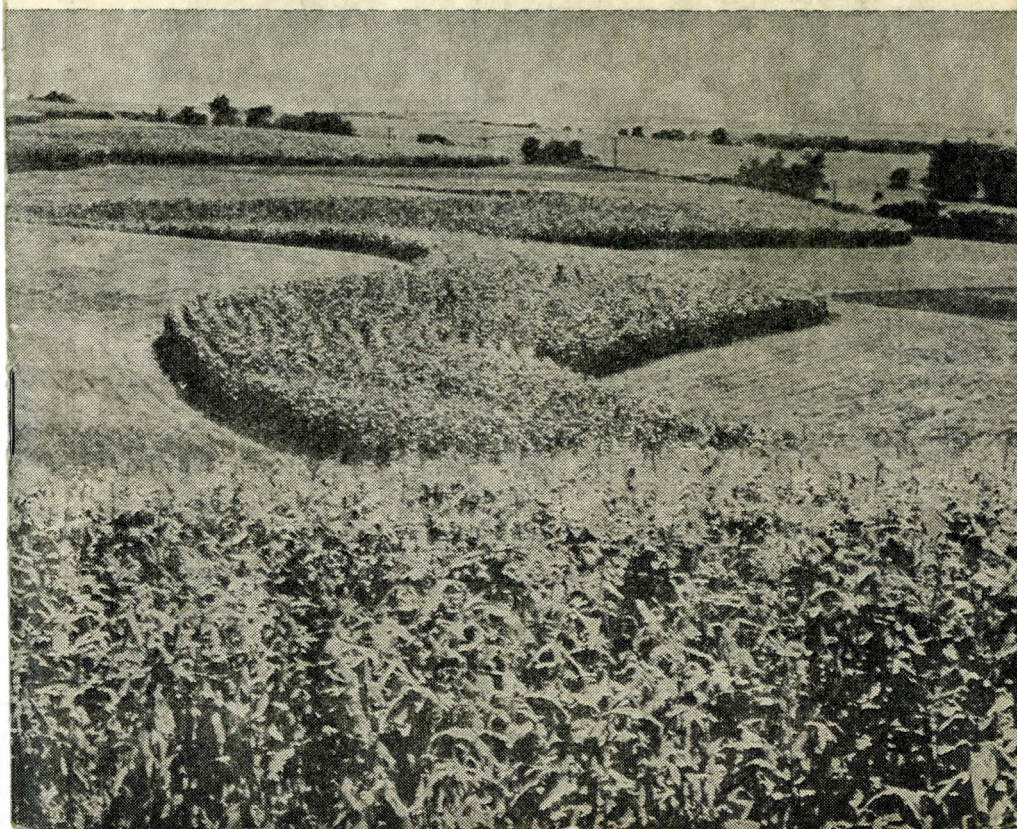


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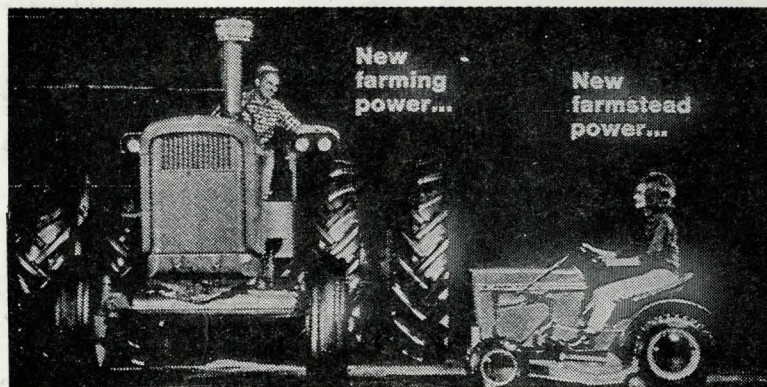


