



TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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1962 ANNUAL REPORT TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1962 was a fine year agriculturally. All over the county the crops were good. After one of our hardest winters in recent years with cold and lots of snow we started off to a wet Spring. Never the less, crops were gotten in, and with an increased use of fertilizer and plenty of rainfall through the growing season, produced record yields. The Fall was dry and harvest went along the best in years. A considerable amount of fall plowing was done and many stalk fields are already disced for spring seeding or plowing. From a Conservation stand point and in comparison with the previous year, 1962 was not too good a year. A number of factors helped to bring this about. First, the wet Spring slowed most of our conservation contractors and second, and probably most important, was the fact that the ACP Cost Sharing Program was practically out of money most of the year. By the first of March the ASC office had almost 500 applications for ACP Cost Sharing practices. Very few were approved by the ASC County Committee. One bright spot was the interest shown in contouring and stripcropping by the county's farmers. Overall, a better acceptance of conservation practices throughout the District.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The District Commissioners, Harold Higgins, Chairman; Harold Stump, and Melvin Kupka, held regular meetings, monthly, throughout the year to transact the Districts business. Howard Lyon completed his six year term of office in January and was replaced by Melvin Kupka who took office at the February meeting. District policy was revised and new policies established for the work of the District. Cooperative agreements were approved with farmers requesting assistance from the District. Conservation needs of the District was published. This was the first Conservation Needs Summary published in the State of Iowa. Conservation goals for the 1962 year were established and the workload for the year reviewed and apportioned among the District personnel. District accomplishments reported. Conservation Workbooks distributed to schools in the District and awards presented to students with outstanding workbooks. Award of \$50.00 accepted for 2nd prize in Area III of the National Newsletter Contest. Entered three farms in the Des Moines Register & Tribune Soil Conservation Award Contest. Entered candidate in the Queen of Conservation contest and the State Speech Contest. Bonnie Young of Traer went on to win the State Speech Contest. Other personnel regularly attending these meetings were the District Clerk, Sandra Bandfield; State Conservation Aid, Robert Malin; Soil Conservation Aid, Milburn "Ernie" Sevde; Work Unit Conservationist, Stanley Klein, and at various times throughout the year Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist and other representatives of the Area Staff of the Soil Conservation Committee.

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OTHER MEETINGS

, The District Commissioners, Work Unit Personnel of the Soil Conservation Service and the State Clerk attended meetings pertaining to soil and water conservation at the National, State, Area, and County levels throughout the year. The meetings were sponsored by the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, State Soil Conservation Committee, State Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service, ASC and Extension Service. Included was the National Convention of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Commissioners Annual Short Course at Ames, Area meetings for commissioners and cooperating groups at Nevada, State meeting of Soil Conservation Districts at Sioux City, the ASC-ACP program meeting at Cedar Rapids, State Clerk's meeting at Des Moines, News writing clinic at Iowa City, Rural Area Development meeting, Tipton and Soil Conservation Service Area meetings at Iowa City and Marion.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Newsletter now in its fifth year is sent to all cooperators with the District and to those using the services of the District. It is sent to approximately 1000 people each month. The Newsletter has been received very favorably throughout the county and is one of the Districts main sources for the dissemination of news and information.

Once again the District sponsored the use of Conservation Workbooks in the Tama County Schools in cooperation with the County Superintendant of Schools, Ernest P. Simmons, and the County Board of Administration. The workbooks are used to acquaint students in the 6th, 7th, & 8th grades with the field of soil and water conservation in conjunction with what they normally receive in their regular science studies. Each year, the District awards certificates to the students who have done an outstanding job of completing their workbooks. Judging of the workbooks is done by the District Commissioners and their wives. Certificates were presented to students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in 1962.

Without the fine cooperation of the County's newspapers, the work of dissemination of news and information pertaining to soil and water conservation throughout the county would have been difficult. The newspapers of the county have been very cooperative in publishing news feature articles, and pictures pertaining to the activities of the District and Soil and Water Conservation in general. The results of these published stories is seen in the number of individuals stopping in at the District Offices, requesting assistance on similar problems to those mentioned in the news articles. The Toledo Chronicle once again featured a special section devoted to soil and water conservation during Soil Conservation Week and the Traer Star-Clipper, the Tama News-Herald and Dysart Reporter ran special items during that time.

Soil Stewardship Week was observed throughout the county with most churches cooperating. The District again furnished material and information of Soil Stewardship.

And last but not least, our soil conservation contractors in the county have done a fine job in cooperating with the District in bringing to many farmers and landowners attention, the work that the District is doing and the need for various practices on the farms where they are working. They have done a fine job of helping to sell conservation and to seeing that it is placed on the land.

