



TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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1964 ANNUAL REPORT

TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING



The District Commissioners, Harold Stump, Chairman, Melvin Kupka and Harold Higgins, attended the 12 regular monthly meetings during the year to transact the District business. Besides the regular District business, the Commissioners established new policies

and revised old policies to better carry on the soil and water conservation program in the District. Conservation programs and practices to be emphasized during 1964 were discussed and the results of this was reflected in the goals established for the 1964 calendar year. These goals were reviewed and revised throughout the year. As a result of these goals, the work load was revised and apportioned out among the District personnel so as to accomplish these goals. District accomplishments were reported throughout the year and reviewed in the light of District goals and policies. A District Commissioners election was held during the year and Harold Higgins was reelected to a six year term as District Commissioner. 900 Conservation Workbooks were purchased and distributed by the District to the schools in the County for use in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science classes for the 1964-65 year. Awards were presented to students with outstanding workbooks for the 1963-64 year. The District purchased and distributed to all ministers in the County material to be used for Soil Stewardship Week. The District entered three farms in the Des Moines Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Awards Contest. The District entered the Nation wide Newsletter Contest sponsored by the Farm Equipment Institute and National Association of Soil Conservation District. The District won 2nd prize in Area III of the contest and accepted a certificate and a check for \$50.00. Two candidates were entered in the 1964 Queen of Conservation Contest. The District entered the State Conservation Speech Contest and sent a contestant to the Regional Speech Contest. The District paid its dues for membership in the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and to the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District. A memorandum of Understanding was entered into between the District and the Department of the Interior. Other personnel regularly attending these meetings were District Clerk, Audrey Dobbs; State Conservation Aid, Robert Malin; Work Unit Conservationist, Stanley L. Klein; Soil Conservation Technician, Raymond Linthicum; and at various times throughout the year, Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service and other representatives of the Area Staff and the Soil Conservation Committee.

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OTHER MEETINGS

The District Commissioners, Work Unit personnel of the Soil Conservation Service and the District Clerk attended meetings pertaining to Soil and Water conservation at the State, Regional and County levels throughout the year. The meetings were sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee, State Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and ASCS. Included was the annual District Commissioners Short Course at Ames, Regional meetings of District Commissioners and cooperating personnel, Region & at the Amanas, Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Fort Dodge. Annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America held at Humboldt. Local conservation contractors meeting, the ASCS-ACP program development meeting. Rural Area Development meetings held within Tama County. Soil Conservation Area meetings at Iowa City and Muscatine.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

The District Awards winners in the 1964 Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Awards Contest were; Robert Wiese, Gladbrook owner and tenant and Rose Rickert owner in the new cooperator division; Frank Mitchell, Buckingham owner operator division, Marlin Thiel, Dysart, operator and Henry Thiel, Dysart owner in the owner tenant division. The commissioners feel that these individuals are doing an outstanding job of conservation on their farms. Barbara Young of Traer won the District Conservation Speech Contest and was presented with a \$10.00 check from the District, Steven Martins Toledo received a \$5.00 check for second place. Barbara represented the District at the Region 7 conservation speech contest. 86 certificates were presented to 6th, 7th and 8th grade pupils in the county schools for excellent Conservation workbooks.

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Funds were not plentiful for the 1964 ACP year but the ASCS County Committee, composed of Merle Cavanaugh, Lyle Moeller and Gus Nodland did their best to spread the amount of money available, to as many farms as possible, requesting cost sharing assistance. By not approving any cost sharing, until the contractors were ready to go to work, very little was approved that did not reach completion. \$116,200 of ACP cost sharing funds were spent for all purposes in Tama County in 1964. The county programs with emphasis on practices suited to local conditions. The county program is based on recommendations made by the local township committeemen, ASCS County Committee, District Commissioners, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Conservation Commission District Forester and FHA representatives.

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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Newsletter now in its 7th year is one of the Districts main sources for the dissemination of news and information concerning soil and water conservation work and the Districts activity, throughout the county. It is sent to all farmers and landowners cooperating with the District and to all those using the services of the District. It is sent to approximately 1000 people each month and is received favorably throughout the county.



The newspapers of the County have been very cooperative in publishing news feature articles, and pictures pertaining to the activities of the District and Soil and Water Conservation in general. The Toledo Chronicle again featured a special section devoted to soil and water conservation during Soil Stewardship Week. The Traer Star - Clipper, the Tama News Herald and the Dysart Reporter ran special items pertaining to soil and water conservation throughout the year. As a result of these articles, numerous individuals have stopped at the Districts office requesting assistance on similar problems.

