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REPORT OF PROGRESS FOR 1961

Clarke County Soil Conservation District

FORWORD

We, the Clarke County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, submit this our 16th annual report of progress and activities during 1961.

We are pleased with the progress our cooperators are making and the cooperation in other activities that has been given us. We rededicate ourselves as commissioners in furthering the soil and water conservation movement to get conservation practices on the land. The motto of the Soil Conservation is to "Use every acre according to its capability and treat every acre according to its needs."

We wish to take this opportunity to say a "special thank you" to all the people and the many other groups and agencies who assisted us financially and in the many other ways in our soil conservation program. We are looking forward to a new and better year for 1962.

35 Basic Farm Conservation Plans Prepared

Doyle:
Edgemoor Folland
W. V. Fuller
Carl Clement
Edward Selsor

Franklin:
Jack Ames

Fremont:
Bernard Brothers
Luelia Campbell
H. L. Anderson
R. S. Myers
Saylor's Turkey, Inc.

Green Bay:
Arduith Elliott

Jackson:
H. A. Ramsey
Delmar O. Bryant
Howard Ruble
Roland Pehnock
William Oehlert

Knox:
W. W. Reynoldson
Joseph H. Adams
Don Burgess
F. C. Donohue
Woodrow Roberts
Arnel J. Luce

Liberty:
Verner Davis
Delbert Bansom
Nelson Ransom
Raymond Nine

Madison:
Arthur Fitzgerald

Osceola:
E. R. Reed

Ward:
Arthur Pontier
Leland Glenn
Mrs. C. R. Bowlsby
J. C. Winter
Dale Stephenson

Washington:
Jack Jansberger
Marvin Osgood
With 3 farms totaling 82,932 acres

Many New Farms Added To Rolls

NEW COOPERATORS

Doyle:
Stewart Davis
Galen Benbow
James Jones
Donald Flohira
LeRoy Shields
J. J. McGreevey
Loren Gaumer

Franklin:
Gerald Sullivan
Jack Ames
Don S. Horton
Robert L. Wright

Fremont:
Leonard Camp
Saylor's Turkey, Inc.
Guy Reed
R. S. Myers

Green Bay:
J. A. Wade
Reuben Burdese
Lelia Phillos
Roy Krentner

Jackson:
H. A. Ramsey
Robert B. Oehlert
Glenn S. Davenport
Delmar O. Bryant

Knox:
A. B. Wolfe, Jr.
Leland Lewis
W. W. Reynoldson
Arnel Luce
Woodrow Roberts
Olin Eddy
Eddy & Price

