

Dickinson County Soil Conservation District



1956
Annual Report

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The members of the Dickinson Soil Conservation District are:

Commissioners

Charles E. Watson, Chairman

Thomas H. H. H. H.

Walter H. H. H.

The members of the District are:

John H. H. H.

James H. H. H.

Work Unit Office

John H. H. H.

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District Administration

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Commissioners

Charles E. Watson, Chairman
Marinus Kamphuis, Member
Norman Blass, Member
Sid Northey, Assistant Member
Joe H. Graff, Assistant Member
Lyman Bailey, County Extension Director, advisory member

Work Unit Office

Walter R. Thoreson, Work Unit Conservationist
Adolph M. Ladegaard, Conservation aid
Jeanette Roggenburg, State clerk
Paul R. Johnson, Assisting Technician

District Administration

1. Twelve regular meetings, one annual meeting and two special meetings were conducted during 1956. Attendance at these meetings were—regular - 86%, annual and special - 100%.

2. Norman Blass was appointed as the commissioner to serve on the Little Sioux Watershed Committee. He attended two meetings held at Cherokee and Anthon.

3. Carl Neitzke, cooperator, won the 1956 State Farm Equipment Association Award for outstanding conservation practices on his farm.

4. Norman Blass, a new commissioner, attended a short course for district commissioners in April at Des Moines.

5. A field trip for fifth grade students from Spirit Lake High School was held in April. Observations were made on terraces, wild-

life plantings, crop rotations, and contouring.

6. The Soil Conservation Service conducted a two-hour class once a week for six weeks for explorer scouts at the West Okoboji Scout Camp.

7. The Soil Conservation Service is cooperating with the State Conservation Commission in selecting areas for wildlife plantings, which amounts to thirteen acres. Several cooperators ordered trees and shrubs for wildlife plantings.

8. Betty Parsons resigned from State Clerk in October and Jeanette Roggenburg accepted the position.

9. A copy of the 1955 annual report was mailed to each cooperator.

10. The District Commissioners belong to three associations: Iowa Association Soil Conservation District Commissioners, National Association Soil Conservation District Commissioners, and Soil Conservation Society of America.



Multi-flora rose on Claude Northey farm. One mile of multi-flora rose used for living fence and wildlife cover.

District Activities

1. Norman Blass was elected a commissioner to replace Sid Northey.

2. Marinus Kamphuis was chosen the outstanding commissioner from the Dickinson District.

3. The District Commissioners acted as judges for the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Contest.

4. The District Commissioners entertained the winners of the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Contest at their November meeting.

5. The commissioners authorized tuition for one teacher to attend Springbrook Teachers Conservation Camp.

6. A meeting for tile and heavy equipment contractors in the Dickinson district was held for the purpose of discussing the 1956 work load and engineering phases of conservation practices. Also present were the district commissioners and ASC committee.

7. Two terracing demonstrations were conducted for the Spirit Lake Vocational Agricultural classes on the W. W. Scott farm. Also a demonstration was conducted for the Lake Park Vocational Agricultural class on Stock-pond construction on the Freddie Ahrenstorff farm.

Contests

1. The District entered the Des Moines Register and Tribune Contest on Soil Conservation accomplishments. The district winners were John Eichman on owner and operator; Carl Neitzke on tenant operator and Ainsworth Brothers on new cooperators.

2. The Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Contest was also entered. Each district selected three outstanding conservation farmers and the three farmers from Dickinson were Ed Lloyd, Lyell Gleason and Howard Youngberg. This year these farmers won the nine county area contest from which was received a trophy and \$100.00 in cash.

3. The district commissioners cooperated with the "Queen of the Furrow" contest which was held in conjunction with the 4-H Club Congress Days. There were fourteen contestants and the Dickinson county winners were Judy Sanders from Terril, and Peggy Weaver from Milford.

4. The level-land and contour-plowing match sponsored by Osceola and Dickinson Districts was held in August on the Marinus Kamphuis and Les Rowe farms. The winners were: level-land, Victor Scholten and contour, Don Wittrock, both from O'Brien District.

State Appropriations for Dickinson District

1. Received and expended for clerk, technical assistance, and office equipment ----- \$2800.49
2. Released to State ----- \$ 690.00
3. Received and expended for supplies and commissioners' expenses for the fiscal year ----- \$ 330.18
4. Received from state for 1956 to 1957 ----- \$3470.45

ACP - 5% Allocation

1. Used to pay for technical assistance in carrying out Soil Conservation Service responsibilities in connection with the Agriculture Conservation Program ----- \$2300.00

Information

1. The District cooperated with county churches during Soil Stewardship week. Five hundred copies of the church programs and fifteen copies of the Selected Sermons were presented to the churches in the Dickinson district.

2. The excavating type terracer was rented from Noble County Soil Conservation District of Minnesota. Five farmers used this terracer.

3. Stock ponds were completed this year on the following farms: Freddie Ahrenstorff, Ralph Nelson, Vaughn Amundson, and John W. Cory, Jr.

