

Cooperation With Other Agencies

We of the District appreciate all the effort expended by the technical staff of the United States Soil Conservation Service in assisting our District. It is through their efforts and cooperation and the good work of our cooperators that conservation continues to expand in Holt county.

The need for technical assistance continues to increase. It is our hope to be able to maintain and expand our organization so that the people of Holt county can be served promptly and efficiently.

The technical staff includes: Orville Indra, Soil Scientist, who served several districts; Bob Hill, Unit Conservationist; Weston D. Whitver, Conservationist and Willis Sanders, Conservation Aid. Mrs. Carole Reed continues to serve as District clerk. Funds provided by the county and the State Committee have provided this clerical assistance. Robert Gallagher began work for the District in the fall doing fall seedings and repairing both grass drills.

Plans have been made for personnel changes which will make a more balanced staff for the work unit. This will result in a larger amount of time being spent in planning. However, to attempt to accomplish closing the gap between initial and Basic cooperators, and to expand the Great Plains conservation program, the technical staff should be considerably increased. There is a need to complete revision as the result of follow-up work, and the revision of old plans to the extent needed is impossible with the present staff.

Holt is a large county and contains a lot of school and University land. A new work load is now presenting itself in the demand for basic plans on school lands. This has been brought about by the recent cooperative agreement made between the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

It has been policy to contact the cooperators every four years. Plans are to finish the follow up in Ranges 15 and 16 by March 1, and to complete ranges 13 and 14 during the coming year.

The Holt SWCD this year held a separate annual meeting. This was an evening meeting and resulted in very good attendance. In the past we had sponsored a joint annual meeting with the Holt Extension board. The various activities which our District sponsored and participated in this year offered a long enough program alone. The program was correctly entitled "Holt SWCD Awards Night."

Cooperation with the State Game Commission has continued on a high plane. They have checked all ponds for stocking with State or Federal fish with the exception of newly constructed dams which they approve from the information submitted with the application. They have worked closely also with SCS personnel on their Wildlife Area Program.



DAM BUILDING is more than just moving dirt with big machinery. Where tubes are needed much hand labor is required. Diaphragms are installed and the dirt is back-filled and tamped with pneumatic hammer. Operating the hammer is Bill Mittes, contractor from Royal furging the construction of a dam for Norman Saltz, east of Page.

Dick Gavitt, Extension Forester from Pierce has worked very closely with the SCS technicians in connection with the Christmas tree program and the Forestry Improvement Program. Several cooperators have done considerable work in eliminating the competition of Chinese elm where Cedar are reproducing in shelterbelts.

The Clergy of the county again were very cooperative in continuing a general awareness of the need for conserving our soil and water. Laymen throughout the county were invited, with their pastors, to attend an all day Soil Stewardship meeting. There were thirty-one in attendance and the District distributed booklets and literature for them to use. In the afternoon a tour was taken to observe conservation work being carried out in the District. The District also purchased the film, "The Earth is the Lord's" and made it available to any group wishing to use it.

Following is a report received from the ASC office for incorporation in this report:

The 1960 Holt County Agricultural Conservation Program shared with farmers in the Holt Soil and Water Conservation District the cost of establishing selected conservation practices needed to improve and protect their soil, water, and woodland resources. The ACP was administered by the locally elected Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee.

In addition to sharing the cost of conservation practices, the county ACP also helped provide technical services necessary to the success of the practices by transferring \$4,232.65 to the Soil Conservation Service.

