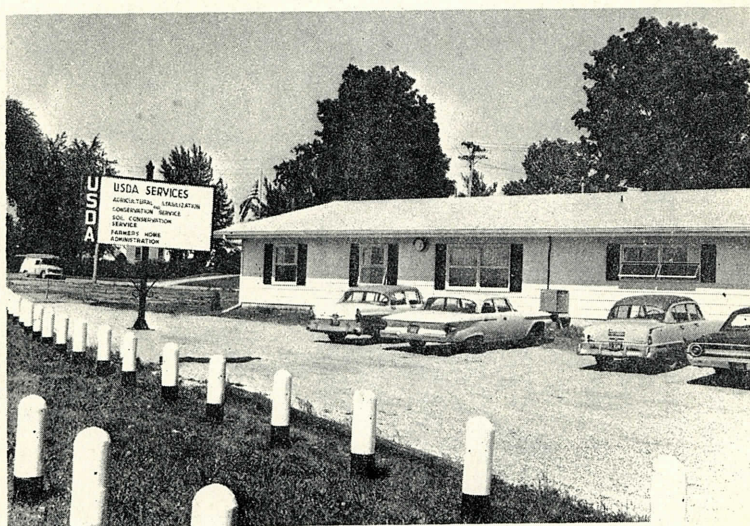


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FOREWORD

By
WALTER HANSEN

We, the Commissioners, extend our most sincere thanks to those who purchased advertising to make a report such as this possible. Our very strict budget does not allow for the printing of an annual report other than a simple fact sheet, so we are grateful that you have given us the means to print the following report.

Throughout the history of the world the standard of living has been and will continue to be in direct proportion to agriculture production. A quick look at the economy of a country as huge as Russia with all of its scientific know-how shows us she is still unable to produce enough food to satisfy the demands of her people. Even by bringing into production an additional 20 million acres of virgin land, which ended in failure in 1963 and which led to the purchase of 13 million tons of grain from the West, Khrushchev was unable to improve the standard of living in Russia.

We have all heard many times from many sources that the people in America have the highest standard of living of any country today. A very brief, but nevertheless convincing survey of some of the European countries in 1963 removed any doubt in my mind but what this is true.

During a series of highly productive crop seasons it is easy for us to forget that next year may be different. By the same token, because we have enough fertile top soil left in America today to produce what we choose to call surplus, (with the full knowledge that hundreds of people die of starvation every day in other countries of the world) we may not always have this God given resource.

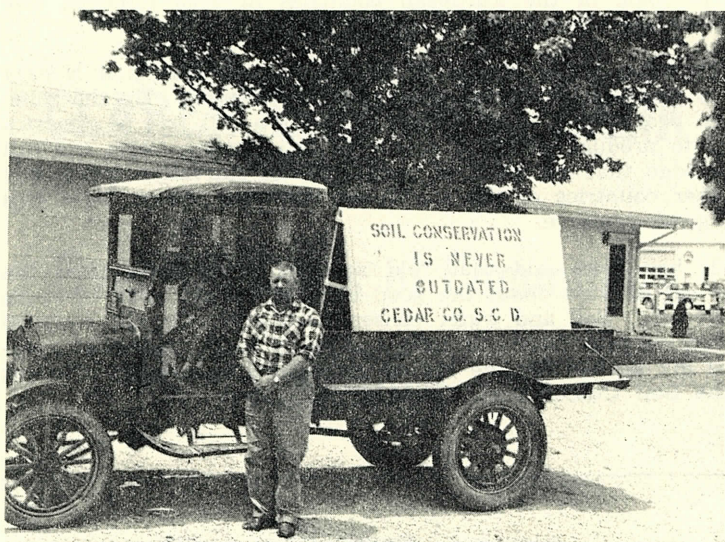
It has been said that "old soldiers never die." And the same can be said about the good earth if we are good stewards of the soil. Soil and water conservation programs are designed so that we can "have our cake and eat it too." Technical assistance may be had for the asking on many conservation practices at the Soil Conservation Office, Tipton, Iowa.

—Cover—

The district moved into their new home on March 1, which was built especially for the Farmers Home Administration, A.S.C.S. and Soil Conservation Service.



Commissioners Lawrence Kleppe, Walter Hansen, Chairman, Milo Ahrens, and Howard Hamilton, Secretary.