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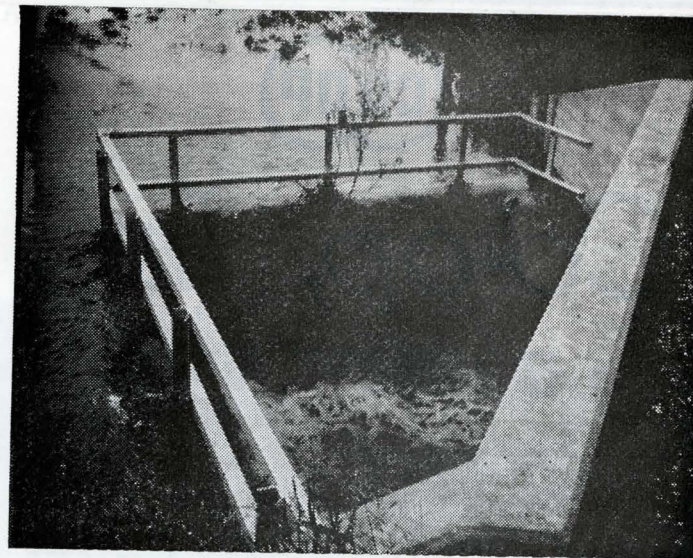
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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1967

The District believes that the watershed approach is the best to get complete conservation on the ground. Watersheds will continue to take a large percentage of our available time and resources.

There are several phases through which all watershed pass during development. The first is the land treatment phase where individual farmers apply terraces, contour farming, grassed waterways and the like to their land. When seventy-five percent of the needed land treatment had been applied the watershed group is ready for the second phase. This is the request for priority to have work plans prepared for their watershed. After the work plan has been prepared and needed easements and maintenance agreements have been executed the group may receive a construction priority. In this last stage detailed plans are drawn and constructive contracts are awarded.

The Quad Valley Watershed was given construction priority during the past year. Contracts should be let and work started during 1968. This watershed consists of about 4000 acres located three miles northwest of Ida Grove.



This drop inlet structure on a highway culvert is an example of cooperation between the County Board of Supervisors and the District.

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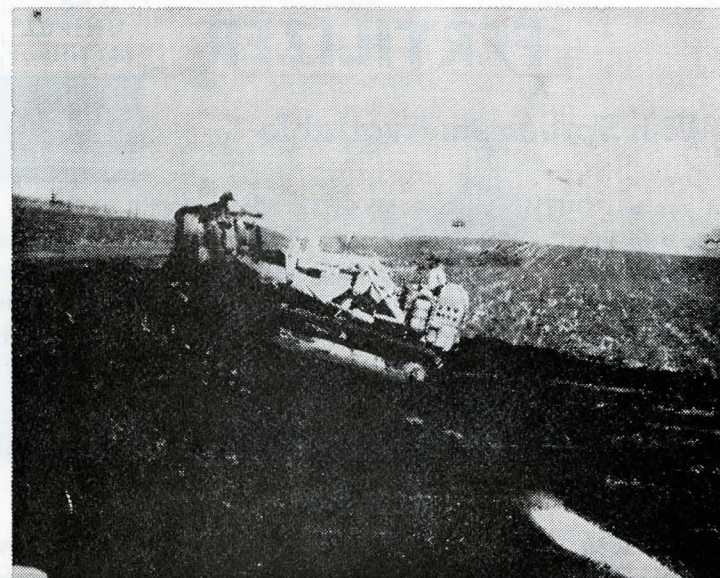
Crawford Creek Watershed was given a Construction priority during 1967. The work plan is being prepared and the cooperators are completing land treatment. When the work plan is finished, detailed plans can be drawn up and construction contracts can be let. Crawford Creek is located one mile south of Battle Creek. It drains about 3000 acres.

Bitter Creek Watershed is located in Douglas Township and drains about 10,500 acres. Part of it was given work plan priority in June 1967 and the lower 6500 acres given construction priority in November 1967. The work plan is being prepared now.

Ashton Creek Watershed drains about 17,700 acres and is located in Douglas and Griggs Township and partly in Cherokee county. This watershed was given a "Preliminary Plan" priority, a priority one step ahead of the work plan phase.

