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ANNUAL REPORT

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FOREWORD

by Walter Hansen

What a tragic thing it is that we seem to have to lose some of our most valued possessions before we learn really to appreciate their importance. I am referring, of course, to our top soil and that other necessary element, water. Water is as important to a growing crop as the sun itself, but when man through careless practices, such as stripping the vegetative cover from the long slopes or farming up and down the hills, water can be and often is a vicious enemy to the soil.

According to the **World Book Encyclopedia** scientists estimate it took nature at least 600 years to form one inch of top soil. Yet it does not disturb us too much to learn that each year we allow the Mississippi River and its tributaries to carry at least one cubic mile of silt (mostly top soil) to the gulf, or enough silt to cover more than six million acres to a depth of six inches.

We are reminded of the farmer who was offered a book that would tell him how to do twice as good a job of farming, but the farmer declined saying he was farming only half as well as he really knew how anyway. In other words, he was saying that doing a halfway or average job was good enough. It has been said that being average on the ladder of success places us just as close to the bottom as it does to the top. Many a well-meaning steward of the soil has fallen by the wayside because he did not realize that to stand still is to fall.

Much has been done in recent years to conserve our soil and water, and yet we have to admit that the job of soil and water conservation has barely begun. It is heartwarming to observe a farmer trying hard to carry out a conservation measure without governmental assistance. We salute them! However, many conservation practices do require technical assistance which can be had for the asking at your local district office.

The district commissioners (of which there are three) are elected to a six year term by the farmers and land owners in the district. Except for mileage, they serve without pay. They hold regular monthly meetings to take care of such business as approving or disapproving requests for assistance in any and all conservation matters, as well as paying all bills accrued by the district.

Because our budgets do not allow for the expense of printing a report such as this, we have to depend on advertising. To those who purchased advertising to make this report possible, we are indeed grateful.

COVER — Commissioners — Milo Ahrens, Harold Oldorf and Walter Hansen, stand by sign which they had just erected on Highway 30 at the east edge of Cedar county.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS — 1962

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

Annual contractor's meeting held with 18 contractors present.

The commissioners sold advertising for the 1961 annual report. Over 2500 copies were mailed to land owners and operators in the county, as well as to others interested in conservation.

Material for 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's newspapers.

Speaking Contest on "How Soil & Water Conservation Affects My Future," sponsored by the district. Jeff Weih, Bennett, won the contest and placed third in the 10 County Regional Contest.

Ernest Werling and son, Bryce, Tipton, was selected as the District winner of the Des Moines Register & Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards Contest.

Miss Mary Kay Hasselbusch was selected as Queen of Conservation for Cedar County, and represented the Cedar District at the regional contest held at the Jones County Fair in August.

Ninth annual Soil Judging Contest sponsored by the District with 152 boys from 8 high schools taking part.

Commissioners erected signs where Highway 30 enters the east and west sides of Cedar County, reading, "Entering Cedar Soil & Water Conservation District." The back side of the signs read, "Leaving Cedar Soil & Water Conservation District."

The District moved into their new office on November 6. Since then, many District and SCS friends have stopped in to see the new home.

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Herb Espensen, Springdale Township, and Don Williams, Work Unit Conservationist, examine Herb's farm conservation plan, one of 31 written during the year. Herb terraced a field last spring, and weather permitting, plans to terrace another field this year.



Bryce and Ernest Werling, winners of the Des Moines Register & Tribune Awards Contest in Cedar County, checking alfalfa hay on a terrace which they built several years ago.

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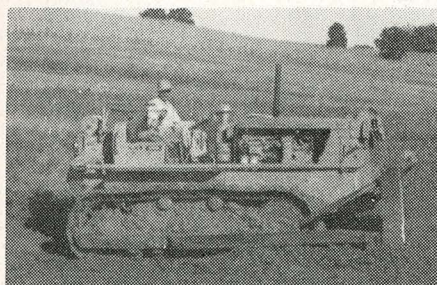
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ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARY

The following indicates the accomplishments for 1962, and the totals to date:

	To Date
Contour farming2,123 Acres	34,388 Acres
Strip Cropping215 Acres	2,350 Acres
Terraces16,871 Ft.	253,961 Ft.
Structures6	67
Livestock	
Watering PondsNone	48
Grassed Waterways . .17.3 Acres	329.4 Acres
Tile Drainage404,902 L. F.	2,467,689 L. F.
Soil Conservation	
Surveys5,650 Acres	145,480 Acres
Pasture Planting310 Acres	3,693 Acres
Tree Planting4.5 Acres	19.5 Acres
Wildlife Area	
Improvement22 Acres	367 Acres

