

DICKINSON COUNTY IOWA  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

1973



BEAUTY IS AS BIG AS ALL OUTDOORS

## P E R S O N N E L

### COMMISSIONERS

|                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Robert Fitzpatrick . . . . . | Chairman                            |
| Ernest Skow. . . . .         | Vice Chairman                       |
| Claire Champine. . . . .     | Commissioner                        |
| Robert Ingwersen . . . . .   | Commissioner                        |
| Andrew Hoffman . . . . .     | Commissioner                        |
| James Yungclas . . . . .     | Asst. Commissioner<br>and Secretary |

### SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wallis R. Tonsfeldt. . . . . | Area Conservationist     |
| Dick Hall. . . . .           | Civil Engineer           |
| Wayne L. Eberly. . . . .     | Civil Eng. Technician    |
| Clarence M. Call . . . . .   | District Conservationist |
| Dennis Rustman . . . . .     | Conservation Technician  |

### STATE EMPLOYEE

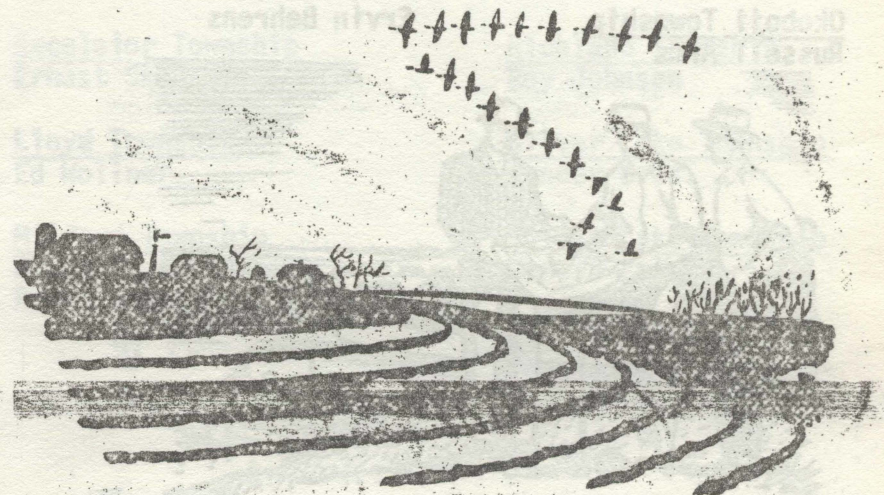
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| Betty J. Farmer. . . . . | Clerk |
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## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. Bob Fitzpatrick, Bob Ingwersen, Ernie Skow, commissioners, and Clarence Call, District Conservationist, attended the Commissioners' Short Course held at Ames on January 16 and 17.
2. The 1973 tree program was very successful again this year. The commissioners sold 8,880 trees and shrubs in the county this year. A green ash tree was given to each 6th grader in the county. A green ash tree was also given to each child in special education.
3. Conservation workbooks were purchased again this year for the schools in the county.
4. National Association of Conservation Districts' dues of \$150.00 and Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners' dues of \$100.00 were paid by the district for 1973.
5. Soil stewardship material was furnished to the churches in the county. Rev. Wayne Carlson of the Spirit Lake Methodist Church wrote a news article for the county newspapers pertaining to Soil Stewardship Week.
6. The Dickinson County Soil Conservation District Speech Contest was held on February 22 at the Soil Conservation Office in Spirit Lake. Mike Brower of the Spirit Lake Community School, won first prize of \$15.00. Diane Tritle, of the Spirit Lake Community School, won second prize of \$10.00.

7. Bob Fitzpatrick and Clarence Call attended the Regional Commissioners' meeting in Pocahontas on March 13.
8. Clarence Call helped conduct a field trip for the 8th graders of Terril on May 14.
9. The commissioners purchased a new camera and a new calculator this year.
10. Dennis Rustman attended a Small Structure Training session at the Presbyterian Camp on May 22, 23 and 24.
11. Bob Fitzpatrick was selected as the Outstanding District Commissioner for 1973.
12. The Soil Conservation Society of America held their annual summer meeting at Crescent Beach on June 22 and 23.
13. Selected for the Des Moines Register and Tribune Awards Contest were: Orville Berg, Diamond Lake Township, Farmer Section; and Milbert Krohn, Spirit Lake, Teacher Section.
14. The district entered the Sioux City Journal Community Conservation Award Contest.
15. The Iowa Great Lakes Water Quality Control Committee was nominated for the Community Conservation Award in the Sioux City Marc Cox Agriculture Conservation Program.