West Side Watershed is located in Douglas township and extends into Woodbury county. There are about 3,000 acres in the watershed. It is now planned to present this watershed to the Little Sioux committee for Work Plan priority.

Other watersheds in preliminary stages of development are: Badger Creek, 4000 acres in Corwin and Grant Townships, Rossow, 12,000 acres in Maple township; Turtle Creek 2200 acres in Maple township, West Aldrich Creek, 5800 acres in Maple township.



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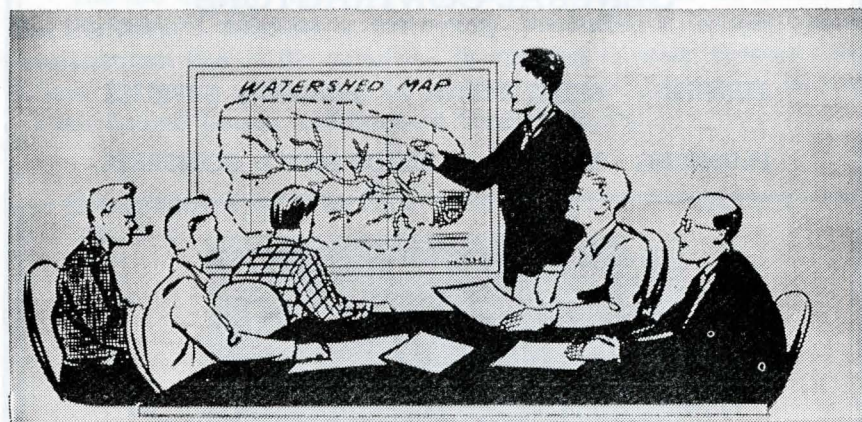
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Ida County ASCS continues to provide assistance to the District program by providing ACP cost shares. These payments have done much to increase the rate of application of conservation practices. In 1967 the Grant-Hayes Special Project was set up by the District and interested cooperators. The ASCS provided the cost-share assistance for all terraces and waterways installed in the project. In this special project covering 3605 acres 7.8 miles terraces were installed, along with five erosion control dams and 42.9 acres of waterway construction.

The District entered the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program this year. The three entries were (1) Virgil Linman, owner, Robert Mitchell, operator. (2) Roland Loehr, Battle Creek, and (3) Arthur Frandsen, Battle Creek. The district progress winner was Vernon Reitz, Battle Creek.

In 1967 the District was honored by the naming of the farm of Virgil Linman, (Robert Mitchell, operator) as the area winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program. Other local entries were the Nellie Odgaard Farm, Tom Odgaard, operator, and the Vernon Reitz farm.

The district is concerned with the reducing the rate of application of contouring in the county, especially in areas of gentler slopes. Possible reasons for this trend may be larger farm machinery, the trend to narrower rows, and the stress on efficient operations and operation. Nevertheless, contouring is still a very worthwhile practice in controlling sheet erosion.



(Land owners within a watershed must plan and cooperate to get the desired flood and erosion control.)