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CONSERVATION AWARDS

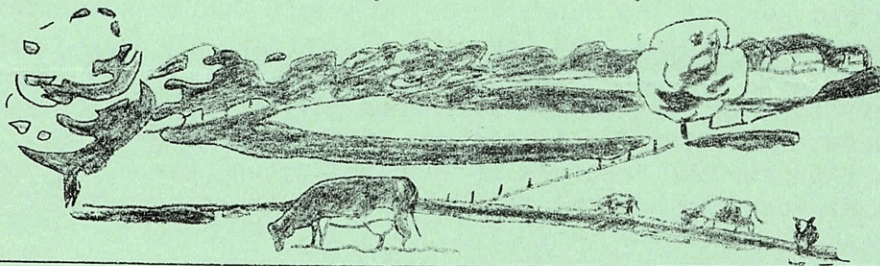
The commissioners honored the District winners of the Register & Tribune Soil Conservation Award Contest at a special gathering in the basement of the Farm Bureau Building. At that time framed certificates were presented to them. The winners in the New Cooperator Division was George Hobbs, Howard twp. Lester Dostal also of Howard twp, was the winner in the owner-operator division and Adelbert Sears of Highland twp and Kenneth Fricke of Jacksonville Beach, Florida were the winners in the Owner-tenant division.

ACP

The shortage of funds available for the 1962 ACP Cost Sharing Program of the ASC had a decided effect on the amount of conservation work done by the farmers in Tama County. While there was a large signup for cost sharing practices only a small percentage was approved by the ASC County Committee. They did their best to see that as many farmers as possible received approval but through the biggest part of the year funds were just not available. The ASC County Committee is composed of Millard Lundt, Chairman, Lyle Moeller, and Merl Cavanaugh. \$13,465.55 of ACP Cost Sharing funds were spent for all purposes in Tama County in 1962. The counties preograms were developed from the broad outlines of the National and State Programs using practices suited to local conditions. The County program is based on recommendations made by the local township committeemen, ASC County Committee, District Commissioners, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, FHA Representatives and the State Forrester.

NEW COOPERATORS

New cooperators who signed agreements with the District in 1962 were: Marvin Zimmermann, Arthur Lohse, Willard F. Leaf (Sac & Fox Farm), Howard Davis, Paul A. Carlson, Stanley Sebetka, Lou Chvala, Wm. Wobeter, Talbert Hill, Herman Urhammer, Henry Thompson, Gerald Howard, Robert Lovig, Sr., Robert Lovig, Jr., Shirley E. Erickson, Duane Weiler, Edward Plehal, James Stephenson, Glenn Schminke, Leland Sealock, Wilbur Lurthje, Leonard Kasal, Lester Bru, Paul Behounek, Robert Degner, Elmer Van Egdom, Norman Mitchell, Welby Dixon, Hillis Klenk, Virgil Peterson, Frank Kaufman, Charles Gary, Marcel Nechanicky, Wesley Vavroch, LeRoy Smith, Elmer Benson, Ralph Dostal, Ray Pressley, Ed Dewey, Elmer Gethmann, Harold Jantzen, Ercil Beane, Ernest Mannel, Acil Kellogg, Paul Arp, Robert Fontinel, Romaine Pansegrau, Lonnie Boerm, Paul O. Caldwell, James W. Snyder, Kenneth Sears, Ben Vaughan, Fred Bookmeier, T. W. Elliott, Delmar Freese, Nova Howard, Mrs. Fred Novotny, Frank Meggers, Russel Houston, O. L. Devick, Ed Wobeter, J. J. Child, Donald Wood, Roy M. Keller, Jr., Jackie Campbell, Walter Turbett, Wendell Howard, Pieper Bros. #1, Pieper Bros. #2, Wesley Heckt, Russell Brandt, Gilbert Sonkson, Richard Niedermann, B. H. Benjamin, Richard Formanek, Tamacraft Inc., and Donald Kroeger.



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FARM CONSERVATION PLANS

Conservation plans were prepared for the farms of the following: R. W. Weitzell #1, R. W. Weitzell #2, Talbert Hill, Olga Hayek, William Wobeter, Child Estate, Lester Duffus, Willard Leaf (Sac & Fox Farm), Paul Behounek, Welby Dixon, Wm. Lamprecht, Carson Ratliff, Arnold Brandt, Robert Schrier, Lundt & Child, Paul Carlson, Lou Chvala, Robert Lovig, Jr., Col. Damon Gunn, Glenn Schmike, Herman Urhammer, G. E. Howard, Virgil Peterson, Frank Kaufman, Walter Smith, Wilbur Luethje, Ed Plehal, Jim Stephenson, R. C. Blythe #1, R. C. Blythe #2, Coe College (Youngman), Romaine Pansegrau, Frank Kaufman.

Conservation Plans were revised for the following: Melvin Kupka, Meeker Estate, Eldo Hagedorn, Harold Ennis, Joy Hayes, Vernon Seebach, Welby Dixon, Youthers-Lochar- Hill, R. W. Carson, Richard Bruene, John W. Holmes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Cooperators	77	
Farm Conservation Plans	33	
Farm Plans Revised	11	
Farms Servised	380	
Contour Farming	2,578	Acres
Contour Stripcropping	527	Acres
Parallel Terraces	4,430	Feet
Diversion Terraces	1,675	Feet
Grassed Waterways	65.8	Acres
Tile Drains	81	Miles
Drainage, Field Ditch	350	Feet
Drainage, Main and Lateral	150	Feet
Grade Stabilization Structure	9	Each
Farm Ponds	4	Each
Tree Planting	15.5	Acres



FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

By A. Robert Koch, County Supervisor

The Farmers Home Administration assists farm operators to become soundly established in the farming business.

