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FOREWORD

by Harold Oldorf

This report explains the progress in soil and water conservation that was made in the Cedar County Soil Conservation District during 1963.

We are fortunate in living in one of the best counties in one of the best states. Most of our soil is productive enough to merit saving, and may all of us who operate farms leave our farmland in better condition than when we started, as we are only the custodians during our tenure.

We, the Commissioners, wish to thank all individuals, business establishments, organizations and other agencies that made possible the accomplishments listed on the following pages.

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Steve Schroeder, son of Carroll Schroeder, Wilton Junction, hoeing tomatoes which are contour strip cropped. This is probably the first time that tomatoes have been strip cropped in the Cedar district.

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Twenty seven hundred copies of the Conservation Needs which had been completed in 1959, were published by the District. These were mailed to all farmers in the county as well as to other interested parties.

Annual Contractors Meeting held in Clarence. This meeting was held in cooperation with Jones, Jackson, and Clinton counties.

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1962 Annual Report. Over 2600 copies were mailed to landowners and operators in the county, and to others interested in conservation.

Material for Soil Stewardship Sunday was sent to all ministers in the county to assist in observing "Soil Stewardship Sunday". Two thousand place mats with a stewardship message imprinted on them, were distributed to churches requesting them.

Soil and Water Conservation Week was celebrated with special emphasis in the county's newspapers.

Speaking Contest on "How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future," sponsored by the district. Nancy Grunder, Wilton Junction, won the contest and went on to place second in the 10 County Regional Contest.

George Kiser, Wilton Junction, former district commissioner, was selected as the District winner of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards Contest.

A picnic was held at the Tipton Park for commissioners, ex-commissioners and their families on Saturday, August 10.

Misses Judy Oldorf and Antoinette Rix were selected as Queens of Conservation for Cedar County, and represented the Cedar District at the regional contest held at the Mississippi Valley Fair, in Davenport, in August.

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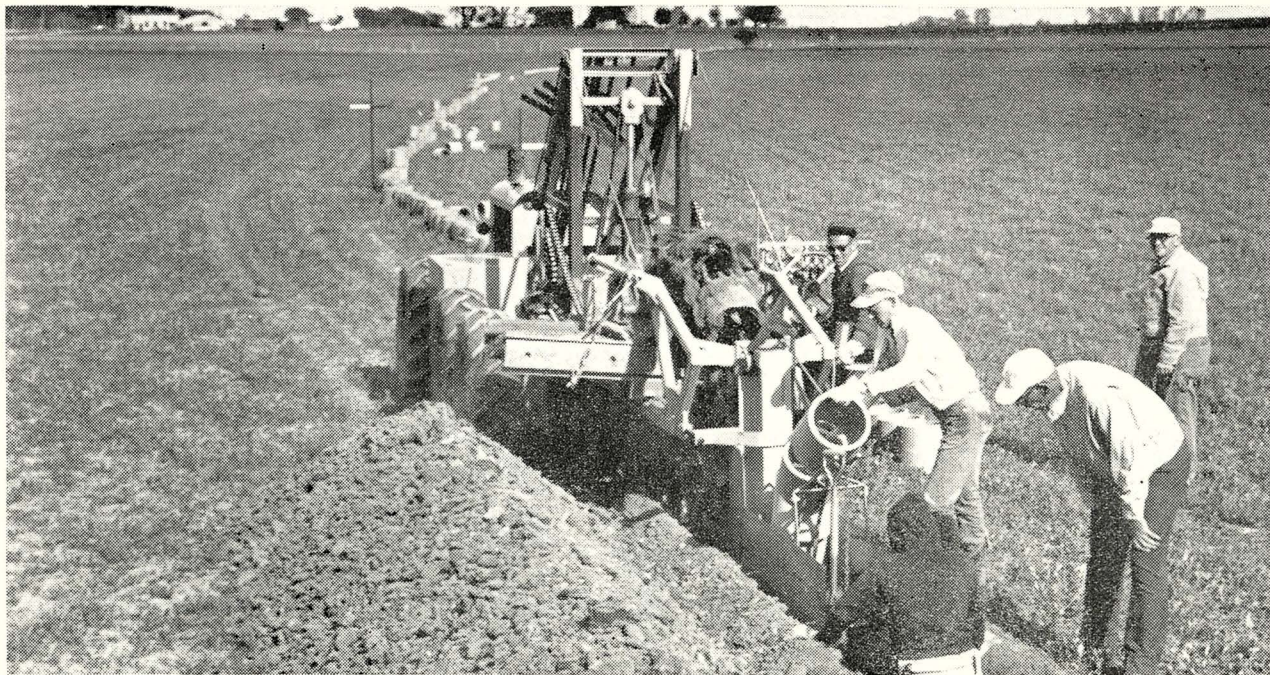
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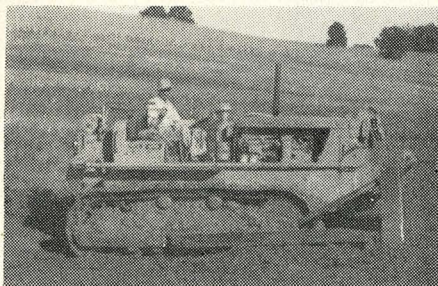
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ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY

The following indicates the accomplishments for 1963, and the totals to date:

	To Date
Contour farming4,349 Acres	38,737 Acres
Strip Cropping219 Acres	2,569 Acres
Terraces5,996 Ft.	259,957 Acres
Structures7	74
Livestock	
Watering Ponds4	52
Grassed Waterways . .31 Acres	360 Acres
Tile Drainage238,561 Ft.	2,706,250 L. F.
Soil Conservation	
Surveys6,110 Acres	151,590 Acres
Pasture Planting488 Acres	4,181 Acres
Wildlife Area	
Improvement20 Acres	387 Acres

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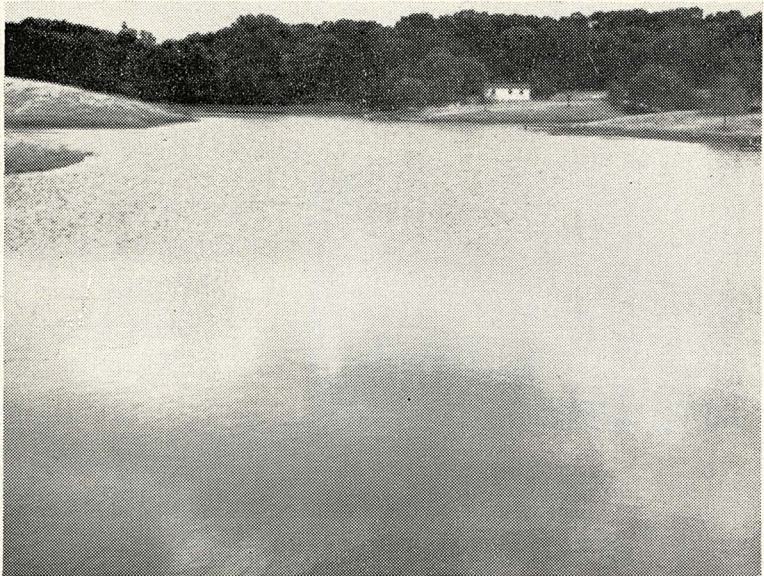
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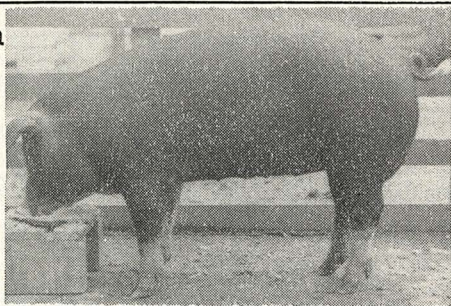