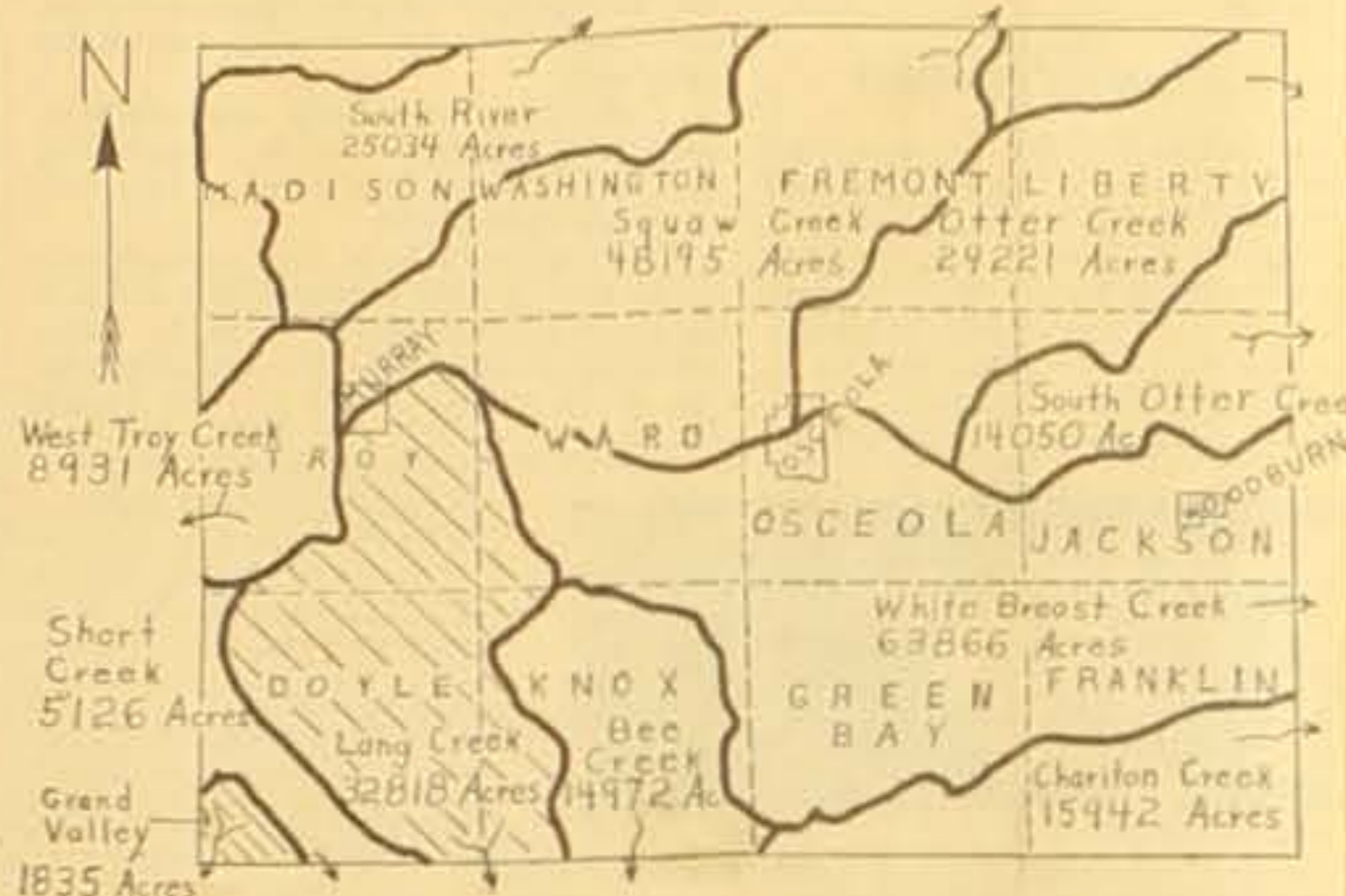
Liberty:
Gus Garvis
Ralph E. Hammen
Lucy Kent

Osceola:
Clarke Community School
Harold O. Moran
L. C. Woods
John Neely

Troy:
Charles Franck

Ward:
Sylvain Gross
Leland Glenn

Washington:
Larry Fitzgerald
Robert Snyder
43 farms totaling 154,094 acres



District Activities

The commissioners in 1961 held 12 regular and 5 special meetings during the year. The commissioners had previously appointed two assistant commissioners to serve during the year. Jesse Burgess of Doyle Township and Russell Brierly of Jackson Township. In addition to their regular meetings they were generally in attendance at others such as Watershed Meetings.

In January Adrian Fuller and Harold Brim attended the annual Short Course meeting held at Ames for state wide District Commissioners. In January the commissioners reviewed and approved the annual work load analysis for the district.

February was a busy month for the commissioners, setting up their yearly calendar of activities, getting the annual report published and preparing this year to hold election for a commissioner. They held two special meetings in addition to the regular monthly meeting. Plans were made to attend their Regional Meeting to be held at Chariton.

In March the commissioners held the election for the expiring term of chairman, Adrian Fuller. Mr. Fuller was re-elected to a 6 year term. A watershed planning meeting was held at Hopewell.

April. With the planting season at hand, pressed the need to get seed packets out to cooperators for trial plots, such as, trefoil and switch grass. Plans for wheel-track planting to be done in the district and the constant need to keep the public informed by showing them practices on the land.

On May 24, Adrian Fuller represented the District at the Senior Citizenship Committee. Soil Stewardship week was observed. To aid with this event and press the need of conservation, the commissioners furnished the ministers' booklet "The Reward of the Steward."

June. 130 copies of "Keep

WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

The map shows boundaries of the principal watershed areas in Clarke County Soil Conservation District. This district is in a unique position in that most of the major streams originate within the boundaries of Clarke county.

