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Mr. John L. Blaul, Chairman
Des Moines County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners
Yarmouth, Iowa

Dear Mr. Blaul:

It has been very interesting to me to read the account of your Soil Conservation District activities contained in your Annual Report for 1948. I was very glad to note that the interest on the part of the people within your District in doing something about the conservation problem is very much on the increase. I want to compliment you as District Commissioners on the very fine type of leadership you are providing for your Soil Conservation District.

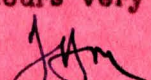
It is evident that you are securing the finest type of cooperation from individuals, agencies and groups who are in a position to assist you with your accomplishing the soil conservation job. I was particularly interested in the remarks made with regard to the Conservation Short Course held in your county. I believe that by putting continued emphasis on the training of leaders to aid in the job of conservation, that we will accomplish a great deal more in many Soil Conservation Districts

It is also evident that conservation demonstrations and other educational meetings held in your Soil Conservation District have created quite a bit of interest and desire on the part of individuals to learn how to do the job of conservation. The cooperation your district is providing to rural schools is also very important. I don't believe that we can do too much in the way of training the younger generation in the art of conservation.

The experiences of individuals within your district enumerated in your report were very interesting and encouraging. I believe you will find that the ground work has laid for marked increase in the establishment of conservation measures on the farm land in your District.

I want to again compliment you upon the fine type of leadership you are providing for your Soil Conservation District. I wish also to assure you of continued assistance and cooperation from the Soil Conservation Service.

Yours very truly,


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State Conservationist

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