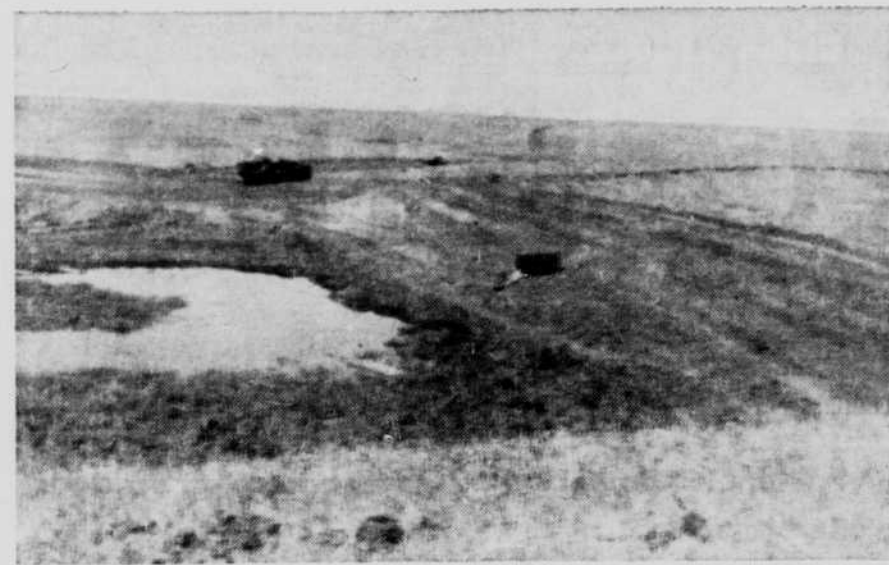
Most of the practices carried out on farms with ACP cost-sharing were needed land treatment measures in the program of the Holt Soil and Water Conservation District.



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COMPLETED DAM as it began to fill with water. Trash rack near center of dam and contractor putting finishing touches on spillway. Disturbed area was seeded to grass and fenced. Five contractors built 35 dams in Holt county during the past year.

During the 1960 program year about \$57,813.89 of ACP cost-sharing was used on 221 farms in the Holt Soil Conservation District to help solve particular problems by establishing needed conservation practices. This represented about 8 percent of the farms in the District. These practices included:

Conservation Practices	Farms	Extent	Lin. Ft.
Gradient and level terraces	1	4,600	Lin. Ft.
Diversions	1	360	Lin. Ft.
Open Drains	6	15,880	Lin. Ft.
Erosion Control Dams	3	3	Structures
Livestock Dams	18	21	Structures
Leveling irrigatable cropland	1	14.8	Acres
Wells for Livestock Water	57	62	Structures
Controlling competitive shrubs	2	66	Acres
Improvement of Vegetative cover on Rangeland by Deferred grazing	10	3,128	Acres
Protecting Field Borders, Dams, Dikes and Ditch banks	4	8	Acres
Establishment of Permanent cover	29	1,157	Acres
Vegetative cover for crop rotation	54	1,170	Acres
Treatment of cropland by liming	11	281	Acres
Tree planting for Erosion control and required fencing	58	190.7	Ac. 114,240 trees

Conservation Practice	Farms	Extent
Tree and Shrub planting for Forestry purposes	2	6.6 Acres
Forestry Improvement	3	14.5 Acres
Field Strip cropping	3	253 Acres
Controlling Blow-out Areas	5	17.5 Acres

The above listed practices are carried in five different groups for budgeting purposes. These groups are listed below with an estimated amount paid for each group in the 1960 program year.

Group A (Practices 1 through 12)	\$14,615.47
Group B (Practices 13 through 17 and Practice 32A)	13,141.91
Group C (Practices 18 through 24)	18,557.34
Group D (Practices 26, 27 and 28)	11,056.42
Group E (Practice 30)	442.75
TOTAL	\$57,813.89



WHERE THE GO BACK FIELD is too good to plow up and yet not good enough to come back by itself, the new machine known as the Range Inter-seeder is used. In 1959 it was used on 80 acres for Sylvester Bahm (photo). In 1960 over 300 acres were seeded in this way in Holt county. This spring seedings using this method are already planned on over 500 acres.

Part of these payments were paid by a GMC Purchase Order Form and a few used the Assignment form of payment. The Holt SWCD received four payments through the Assignment plan. No CMS payments were made to the District in 1960. There were 24 CMS Purchase order payments made to other various vendors.

CMS Purchase order forms and Assignment forms were also eligible under the CR Program. The Holt SWCD received payment from seven Assignment plans under this program.

FUTURE OUTLOOK
We believe that the Great Plains Program is an excellent opportunity for cooperators to complete their conservation job with the assistance of cost-shares and technical help of a complete conservation plan. This program is being received enthusiastically by all who have contracts developed for their farms or ranches. Three members of the Board of Supervisors have Great Plains contracts and as a board we feel that we need to take the lead in encouraging this program in every way possible.

