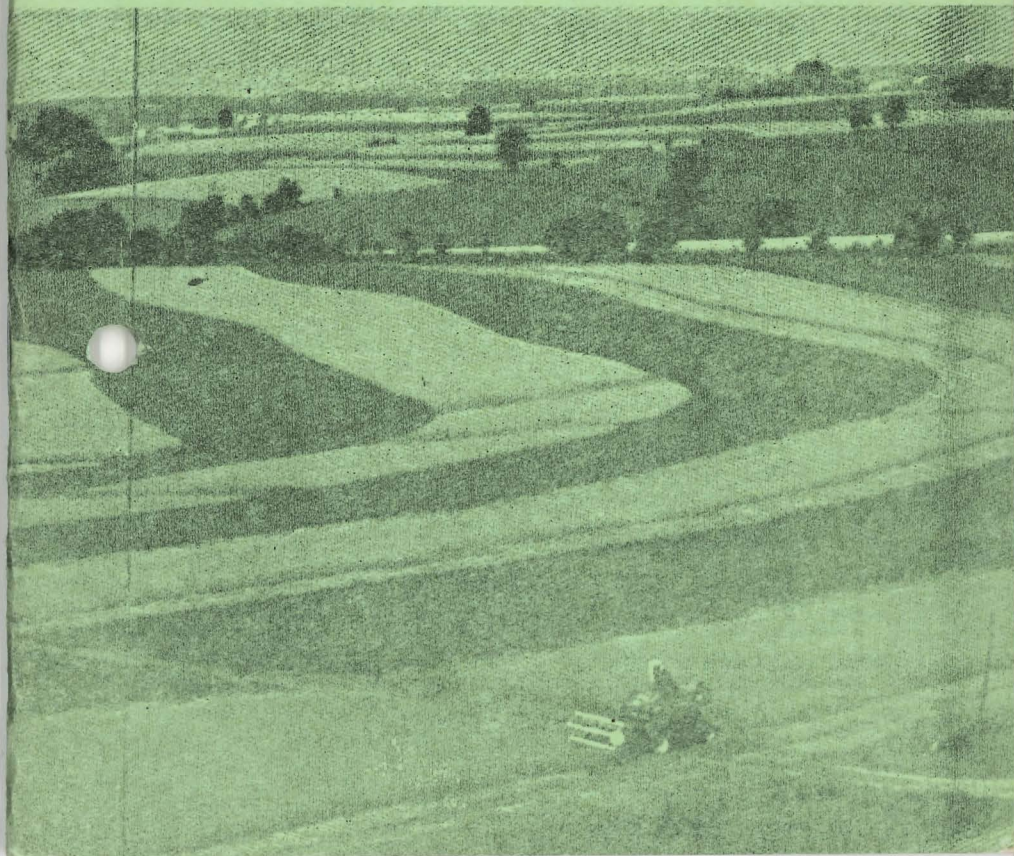


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I hope you folks who receive this report of our past year's work will read it to see what we have been doing for your neighbors and give serious consideration as to which of these practices you would like to have us help you with. I'm sure every farmer in Iowa county can benefit from some type of soil conservation practice or practices and those of you who haven't tried any as yet surely should be thinking about it and discussing it with those who have or the Soil Conservation Service. We know we can increase yields by fertilization, but if we don't combine it with soil conservation the fertilizer can wash down the river with the soil.

It is gratifying to me to see the rapidly increasing interest in soil conservation. About thirty years ago when the first terraces were constructed on my father's farm our neighbors thought we were very foolish. Like any other new idea or invention it was slow to gain popularity and acceptance. As people have observed the benefits to be gained more and more are willing to give it a try. Now as I drive around I am happy to note that people all over the county as well as the state are beginning to participate in soil conservation.

We do wish to thank all individuals or organizations who have helped us in making this a good year for the Iowa County Soil Conservation District and those who have contributed money for the ads so that it was possible for us to publish this report.

In conclusion, I urge every farmer to use any soil conservation practices which will help to make his farm more productive now and in the future.—By H. Sherman.