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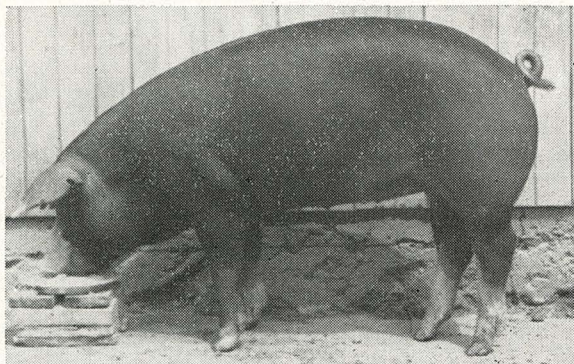
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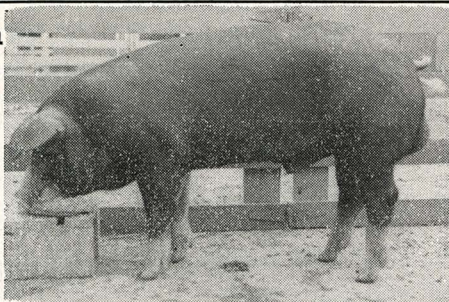
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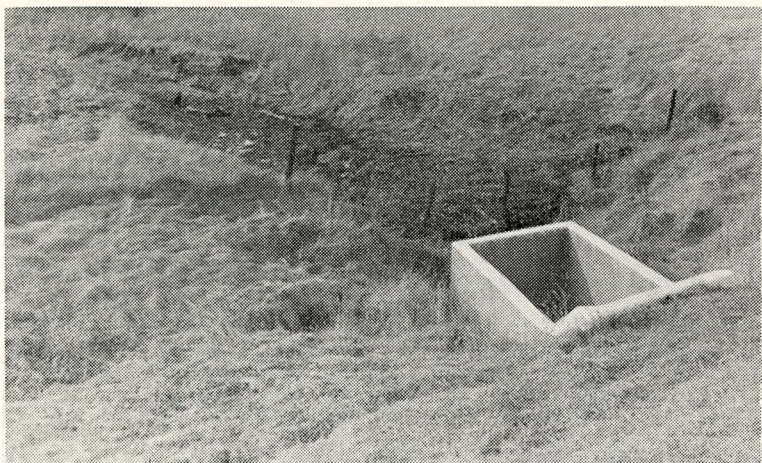
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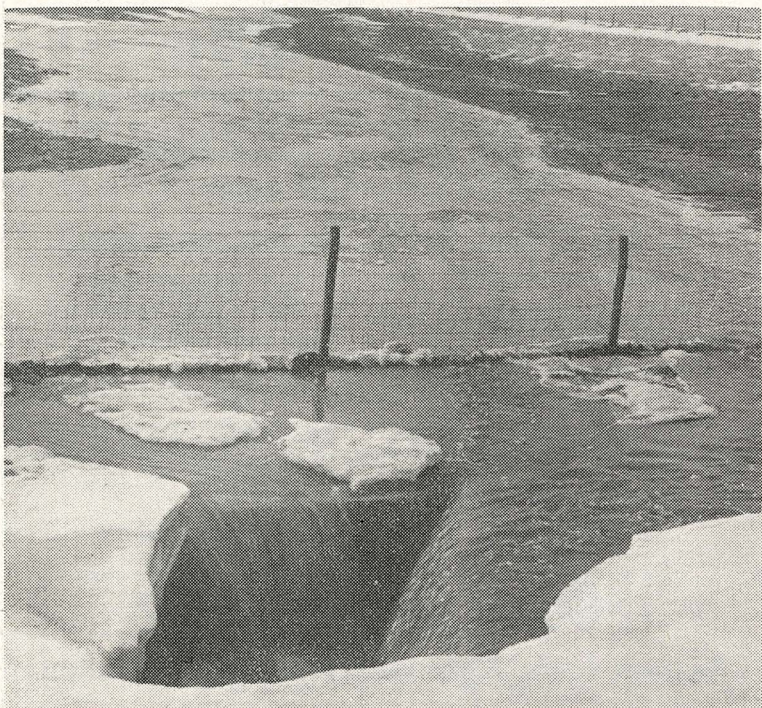
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THE GOALS FOR 1963 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