The 34 Great Plains plans that we have cover 36,427 acres. Cost share of all contracts amounts to \$104,988.80. This is an average of \$2.88 per acre of Federal cost shares to apply a complete conservation plan.

Our smallest plan comprises 240 acres and the largest is 4,153 acres. The smallest contract is \$445.56 and the largest is \$10,138.70. These contracts run from 3 to 7 years to completion.

The demand for new contracts is as strong or stronger now than ever before. The board feels that only by having an active part in the local self governing organization (The Soil and Water Conservation District) and a large voice through the State and National Associations, that proper emphasis will continue to be placed on agriculture.

Few realize how dependent we all are on agriculture or the need to conserve our soil and water. Few realize that our soil is our manufacturing plant for food. We have a moral obligation to develop this soil to its highest capability and to preserve it for the generations to come.

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Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

Two From Here Attend Omaha Wedding April 8

Paul Gunter accompanied Bennie Taylor to Omaha Friday evening and attended Robert Miller's wedding Saturday morning at eleven o'clock in a Catholic church there. Bennie was one of the ushers at the wedding. Paul and Bennie came home Saturday evening.

Alice Shrader, Mrs. Gerald Wettlaufer and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston and girls and Roger Strope were guests Sunday at the Verl Gunter home in Mead. Alice stayed for a longer visit at the Gunter home and Mrs. Martha Shrader returned home, having spent the past week at the Gunter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rol Hord and Duane and Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gunter and Paul were dinner guests Sunday at the Alfred Napier home.

Mrs. Earl Pierson received word Sunday morning that an aunt, Mrs. John Cleveland, had died in the Plainview hospital late Saturday night where she had been the past week.

Mrs. Keith Biddlecome visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Althea Peterson in Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier and the Lorraine Montgomery family were dinner guests Sunday at the Lynn Fry home in honor of the Floyd Napier's and Lorraine Montgomery's wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery were dinner guests Sunday at the Emmett Dewey home north of Tilden.

Jacky Barnhardt of Neligh was a dinner guest at the Grant Mott home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ritter and family of Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meyers and the Robert Ahlers family of Wisner were dinner guests last Sunday at the Rudy Ahlers home. Patty Ritter was an overnight guest Sunday returning to her home Monday.

Irene Ahlers left Monday for Wichita, Kan., where she is teaching.

Mrs. Dale Napier helped her mother with the painting and house cleaning three days this past week.

Barbara Johnston was an overnight guest of Alice Shrader Wednesday and Thursday.

The Archie Johnston family visited last Sunday evening at the Gerald Wettlaufer home in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink and sons of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink and the Lynn Fry family were guests Friday evening at the Willie Shrader home for the April birthdays of Ava, Bert and Timothy Fink. Ice cream and cake were served later in the evening.

Joan Miller, Sherry Switzer and Jeanie Hobbs attended a slumber party at the William Lofquist home Friday in honor of Cathy's birthday.

Lester Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harth and son, John, of Hinkley, Minn., were overnight guests Wednesday at the Z. H. Fry home. The Jack Harth family went on to Denver, Colo., Thursday to visit a daughter. Lester remained for a visit with his brother, Bill, and other relatives.

Duane, Brenda and Debby Pollock were weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock.

Ralph Pollock left for his home at Seattle, Wash., Thursday after spending a few days at the Dave Pollock home.

