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Chairman, Hardin SCD

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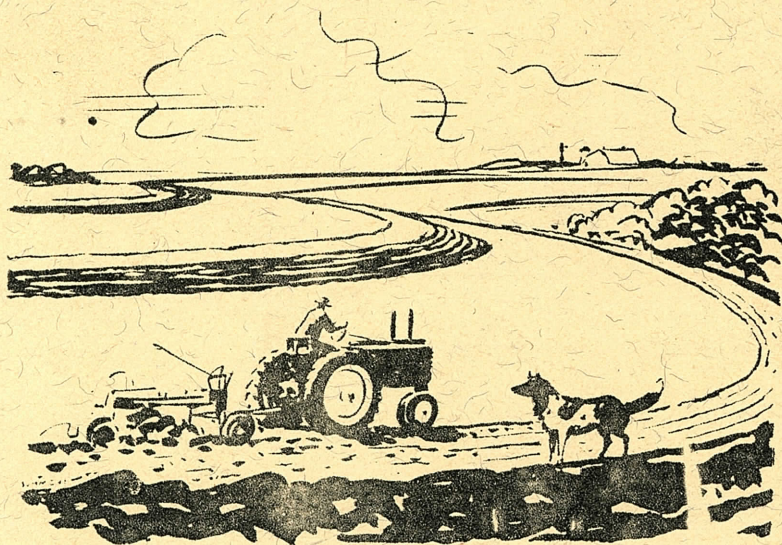
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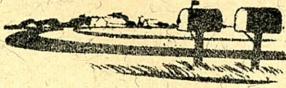
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HARDIN
SOIL CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
1964 ANNUAL REPORT





FOREWORD

The Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners take this opportunity to report to you the District accomplishments and activities in soil and water conservation for 1964.

The success of the conservation program in Hardin SCD can be traced to the cooperation and enthusiasm of many individuals and groups in the county. We wish to thank these various agencies, organizations and individuals for the assistance they have given in promoting soil and water conservation and for their encouragement in contributing to a fine year of achievement in 1964.

Cooperators of the Hardin Soil Conservation District can be proud of the conservation progress made in the past year. It is with considerable pride and satisfaction we have seen the conservation program move rapidly ahead since the organization of the District in 1945.

We wish to urge each of you to note the past years accomplishments and activities of your Soil Conservation District and hope to be working with all of you in 1965.

Your District Commissioners

Dean Kelsey, Chairman
Paul Primus
Dale Petty
Ted Cutler
Kermit Whitehead

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls	Chairman
Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock	Member
Dale Petty, Eldora	Member
Ted Cutler, New Providence	Assistant
Kermit Whitehead, New Providence	Assistant
James Goode, County Extension Director	Treasurer

U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Cal Moore	Work Unit Conservationist
Dean Miller	Conservation Technician

STATE PERSONNEL

Eileen* Miller State Clerk & District Secretary

66 days of part-time state aid time was shared by Mike Brogden, Ron Bennett and Kent Krause.

20 days of W.A.E. federal aid time was used by Mike Brogden.

Cal Moore, Work Unit Conservationist in Hardin Soil Conservation District for the past seven years, was promoted and transferred to a similar position in Audubon Soil Conservation District

Charles McCarty, Soil Conservationist in Harrison Soil Conservation District will replace Mr. Moore January 18, 1965.



