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FOREWORD

Once again, as another year has passed, let us take a backward glance at last year's accomplishments so that we can better look forward to the future with the hope of eventually reaching our goal of using every acre according to its' needs for protection and improvement.

As your district commissioners, we wish to thank all groups who contributed to the progress of Soil & Water Conservation in our district. Special thanks go to the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, State Soil Conservation Committee, Cedar County ASCS, Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration, Vocational Agriculture Department, Cedar County Board of Supervisors, Conservation Contractors, Newspapers, and those who paid for ads making this report possible.

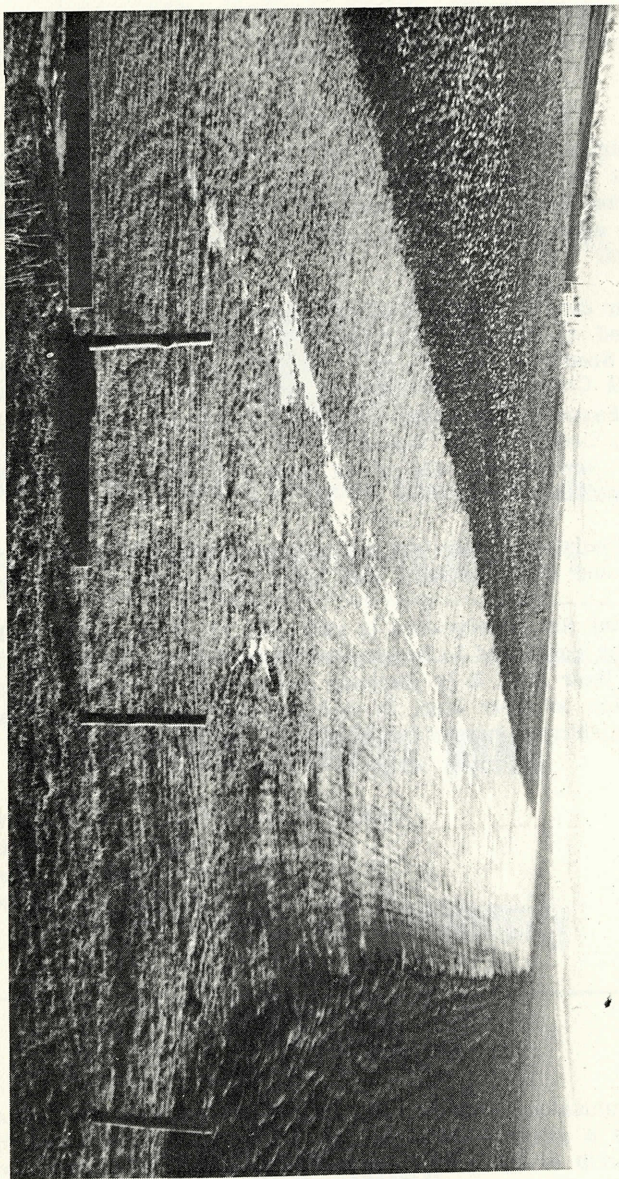
We appreciate the youth who took part in the speech and soil judging contests and their teachers who made these contests a success.

The need for conservation is still very apparent, and we call on all persons concerned to become acquainted with conservation practices for their land. It is inspiring to see more individuals applying conservation on their land. In this way we move toward our goal of accomplishing all needed conservation in our district.

Cedar County Soil Conservation District
Milo Ahrens, Tipton
Lawrence Kleppe, Clarence
Raymond Millett, West Branch

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The commissioners and Mr. Ray Lilienthal observe as Keith Lilienthal seeds a grass waterway on his farm in Farmington township. Contour strip cropping can be seen in the background. Keith was selected as the outstanding new conservation farmer for a 12-county area in eastern Iowa.



Grass waterway on Glenn Pederson farm east of Springdale.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1967

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1966 annual report. Copies were mailed to all landowners and operators in the county as well as to others interested in conservation.

Milo Ahrens and Raymond Millett attended the Iowa Soil Conservation District Commissioners Short Course at the Iowa State University Campus in Ames in January.

Material on Soil Stewardship Sunday was sent to ministers in the county to assist in observing "Soil Stewardship Sunday."

