

June 7-14 has been proclaimed Soil and Water Conservation Week in Iowa by Gov. Herschel Loveless.

This marks the state's twenty-second observance of conservation week. Prior to 1955, "water" was not included in the week's title.

Soil and Water Conservation Week is jointly selected by the State Soil Conservation Committee and the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts as a time when special emphasis is given to conservation in Iowa.

Iowa was completely organized by 1952 into local soil conservation districts which coincide with county boundaries. The only exception to this is Pottawattamie County, where there are two local districts. Each of the local county districts is a subdivision of state government and is governed by farmer-elected commissioners.

The State Soil Conservation Committee is made up of five farmers, Secretary of Agriculture Clyde Spry, Director of Extension Floyd Andre and Adviser Frank Mendell.

The committee is responsible for administration of the soil districts law and has general supervision of the soil and water conservation program in Iowa. The committee also administers state funds provided by the state legislature to assist in the soil and water conservation program.

Following is the proclamation issued by Gov. Loveless.

PROCLAMATION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the development of Iowa land and water resources

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es through soil and water conservation, flood prevention, and wise use, is essential to maintain farm income and protect the agricultural economy of the State, and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa as a whole, and within the one hundred Soil Conservation Districts of the State in particular, is coordinating and carrying forward a constructive program of soil and water conservation and related flood prevention work, and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that we continue our cooperative efforts in soil and water conservation work, particularly in small watersheds, where opportunities are offered to advance this all important work,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Herschel C. Loveless, Governor of the State of Iowa, in order to call attention to the importance of this work, do hereby declare and proclaim the week of June 7 through June 14, 1959 as

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

and respectfully urge organizations and citizens of our State to participate in the programs in order that we may place even greater emphasis in this very important work.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Iowa. Done at Des Moines this 30th day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

Herschel C. Loveless
Governor

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Beatitudes of a Conservationist

1. Blessed are they who plant the long-lived tree and shrub, for generations shall rise up and call them blessed.

2. Blessed are they who are owners of flower gardens, for in the heart of a flower may be seen its Creator.

3. Blessed are they who appreciate nature's gifts, for they shall be known as lovers of beauty.

4. Blessed are they who clean up the highways, byways and home grounds, for cleanliness is next to godliness.

5. Blessed are they who brighten their buildings and fences with paint, for improvement and the praise of many people shall be their reward.

6. Blessed are they who war on unsightly signs and objectionable billboards along the

rural highways, for they shall be called protectors of roadside beauty and landscape scenery.

7. Blessed are they who stand against friend and relative in the protection of nature's gifts to our Nation, for they shall be recognized as true patriots of America.

8. Blessed are the towns with planning boards, for great beauty, prosperity and peace shall descend upon them.

9. Great shall be the reward of those who protect our forests from fire, for the birds shall continue to serve them, and the fish and wild animals to furnish them food.

10. Whosoever conserveth our National resources serveth himself, and the generations following.