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By Helen Virden

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I can fence this parcel.
Wise husbanding can keep this soil
Anchored in my field.
I subdue it with a disk and plow
And take a harvest.

But titles do not pass with signatures
Upon a deed.
These particles of earth,
The drops of water,
I hold awhile as steward of the acres
I survey.

My farm is permanent . . .
I am the transient one;
In partnership with God,
I know a brief possession.

—Cover—

Every drop of water saved from the melting snow by the contoured rows in this field will mean a larger yield in 1967.



Commissioners Lawrence Kleppe, Clarence, Milo Ahrens, Tipton, chairman, and Ray Millett, West Branch, look over a farm plan. Ray Millett was elected in March for a 6 year term to replace Walter Hansen who was not a candidate.



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 1965

The commissioners sold advertising in the 1966 annual report. Over 2400 copies were mailed to landowners and operators in the county, and to others interested in conservation.

District commissioner election and free pancake dinner held in March. Ray Millett was elected to succeed Walter Hansen.

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 "Water Conservation - Vital to All" was sponsored by the district. Winners in the Senior division were: Connie Grunder, Keith Ormsby, and Linda Sherwood. Winners in the junior division were: Robert Schnack, Richard Kreinbring, and Joanne Coussens.

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

Earl Eiselstein, Massillon township, was selected as the outstanding owner-operator conservation farmer of the year, and Bob Guy and Catherine Herr were selected as the outstanding landlord renter conservation farmer of the year. Earl Eiselstein also won the 12 county Eastern Iowa division conservation farmer of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Eiselstein were honored at a dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, for the achievement.

All the commissioners and Don Williams, work unit conservationist, attended an area commissioners meeting held at Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, on July 21.

Lawrence Kleppe was one of the referees for the National Plowing Contest near Jefferson on July 9.

The district purchased a set of 52 America The Beautiful pictures. The set includes one large conservation color picture of each state, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico which will be used for display purposes.

The 13th annual soil judging contest was sponsored by the district with 110 boys from 4 high schools taking part. West

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Branch won the contest and was given an abney hand level. This level is calibrated to measure slopes in percent.

DeLoris Shaffer and Harriet Hansen, from the Lincoln Community school, attended a 2-day Conservation Workshop for teachers at the State 4-H Camp, Luther, Iowa.

Creed of the Soil Conservationist

As a soil conservationist, I believe God created the earth by His divine processes for the benefit of man, not one man, nor one generation but mankind for all time.

I believe the Almighty gave man an inheritance of the earth, not to be hoarded as a miser guards his treasure, but to be used with wisdom and in the fullest for the perpetual benefit of all men.

I believe all of mankind, regardless of race or creed are entitled to a fair and equitable share of the earth's bounty commensurate with their own efforts. But in so believing, I hold the irrevocable conviction that man himself owes earth a debt of respect and fealty.

I believe that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; that he who manages his fields, pastures, woodlands, and streams with respect and wisdom shall reap the bountiful harvest and so shall his descendants while he who uses them selfishly, thinking only of his own immediate gain, shall bring to grief his land, himself, and his children's children.

Holding these beliefs to be true I dedicate myself to the task of helping my fellow men realize their own personal responsibility in conserving the earth for the generations which follow them. To this end I shall devote my best knowledge in guiding the efforts of those who till the soil so that the land which nurtures us shall be fruitful without end.

For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.

—C. W. Gee

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The following indicates the accomplishments for 1966 Fiscal Year and totals to date.