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| 17. V. A. Wood | 39. John A. Luth |
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District Cooperators	40
Farm Plans	32
Follow-up	175
Conservation Soil Survey	5,500 Acres
Contour	2,500 Acres
Strip Cropping	200 Acres
Terraces	12,010 Ft.
Structures and Ponds	10
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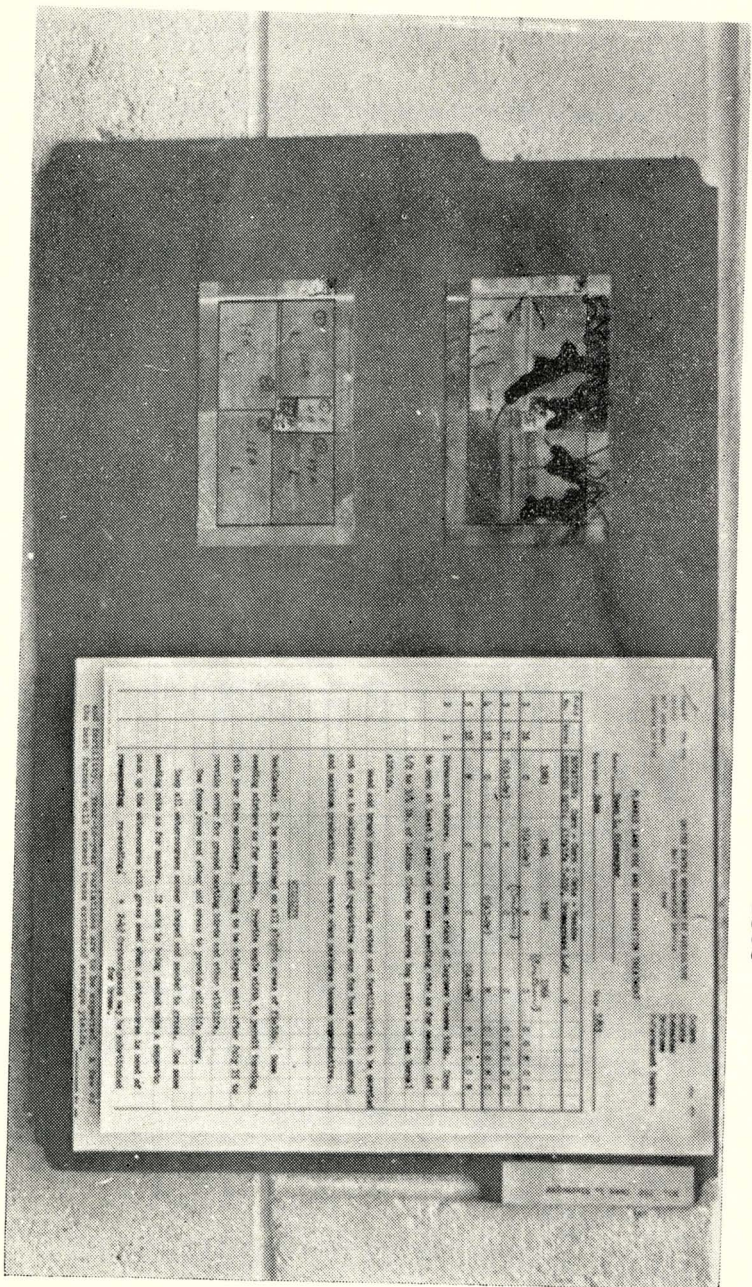
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Sylvan Runkel, Soil Conservation Service Biologist, and Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, setting up a chemical barrier so that fish in only part of the pond will be killed.

