

The Ontario Pioneer Community Foundation is financed and directed by individuals and municipalities in Waterloo County. In respect to the Doon Pioneer Village, it acts in conjunction with the Grand Conservation Authority which has provided a site of 58 acres, part of the Doon Conservation Area. A museum and administration building has been erected, as well as some barns and a store incorporating the front of an old store from the village of Delaware, near London, Ontario. Other buildings of considerable interest have been acquired for erection.

## LAND

### AUTHORITY PROGRAMS—SOIL CONSERVATION

Authority projects in soil conservation are an important part of their overall conservation program. By their very nature, however, these projects are often less spectacular than the building of dams for flood control, or the development of conservation lands for recreation.

In Ontario the use and management of the soil is primarily the concern of the landowner. His management program is dictated by his interests and farming experience and by economics. Most farmers realize the need for conserving their soil resources and many carry on their farming practices to this end. There are still, however, far too many who do not.

The place of Conservation Authorities in soil conservation programs is largely that of publicizing the need for and the value of proper soil management. Authorities work in close liaison with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Agricultural College in conservation programs. The county Agricultural Representatives are usually members of the Land Use Advisory Board of various Authorities.

In co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, and other agricultural organizations, Conservation Authorities have undertaken the following projects in the field of Land Use and Soil Conservation.

#### *Farm Ponds:*

About two-thirds of the thirty Conservation Authorities have farm pond assistance programs. Both financial and technical assistance are given. Financial assistance is in the form of a grant ranging between \$50 and \$300 per pond, depending on the size. By the end of 1960, some 2,350 ponds have been constructed under assistance programs of the various Conservation Authorities.

#### *Farm Drainage:*

One Conservation Authority, the Metropolitan Toronto and Region, gives financial assistance towards the drainage of farm land. Upon completion of the drainage work to the satisfaction of the Department of Agriculture, the Authority pays a subsidy of two cents per tile.

#### *Demonstrations:*

One of the most effective ways of arousing interest in conservation farming and improved land use practices is by demonstration. Conservation Authorities carry out land use demonstrations in several ways.

One method is to purchase land, and establish on it demonstrations of improved land management. The Grand Valley Conservation Authority has one such property of fifty acres on which they have carried out gully control, built a farm pond, and done reforestation and pasture improvement work.

Twelve Conservation Authorities have established demonstrations of such conservation measures as pasture management, reforestation, gully control, streambank erosion control and contouring and strip cropping on Authority-owned properties used mainly for recreation. These demonstrations of land