		To Date
Contour Farming -----	2,875 Acres	50,643 Acres
Strip Cropping -----	100 Acres	2,800 Acres
Conservation Cropping System ---	9,095 Acres	61,847 Acres
Terraces -----	8,313 Ft.	278,620 Ft.
Structures & Ponds -----	8	148
Grassed Waterways --	59 Acres	485 Acres
Tile Drainage -----	259,884 Ft.	3,295,748 Ft.
Soil Conservation Surveys -----	6,160 Acres	166,030 Acres
Pasture Planting -----	678 Acres	5,581 Acres
Wildlife Area -----	14 Acres	392 Acres
Land Adequately Treated -----	2,541 Acres	27,292 Acres

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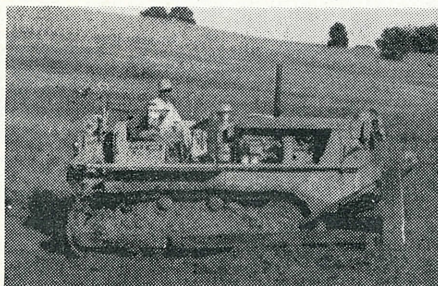
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| 7. Robert A. Wood | 29. Irwin Langley |
| 8. Donald Parker | 30. R. Stanley Thompson |
| 9. Charles Frymoyer | 31. DeVonne McKinney |
| 10. John Urmie | 32. Wilbert Robinson |
| 11. Morris Walker | 33. Howard T. Bates |
| 12. Ray Crock, Jr. | 34. Lester Kistenmacher |
| 13. Keith Bell | 35. Don Owen |
| 14. Maynard Helmold | 36. Jack Reeve & Jay
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| 15. Keith Lilienthal | 37. Forest Johnson |
| 16. Glenn E. Pederson | 38. Lawrence Belter |
| 17. Orven Voss (3 farms) | 39. Ronald Anderson |
| 20. Wilbert Lett | 40. Darrell Gillmore |
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Glenn Hinkhouse, left, accepting a level, which measures slopes in percent of grade, for the West Branch F.F.A. Milo Ahrens, chairman of the commissioners, is presenting the level, a prize for winning the annual soil judging contest two years in a row.



Ponds were stocked for Julius Timmerman, Warren Fox, Ernest Werling and Don Johnston last summer by the Fairport Fish Hatchery in cooperation with the Cedar Co. SCD.

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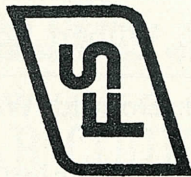
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| 2. Wilbert Norton | 21. Warren Fox |
| 3. Crew & Gruwell | 22. William Gorkow |
| 4. Orven Voss (2 farms) | 23. Irwin Langley |
| 6. John Sharpless | 24. DeVonne McKinney |
| 7. Harold Barnhart | 25. Donald Schooley |
| 8. Alexander Leith | 26. Gary Swart |
| 9. Robert Whitlatch | 27. Wilbert Robinson |
| 10. Dwain McKinney | 28. Donald Walter |
| 11. Richard Broulih | 29. R. Stanley Thompson |
| 12. Charles Frymoyer | 30. Don Owen |
| 13. Ray Crock, Jr. | 31. Forest Johnson |
| 14. Orven Voss | 32. Allan Winder |
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| 16. Keith Lilienthal | 34. Lawrence Belter |
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THE GOALS FOR 1967 ARE AS FOLLOWS

District Cooperators	40
Basic Farm Plans	30
Revised Plans	10
Planned Cooperator Contacts	500
Contour Farming	3,000 Acres
Diversions & Terraces	11,000 Ft.
Grassed Waterways	50 Acres
Tile Drainage	220,000 Ft.
Pasture Renovation & Reseeding	500 Acres
Strip Cropping	250 Acres
Conservation Cropping System	8,000 Acres
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Conservation Soil Survey	6,000 Acres

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I-M BUDGET

Commissioner's Expense -----	\$ 162.27
Office Supplies -----	113.13
Office Expense -----	82.12
Contests & Demonstrations -----	75.80
Rental for Meeting Halls -----	15.00
Printing -----	9.00
TOTAL -----	\$ 457.32

II-M BUDGET

Salary—Clerk & State Aid -----	\$3,470.20
State Retirement -----	121.44
Federal Retirement	
(Social Security) -----	136.39
TOTAL -----	\$3,728.03

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Agriculture is changing. Reflecting on old or past landmarks and predicting the future is probably the speakers art of today about agriculture. All of us find it difficult to understand our changing and uncertain environment and the new problems we must cope with as the pace of change seems to increase.