District Cooperators	40
Farm Plans	30
Follow-up	125
Conservation Soil Survey	5,500 Acres
Contour	2,200 Acres
Stripcropping	200 Acres
Terraces and Diversions	20,000 Ft.
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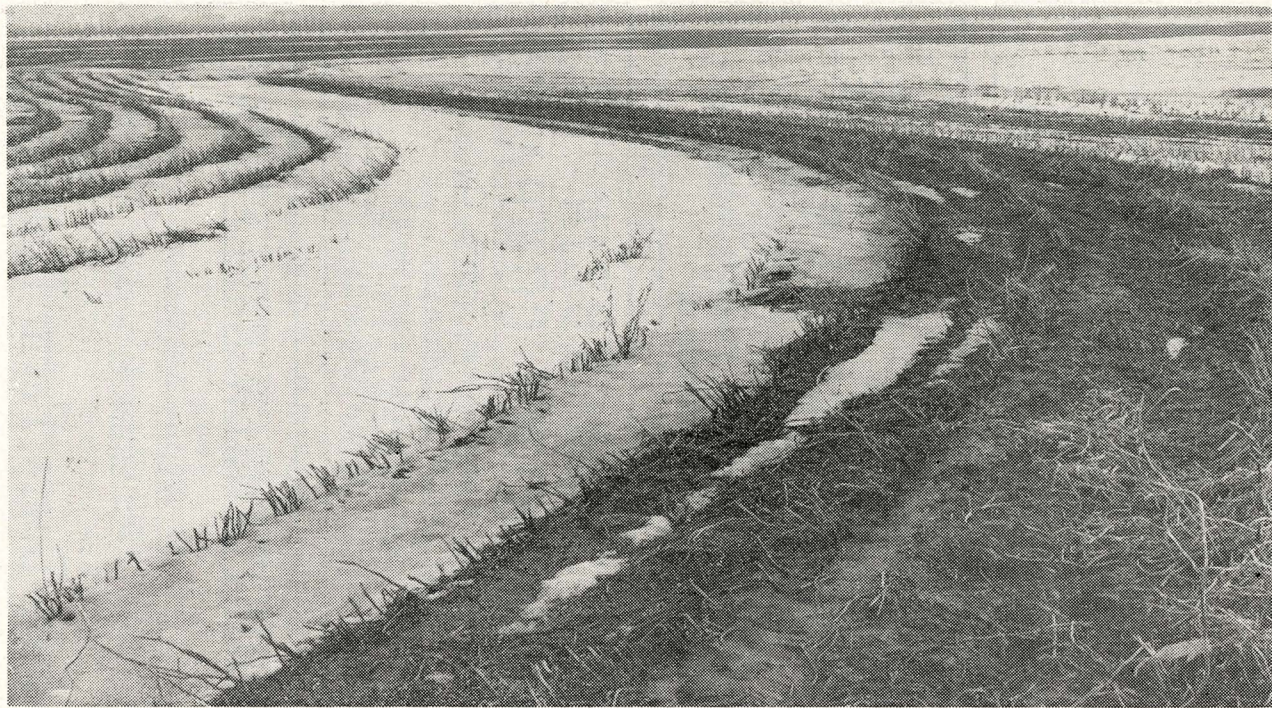
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I-M BUDGET

Commissioners' Expenses	\$ 130.91
Office Supplies	158.24
Office Expense	28.46
Contests and Demonstrations	61.41
TOTAL	\$ 379.02

II-M BUDGET

Salary—Clerk & State Aid	\$3,201.00
State Retirement	96.60
Federal Retirement (Social Security) ..	97.95
TOTAL	\$3,395.55

