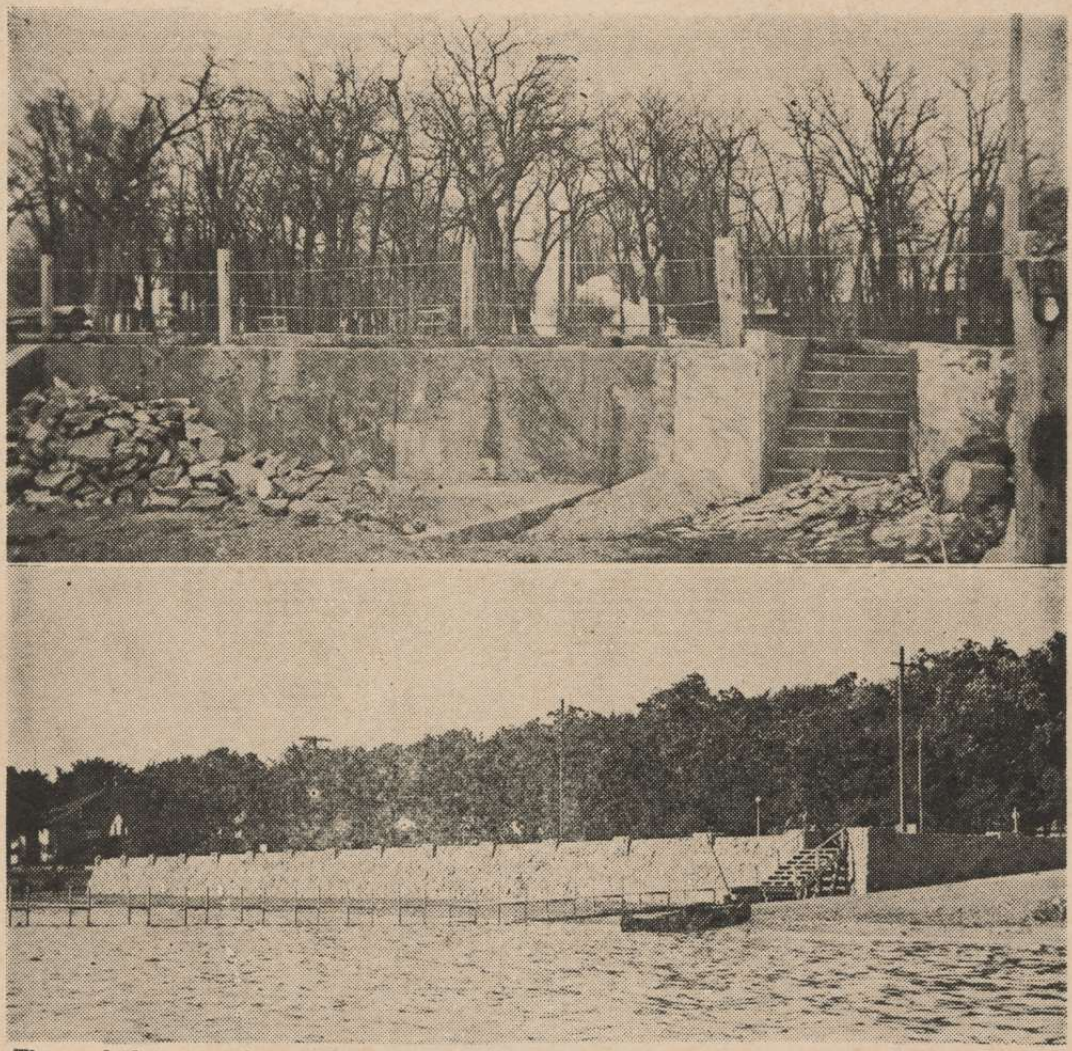
Retaining Wall Improves Clear Lake Front



The marked contrast in the above views of the lake front at Clear Lake, Iowa, shows the very evident value of the retaining wall improvement completed this summer at this popular northern Iowa summer resort. It was sponsored by the State Conservation Commission, built by WPA workmen from the Mason City WPA camp and contains 600 cubic yards of native rock.

This Clear Lake retaining wall faces the lake for one block between West Main and West State streets. It rises eight feet above the normal water level, is six feet through at the base and tapers to approximately two feet at the top. It is built of masonry and faced with split boulders mostly obtained from neighboring farms.

In the side of the wall facing the lake, recesses have been left for large electric lamps to light the dock and guide boats to the landing The top is wired at intervals to later accommodate electroliers.

Inside the wall a fill to within two feet of the top required 2,500 cubic feet of earth. This space is landscaped and a graveled walk parallels the wall. The complete improvement represents the work of about 35 WPA men from the transient camp north of Mason City. When inspecting this attractive wall it should be remembered that it was built by unskilled workmen. Besides its very apparent value, the community will benefit through having several workmen who here received practical training in masonry work thus making them skilled.