

1959 Annual Report

Soil Conservation District

SILVER LAKE 50 	DIAMOND LAKE 33	SPIRIT LAKE 32 	SUPERIOR 57 
EXCELSIOR 54 	LAKEVILLE 59 	CENTER GROVE 55 	RICHLAND 65
WESTPORT 29	OKOBOJI 48	MILFORD 57	LLOYD 34

Dickinson County, Iowa

*A total of 573 Co-operators in the
Dickinson County Soil Conservation District*

Foreword

We, the Commissioners of the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District, are reporting to you our accomplishments in soil and water conservation within the District during 1959.

We wish to thank the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service, the Dickinson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, the Extension Service, the 4-H Committees, the Vocational Agriculture Departments, the county newspapers, and many other agencies, organizations, and individuals whose assistance and encouragement have made the past year another step forward for soil and water conservation in the District.

Dickinson County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners:

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Doyle Gorden, County Extension Director, Advisory Member

Soil Conservation Personnel Assigned to the District

Walter R. Thoreson, Work Unit Conservationist

Adolph M. Ladegaard, Conservation Aid

Betty Parsons, State Clerk

District Activities

The Soil Conservation Service personnel assisted with three Farm Bureau meetings, and three Farmers' Night Schools. Also assisted with county-wide Career Days for High School Juniors and Seniors.

A tour for fifth grade pupils in the Spirit Lake Schools was conducted by the Work Unit Conservationist.

Assistance was given with Vocational Agriculture classes, in the local schools.

A Conservation Needs study was completed for the Dickinson District with the cooperation of the County ASC, Extension Service, State Conservation Commission, and several farmers.

The District cooperated with all churches within the county during Soil Conservation Week. Eight hundred church programs and fifteen booklets were distributed to the clergy.

Two contests were entered in 1959. The Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program winners were Oliver Aalseth, Okoboji Township; R. S. Herbert, Silver Lake Township; and the W. W. Scott farm with Pete VanSanten, operator, Silver Lake Township. Judging the contest were Wilbur Merrill, Veterans Instructor, Milton Sanders, farmer, and R. B. Taylor, former district commissioner. The Des Moines Register and Tribune Contest winners were Ernest Skow, Excelsior Township, owner, and Harold Winter, operator; Paul Nissen, Lakeville Township, owner, and Harold Henderson, operator; and R. S. Herbert, Silver Lake Township, owner and operator.

William J. Johnson was appointed as district commissioner to replace John Eichman, who resigned.

Doyle Gorden, Extension Director, was appointed as advisory member to replace Lyman Bailey, who resigned.

Soil Conservation Accomplishments

1. Thirty-six farmers made requests to the District for Soil Conservation Assistance.
2. Thirty farmers received their Farm Conservation Plans.
3. Thirty farmers contoured for the first time.
4. Four farmers constructed terraces.
5. There were 84,000 feet of tile installed. Thirty-two farmers were included.
6. Ten farmers installed a total of 11.5 acres of waterways.
7. One erosion control structure was installed.
8. A total of two hundred and five farmers received assistance from the district.
9. There was a total of forty-seven referrals received.
10. One mile of open ditch was installed.
11. Ten acres of wildlife areas were planted on the farms of four cooperators.

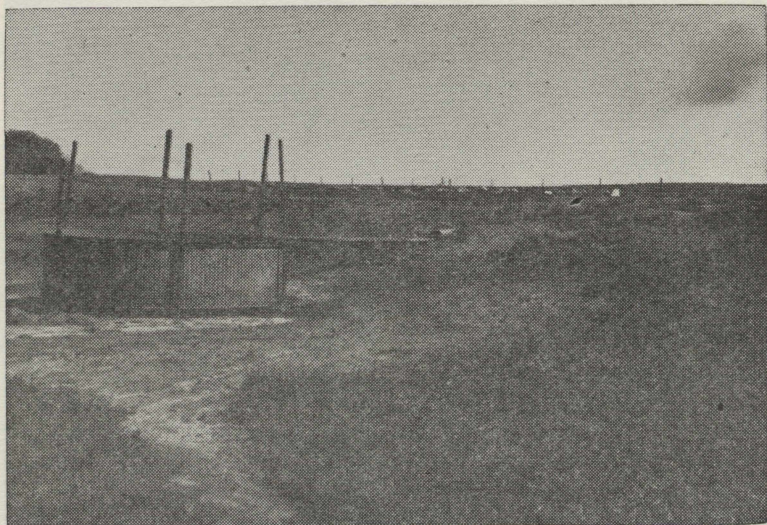


Joint meeting of ASC Committee, District Commissioners, Secretary, ASC Office Manager, SCS, and Extension.

Sitting, left to right: William J. Johnson, Milton Sanders, Chet Wicks, Doyle Gorden.

Standing: Bill Holiday, Walt Thoreson, Gerald Mayou, Norman Blass, Robert Herbert.

Spring Development



Spring development on Harlan Mitchell farm.

Six farmers developed seepage areas, on their farms, to flowing water for livestock. This is a very economical way of water supply for livestock. The farmers who established this practice are: Harlan Mitchell, Joe Rute, W. G. Bockman, Kenneth Percival, Oliver Aalseth and Howard Brekke.

Earth Dams



This type of structure controls erosion and provides stock water, and recreational facilities. Maximum depth, 14 feet. Covers $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres. On Freddie Ahrenstorff farm in Excelsior Township.

There are eight of these structures in our district, with plans for more of them to be constructed.



Hans Quinsland farm in Lakeville Township. One of many farms that is controlling the soil and water by contouring. This practice is increasing quite rapidly in this District.

Financial Statement

State Funds Expended for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

1-A Budget

Commissioners' Expenses	\$148.88
Office Supplies	104.63
Printing	90.00
Materials for Demonstrations	35.09
Office Expense	5.00
Meeting Expenses	15.39
Total	<u>\$398.99</u>

2-A Budget

State Clerk	\$2,570.32
State Aid	281.25
District's Share of State and Federal Retirement	167.25
Total	<u>\$3,018.82</u>