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST



Howard E. Beyer who farms just east of Koszta was asked in 1953 if he would assist the Iowa County SCD. Howard has been helping ever since. Howard is the treasurer for the district and assists in carrying out the district's many programs each year. The staff and commissioners of the district owe Howard

and his wife many thanks. We're taking this opportunity to say: THANKS, HOWARD.

Clayton Dietrich of Sumner township, was elected commissioner to the district this summer. Clayton takes the place of Carter Atkinson whose term expired.

Carter is still assisting the district as an associate commissioner. Carter's chief responsibilities are to head up the bowling team which the district sponsors.

Roger Sharp, conservation technician for the district has resigned from the SCS.

The district's sod cutter was used by the Iowa county lake. This sod cutter is available to any cooperator for sodding purposes.

Ted Setzer of South Amana is the new technician for the District. Ted has had previous training in forestry and agronomy and will fill an important position in the district's conservation program.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Charles A. Lortz of Millersburg was selected by the Cedar Rapids Jaycees as the outstanding young conservation farmer in the area surrounding Cedar Rapids.

Congressman Fred Schwengel spent several hours visiting the District Commissioners and Work Unit Staff of Iowa county. Mr. Schwengel is interested in the problems and progress of Conservation in Eastern Iowa.

Iowa was selected as the state where the National Headquarters building of the "Soil Conservation Society of America" is to be built.

Over 127,000 feet of terraces were built in Iowa county in 1963. This along with more than 1700 acres of strip cropping makes 1963 a very good year for conservation.

The Soil Conservation Office in Williamsburg has a new sign across the front, courtesy of the "Burg Bowl", Williamsburg's bowling alley.

A Twilight Tour for the businessmen and their families of Williamsburg was conducted by the Soil Conservation Staff in an effort to bring the town people into better focus with their rural neighbors. More than 20 farms practicing conservation were observed.

The Iowa County Soil Conservation District was featured on WMT Radio. Commissioners Harold Sherman and Don Eash and John T. Baker of the Work Unit Staff told of the district's activities and accomplishments.

Sixty-six news articles were written by the district Work Unit Staff and published by the newspapers of Iowa county and Cedar Rapids.

Arlene Heitshusen representing the Iowa County Soil Conservation District was crowned East Central Iowa's "Queen of Conservation" at the Mississippi Valley fair at Davenport.

The district staff and commissioners arranged for a plane ride over Iowa county during the summer to observe conservation on the land.

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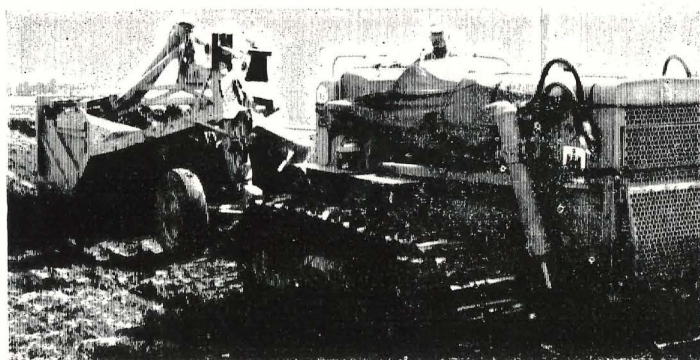
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Major Practices	Unit	1963	Percent Increase Over 1962
Contour Farming	Ac.	4,754	10%
Strip Cropping	Ac.	1,785	65%
Terraces:			
Standard	Ft.	32,280	23%
Parallel	Ft.	95,250	127%
Diversion	Ft.	22,651	Same
	Total	150,181	
Structures:			
Soil and Water	No.	21	40%
Farm Ponds	No.	23	43%
Tile	Ft.	460,076	-14%
Waterways	Ac.	141	Same
Drainage Ditches	Ft.	41,745	35%
OTHER PRACTICES			
Seeding Headlands	Ft.	143,135	Same
Stocking Fish Ponds	No.	13	-53%
Tree Planting	Ac.	36.5	1077%
Wildlife Habitat (Development)	Ac.	50.0	Same
PLANNING PRACTICES			
New Cooperators	No.	76	32%
Basic Farm Plans	No.	52	8%
Revised Farm Plans	No.	15	27%
Farms Serviced	No.	598	52%
Farms Applying Cons. Practices	No.	336	26%

Much of Iowa county's increased accomplishments in the area of conservation is due to the ASC committee. Their cooperation in emphasizing the important "Round the Hill" practices has helped the Soil Conservation District to achieve substantial increases in these practices each year.