1964 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FARM PLANNING

New Cooperators	49 Number
Conservation Farm Plans	37 Number
Revised Farm Plans	9 Number
Cooperator Contacts	524 Number
Soil Surveys (mapping)	3,510 Acres

MAJOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Contouring	2,083 Acres
Stripcropping	24 Acres
Parallel Terraces	2,550 Feet
Parallel Bench Terraces with Tile Intakes	7,780 Feet
Grassed Waterways	49.6 Acres
Concrete Structures	8 Number
Ponds	1 Number
Tile Drainage	132,587 Feet
Tile System Structures	84 Number
Surface Drainage	9,430 Feet
Tree Planting	5.8 Acres
Wildlife Areas	10.5 Acres

Bench terraces, the first of their type in Hardin SCD, were built in 1964. These terraces are commonly called "push-up" terraces as they are pushed up from the lower side of the hill. The bench terraces outlet into tile intakes and eliminate the need for grassed waterways. Spacing between terraces is increased by 50% compared to regular terraces and alignment improved with straighter gradual curves.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The State Conservation Committee, through appropriations received from the State of Iowa provides financial assistance to aid in furthering the District program. The 1-M budget is used for office supplies, printing and commissioners expenses. Clerical and part-time technical assistance is provided by the 2-M budget.

1-M Budget

Commissioners Expenses	\$ 245.61
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$ 222.52
Printing	\$ 42.00
Material for Demonstrations	\$ 4.00
Meeting Expenses	<u>\$ 25.59</u>

TOTAL \$ 539.72

2-M Budget

Clerical & Technical Assistance	\$4273.75
District Share of State Retirement	\$ 145.17
District Share of Federal Retirement	<u>\$ 154.93</u>

TOTAL \$4573.85

We wish to extend our thanks to our District cooperators, individuals and groups, who by their contributions to the Hardin District Soil Conservation Club, have assisted in promoting conservation in Hardin SCD. In 1964 the club's membership reached 200 with contributions of \$1.00 or more.

The following activities were sponsored by the District through the Conservation Club memberships: Teachers Conservation Camp scholarships, Conservation Farmer Awards, Speech contest, Conservation Workshop Scholarship, Soil Judging contest, Soil Stewardship Week, SCD roadside signs, conservation library materials for schools and public libraries and membership dues in the State and National Associations of Soil Conservation Districts. We are grateful for your assistance.

COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATION

Twelve regular monthly meetings and three special meetings were held by the Hardin Soil Conservation District commissioners during 1964 for the purpose of administering the District Soil Conservation Program.

Dale Petty, Eldora, was appointed commissioner in April to complete the term of Leland Reece, New Providence. Kermit Whitehead, New Providence, was appointed assistant commissioner for the year.

Dale Petty was elected regional director at the Regional Commissioner meeting held in Allison in July. He succeeds Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls, as director of the 12 county area in north central Iowa. Kelsey had served as director in the Iowa Association of SCD Commissioners since 1960 and as secretary of the Association since 1962. Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock was appointed to the Legislative Committee of the State Association.

Mrs. Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls was re-elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Iowa Soil Conservation District commissioners at the Annual Conference held in Fort Dodge in September. Mrs. Dale Petty, Eldora was elected to a two-year term as Secretary-treasurer of the Auxiliary.

The District was well represented at Regional commissioner meetings and contests throughout the year. Reece, Kelsey, Petty and Primus attended the Commissioners Short Course in Ames in January. Petty, Kelsey, Primus and Whitehead attended the Annual Conference. The Kelsey's and Petty's also attended the five-day convention of the National Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NACD) in Kansas City in February. Paul Primus attended the NACD Upper Mississippi Area meeting in Milwaukee in August. Kelsey and Petty attended the State Field Days and Queen of Conservation contest in Dallas SCD in September.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL MEETING

The Hardin Soil Conservation District annual meeting was held March 16 at Eldora. Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock, commissioner of Hardin SCD showed slides and spoke on his Good-Will trip to Europe and the Iron Curtain countries. Harold Marsh, Union and Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls reviewed the Goodyear Conservation Award trip to Litchfield Park, Arizona.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

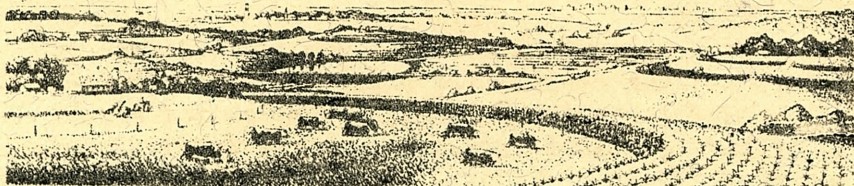
Harry Lawless and Gerald Modlin, Eldora were honored as the 1964 Conservation Achievement Awards winners at the District annual meeting in March. Each year two cooperating farmers are recognized for outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation.

