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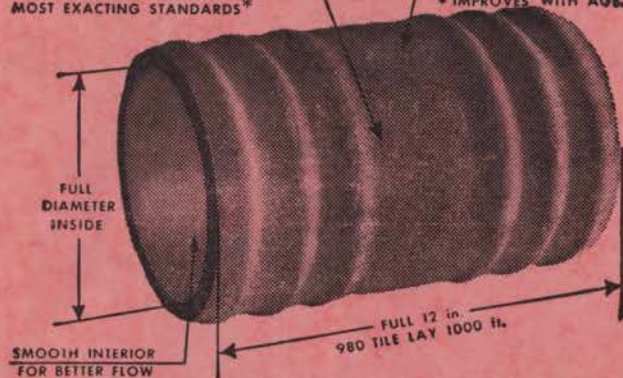
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KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Seated left to right: J.C. "Jack" Nyman; Julius Baas, Chairman; Claude Seely.

We, the Commissioners of the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District are happy to present our 17th Annual Report. Activities and accomplishments of soil and water conservation in the District are contained in this report.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to extend our thanks to the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance to the District, the Extension Service for their work in the educational field and the State Soil Conservation Committee for their assistance and guidance, Kossuth County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, Superintendents and Teachers of our schools, Izaak Walton League, County Board of Supervisors, Iowa Conservation Commission and other Federal, State and County offices that contributed to the conservation program this year.

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Seated: Gerald Hollandler
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SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service provided two full-time employees, plus the Area engineer, soil scientist and administrative staff. Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist, and Loren B. Bishop, Soil Conservation Technician, made up the local staff in the District. Assistance was provided for the planning and applying of soil and water conservation plans and the servicing of District Cooperators and ACP participants.

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	Unit	
District Cooperators	Each	43
Basic Plans	Each	54
Follow-up Contacts	Each	353
Tile Drainage	Feet	267,737
Tile Structures	Each	43
Contouring	Acres	1,068
Drainage Field Ditch	Feet	460
Grassed Waterways	Acres	7.7
Terrace, Parallel	Feet	14,400
Pasture & Hayland Renov.	Acres	33
Water Control Structure	Each	8
Grade Stabilization Structure	Each	2
Pasture Plantings	Acres	44
Windbreaks	Acres	5.3
Wildlife Habitat Preservation	Acres	1
Tree Planting	Acres	2
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CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Three acres of birdsfoot trefoil was combined on the Orlan Ott farm near Irvington.



The yield was 160 pounds of seed for the three acres.

A livestock water pond has been completed on the Alfred Schenck farm this year.

Cut and fill terraces were constructed on the Robert Degen farm in Plum Creek township and on the Charles Dearchis farm in Lotts Creek township. A total of 14,400 feet of terraces have been constructed in the County this year.

Field trials of Amur Honeysuckle were made on the Julius Baas farm, William Marshall farm, and on the Union Slough Refuge.



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Eleven regular meetings were held during the year. Meeting with the Commissioners were the Area Conservationist, Extension Director, work unit personnel, and Clerk.

The district published 3,200 copies of the annual report for distribution.

Thirty-five radio broadcasts on soil conservation were presented over Radio Station KLGA.

Material for Soil Stewardship Week was provided to approximately 45 ministers in the County.

Winners in the Iowa Achievement Contest were: Division I, owner-operator - Harvey L. Larsen, Swea City; Division II, tenant-operated - William Marshall, Algonia; Division III, one who became a new cooperator since 1962 - Carroll Willrett, Algonia.

Farmers who were selected for the monthly news release entitled "Conservation Farmer of the Month" were: James Dodds, Lone Rock; Robert Black, Algonia. Charles Dearchs, Algonia; Arnold Duer, Armstrong; Robert Degen, Burt; John Capesius, Bode; and William Marshall, Algonia.

The District entered into Memorandums of Understanding with the Kossuth County Conservation Board and with the County Board of Supervisors.

A Telefunken dictaphone, a spirit duplicator, a Polaroid camera, and a contour level were purchased by the District this year.

"Trees to Tame the Wind" was shown at the Luverne Community School twice with the total attendance of 65. Mrs. Roger's class of Luverne planted a tree to celebrate Arbor Day. The tree was donated by the District.

The District slides, "America, the Beautiful" were shown in the Burt and Sentral schools during the month of April.

A birdsfoot trefoil tour was conducted for interested people during the month of June. Various farms were visited in the County.



Petrea Thoreson



Sandy O'Brien

Petrea and Sandy were the District's representatives to the Regional "Queen of Conservation" contest held on Labor Day at Graettinger, Iowa where Petrea won first place. She then represented Region II in the State contest at Adel, Iowa on September 9, 1964.



Darlene Richter



Roger Spratt

Pictured are the recipients of two scholarships granted by the District for teachers to attend the Springbrook Conservation Camp. Darlene and Roger gave very interesting talks on their experiences at the Camp at the Commissioners meeting.

Stanley Tjaden
1st PlaceBarbara Winkel
2nd PlaceBonita Dahlhauser
3rd PlaceMark Adams
Honorable MentionSandra Dahlhauser
Honorable Mention

The 3rd Annual Kossuth County Soil and Water Conservation Speech Contest was held on Tuesday night, March 24, 1964 at the Algona High School.

Contestants were: Marilyn Roethler, Sandra Dahlhauser, Stanley Tjaden, Jeanne Crotty, Mark Adams, Bonita Dahlhauser, Rhonda Schuller, Rae Ann Kollasch, Barbara Winkel, and Sandra Elbert.