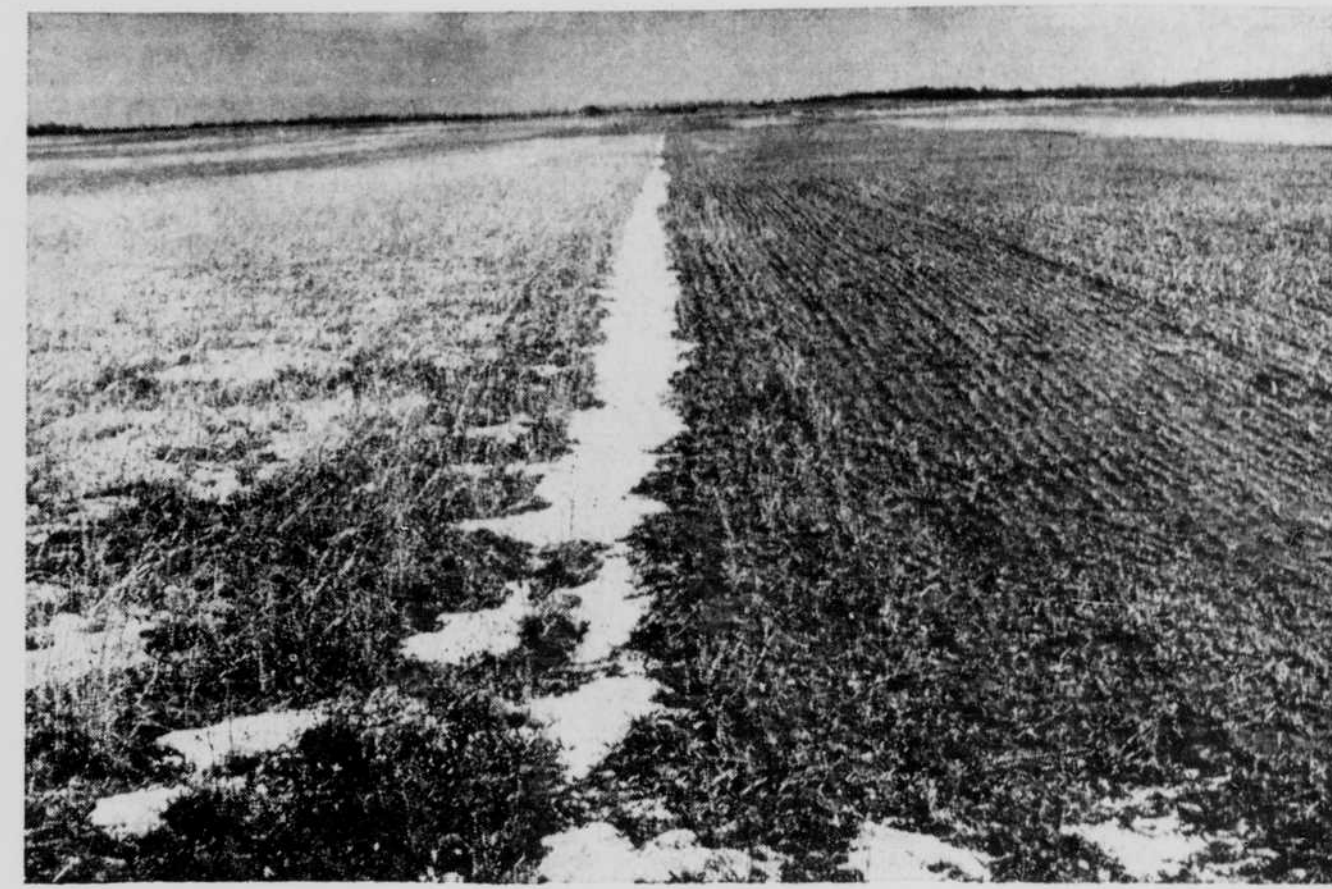
The Rev. and Mrs. Chambers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller were dinner guests last Sunday at the Walter Miller home.

Marilyn Johnston was an overnight guest of Alice Shrader Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston and family and the Lester Johnston family were guests last Sunday at the Emily Johnston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and Clayton visited in Plainview Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mott and family, Jack Barnhardt, Mrs. Dave Pollock and Mrs. Bert Fink attended the Spring Musical given by the Central College of McPherson, Kan., in the Cham-



DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS grass seeding in a cover crop has proved by far the most successful. At the right in picture above is grass seeded the previous spring without cover crop. At left is sudan grass cover crop ready for spring seeding. The cover crop helps to control weed growth prior to seeding, does not compete with new grass seedlings and helps to control wind and water erosion while the grass is becoming established. As a new venture last November over 300 acres of native grass was seeded in similar stubble.

bers high school last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and Danny visited at the Eliza Wolfe home at Ericson. Mrs. Miller and Danny remained for a longer visit and Walter met them in O'Neill Saturday afternoon.

