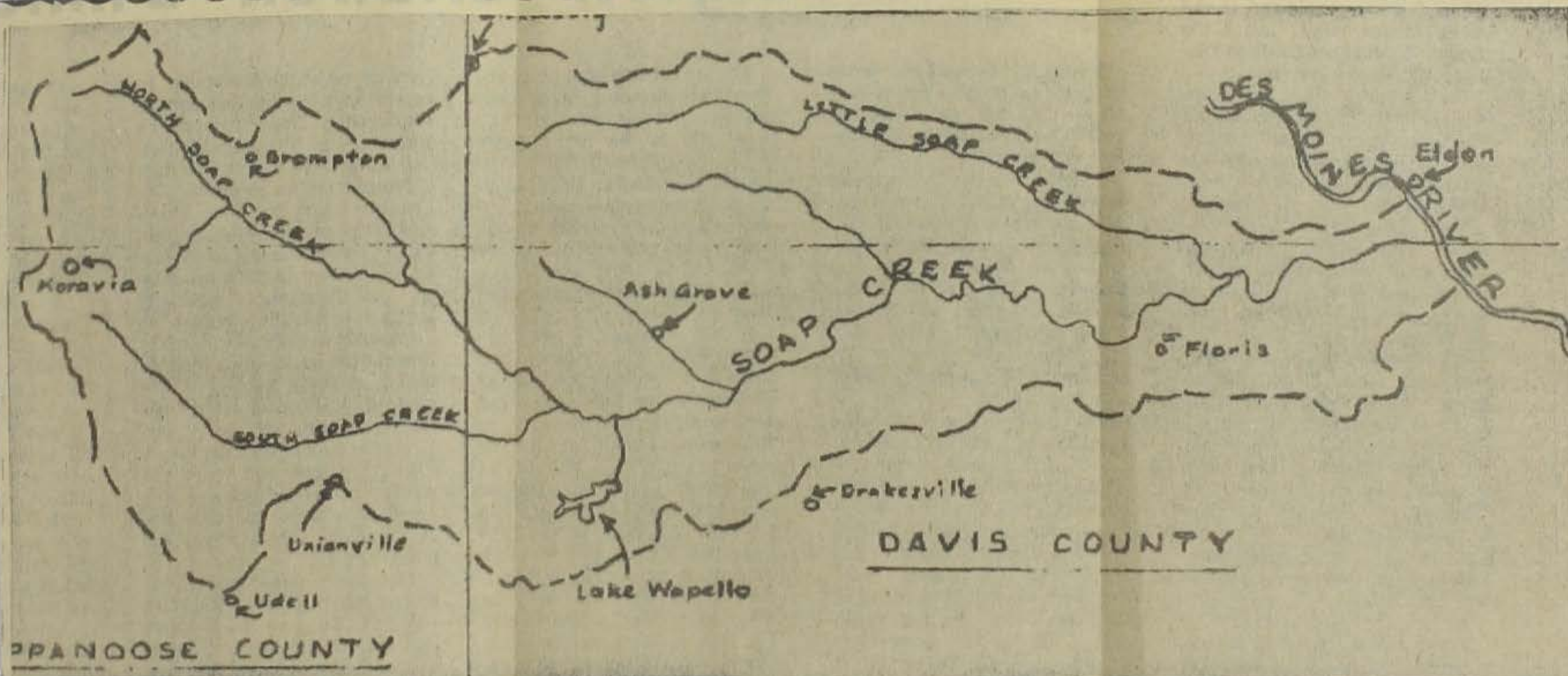


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3-30-71 ... Soap Creek watershed

A 4-County Soap Creek Watershed planning meeting was held Thursday afternoon, March 25, in the SCS Office at Bloomfield. Representing Appanoose Co. were Tom Martin, SCD Commissioner; Richard Proctor and Richard A. Tubaugh, Farmer Representatives; and Bill Stark, District Conservationist.

In May of 1962 the Appanoose Co. Soil conservation District Commissioners made an appli-

cation for assistance on the South Soap Creek Watershed. It was approved as a feasible watershed by the SCS Watershed Planning Party. The report at that time states in part: "Soap Creek Watershed originates in Appanoose County with portions in Monroe and Wapello draining all through the northern part of Davis County easterly into the Des Moines River. . . . The total drainage area of Soap Creek

at the Des Moines River is 253 square miles or 162,000 acres The portion of the watershed known as South Soap Creek which lies in Appanoose County has a considerable area of bottomland which is being cropped and apparently being damaged quite frequently from inundation. This bottomland area widens out even more so for several miles into Davis County It appeared to the group

that a watershed application being considered for South Soap Creek in Appanoose should also include additional areas downstream in Davis County and would then necessarily also include small portions of Monroe and Wapello counties"

At the Bloomfield meeting Charles Chickering, Davis County, was chosen as temporary Chairman and Mervin McDaniel, Monroe County, as temporary

Secretary. Plans were made for each county to submit the necessary information in their watershed area to complete the amended application to include all of the Soap Creek Watershed to the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The next meeting will be held April 29, 1971, at 8:00 at a place to be designated later. County Boards of Supervisors will be invited.