Milo Ahrens drove his Model T Ford truck in the 125th Year Celebration at Tipton last summer.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1965

Milo Ahrens attended the Commissioners Short Course at Ames in January.

The commissioners sold advertising in the 1964 annual report. Over 2500 copies were mailed to landowners and operators in the county, and to others interested in conservation.

The Cedar County Soil Conservation District moved into their new home at 1201 North Avenue on March 1. The building was built especially for the following USDA Agencies: Soil Conservation Service, A.S.C.S., and Farmers Home Administration.

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.

Speaking Contest on "How Soil & Water Conservation Affects My Future" was sponsored by the district. Jerry Ahrens, Wilton Junction, placed first; Sharyl Moeller, Wilton Junction, was second, and Lela Mae Norton, third. Thirteen young people from the Bennett and Wilton Junction schools took part.

Mrs. Delorus Meineke was awarded a scholarship to attend the 3-week Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park.

The District entered a float in the Tipton 125th year parade. It was a model T Ford truck, owned by Milo Ahrens.

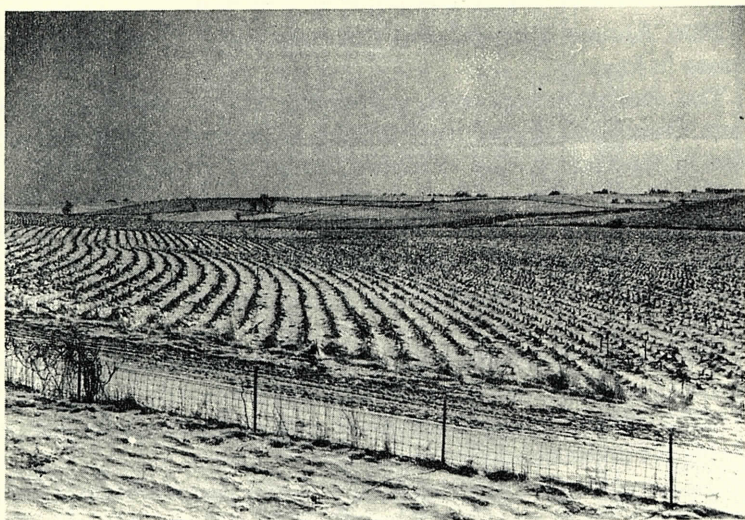
The commissioners, ex-commissioners and soil conservation service personnel held their annual picnic at the Tipton Community park in August.

Misses Lois Kleppe, Clarence and Beverly Billick, Stanwood, were selected as Queens of Conservation for Cedar County, and represented your district at the regional contest held at the All Iowa Fair, Cedar Rapids.

Twelfth annual Soil Judging Contest was sponsored by the District with 150 boys from 3 high schools taking part.

Two teachers from the Bennett school attended a 2-day conservation workshop for teachers at the State 4-H Camp at Luther, Iowa.

One hundred fifty conservation workbooks were purchased by the district and given to the Tipton and Lincoln Community schools for use by seventh grade students.



Contoured corn with grass headlands along fence and grassed waterways.



Mature windbreaks on the Mrs. Arnold Meier farm, Fairfield township. Notice the well established young windbreak on the extreme right. Many farmers are planting windbreaks this spring.

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The following indicates the accomplishments for 1965 Fiscal Year and totals to date.

	To Date
Contour Farming -----2701 Acres	48,868 Acres
Strip Cropping -----209 Acres	2,733 Acres
Conservation	
Cropping System ---11,103 Acres	52,752 Acres
Terraces -----2,740 Ft.	270,307 Ft.
Structures & Ponds ----8	140
Grassed Waterways --52 Acres	426 Acres
Tile Drainage -----187,506 Ft.	2,999,864 Ft.
Soil Conservation	
Surveys -----8,000 Acres	159,870 Acres
Pasture Planting -----362 Acres	4,876 Acres
Wildlife Area -----8 Acres	378 Acres