The District again sponsored the use of Conservation Workbooks in the Tama County Schools in cooperation with the County Superintendant of Schools and the County Board of Education. The workbooks are used to acquaint students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science classes with the field of soil and water conservation. The District awarded certificates to students who did an outstanding job on completing their workbooks. Judging of the workbooks is done by the District Commissioners and their wives.

Soil Stewardship Week was observed throughout the county with most churches cooperating. The District furnished information materials to all ministers in the county for Soil Stewardship week.

The Soil Conservation contractors who work in Tama County have done an outstanding job of acquainting the Districts farmers and landowners with the need to apply conservation practices to their farms. Not only the conservation practices on which they are working but others which they see a need for and discuss with the farmer. Our conservation contractors are one of our greatest salesman for conservation for seeing that conservation practices are established on the land.

Last but certainly not least are our cooperators, the farmers and landowners are practicing soil and water conservation on their farms. They are the Districts greatest educational force, a visual reminder to their neighbors that soil and water conservation is a practical, profitable program that really work.

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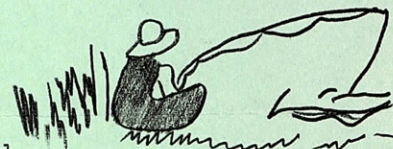
Conservation Aid	\$1109.43
State Clerk	2722.84
Commissioner's Expense	77.90
Conservation Awards	51.27
Newsletter Expense	143.60
Office Expense and Postage	235.39

REVOLVING FUND

The District Revolving Fund made up primarily from donations and controlled by the District Commissioners had a balance of \$196.58 at years end. This fund is used for items not eligible for payment from the State or Federal funds allocated to the District, such as National Association Dues \$75.00 and State Dues \$50.00.

PERSONNEL WORKING DURING 1964

Audrey Dobbs (State)	Clerk
Robert A. Malin (State and Federal)	Conservation Aid
Stanley L. Klein (Federal)	Soil Conservationist
Milburn E. Sevde (Federal)	Conservation Technician
Raymond Linthicum (Federal)	Conservation Technician



Additional assistance was furnished to the District by the Area Staff of the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, George Fonken and Tom Brown, Area Engineers, Byron Miller and Marion Ebert, Engineering Aids, Stanley Barker, Area Administrative Assistant.

The State Soil Conservation Committee through W. H. Greiner, State Committee Secretary and his assistant aid in the accounting and handling of state funds.

COOPERATING AGENCY PERSONNEL

Our thanks to the following agencies and their personnel for their fine cooperation and assistance to the District:

County Extension Director	G. Gress Rogers
County Home Economist	Mina S. Olin
County Extension Assistant	Dick McMullin
ASCS County Committee	Merle Cavanaugh, Chairman
	Lyle Moeller, Gus Nodland
ASCS Office Manager	Russell Lyon
ASC-ACP Clerk	Jean Anderson
Conservation Commission Officer	Irv Jennings
Farmers Home Administration Supervisor	A. Robert Koch
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NEW COOPERATORS

New Cooperators who signed agreements with the District in 1964 were: James W. Speirs, Gene G. Sebetka, Paul Behounek, Jerry L. Paustian, Homer A. Sears, Melvin J. Ledvina, Dr. Paul Dougan, William Duggan, Rodney W. Specihier, Richard Kubik, Arthur Thompson, Harris Cold, Robert Hempy, Ray Sells, A. W. Cutshall, Gerald Raum, Dr Raymond Berner, John Gray, Thomas Kubik, LeRoy Smith, Robert Hannah, John Franklin-Farmers Mgt. Paul Veit, Donald McGowan, Rex Hoskey, Leonard Hulme, John H. Prevo, Murphy-Blackburn, Virgil Stanley, John E. Blohm, Lewis J. Swanson, Victor Montgomery, Delbert Kellogg, Albert Dierks, Edwin A. Baldwin, James Ryan, Glen Church, LaMoine Hatton, Wilbert Dostal, Marion Beale, Arthur Catherman, E. W. Bishop, Wilford Ruppenkamp, Robert Hach, Harry Gray, Julie Stoakes, Union Grove Park, Richard K. Bruene, Richard D. Bordwell, H. E. Gibson, L. B. Wetzell, Richard Wagoner, A. F. Van Horne, Joe Dostal, Gary Lamb, Morris Dinsdale and Myron Seal.

