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## Dike Construction Will Continue

Two new dike construction projects in District Twelve are expected to get underway and be completed during 1958 according to Jim Mapes, Route 1, Burlington. Mapes serves on the district dike commission with Bert Beeks and Bob Schroeder.

The two new projects include the addition of another 1,000 feet of extended dike work west of the new highway and another 400 feet west of the old highway. These two new projects will supplement the work already done along the river. Projects already completed include an added 3,000 feet of dike west of the new highway and approximately 2,500 feet north of Carl Johnson's farm.

The dike was raised 29 inches from in back of the Mapes farm to the Great Northern bridge 14,000 yards of dirt was used to widen and raise the dike.

Present plans call for the removal of all cottonwoods trees from the Great Northern bridge to the old ferry landing. Pointing toward large trees along the dike, Mapes said that the trees bend enough when the wind blows to loosen the dirt along the dike. "The willows will remain," says Mapes, "because unlike the cottonwoods, they help hold the dike."

At their last meeting, the commission drew up their budget which included an appropriation of \$25,000 to be used for dike construction in the Sterling area if and when the area

becomes part of District Twelve.

### CROSSING THE BRIDGE

While members of District twelve continues their efforts and plans, their counterparts in District 17 across the river are also busy. Don Bordner of District 17 reports that their district has completed another \$60,000 worth of construction work along their side of the river. \$10,000 was used for the fill dirt and \$50,000 went for the rocks used. Next year the district hopes to extend their project to the Great Northern Bridge. Plans now call for the planting of greens along the dike, Bordner says this will add to both the scenic beauty and the stability of the dike itself.