

Soil Conservation

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This week has been designated as Soil Conservation Week. In connection with its observance we wish to salute the Davis County farmers who have joined in the program to conserve their soil, and to urge the farmers of the county who have not done so to cooperate in this important program.

EACH YEAR the creeks and ditches that remain uncontrolled create costly erosion to our farm lands. Such erosion can be stopped, and is largely stopped for those farms where soil conservation practices are in effect. In addition to erosion control, soil conservation permits moisture to be conserved, and sometimes such moisture means the difference of a valuable crop or a major loss because of drouth.

Water control begins with contour lines. As one drives over the Davis County countryside, he sees the fields with contour planting, terraces and

windrows which wind in endless rows around the hills.

If the journey over the countryside is made after a rain the traveler will see water standing in the terraces, and ponds sometimes filled to overflowing. With this moisture control, the danger of lack of moisture is practically eliminated, since the subsoil moisture content will still be high.

DAVIS COUNTY has enjoyed a highly successful Soil Conservation program during the years past, and with its present administration of Verle Arnold and his board of directors, the future of the program promises to be maintained on the high level it was administered by Clay Barnett and his associates, and since then by the present soil conservation leadership. Every farm in Davis county should be enrolled in the program, to maintain our high standard of agricultural success.