Clarke and Decatur Grand Valley Watershed Committees, which were organized in the spring of 1960, started 1961 farm conservation planning activity with a meeting March 23 in the Hopewell Methodist church with Chairman Adrian Miller of the Clarke County Soil Conservation District.

The proposed Grand Valley watershed is a joint project sponsored by the Clarke and Decatur County Soil Conservation Districts. The common drainage area comprises approximately 5,000 acres with some 1,900 acres in the southwest corner of Doyle township in Clarke county and the remainder in the northwest corner of Decatur county.

Members of the Clarke county committee are Eugene Folland, chairman, L. E. Adams, vice-chairman, Edward Selsor and Galen Benbow.

The Decatur county committee includes Eugene O'Grady, chairman, Floyd Grim, vice-chairman, Leonard Folland, Noel Stark and Wayne Burchett.

A new color movie entitled "Water Bill USA" was shown which points up the need for an adequate supply of good water and depicts the accomplishments of watershed development in an area previously beset with severe soil and water losses. The film was provided by the Iowa Southern Utilities Company.

Paul Beardsley, Decatur county ASC committeeman, brought the group up to date on the 1961 farm program. Harold Harper of Leon and Harold Anderson of Osceola. Soil Conservation work unit conservationists in Decatur and Clarke districts, presented basic information on soil formation and land classification.

Farmers attending the meeting were Edward Selsor, L. E. Adams, Gene O'Grady, Paul Beardsley, Noel Stark, Eugene Folland, Dallas McCutcheon, Dale Reusser, Alden Ashby, LeRoy Peterson, L. C. Conwell, Galen Benbow, Jesse Burgess and Adrian Fuller.

The Grand Valley farmers visited the completed Honey Creek Pilot Watershed southeast of Russell in the Lucas County Soil Conservation District on March 28.

our land beautiful" were given to Ralph Evans to distribute among the Clarke County Community Schools. Soil Conservation week was observed this month with a special week set aside to stress the benefits gained through the conservation (on the land) program. Mr. Anderson reported the conservation needs survey which stresses a greater awareness among farmers of the need for increased conservation practices if we are to meet our 1975 goal of land use.

