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it were that easy to protect you from some of iseases that infest the world . . . the plagues that an's moral and spiritual fibre.

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quires wise parents, and Christian homes, and g families, and vigorous churches to get you noble, happy life.

ake it up Sunday with your folks: ISN'T IT R ALL OF US TO GO TO CHURCH?

ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible, daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	34	1-22
Monday	Psalms	71	1-17
Tuesday	Proverbs	1	1-10
Wednesday	Proverbs	22	1-9
Thursday	Luke	2	40-52
Friday	Luke	6	20-38
Saturday	Luke	6	39-49

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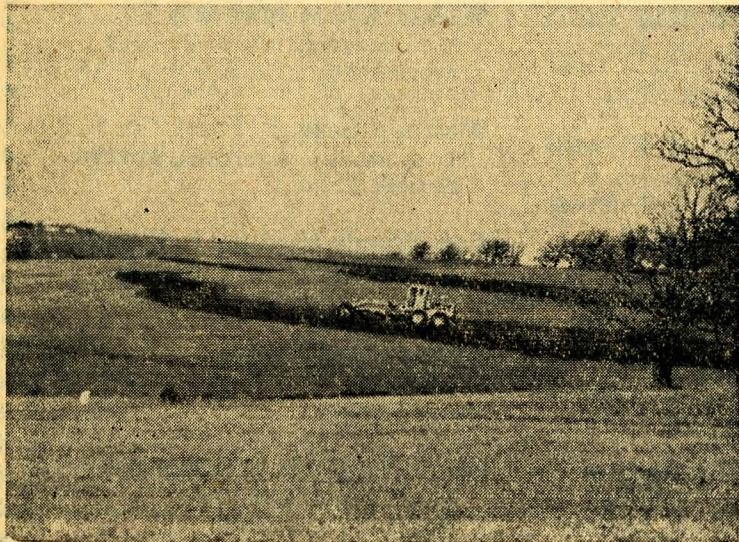
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Conservation Is Your Job

Many people have responsibility for the conservation and effective use of the Nation's soil and water resources. The major responsibility rests with the people who own and operate the land. There are also community, soil conservation district, State and National responsibilities.

The conservation job is too big for any one, two or three agencies or organizations. We cannot hope to get conservation measures applied on the land as rapidly as the public interest demands without informing and using to the fullest every segment of our society, both rural and urban.

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.



672 miles of terraces have been constructed in Cass County. If properly maintained these will hold over 400,000,000 gallons of water.

Function Of The District

The District governing body acts and speaks for the people in the district. The members select their own officers, which they may change from time to time. A common practice is to designate one member as chairman and another as secretary-treasurer. Frequently, however, they arrange for a district employee or someone working with the district to serve as secretary. A district governing body adopts its policies and procedures and makes other major decisions about the district's work at meetings with a quorum (usually a majority) of the members present.

District Commissioners

George Hosfelt, Chm.
Boyd Bailey, Member
Carl Keller, Member
Gayle Johnson, Office Assistant

State and National Associations

Soil Conservation district governing officials found that State associations of soil conservation districts had enabled them to develop better methods for managing the district. They felt a need for a National association to do a similar job on a national scale. The National Association of Soil Conservation Districts (NASCD) was organized in 1946.

The Association is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization. Its primary concern is the conservation and orderly development of America's land and water resources through means of local self government.

State Funds

1-A BUDGET

Office supplies	..	\$168.00
Comm. mileage	..	113.67
Film		6.47
Office expense	...	23.00
Printing		99.25
Prizes		30.00
Mat. for demo.	..	41.77
Projector rental	..	19.00
		\$501.16

2-A BUDGET

Clerical salary	..	\$2,532.00
Technical salary	..	\$1,584.09
		\$4,116.09



L. to R., back row, Clarence Ford, Gilbert Wehrman, Wayne Raasch, Stanley Bennett; front row, Boyd Bailey, George Hosfelt, Gayle Johnson and Carl Keller.

