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Twenty-Third Annual Report

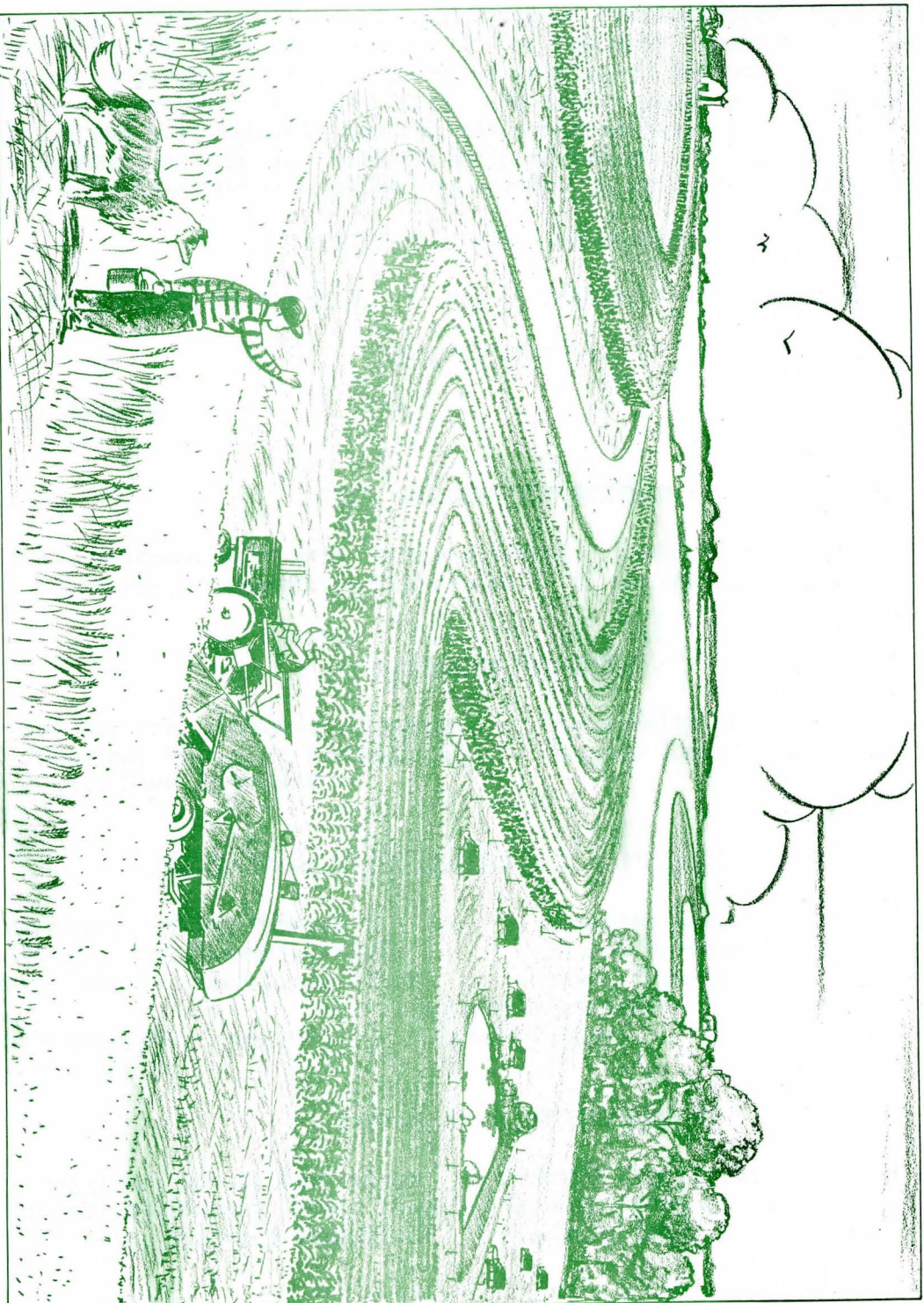
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1965 ANNUAL REPORT