Change is certain. Education through new technology and its use has brought about much of the change that in turn has raised our level of living and happiness, but at times makes us doubtful of our individual situations.

However, we must not lose sight of those things around us that are basic and do not or should not change, but we hope are strengthened and preserved.

Dr. Butz, Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University, proposes the following formula for America:

"Resources, plus people, plus a democratic form of government, plus a code of ethics based on the Judeo-Christian concept of the golden rule, plus universal education, equals America."

The first four parts of the formula are fixed terms that suggest preserving or strengthening or that they are exhaustible. Education is the only inexhaustible resource. The more we use, the more there is.

Soil, in contrast to education, is an exhaustible resource and can be lost as we use it more intensely. Soil is the foundation of the farmer's business and livelihood of all people. The Extension Service will continue to lend its support to the activities of the Cedar County Soil Conservation Service to apply technology and bring about changes necessary to conserve soil, our basic resource.

Many farmers are still unaware of the degree of their soil loss due to erosion and in turn don't understand the feasibility of using soil conservation practices to increase their income.

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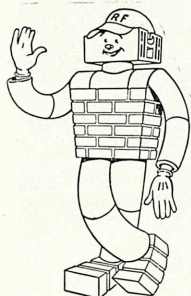
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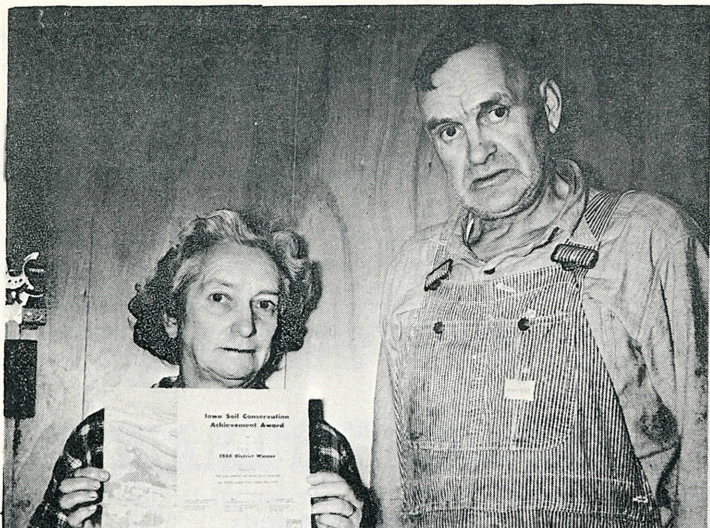
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Mike, Pat and Peggy Hegarty standing on the earth fill of the pond which their father, Paul, built in Red Oak township last summer. They are looking forward toward fishing in a couple years and picnics under the trees in the background.