Stanley Tjaden of Lakota placed first in the local contest and represented the District at the Regional contest which was held in July at Spencer.

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Kneeling, left to right, are the winners in the individual scoring: Wayne Banwart, West Bend, first; Terry Lampe, West Bend, second; Russell Bode, Algona, third; John Thilges, West Bend, fourth; Delmar Carlson, Albert City, fifth, and Kenyon Gabrielson, Algona, sixth.



Left to right: Kenneth Richter, Kenyon Gabrielson, Sandy Schenck, Russell Bode, and Rodney Scuffham represented the Algona FFA Chapter at the Northwest Iowa Soil Judging Contest which was held on October 10, 1964, at Sutherland, Iowa.

The West Bend FFA Chapter coached by Robert Cast, Vocational Agriculture Instructor placed first in the contest and the Algona FFA Chapter coached by George Sefrit, instructor, placed second in the contest.

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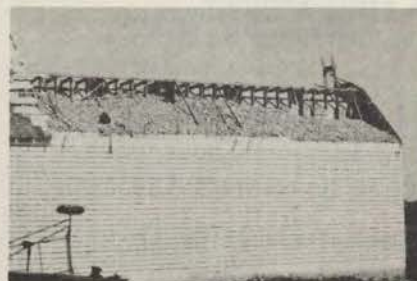
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As a service to District Cooperators, the District has contracted with a commercial nursery to furnish seedling trees at a nominal cost. These trees may be used for windbreaks, shade trees, and etc. The following trees are available:

Deciduous Trees	Size	Price/50	Price/25
Silver Maple	2-3'	\$7.00	--
Green Ash	3-4'	\$8.00	--
Hackberry	18-24"	\$7.50	--
Russian Olive	2-3'	\$10.75	--
Black Walnut	18-24"	\$9.50	--
Pin Oak	2-3'	\$25.00	--
Honeysuckle	18-24"	\$9.00	--
Two and Three Year root-pruned conifer seedlings			
White Fir (concolor)	9-12"	--	\$8.00
Colorado Blue Spruce	9-12"	--	\$8.00
Blace Hills Spruce	9-12"	--	\$10.00
Austrian Pine	9-12"	--	\$6.25
Scotch Pine	9-12"	--	\$6.25

The above listed seedlings plus many other kinds of seedlings that you may desire are for sale at the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District office. Place your orders for early spring delivery.



On August 29, 1964, a tornado hit various farms in Kossuth County.



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DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT**RECEIPTS:**

Sale of Advertisements -----	667.00
Reimbursements - State Committee --	371.21
Sale of Seedlings -----	1169.58
Resale of Lath -----	22.32
Miscellaneous -----	50.20

EXPENSES:

Photographic supplies -----	112.90
Treasurer's bond -----	2.00
Postage -----	180.23
Office supplies -----	78.09
Commissioners meetings -----	10.09
Signs -----	41.56
Speech contest -----	61.07
Seedling trees -----	481.55
Paid ads -----	13.07
Lath -----	17.67
Printing Annual Report (1963) -----	199.00
Queen of Conservation contest -----	40.00
Walkie-talkies -----	22.34
Office equipment -----	685.82
Marking flags -----	14.53
Educational material -----	20.70
Miscellaneous expenses -----	58.46

TOTAL RECEIPTS	2280.31	
TOTAL EXPENSES		2039.08

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1964	528.68	
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1964		769.91
	2808.99	2808.99

3 Kossuth Farmers Win In Contest

Harvey L. Larsen, William Marshall, and Carroll Wilfret were chosen as the three winners for Kossuth County in the 1964 Achievement Contest for Farmers, according to Julius Baas, Chairman of the District Commissioners.

Larsen farms 52½ acres in Grant township. He has been a cooper with the District since 1958. He has 146 acres on the contour this year plus one-half mile of waterways and has planted a half-acre to trees. He has also completed most of the needed drainage for his farm. Larsen was selected as Kossuth County's representative in the family operated farm division.

Marshall was selected as the Kossuth County representative in the tenant operated farm division. He operates 160 acres in the Creek township, owned by a

Algona FFA soil team announced

ALGONA — George Seifrit, instructor of vocational agriculture at the Algona Community High School, has announced the names of the five-man Future Farmers of America team who will participate in a soil-judging contest at Sutherland, Ky. The boys are Russell Bode, Rodney Gabrielson, Sandy Scher, and Rodney Scuffham and Ker Richer.

They will participate in the test of Area 1 of the Soil Conservation District, which serves about 23 counties, including Seifrit.

The judging, which will be for color, texture, and structure, will take place in two hours, which will take place in the afternoon.



SEIFRIT



Lakota Youth Wins Conservation Event

ALGONA, IA. — Stan Tjaden, 17, a junior in the Lakota High School, placed first in the Kossuth County Soil Conservation Event.



TJADEN

ALGONA — Arnold Duer, a resident of Swea City, was named Tuesday night as Kossuth County "Conservation Farmer of the Month," at the Conservation District Commissioners meeting. Duer, reports Julius Baas, District Commissioner, is a user, chairman, and more, Mrs. Duer owns a 240-acre farm in Eagle Township and the couple has six children. The children

contestants spoke on the topic "How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future." These farm staff in the Region where three chosen out of the nominees for the award and they will visit the State.

Plum Creek's Degen "Farmer of Month"

Robert Degen was selected as Conservation Farmer of the Month by the Kossuth County Conservation District Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday night. Degen owns 200 acres, that Mrs. Mabel Benjamin Creek township, constructed 10,100 terraces on ten contour-years. The ways are



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