

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF PROGRESS FOR 1968

Clarke Co. Soil & Water Conservation District

FORWARD

We the Commissioners, are pleased to present this our 22nd annual report of accomplishments and activities. Much progress has been made in this county—but the job of protecting our soil and water resources and preventing pollution must continue. There is still a big need for more erosion control practices to be applied to the land.

The Commissioners wish to thank the A.S.C.S. Committee for the transfer of A.C.P. cost-share funds, which is used for the technicians help in layout of conservation practices.

This transfer is made by Congress in the agriculture appropriations Act.

We appreciate the fine cooperation we have had from rural and urban people alike. We say thanks for the continued cooperation to all individuals, civic groups and the U.S.D.A. agencies.

We accept the challenge to carry on the district's conservation responsibility and resource development programs.

Work Unit Conservationist Reports

One of the great strengths of the district movement is its ability to bring people together to work on conservation problems. Your Soil and Water Conservation District is a meeting ground, a place where laymen and experts can share their knowledge and bring their talents to bear on the vital issues of resource development.

Land Treatment Tops Watershed Management List

When delegates to a Watershed Congress were asked to identify the key goals, and their order of priority, for watershed management in the next 10 years, here's how the rating came out:

1. Actual application of all necessary land treatment measures in the watershed in advance of construction, not just 75% of the land treatment applied.

2. Improved communications and working relations between fish and wildlife agencies and the Soil Conservation Service.

3. Watershed planning and development on a scale to meet all resource needs including flood control, land treatment, water quality, and recreation and the potential is good in Clarke county.

4. Amendment of P.L. 566 to provide more realistic evaluation of economic benefits in a watershed project.

5. Cost-sharing for re-location of roads, highways, and utilities in P.L. 566 projects.

6. Funds for reservoirs to store water for beneficial uses to meet future needs so that all sites may be developed to their maximum potential.

Working together with all community interests is a fine tradition of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Let's bring even more people into our program, and we will identify their contributions and share the credit with them. There's so much to do.

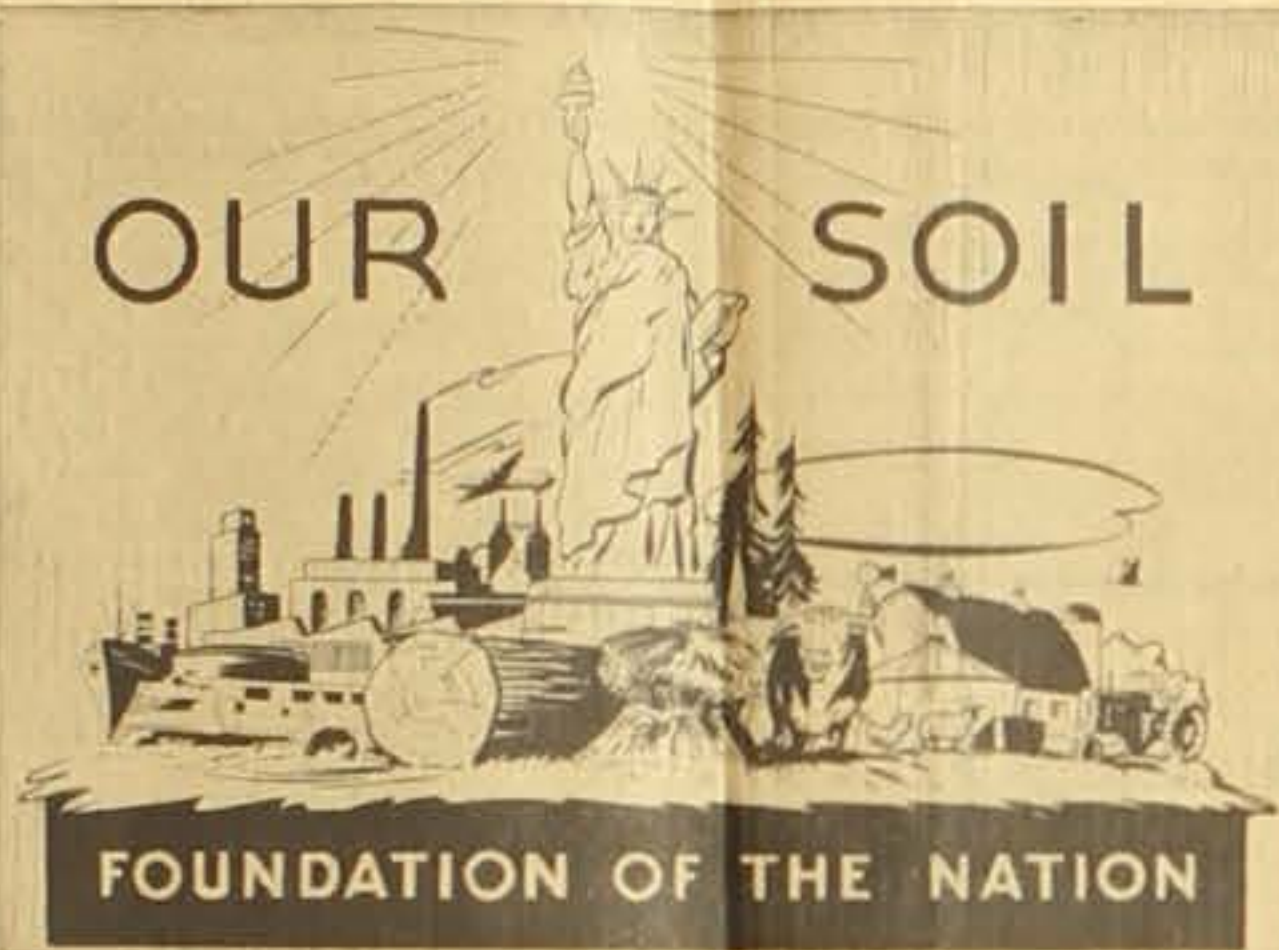
SOIL CONSERVATION

"She's Been Stealing High Since the Boss Renovated that Pasture"



The cow, Mr. Fido, will make nutritious grass and nutritious grass makes milk. Men with a little wisdom and knowledge may be able to detect visually the difference between grasses grown on soils of low and high fertility. The cow will choose very fine the grass grown on fertile soil. Visit your soil conservation district office today for more information.

OUR SOIL



FOUNDATION OF THE NATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FARM PLANNING AND SERVICING

ACTIVITY	UNIT	1968	TO DATE
District Cooperators	No.	38	884
Farmers Assisted	No.	384	
Farmers Applying Practices	No.	308	
Basic Plans	No.	32	532
Plans Revised	No.	6	
Referrals Received	No.	121	
Referrals Serviced	No.	254	
Office Callers	No.	927	
Telephone Calls	No.	477	
News Stories	No.	49	

PRACTICES APPLIED ON FARMS - FISCAL 1968

Contouring	Ac.	1437	22757
Diversion Terraces	Ft.	12165	457281
Farm Ponds	No.	67	1262
Waterways	Ac.	82.5	2046.6
Drainage Field Ditch	Ft.	7007	34895
Terraces	Ft.	5750	790511
Tile Drains	Ft.	18651	234856
Pasture Renovation	Ac.	724	8801
Pasture Planting	Ac.	2824	8382
Wildlife Habitat Preservation	Ac.	120	829

Where to Get Help And Information

As new problems arise, it helps to know where you can go for prompt advice and assistance.

General Agencies:

Better Business Bureaus

Iowa has Better Business Bureaus in Des Moines and Sioux City. Local Chambers of Commerce carry on some Better Business Bureau functions in other cities. You may inquire about a business firm at any B.B.B. or Chamber of Commerce office before doing business with them. They will tell you if they have received complaints on the company, and the nature of the complaints. If you are dealt with unfairly by a business firm, you can help others avoid losses by reporting your experiences to the local Chamber of Commerce office.

Federal Agencies:

Agricultural Stabilization And Conservation Service

Administers ACP, CAP, feed grain, and other government farm programs. Your local office is in the basement of the Post Office.

Farmers Home Administration

Administers loans to farmers and rural and small town's people who can't qualify for loans from regular credit sources. Address: 105 E. Washington St., Osceola.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Administers crop insurance against all risks for specific yield levels. Contact your local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Soil Conservation Service

Every county in Iowa has a local Soil Conservation Service office where help may be obtained on soil and water

conservation problems. Offices are usually in county seat towns. Your local District office is in the basement of the Post Office.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

If the type of information you seek isn't available locally, you may write: Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Cooperative Extension Service

Iowa State University

Your county extension director and your extension home economist can be of help with a wide range of farm and family problems. Most extension offices are located in county seat towns. County extension workers

usually can provide some immediate assistance. They also carry a supply of college and USDA bulletins and publications. If they can't be of direct help, they probably know where to go to get the information. Contact your local Extension office in the Court House.

Vocational Agriculture

The 238 vocational agriculture departments in Iowa high schools provide information on a wide range of farm questions. Many of these departments hold special meetings to deal with farm problems. Contact your school Vocational Agriculture Department.

You should get to know all of these people and learn a little about their particular job.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Doyce Miller, Chairman
Adrian T. Fuller, Commissioner
Jack Ames, Commissioner

ASSISTING THE COMMISSIONERS

Richard Gonseth, Assistant Commissioner
Jerry Kelly, Assistant Commissioner
Lowell Moran, Assistant Commissioner
Fred Wood, Assistant Commissioner

Harold Hadden, Co. Extension Director

Serves as Secretary

Mrs. Arlene Garner, State Employee, District Clerk, Treasurer

Dale Chidester, State Employee, Planner Aid, (full time)

SOIL CONSERVATION

SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED

Clarence H. Ford, Work Unit Conservationist
T. J. Laing, Conservation Technician

OTHER SOIL CONSERVATION

SERVICE PERSONNEL ASSISTING

Daniel E. Holmes, Shenandoah, Area Conservationist
Howard W. Hall, Shenandoah, Civil Engineer
B. Keith Reeco, Creston, Agricultural Engineer
Don Redman, Creston, Engineering Aid
Lewis A. Clark, Shenandoah, Soil Scientist
John R. Nixon, Shenandoah, Soil Scientist
Blanche V. Oline, Shenandoah, Area Clerk
Margaret Haley, Area Clerk

Clarke County AC Program for 1968

The Clarke County ASC Committee received \$130,000.00 in regular allocation and Special Project funds for cost-sharing conservation practices under the 1968 AC Program. We consider our allocation for 1968 high in comparison to all the counties in Iowa since the total appropriation from Washington to the state of Iowa was reduced by more than a million dollars. We are hopeful that the 1968 allocation will be restored to the 1967 level of over \$140,000.00 provided the federal ACP appropriation goes back to the \$220,000,000.00 that we formerly had. All of the funds that the county committee receives for cost-sharing is not available for conservation work since approximately 5% is transferred to SCS for technical assistance and approximately 1% to Forest Service for his assistance.

Interest in the 1968 AC Program continues to increase as we tend to have more requests each year for conservation practices that we had in preceding years. The number of different individuals receiving ACP payments have doubled within the last 8 years. Approvals are granted mainly upon the amount of cost-sharing a producer has received during the past few years. Low income farmers are given full consideration as well as farmers in the watershed area, producers with serious erosion problems and livestock water needs.

The leading ACP practices for 1968 are: A-2, four year seeding; A-4, limestone; C-1, Permanent Soil Waterways; B-7, Funds for Agricultural Uses and B-5, Wells for livestock.

Many requests are disappointed because of inadequate allocation to cover all the

conservation work that farmers would like to do. As a general rule we receive approximately 1150 requests a year, and approximately one-half of them can be given ACP assistance. Cost-sharing for more than the 50% or 60% rates have been approved for those producers having low income. We feel that Special Project funds are a definite asset to our program since it is doubtful that over the last 3 years we would have received \$165,000.00 additional funds above our regular allocation. The outlook for 1969 appears to be a bit better than 1968 concerning allocations, however, there will be attempts made to lower the cost-share percentage on practices to about 50%. This in essence will help us to cover more producers and practices in past history.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

There were 12 regular and 1 special District Commissioners meetings held during the year.

The Clarke Co. District sponsored two teachers to Con-

servation Camp at Springbrook State Park, co-sponsored by the Osceola Rotary Club in June and July.

The District entered the Des Moines Register and Tribune Awards program in July. The Commissioners appointed the following as their Assistant Commissioners to serve during fiscal year 1968: Richard Gonseth, Jerry Kelly, Lowell Moran and Dr. Fred Wood.

District Operates With 2 Budgets

Provided by the State of Iowa

STATE 1-M BUDGET

Allocation - \$506.00

Expenditures:

Commissioners' Expense - \$241.47

Supplies - 46.55

Materials For Demonstrations - 61.54

Office Expense - 3.10

Total Expended - \$452.72

STATE 2-M BUDGET

Provided on a Need Basis

Allocation - \$837.00

Salaries - Clerk & State Aid \$816.29

Travel - 40.25

Equipment - 115.55

Total Expended - \$832.09

The District fund is a non-appropriated fund received from donations from cooperators and businessmen. During 1968 there was \$507.50 received. These funds are used to pay national and state dues, local awards, and cost share expenses from which state appropriations cannot be used. The Commissioners wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed, as this helps carry on the local district's conservation program. The balance on hand June 30, 1968 is \$334.50. Again thanks.

Mrs. Darrel Platt attended Conservation Workshop conference for teachers at the U.I. camping center near Luther Iowa in October and Mrs. Arlene Garner, Clerk, attended a news writing clinic at Bedford.

In December the Register & Tribune Awards banquet was held in Corning. This was attended by all three Commissioners, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Miller, also the winners, Dr. Daniel E. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, Division II, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hunt, Division III, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Platt were also in attendance at this meeting. Mrs. Platt was named Outstanding Conservation Teacher for the Region.

Adrian Fuller and Doyce Miller attended the Annual Commissioners Short Course at Ames, held in January.

In February, letters were mailed to the cooperators and businessmen, asking for donations, of which the response was very good. We sincerely appreciate this and we again owe thanks to so many who help in our conservation effort.

We joined the Soil Conservation Society, also paid the State dues this month.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ASSISTANTS



Clarke Co. Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners in attendance at one of the regular local monthly meetings. Seated, left to right, Adrian Fuller, Member; Doyce Miller, Chairman; and Jack Ames, Member. Standing, left to right, Assistant Commissioners, Lowell Moran, Richard Gonseth and Dr. Fred Wood, D.V.M., Jerry Kelly, Assistant Commissioner, is not pictured.