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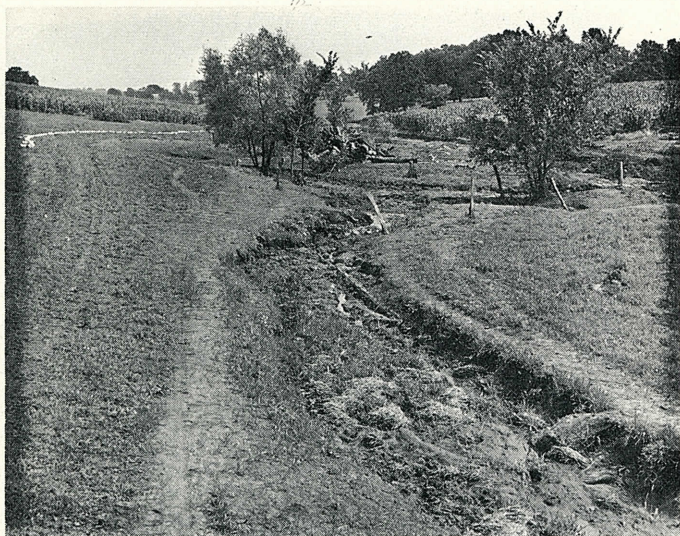
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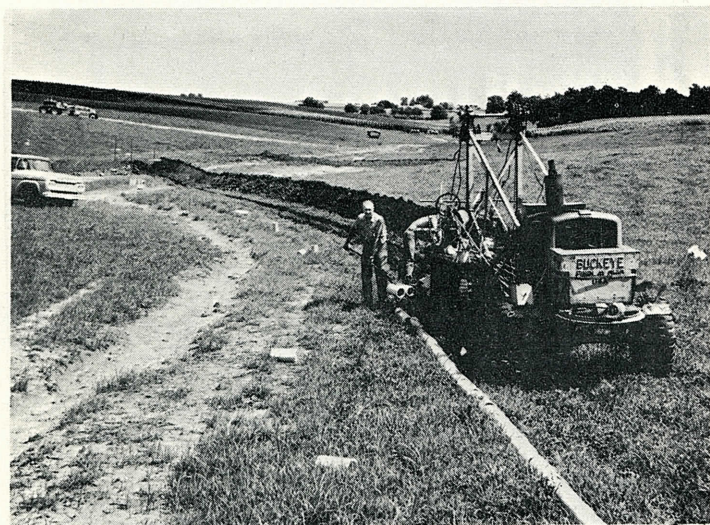
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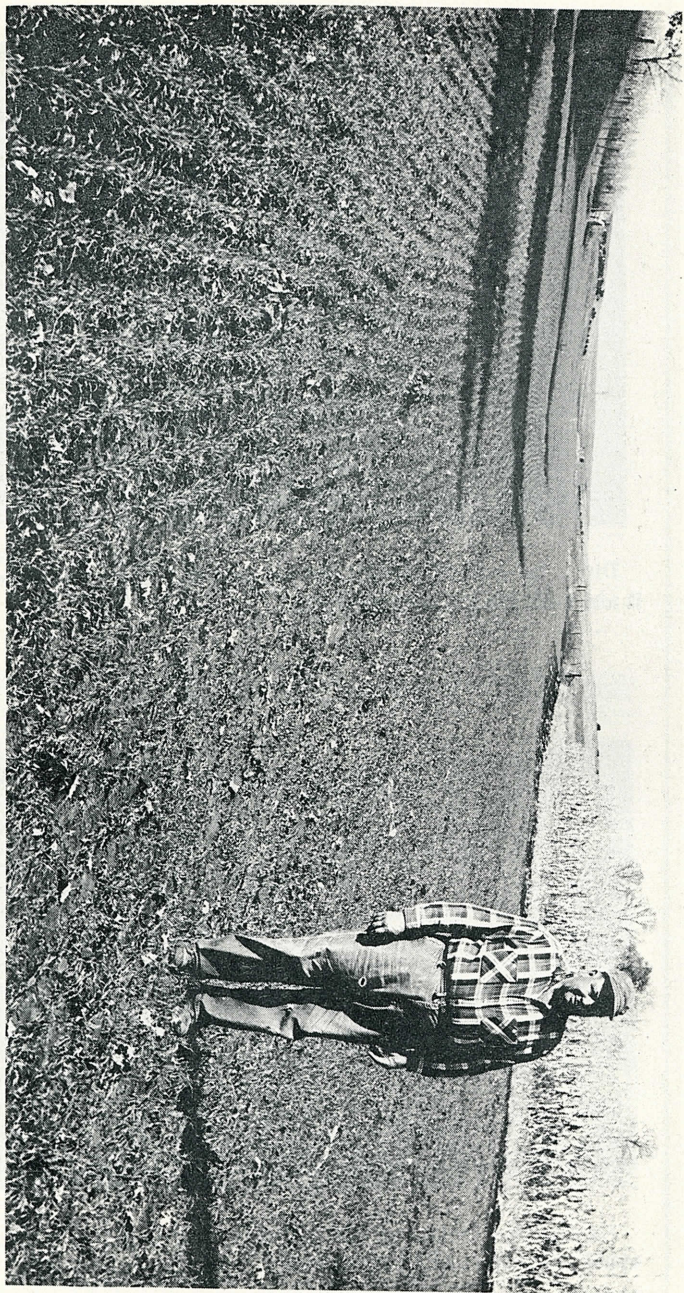
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Ditch on Bob Meinholdt farm south of Tipton before he tiled it and built the grassed waterway.