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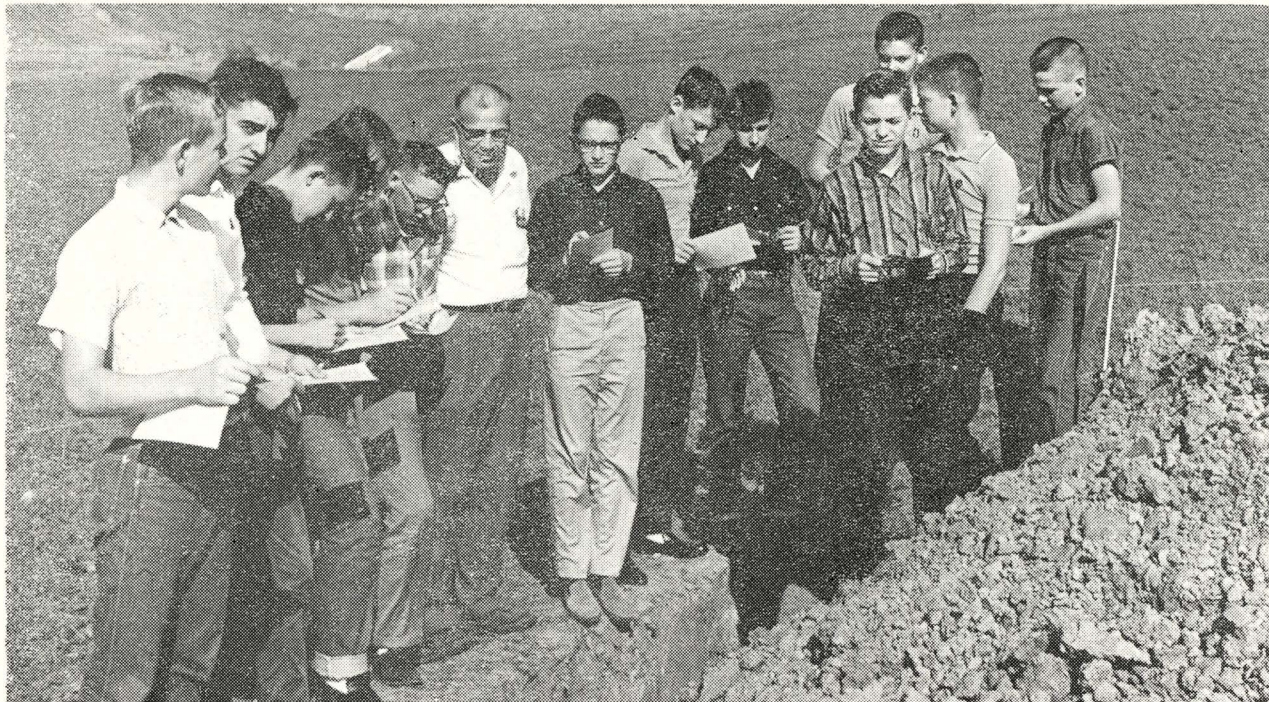
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5. Farmers Home Administration
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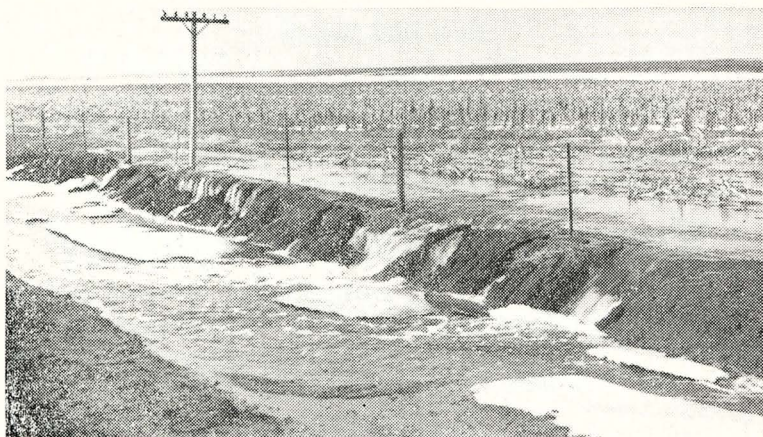
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The Extension Director acted as secretary for the Soil Commissioners during the past year and helped whenever possible with all phases of their educational program.

Three hundred, seventy-four lime tests were made through the Extension Office. Farmers were encouraged to send soil samples to Ames for complete analysis.

Each year we are seeing more interest in soil conservation among farmers, business and professional men, educators and clergy.

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By Daryl L. Grove, County Supervisor

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A county committee, made up of three farmers in each county, approves the applicants as to eligibility and certifies the amount of the loan. The Cedar County Committee consists of Ralph Pelzer, Gaylord Wilson and Paul Busching.

Operating loans are made for the purchase or refinancing of livestock and machinery and for farm operating expenses such as feed, seed, gas, fertilizer and lime. These loans are repaid over a seven year period and are 5% interest.