16. A contingency from ISU including Dr. Bachmann, Dr. Mahlstede, Dr. John Pesek, Dr. Hazen, Dr. Ewing, Jack Jones, John Cory, Brian Borofka and Clarence Call toured the lakes area to study the animal pollution control measures on August 2.
17. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ingwersen and Betty Farmer, state clerk, attended the annual conference in Des Moines on September 9, 10 and 11.
18. Two cooperators applied for assistance in the new state cost-share program. Ray Kaiser of Okoboji Township constructed a waterway on his farm and Don Schubert of Center Grove Township constructed tile intake, grassed backslope, parallel terraces on his farm.
19. Commissioners held twelve regular monthly meetings and one special meeting this year.
20. Bob Ingwersen and Clarence Call flew over the County on August 16 taking aerial pictures of conservation practices in the county.



## NEW CONSERVATION PLANS

### Center Grove Township

Don Schubert

### Excelsior Township

John Elser

R. L. Sorensen

Wm. Hemphill

✓ John Benz

✓ Stanley Heikens

### Diamond Lake Township

Henry Walker

Harold Hartmann

✓ Bob Rush

Bernell Walker

### Lakeville Township

James M. Long

Garth Neisess ✓

### Lloyd Township

Harley Bigger

John J. Cory

### Okoboji Township

Russell Arms

### Milford Township

John J. Berg (1)

John J. Berg (2)

Arnold Jorth

Lyle Westergard

### Richland Township

Dennis Ross

✓ William Loos

✓ Ralph Lusher

Robert Jensen

### Silver Lake Township

Elser Bros.

### Spirit Lake Township

Robert Butcher

### Superior Township

R. D. Golly

### Westport Township

Maurice R. Dougal

Paul Hintz

Ervin Behrens

## NEW REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

### Center Grove Township

Don Schubert

Gerald Sunner

R. F. McCann

### Diamond Lake Township

Bob Rush

### Excelsior Township

Wm. Hemphill

Rodney Graham

### Lakeville Township

Garth Neisess ✓

### Milford Township

John J. Berg

Chester Winslow

Hansen-Newman-Westergard (group)

### Okoboji Township

Russell Arms

T. H. Lambertus, Jr. (1)

T. H. Lambertus, Jr. (2)

### Richland Township

Wm. Loos

Elvin Strobe (1)

Elvin Strobe (2)

### Spirit Lake Township

Robert Butcher

Ed Blackert

### Westport Township

Barney Granstra

Denny Winterboer

John Schlarbaum

Franklin Drury (1)

Franklin Drury (2)

## CONSERVATION PLANS REVISED

### Excelsior Township

Ernest Skow

### Lloyd Township

✓ Ed Wollner

### Milford Township

James D. Jones

Perry Hansen

### Richland Township

✓ Roy Johnson

### Silver Lake Township

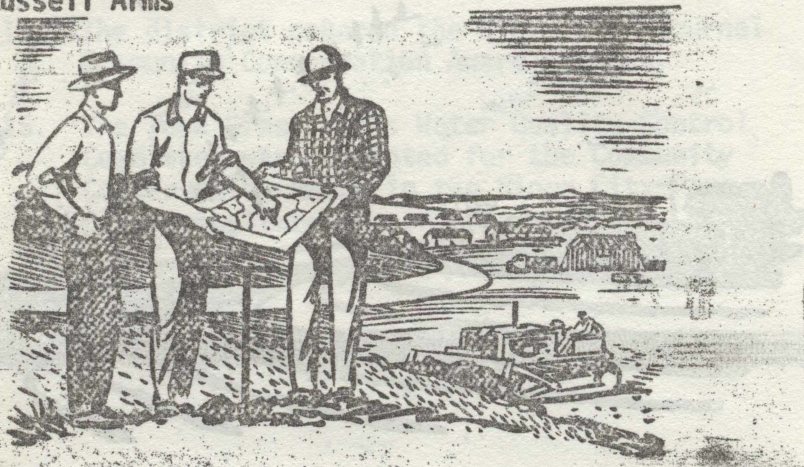
✓ Wunder Bros.

### Spirit Lake Township

Harold Estes

### Westport Township

Marion Flint

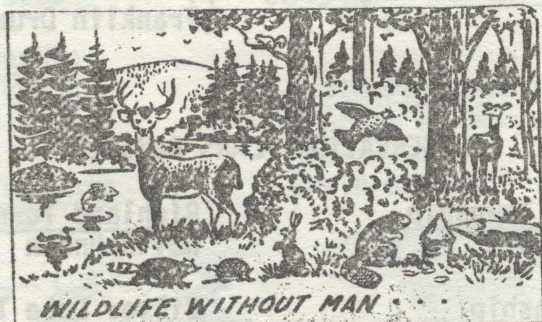


## TREES

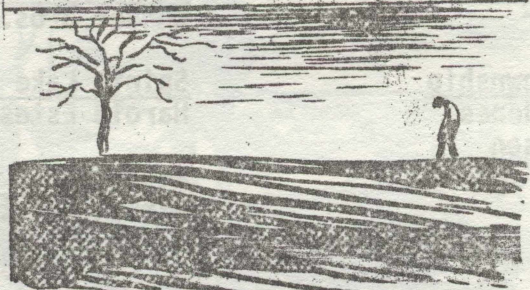
A farmstead windbreak is a permanent part of the landscape. It protects and beautifies the farm and provides shelter for wildlife. But for maximum benefit, careful thought and planning must precede the actual planting of trees.

