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INTRODUCTION

By Lawrence Kleppe, Chairman

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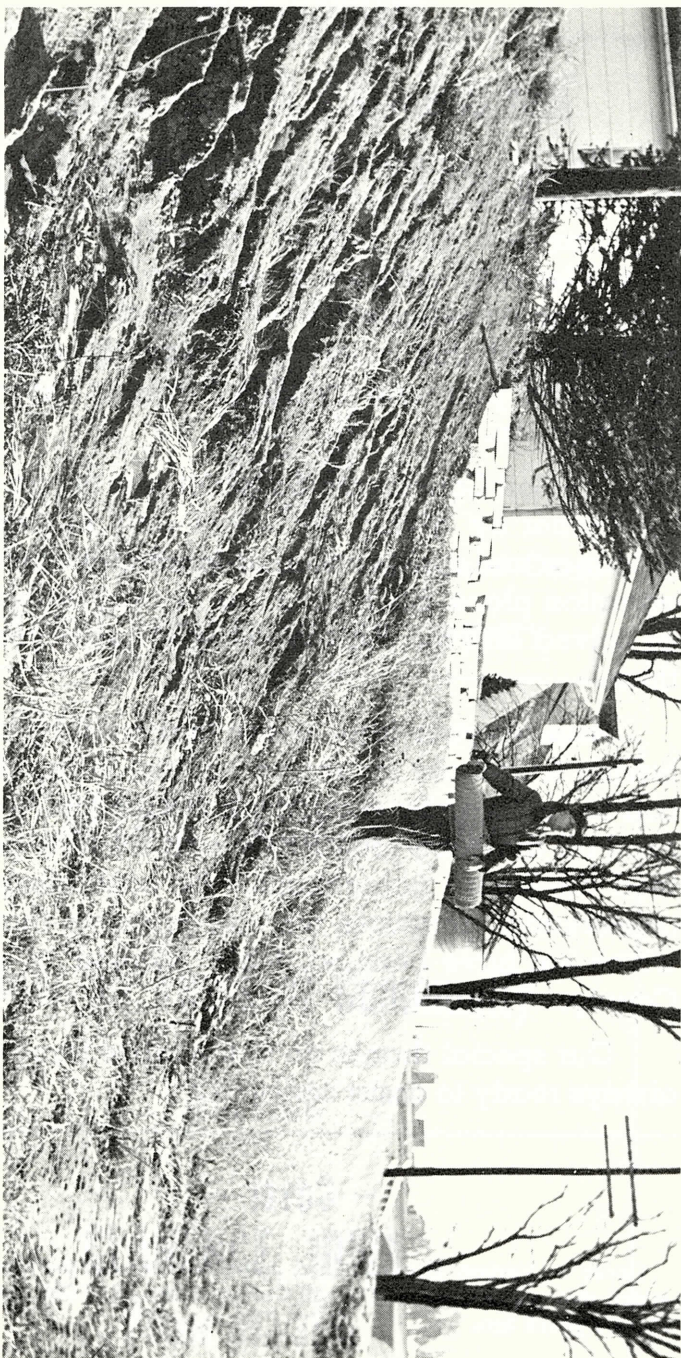
The Soil Conservation District was set up to aid the farmer by giving technical and engineering guidance and assistance in preparing their soil conservation plans. Each farm has its own problems to be solved and our staff is ready to assist you with them.

Perhaps your farm is one that would profit by having it laid out for strip cropping. Many ditches can be avoided by good contour practices. We will need all the good productive land we now have to feed the future generations. By continuing good conservation practices we can preserve that with which we have been so richly blessed in Cedar County.

Our special thanks go to the office force who is always ready to assist us.

- Cover -

Cover - Vernon Beckman and his son admiring the windbreak which they planted on the Cornell College Farm, Red Oak township, about 2 years ago.



Don Williams, district conservationist, holding a roll of netting which Cliff Crist, Red Oak township, used to control road bank erosion in front of his house while grass was becoming established. Notice the erosion where netting was not used.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1968

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1967 annual report. Copies were mailed to all landowners and operators in the county as well as to others interested in conservation.

District commissioner election and free pancake dinner was held in March. Milo Ahrens was elected to succeed himself.

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

Soil & Water Conservation Week was celebrated with special emphasis in the county newspapers.