The District Commissioners and Work Unit Staff want to express their appreciation for the fine cooperation given them by the ASC committee and ASC office

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

A Conservation booth and polling place was set up at the Iowa county fairgrounds during the Fair. Clayton Dietrich was elected to replace Carter Atkinson as commissioner of the Soil Conservation District.

Material for sermons and promoting Soil Stewardship was sent to each minister in Iowa county.

A special page in the Iowa County Farmer was dedicated to Soil Conservation, proclaiming Soil Conservation Week.

The district again sponsored a Conservation Speech Contest. All contestants spoke on "How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future". Miss Lorraine Petz of High Amana was named winner. She received a trophy.

The Conroy Cooperative Elevator co-sponsored the Queen of Conservation Contest with the Soil Conservation District. Iowa county's Arlene Heitshusen was chosen on the Regional level to represent Eastern Iowa at the state contest.

The Iowa County SCD entered four of its outstanding conservation farmers in the Register and Tribune Contest. The entries in the Landlord-Tenant Division went on to win at the Regional level.

Mrs. Dorothy Driscoll of Williamsburg was sponsored by the Soils District to the Springbrook Conservation Camp. Here, three semester hours of on campus graduate or undergraduate credits were earned for each three week course.

The District Commissioners and Work Unit Staff provided programs and information about Soil Conservation for the following people and organizations: Iowa County NFO, Iowa County Farm Bureau, Williamsburg Adult Night School and at FHA yearly meeting.

The Soils District with the help of the Community club of Williamsburg organized a Twilight Conservation Tour.

The Iowa County SCD wrote and published its "Annual Report" for the second time. Over 2700 copies of this report, which included Iowa county's conservation needs, was mailed to every landowner and operator in Iowa county.

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James Malloy	Gene Cobb	Charles Struble
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Thomas Brown	Arnold Trimpe	Allen Johnston
Robert Burdette Jack (2)	Fritz Kinzenbaw	
Harold and Chris Kelting	Dwight Slaubaugh	
Eugene and Ed Holden	Iowa County Lake	
Hugh and Cyril O'Meara	George Maschmann	
Raymond DeDecker (2)	Mrs. J. O'Donnell	
Garland Haselhuhn	Francis O'Rourke	
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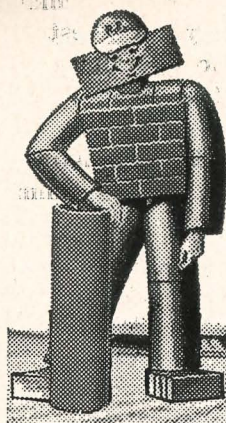
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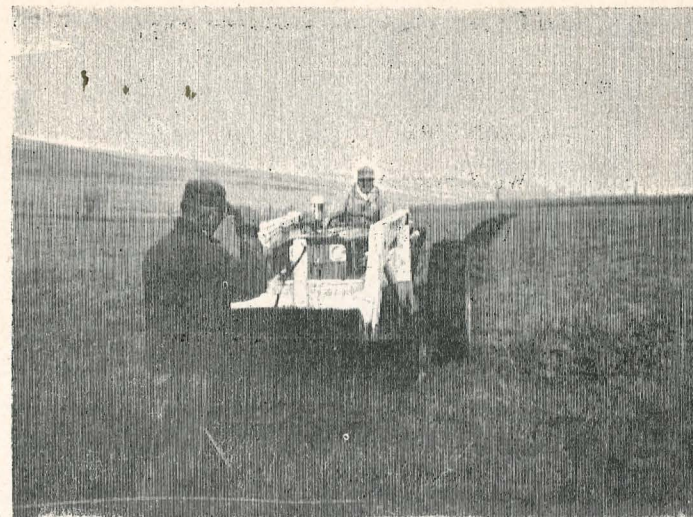
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Shown above: Orville and Wayne Von Ahshen of York township, completing their last field of strip cropping. This completes the major part of the conservation plan on their farm.



