

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
of the
DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Burlington, Iowa
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- FORWARD -

Ask ourselves, what can we do for America not what America can do for us: spoke John Kennedy in his inaugural address. In that statement is a challenge to all of us.

To those of us who make our living from soil; are we using our land within its capability? Much of our soil has been abused by improper use. We have piled up a huge surplus that has depressed the value of most of our products.

We are fortunate to have the Soil Conservation Service work with us to develop a more balanced agricultural program. By taking care of our farms we will be doing our part as farmers to keep America strong; so states Theodore Berning, Des Moines County Commissioner.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY

C. E. Pilling
Theodore Berning
Eugene Schulte

Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner

Assisted by:

James C. Hodges
Horace Sutton Jr

Secretary
Treasurer

We, the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District Commissioners wish to express our appreciation to the Soil Conservation Service technical staff for the assistance they have given to the farmers of the District. Also for the fine cooperation and help we have received from the office of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation and the County Committee, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the Extension Service, Conservation Officer, County Supervisors, County Engineers, County Superintendent of Schools, I. O. P. Agronomist, Wildlife Club, Farm Forester, Farm Service Company and others.

We also wish to thank the Burlington Hawkeye for the fine service and cooperation they have rendered the Soil Conservation District and our program in the county.

The District acknowledges and appreciates the \$25 gift to the revolving fund received from Theodore Berning, Commissioner.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The District Commissioners, Secretary, Treasurer and Work Unit Conservationist held their regular meeting each month except October. The Area Conservationist attended various meetings throughout the year.

C. E. Pilling and Theodore Berning attended the Commissioners Short Course at Ames on January 13 and 14. Theodore won first prize, 21 jewel wrist watch.

Earth moving and tiling contractors meeting held in Soil Conservation Office.

Eugene Schulte was elected Commissioner, replacing Walter Eyre, at Soil Conservation District election in conjunction with Farm Service dinner on February 11th.

The State Committee delivered a new typewriter, adding machine and secretary desk to the Clerks Office.

Two proposed Yellow Spring Creek Watershed meetings were cancelled because of bad weather and roads early in the spring.

Sixty Stewardship bulletins were delivered to Ministers in the County.

Miss Helen Hansen was provided a scholarship to attend Springbrook Conservation Camp near Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Soil Conservation Achievement Award winners were: Harold Linder, division one and Robert Fahlgren, division three. Framed certificates were presented to each winner.

C. E. Pilling attended the State Soil Conservation Field Day and Plowing match at Guthrie Center on September 16th.

Theodore Berning and Work Unit personnel attended Forestry Field Day at Shimek Forest in Lee County.

Jack Jacobs, Conservation Aid attended ACP meeting at Ottumwa In November.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS --- 19

New District Cooperators 31
Basic Plans Prepared 25

Revised Basic Plans 21
Follow-up Contacts 69

APPLICATION OF LAND IMPROVEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES

		<u>1960</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Contouring	acres	103	28,059
Pasture Renovation	acres	22	4,322
Pasture Planting	acres	30	890
Woodland Protection	acres	8	8
Brush Clearing	acres	5	528
Tile Drainage	l. f.	207,587	1,335,131
Waterway Construction	acres	27.7	347
Drop Box Road Culvert	no.	1	6
Livestock Ponds	no.	14	378
Pipe Drop Inlets	no.	8	140
Toe-walls	no.	8	93
Weir Notch Dams	no.	3	36
Standard Terrace	mi.	1	93.4
Diversion Terrace	mi.	.4	5.1
Open Drainage Ditch	mi.	3	142.8
Hooded Inlets	no.	1	3
Fish Pond Treatment	no.	11	346
Stock Water Development	no.	14	378
Contour Strip Cropping	acres	0	339
Tree Planting	acres	10	27
Hedge Row Planting	rods	0	7,545
Wildlife Area Improvement	acres	13	351
Land Smoothing	acres	0	26
Erosion Control Dams (earthen)	no.	0	127
Diversion Dams	no.	0	2

PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL DES MOINES COUNTY

R. H. Audsley		Work Unit Conservationist
Jack Jacobs		Conservation Aid
Gail Parks	(part time)	WAE and State Aid
Daniel T. Scully	(part time)	WAE and State Aid
John E. Erickson	(part time)	WAE and State Aid

STATE PERSONNEL

Alvin Black Jr	(part time)	State Aid
Mildred Kleinkopf		District Clerk

AREA SOIL CONSERVATION PERSONNEL

Lyall Mitchell	Area Conservationist
Marion P. Clark	Area Agricultural Engineer
Gerald Hollander	Agricultural Engineer
Oren Champ	Engineering Aid
Roderic Howarth	Engineering Aid
Stanley Simmons	Engineering Aid
John Norton	Engineering Aid
Allen Hidelebaugh	Area Soil Scientist
Robert Jones	Soil Scientist
Mack Miller	Soil Scientist
Margaret Tuley	Area Clerk

STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

We are grateful for the financial assistance furnished to the District by the State of Iowa through the State Soil Conservation Committee to further Soil Conservation in the county the year 1960.

<u>1-A Budget</u>		<u>2-A Budget</u>	
Mileage	\$126.28	Clerk and State Aids	\$4248.22
Office Supplies	110.18	Equipment	537.45
Printing	91.80		<u>\$4785.67</u>
Prize & Demonstration	1.78		
Office Expense	20.35		
Meeting Expense	4.36		
	<u>\$354.75</u>		