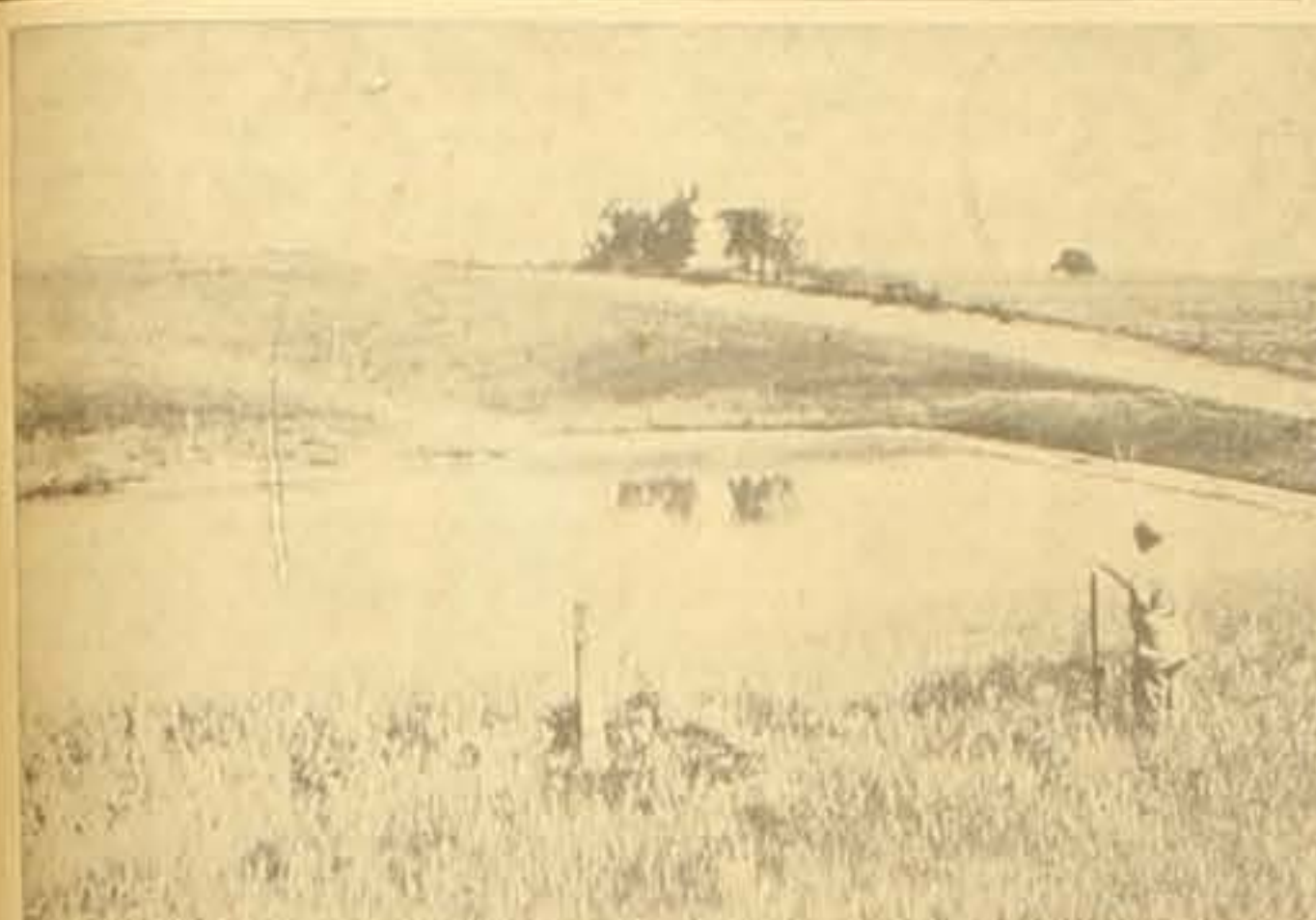
July. The Commissioners completed nominations for

outstanding commission contest with their entry being Adrian Fuller. The Clarke County Conservation Contest was named at the Osceola July 16 celebration program. The winning girls were Barbara Blanchard daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Little of Madison Township and Rosalyn Sklenar daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Sklenar of Knox Township. The girls represented Clarke County in the Regional 6, "Queen of Conservation" contest which was also held in Osceola on August 16, at the Clarke County 4-H Fair.

Adrian Bowlsby was named by District Commissioners to compete in the southern half of Iowa Soil Conservation contest. The entry was judged on merits of activities and accomplishments of the district in administration, conservation education, farm planning and application of conservation practices.

Over 5,000 fish was distributed to stock 21 Clarke County farm ponds. Owners of 24 ponds had requested catfish, however, due to short supply they were unable to fill these requests. It was announced that the federal service would increase the supply for 1962 with the addition of Gaylin Point Hatchery in South Dakota as a new source of fish from the federal service. A terrace demonstration was held for the purpose of showing cut and fill terrace construction to improve alignment and reduce the number of short rows.

The three farms chosen to represent Clarke County Soil Conservation District in the three divisions of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement



As an excellent example of a completed farm in Doyle township as typical for the project, the Clarke District Commissioners cited the pond pictured on the Lowell Moran Week in June.

District Accomplishments

Practices Applied on all Farms

ACTIVITY	UNIT	1961	TO DATE
District Cooperators	No.	43	749
Basic Conservation Plans	No.	35	459
Revised Basic Plans	No.	2	
Follow-Up Contacts	No.	97	
Farms Serviced	No.	338	
Soil Surveys	No. of farms	28	889
Soil Surveys	No. of acres	5455	175,180
Telephone Calls	No.	81	
Office Calls	No.	870	

