

DICKINSON COUNTY IOWA
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

1972



Beauty is created by God . . . but its
stewardship is vested in man.

P E R S O N N E L

COMMISSIONERS

Robert Fitzpatrick	Chairman
Ernest Skow.	Vice Chairman
Claire Champine.	Commissioner
Robert Ingwersen	Commissioner
Andrew Hoffman	Commissioner
James Yungclas	Asst. Commissioner and Secretary

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Wallis R. Tonsfeldt.	Area Conservationist
Wayne W. Ducommun.	Civil Engineer
Dick Hall.	Civil Engineer
Wayne L. Eberly.	Civil Engineer
Clarence M. Call	District Conservationist
Dennis Rustman	Conservation Technician

STATE EMPLOYEE

Betty J. Farmer.	Clerk
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DEDICATION

The Dickinson County District Commissioners wish to dedicate this issue of the annual report to Adolph Ladegaard, who retired from the Soil Conservation Service on November 30, 1972.

Adolph served SCS and the District for almost 25 years. He did the job he was asked to do and he did it well. He was reluctant to quit his job even after reaching the mandatory retirement age. Adolph was old fashioned enough to believe he should do at least a day's work for a day's pay. He refused to slow down even after he knew he was a "short termers."

No man has done more to enhance the image of SCS in the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District than Adolph Ladegaard. We will miss him.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. Bob Ingwersen, Bob Fitzpatrick, Ernest Skow Charles Shorey and Clarence Call attended Commissioners' Short Course held in Ames on January 18 and 19.
2. The commissioners had a very successful year this year selling trees. 11,050 trees and shrubs were sold in the county this year, more than any previous year. A Russian Olive tree was given to each 6th grader in the county. An Austrian Pine was given to each child in special education.
3. Biennial meeting of the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District was held at the Union Memorial Church in Milford on February 2. The meeting began with a noon luncheon. Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was small. New commissioners elected were: Bob Ingwersen, 6 yr. term; Andrew Hoffman, 6 yr. term; and Claire Champine, 2 year term.
4. Conservation workbooks were purchased again this year for the schools in the county.
5. National Association of Conservation Districts' dues of \$150.00 and Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners' dues of \$100.00 were paid by the district for 1972.
6. Soil stewardship material was furnished to the churches in the county. Rev. Benjamin J. Swede

of the First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake wrote a news article for the county newspapers pertaining to Soil Stewardship Week.

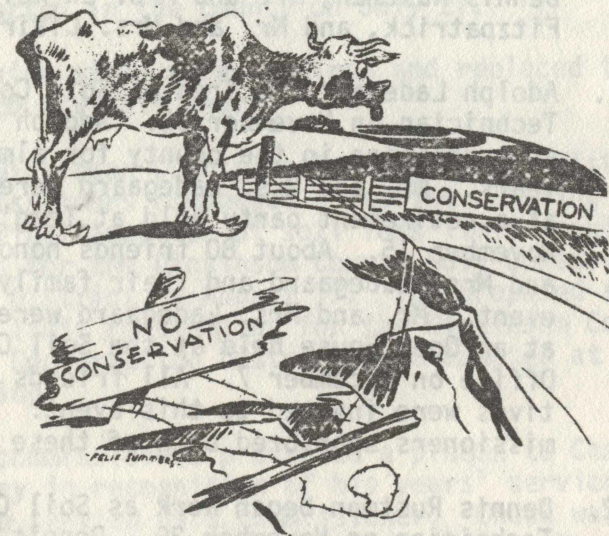
7. Bob Ingwersen, Bob Fitzpatrick and Ernie Skow attended Regional Commissioners' meeting in Pocahontas on March 15.
8. Clarence Call conducted a field trip to the Ainsworth farm for the Spirit Lake 8th grade science class on May 10. Clarence attended an Outdoor Classroom Training School in Cherokee on April 14. On August 1 Clarence conducted a field trip for three teachers from the Spirit Lake Community Schools showing them soils and conservation measures within the county to be used in classroom activities.
9. The commissioners joined the three lakes associations this year - the Okoboji Protective Association, the East Okoboji Lake Improvement Corporation and the Spirit Lake Protective Association.
10. Four separate inventories on the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed were prepared. The inventories, each with a separate application for assistance, included: (1) Sediment Sources from Cropland, (2) Present Land Use, (3) Sediment Sources Other Than Cropland, and (4) General Soils Information.
11. The annual commissioners' picnic was held on July 9 at the lakeshore home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yungclas.