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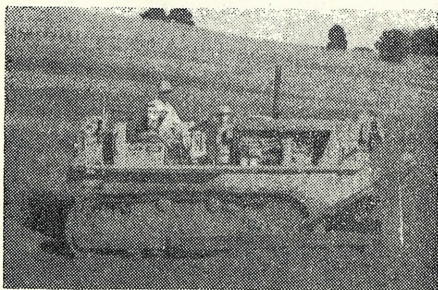
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| 3. Roland Buck | 28. Floyd Slemmons |
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| 6. Ralph Steffen | 31. Joe Scorpil |
| 7. Leonard Schwitzer | 32. Robert Reichert |
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| 9. Lee Pickert
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| 15. Wayne Ahrens | 40. France Farms |
| 16. Wilbert Norton | 41. Allan Winder |
| 17. Jerry Grings | 42. Orven Voss |
| 18. John Sharpless | 43. Edwin Lett |
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| 21. Orven Voss | 46. Kenneth Kuehl |
| 22. Wm. Gorkow | 47. Alexander Leith |
| 23. Henry Kofron | 48. Paul Busching |
| 24. Harold Barnhart | 49. John Stevenson |
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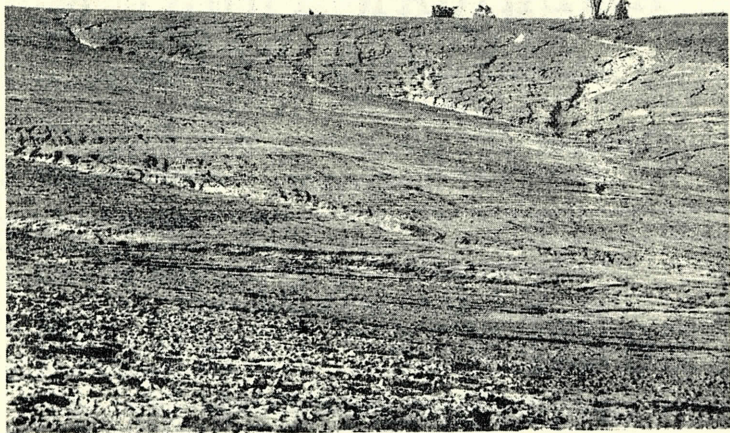
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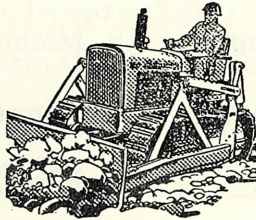
Heavy rains caused more washing in Cedar county during 1965 than we have had in many years. Above field was badly eroded by the late May and early June storms.



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| 6. Wayne Frederick | 23. Clarence Lodge |
| 7. Emil Baxa | 24. Reorganized Church
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| 8. Hilbert Marolf | |
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District Cooperators	40
Basic Farm Plans	28
Revised Plans	12
Planned Cooperator Contracts	500
Contour Farming	3,500 Acres
Diversions & Terraces	11,000 Ft.
Grassed Waterways	35 Acres
Tile Drainage	180,000 Ft.
Pasture Renovation & Reseeding	400 Acres
Strip Cropping	180 Acres
Conservation Cropping System	8,000 Acres
Land Adequately Treated	6,000 Acres
Conservation Soil Survey	6,000 Acres

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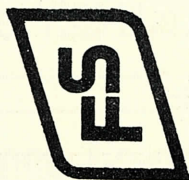
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I-M BUDGET

Commissioners' Expense -----	\$ 121.77
Office Supplies -----	166.45
Office Expense -----	121.03
Contests & Demonstrations -----	108.36
Rental for Meeting Halls -----	10.00
TOTAL -----	\$ 527.61

II-M BUDGET

Salary—Clerk & State Aid -----	\$3,263.85
State Retirement -----	114.25
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(Social Security) -----	118.32
Equipment -----	216.10
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Everyone realizes that as man sows so shall he reap. When we look back into history we find the nations which have not taken care of their soil and other natural resources have soon perished.

When we look ahead 10 to 20 years we realize much of the world may face starvation even with everyone in this country doing the best possible job of caring for our soil. This makes our task even more important.

The Cedar County Soil Conservation District has been in operation long enough for most people to see the advantage of soil conservation. The technical personnel of the district have done an excellent job helping farmers to carry out conservation practices.

I would like to especially compliment them on the fine public relations job they have done with farmers, businessmen and professional people in developing a better understanding of how one group is so dependent upon the other.

A few suggestions made by Dr. Leon Appel recently seem to me to be worthwhile for all of us to think about. He suggested four things that would help us keep a proper perspective during these changing times. They are as follows:

1. We need to maintain a sense of humor. Did you ever ask yourself what effect you would have on other people as you go about your daily tasks?

