



TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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1966 ANNUAL REPORT

1966 was an average year for soil and water conservation work in Tama County. Since today we depend to a large extent on ACP cost sharing funds for conservation work in the county, the amount of funds available from this source is reflected in our accomplishments. Also influencing our results is the availability of contractors and materials. All of these factors were in short supply for 1966. This was reflected in the volume of work that was postponed until 1967.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The District Commissioners, Melvin Kupka, chairman, Harold Higgins and Lester Lenhart and assistant commissioners Harry Scurr and Robert Wiese, attended the 12 regular monthly meetings during the year to transact the District business. The Commissioners established guide lines for the carrying out of soil and water conservation work throughout Tama County. Goals were established and the responsibility for reaching these goals was apportioned out among the District Commissioners and the District Staff. The District paid its dues for membership in the National Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and to the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Other personnel attending these meetings were Audrey Wheeler, District Clerk; Robert Malin, WAE and State Conservation Aid; B. Burdette Bennett, Soil Conservation Technician; Stanley L. Klein, Work Unit Conservationist. Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist and Stanley Barker, Area Clerk, attended regular meetings at various times throughout the year.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

The District Awards winners in the 1966 Register & Tribune Soil Conservation Awards Contest were, Robert Fontinel, Tama in the owner-operator division; the Ralph Johnson Farm, operated by Lonnie Boerm, Howard twp, in the owner-tenant division; and Larry Sevick on the John Perkins farm in Carroll twp in the new cooperator division. The District Commissioners felt that these men were doing an outstanding job of soil and water conservation on their farms.

SPEECH CONTEST

Rosalyn Moffett, Dysart, daughter of the Eugene Moffitt's won the District Conservation speech contest and received a \$10.00 check from the District. Miss Moffitt represented the District at the Region 7 speech contest at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Soil and Water achievement contest and the Conservation speech contest, the District distributed conservation workbooks to schools throughout the county. Material for Soil Stewardship week was sent to all ministers in the county. The District entered a conservation exhibit at the Iowa State Fair and received the first prize. The eighth grade science classes of the South Tama Community School District were taken on a conservation tour of the county at the end of the school year. The Newsletter, now in its 9th year, and one of the Districts main sources for the dissemination of news and information concerning soil and water conservation work throughout the county, was sent to over 1000 people each month. District Commissioners attended the Annual short course for District Commissioners at Ames. They also attended the regional and state meetings of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts and Harold Higgins attended the National Convention of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at New Orleans, Louisiana. Various ASCS-ACP program development meetings were attended by District Commissioners and Soil Conservation Service personnel. The District cooperated with Toledo Chronicle in producing a special section of the paper for Soil Conservation week. Articles of general and special interest were prepared and published by the Traer Star Clipper, Dysart Reporter, Gladbrook Tama Northern and Garwin Sun and Tama News Herald within the county. Articles also appeared in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, prepared by the District staff and the Gazette's own staff of Rex Conn and Milt Nelson. The District worked with the soil conservation contractors to encourage soil and water conservation work throughout the county.

FARM CONSERVATION PLANS

Conservation plans were prepared for the farms of the following: George Wacha, Laird Kaisand, Lawrence Otta, Bernard Novak, R. L. Wilson, Mrs. J. P. Walters, D. P. Matz, Robert Hach, Cornell College, Dick Thompson, Roger Sawyer, Dean Mauderer, Franklin Bro, Richard Wagoner, Loren Rank, Yvonne Keith, Russell Holmes, Donald Steffany, Harold Beichley, Fred Kajer, Glenn Schminke, Morris Dinsdale, Bernard Musel, Bernard Shaw, Louie Knudson, Louie Knudson, Carroll Wegner, Wesley Heckt, Lester Ledvina, George Hayek, Floyd Prusha, Donald Henningsen, George Hayek, Wayne Tomlinson, Rickann Inc., Gordon Mitchell, Russell Lyons, Robert Fontinel, Larry Sevick, La Moine Hatton, Dwayen Petersen, Phil Aldrich.

FARM CONSERVATION PLANS REVISED

Conservation plans were revised for the following: Bernard Hach, Myron Seal, Arnold Brandt, Harold Beichley, Amelia Blocker, Juvenile Home, Eldo Hagedorn, Gerald Howard, Tony Kubic, Wilfred Homalar, Wilfred Homalar, John Kupka, R. W. Weitzell, A. P. Synhorst, R. K. Stoddard, Ross Richards, Albert Rehder, Floyd Lacina, Herbert Thiele, Louis Tichy, Wesley Bruene, Ken Pemberton, A. N. Farber, Wm. & Lester Lenhart and Marcel Nechanicky.

