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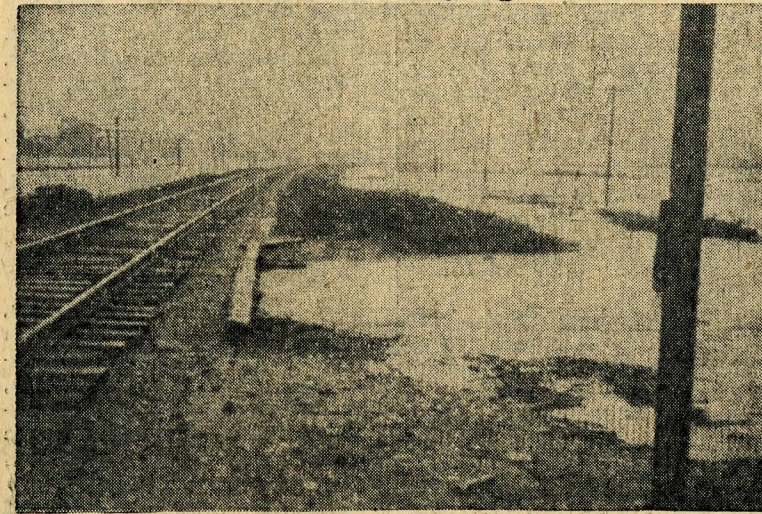
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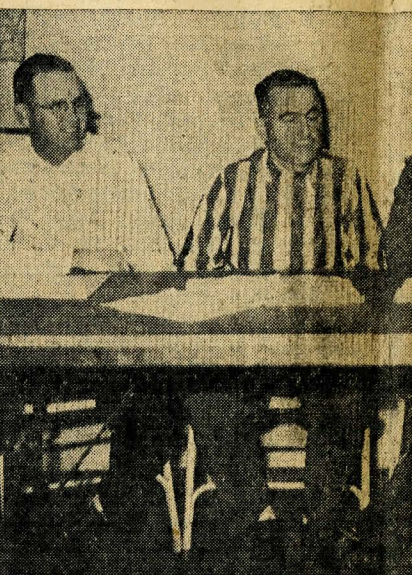
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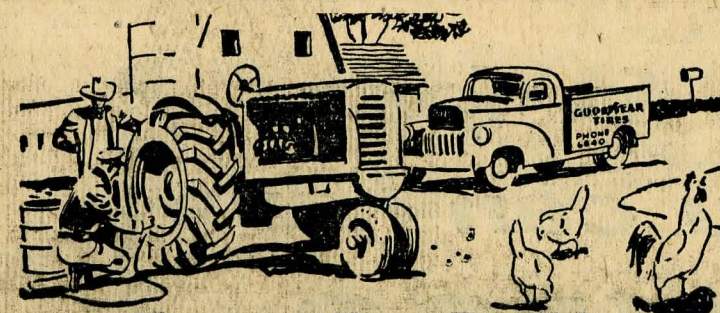
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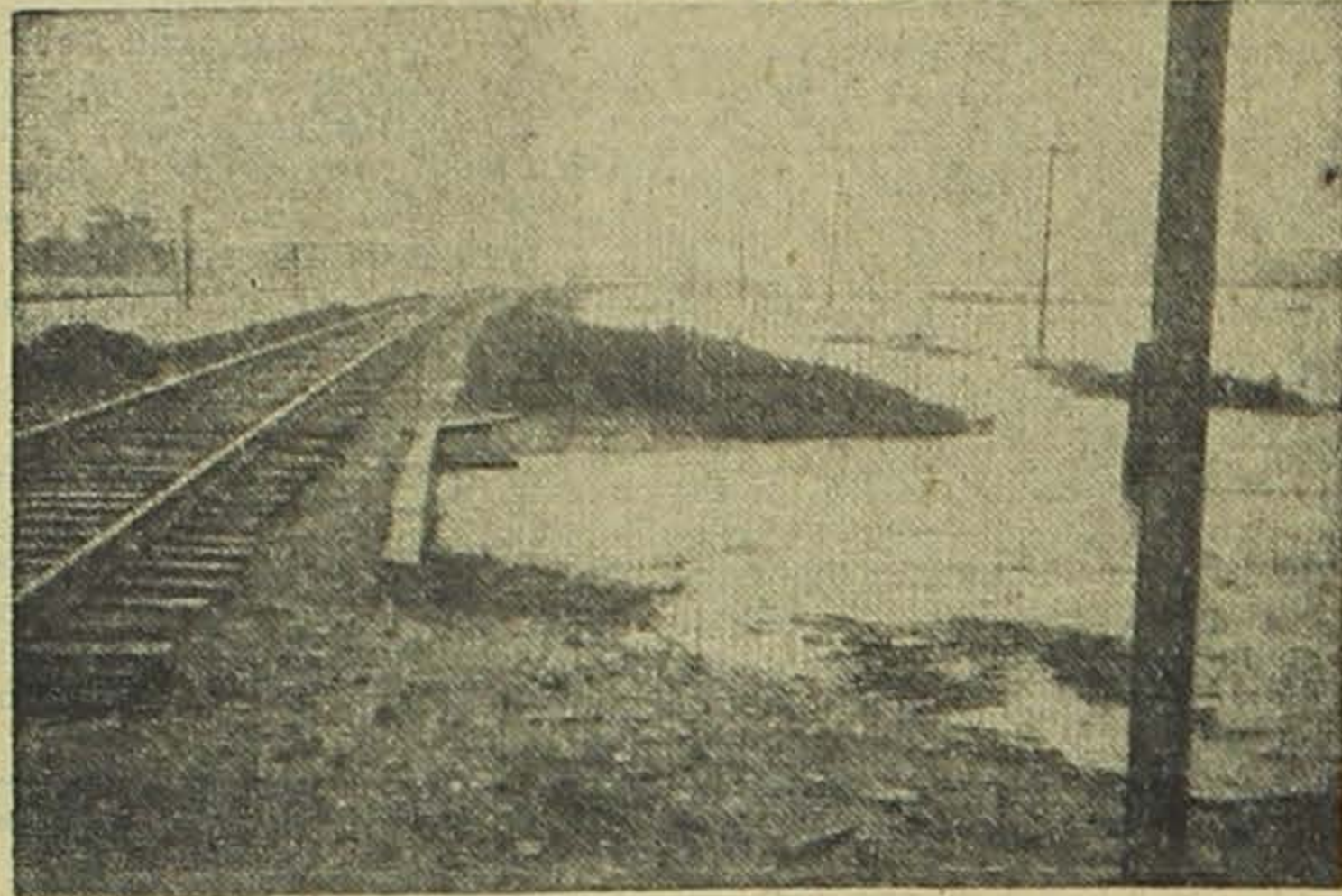
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The conservation job is too big for any one group or agency. We must have the assistance and support of all individuals, both rural and urban. The commissioners wish to express their appreciation to all individuals and groups who have been active in promoting the soil conservation program in Cass County.