FARM PLANNING AND SERVICING

PRACTICES	UNIT	1961	TO DATE
Contour Farming	Acres	129	35,047
Contour Strip Cropping	Acres		1,635
Standard Terraces	Miles	6.69	135.15
Diversions	Miles	1.89	71.54
Waterways	Acres	58.93	1,616
Erosion Control Dams	No.	7	69
Farm Ponds	No.	13	1,080
Tiling	Lineal Feet	21,005	29,719
Open Drainage Ditch	Miles	1.13	14.70
Pasture Improvement	acres	781	6,967
Pasture Planting	Acres	382	382
Grassland Renovation	Acres	409	409
Wildlife Area Improvement	Acres	9	645
Tree Planting	Acres	20	67
Multiflora Rose Fence	Rods	333	11,681

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Doyce Miller	Chairman
Harold Brim	Commissioner
Adrian T. Fuller	Commissioner
Jesse Burgess	Assistant Commissioner
Russell Brierly	Assistant Commissioner

Steve A. Evans, County Extension Director

Mrs. Donna Armstrong, State Employee

District Secretary

District Clerk and Treasurer

SOIL CONSERVATION

SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED

Personnel	Work Unit	Conservationist
Harold M. Anderson	Soil Conservationist	
Gary R. Johnson	Conservation Aid	
T. J. Laing	Conservation Aid (Part Time)	
Lyle Miller	Conservation Aid (Part Time)	
Merrill Dorland	Conservation Aid (Part Time)	
Darwin McDowell	Conservation Aid (Part Time)	

(Note: Miller, Dorland and McDowell worked intermittently for brief periods and were paid in part from the funds provided by the State of Iowa.)

OTHER SOIL CONSERVATION

SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSISTING

Personnel	Area	Conservationist
Joe M. Colgan, Chariton	Area Engineer	
Clarence Beem, Chariton	Engineering Aid	
Leo Duree, Chariton	Engineering Aid	
Donald Peterson, Chariton	Area Clerk	
Stanley Wiksell, Chariton	Soil Scientist	
Wayne Dietz, Corydon	Soil Scientist	
Dale Lockridge, Corydon		

OTHER AGENCIES

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

The District was assisted by the Extension Service with an educational program designed to promote and encourage the use of soil conserving practices. Steve Evans, County Extension Director, serves as secretary of the District governing body.

The County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee closely cooperated with the district commissioner with their district program. The ASCS committee administers the ACP program which provides incentive cost-sharing payments to farmers for various conservation practices. Five per cent of the original county ACP allocation or \$6,313.15 was transferred to the Soil Conservation Service for carrying out the technical phases of the cost share program.

Awards program sponsored by the Registrar and Tribune was presented by Doyce Miller, Chairman of Clarke County Soil Conservation District during the year's activities at the Farmers-Businessmen's Dinner.

District Operates With 2 Budgets

The General Assembly of Iowa provided funds to assist soil conservation districts in carrying out their local programs. These funds are allocated to districts by the state soil conservation committee of Iowa to further soil conservation. The funds are greatly appreciated by the District Commissioners.

Two separate funds are provided. They are now known as IM budget used for commissioners expenses, office supplies, printing, demonstrations and other office expenses and the 2M budget which is used to employ state clerk and technical help to assist with layout and planning work.

IM BUDGET

Item	Amount Expended	Fiscal Year 1960-61
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IM Budget:	
Balance Brought Forward	\$142.41
Allocation	500.00
	642.41

Expenditures:

Commissioners' Expense	\$233.68
Office Supplies	29.83
Printing	68.05
Material for Demonstration	93.71
Office Expense	21.50
Meeting Expense	6.40
	\$323.17

2M BUDGET

2M Budget:	
Allocation	\$4,642.00
Expenditures:	
Clerical (full time)	3,025.00
Technical (part time)	1,462.50
	\$4,487.50

DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

The District revolving fund is a non-appropriated fund received from contributions. These donations, the commissioners greatly appreciate. This money is used for expenses from which state appropriations cannot be used. Balance on hand 12-31-61 \$128.84.



Six of the candidates who competed in the Clarke Queen of Conservation contest on July 4 were, from left: Dixie Soddaris, Rosalee Sklenar, Susan Leeka, Barbara Blanchard, Linda Eddy and Marna Touet. Four candidates not

pictured were: Earlayne Matser, Rosemary Hunt, Betty George and Shirley Genseth. Miss Sklenar and Miss Blanchard won the right to compete in the contest held for the first time at the Clarke County 4-H Fair.