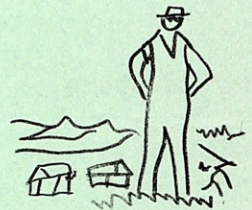
FARM CONSERVATION PLANS

Conservation plans were prepared for the farms of the following: George Addison, Robert Wiese, Wm & Lester Lenhart, Lester Lenhart, Loren Podhajsky, Donald Kroeger, Elmer Benson, J. Earl Dinsdale, T & T Izaak Walton League, Paul Behounek, Byron W. Devick, Sheridan Downey, Jay Dee Shouse, Wayne M. Downey, Charles Wiener, Richard Niederman, Arthur Thompson, Dale Larsen, Jessie P. Walters, Howard Lyon, Charles Boston, William Garretson, Wesley McGrew, Leonard R. Kasal, Alfred Kopriva, John Gray, Ray Pressley, Homer Sears, Robert Hannah, Robert Doyle, Rex Hoskey, Leonard Hulme, Arthur Thompson, Robert A Rudebeck, Millard Lundt, Melvin Ledvina, Wayne Speas, Arnold Rohweder, Murphy Blackburn, Jerry Paustian, Leo Benda, Robert Fontinel, John Prevo, John Franklin, T. W. Elliott, Russell Shaw, Thomas Kubic, A. F. Van Horne and J. J. Childs.

Conservation plans were revised for the following: O. L. Devick, Robert Kasal, Camile Holevoet, Arthur Thompson, C. E. Hoover, Celestine Wobeter, Harold Wright, Marvin Collinson, Carrie G. Ebert, and Child Estate-Lundt.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Cooperators	58
Farm Conservation Plans	50
Farm Plans Revised	16
Farms Serviced	410
Contour Farming	16,748 acres
Stripcropping Systems	868 acres
Terracing	3,000 feet
Diversion Terraces	4,800 feet
Farm Ponds	2
Waterways Grassed	74.48 acres
Erosion Dams	8
Tile	132,979 feet
Open Drainage	3,360 feet
Grade Stabilization Structure	7



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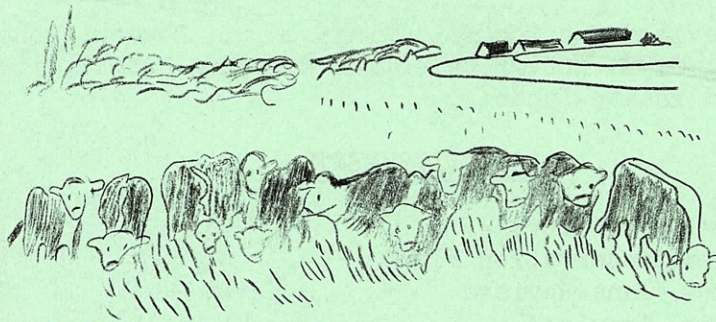
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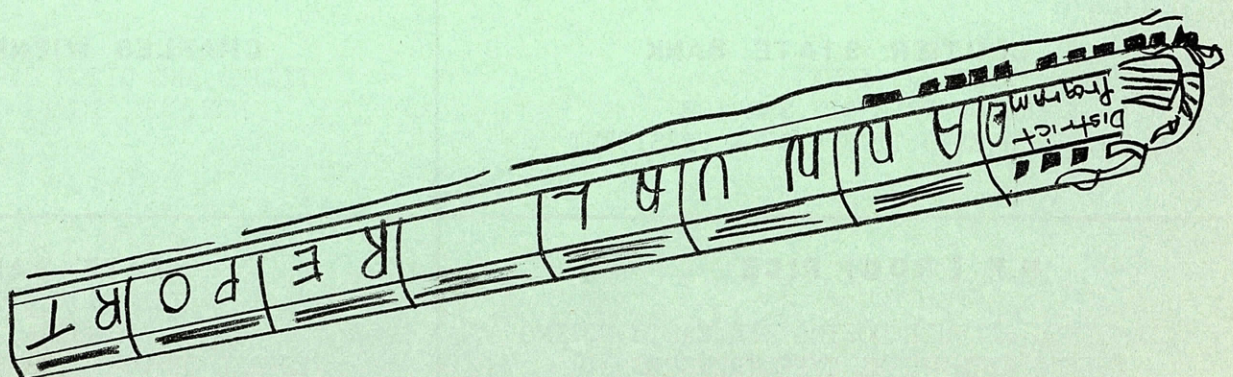
1964 was a good year in Tama County. Corn and soybean yields were excellent despite low soil moisture in parts of the county. Rains seemed to come when needed but we went into the winter again with low subsoil moisture. Conservation wise 1964 was a satisfactory year. Interest in the basic conservation practices of contouring and stripcropping continued to increase and these practices were established in all parts of the county. Quite a number of entire farms were set up for these practices. Waterways and tile had their usual good year. Interest in diversion terraces increased. ACP funds helped to stimulate interest in soil and water conservation work and while not plentiful during 1964, was apportioned out, to give everyone interested in doing a conservation practices, some cost sharing. The results of 1964 and previous years conservation work, has begun to show up throughout the county. Increasing comments on this has come from farmers and city people throughout the area.



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