Members of the Cass county commission are George Hosfelt, chairman; Boyd Bailey and Carl Keller, members and Wendell Pellett, assistant commissioner. Gayle Johnson is the office assistant.

4-H Club Activities

Lincoln Lincolnettes

Jackie Scholl was hostess to 24 members and a new member, Linda Legg, at the January meeting of Lincoln Lincolnettes. Members answered roll call with improvements they plan to make in their room, and the program included a

County Soil Conservation Commissioners



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Cass County Soil Conservation District Accomplishments

During the 1957 season, many cooperators were handicapped in getting soil conservation work practices applied due to weather conditions. Both spring and fall weather conditions were such that it was difficult to get in a maximum of field work with dirt moving equipment. Altho conditions were not extremely favorable the accomplishments were quite satisfactory. Terrace construction stayed well above the 100 mile mark. 118 new cooperators were added. Due to increase in moisture conditions, the quantity of tile installed increased considerably in 1957.

In the application of a complete soil and water conservation plan the District emphasizes the importance of upland treatment first, before major downstream work is installed.

The most successful job of soil and water conservation is accomplished when each drop of rainfall is absorbed or held as near where it falls as is possible.

Practices	Accomplishments 1957	To Date	Future Needs
Contouring, Ac.	5,943	67,977	36,518
Waterways, Ac.	54	1,095	3,325
Terraces, Mi.	114	786	5,892
Dams, No.	1	320	224
Diversion, Mi.	3	36	1,187
Tile Drains, L.F.	67,070	793,904	1,204,611
Open drains, Mi.	1	67	182
Drainage, Ac.	184	3,914	3,854
Cooperators, No.	118	909	1,075
Farm Plans, No.	60	716	1,268
ACP farm serviced, No.	386		

STATE FUNDS	
Office supplies	101.11
Comm. Mileage	351.67
Office expense	42.50
Printing	52.82
Prizes	35.24
Mat. for Demonstrations	16.09
	\$ 599.43
Clerical & Technical salaries	3,917.08

McGovern and Ruth Johnson were appointed to the gift committee and recreation was led by Ruth Johnson and Janet Henderson. Connie Waldau and Sally Baier served lunch. Members are to bring paint brushes and wish books to the next meeting.

Washington G. E. M.

A potluck supper Jan. 27 was planned at the meeting of the Washington G. E. M. club at the home of Carol and Larry Thurman. Fourteen members and two leaders were present and Kenny Knop became a new member. Janet and Joyce Jean Hansen gave a demonstration on the care of clothes and Dorman Leader discussed farm safety.

Edna Club

Monica McCurdy was hostess at the January meeting of Edna Williams. Plans were made for

back and Darla Robinson. Talks were given by Jackie Joyce, Darla Robinson and Barbara Linke and demonstrations were given by Jan-eille Joyce and Donna Blakely and Mary Worth and Pamela Miller. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Linke gave the picture study lesson which is one of the series to be studied at future meetings. The girls' quartet led group singing.

Atlantic Atoms

Pam Kuiken was hostess to 11 members and three leaders at the meeting of Atlantic Atoms. Michele Cook joined the club and Sue Teeter was a guest. Pat Prescott discussed pictures and artists and Pat Meredith discussed color schemes. Sharon Miller demonstrated making pillow covers and Connie Pigg had a demonstration on making curtains. Swedish weaving formed the group activity.

SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM SHAPED TO FIT LOCAL NEEDS

Through the Agricultural Conservation program farm operators may, if approved by the local county committee, obtain financial assistance in the application of the most needed soil conservation practices.

The county program is developed to meet the conservation needs of the local county. The more permanent practices are designed and approved by the soil conservation service before cost - sharing is paid.

At the present time the Cass county soil conservation district is concerned with the development of three watersheds. Crooked Creek watershed, which includes land in Audubon, Guthrie and Cass counties, has been approved and plans have been developed. Turkey creek watershed consisting of 80,000 acres, most of which lies in Cass county, has been approved at the state level but as yet no plan has been developed. Troublesome watershed which covers areas in Guthrie, Audubon and Cass counties is in the process of development and will soon present an application to the state committee.

LOCAL DISTRICTS ASSISTED BY SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS

The primary purpose of the SCS is to assist farmers with the development and application of basic soil conservation plans fitted specifically to their soil and water resources. The primary work of SCS consists of assisting local farmer - operated soil conservation districts.

The objective is the fullest use of SCS technicians for assisting district cooperators, applicants for ACP cost sharing, and soil bank participants who are not yet district cooperators to apply the greatest amount of the best conservation on the land. In furthering the wise use of the nation's soil and water resources, SCS acquaints applicants with the principles of the land capability concept of good land use and with SCS methods for developing and carrying out basic conservation plans on their land.