2. We need to keep our thinking tuned up. Our mental attitude needs to be positive and forward looking. There was a man who said, "I always feel bad when I feel good because I know I am going to feel worse later."

3. We should always try to say the kind things and do the thoughtful things for others.

4. We must cling to moral and spiritual values. When you break a law of God, you start your own destruction.

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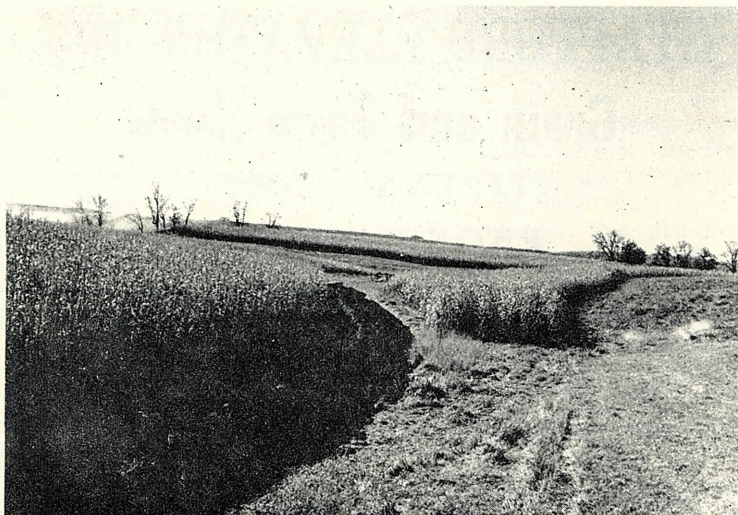
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Francis Abel, Voc Ag teacher, and Clarence Beyer, Conservation Technician, discuss recently completed terraces with the West Branch Ag class on the Herb Hinkhouse farm in Gower township.



Tile drainage along a waterway on the Fred Townsend farm in Sugar Creek township. This field is contour strip cropped, and Fred built a concrete dam at the lower end of this waterway last fall.

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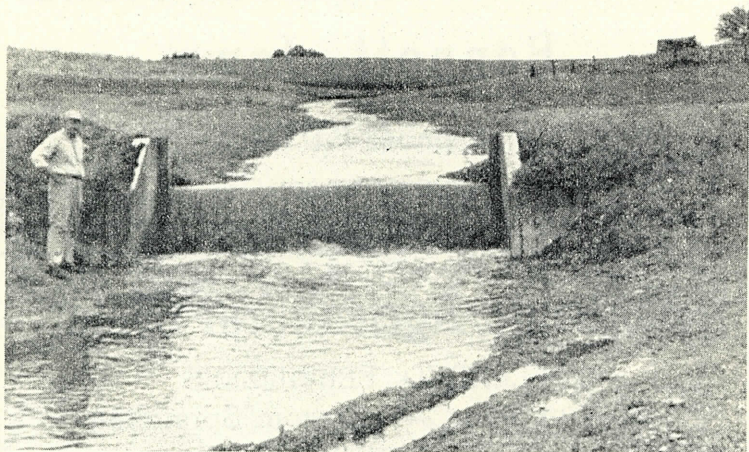
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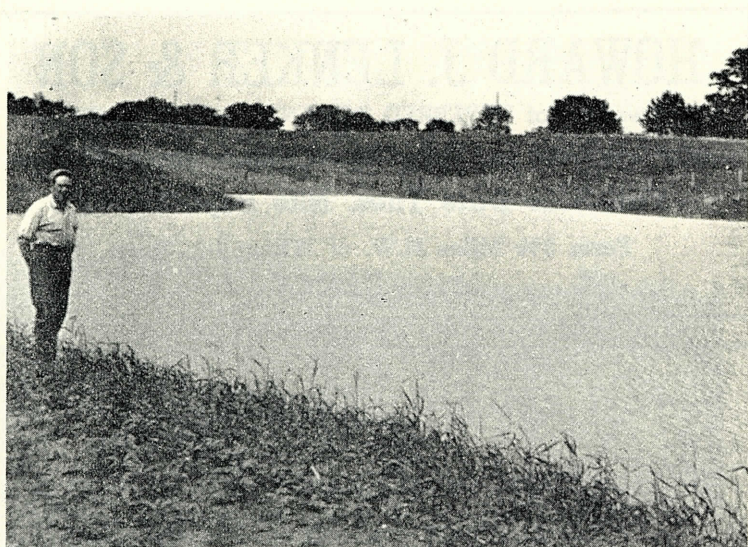
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Bill Penningroth, Cass township, observing his concrete dam doing the job for which it was intended after one of the heavy rains last September. Notice how well the seeding has caught on the fresh earth fill.