Conservation Speech Contest was sponsored by the District. Winners were: Phyllis Oveson, Wilton Junction, 1st; Connie Grunder, Wilton Junction, 2nd; and Elizabeth Townsend, 3rd.

The 1,000th district cooperator was signed up in June. It is the Pearson and Frank farm in Gower township, operated by Raymond Pederson.

Keith Lilienthal, Farmington township, was selected as Cedar County's outstanding conservation farmer of the year. Keith also won the 12 county Eastern Iowa division for new cooperators. Mr. & Mrs. Lilienthal were honored at a dinner at the Country club in Vinton for their achievement.

Milo Ahrens, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Kleppe and Don Williams attended the Area Commissioners Meeting at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana on July 17.

The 14th annual soil judging contest was sponsored by the district with 131 boys from 5 high schools taking part. West Branch won the contest and was given 2 probes for taking soil samples.

Thirty-one commissioners, ex-commissioners, soil conservation service personnel and their families took a ride down the Mississippi on the Kent Boat for their annual get-together in August.

Edward Pringle and Emile Kiene, from the Durant School system, attended a 2-day conservation workshop for teachers at the State 4-H Camp, Luther, Iowa.

The ASCS staff, SCD staff, ASCS County Committee and the District Commissioners took a tour of the county to observe recently established conservation practices.

Farmers Home Administration

By Ronald T. Thelen, County Supervisor
and Kenneth D. Dunn, Assistant County Supervisor

The Farmers Home Administration assists farm operators to become soundly established in the farming business.

A three man farmer committee certifies the eligibility of applicants for loans, determines the suitability of farms and advises the supervisor. The Cedar County Committee is Ben Penningroth, Lawrence Kroemer, and Paul Pelzer.

OPERATING LOANS are written to purchase or refinance livestock, machinery, operating expenses and certain other needs, including fertilizer and other soil amendments. The Committee recommends a conservation plan for the best use of land resources, power, equipment and fertilizer. They feel families must make the best use of their resources to be successful in present agricultural situations.

FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS are written to purchase, enlarge, develop or refinance farms or other debts. The Committee feels a conservation plan is essential to the best use of financial and management aid offered through the program. Each family is urged to follow a land use program developed by the soil conservation district.

RURAL HOUSING LOANS are made to remodel or build homes and other essential farm buildings on farms or in communities under 5,500 population. Housing loans are also available for purchase of existing homes. Loans may be made to either individuals or to associations for the construction of rental housing units.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY LOANS are made to farmers or residents of rural communities. The loan may not exceed \$3,500.00 and must be used for an income producing enterprise which may be either agricultural or non-agricultural. The purpose of the loan is to provide a means for low income families to raise their standard of living.

SOIL AND WATER LOANS are made to initiate and complete any soil and water conservation practices outlined in the Agricultural soil and water conservation practice handbook. The FHA committee must be sure that there is an adequate functioning soil conservation plan before the Soil and Water loan is certified.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY

The following indicates the accomplishments for 1967 Fiscal Year and totals to date.

	To Date
Contour Farming ----- 2,758 Acres	52,401 Acres
Strip Cropping ----- 125 Acres	2,925 Acres
Conservation	
Cropping System --- 6,977 Acres	68,824 Acres
Minimum Tillage ----- 2,595 Acres	3,317 Acres
Structures & Ponds ---- 11	159
Grassed Waterways -- 125 Acres	610 Acres
Tile Drainage ----- 336,106 Ft.	3,631,854 Ft.
Soil Conservation	
Surveys ----- 4,770 Acres	170,800 Acres
Pasture Planting ----- 409 Acres	5,990 Acres
Wildlife Area ----- 5 Acres	397 Acres
Land Adequately	
Treated ----- 3,865 Acres	31,157 Acres

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COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Each era produces words, events, personalities or ideas that describe the tempo, attitudes and problems of the time. Words that best describe 1967 would be speed, force, disadvantaged and pollution.

Conservation would be most concerned about the last word, pollution. Pollution in 1967 was associated with organic wastes, chemicals, smell and noise problems. Pollution of the kinds mentioned was a most popular topic in the legislative halls and in the press. However, soil still remains the major air and water pollutant.