Conservation Speech Contest was sponsored by the district. Winners were: Kim Klahn, Julie Paulson, and Pat Krummel in the Junior division, and Gary Thien in the Senior division.

All the commissioners, Hilda Carey, district clerk, and Don Williams, district conservationist, attended the area commissioners meeting held at Ox Yoke Inn, Amana on July 17.

The 15th annual soil judging contest was sponsored by the district with 78 boys from four high schools taking part. West Branch won the contest and was awarded 2 probes for taking soil samples.

Tom Corrick, and G. O. Mason from the Lowden Consolidated School, and Mrs. Patricia Fankhauser, and Miss Betty DeSotel, from Tipton Community, attended a 2-day Conservation Workshop for teachers at the State 4-H Camp near Luther.

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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 Lawrence Kroemer, Paul Pelzer, and Wilbur Little.

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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The following indicates the accomplishments for 1968 Fiscal Year and totals to date.

	TO DATE
Contour Farming ----- 3,364 Acres	54,465 Acres
Strip Cropping ----- 89 Acres	2,980 Acres
Conservation	
Cropping System --- 6,130 Acres	74,954 Acres
Minimum Tillage ----- 2,315 Acres	4,721 Acres
Structures & Ponds ---- 11	170
Grassed Waterways -- 100 Acres	710 Acres
Tile Drainage ----- 411,483 Ft.	4,043,337 Ft.
Soil Conservation	
Surveys ----- 3,320 Acres	174,120 Acres
Pasture Planting ----- 200 Acres	6,190 Acres
Wildlife Area ----- 6 Acres	403 Acres
Land Adequately	
Treated ----- 4,275 Acres	35,432 Acres

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Man's history relates a number of stories of ruin of once the centers of great flourishing civilizations. Farmland simply gave out when civilizations asked too much of it. Nations actually become "overdeveloped."

Can modern farmers' knowledge of scientific management techniques lead to ruin because more of our land will continually be exposed to the process of erosion more of the time? Iowa soil has been in man's hands more than a century. Before the first settlers arrived, timber and vast prairies had been building rich top soil and protecting these soils for thousands of years.

Much of the protective cover of the land has been removed, resulting in wind and water erosion; as well as livestock and grain being shipped from our state. It has been estimated that about one third of Iowa's original topsoil has been lost since man began to cultivate it.

However, soil losses should not be looked on as being inevitable. Our concern is the gap between the conservation practices that are applied and what scientists say ought to be applied. Greater effort must be made to reverse these losses since every year the soil will be called upon to produce more than it did the year before.

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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| 10. Harry Schott | 30. Robert Laucamp |
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vation Board |
| 12. Floyd Fawcett | 32. Rolland Marolf |
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| 16. Roscoe Millett | 36. Alvin Wright |
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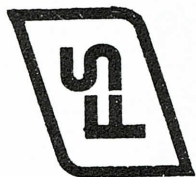
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District Cooperators	40
Basic Farm Plans	33
Revised Plans	10
Planned Cooperator Contacts	500
Contour Farming	2,700 Acres
Diversions & Terraces	9,000 Ft.
Grassed Waterways	55 Acres
Tile Drainage	280,000 Ft.
Pasture Renovation & Reseeding	400 Acres
Strip Cropping	200 Acres
Conservation Cropping System	6,000 Acres
Land Adequately Treated	6,000 Acres
Minimum Tillage	1,000 Acres

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I-M BUDGET

Commissioner's Expense	\$ 132.43
Office Supplies	170.19
Printing	49.65
Office Expense	57.50
Rental for Meeting Halls	15.00
Contests & Demonstrations	36.16
TOTAL	\$ 460.93

II-M BUDGET

Salary—Clerk & State Aid	\$3,805.20
State Retirement	133.18
Health Insurance	72.00
Federal Retirement (Social Security)	167.34
Equipment	32.92
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The following is a summary of the work accomplished through this program for the year 1968:

Permanent pasture seeding	562 acres	\$5,931	22 farms
Lime spread	1,085 acres	3,847	37 farms
Contour stripcropping	215 acres	860	5 farms
Tree planting	8 acres	56	1 farm
Ponds	serving 75 acres	1,536	2 farms
Pipelines for livestock water	" 70 acres	464	2 farms
Timber stand improvement	6 acres	90	1 farm
Sod waterways	serving 780 acres	12,038	33 farms
Terraces	" 9 acres	763	2 farms
Erosion control dam	" 366 acres	4,474	6 farms
Tile drainage	" 575 acres	27,593	100 farms
Contouring	903 acres	1,818	24 farms
Wildlife pond	" 29 acres	597	1 farm
Windbreaks	" 5 acres	265	3 farms

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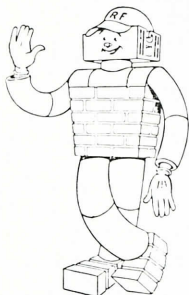
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Hilda Carey, district clerk, correcting score cards from the soil judging contest.