Leo Nebergall, Center township, standing on the earth fill of his farm pond. Less than a year before this picture was taken there was an ugly ditch with weed trees and brush in this area.

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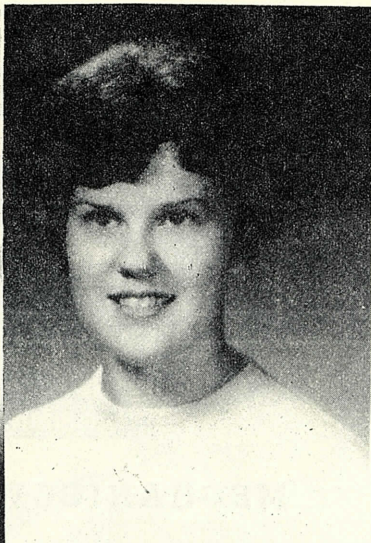
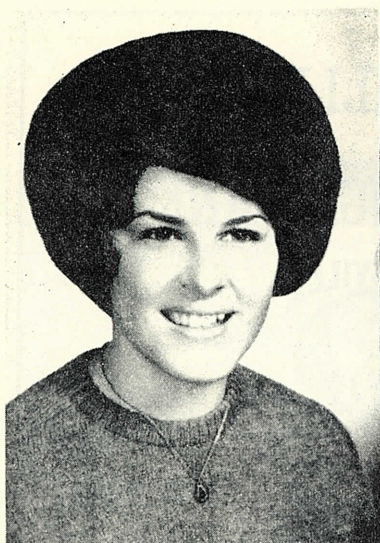
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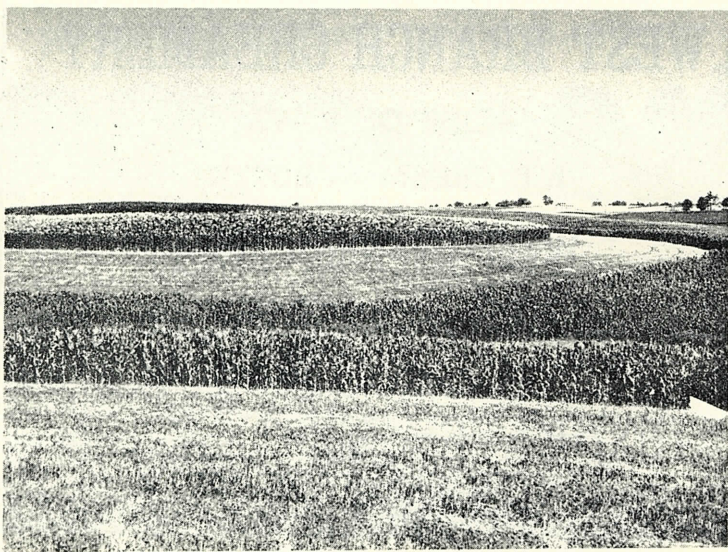
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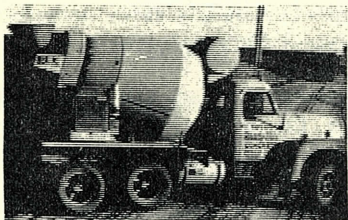
Misses Beverly Billick, Stanwood, and Lois Kleppe, Clarence, who represented the District as Queens of Conservation at the Regional Contest held at Hawkeye Downs last August.



Part of a 100 acre field which was contour strip cropped on Johnson & Cigledy farm 3 miles south of Tipton.

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By

RONALD T. THELEN

County Supervisor

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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 Everett Ferguson, Harold Schnack and Ben Penningroth.

OPERATING LOANS are written to purchase or refinance livestock, machinery and operating expenses. The Committee recommends a conservation plan for the best use of land resources, power, equipment and fertilizer.

FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS are written to purchase, enlarge, develop or refinance farms or other debts. The Committee feels a conservation plan is essential for the best use of financial and management aid offered through the program.

