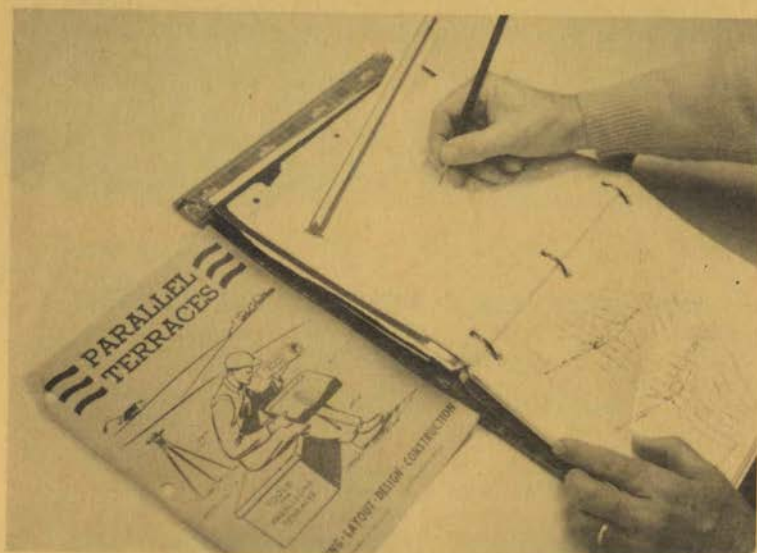


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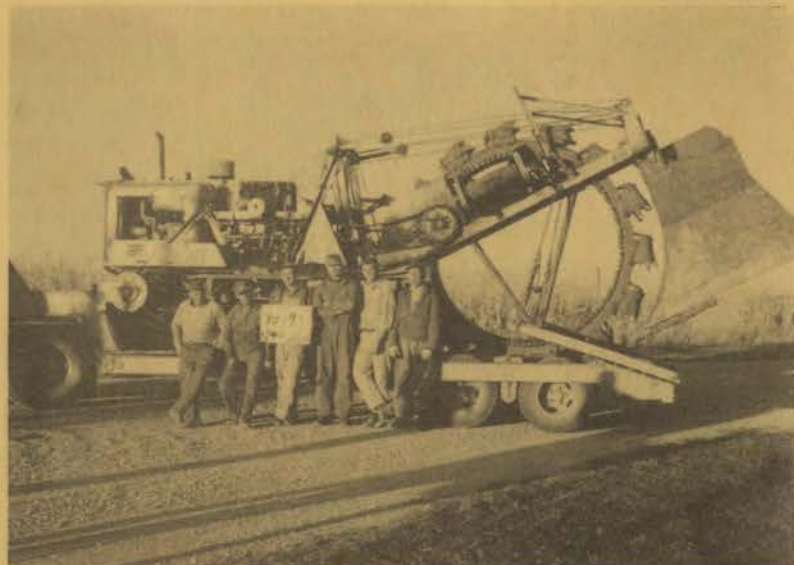
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Seated left to right: J. C. "Jack" Nyman; Julius Baas, Chairman, Claude Seely

We, the Commissioners of the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District are happy to present our 19th Annual Report. Activities and accomplishments of soil and water conservation in the District are contained in this report.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to extend our thanks to the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance to the District, the Extension Service for their work in the educational field and the State Soil Conservation Committee for their assistance and guidance, Kossuth County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, Superintendents and Teachers of our schools, Izaak Walton League, County Board of Supervisors, Iowa Conservation Commission and other Federal, State and County offices that contributed to the conservation program this year.

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Lyle R. Riedinger
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Loren B. Bishop
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The Soil Conservation Service provided two full-time employees, plus the Area engineer, soil scientist and administrative staff. Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist, and Loren B. Bishop, Soil Conservation Technician, made up the local staff in the District. Assistance was provided for the planning and applying of soil and water conservation plans and the servicing of District Cooperators and ACP participants.

The Algona unit along with twelve other offices in north-central Iowa are located in Area 2. Alan J. Moen is the Area Conservationist for this area. The area staff members that are shared with other counties include Loren Greiner, Soil Scientist, Gerald Hollander, Agricultural Engineer and B. Jack Wederquist, Engineering Technician.

Each year the Soil Scientist soil maps about 10,000 acres of Kossuth County land for farm planning. These maps show the type of soil, percent of slope and the degree of erosion. The maps serve as the basis for a farm conservation plan. Farms selected to be mapped are based on the farmer's request for a farm plan. Farms selected to be mapped are based on the farmer's request for a farm plan. These maps point out the areas that need conservation practices. They are also a valuable tool for taking soil samples for fertilizer needs. If soils have been mixed for the test a true test may not result.

The Engineering staff assisted by the work unit staff prepare detailed plans and cost estimates for ground drainage jobs and conservation practices.

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Howard Person, Lynn Bierstedt, Sig Wood, Lance Johnson and Stan Tjaden.

Five college students worked in the District this summer. Howard L. Person from Swea City, a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in agricultural engineering, was employed as a SCS student-trainee. Lynn Bierstedt, from Lone Rock, a senior at Iowa State University in agricultural business, was employed as a district-aid to work on drainage districts. Sig Wood, from Algona, is a junior at Simpson College majoring in physical education. He worked as a WAE Soil Conservation Aid and provided leadership for NYC enrollees. Lance Johnson, a senior in industrial administration at Iowa State University is from Algona. He worked as a WAE Soil Conservation Aid and served as head draftsman and as a party chief on a survey crew. Stan Tjaden, a sophomore majoring in physics at the University of Iowa is from Lakota. He worked as a WAE Soil Conservation Aid and served as an instrument man on a survey crew and did the field investigations for conservation needs study.

Howard Person is in training for a career as an engineer with the SCS after graduation from Iowa State University.

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Susan Lovstad joined the staff this year as State Clerk. She is employed in the District by funds provided by the State Soil Conservation Committee. She serves as receptionist and secretary to the Commissioners and the SCS staff.



Lynn Bierstedt checks and reads field survey notes to Howard Person. Profiles are drawn for the engineer to use in designing a relief drainage system.

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	Unit	
District Cooperators	Each	42
Farm Conservation Plans	Each	44
Cooperator Contacts	Each	316
Tile Drainage	Feet	262,542
Tile Structures	Each	69
Contouring	Acres	1,139
Grassed Waterways	Acres	13.1
Terraces, Parallel	Feet	16,105
Water Control Structure	Each	3

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Ten regular meetings were held during the year. Meeting with the Commissioners were the Area Conservationist, Extension Director, work unit personnel, and Clerk.

The District published 3,200 copies of the annual report for distribution.

Soil Stewardship booklets were ordered for ministers in the county.

Conservation workbooks for the schools requesting them were purchased.

Susan Lovstad was employed as State Clerk. She attended an area clerk's meeting in Fort Dodge.

Trees were sold and picked up from the Plumfield Nursery and distributed to cooperators.

A battery powered tape recorder was purchased for the District.

Mrs. Lawrence Newbrough and Mrs. Florence Behne attended the Springbrook Camp. Reports were given by the teachers after attending the Camp in June.

The District sponsored the speech contest. Bonita Kilsholm was first place winner. Linda Dogotch took second and third place went to Joan Derner. Bonita Kilsholm also entered the regional speech contest held at Pocahontas.

The District had a booth at the Iowa State Fair. The booth was judged second place.

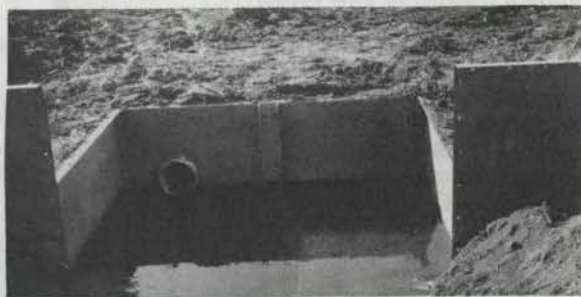
As a service to District Cooperators, the District has contracted with a commercial nursery to furnish seedling trees at a nominal cost. These trees may be used for windbreaks, shade trees, and etc. The following trees are some of the more popular trees planted.

Deciduous Trees	Size	Price /50	Price /25
Silver Maple	2-3'	\$ 8.00	—
Green Ash	3-4'	12.00	—
Hackberry	18-24"	—	—
Russian Olive	2-3'	15.00	—
Pine Oak	18-24"	18.00	—
Honeysuckle	18-24"	10.00	—

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Scotch Pine	9-12"	—	6.50

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SPRINGBROOK CONSERVATION CAMP

Mrs. Florence Behne and Mrs. Lawrence Newbrough attended the Springbrook Conservation Camp this year. They reported to the Commissioners that the materials and knowledge that they gained would be a great help in teaching in the Sentral School system this year. Scholarships are provided by the District.

SPEECH CONTEST

Left to right: Joan Derner was named third place winner in the District Speech contest. Linda Dogotch received second place honors. Bonita Killsholm was the first place winner and represented the District at the regional contest at Pocahontas.



Many groups of farmers meet in the SCS office to discuss their conservation and drainage problems. The photo above was taken at the SCS office while the farmers in the Capesius—O'Brien—Bormann group with ACP Clerk, Mrs. Ollom and the SCS Technicians, Bishop and Wederquist were completing their practice. Cost-sharing was provided under the ACP program and layout assistance was provided by the SCS.

Several terrace designs have been planned, laid-out, designed, and constructed. These include seeded back slope terraces, parallel terraces, and terraces with tile outlets. These new designs offer several advantages such as allowing terraces to be built on steeper land, eliminating many of the point rows and eliminating grassed waterways.

Loren Bishop does the major portion of the layout of conservation practices. This year he attended a conservation workshop at Lincoln, Nebraska to review some of the latest developments of conservation practices.

Lyle Riedinger presents a weekly program over KLGA at 12:45 a. m. on Thursdays. Forty-six radio broadcasts were presented this year.

Part-time summer help was provided to the District to complete some of the field surveys and plot profiles.

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Lance Johnson points to one of the pictures that was used in the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District booth at the Iowa State Fair. The Kossuth County booth was awarded a second place ribbon.

The attractive 16 x 20" colored "America the Beautiful" pictures are available from the Superintendent of Documents for 10 cents each.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

The District cooperated with the Office of Economic Opportunity this summer in providing a work station for four NYC enrollees. The girl worked in the office as an assistant clerk. The three boys worked in the field on a survey crew. These people worked on a nine week training program.

EMPLOYMENT

Four high school boys worked about two months each this summer as draftsmen and rodmen on funds provided by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

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1-M Account

Total Allocation \$500.00

Expenses

Commissioners Exp. 78.41

Office Supplies 246.90

Printing 18.25

Prizes for Contests 70.00

Demonstrations 21.18

Office Expense 59.46

Meeting Expense80

Rental for Meeting Hall 5.00

TOTAL EXPENDED \$500.00

2-M Account

Total Allocation \$5,468.78

Salaries 5,064.90

State Retirement 177.31

Social Security 200.47

Office Equipment 26.10

TOTAL EXPENDED \$5,468.78

Through a cooperative agreement with the County Board of Supervisors and the District Commissioners, the Drainage District reimbursed the Soil Conservation District for rodmen and draftsmen. These men were additions to the staff, employed by the SCS and State Committee.

DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

INCOME \$3,135.20

EXPENSES

State and National Dues 75.00

Wages 891.34

Seedlings 454.67

Materials 166.15

Education 508.00

Photo Supplies 77.88

Postage 163.00

Office Supplies 101.71

Commissioner's Mtg. 50.38

Speech Contest 50.19

Printing 198.85

Office Equipment 329.56

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SOIL JUDGING

The Algona F. F. A. team won first place in the northwest Iowa Soil Judging Contest. Second place went to West Bend.

The contest was co-sponsored by the Vocational Agriculture Instructor and the members of the Soil Conservation Society of America from Area 1 in northwest Iowa.



Left to right: Terry Olsen, Roger Meyer, Merlyn Metzger, Warren Kellenberger, Delmar Mains and Mr. George Sefrit, Vocational Agriculture Instructor.

The team was coached by Mr. George Sefrit, Vocation Agriculture Instructor.



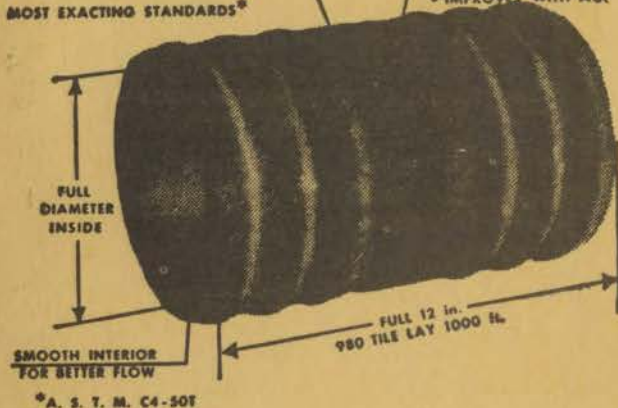
Tile drainage is still the major practice in the District. Pictured above are lateral tile branched from the main tile on the Ray McWhorter farm.

The District has continued to stress the importance of conservation practices. Terraces were constructed on the Roger Frink, Commissioner Jack Nyman and Gerald Voigt farms in Kossuth County.

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