We, the Cass County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, wish to express our thanks to all those named below, as well as many others in the area, for their fine cooperation over the years in helping to advance the cause of soil and water conservation in Cass County. We feel a great responsibility in conserving our most valuable natural resources -- the soil and water -- for future generations and only with the help of everyone can this goal be realized. We thank all those who have helped us advance in this great enterprise.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wendell C. Pellett, Chairman Max H. Miller George W. Hosfelt

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Gayle R. Johnson Office assistant

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Gilbert W. Wehrman, Work Unit Conservationist David W. Kudej, Conservationist
Max W. Plymesser, Conservation Technician Forrest C. Teig, Conservation aid

EXTENSION SERVICE

A. Daniel Merrick, Extension Director Duane Feltz, County Extension Associate
Errol Petersen, Extension Economist Margery Jones, Office Assistant
LaVon Eblen, Home Economist

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

Kenneth Neary, Office Manager Margaret McMurphy, ACP Clerk
Marie Allen, Administrative Clerk Elaine Martens, Price Support Clerk
Rosemary Terrill, Feed Grain Clerk Fred Lindeman, Corn Grader
County Committee
Rex Underwood, Chairman Harold Zellmer C. R. Anstey

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

Oliver Hagglund, County Supervisor Forrest Vermillion, Ass't. County Supervisor
Eleanor Burgess, County Office Clerk Carolyn Johnson, Ass't. County Office Clerk
Kermit M. Teig, District Supervisor James O. Book, Ass't. District Supervisor

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITIES

The Annual Short Course for District Commissioners was held in Ames in January and was attended by all the Commissioners.

On January 14th. the Crooked Creek Watershed Annual Meeting was held in the Anita Town Hall at 1:00 P. M.

The Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting was held at the Calumet Cafe in Atlantic. Goodyear and Register and Tribune awards were presented. A tape recording of winning Speech contest entries and slides of the Bahama Islands formed the program. 53 attended.

FEBRUARY

Pre-bidders meeting and site inspection, Crooked Creek, Part 5 was held February 8th.

Crooked Creek Bid opening, Feb. 11th. at 10 A. M. Contractor's Meeting 1:30 P. M.

Turkey Creek Watershed Annual meeting was held at the Farm Bureau Building, February 23rd. at 1:30 P. M.

On February 26th. Duane Belknap, Conservationist, transferred to Independence, Iowa as Work Unit Conservationist.

MARCH

On March 3rd. the Commissioners and SCS held a meeting for Area personnel and on March 4th. the Commissioners attended the ACP meeting held at the Atlantic Court House to select the 1966 practices.

APRIL

At the Commissioners regular meeting in the SCS office, at 1 P. M. they approved Amendment No. 1 to project agreement for construction of structural measures by contract for Crooked Creek Part 5.

On April 7th. the Contract for construction in Crooked Creek Part 5 was awarded to Don Whisler of Centerville, Iowa.

The Southwest Iowa Contractors association held a meeting at Hotel Whitney with State Soil Conservation personnel in attendance.

On April 22nd. Soil Stewardship booklets were mailed to all ministers in Cass County.

MAY

On May 4th. a tour of Crooked Creek Watershed was held to view winter damage to waterways.

On May 18th. and 19th. Bob Cole visited the Corn Yield Study plots in Cass County.

May 21st. the Soil Conservation Speech contest was held at the Atlantic High School. The winner, Fred Knop, spoke on "How Soil and Water Conservation affects my future." Also entered in the contest were Dennis Kuehl and Dale Witzman both of Atlantic.

May 25th. Gilbert Wehrman, Wendell Pellett, Myron Allen and George Lund toured Crooked Creek Watershed to view winter erosion damage. Some waterways need repairing and reseeding.

JUNE

A tri-county meeting of the Crooked Creek Watershed board was held in the SCS office at Audubon, on June 9th.

On June 15, 16, and 17 Corn Yield Study plots were inspected in Cass County by Mr. Cole and Forrest Teig of the SCS office.