Quite a few from this community attended open house for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shrader on their 25th wedding anniversary which was held in the United Presbyterian church annex Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Pierson and family were dinner guests Saturday at the Earl Pierson home.

Billy Lofquist and Joan Miller, eighth graders in the Riverside school, went to Lincoln Monday to visit the capital and other places of interest. They accompanied the Antelope County Superintendent and other eighth graders from the county schools. They returned home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Meyers and Beverly of Neligh and Edna Lofquist were dinner guests Sunday at the William Lofquist home. The dinner was in honor of Edna's and Cathy's birthday anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Edna Johnson attended the card party at St. Mary's in O'Neill Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gruenberg, Linda and Carol of Stuart visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear Sunday.

Mrs. Elmer Fix spent the weekend in Atkinson with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Slaymaker.

Mrs. Oscar Peterson went to Atkinson Monday on business. Lad Sladek recently underwent surgery for removal of cataract from his eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Peterson attended the card party and "pot luck" supper at St. Mary's in O'Neill Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis of O'Neill were here for the funeral of Mrs. Watson and also visited the Lindseyes.

Floyd Adams and son Don were O'Neill callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Sperling and family of Cotesfield visited over the weekend with the Lloyd Waldorf family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Greenstreet

Mrs. Lola Kenny was able to leave the Atkinson hospital Sunday. She is the mother of Dwight Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vrooman and family of Orchard and Mrs. Mae Fraka of Inman were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Backhaus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henrie Fraham attended a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dankert Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis entertained at a card party Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Prewitt, Mr.

and Mrs. Vernon Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doolittle entertained friends at a card party Sunday evening.

The Bible study class met at the church Sunday evening for the lesson under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Cox.

Mrs. Blake Ott, Mrs. Gene Thompson, Mrs. Dick Doolittle and Mrs. Margie Sammons served the dinner at the Asa Walton home Friday for the family of Mrs. Libbie Watson, whose funeral was at Amelia that afternoon. Members of the WSCS sponsored the dinner.

Mrs. M. H. Madsen was a Grand Island visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiene Fraham and family were supper guests Sunday evening with her mother, Mrs. Maude Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Johnston were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Erith Andersen.

Mrs. Jim Bilstein and Mrs. Eldon Bullough accompanied their brother, George Embody of Atkinson to attend the funeral of their father at Winlock, Wash.

Thirty students and their sponsor from Central College at McPherson, Kans., were entertained by the Missionary Society of the Free Methodist church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen White Monday evening. They are members of the college choir, and presented a program at the high school auditorium in Chambers that evening.

WCS met at the home of Mrs. Edith Andersen Wednesday afternoon. There were 12 members present. Mrs. Clyde Doolittle led the devotionals. Mrs. Blake Ott and Mrs. Asa Watson prepared the lunch. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Waldorf.

The high winds Tuesday and Wednesday damaged telephone lines and tore tops from many hay stacks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Curran and Ardell of O'Neill attended the funeral of Mrs. Libbie Watson Friday and later called at the Edgar Petersons.

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of Lincoln came Friday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Libbie Watson. Others attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William Chah and son, Andrew William, of Omaha.

Mrs. Marjorie Sammons of Sioux City, Ia., spent the weekend with her son, Bill Sammons and family.

Dunk Peterson and Pete Fraham were doing some carpenter work at Art Doolittles Saturday.

The school children and their teachers attended the music festival in O'Neill Friday.

Dorothy Fisher is spending her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher. She is a junior at Greenville college in Greenville, Ill.

Mrs. Lavina Thompson of McPherson, Kans., came Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Libbie Watson. She visited overnight Thursday at the home of her son, Vernon Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coolidge were Sunday dinner guests at Arthur Hiatts.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson have been helping their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art DeWolf and Susan move. They have been living at Sidney and are moving near North Loup.

Earnie Johnston drove to Holdrege Friday to get Mrs. Johnston, who had been at Mackey, Ida., for the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Tressa Wagner.

George Chapman of Linton, N. D., suffered a severe heart attack three weeks ago. He is in the Linton hospital, and at the latest report he was improved. He is a former Ameliam resident and is the son of Mrs. Effie Withers of Amelia.

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