Tree seedlings have been supplied by the Soil Conservation District Commissioners to Dickinson County farmers the past several years at a nominal price to encourage the planting of windbreaks and wildlife areas. Farmers know windbreaks really pay. There were 66 farmers who took advantage of this service last year.

If you are in need of a good windbreak or if you have an existing windbreak that needs filling in, stop in at the Soil Conservation Office in Spirit Lake and see us.



WILDLIFE WITHOUT MAN



MAN WITHOUT WILDLIFE

## A GLANCE AHEAD

by

Clarence Call, District Conservationist

Methods and technology don't seem to change much from one year to the next. But look a little farther back and you will note a great change - at least in philosophy. These changes directly affect the Soil Conservation Districts and the Soil Conservation Service.

Not so many years ago, we were faced with agricultural commodity gluts and surpluses. Prices were depressed and landowners were urged to divert feed grain acres to other purposes. It was comparatively easy to plan and construct conservation measures on "set aside" or diverted acres. Now the motto "Produce More - Protect More" is prevalent. Several million acres of "set aside" acres will be brought back into full crop production to cope with dwindling reserves and shortages of agricultural commodities. These diverted acres include a large percentage of marginal lands that will need conservation measures before they can be brought back into full crop production.

Soil Conservation District leaders and Soil Conservation Service employees have the responsibility of taking the initiative in showing the way to "Produce More - Protect More."

The nation's farmers can safeguard their soil and water resources while producing more. Conservation can be both profitable and practical.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 1973

| Practice                                  | Unit       |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| New District Cooperators                  | 21         |
| Recipients of Technical Assistance        | 195        |
| Technical Services                        | 377        |
| Recipients Applying Practices             | 136        |
| Conservation Plans Prepared               | 27         |
| Conservation Plans Revised                | 10         |
| Inventories and Evaluations Prepared      | 8          |
| Units of Government/Agencies Assisted     | 2          |
| Inventories and Evaluations, UOG/Agencies | 4          |
| Land Use Regulations/Conservation Stand,  | 1          |
| Group Plans                               | 1          |
| Group Inventories and Evaluations         | 2          |
| Groups Assisted                           | 3          |
| Technical Services/Groups of Land Units   | 11         |
| Groups Applying Practices                 | 3          |
| Referrals Serviced                        | 98         |
| Critical Area Planting                    | 21 ac.     |
| Diversion                                 | 400 ft.    |
| Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks          | 12.4 ac.   |
| Grassed Waterways or Outlet               | 7.6 ac.    |
| Holding Ponds and Tanks                   | 2          |
| Drainage Main or Lateral                  | 250 ft.    |
| Strip Cropping                            | 120 ac.    |
| Drainage Field Ditch                      | 2000 ft.   |
| Subsurface Drain                          | 80,000 ft. |
| Tree Planting                             | 6.3 ac.    |
| Land Protected During Development         | 21 ac.     |
| Cropland to Grassland                     | 50 ac.     |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 1972-1973

## District's IM Budget

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Allocation from State Soil Conservation Committee . . . . . | \$700.00 |
| Additional Allocation. . . . .                              | \$100.00 |

## Expenditures

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Commissioners' mileage, meals & hotel . . . | \$431.69 |
| Office supplies . . . . .                   | 116.95   |
| Prizes for contests . . . . .               | 25.00    |
| Rental for meeting halls. . . . .           | 7.20     |
| Office expense. . . . .                     | 173.35   |
| Meeting expense . . . . .                   | 13.31    |
| Total Expenditures . . . . .                | \$767.50 |

Carried forward to 1973-74 IM Budget . . . . . \$ 32.50

## District's 2M Budget

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Allocation from State Soil Conservation Committee . . . . . | \$5486.00 |
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## Expenditures

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salary for clerk. . . . .               | \$4965.00 |
| Travel. . . . .                         | 62.53     |
| F.I.C.A. (District's share) . . . . .   | 295.72    |
| I.P.E.R.S. (District's share) . . . . . | 173.78    |
| Health Insurance. . . . .               | 33.69     |
| Total Expenditures . . . . .            | \$5510.72 |

Additional Allocation. . . . . \$ 24.72