Ed Liercke installing tile on Bob's farm to dry up a ditch so a stand of grass can be maintained.



Bob admiring the grassed waterway after it had been seeded. Notice the cattle in the background which have been fenced out.



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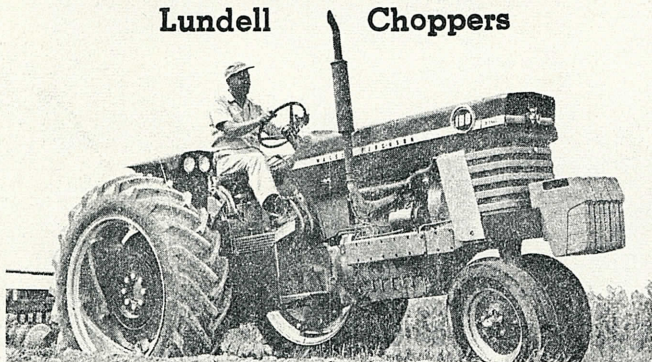
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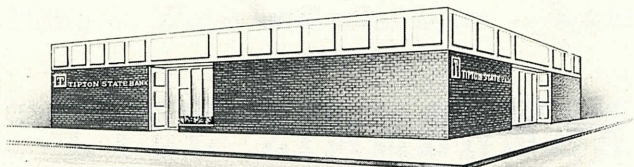


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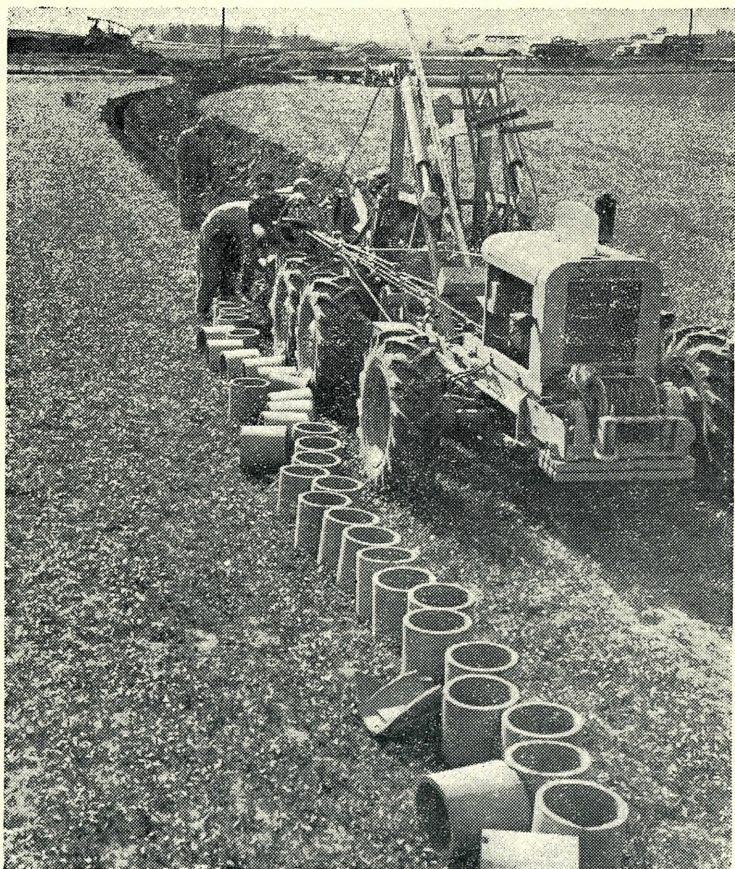


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