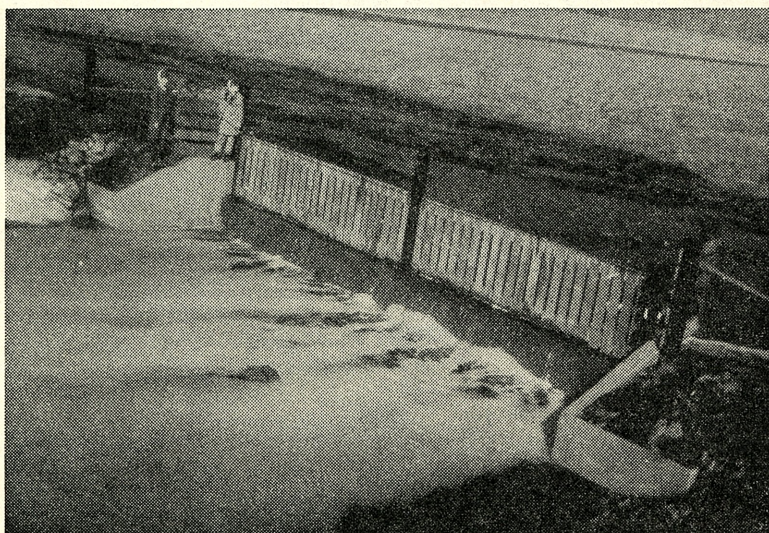


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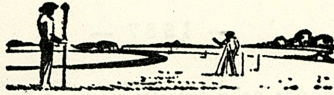
Soil Conservation District

Tipton, Iowa

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957



**Donna and Barbie Williams Looking at Water Running Through
Harold Meyer's Structure North of Stanwood**



DEAR COOPERATOR :

We proudly submit the following report so you might know the progress being made in the Cedar Soil Conservation District. Although it shows need for much more conservation, we are pleased with the progress that has been made to date.

New records were established in 1957 by Cedar County farmers in putting soil conservation on the land—more terraces, structures and livestock watering ponds were constructed, more acres of pasture renovated, and more wildlife areas improved than during any previous year.

We are able to progress in soil conservation only through cooperation with other agricultural agencies and with the farmers themselves. We Commissioners feel we have good cooperation from all. We hope you will read this report as it is our way of reporting the work done in the Cedar District.

Your District Commissioners:

James Smith, Chairman
Wm. W. Wertzbaugher
Paul Hain
Harold Oldorf

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

— 1957 —

The Commissioners held twelve regular and one special meeting during 1957 for the purpose of administering the District Soil Conservation Program. New farm plans were presented and approved, and technical work and progress of the district were reviewed.

Chairman Smith and ex-commissioner George Kiser attended the Soil Conservation Short Course in January, at Iowa State College, as representatives of the district.

Harold Oldorf, of Stanwood, was appointed assistant commissioner.

A meeting was held in March with the earth moving and drainage contractors. Attendance was near one hundred percent.

The Cedar County Soil Conservation District was featured in the April issue of "Iowa Soil & Water". Every farm owner and operator in the county received a copy of this magazine.

Calvin Moore attended a 4-week conservation course at Coshocton, Ohio, in April.

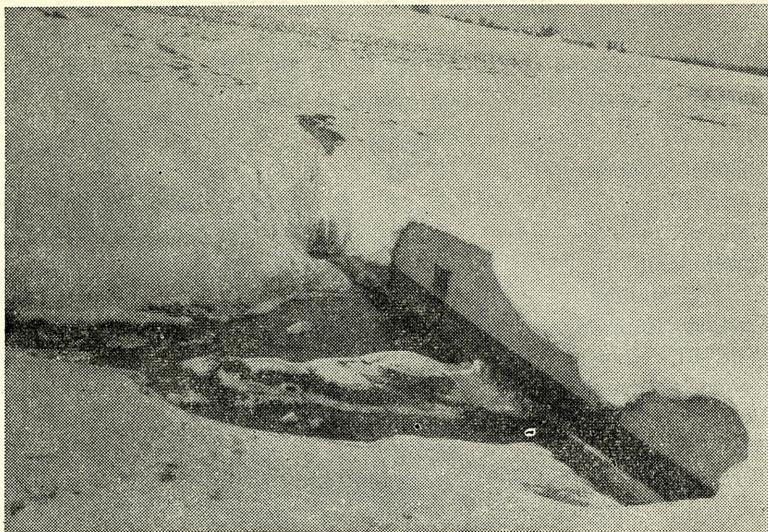
All ministers in the county were invited to the May commissioners' meeting to make plans for Soil Stewardship Sunday. As a result, pamphlets on Soil Stewardship Sunday were sent to each minister in the county.

