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Howard Gieselman, Chairman
Des Moines County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners

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Burlington, Iowa

Dear Mr. Gieselman:

It has indeed been a real pleasure to read your annual report for the period ending December 31, 1949. We were particularly pleased to note that the district is in a healthy condition with a large number of active applications ahead and a big increase in conservation practices applied during the year. It seems to me that you have used excellent judgment in emphasizing pasture renovation, terracing and adoption of crop rotation since they are very fundamental to an effective erosion control program.

In reading through your report I note that you have continued to receive excellent cooperation from the newspapers and radio stations in the area and that the Burlington Chamber of Commerce held its traditional conservation contest with twenty-five entrants and substantial prizes for the three outstanding conservationists selected for recognition in 1949.

It is encouraging to note that you have received help from the PMA, 4-H Clubs and others. The words of commendation that you have expressed to the Extension Service indicate that they have done a very fine job in handling the educational program during the year. I want to commend you for the cooperation you have secured from the various agencies and I sincerely hope that it will continue and expand as time goes on.

The progress that you have made in conservation during the past year should be very encouraging to you and your associate commissioners and to those having a part in helping you with the program. We appreciate very much the kind words about the performance and assistance rendered by the Soil Conservation Service personnel and we hope they will continue to give you the kind of help you desire.

Very truly yours,

FHM
Frank H. Mendell,
State Conservationist

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