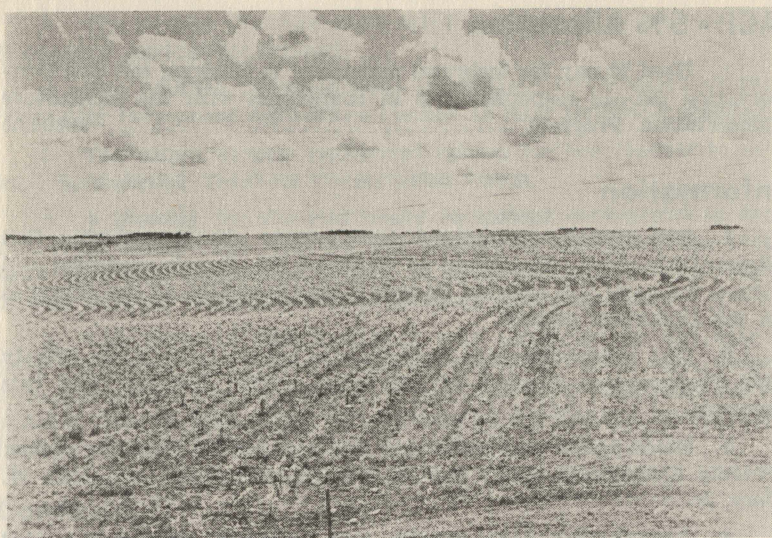
4. Twenty-four news articles were published during the 1956 year.

5. Two adult night schools were assisted at Spirit Lake and Excelsior township.

6. Career Day at the Spirit Lake High School for juniors and seniors from adjoining towns was assisted by the Soil Conservation Service.



Cross section of a terrace on farm operated by Earl Thompson.



Contoured corn on farm operated by Lowell Anderson in Lakeville Township.

7. Eight group planning meetings were held with an average attendance of three farmers per meeting.

8. Stub Severson, game manager, from the State Conservation Commission attended the February meeting and reported on game management for the west half of Iowa.

9. Soil Conservation Society had a tour and meeting in the Dickinson District.

10. At the annual meeting in February, Ralph Olson, a farmer who made a tour of Russia, was the principal speaker. Two hundred and fifty people attended the meeting.

11. A conducted tour was held for the Dickinson County Farm Bureau Woman's Organization. Observations were made on woodlots, terraces, contouring and multiflora living fences.

12. A field tour was conducted for Conservation Aids from Area 7 of western Iowa. Observations were made on multiflora rose living fence, terraces and birdsfoot trefoil pastures.

13. Equipment being used by District Cooperators are as follows: Draglines - 2; Motor Patrols - 3; Bulldozers - 8; Tile Machines - 9; Trench Hoes - 5; Carryalls - 6; Excavating Type Terracing Machine - 1.

14. The theme of the 4-H Club Congress held in August was Soil Conservation. All township booths were attractive and well-prepared.

15. This district received outstanding cooperation from the Agriculture Stabilization Committee, Farm Home Administration, and

Soil Conservation Service.

Accomplishments

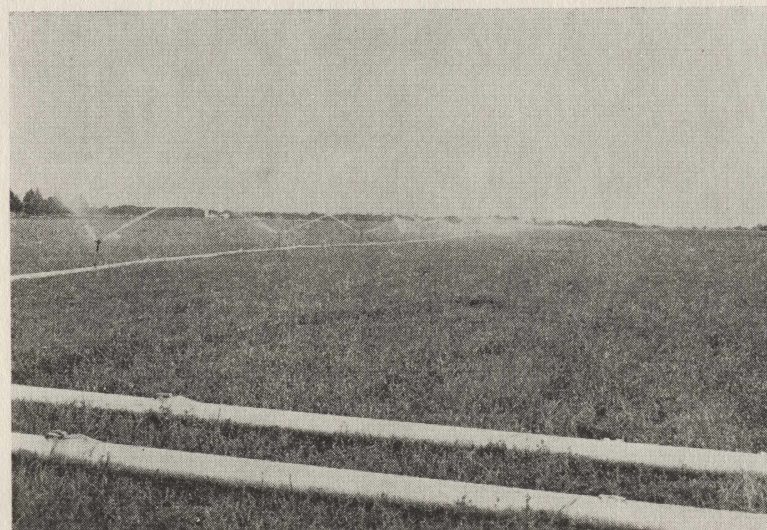
1.	This Year	To Date
Number of cooperators -----	34	493
Completed farm plans -----	34	338
Terraces - miles -----	4	40
Contouring - acres -----	1,386	8,603
Tiling - L. feet -----	109,111	1,520,000
Open Drains - miles -----	4.3	27.7
Pasture improvement - acres -----	67	1,121
Stock ponds - number -----	4	4
Wildlife area improvement - acres -----	60	433

2. Stock ponds is a new practice for our district. With the amount of interest shown there will be several more installed in the future.

3. One hundred and twenty referrals for Soil Conservation practices were received from the Agricultural Stabilization Committee and assistance given on all of them.

Outlook for 1957

1. Plan to have forty completed farm plans.
2. Cooperate with other agencies to further Soil Conservation Work.
3. Enter two contests.
4. Cooperate with heavy equipment contractors.
5. Invite new-cooperators to the office for meetings.



An unusual practice is irrigation on Clem Dust farm in Okoboji Township.