Clarence Beyer together with 8 other aides from area 6, toured western Iowa during the last week in June, observing watershed and other conservation practices established in western Iowa. Clarence returned enthusiastic about the work that is being carried out in that area.

Don Williams, farm planner, received the WMT Soil Conservation Award during Soil & Water Conservation Week in June.

The District together with the American Fence Dealers again sponsored the "Queen of the Furrow" contest. Miss Rosalyn McClellan, Clarence, and Miss Joyce Marie Wall, Mechanicsville, represented the district at the regional contest at the All-Iowa Fair in Cedar Rapids. Both girls were presented with bracelets.

The District sponsored Mrs. Thelma Hamiel, who attended the 3rd session of the conservation course for teachers at Springbrook State Park, in August.



There was no livestock in the field when this picture was taken of the Henry Fullriede's ramp type structure in Springfield Township. However, as this picture shows, fresh warm tile water would have provided excellent water for livestock during the sub-zero weather in February.

The commissioners and the County ASC Committee took a joint tour of the county in September to observe conservation practices that had been installed with ASC funds.

A twilight tour was held for the bankers and ministers on September 10. All of those who took the tour were enthusiastic about the conservation accomplishments they saw.

Paul Hain attended the annual meeting for commissioners at Ames in September.

The Soils Judging Contest for Cedar County High School boys was again sponsored by the district. One hundred and forty-nine boys from the eight public high schools in the county participated. The Bennett F. F. A. Chapter won the contest.

Don Williams, Work Unit Conservationist, assisted the West Branch Vocational Agriculture class in their project of farm-planning. Each boy worked out a conservation farm plan for his father's farm.

Don Williams, Clarence Beyer, and Cal Moore continued in their assignment with the district; and Mrs. Lucille Farnum and Mrs. Hilda Carey remained, each working half-time as clerks. Don "Bing" Welty joined the staff as a part-time conservation aid assisting with ACP layout. At this time, Cal Moore has received orders to report to Eldora as Work Unit Conservationist of Hardin County, effective January 13.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

We feel that the "Iowa Soil & Water" magazine did a good job of carrying the story of Soil & Water Conservation work to the farmers in a way that has never been accomplished previously.

"Williams' Wanderings", a weekly column, originated during 1955, was continued this year. The column has been well accepted by the readers and publishers and is being carried in 4 weekly papers of the county. Two newsletters were sent to all district cooperators during 1957.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

The following indicates the goals for 1958, accomplishments during 1957, and the total progress to date:

	Goals	1957	To Date
District Cooperators	45	45	524
Farm Plans	32	39	323
Follow-Up	100	98	
Contouring	2800 Acres	2805	24315 Acres
Strip Cropping	120 Acres	154	1527 Acres
Pasture Improvement	350 Acres	301	1998 Acres
Wild Life Improvement	40 Acres	110	195 Acres
Concrete Structures	10	13	34
Ponds	10	11	30
Tile Drainage	85,000 L. Ft.	62892	1188732 L. Ft.
Terracing	12 Miles	10	28 Miles
Waterway Development	30 Acres	48	236
A. C. P. Referrals Serviced	325	319	

The District has a whirlwind terracer which is available to the farmers in the county on a rental basis of a cent a foot for terraces, or \$2.00 per hour for waterway and drainage work.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial assistance given the district by the State of Iowa provides aid in accomplishing district objectives. Expenditures of state funds in Cedar District in 1957 were as follows:

District Operation Expenses	1A Budget
Contests	\$ 80.37
Commissioners' Mileage	191.90
Office Supplies	229.81
Meeting Expense	7.00
Material for Demonstrations	28.73
Office Expense	98.08
Printing	27.50
Total Expenditures	\$663.39
 Clerical and Technical Aid	 2A Budget
Clerical	\$2269.84
Technical	95.60
Equipment	251.20
Total Expenditures	\$2616.64



Dick Junior, Chuck and Dianna Krall enjoying skating on their father's pond, north of West Branch. Mrs. Krall, almost hidden by her daughter, is sitting on a bale of straw putting on her skates. Farm ponds built primarily for stock watering can also provide fishing, hunting, swimming and a place for family picnics.

CONCLUSION

The Cedar County Soil District Commissioners wish to acknowledge the assistance given by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service personnel in carrying on the district work load. Recognition is given for the cooperation shown by the following organizations and agencies: County A. S. C. Committee and Staff, Extension Service, F. F. A. Chapters, State Conservation Commission, Farm Bureau, Farm Loan Association, Production Credit and local civic and commercial organizations. We wish to extend our thanks for the fine support given by the local newspapers.

We especially wish to thank everyone that advertised in the Soil & Water magazine. Without this advertising, it would have been impossible to send this magazine, telling of conservation being carried out in the district to every farmer in the county.

In closing, the District hopes you have enjoyed reading the report and that it has been of value to you in appreciating the work that has been done.