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Contoured corn on Wilbur Colby farm, northwest of Mechanicsville.



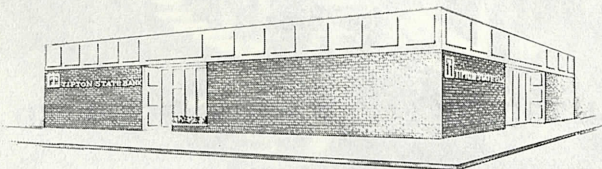
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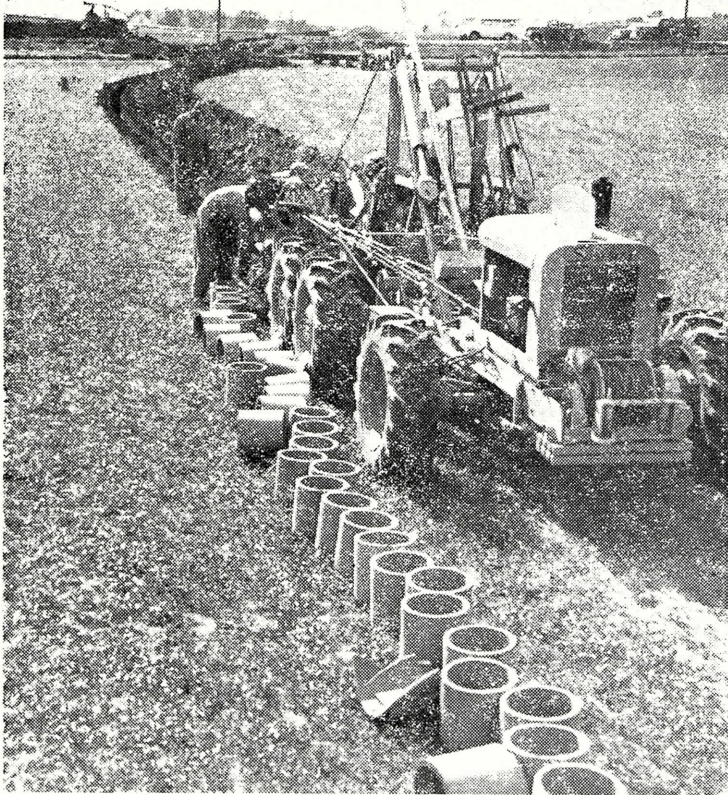
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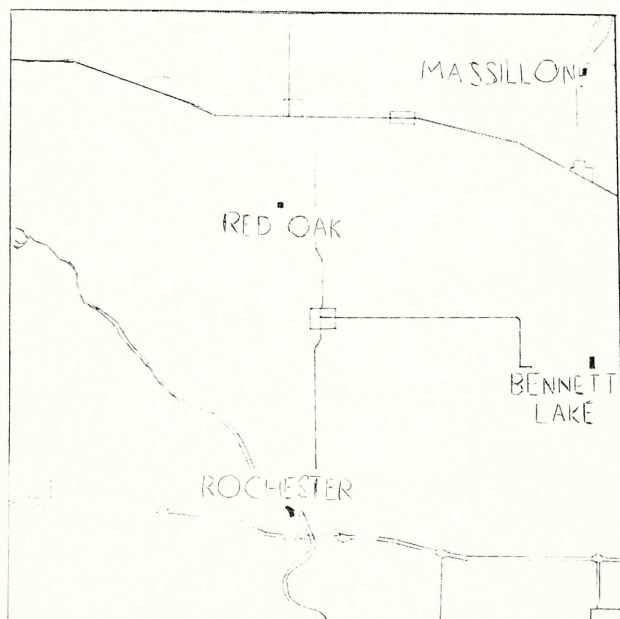
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