RURAL HOUSING LOANS are made to remodel, build or purchase existing dwellings in communities under 5,500 population. Loans may be made either to individuals or to associations for the construction of rental housing units for senior citizens.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY LOANS are made to farmers or residents of rural communities. The loan may not exceed \$2,500 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.

A new authority provides the Farmers Home Administration the means to help rural communities obtain needed facilities through loans and grants for the construction, improvement and extension of water and sewer systems. This assistance is available to public bodies and non profit corporations.

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Office Manager — Donald M. Conrad

Through the Agricultural Conservation Program the Federal Government will cost-share with farmers in Iowa and Cedar County the cost of carrying out approved soil building and soil and water conservation practices including related wildlife and beautification practices.

The last several years we have had more farmers in Cedar County taking advantage of the wildlife and beautification practices.

We in the A. S. C. S. Office feel that the use of any and all of the ACP practices are a benefit to the farmer, the landowner, and the county, and encourage farmers to check with the A. S. C. S. Office or Soil Conservation Service about needed conservation practices or beautification practices for their particular farms.

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The Vocational Agriculture students in Cedar County do more than study soil conservation in the classroom. They go on field trips to farms to look at conservation practices and to hear the farmer tell of the value of soil conservation. Don Williams and Clarence Beyer, the county SCS technical assistance team, are very good to stop by the vocational agriculture building to inform the instructor of terraces, structures, etc., that are being built in the community. A field trip is then arranged and usually Don or Clarence is on hand at the farm to explain the technicalities and wisdom of using the new practice.

Probably the most important and educational of all contests available to vocational agricultural students is the annual Cedar County Soils Judging Contest sponsored by the SCS. This contest gives the student an opportunity to apply his knowledge of soils and recommended soil conservation practices to three different soil sites on the contest farm. In this fine contest the boys "come to grips" with the various soil problems and offer their solutions — a real learning situation.

Only 9 percent of the soils in Cedar County are Class I — having essentially no conservation problems. Thus, the other 91 percent of farm land in the county has varying erosion hazards. Most of the land in the West Branch area is rolling topography and much conservation work remains to be done.

Control of erosion is essential to the good of our county and the world. When topsoil is eroded away then proper water intake, soil aeration and desirable seedbeds are very difficult to obtain. With the increasing food needs in the world, a farmer

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should feel a moral obligation to preserve the topsoil. Subsoil just doesn't produce high yields. A farmer certainly wants to leave his son a farm that is capable of producing profitable yields.

Since crops are the source of about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a farmer's gross sales (either as cash grain or sold through livestock) one realizes the importance of great attention to soils and crops. Research shows that contouring increases corn yields by 5-8 bushels per acre. Terraces allow a farmer to "safely" grow more corn on his rolling land. I like to stress this dollar and cents return from use of soil conservation practices. All of my senior students do a complete analysis and planning of their father's home farm. The SCS personnel have given me assistance in this project. I am most grateful for their cooperation.

Lots of education and stimulus for soil conservation and wise economic use of the land has been accomplished by the SCS and vocational agricultural people cooperating together. They are both working for the good of the present and future farmers of the county. On behalf of all the vocational agriculture departments in the area, I wish to thank the Cedar County Soil Conservation District commissioners and personnel for their assistance.