Farm ownership loans are made to purchase, enlarge, develop or refinance farm and other debts. Development may include either land or building improvements. Recent legislation has also included development of recreational projects under this loan. This includes such things as ponds for fishing, hunting areas, tree planting, camping and picnic areas. The loan may run for a period of forty years at 5% interest.

Soil and water loans may be made to initiate and complete any soil and water conservation practice as outlined in the ACP handbook and approved by Soil Conservation Service. Loans are repaid over a period of forty years at 5% interest.

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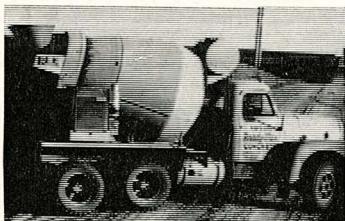
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Tom Crees and Harry Johansen
Office Manager, Don Conrad

The Agricultural Conservation Program is one of the biggest programs handled by our office and one of the programs with the longest lasting benefits.

The program has been growing each year in the last three years as to the number of participating farms. In the year of 1962, 667 farms participated.

The funds available for each program year have also been increasing but not at the rate of our increasing application for these funds. Two of our more heavily used practices for Cedar County are the ones covering the application of agricultural limestone and tiling practices. We are also happy to report that there is an increase in the more enduring type practice, such as tree planting, erosion structures and contour type farming.

It is our desire to support and help the S.C.S. whenever possible. The A.S.C.S. wishes to take this opportunity to thank S.C.S. for its fine cooperation and pledge our goals along with S.C.S. in accomplishing good sound conservation practices.

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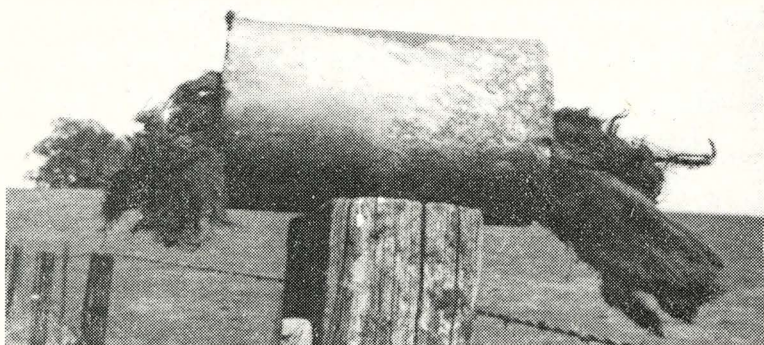
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Keith Chapman building terrace with a 3-bottom plow on Clarence Lamp farm, which he operates, southeast of Tipton.



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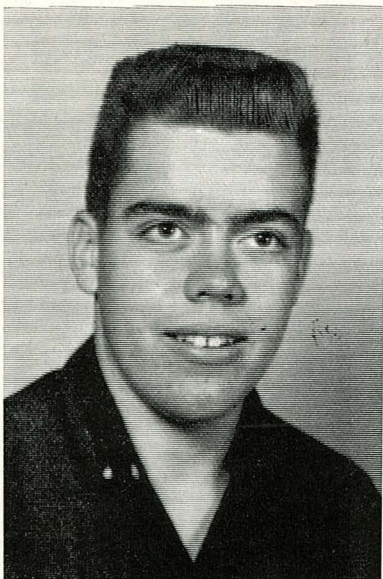
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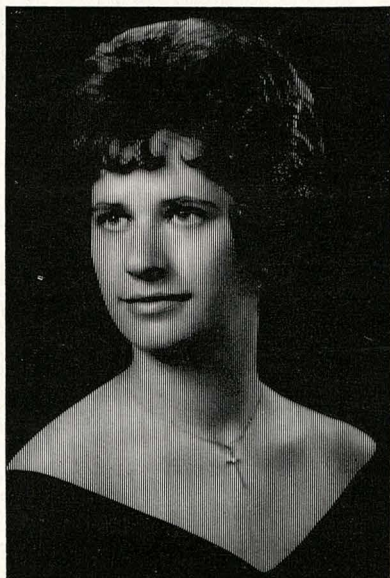
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Jeff Weih, Bennett, winner of the Cedar District Speaking Contest. Jeff placed third in the 10-county regional contest.



Cedar County's Queen of Conservation, Miss Mary Kay Hasselbusch, who represented the district at the regional contest held at the Jones County Fair last August.



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Delmar Kohl, Linn township, spring plowing on the contour.



Conservation as seen from Highway 80. Notice the contoured rows holding water during spring thaw.

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