

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BURLINGTON, IOWA

1958

PERSONNEL
DES MOINES COUNTY
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Walter B. Eyre	Burlington, Iowa	Chairman
C. E. Pilling	Mediapolis, Iowa	Vice Chairman
Theodore Berning	Mediapolis, Iowa	Commissioner

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James C. Hodges	County Extension Director	Secretary
Horace Sutton, Jr.	Burlington, Iowa	Treasurer

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS

Curtis Darbyshire	Morning Sun, Iowa	Washington Township
Everett Anderson	Mediapolis, Iowa	Yellow Spring Township
Walter Swank	Oakville, Iowa	Huron Township
Dwight Stucker	New London, Iowa	Pleasant Grove Township
Martin Beckman	Sperry, Iowa	Franklin Township
John Henry	Route 2, Burlington,	Flint River Township
Lloyd Schmeiser	Route 2, Burlington	Benton Township
Ralph Anderson	Route 2, Burlington	Jackson Township
Keith Renner	Danville, Iowa	Danville-Augusta Township
Eugene Schulte	Route 2, Burlington	Tama Township
Ed Breuer	Route 1, Burlington	Union-Concordia Township
Carl Anderson	I. O. P., Burlington	Iowa Ordnance Plant

The Des Moines County Commissioners wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the following groups, agencies and individuals:

Agriculture Stabilization Conservation	Extension Service
Associate Commissioners	Izaak Walton League
Burlington Chamber of Commerce	Mediapolis News Era
Burlington Hawkeye Gazette	Mediapolis Sportman's Club
Conservation Commission	Public School Teachers
County Board of Supervisors	Soil Conservation Service
County Superintendent of Schools	State Soil Conservation Committee
Earth Moving Contractors	Vocational Agricultural Instructors
Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce	
Des Moines County Farm Service Company	
National Association of Soil Conservation Districts	
Seed, Machinery and Fertilizer Dealers	

and all other companies and individuals including the farmers who have helped in putting conservation on the land. Especially do we want to recognize and thank the former District Commissioners for their time and expense in their effort to help the District to reach its goal.

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The Des Moines County Soil Conservation Commissioners record the following information to acquaint the District Cooperators and general public with the conservation accomplishments of the District during 1958.

Theodore Berning was elected Soil Conservation District Commissioner in February for a six year term.

Selected Sermons were sent to fifty ministers in the county as an aid and reminder of Soil Stewartship Week.

The National Bank of Burlington purchased and distributed picture bulletins, "The Wonders of Water", to the schools of the county.

The earth moving contractors dinner meeting was attended by the local contractors, Work Unit Personnel, C. E. Pilling and Theodore Berning of the Commissioners.

C. E. Pilling attended Commissioners Regional meeting at Fairfield, March 12th. The Work Unit Personnel also attended.

The half day conservation demonstration at the Lowell Langland farm in Benton Township on April 19th, was attended by about 150 people. The demonstration included terrace building by bulldozer, road maintainer and plow; pasture renovation, tiling, toewall dam, watercourse shaping and stump removal.

Barbara Denny was honored at a dinner and presented as Des Moines County "Queen of the Furrow" at the Burlington Hawkeye Fair on August 6th.

C. E. Pilling, Theodore Berning and the Work Unit Staff helped out at the State Plowing and Conservation Field Day in Washington County.

The District Commissioners take this opportunity to thank the following for their part in the twice rained out attempt at a Yellow Spring Creek Watershed Field Day on the Clarence and Keith Hoelzen Tripple "H" Ranch last September. Raid Brothers for lime furnished, Tri State Fertilizer for fertilizer, Brayton Chemical for brush chemicals and the Hawkeye Gazette for advertising and publishing items. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Iowa State College Specialists and various farmers and individuals that gave of their time and experience to make the planned program a success had it not rained.

Iowa Soil Conservation Award Certificates from the Iowa Farm and Home Register were presented to Eugene Moore and Norman Frank; winners in their respective divisions of the above award contest.

Commissioner Berning attended the Southeast Iowa Advisory Board meeting, November 17th at Mt. Pleasant.