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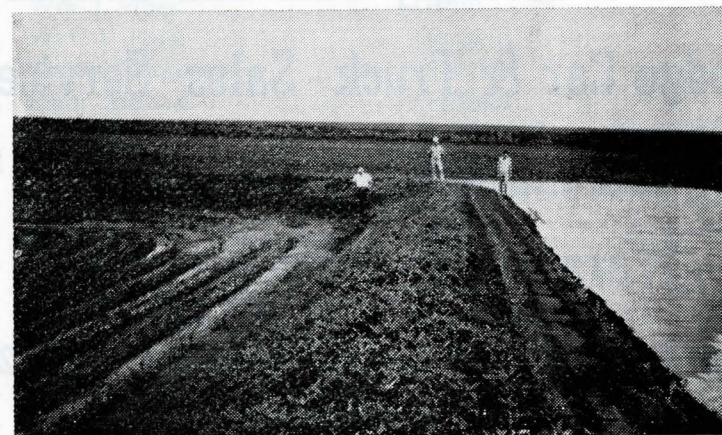
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	Accomplished in 1967	Accomplished Since 1945	Goal For 1968
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Basic Farm Plans & Replans			
Number	42	575	65
Acres	9,083	102,664	15,990
Farms Serviced — Number	341		400
Farms Installing Practice			
Number	168		220
Contour Farming — Acres	3,237	49,200	3,000
Contour Strip Cropping			
Acres	823	4,782	1,000
Level Non-parallel Terraces			
Miles	1	594	2
Level Parallel Terraces			
Miles	31	90	30
Parallel Grassed Backslope			
Terraces — Miles	14	17	15
Basin Terraces — Miles	2	6	1
Tile Drains — Miles	25	145	26
Grassed Waterways — Acres	106	974	90
Erosion Control Dams			
Number	9	76	10



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3.	Ray Hargens	Hayes	240
4.	Glen Frieze	Logan	218
5.	Richard Schmidt	Battle	80
6.	Wm. J. Piper	Grant	320
7.	Wm. J. Piper	Garfield	240
8.	Goldie Timmerman	Douglas	240
9.	Einar Nielsen	Garfield	199
10.	Wm. J. Piper	Goodrich Twp. Crawford Co.	240
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12.	Wm. J. Piper	Morgan Twp. Crawford Co.	240
13.	Clifford J. Wiese	Griggs	75
14.	Mrs. Rosetta Abbe	Garfield	160
15.	Vernon Volkmann	Garfield	160
16.	Carl A. Huth, Jr.	Douglas	120
17.	Thomas R. Schmidt	Maple	80
18.	Donald Bergman	Hayes	160
19.	Vernon Stamp	Griggs	80
20.	Herbert Rasmussen	Douglas	240
21.	Don Ludvigson	Griggs	120



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26.	Marven Knudsen	Grant	160
27.	George N. Hartley	Maple	320
28.	Earl Evans	Douglas	345
29.	Roger B. Linn	Douglas	160
30.	Tom Conover	Logan	136
31.	Donald D. Nailor	Maple	160
32.	Roger Clausen	Griggs	240
33.	Arnold Putensen	Battle	80
34.	Earl Hammer	Douglas	80
35.	Robert Nash	Douglas	317
36.	Geo. & Les Vohs	Galva	240
37.	Marvin Wunschel	Blaine	160
38.	Lawrence Volkert	Battle	400
39.	Peter Johannsen	Galva	160
40.	Ben Barghols	Douglas	204
41.	Ray Bumann	Grant	320
42.	Isabella H. Smith	Maple	240
43.	Melvin Kumpula	Douglas	173
44.	E. W. Maser	Douglas	160
45.	Malinda Jensen	Griggs	158
46.	Elmer Thorborg	Douglas	200
47.	Donald E. Bryant	Douglas	160
48.	Gunnar M. Johnson	Grant	240
49.	Minnie Bumann	Grant	240
50.	Ray Bumann	Grant	177
51.	Harold Jacobsen	Corwin	198
52.	Lloyd Rohlk	Battle	160
53.	Carl Huth, Sr.	Douglas	360
54.	Virgil N. Lundt	Douglas	153
55.	Elvie Dreeszen	Douglas	240
56.	Hazel Welsch	Douglas	160
57.	Harold Scherner	Douglas	160
58.	C. M. Nelsen	Grant	160

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2.	Howard Parker	Logan	264
3.	Geo. Hoffman, Jr.	Corwin	153
4.	H. W. Jensen	Logan	80
5.	Roland Jensen	Logan	240
6.	Lou D. Sales	Garfield	720
7.	L. M. Seuntjens	Garfield	200
8.	Walter Clausen	Logan	240
9.	Gaylen Galvin	Logan	238
10.	Ramon Johnson	Logan	160
11.	Rosetta Abbe	Garfield	160
12.	Albert Henrichsen	Douglas	320
13.	Eldridge Drury	Battle	160
14.	Clifford Beason	Douglas	329