Cass County Soil Conservation District ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The application of Soil Conservation practices in Cass County has consistently increased since the formation of the District in 1942. It is interesting to observe that in the early forties terraces were being constructed at the rate of 10 to 20 miles per year, while in 1956 one hundred and fifty three miles were constructed. It is the goal of the District to establish as rapidly as possible the needed Soil Conservation practices on Cass County farms. Normally the establishment of contouring of tilled crops is the first practice to put into effect on a farm where there is interest in soil conservation. The sloping and seeding of hillside waterways adds convenience to farming the field and gives permanent protection to the watercourse. To complete the soil conservation job a rotation, suited to the needs of the land, should be established and adequate terraces should be built to aid in control when heavy rains occur.

Practices		Accomplishments			Future Needs
		1956	to date		
Contouring	 Ac.	6,637	62,034		42,461
Waterways	 Ac.	111	1,041		3,379
Terraces	 Mi.	153	672		6,006
Dams	 No.	4	319		225
Diversions	 Mi.	1	33		1,190
Tile drains	 L.F.	38,997	726,834		1,271,681
Open drains	 Mi.	6	66		183
Drainage	 Ac.	175	3,730		4,038
Cooperators	 No.	84	791		1,193
Farm Plans	 No.	60	656		1,328
ACP farm serviced	... No.	657			

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Gilbert Wehrman	—	Conservationist
Stanley Bennett	—	Conservation aid
Wayne Raasch	—	Conservation aid
Clarence Ford	—	Conservationist

Watershed Organization

Watershed protection and flood-prevention responsibilities assigned to the Soil Conservation Service offer opportunities to assist local people with major water-management work under this authority and is part of the assistance SCS gives through soil conservation districts.

Extension Service

As part of the land-grant college system, the Cooperative Extension Service is looked upon as the Education arm of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Close Coordination is essential between the technical assistance of SCS and the Extension Service teaching to encourage farmers to adopt farm practices consistent with the sound use of land and water resources.

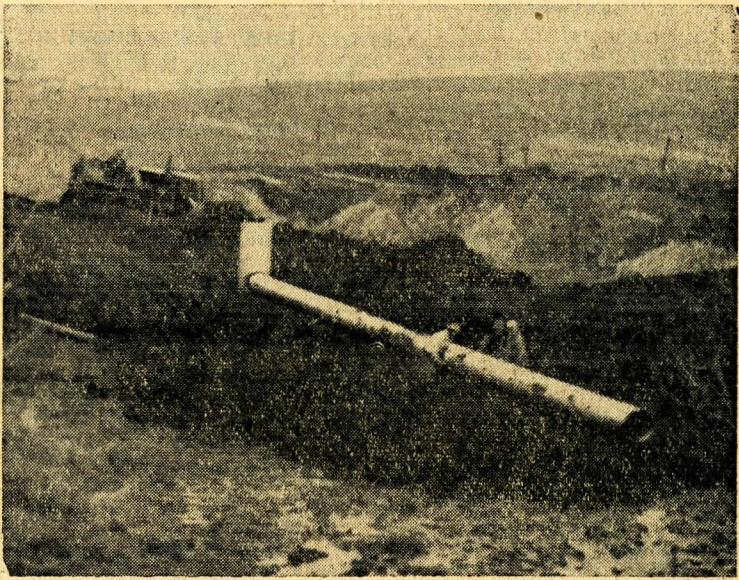
Schools

Schools are integrating into their regular courses of study materials for better understanding and appreciation of the Nation's soil and water resources. This is true of both elementary and high schools. More and more conservation materials are being used in teacher's workshops.

U. S. Soil Conservation Service Assists

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.

Our 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.



Permanent structures are useful for gully control where less expensive measures are not adequate.

Cost Sharing Aids Conservation

Through the Agricultural Conservation Program of the Department of Agriculture, the Federal government offers to share with farmers the cost of applying certain soil and water conservation measures.

State and County programs are developed to meet the conservation problems in the State and County within the principles and policies of the national program.

"Soil Conservation Doesn't Cost, It Pays!"

Your Conservation Farm Plan provides a soil and water conservation program where the land takes the water rather than the water taking the land.