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NEW COOPERATORS

New cooperators who signed agreements with the District in 1966 were: Leon Kos, Russell Lyon Paul Manfull, Paul Manfull, Howard Antle, Glen Schminke, R. Harold Young, Edward Andersen, Romaine Pansegrau, Yvonne Keith, J.R. Shoup, Fred L. Kajer, George Goos, Gerald Howard, Wilbert Stueck, Merle L. Royce, Howard Bro, Lester Ledvina, Harry Ledvina, Donald Henningsen, Wayne Tomlinson, Rickann Inc., Elmer Prusha, Robert Fonintel, LaVoy Thiessen, LeRoy C. Thomsen, Dwayne Petersen, Harold Hill, W. Aene Barker, Gary Hoskey, Paul Husak, Phil Aldrich, Robert Payne, Dale Wiese, Darell Bacon, Walter Curphy, H. E. Osborne, Frank Fontinel, Harold Fontinel, Mussig Farms, Wm. Ledvina, Norman Hoskey, Norman Behrens, Gordon Kruger, Lester Musel, Jerry Abbe, Clifford Feisel. Vernon Olsen, Rickann Inc., John Osborn, L. G. Osborn, Wm. Posusta, Russell Billings, Russell Backen, W. Bruce Brockway, Erwin Heller, Otto Hansen, Martin Bruene, Ray E. Rudebeck and Arlo Hinegardner.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

We wish to express our appreciation to the members of the cooperating agencies who have assisted the District throughout the year; G. Gress Rogers, Extension Director, Russell Lyon, Office Manager ASCS, Merle Cavanaugh, Lyle Moeller and Albert Kaufman, ASCS County Committee, Robert Koch and Vernon Nelson, FHA and James Rocca, District Forrester.

STATE ASSISTANCE

The Tama County Soil Conservation District receives financial assistance from the State of Iowa. The 1M budget is used to conduct District business. The 2M budget is used for Clerical and Technicians salaries and equipment.

1-M Budget

Allocation	\$500.00
Office Expense	496.66
Commissioners Expense	53.25
Prize Awards	12.36
	<u>562.27</u>

2M Budget

Allocation	\$4952.10
Gross Salaries	4467.16
Equipment	151.13
IPERS - FOABT	<u>333.81</u>
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Farm Serviced	416 No.
New Cooperators	61 No.
Farm Conservation Plans	42 No.
Revised farm plans	25 No.
Farm Ponds	5 No.
Grassed Waterways	67.9 Ac.

Grade Stabilization Structures	11 No
Stripcropping	721 Ac.
Contour Farming	2,212 Ac.
Terraces	4,000 Ft.
Tile	233,096 Ft.
Open drainage	20,940 Ft.

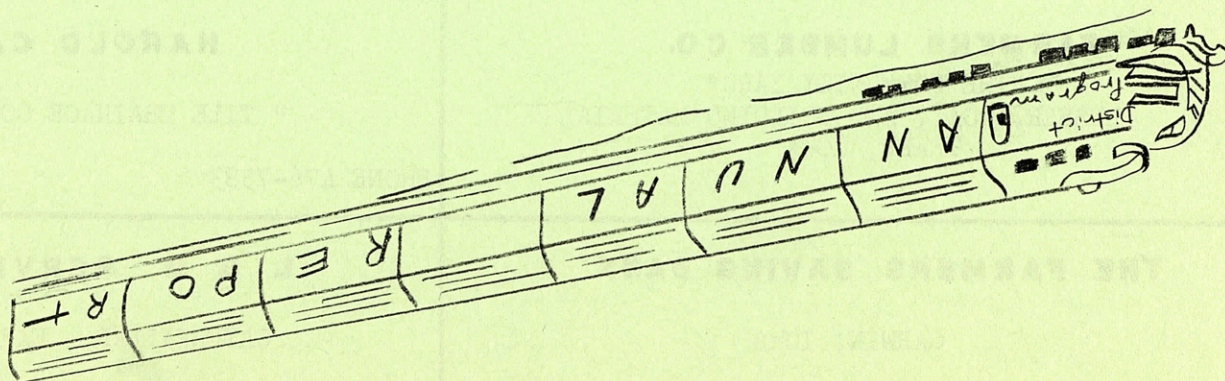
District Commissioners

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Lester Lenhart

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STATE FUNDS USED

2M

Conservation Aid	\$1800.12
State Clerk	2711.34

1M

Commissioner's Expense	\$ 52.50
Newsletter & Office expense	511.99
Conservation Awards	25.05

STATE DUES

State	\$100.00
NACD	75.00