

DISTRICT GOVERNING UNIT		
Paul Schuchmann Jr., Arlington	Chairman	
James Stewart, Oelwein	Vice Chairman	
George Halstead, West Union	Secretary	
Frank Thyer, Randalia	Treasurer	
Leslie Anderson, Castalia	Commissioner	

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES		
Belva Bauer	Clerk-Typist II	
Randy Tope	Part time Conservation Aide	

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE		
Lyle Jackson	District Conservationist	
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht	Conservation Technician	

AREA PERSONNEL		
Harold Boehmer, Mason City	Area Conservationist	
Gary Formanek, Elkader	Civil Engineer	
John Wildman, Elkader	Civil Engineer Technician	
Ronald Kuehl, Elkader	Soil Scientist	
Eileen Bliss, Mason City	Area Clerk	



SCD's annual report for 1977

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS July 1, 1976—September 30, 1977

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	24	5,476
Soil and Water Conservation Plans	28	2,892
Farms and Groups Serviced	320	
Farms and Groups Applying One or More Practices	214	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

Contour Farming (Acres)	947
Ponds (Number)	3
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks (Acres)	3
Grade Stabilization Structures (Number)	5
Grassed Waterways (Acres)	23
Minimum Tillage (Acres)	5,027
Stripcropping (Acres)	200
Parallel Terraces (Feet)	66,215
Subsurface Drains (Feet)	604,027
Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (Acres)	16
Cropland Adequately Treated (Acres)	1,177
Pasture and Hayland Adequately Treated (Acres)	617
Woodland Adequately Treated (Acres)	84
Wildlifeland Adequately Treated (Acres)	91
Other Land Adequately Treated (Acres)	73
Cropland to Grassland (Acres)	10

The District Commissioners held regular monthly and special meetings to conduct the business of the district. This included plans and preparations for the various events that are sponsored by the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans, group plans and cost share assistance applications.

The public was informed of soil conservation progress with news stories and radio releases. The office staff and commissioners assisted with or conducted conservation tours, talks, demonstrations, presentations and contests.

George Halstead took oath of office and became the district's first commissioner elected in general election. He replaced Cleve Bennett who retired. Bennett served the district four years as an assistant commissioner and six years as commissioner.

Iowa and National dues were paid in full.
Jerome "Bud" Siebrecht started work as conservation technician for the district on Jan. 20.
Lyle Jackson served as a judge at the district FFA Contest held at North High.

A presentation at Iowa Methodist Women's Workshop on "Soil Conservation Today" and "Prime Land" was given by Jackson and Randy Tope.
Tope gave a soil conservation talk to 40 Hawkeye Elementary School students.
Jackson gave a slide talk to a D.A.R. group at Hawkeye.

Fayette District's Cooperators Banquet was held April 11 with 175 people attending. Dr. Robert Shaw, Meteorologist from I.S.U. was guest speaker.
Siebrecht and Jackson gave a slide talk to the Pleasant Valley 4-H club.
Letters opposing withdrawal of water from wells for irrigation purposes were sent to Iowa Water Commissioner.
Letter was sent to Iowa Commerce Commission in protest of pipeline crossings on prime agriculture land.
Jackson conducted a tour of conservation practices for the fifth grade students of Hawkeye Elementary School.
Siebrecht presented a slide talk to 125 North Fayette third grade students.
Fifty booklets and 3,500 church bulletin inserts were distributed to various churches for Soil Stewardship Week.
Elton Knickerbocker, Arlington, was selected as the district's Division I, Conservation Farmer and Ross James, Voc-Ag teacher, Valley High, Elgin, was selected Conservation Teacher in the annual Achievement Awards Program.
The Fayette County Temporary Land Preservation Policy Commission was organized Aug. 3.
Gary Lehmann, Elgin, student at Hawkeye, Tech., Waterloo, trained with the district staff for six weeks.
Jackson assisted at the Regional Soil Juding Contest held in October at Area One School, Calmar. Twelve schools participated.
Doug Rueber, Arlington, was selected as district winner in the Isaac Walton League windbreak contest.