

Mr. Harold Baughman was appointed at the commissioners meeting of July 10th to replace Mr. Fred Melvin, who passed away May 3, 1951. The death of Mr. Fred Melvin was a severe loss to the people of Davis County and to the Soil Conservation. Fred believed in taking care of the soil and did everything in his power to promote it. He helped organize the district and was elected a commissioner in the first election and served in this capacity until his death.

Since Davis County did not have a plowing contest this year, Milford Hornaday, who lives north of West Grove and was chosen first in contour plowing in Appanoose County in 1950, was sent to the district plowing match to represent Davis County. The district paid his entry fee to Lee County, and allowed him fifteen dollars to help meet his expenses to Primrose in Lee County, where the match was to be held.

Mr. Spilman and Mr. Dale Blackwell attended the Annual Convention for the District Commissioners of the Soil Conservation Districts at Des Moines, Iowa, September 11th and 12, and made a report at the October meeting.

In November of this year it was agreed that the SCS use the commissioners file of farm plans, thereby eliminating the printing of two complete farm plans to be retained in the same office.

Two hundred and twenty-five co-operators and guests attended the annual meeting of the Davis Soil District at the Community Hall Thursday evening, November 27th. An oyster supper was served by the members of T.T.T. Society at 7:00 p.m. Principal speakers for the evening were David Livingston of Washington, Iowa and Duke Norberg of Albia. Both stressed the importance of continued work in the soil conservation service.

Mr. P. W. Spilman, chairman of the local district, presided at the meeting. Group singing was led by Lloyd Garrett.

Twelve Davis County farmers were presented awards for outstanding work in soil conservation. The award winners were Russell Swift, Eugene Francis, E. L. Younkin, Gerald Van Horn, Lionel Herten, Conrad Goettsche, D. C. Bollman, Carlon Cary, Urcle Hubbart, Kenneth McCarty, Charles Mustard and Eugene Grim. The presentation was made by Dale Blackwell, one of the three commissioners for the district. This meeting was so successful that plans are being made to continue the meetings and make awards to the three men in Davis County who have done the most outstanding work in soil conservation during the year.

Following is a summary of the District Accomplishments for the year of 1951:

Applications	Goal	Accomplished
Contour Farming	2000	1542 Ac.
Strip Cropping	336	185 Ac.
Pasture Improvement	813	716 Ac.
Pasture Seeding	310	357 Ac.
Woodland Management	4	4 Ac.
Wildlife Area Improved	62	65 Ac.
Farm Ponds	14	47 No.
Terraces	3.0	4.5 Mi.
Field Diversions	3.5	3.5 Mi.
Farm Drainage	50	283 Ac.
Open Drains	4.0	3.1 Mi.
Fence Row Management	1.0	1.3 Mi.
Constructed Waterways	1.5	1.5 Mi.
Planning:		
Applications Received	66	
Plans Prepared and Signed	50	
Farms Replanned	4	
Follow Up Contracts	97	