

DAVIS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REPORT FOR THE 1950 YEAR

The first major activity of the Davis County Soil Conservation District for the year of 1950 was its four day conservation school held from 10:00 A.M. until 3:10 P.M. on four consecutive Wednesdays with a free lunch served. The classes were conducted by specialist from the State College as well as S.C.S. personnel. The schools were well attended.

During the year the Davis County Soil Commissioners held 16 meetings. The attendance was very good at these meetings, there being only 6 absences of the commissioners.

The Davis County Soil Conservation District held a Commissioners Election on October 5 and 6, 1950. Dale Blackwell whose term had expired was reelected. On Dec. 28, 1950 Dale Blackwell resigned as Chairman of Commissioners and Fred Melvin was chosen to take his place.

In previous years we have been holding contour plowing matches. This year, however, it was decided not to hold the match, but to send Russell Swift as Davis County Representative to the District Contest.

Uncle Hubbartt, Carlon Cary, and D. C. Bollman were nominated by the Commissioners to receive the Goodyear Soil Conservation Award. They along with the Farm Planner and the District Commissioners attended the Goodyear Banquet held in Des Moines.

A number of Davis County Farm operators attended the Pasture Field Day held at Albia September 27, 1950. Transportation was made available for those who wanted to attend.

P. W. Spilman was elected by the Commissioners to represent them at the shour course in Ames January 3. Upon his return he gave a report to the commissioners of what took place at the Short Course.

February 1, 1950 Harvey A. Clover began working for the District as State Aid. He was hired from the State Funds primarily for the purpose of helping with application work.

Shirley L. Archer Assumed the duties of clerk-typist in the District office April 6, 1950. She filled the vacancy left by Myrtle Sheumaker.

The Davis County Soil Conservation District helped in the entry of a Work Group Conservation Booth at the State Fair.

In order to encourage the local use of Birdsfoot Trefoil and Reed's Canary Grass, The commissioners decided to allot the 140 dollars for grass seed: 100 dollars for Birdsfoot Trefoil and 40 dollars for Reed's Canary grass. This purchased approximately 75 pounds of Birdsfoot Trefoil and 100 pounds of Reed's Canary grass which was given to farmers in small packets to help them get plots started. The Birdsfoot Trefoil was given out under an agreement that the farmers will in reutrn for the seed, share the first seed crop harvest with the District. This seed will in turn be distributed to farmers of Davis County. This year the District,

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received 125 pounds of Birdsfoot Trefoil from seed plots put out in the past. This seed will be given out in the spring of 1951.

During the past year the District purchased with State Funds a Whirlwind Terracer, Maquoketa Scoop, Brillion Seeder, David White Surveyor's level and rod, Secretarial desk, Filing cabinet, adding machine six chairs, and some office supplies. This was bought for the fiscal year of July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. This equipment has helped tremendously this year in the job of getting conservation on the land.

In order to transport this equipment the District used their own funds and constructed a trailer.

Following is a summary of the District accomplishment for the year of 1950.

Application:	Goal	Accomplished
Contour Farming	1200 Ac.	1526 Ac.
Strip Cropping	250 Ac.	141 Ac.
Pasture Improvement	500 Ac.	530 Ac.
Pasture Seeding	200 Ac.	319 Ac.
Woodland Management	20 Ac.	0 Ac.
Wildlife area improvement	35 Ac.	58 Ac.
Farm Ponds	5 A	32
Terraces	6.0 Mi.	5.2 Mi.
Field Diversions	2.0 Mi.	3.0 Mi.
Farm Drainage	60 Ac.	196 Ac
Open Drains	1.0 Mi.	2.3 Mi.
Fence Row Management	.2 Mi.	2.1 Mi.
Constructed Waterways	1.6 Mi.	1.4 Mi.

Planning:

New Application	73
Farms Planned	46
Follow- ups	80
Farms, Starting Practice	49
Farms planning acres	10,125 Ac.

Treasure Report for 1950

R^eceipts:

Royalties from Kaser Cons Co.	\$4,539.71
Shepards earth moving contract	22.17
State Committee (State Fair Refund)	10.85
Eclipse Lumber Co. (Refund on voting booth lum.)	<u>9.98</u>

Total receipts this year-----	\$4,582.71
Cash Balance January 1, 1950-----	<u>712.65</u>
Total receipts and balance-----	\$5,295.36

Disbursements:

D.K.Nedrow (Royalty on Quarry)	\$3,783.12
Dinners (Soil Conservation School)	377.16
Trailer Construction and Expenses	165.58
Voting Booth Expense	49.66
Dale Blackwell (\$5.00 per meeting)	55.00
Fred Melvin (\$5.00 per meeting)	45.00
P.W.Spilman (\$5.00 per meeting)	45.00
Harvey Clover (Expense at Booth at State Fair)	17.85
National Association SCD dues	15.00
Chamber of Commerce Membership	12.50
Notary Seal Expense	12.34
Printing	18.16
Office Expense	5.01
Seed	4.45
State Commissioners Dues	<u>15.00</u>

Total Disbursements-----	\$4,610.63
Balance December 31, 1950-----	<u>\$ 684.73</u>

The difference between the final balance in the 1949 Treasure Report and the initial balance in 1950 Treasure Report is due to the fact that the 1949 report was from January 1, 1949 to December 1, 1949 whereas the 1950 Treasure Report is from January 1, 1950 to January 1, 1951

Money Expended from 1A. Budget for 1950

Office Expenses and Supplies	\$ 49.20
Commissioners Mileage and Expenses	145.11
Material for Demonstration	153.85
School Expenses and Prize Money	50.00
Transportation	17.94
Bond	2.50
Telephone	4.74
Miscellaneous	20.77

Total amount Expended \$444.11

There is \$498.75 in the 1A Budget to be expended the first six months of 1951.

Money Expended from 2A. Budget for 1950

Clerical Assistance	\$1,197.84
Technical Assistance	1,952.88
Equipment	1,872.78
Travel	38.85

Total amount Expended \$5,062.35

The budget for technical and clerical assistance for the fiscal year of July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 was set at \$2500.00 to which \$1000.00 was latter added making the total budget of \$3500.00 for the fiscal year.

Fred McSwain
Chairman

Dale Blackwell
Commissioner

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Shirley Lee Cooper
Secretary