Shown above: Part of the terraces completed on the Witte farm just north of Williamsburg. All terraceable land was terraced last spring. Over 10,000 feet were built in this field.

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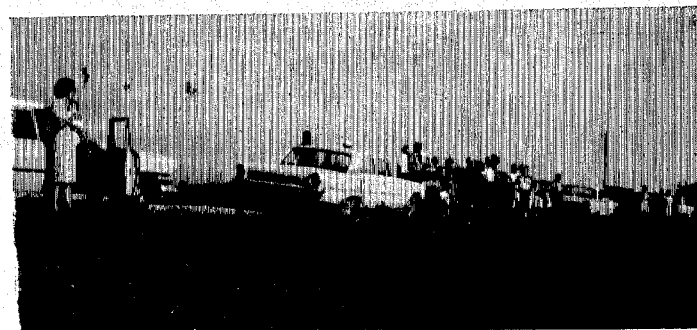
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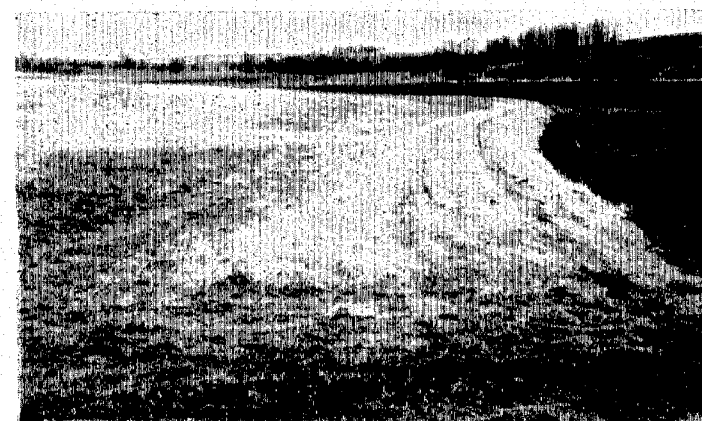
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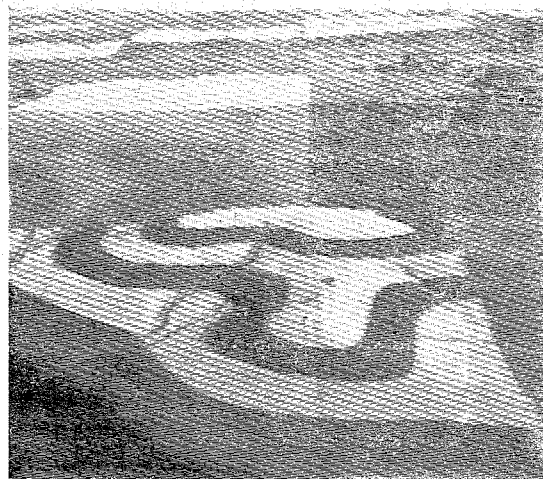
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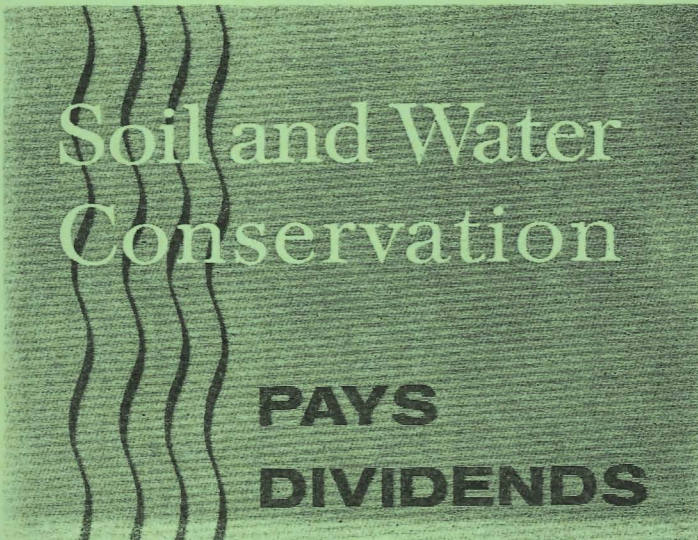
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