12. Bob Ingwersen and Adolph Ladegaard flew over the county on July 14 taking aerial pictures of conservation practices in the county.
13. The Dickinson County Soil Conservation Speech Contest was held on April 27. Judges for this contest were: Earl Schmidt and Tom Higgins, both of Spirit Lake. First place winner was Janice Wunder of Lake Park and second place winner was Jean Morrow of Lake Park. Both girls gave very interesting talks on "Better Soil and Water Conservation Through Community Action." Janice participated in the district contest held in Ayrshire on July 17.
14. All commissioners attended a REAP tour conducted in the county on July 27.
15. Roadside signs were repaired and replaced in the county this year.
16. The Dickinson County Soil Conservation District Commissioners conducted a hearing relating to the final adoption of soil loss limit regulations for the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District on August 17. The proposed soil loss limit regulations for the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District were adopted at this meeting.
17. The commissioners presented a plaque to Chas. Shorey in recognition of his years' service while serving as a commissioner. Chuck was also presented a plaque from the State Department of Soil Conservation Service.
18. Andy Hoffman was selected as the Outstanding District Commissioner this year.

19. All commissioners attended the public hearing on the proposed U. S. 71 Expressway in Sac-Buena Vista-Clay-Dickinson Counties held in Spencer on November 2.
20. Mr. and Mrs. James Long, Spirit Lake, Lakeville Township, were selected as Division I winners, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson, Lake Park, Diamond Lake Township, as Division II winners, in the Des Moines Register and Tribune Awards contest. They were honored at an Awards Banquet in Estherville on November 20. Those attending from this county were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Call, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ladegaard, Dennis Rustman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson, Bob Fitzpatrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Champine.
21. Adolph Ladegaard retired as Soil Conservation Technician on November 30. Adolph has served as technician in the county for almost 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ladegaard were honored at a retirement party held at Teeg's on November 15. About 80 friends honored Mr. and Mrs. Ladegaard and their family at this event. Mr. and Mrs. Ladegaard were honored at an Open House held at the Soil Conservation Office on December 7. All friends and relatives were invited to this event. The commissioners sponsored both of these events.
22. Dennis Rustman began work as Soil Conservation Technician on November 20. Dennis came from Rock Rapids where he had served as a state aid

in the Soil Conservation Service since 1965. Mr. and Mrs. Rustman are the parents of two little girls, ages 2 and 4.

23. 11 regular monthly meetings and three special meetings were held by the Dickinson County Soil Conservation Commissioners this year.
24. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ingwersen and Mrs. Betty Farmer, Clerk, attended the annual conference held in Des Moines in September.



THE GRASS IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE!

TREES

Shrubs and trees are fragments of nature we collect, propagate and distribute across the land and, in so doing, we bring beauty close to everyone. So the shrubs and trees we offer are bits of nature - beautiful examples of the best that nature and man's ingenuity can produce.

Tree seedlings have been supplied by the Soil Conservation District Commissioners to Dickinson County farmers the past several years at a nominal price to encourage the planting of windbreaks and wildlife areas. Farmers know windbreaks really pay. There were 71 farmers who took advantage of this service last year.

If you are in need of a good windbreak or if you have an existing windbreak that needs filling in, stop in and see us. We have a complete listing of available seedlings. We also have the potted evergreens. We hope we can be of service to you. You need not be a farmer to take advantage of this service.



IOWA GREAT LAKES WATERSHED

Eventually, Dickinson County and the Great Lakes Watershed is to receive a published plan outlining the actions needed to preserve and improve the quality of water in Iowa's Great Lakes.

The Soil Conservation District was asked to make a large contribution to this plan by submitting resource inventories and evaluations. Four such inventories were made by preparing clear acetate overlays in color. These overlays show General Soils Information, Present Land Use, Sediment Sources From Cropland and Sediment Sources From Other Farm Cropland. All the overlays are in color and may be superimposed over an aerial photo base map with a scale of 2.64 inches to the mile.

The narrative portion of the report is also complete. Many hours were spent on these inventories. We think it should be mentioned as one of the District's major accomplishments in 1972.



THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

For as long as most people can remember, there has been federal cost sharing funds available for soil conservation practices. In later years, wildlife tree planting, outdoor recreation and environmental pollution practices were added. Terraces, waterways, gully control measures, ponds and feedlot pollution control practices have always been considered to be of public concern and benefit. Therefore, the cost of these practices were paid for, in part, by public funds.

In December, 1972, word was received that all federal cost sharing on all practices was to be terminated. Soil Conservation Service District personnel spent a great deal of technical time on the planning and layout of these practices. Now that federal funding is no longer available, how many landowners will be willing to bear the entire financial burden of installing these structures? Certainly it will not be as attractive as it was with cost sharing.

Dickinson County has many small landowners and decision makers in businesses other than farming, such as recreation. These people have many problems concerning land use, planning new facilities and conservation. So the Dickinson County SCD expects to stay in business as much as they have in the past.

NEW CONSERVATION PLANS

Center Grove Township

Harold Reiter ✓
John Eckard ✓
Camp Foster ✓
Valoris Johnson, Sr. ✓

Excelsior Township

John Cory ✓
Howard Burnside ✓
Andrew Hoffman ✓

Milford Township

Dale L. Johnson ✓
Roger Heikens ✓

Richland Township

Wm. May ✓

Bernell Walker

Diamond Lake Township

Ivan Larsen ✓
Boss Heirs ✓
Bernell Walker ✓
H. M. Morfitt ✓

Lakeville Township

Vincent Trebbien ✓

Lloyd Township

Herman Andresen ✓

Okobojo Township

Richard Kaiser ✓
Elmer Michelson ✓

Superior Township

Norman Nygaard ✓
Robert Ingwersen ✓
Robert Ingwersen ✓

CONSERVATION PLANS REVISED

Center Grove Township

Urban Sanders
Carl Vette
John Cory ✓

Diamond Lake Township

Marie English ✓

Okobojo Township

J. K. Martin
J. K. Martin

Excelsior Township

W. Burnside
W. Burnside
Andrew Hoffman

Milford Township

Marvin Gano

Superior Township

Sid Northey

NEW REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Center Grove Township

Valoris Johnson, Sr. ✓

Excelsior Township

Andrew Hoffman ✓
Edward Heikens ✓
Stanley Heikens ✓
Synco Inc. ✓
Dennis VandeHoef ✓
Burnside-Groff (group) ✓

Milford Township

Dale L. Johnson ✓
Arvin Schumann ✓

Westport Township

Dale Taylor ✓
Maurice Dougal ✓
Ervin Behrens ✓

Camp Foster

Diamond Lake Township

Bernell Walker ✓
H. M. Morfitt ✓

Lloyd Township

Robert L. Blum ✓

Lakeville Township

Ronald Wittrock ✓
Fisher-Clark (group) ✓

Richland Township

Bill May ✓
Dennis Ross ✓
Ralph Ross ✓

Superior Township

Robert Ingwersen ✓
Norman Nygaard ✓
R. D. Golly ✓



Bernell Walker
Ed Blackert

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOR THE YEAR

Practice	Unit
New District Cooperators	21
Recipients of Technical Assistance	215
Recipients Applying Practices	123
Conservation Plans	21
Conservation Plans Revised	11
Groups Assisted	3
REAP Referrals	107
Contour Farming	50 acres
Windbreak	13.7 acres
Grassed Waterways	15.2 acres
Minimum Tillage	207 acres
Drain	93,393 ft.
Wildlife Upland Management	20.5 acres
Land Adequately Treated	1,211 acres
Cropland to Grassland	58 acres
Animal Waste Pollution Abatement Practices	4

The Dickinson ASCS County Committee approved cost-share payments in the amount of \$35,671.64 for completion of soil and water conservation practices which are included in the above listed practices.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 1971-1972

District's IM Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation

Committee \$ 700.00

Expenditures

Commissioners' mileage, meals & hotel . . \$ 406.80
 Office supplies 143.34
 Printing. 30.90
 Rental for meeting halls. 7.20
 Office expense. 94.07
 Meeting expense 17.69

Total Expenditures \$ 700.00

District's 2M Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation

Committee \$4943.00

Expenditures

Salary for clerk. \$4405.00
 Travel. 43.18
 F.I.C.A. (District's share) 229.06
 I.P.E.R.S. (District's share) 154.15
 Health Insurance. 5.34
 Returned to State Committee 106.27

Total Expenditures \$4943.00