A three man farmer committee certifies the eligibility of applicants for loans, determines suitability of farms and advises the Supervisor. The Tama County committee consists of Kenneth D. Bruene, Robert J. Rayman, and Lester A. Lenhart.

OPERATING LOANS are written to purchase or refinance livestock, machinery, operating expenses and certain other needs, including fertilizer and other soil amendments. The committee recommends a conservation plan for the best use of land resources, power, equipment and fertilizer. They feel families must make the best of their resources to be successful in present agricultural situations.

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FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS are written to purchase, enlarge, develop, or refinance farms or other debts. The committee feels a conservation plan is essential to the best use of financial and management aid offered through the program. Each family is urged to follow a land use program developed by the Soil Conservation District.

SOIL AND WATER LOANS are made to initiate and complete any soil and water conservation practice outlined in the Agricultural Conservation Program Handbook. The FHA committee must be sure that there is an adequate and functioning soil conservation plan before the Soil and Water Loan is certified.

The Home County FHA office is located in the Iowa County Savings Bank Building in Marengo, with Tama County office day Thursday of each week from 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon in the Farm Bureau Building in Toledo.

STATE FUNDS USED

Conservation Aid	\$1,827.06
State Clerk	2,727.51
Commissioner's Expense	86.91
National Association Dues	75.00
Conservation Awards	97.93
Conservation Workbooks	82.54
Newsletter expense	214.54
Office Expense and Postage	125.77



REVOLVING FUND

The District Revolving Fund made up primarily from donations and controlled by the District Commissioners had a balance of \$271.28 at the years end. This fund is used for items not eligible for payment from State or Federal funds allocated to the District.

PERSONNEL WORKING DURING 1962

Sandra Bandfield (State)	Clerk
C. W. Norton (State and Federal)	Conservation Aid
Robert A. Malin (State and Federal)	Conservation Aid
Milburn E. Sevde (Federal)	Conservation Aid
Stanley L. Klein (Federal)	Soil Conservationist

Additional assistance was furnished to the District by the Area staff of the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, George Fonken and James Kosar, Jr., Area Engineers, Byron Miller and Marion Ebert, Engineering Aids, Stanley Barker, Area Administrative Assistant.

The State Soil Conservation Committee through W. H. Greiner, State Committee Secretary and his assistant aid in the accounting and handling of state funds.

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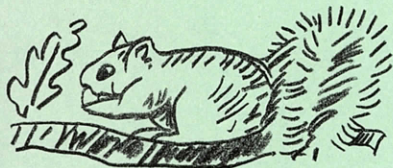
COOPERATING AGENCY PERSONNEL

Our thanks to the following agencies and their personnel for their fine cooperation and assistance to the District:

County Extension Director
County Home Economist
County Extension Assistant
ASC County Committee

ASC Office Manager
ASC-ACP Clerk
Conservation Commission Officer
Farmers Home Administration Supervisor

G. Gress Rogers
Mina S. Olin
Dick McMullin
Millard Lundt, Chairman
Lyle Moeller
Merl Cavanaugh
Russell Lyon
Jean Anderson
Irve Jennings
A. Robert Koch



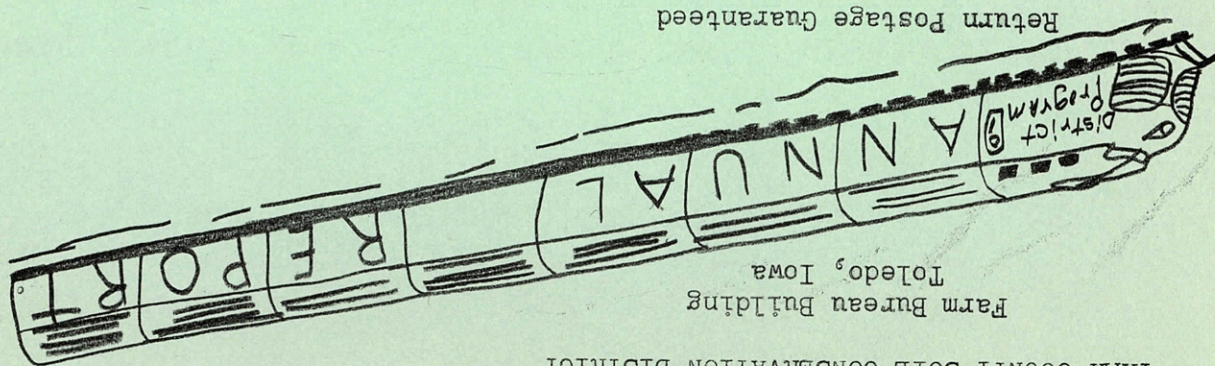
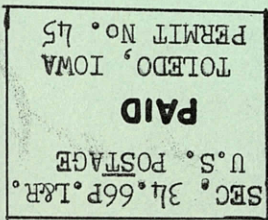
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