

Annual Report 1961



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Foreword

We, the commissioners of Dickinson County Soil Conservation District, are reporting to you our accomplishments in Soil and Water Conservation within our district during the year 1961 and accomplishments to date.

We extend an invitation to all farmers (operators and owners) within the district who are not district cooperators to stop in our office, located in Spirit Lake and make use of services available to you.

To the district cooperators we congratulate you on accomplishments you have made on improvements of your farms.

We wish to thank the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance, the Extension Service, the County ASCS committee, and the State Soil Conservation Committee and other groups for their cooperation and assistance rendered in 1961.

We also express appreciation to the earth movers, tile and other contractors for the fine cooperation and work rendered to the district.

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DOYLE GORDEN, County Extension Director,
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WALTER R. THORESON, Work Unit Conservationist
ADOLPH M. LADEGAARD, Conservation Aid
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Assisted By Area Staff - Spencer, Iowa:

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District Activities

Twelve regular meetings were held with 90% attendance. Two special meetings were held with 80% attendance. The district entered the 1961 Soil Conservation Achievement Award Contest, sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. District winners of this contest were Cornell College farm operated by Marinus Kamphuis, Excelsior Township and J. H. Graff, who owns and operates his farm in Lakeville township.

The district entered the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program contest, sponsored by the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and the Journal and Tribune. The district winners were the W. W. Scott farm operated by Ted Vanden Bosch, Diamond Lake township, Gerald Mayou, Diamond Lake township and William Bockman and Sons, Lakeville township.

Judges for the above contests were Don Bealer, Voc-Ag instructor, Milford, Iowa — Doyle Gorden, Extension Director and Norman Blass, chairman of district commissioners.

"Queen of Conservation Contest" was sponsored by the Iowa Grain Dealers Association and district commissioners, with co-sponsors Women's Organization of the County Farm Bureau — Mrs. Wayne Wilson, chairman. The Farm Bureau women served a luncheon to the contestants and judges. Mary Jane Blass, Terrill and Janice Joines, Spirit Lake, were the winners. The judges were Mrs. Lyman Bailey, Ted Pawlowski, and Darwin Myrick.

The district authorized tuition for two teachers to attend Springbrook Teachers Training Camp.

A field trip was conducted for 60 youths from the United Lutheran Camp. Tour held at Gull Point State Park. Studied shrubs and flowers. A class on Soil Conservation was held for 200 eighth graders for Camp Quest at the Methodist Camp.

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District Activities

Assisted with Agronomy Short Course by the Extension Service. "Completed Farm Plan" was the subject.

Conducted two farmers nite schools, three 4-H meetings, three Voc-Ag. classes.

Held one cut and fill terracing demonstration at Carl Ingwerson's farm in Silver Lake Township, participated in one radio program, and had eighteen articles printed in the county newspapers.

District cooperated with State Conservation Commission in establishing a tree and shrub demonstration plot on Kettleson's farm which is now owned by the State Conservation Commission.

Work Unit Conservationist and Conservation Aid attended and completed a course on Radiological Monitoring, held at Des Moines.

Soil Stewardship materials were again given by the District to all churches. Soil Stewardship Sunday was observed by all churches within the county. Ted Pawlowski, Area Conservationist, delivered the sermon on Soil Stewardship Sunday, at the Methodist church in Montgomery.

Four Soil and Water "Entering" and "Leaving" signs were placed along the major highways, in various locations at the Dickinson County boundary line, by the Dickinson Soil Conservation District commissioners.

One hundred Soil and Water Conservation stickers were purchased by the District. These are being distributed to Soil Conservation District cooperators and are to be displayed on automobiles.

The First National Bank of Spirit Lake purchased five-hundred copies of the soil conservation booklet entitled "Help Keep Our Land Beautiful." These are used by the students in grades 5 through 8, in the Spirit Lake Schools.

Ernest Skow and Bob Herbert attended the Short Course for Commissioners held at the Iowa State University at Ames, in January 1961.

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Soil Conservation Accomplishments

	1961	To Date
District Cooperators	47	651
Conservation Plans	33	470
Revisions	8	—
Follow-Up Contacts	75	—
Contour Farming	528 acres	14,270 acres
Erosion Control Structures	2	5
Grassed Waterways	12.4	212 acres
Pond Construction	0	8
Terracing	5 miles	64 miles
Surface Field Ditches	3.4 miles	35.4 miles
Tile Drains	136,822 (L. feet)	2,011,680 (L. feet)
Wildlife Border Improvement..	1,940 rods	3,000 rods
Wildlife Area Plantings	—	222 acres
Pasture Renovation	—	926 acres
Spring Development	—	7 acres
ACP Referrals Received	170	—
Farmers Receiving Assistance..	314	—
Farmstead Windbreaks	8.5 acres	8.5 acres
Seeding Headlands	20 acres	76 acres

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Birdsfoot trefoil pasture on Charlie Arthur farm three miles southeast of Spirit Lake. A thirty acre bluegrass pasture was renovated to Birdsfoot trefoil. This type of pasture carries through the summer much better than bluegrass and has twice the carrying capacity of bluegrass.



Terraces on Harlen Mitchell farm in Diamond Lake Township. Cut and Fill terraces have replaced the old or conventional terraces. It is now possible to have parallel terraces. Also terraces are much straighter, doing away with sharp curves and less point rows. The ACP cost share payment is 7½¢ per linear foot, or 70% of the cost. 10 farmers Terraced this year.

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Gully control structure, before and after, on Mrs. Englert's farm operated by Foster Smitley, in Lloyd Township. Erosion was taking place at waterway outlets into an open drainage ditch. Tubes were installed and an earth structure built to control gullying.



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Financial Statement

STATE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1961

1-M Budget

State Appropriations Assisting Dickinson

Soil Conservation District \$ 647.67

Commissioners' Expense \$ 179.59

Office Supplies 137.94

Printing 88.00

Materials for Demonstration 87.49

Office Expense 76.57

Meeting Expense 13.29

\$ 582.88

2-M Budget

State Appropriations Assisting Dickinson

Soil Conservation District \$4,118.00

Total Gross Salaries of State Employees \$3,864.84

District Share of State and Federal
Retirement 247.17

\$4,112.01

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