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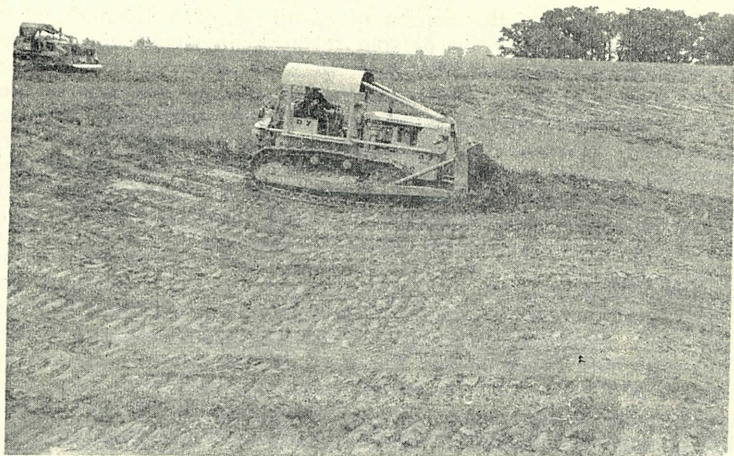
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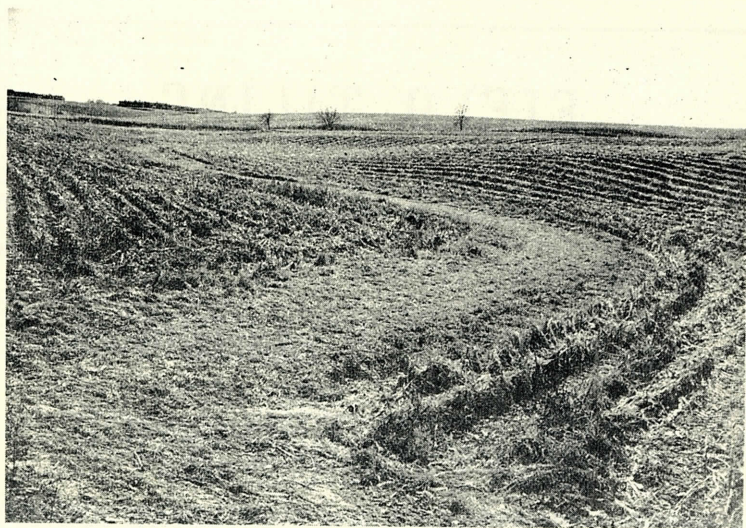
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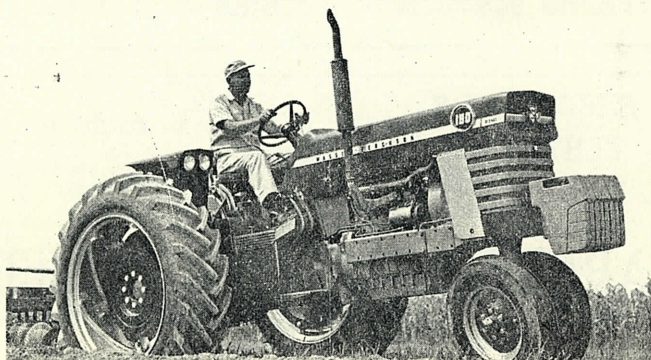
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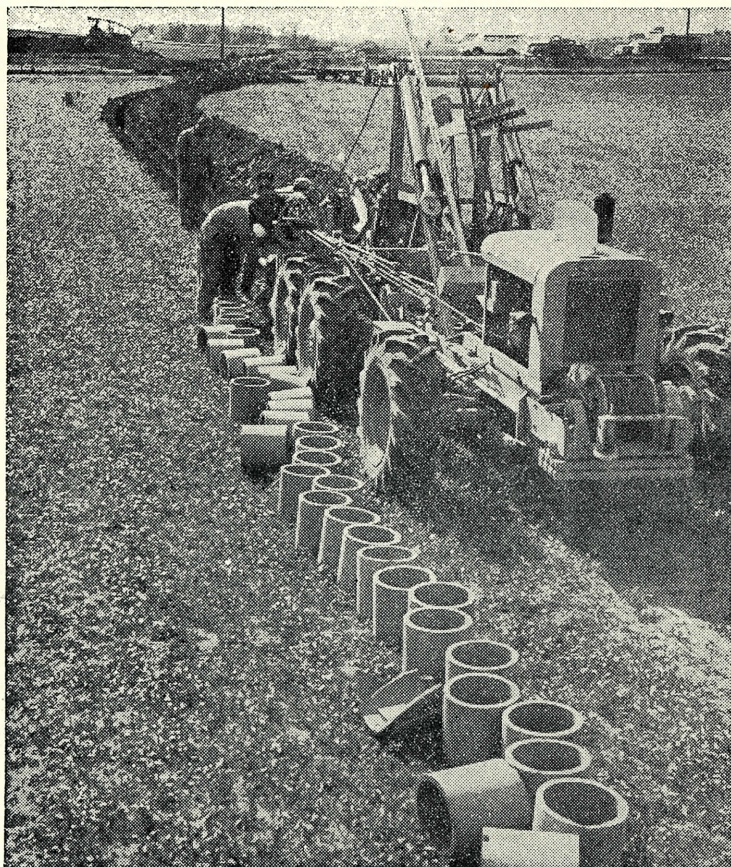
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