

IDA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1964 ANNUAL REPORT

ORGANIZATION

District Commissioners

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Assisted By:

Soil Conservation Service Technicians	
KENNETH H. BURNETT	Work Unit Conservationist
DON D. GOODENOW	Technician
CLARENCE O. KRAFT	Conservation Aid

Other Soil Conservation Service Personnel

GEORGE E. LAMP, Area Conservationist	Sioux City
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JOHN WORSTER, Area Soil Scientist & Staff	Sioux City

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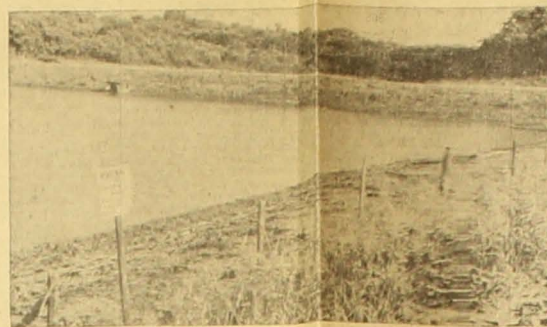
ALICE TURIN, District Clerk	Ida Grove
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Extension Service

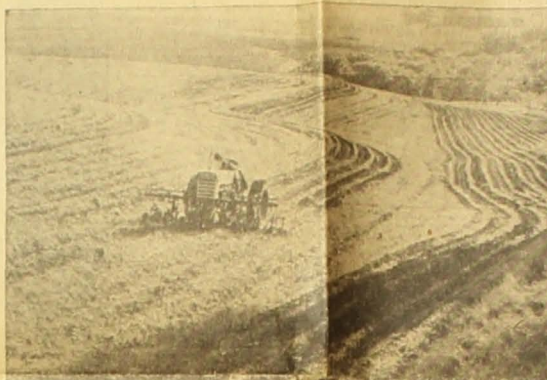
DAVE HESSMAN, Co. Extension Director	Ida Grove
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NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS

NAME	TWP.	NAME	TWP.
Richard Schmidt	Maple	Florence M. McGuire (2)	Galva
Lowell Swanger	Maple	James J. McGuire	Battle
Russell Hultgren	Corwin	Ed H. Lohf	Logan
Michael Mickelson (4)	Maple	C. Vincent Grayson	Corwin
Richard Bumann	Corwin	Roger Linn	Douglas
Alwayne Reissen	Garfield	Marvin H. Volkert	Douglas
Jim Fleenor	Corwin	Milton Rahl	Silver Creek
Cornelius Conover	Battle	R. Wisniewski, Sr.	Corwin
Muri Brown (2)	Garfield	Minnie Creek	Logan
Wayne T. Swanger	Maple	Elvin E. Leonard	Douglas
Calvin Goodenow (4)	Maple	Wm. Volkert, Jr.	Battle
Garyford Lund	Maple	William J. Ellis	Logan
Emil Ebler	Grant	Stu Sheer	Hayes
Raymond E. Smith	Silver Creek	Arnold Henriksen	Griggs
J. S. Modrell (2)	Maple	C. W. Erne	Corwin
Arthur Hammelgard	Maple	Richard Pickett	Grant
Paul A. Hansen	Maple	Erna Farms, Ltd.	Grant
Joe Grell	Douglas	Robert Hoppe	Douglas
Edwin Hammer	Battle	Vincent J. Miller	Blaine
Glenn Lorenson	Silver Creek	Emma Brueck	Garfield
Mrs. Louise Christiansen	Corwin	Stanley Kirschman	Battle
Lottie M. Kihler	Hayes	Gilbert Petersen	Blaine
Ray Hester	Maple	Edith Bell	Corwin
Ralph Hultert (2)	Corwin	H. M. Baxter (2)	Maple
William M. Leonard	Griggs	Bernard Thies (2)	Blaine



The dam beyond the pond, serves as a dual purpose: controls gully erosion and carries a county line road. Ida and Crawford counties, along with Emmant Thule and Duane Lacey cooperated in this project.



Contouring and terracing are the most widespread practices used to control soil and water losses in Ida County.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

	In 1964	Since 1945	For 1965
New District Cooperators	Number 64	660	50
Basic Conservation Plan	Acres 9,633	120,730	10,750
Revised Conservation Plan	Number 28	501	30
	Acres 4,496	93,336	6,450
Follow-Up Calls	Number 5	10	10
Contour Layout	Acres 880	2,150	200
Contour Strip Cropping	Acres 3,361	55,184	3,500
Level Terraces	Miles 35	575	35
Diversion Terrace	Miles 0.6	7.4	0.6
Tile Drains	Miles 9	88	8
Grassed Waterway Shaping	Acres 59	713	50
Gully Control Structures	Number 7	50	7

CONSERVATION PLANS PREPARED

Name	Twp.	Name	Twp.
Richard Schmidt	Battle	James Coalter	Silver Creek
Edward Schmidt	Maple	Vergil Adams	Galva
John Galvin	Battle	Joe Grell	Douglas
William Blenner	Douglas	Richard Bumann	Hayes
Lloyd Schlinz	Griggs	Florence McGuire	Hayes
Orville Fouts	Garfield	Edmund Bengford	Blaine
Wilhelmina Lundt	Maple	Erma Farms Ltd.	Douglas
George Hartley	Silver Creek	Robert Hoppe	Douglas
James Linnam	Blaine	Donald Hammer	Silver Creek
Arnold Grell	Douglas	Hugh McGuire	Douglas
Muri Brown	Garfield	Hugo Schlenbeck	Corwin
Harold Willcutt	Corwin	Russell Hultgren	Corwin
John Heilman	Logan	Jay Bower	Garfield
Thomas R. Schmidt	Grant	Ray Ellerbusch (2)	Douglas

place went to Phyllis Rohlf, second place to "Tappy" Crawford, third place to James Moeller, and honorable mention to LaRae Penny and Connie Ferguson. Miss Rohlf won first place in the Regional competition at Sioux City and also competed in the State Contest held at Fort Dodge in September. The regional and state contest were sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the IASDC and the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. Their support in this contest is gratefully acknowledged.