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16.	Everett Still	Battle	84
17.	Robert Webb	Silver Creek	239
18.	Helen Andresen	Douglas	240
19.	Art Hummelgard	Maple	51
20.	Bernard Thies	Blaine	175
21.	Bernard Thies	Blaine	240
22.	Bert Eason	Maple	58
23.	Mayme Mentzer	Logan	195
24.	Arthur Albers	Maple	141
25.	Clinton Railsback	Hayes	240
26.	Myrtle Wissink	Corwin	160
27.	Wendell Kastner	Battle	228
28.	C. W. Clark	Douglas	171
29.	Vernon Reitz	Maple	160
30.	John Higgins	Galva	320
31.	Reese Spaulding	Garfield	160
32.	Verle Law	Douglas	240
33.	Carl Huth, Jr.	Douglas	120
34.	Earl Evans	Douglas	345
35.	Laverne Grell	Douglas	240
36.	James Kolb	Silver Creek	240
37.	Robert Friedrichsen	Silver Creek	80
38.	Robert Friedrichsen	Silver Creek	319
39.	James Fleenor	Corwin	40
40.	Elvie Dreeszen	Douglas	240
41.	Wesley Dreeszen (Replan)	Douglas	160
42.	Ethel Stubbs (Replan)	Douglas	160

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What Is A Farm Plan ?

A farm conservation plan is a blue print comparable to one prepared before a building is constructed. The plan shows where each field is to be located together with the practices to be applied to control erosion.

To assist the farm owner and operator, the conservationist first prepares a land capability map. The map indicates the types of soil on the farm, the land slopes and the depth of topsoil remaining. He then classifies each soil area according to its limitations for agricultural use. Some areas may show no limitation, others severe limitations.

The farmer and the conservationist then confer and the farmer decides what combination of crop rotation and supporting conservation practices are to be applied on each acre of his farm. Using these decisions the conservationist prepares a land use map and a narrative record showing the sequence to be followed for the installation of the practices. At times this sequence can be crucial. For instance, terraces must be installed on the hill top before they can be built on the lower slopes. It is usually best to terrace a watershed before the grassed waterway is shaped and seeded below.

If there are additional practices that the conservationist considers are necessary to satisfactorily control erosion, these will be added as recommendations. They are not part of what the farmer agrees to install, but they provide him with the conservationists estimate of what the complete job should be. At no time is the farmer required to install any practice he does not want.

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Receipts 1967	9,226.44
Expenditures 1967	8,406.16
Cash on hand, December 31, 1967	1,207.97
U. S. Government Bonds on Hand, (purchase price)	6,000.00
Time Certificates (Accrued value)	16,564.75

GENERAL FUND (from various sources)

Cash on hand, January 1, 1967	\$ 42.79
Receipts in 1967	1,501.10
Expenditures in 1967	847.86
Cash on hand, December 31, 1967	696.03

1M BUDGET (1967 Calendar Year)

Commissioners Expenses	\$ 282.58
Rental for Meeting Halls	20.00
Office Expense	30.00
TOTAL Expended	\$ 332.58

2M BUDGET (1967 Calendar Year)

(Received from the State of Iowa for Clerk Salary,
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Clerical Salary & Technical Assistance	5,548.18
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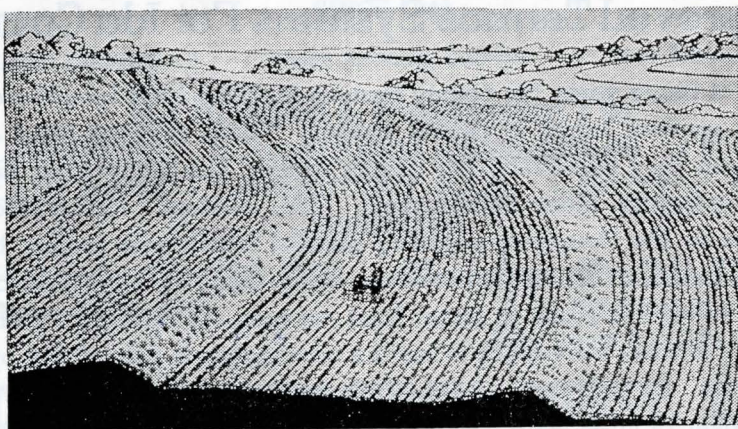