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by Howard Hamilton

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The Extension Director acted as secretary for the Soil Commissioners during the past year and helped whenever possible with all phases of their educational program.

Four hundred eighty-nine lime tests were made through the Extension Office. Farmers were encouraged to send soil samples to Ames for complete analysis.

Each year we are seeing more interest in soil conservation among farmers, business and professional men, educators and clergy.

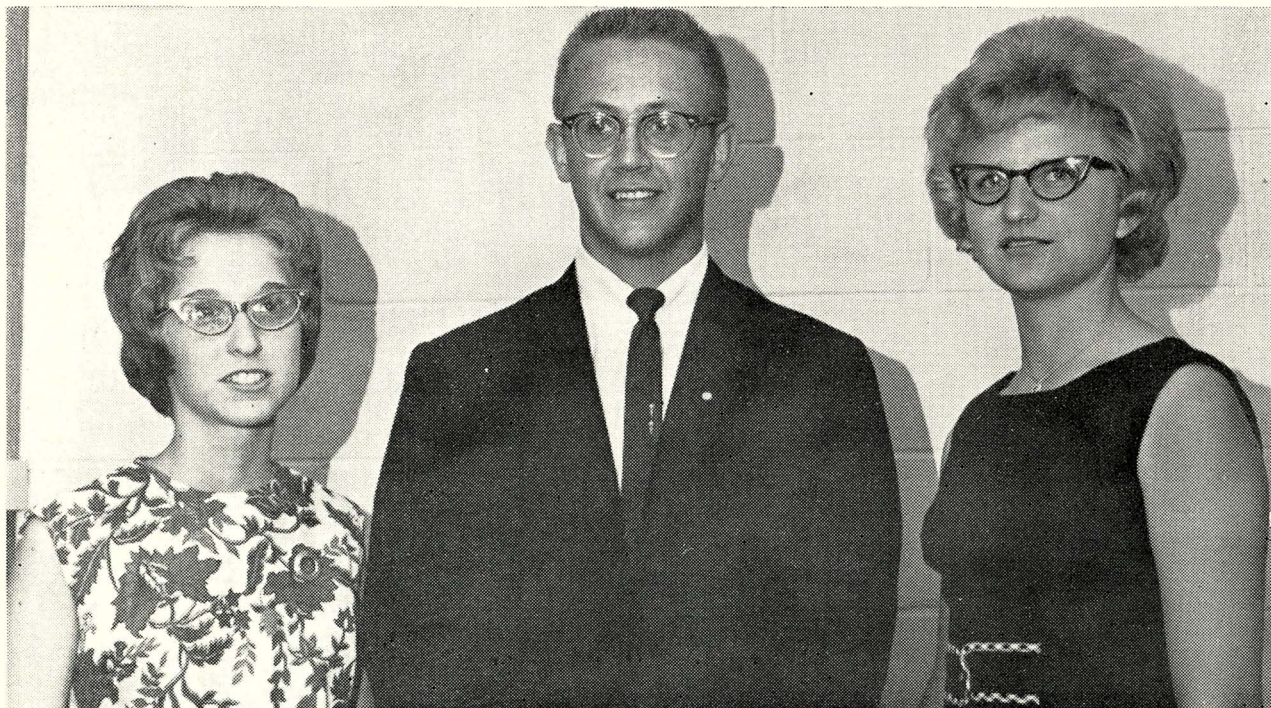
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By Daryl L. Grove, County Supervisor

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Farm Ownership loans, with a 40 year repayment, are made to purchase, enlarge, develop or refinance farms. Development may include land or building improvement or recreational projects.

Soil and Water loans may be made to initiate and complete any soil and water conservation practice approved by Soil Conservation Service. This loan may be made to associations, as well as individuals, when a major conservation project is undertaken which might involve several farms.

