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CASS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Atlantic, Iowa.

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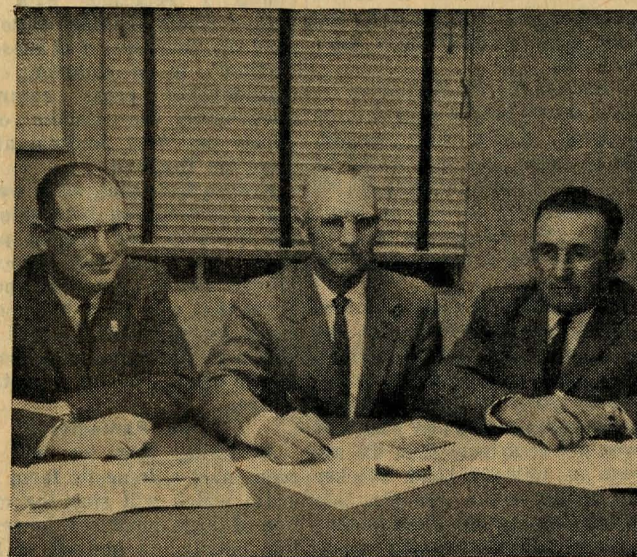
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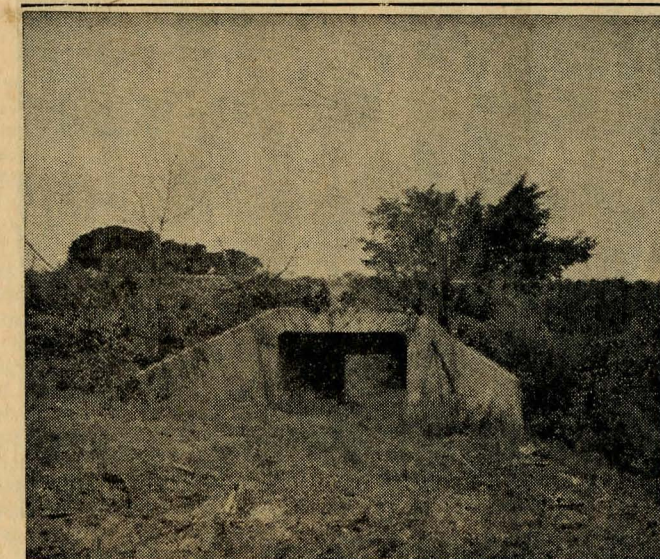
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ACP referrals serviced	No.	418		
Limestone application	Tons.	9,548		
Standard soil survey mapped		104,220	252,770	104,569
Educational activities of leaders	No.	12		
Individuals reached	No.	282		
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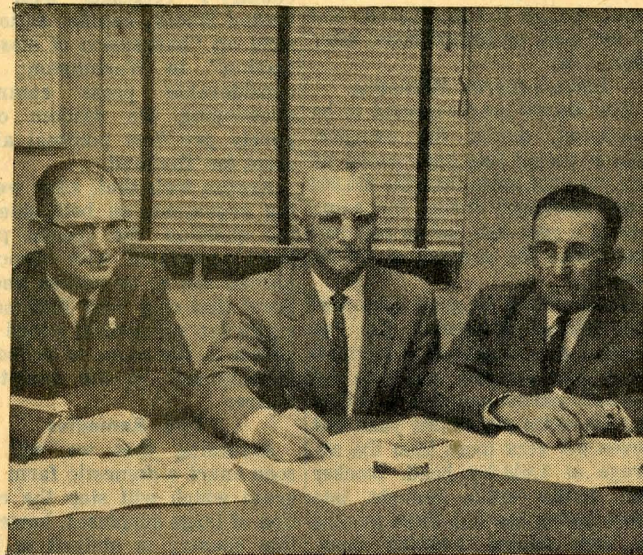
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The Soil Conservation District cooperates with and gives appropriate credit and recognition to all organizations and groups, public and private, and to individuals active in the soil and water conservation movement. We enlist the assistance of everyone who is willing to do something about furthering conservation.

