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We, the Commissioners of the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District are happy to present our 15th 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 left to right, J.C. Skow; J.C. "Jack" Nyman, Chairman; and Julius Baas.

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Forty additional farm conservation plans and 10 revisions were completed this year. These plans set forth the land use and planned conservation practices of these farmers. Another 41 farmers made application for assistance this year and are classified as District Cooperators.

The Conservation Aid made a special attempt to contact all cooperators in Eagle, Plum Creek and Irvington Townships. A total of 353 farmers were contacted in the District during the year.

The District has continued to stress the importance of conservation practices. A set of cut and fill parallel terraces were constructed on Commissioner Jack Nyman's farm. Stanley Gardner also built terraces. They built 3,050 feet of terraces.



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CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

There has been an increase use of birdsfoot trefoil for pasture improvement. A number of well established productive stands may be observed.

Tree plantings continue to be made. A planting of Purple Willow Russian Olive, Red Pine and Honeysuckle was made on the L. W. Johnson farm in Irvington Township. This is the first known planting of Purple Willow in the District.

A trial of Omar bromegrass was made on the Walter Campney farm in Plum Creek township.

A box road culvert was installed along the road on the south edge of Gerald Frankl's farm in Irvington township in cooperation with the County Board of Supervisors.

Contouring acreage in the District this year showed an increase of about 350 acres over last year.

Tile drainage is still the major practice in the District. There is a need for additional mains and relief mains for existing tile systems. Two major tile mains were planned this year. One has been completed and the other is under construction. There were 11 new outlet pipes into open ditches installed and 216,852 feet of tile were laid this year.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Miss Janice Edwards, of Lakota was regional Queen of Conservation and represented Kossuth County in the State Queen of Conservation Contest.

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Seated left to right: Joe Funk, State Aid; Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist; and Loren Bishop, Conservation Aid.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service provided two full-time employees, one part-time employee plus the area engineer, soil scientist and administrative staff. Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist, Loren B. Bishop, Conservation Aid and Eugene Arndorfer, Conservation Aid, 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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Financial assistance was received from the State of Iowa through the State Soil Conservation Committee, for the purpose of carrying out the District program, an allocation of \$4,347.58 was allowed to hire our clerk aid. An allocation of \$500.00 was allowed for Commissioners' mileage, office supplies, materials for demonstration and office expense.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Sale of advertisements-----	305.00
Reimbursements State Committee-----	165.64

EXPENSES:

Treasurer's bond -----	2.00
Postage -----	112.00
Photographic supplies -----	15.44
Office Material -----	13.43
Printing Annual Report (1961) -----	124.06
Queen of Conservation Contest -----	53.00
State Dues -----	100.00
Reference Book on Conservation -----	5.29
Iowa Soil and Water Magazine -----	15.00
Field Supplies -----	26.13
Miscellaneous expenses -----	5.41

TOTAL RECEIPTS	470.64	
TOTAL EXPENSES		471.76

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Bank balance Dec. 31, 1962		278.64

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