SPEECH CONTEST

Melanie Harms, Alden was named winner in the District Speech contest held in April. Miss Harms is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harms, Alden. Teresa Wood, New Providence and David Banner, Iowa Falls placed 2nd and 3rd. Other contestants were Kirby Newby, Eldora; Edward and Sidney Martin, Union. The contest is sponsored annually by the Ladies Auxiliary and features the topic "How Soil and Water Conservation Affects My Future". Miss Harms represented the District in the Regional contest in Allison in July.

TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Ray McDowell, Eldora and Gary Horning, Hubbard were selected as recipients of the 1964 Teachers Conservation Camp scholarships awarded by the District. The Camp, held annually at Springbrook State Park, provides useful instruction and experience in conservation teaching. Mrs. McDowell was one of three teachers in Iowa demonstrating methods of conservation teaching at the Annual Conservation Workshop held at Luther, Iowa in October. The Workshop is sponsored by the Iowa Conservation Education Council.



SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

The week of May 3 - May 10 was observed as Soil Stewardship Week in many churches of Hardin county. The 1964 theme was "To Each Among Us -- A Share". Booklets on stewardship of the soil were sent to all churches in the county. Many churches used a specially prepared church bulletin insert.

QUEEN OF CONSERVATION

Jeanne Strathe, Hubbard and Lyn Appelgate, Radcliffe were selected as "Queens of Conservation" of Hardin SCD in July. Other candidates were Vicki Schwarck, Eldora; Linda Huston and Donna Hellmich, Union. The contest is co-sponsored by the Farmer Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (cooperatives) and the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa. Dealers in Hardin county assisting in the contest are the cooperative elevators in Ackley, Alden, Buckeye, Garden City, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, Lawn Hill, Macy, Owasa and Radcliffe. Miss Strathe and Miss Appelgate represented the District in the Regional contest at Allison in August. Miss Strathe was chosen Regional Queen of Conservation and represented this area in the State contest at Adel during the State Conservation Field Days.

CONSERVATION TOURS

The 6th grade students of the Buckeye Elementary School toured conservation projects in May. Conservation practices on 16 farms were viewed during the annual SCD-ASC tour in November.

SOIL JUDGING

The New Providence Vocational Agriculture Department won first place award in the Annual Soil Judging contest held in October on the Arnold Broer farm south of Iowa Falls. Iowa Falls placed second followed by Eldora, Alden and Ackley-Geneva. Radcliffe did not enter the team event. Individual awards were presented to the high scorer from each school as follows: Dean Shaw, New Providence; Rick Clinton, Iowa Falls; Steve Thompson, Eldora; Mike Blome, Alden; Keith Benning, Ackley-Geneva and David Mossman, Radcliffe.

CONSERVATION WORKBOOKS

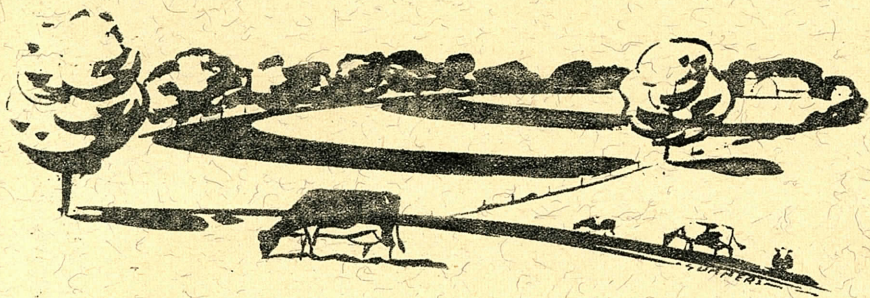
Over 1100 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of Hardin county schools are studying conservation with the aid of the Conservation Workbook program this school year. The eight schools participating in the program are Ackley-Geneva, Alden-Buckeye-Popejoy, Eldora, Hubbard, New Providence, Radcliffe, Steamboat Rock and Union-Whitten. The Hardin County Conservation Board finances the cost of the workbooks.

CONSERVATION BOOKLETS

Hardin SCD distributed the booklet "Adventures in Soil & Water Conservation" to all the school and public libraries in the county. The booklet was put out by the Iowa Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Bahattin Sayan, chief drainage engineer of the Soil Conservation Service, Ankara, Turkey spent several days in Hardin SCD in June. Mr. Sayan's primary interest in Hardin county was to study tile drainage systems and tiling operations. Mr. Sayan was in the United States under the Agency for International Development in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM

Special features were published in three newspapers in the county during Soil Conservation Week, June 14 through June 21. A total of 57 news articles were published during the year. The Conservation Newsletters were continued in 1964 as a means of informing Conservation Club members of District activities. Numerous talks and slides of Conservation were shown to farm groups, service clubs, adult evening schools and others in 1964.

Two Eldora 7th grade students, Lois Barz and Bettie Hermesen, prepared a "before and after" conservation farm exhibit which was on display in the District office through Soil Conservation Week.

ROAD SIGNS

"Entering Hardin Soil Conservation District" road signs were installed on the west and south county lines. A special thanks to Edward Johnson, west of Alden and Henry Fritzmeier, south of Hubbard, for providing space for the signs.

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BANQUET

Hardin County Soil Conservation District commissioners are planning an annual banquet and commissioner election March 22 at 6:30 P.M. in the Eldora Catholic Parish Center. Our principal speaker for the evening will be Robert Bollman. Mr. Bollman is with the Soil Conservation Service in Des Moines. He is the Watershed Agronomy Specialist for the state of Iowa.

This meeting should be of special interest to all residents of Hardin county. The watershed approach has many possibilities in this area. We should all be better informed as to how the Watershed Law (P.L. 566) can apply to us.

The tickets to the banquet cost \$2.00 each and must be purchased before March 12. Plan to attend.

COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Land owners and/or farm operators in Hardin County are eligible to vote in the commissioner election. Whether you attend the annual banquet or not, plan to vote. The polls will be open to the public in the entrance of the Catholic Parish Center.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Commissioners are planning to send a representative from Hardin County to the State Conservation Camp for teachers. The money used to support these functions come from those donations received from the Conservation Club memberships.

On the 5th of April Dick Phillips, the Soil Conservation Service Assistant State Engineer will be the featured speaker at the Pine Lake Watershed meeting. The meeting will be held in the Farm Bureau building in Eldora at 1:30 P.M.

The Pine Lake Watershed Directors plan to have all the farmers living in this drainage area and all other interested people in to this meeting.

Mr. Phillips will talk on Public Law 566 (the watershed law) and the actual physical construction work that will take place if this watershed program develops.

HARDIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Dear Friend,

We are asking for your continued support of the Hardin District Soil Conservation Club. Many of the District's activities through the year are dependent on the contributions received from the purchase of these memberships.

We're sure you will all agree that the activities sponsored by the Club are good ones. Last year the proceeds from your memberships were used in promoting conservation activities in the youth groups. The District speech contest, soil judging contest, Vocational Agriculture students and the Scouts all benefited from this fund.

To continue these activities we are asking each one of you to buy at least a \$1.00 membership. Last year we had 200 Club members and contributions for membership ranged from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

A return addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning your membership contribution and the receipt end of the membership card. Thanking you in advance.

Your Commissioners,

Dean Kelsey

Dean Kelsey, Chairman

Paul Primus

Dale Petty

Ted Cutler

Kermit Whitehead