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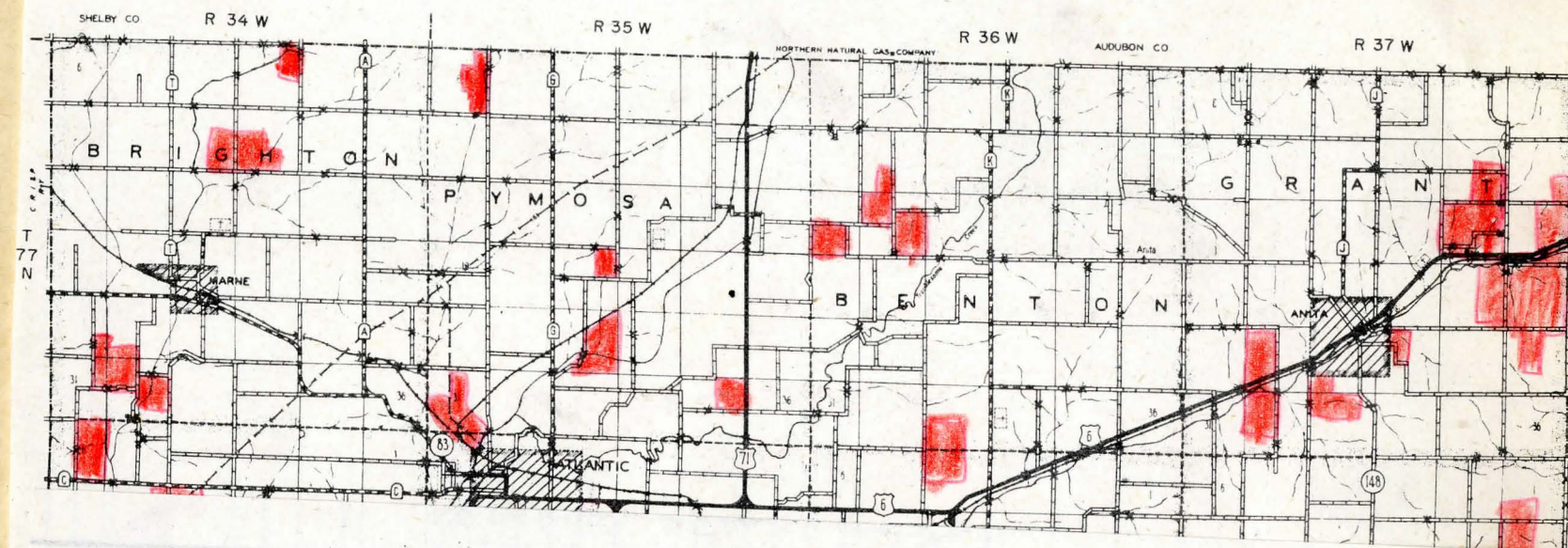
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in promoting soil and moisture conservation in the District. Machinery companies were very instrumental in promoting these demonstrations and furnished considerable amount of equipment and advertising and also have indicated their desire to assist the commissioners with holding other demonstrations in the future of similar nature.

The demonstration and field day that was held in the Spring of the year was attended by approximately 200 farmers. Weather conditions this spring, however, forced cancellation of other demonstrations scheduled for the Spring of the year and we feel that due to weather conditions, it is advisable to hold demonstrations and field days in the fall of the year. For the coming year, demonstrations and field days will be conducted on terrace building, grassed waterways, etc. Two rotations pasture demonstrations will be set up and projects for boys 4-H clubs will be developed that can be put into practice by club members.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Boys 4-H Clubs stress soil conservation at their meetings and large groups of boys attended the Clarinda Experimental farm Field Day. Three farms cooperated in spraying legumes for seed production. The fertilizer program has made considerable advancement in the district and a number of field trials were established. Most of the farmers in the District are using adapted strains of bromegrass seed in their seedings.

COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Regular District Commissioners Meetings are held bi-monthly and are usually held in the day time.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONERS

Gilbert Lacy attended the short course at Ames sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Association. Mr. Lacy and Mr. Lawton took the air tour last summer and brought back a good report on what they saw from the air relative to the soil and moisture conservation practices being carried out over the state. The Commissioners sponsored a two-day training school which was held chiefly for southwest Iowa township A.A.A. committeemen. The first day was spent chiefly in the field going over the various soil and moisture conservation practices that had been previously established on a farm that had a good soil and moisture conservation farm plan in operation. The second day was spent inside going over the entire plan in detail. We feel that by this method of training we are getting more and better farm-conservationists to assist us with the program.

This District entered the Omaha World-Herald Soil Conservation Recognition Contest.

We want to express our appreciation to the Soil Conservation Service for furnishing us technical assistance with assisting the farmers with the development and application of soil and moisture conservation farm plans and to the Extension Service for their carrying out their educational program; the Production Marketing Association, the Farmers Home Administration and other organizations and agencies in the District for their cooperation.

Signed: Joe Lawton
Joe Lawton, Chairman, District
Governing Body.

