

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
Des Moines, Iowa
March 16, 1956

Mr. Walter B. Eyre, Chairman
Des Moines County Soil Conservation District
Burlington, Iowa

Dear Mr. Eyre:

We have just read your Annual Report of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District for 1955.

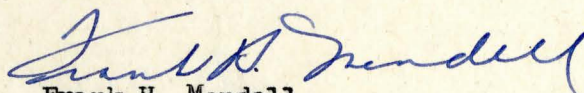
Lyall Mitchell, Area Conservationist, reported that he recently attended your anniversary meeting at Mediapolis commemorating the ten years of operation of the district and the presentation of the ten year certificate by Kenneth Wagner. Lyall stated that you had a very good meeting, and that it was very interesting to hear reports from some of the commissioners when the district was starting operations. You are to be congratulated on the progress the past ten years, and we trust that you will see even greater progress the next ten years.

From your report, it is evident that you have a good publicity and information program, and particularly in that the district and the Mediapolis Sportsman's Club are assisting teachers to attend the Springbrook Conservation Camp.

Like many other districts in the state, your application of such practices as structures, terracing, ponds and waterways seem to be increasing from year to year. Part of this is probably due to the assistance from ACP and part due, as you say, to the fact that land owners and operators are becoming convinced that it is both practical and profitable to use land according to its capabilities.

Please convey our thanks to the other commissioners and especially to Hugh Jamison for his past service as a commissioner.

Very truly yours,



Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist