the cost sharing program.

In addition to the A.C.P. cost sharing program, 18,020 acres of Cedar County's most productive soil was diverted from the production of corn and put to soil conserving practices.

The total assistance to the farmers of Cedar County in 1961 was \$91,621.83 compared to \$64,700.33 in 1960. \$12,000 of the 1961 funds were used in assisting farmers in establishing seeding on the acres diverted from the production of corn because of the Emergency Feed Grain Program. But in spite of the amount of A.C.P. funds used for seeding practices, there was still an increase of \$15,000 in the use of A.C.P. funds for tiling, liming, contouring, dams, ponds, etc.

Again the A.S.C.S. wishes to thank the S.C.S. for the fine cooperation received and pledge our whole hearted support and cooperation to the S.C.S. in accomplishing the goals of sound soil conservation practices.

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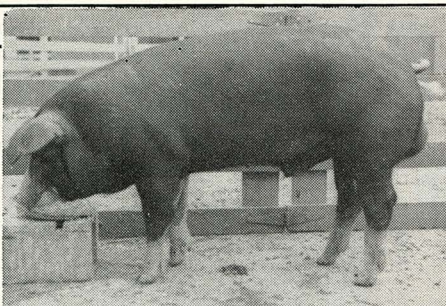
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