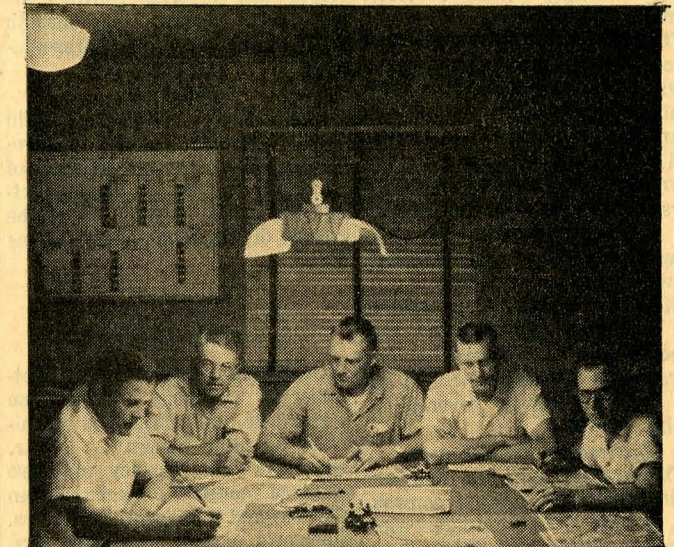
STATE FUNDS

1-A Budget

Office supplies	\$ 83.27
Commissioners mileage	221.42
Office expense	13.00
Printing	5.44
Prizes	20.00
Meeting expense	87.50
Rental of Meeting Halls	4.00
	\$434.63

2-A Budget

Clerical and Technical salaries and Equipment\$6,238.92



SOIL SCIENTISTS

L. to R. Ival Persinger, Louis Clark, Joe Phillips, John Nixon and Max Sherwood

STANDARD SOIL SURVEY

The soil survey is presently being conducted in Cass County through the efforts of the U.S.D.A., Soil Conservation Service and the Iowa State University Experimental Station. At the present time, eleven townships have been surveyed and the remainder of the field work should be completed by the end of the 1962 survey season.

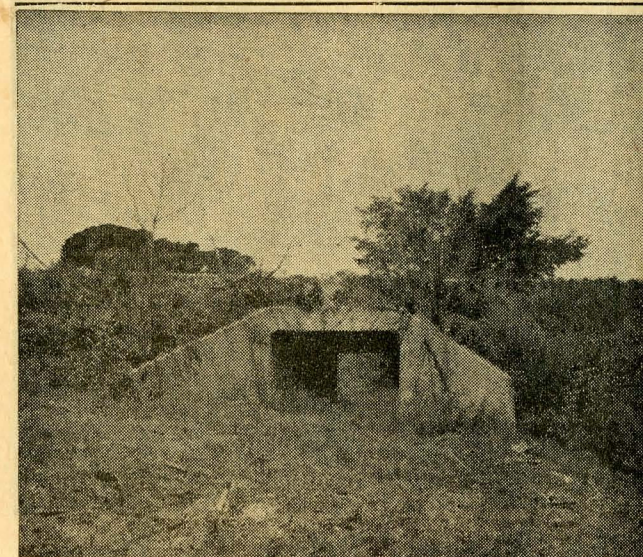
The soil maps show how soil is separated into soil types, slope and the amount of erosion that has taken place. In addition to this information all the streams, roads, and farmsteads are mapped and shown in their proper perspective.

Once a person has obtained this information the next problem is how to use it. The Soil Survey Report contains much information such as the limitations and capabilities of each soil type, crops adaptability to various soils, expected long time yield, and much other pertinent information that can be used for the interpretation of the best economical use of various soils.

Soil inventories serve as a guide for farmers and farm managers in applying the best soil management practices to a particular soil or group of soils. Other people presently using this information are: Experimental Station workers, Extension workers, Agricultural economist, engineers, and lending agencies.

Soil maps help to solve the problems of real estate dealers and home builders who must worry about such things as good foundations, proper drainage, operation of septic tank fields, preparation of lawn and selection of shrubbery.

This soil information is available at your local Soil Conservation District office and at the local Extension office.



Before and during construction of a concrete box on a public road culvert for gully control upstream, located at the Fred Wohlleber farm 3 Miles North of Anita.