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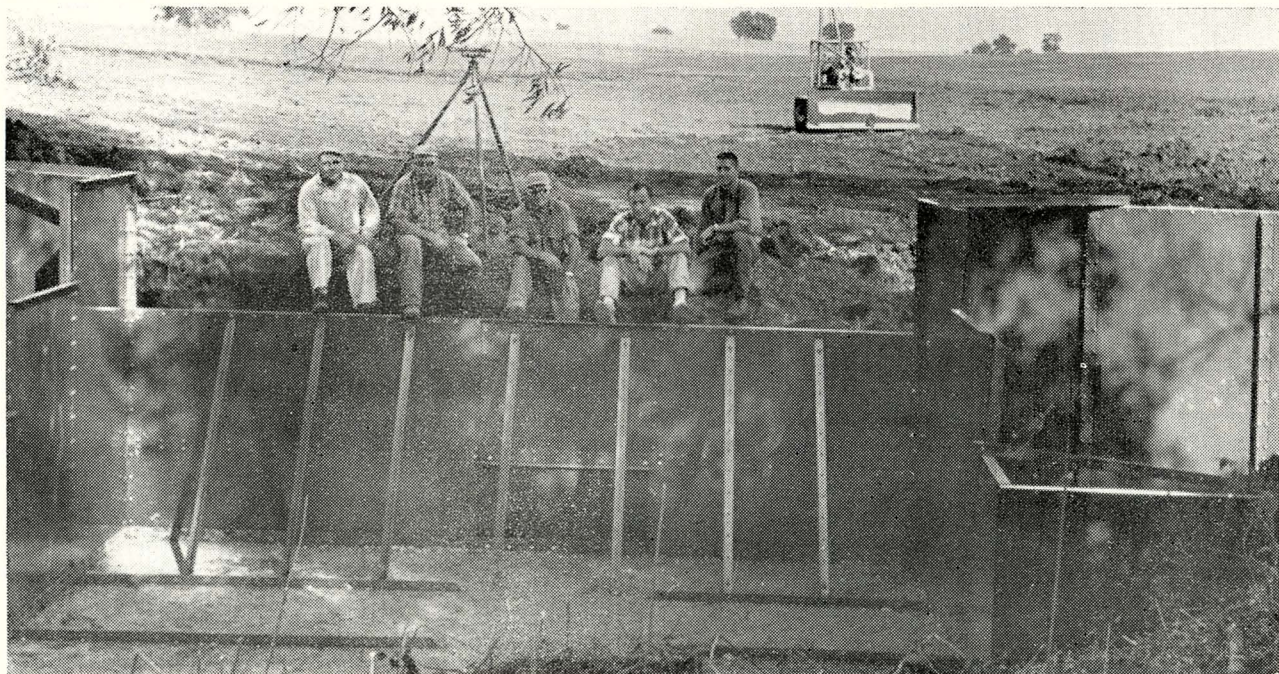
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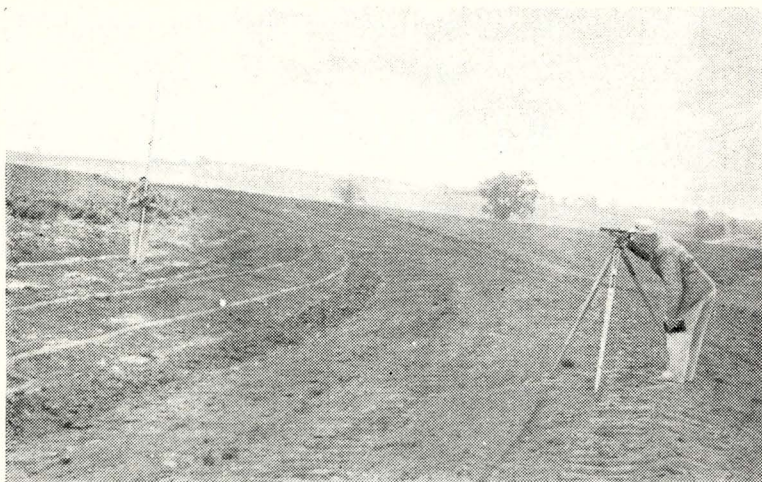
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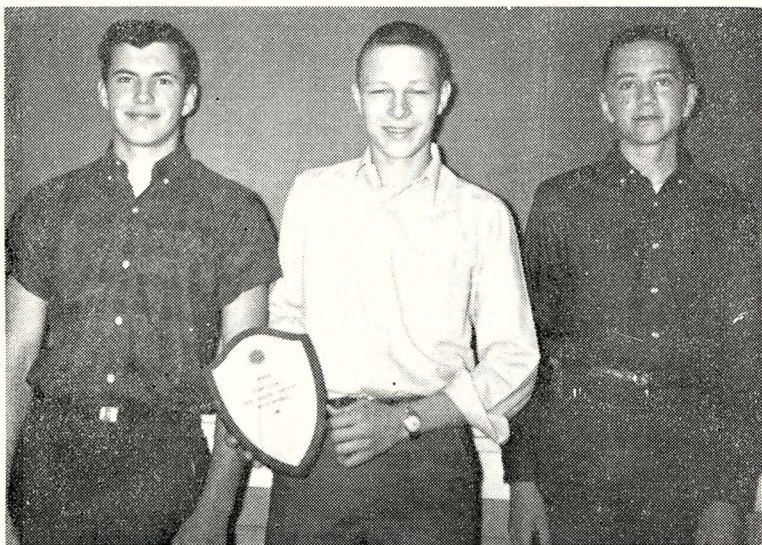
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Clarence Beyer, checking a newly constructed terrace built on the Darrell Brown farm, West Branch. Brown's man, Wayne Long, is holding the rod. Terraces are outstanding as an erosion control practice.



This team, representing the West Branch F.F.A. Chapter, won the 10th annual Cedar Co. Soil Judging Contest. Pictured from left to right, Dan Barnhart, Larry Regennitter and Dick Fawcett. More than 160 Cedar County boys competed.