Date: Jan 15 1948

TOTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT - 1947

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>ATTEND.</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
Intertilled crops	Acres	40,000		
Terraces	Miles	38		95
Brome-legume established	Acres	2,000		4,500
Reeds canary grass established	Acres	2		12
Lime spread	Tons	22,000		
Fertilizer used	Tons	450		
Soil Saving Dams	No.	50		200
Number of Meetings:				
Interest or Group and Planning	No.	16		
Moving Pictures or slides shown	No.	5	150	
News stories on soil conservation	No.	50		
Farm Plans Written	No.	70		204
No. of Requests for farm plans on file and approved of District Com. on Dec. 31st.	No.	70		
Demonstrations	No.	4	875	
Grassed Waterways	Miles	208		
Contour Plowing	Acres	5,460		
Kind of contests sponsored by the District:				
Omaha World-Herald				
Ten Acre Contour Corn Yield				
Goals set for 1948:				
Farm Plans	No.	60		
News Stories (Goal for 1948)	No.	75		
Field days and tours (Goal for 1948)	No.	5		
Exhibits	No.	3		
Contour Training Schools	No.	4		

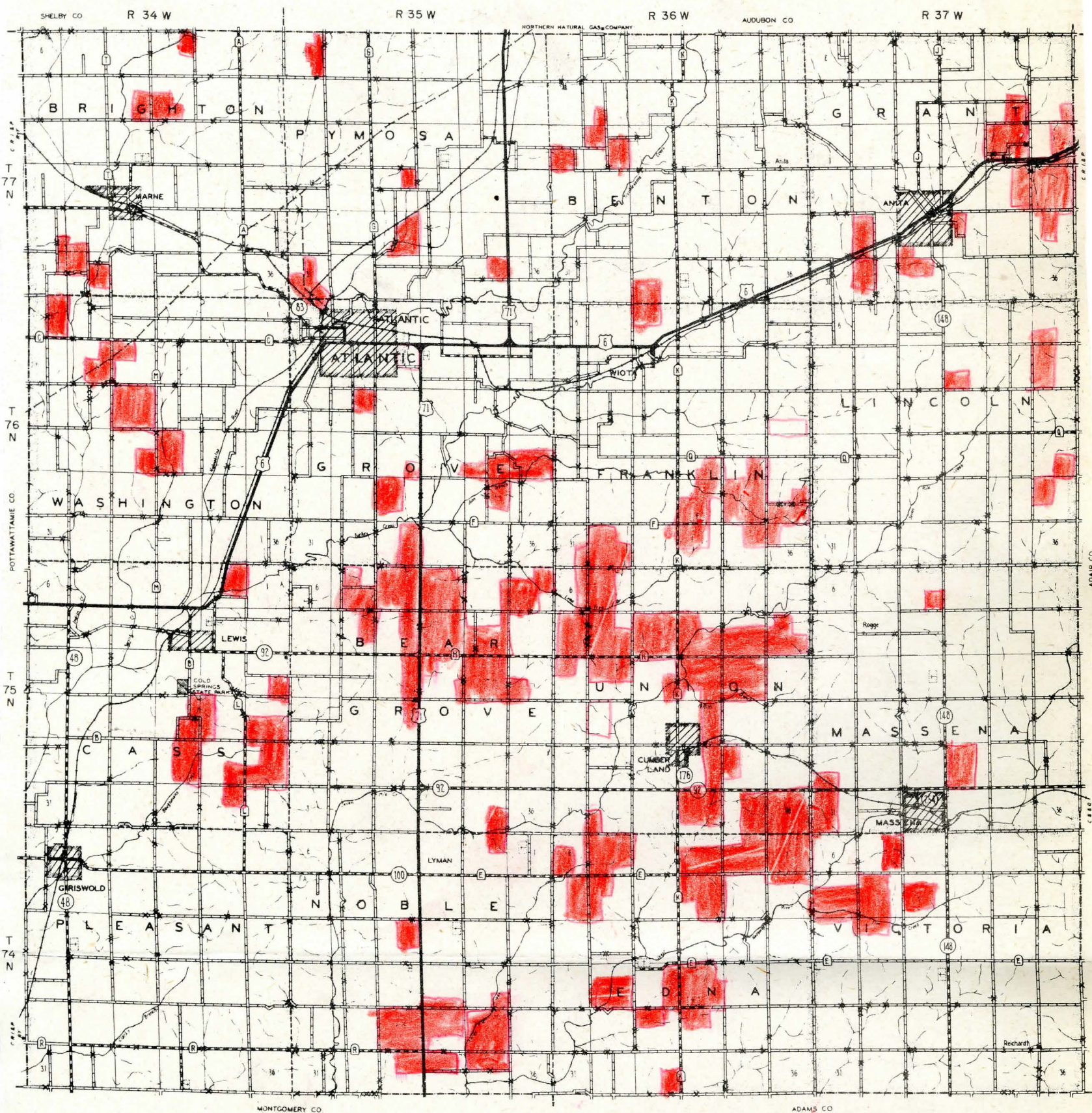
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ANNUAL REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT Cass County
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Period July 1 19 47 to Dec. 31, 19 47

ACTIVITY		This Year	To Date
Educational Meetings	Number	17	68
	Attendance	100	2349
Tours	Number	2	10
	Attendance	90	248
Demonstrations	Number	4	59
	Attendance	875	2287
Leader Training Meetings	Number	2	11
	Attendance	70	339
Exhibits	Number	1	9
Radio Talks	Number	0	0
News Articles	Number	50	249



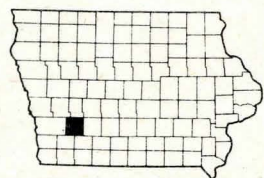
Approximate Acreage 350,622 acres
exclusive of incorporated cities and towns.

 EXCLUDED AREA

205- Total Farm plans - to date

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LOCATION IN IOWA

