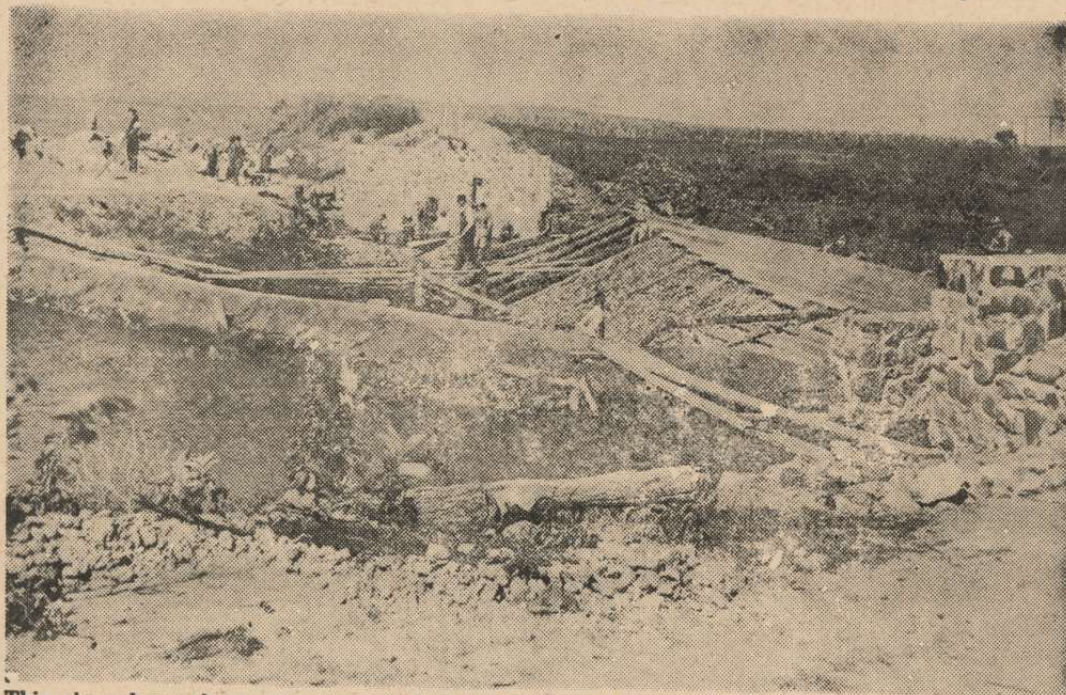


How Iowa Is Conserving Its Waterways



This view shows the construction of the main dam on the Shell Rock river at Plymouth, Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, one of many such WPA projects sponsored by the State Conservation Commission at the urgent insistence of sportsmen statewide. This and five low-head dams further downstream are being built by the WPA transient men in the Mason City camp to help provide adequate depth for fish life.

Conservation of the natural waterways of the state is providing a program of construction for hundreds of unemployed men certified for WPA work in many of the counties of Iowa.

In addition to building main dams, low-head and wing dams to prevent soil erosion and make our streams more adaptable for the breeding of fish, work consisting of straightening streams, bank improvement, creating deflectors, willow planting, seining lakes, removing obnoxious fish and replacing with other fish has been accomplished statewide this past summer.

Such waterway improvements are going to not only make a fisherman's haven of many an Iowa stream which heretofore held little or no attraction for followers of Izaak Walton, but they definitely enhance the natural beauty of our rivers and streams as well.