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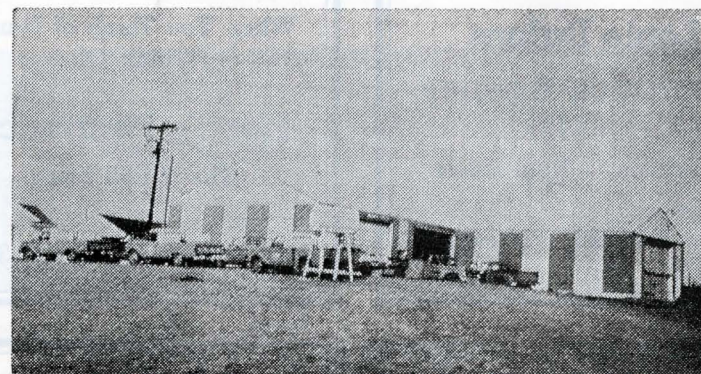
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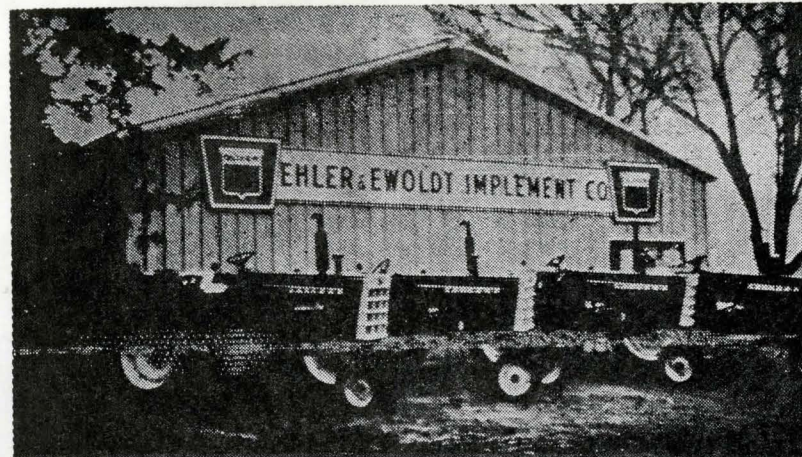
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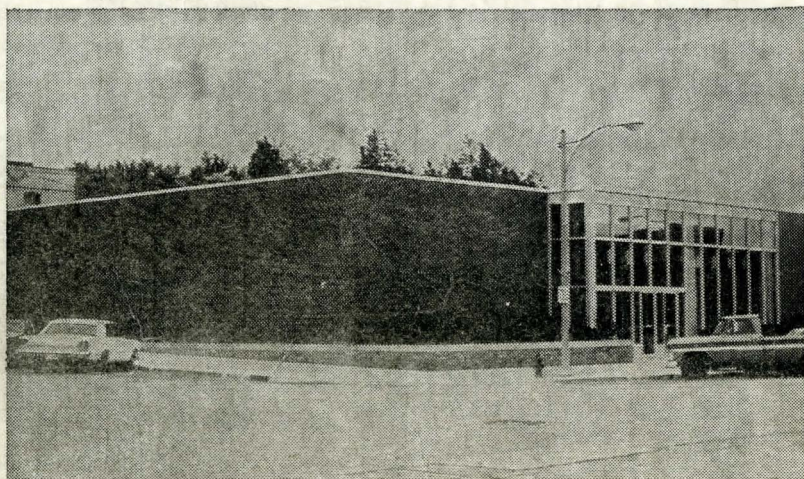
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