Wind erosion caused gray skies and fence drifts the past two years.

A farmer jokingly answered when asked if he was going to rotate his fields this year, "No, the winds already took care of it."

Pesticides and fertilizers have not been proved to be a problem in Iowa water supplies. However, potential contamination of all kinds must be guarded against or eliminated. Soil erosion is a problem and needs the concern of each farmer and the agencies designed to help.

Many farmers are still unaware of the degree of their soil loss due to erosion and in turn don't understand the feasibility of using soil conservation practices to increase their income.

Adaptations of conventional tillage practices for corn provides an additional opportunity for both wind and soil erosion. A. C. P. payments provide support for field cover and other practices to prevent loss.

The Extension Service will continue to lend its support to the activities of the Cedar County Soil Conservation Service to apply technology and bring about changes necessary to conserve soil, our basic resource.

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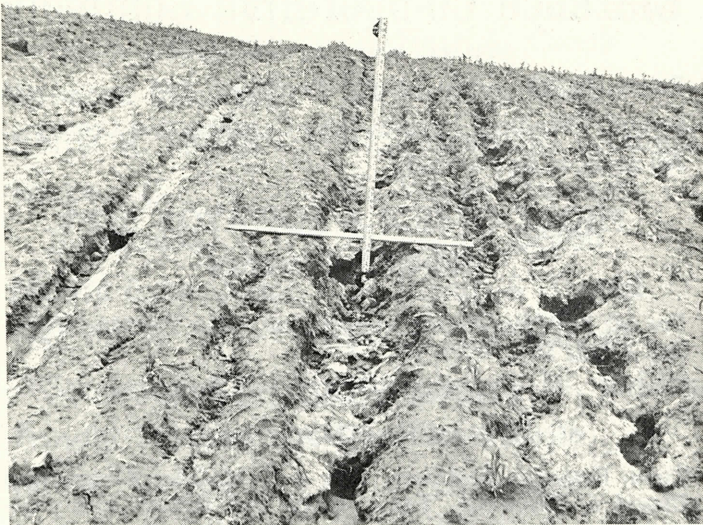
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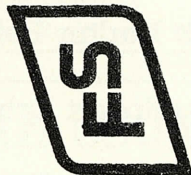
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District Cooperators	40
Basic Farm Plans	30
Revised Plans	10
Planned Cooperator Contacts	500
Contour Farming	2,800 Acres
Diversions & Terraces	11,000 Ft.
Grassed Waterways	50 Acres
Tile Drainage	250,000 Ft.
Pasture Renovation & Reseeding	500 Acres
Strip Cropping	250 Acres
Conservation Cropping System	7,000 Acres
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Office Expense	86.20
Contests & Demonstrations	75.07
TOTAL	\$ 524.73

II-M BUDGET

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I disagree. I see a different America in the year 2000.

I see a countryside dotted with clusters of renewed small cities, new towns, growing rural communities (where the birds don't cough).

I see each cluster with its own jobs, its own industries and with its own college or university.

I see each with its own medical center, and its own cultural, entertainment and recreational centers.

I see farms in these clusters, and an agriculture fully sharing in the national prosperity.

And, standing tall, I see our great cities -- intact, but changed -- free of smog, free of blight, free of despair.

I see 300 million Americans, living where they choose, at ease with each other, and with their environment.

That is my vision of America. It is one that I believe we can achieve only by total national commitment to urban-rural balance, to the purposeful, proper use of space -- space that now is measured through a green meadow to the grey granite of a distant mountain by some -- and through a broken window to a dirty air shaft by all too many others."

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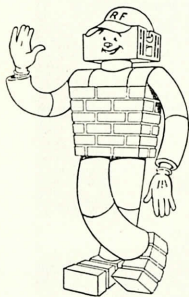
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The three winners in the speech contest sponsored by the Cedar Soil Conservation District were left to right - Elizabeth Townsend, Tipton, 3rd; Phyllis Ovesen, Wilton Junction, 1st; and Connie Grunder, Wilton Junction, 2nd.