Twelve regular Commissioners meetings were held during the year with a total attendance of 87. The Commissioners combined, attended 36 times giving a 100% attendance. The balance of the attendance was Associate Commissioners, SCS personnel, Vocational Agricultural Instructors, Secretary, Treasurer and various visitors.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1958

		1958	To Date
Contour Farming	acres	1,195	26,931
Contour Strip Cropping	acres		339
Brush Control	acres		512
Pasture Planting	acres	400	3,630
Tree Planting	acres	3	14
Fish Pond Improvement	no.		310
Hedge Row Planting	rods	85	7,515
Wildlife Area Improvement	acres	29	317
Toewall Structures	no.	15	76
Drop Inlet Structures	no.	12	116
Drop Spillway Structures	no.	4	26
Hooded Inlet Structures	no.	1	1
Land Smoothing	acres		26
Pond Construction (Livestock)	no.	23	328
Erosion Control Dams (Earthen)	no.	6	125
Tile Drains	L. F.	105,512	1,016,210
Diversion Construction	miles	.4	3.8
Open Drains	miles		139.8
Terraces	miles	12.2	89.2
Waterway Development	acres	31	296
Diversion Dams			2
New Cooperators		17	
Revised Plans		5	
Basic Plans		24	
Follow-up		51	

31 ACRES OF WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT ON THE FOLLOWING FARMS

Roy Scott
Evan Wilson
Richard Fye
Kenneth Todd
Robert Gerst
A. M. Wagnor & Sons
Arlene Hale
Lester Hamilton
Eugene Schulte

Oscar White
Theodore Blake
Harold Gugler
Edward Kuntz
Baylor Bros.
Russell Seymour
Willis Despain
Martin Burgus
Henry Mehmken

John Wischmeier
Homer Woodward
Glen Bonar
Glenn Stafford
Clarence Hanks
Lowell Langland
D. R. Cummings
Grace Kiehne

29 PONDS ON THE FOLLOWING FARMS

John Toft
Fred Bengston
Oscar Olson, Jr.
Walter Beck & Sons
Milford Kester
R. E. Lofgren
Dale Pfieff
John Hostetter
Clarence Hanks
Gayhart Gunderson

Edward Moehle
Horace Sutton, Jr.
Robert Gerst
George Brington
Conrad Rynell
Dr. Robert Bell
Noah Schrock
Howard King
Walter Wehage

Hugh Jamison
Martin Johnson
Oscar White
Fred Buescher
Edward Thie
Paul Schnedler
James McLaughlin
Eugene Schulte
John Wagonbach

32 EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES ON THE FOLLOWING FARMS

Russell Seymour
Roy Scott
Lester Hamilton
Glenn Bonar
Homer Woodward
Edward Kuntz
John Wischmeier
Martin Burgus

Willis Despain
D. R. Cummings
Clarence Hanks
Kenneth Todd
Robert Gerst
Lowell Langland
Gayhart Gunderson
Eugene Schulte

Arlene Hale
Theodore Blake
Richard Fye
John Mecklenberg
Brown Bros.
Clarence Thomes
John Wagonback, Sr.
Henry Mehmken

12.2 MILES STANDARD TERRACES COMPLETED ON THE FOLLOWING FARMS

Harold Linder
Noah Schrock
Gale Carlson
William Vierling
Norman Frank

Charles Hutchcroft
Thomas Lewis
Robert Harsh
Lowell Langland
Richard Charbonneaux

Warren Langwith
Willis Despain
Martin Gerling
Irvin Garrells
Ernest Frank

2,112 FEET DIVERSION TERRACES ON THE FOLLOWING FARMS

Clarence Hanks
Theodore Blake

Milford Kester

Lowell Langland

PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AREA PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE DISTRICT

Lyall H. Mitchell	Area Conservationist
Sylvan T. Runkel	Soil Conservationist
Marion P. Clark	Agricultural Engineer
Oren Champ	Engineering Aid
Stanley Simmons	Engineering Aid
Dean A. L. Johnson	Engineering Aid
Allen Ray Hidlebaugh	Soil Scientist
Margaret L. Tuley	Clerk-Typist

WORK UNIT SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

R. H. Audsley	Work Unit Conservationist
Jacklyn R. Jacobs	Conservation Aid
David Asby (part time)	Conservation Aid

STATE PERSONNEL

David Asby (part time)	State Technical Aid
Mildred Kleinkopf	District Clerk

STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

The financial assistance listed below was furnished to the District by the State of Iowa thru the State Soil Conservation Committee to further Soil Conservation in the county.

1A Budget	Allocation - - - \$500.00
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Expenditures:

Commissioners Expense	\$ 32.64
Office Supplies-Printing-Prizes	100.42
Demonstration	68.00
Office Expense	8.06
	<u>\$209.12</u>

2A Budget	Allocation - - - \$3441.50
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Clerk (full time)	\$2363.65
State Technical Aid	979.31
Office Equipment	106.60
	<u>\$3449.56</u>