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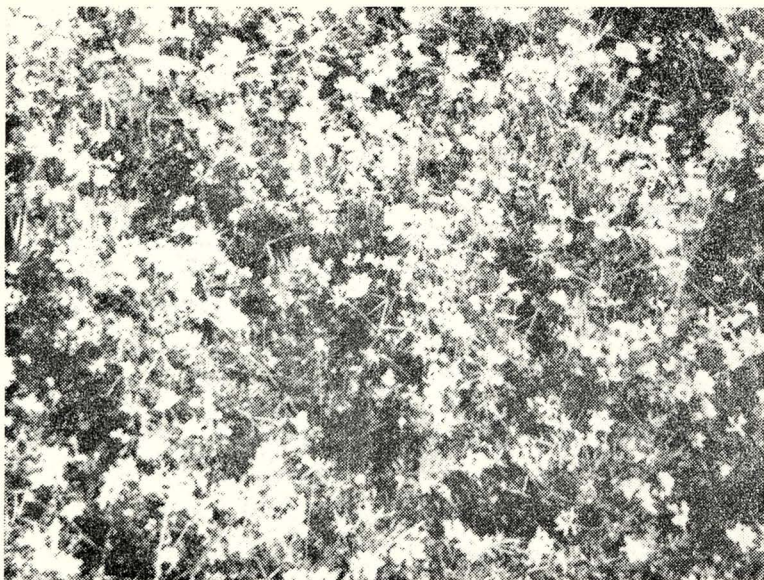
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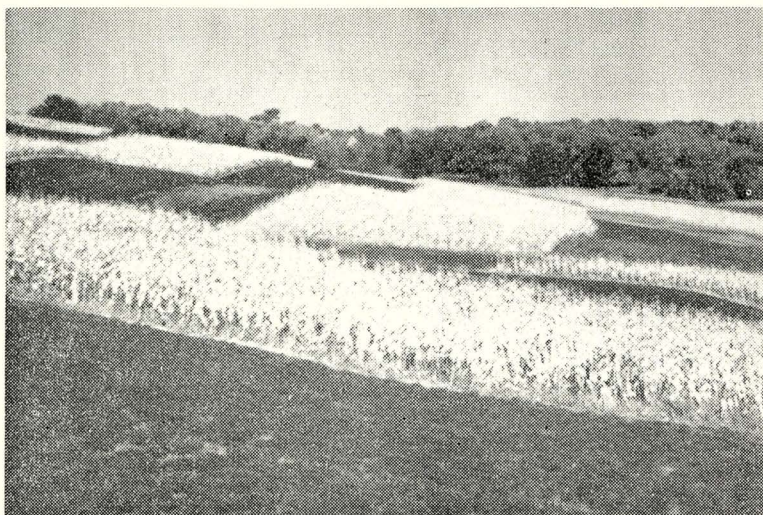
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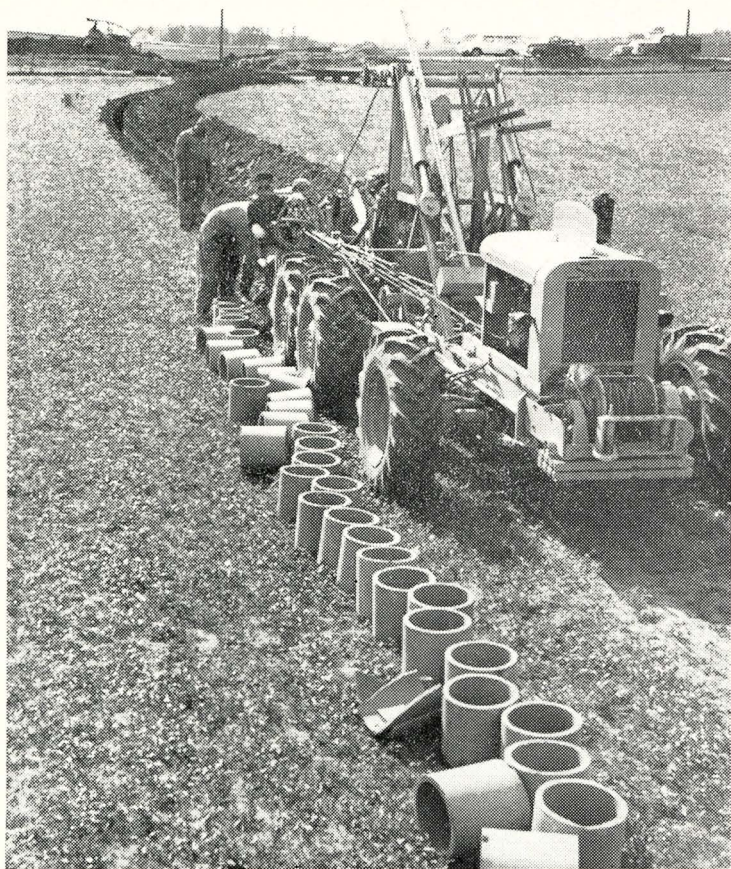
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There are a few more fields of birdsfoot trefoil showing up in permanent pastures in the county each year. Imagine the beauty of a field aglow with golden blooms and a green background such as in the picture above. This legume can be expected to double bluegrass pasture yields with no danger from bloat.



Contour strip cropped on the Bob Guy farm, Sugar Creek township. Bob has all of his farm strip cropped.



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