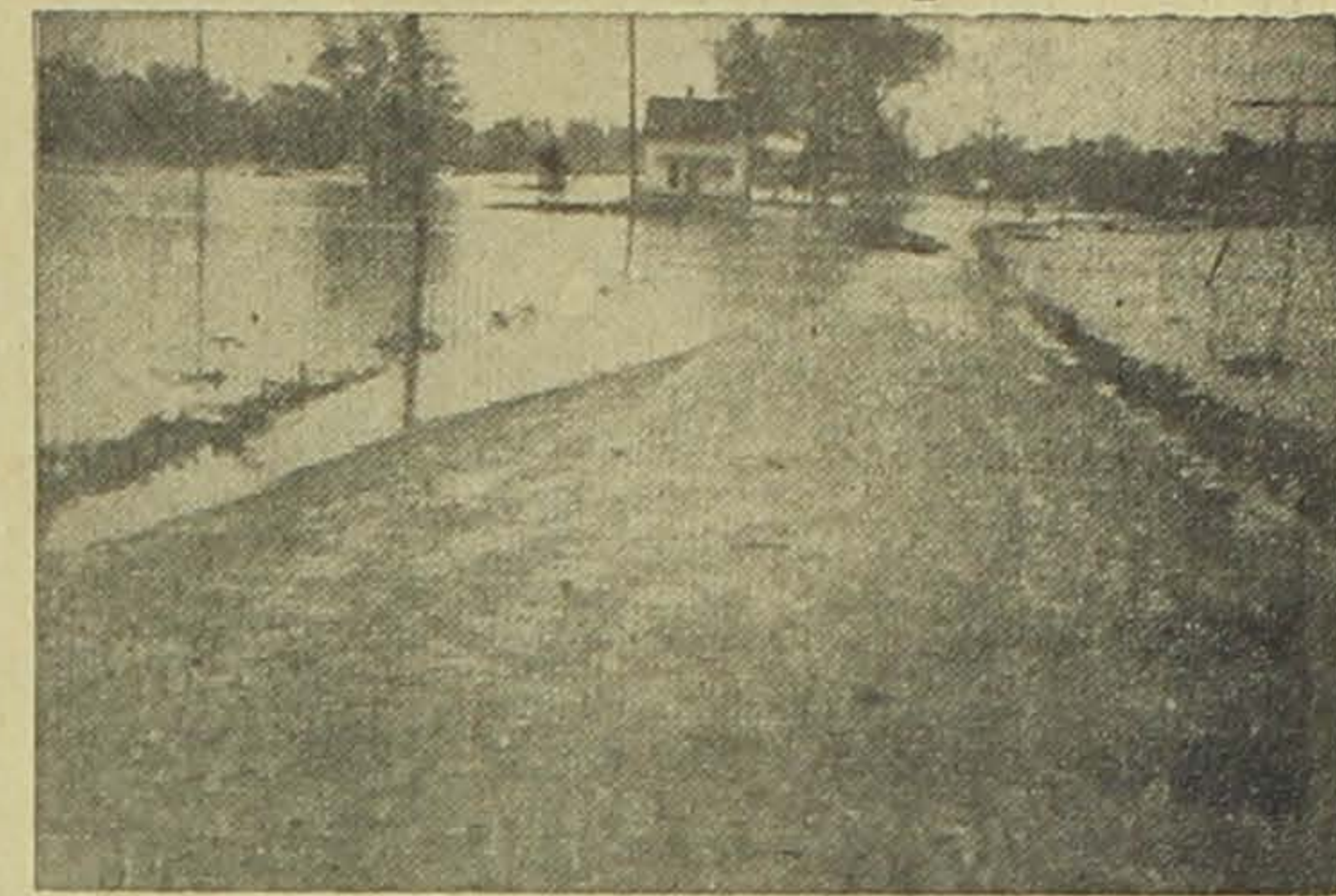
EXTENSION SERVICE COOPERATES WITH SOIL COMMISSION

The extension service, which is the educational branch of the U. S. D. A., works closely with the district soil commissioners and SCS in co-ordinating the soil conservation educational program in Cass county.

Soil and water conservation principals are integrated in the 4-H club programs throughout the year, with 4-H members of the fifteen Cass county 4-H agricultural clubs featuring related topics in their monthly discussions and demonstrations.

Extension personnel attended regular monthly meetings of the district commissioners, as well as district and state informational meetings to keep abreast of the developments and programs in soil and water conservation, and gave assistance with field days and other programs throughout the year.

1957 Flood Damage



Turkey Creek near Anita during spring floods in 1957.

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