Ray Crock, Jr. admires his young windbreak which will give him protection by the time his old windbreak (barely visible to the right) is no longer serviceable.

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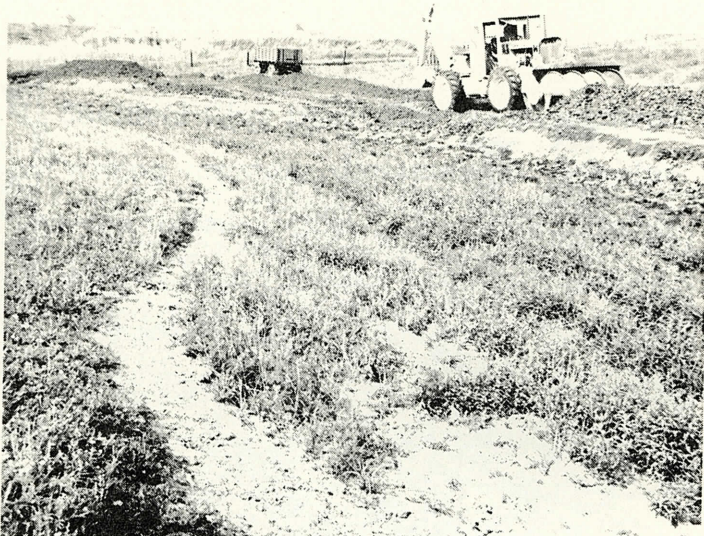
Sheffield, Iowa



Clarence Beyer, conservation technician, discusses survey notes just completed with Don Williams, work unit conservationist.



The snow was light this winter but the contoured rows of corn will help hold any moisture we receive early this spring.



Many tile contractors now have equipment to fill tile trenches for the farmer. Above is one type of machine being used to fill a tile ditch on the Glenn Pederson farm east of Springdale.



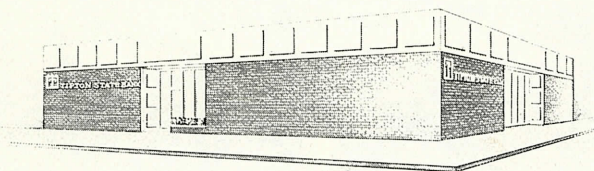
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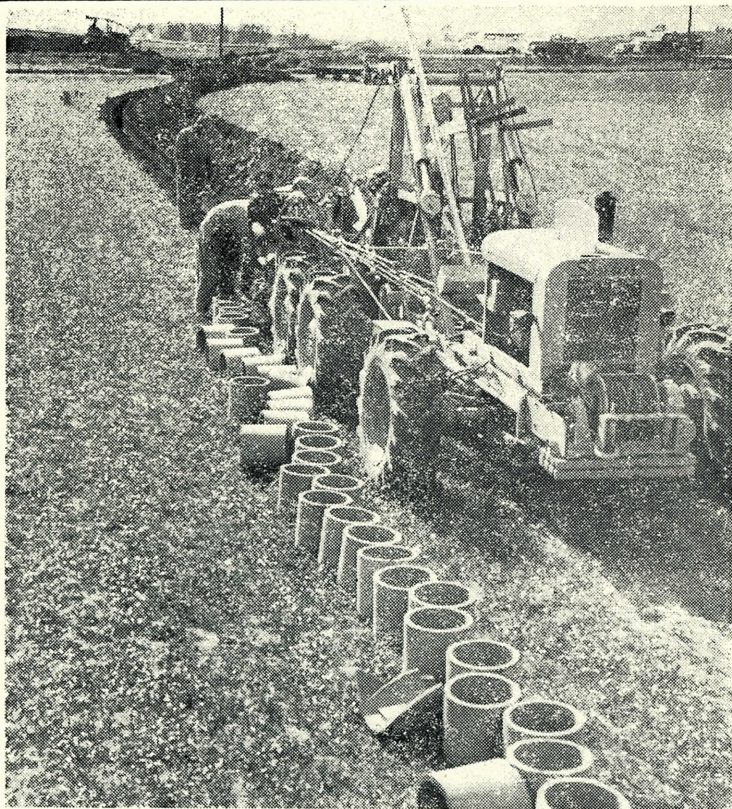
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