June 20-27, Soil Conservation Week was observed with news releases and a radio program by the Chairman of the District Commissioners at noon on the 23rd.

The Soil Conservation Society of America held its Annual Meeting on June 25th. at Cherokee, Iowa.

JULY

The Regional Soil Conservation Speech contest was held July 26th. at the Avoca Lutheran church. Fred Knop of Atlantic was entered from Cass County.

AUGUST

August 2-6 was the week of the 4-H and F.F.A. Fair. The Queen of Conservation contest was held on the stage during the evening program August 3rd.

Equal opportunity meetings were held at the Whitney hotel on Aug. 12th. and at the Court House on August 18th.

The Regional Queen of Conservation Contest was held at the Audubon County Fair on August 19th.

SEPTEMBER

On September 3rd. the Soil Conservation Society of America Fall meeting was held.

Adams County near Corning was the scene for the State Field Days and plowing matches on Sept. 16 and 17.

Commissioners Annual Conference was held at Hotel Fort Des Moines on Sept. 19, 20, and 21. Commissioners and State Clerk attended the conference.

OCTOBER

Frank Mendell, State Conservationist and members of his staff attended a meeting of the Turkey Creek Watershed.

NOVEMBER

Commissioners met on November 1st. at the SCS office with Harold Henderson, Bob Bollman and Walter Weiss present to discuss plans for activity in Turkey Creek Watershed. The grouping of structure sites is being studied and sites are being studied for soil loss.

DECEMBER

Bids were opened on December 3rd. for construction work on the Anita Lake.

Regular monthly meetings were held by the Commissioners each month during the year.

Mild weather has prevailed into the fourth week of December with new construction jobs starting each day.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

1-M Budget

Balance carried fwd.

\$139.05

Allocation

\$500.00

Commissioners Mileage

\$262.17

Office supplies

133.42

Printing

8.80

Prizes for contests

36.00

Materials for demonstrations

140.66

Office expense

58.00

\$139.05

\$500.00

\$639.05

2-M Budget

Allocation

\$5891.85

Clerical and technical salaries

\$5882.92

Returned to State

8.93

\$5891.85

\$5891.85

DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1965

\$530.99

State Comptroller

\$281.95

Watershed plans

7.00

Queen contest

28.98

\$55.57

Regional Queen contest

10.00

Office supplies

28.35

Fair Booth

44.53

Teacher Tuition

51.00

51.00

Prizes for contests

18.00

Post Office

92.60

United Building centers

43.30

Malone Seed Co.

19.50

Printed checks

1.65

\$530.99

\$368.93

\$364.50

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1965

\$535.42

CASS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION NEEDS AND GOALS

	Unit	Accomplished 1965	Now on the land 1965	Total long time need	1966 Annual Goal
District Cooperators	No.	37	1311	1756	40
Farm Plans	No.	38	1094	1756	40
Revised Plans	No.	2	11	200	4
Contour	Ac.	761	165169	266000	4000
Terrace	Mi.	34	1225	6500	40
Waterway	Ac.	73	1962	9161	100
Structures	No.	5	148	500	4
Ponds	No.	4	63	200	5
Tile	Mi.	76	533	1181	20
Open drain	Mi.	5	77	372	1
Pasture renovation	Ac.	0	843	34323	500
Pasture Planting	Ac.	0	1641	15325	300
Woodland improvement	Ac.	0	0	338	0
Tree Planting	Ac.	10	12	100	1
Fence Row improvement	Rds.	0	876	40000	500
Hedgerow Planting	Rds.	0	0	33440	500
Wildlife habitat	Ac.	26	885	5000	10

CONTOUR

266000 AC

NEED

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

62%

TERRACE

6500 MI

18%

WATERWAY

9161 AC

21%

TILE

1181 MI

39%

OPEN DRAINAGE

372 MI

19%

STRUCTURES

500

29%

PONDS

200

30%

COOPERATORS

1756

72%

PLANS

1756

60%

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1964