The Ida County Extension District, through its Extension Director, Dave Hessman, has rendered excellent service to the local Soil Conservation District for its educational program and has furnished guidance in the planning of Conservation Education Programs.

Relations with the Ida County ASCS continues to be very good. The District feels that the AC program is one of the prime motivations which influences farmers to install conservation practices.

The County Board of Supervisors and the County Engineer continue to cooperate with the District in the installation of Gully control structures on roads. This double use of public funds is a commendable project and should be continued in future years.

The District received \$3,788.23 from the State of Iowa through the State Soil Conservation Committee. This provided the salary for the District's Clerk "and out of the pocket" expenses of the Commissioners in carrying out the District business.

The facilities of Radio Station KAYL have been made available to the District for a live to eight minute radio feature once each month. This arrangement has been in effect for several years and the District's program is part of a daily series called "The Farm Feature" presented at 12:30 Monday through Friday.

In 1964 the District continued its policy of exhibiting at the Ida County 4-H Fair. This year our exhibit was built around a "Blow Up" of a Farm Conservation Plan and showed how a plan could be made for any farm.

Clarence Kraft has joined the technical staff of the District on a part-time basis. He was employed during the peak layout season from April through November.

Commissioner Henry Brueck has taken over the Gopher control machine previously owned by the District. The machine will be available for rental in 1965. Results have been satisfactory.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The District, its officers and those working closely with it, sincerely acknowledge the assistance rendered it in many forms by individuals and groups. The assistance and cooperation permits the District to report another banner year.

Arnold Putensen, Chairman
W. F. Burow
Henry Brueck

Highlights of 1964

The Pleasant Valley Watershed has been completed this year. This watershed is composed of 3,664 acres in Corwin, Maple, Garfield, and Grant Townships and entailed the installation of sixteen erosion control structures. Many of the structures are visible to the public roads. The District has received considerable favorable comment from local people driving through the area.

Sixty-four new cooperators have requested assistance from the District, mostly for the preparation of Basic Farm Plans. Twenty-eight new basic plans were prepared this year covering 436 acres.

Forty percent of the thirty-five miles of terraces installed in Ida County were parallel terraces. They were constructed by cut and fill procedure which requires considerably more technician time per unit of construction. By using this method, better terrace alignment is obtained and many point rows are eliminated. This latter has made terraces much more acceptable to farmers.

Listed below are other major items of accomplishments in the District for 1964: 3,361 acres of contour layout, 504 acres of contour strip crop layout, 59 acres of grassed waterway shaping and seeding, 9 miles of tile, this mostly in conjunction with wet weathering, 7 erosion control structures in addition to those installed in the Pleasant Valley watershed.

Again this year, the District entered the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program sponsored by the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce and the Sioux City Journal Publishing Company, and the (Des Moines) Register and Tribune Iowa Soil Conservation Area Contest. In the Iowa Awards Contest, the District entered: Emmet and Jean Stamp, Holstein, Iowa; John Irwin and Bob Brennehan, Ida Grove, Iowa; and John Heilman, Ida Grove, Iowa. In the Sioux City Contest entries were Joe Grell, Washita, Iowa; Everett Still, Cushing, Iowa; and Pat McGuire, Cushing, Iowa.

The District held a Speech Contest in conjunction with the Ida County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. There were five local entries: First

DISTRICT FINANCES

MAINTENANCE FUND

(Held in Trust by the District for the Maintenance of Watershed Structures.)

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1964	\$ 1,249.84
Receipts - 1964	3,716.23
Expenditures - 1964	6,614.55
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1964	1,351.62
U. S. Government Bonds on Hand (Purchase Price)	5,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds on Hand (Surrender Value) December 31, 1964	6,834.00
Time Certificates (Accrued Value 12-31-64)	6,946.88
Purchase Price	6,800.00

GENERAL FUND (from various sources)

Balance, January 1, 1964	\$ 64.84
Receipts - 1964	16.00
Expenditures - 1964	24.05
Balance, December 31, 1964	56.79

1 - M BUDGET (1964 Calendar Year)

(Received From the State of Iowa for Commissioners Expenses)	
Office Supplies	\$ 52.40
Commissioners Expenses	245.84
Office Expense	68.10
Materials for Demonstration	8.00
Rentals	7.00
TOTAL Expended	\$ 379.34

2 - M BUDGET (1964 Calendar Year)

(Received From the State of Iowa for Clerk, Salary, Part-Time Technical Assistance and Equipment)	
Equipment	\$ 0
Clerk Salary & Technical Assistance	3,406.89
TOTAL Expended	\$ 3,406.89

The financial record books are on file in the District Office in Ida Grove and are open for inspection.

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**Ida County Rural
Electric Cooperative**

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Member F. D. I. C.

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