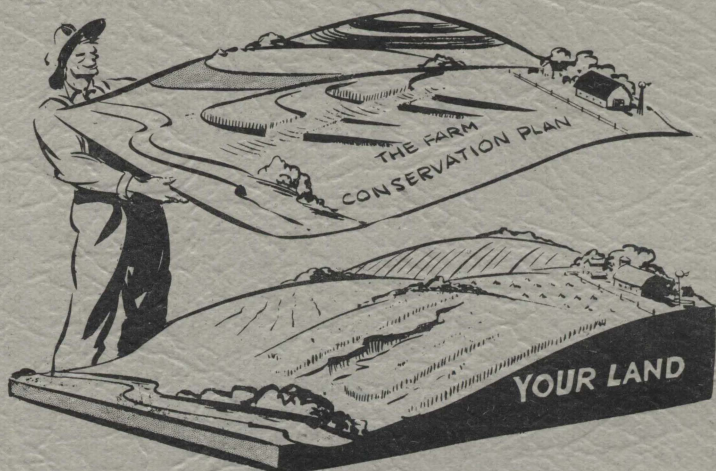


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SCS Work Unit Staff

Walter R. Thoreson, Work Unit Conservationist
 Adolph M. Ladegaard, Conservation Aid
 Marshall Lawson, Part Time Aid
 James Ladegaard, State Aid
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FOREWORD

We, the commissioners of the Dickinson Soil Conservation District, are reporting our annual soil conservation and district accomplishments for 1963.

Soil and water conservation in our district has been on the increase every year. Our office, located in Spirit Lake, is always open to be of service to you.

We wish to thank the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance, the Extension Service, the ASCS County Committee, Vocational Agriculture departments and the State Soil Conservation Committee for their cooperation and assistance rendered in 1963.

We wish to acknowledge the firms who are advertising in our report. Their furtherance of soil and water conservation is appreciated.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. In January, R. M. Herbert, district commissioner, and Ted VandenBosch who operates a farm in Diamond Lake Township, attended the District Commissioners' Short Course in Ames.
2. Conservation Workbooks were distributed to the schools in the county. The District Commissioners placed 535 copies of these workbooks in grades 6, 7 and 8. These students also received material and information concerning soil and water conservation relating to these workbooks. Prizes for having the best workbooks for 1962 were presented by Milton Sanders, chairman of Dickinson District Commissioners, to Crissy Allen, John Van Dyke and Terry Mossman of the Spirit Lake schools.
3. Annual Report Booklets for 1962, numbering 1800 copies, were mailed to cooperators and other interested persons.
4. Many fine sermons were preached from the pulpits in the county on Soil Stewardship Sunday. Reverend Baskerville, pastor of the Methodist Church, in Spirit Lake, assisted the commissioners in getting materials on this subject to the ministers in the county.
5. The commissioners held joint meetings with the County Extension Service Council and the ASC County Committee.
6. In the Permanent Agriculture Contest, sponsored by the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, Walt Wells from Lakeville Township, Carl Ingwersen of Silver Lake Township and Ashton Woods of Diamond Lake Township were the winners in the district.

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7. Dewey Belken who operates the Robert L. Smith farm in Okoboji Township, and Bernard Lynn who operates the Peter Ainsworth farm in Diamond Lake Township, were the district winners in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards given by the Des Moines Register and Tribune.
8. Ninety-five delegates, speakers and official guests were registered at the Ten-State Area Meeting of State Soil Conservation Committees, Commissions and Boards held June 26, 27 and 28 at Vacation Village on Lake Okoboji. Milton Sanders, chairman of the Dickinson SCD Commissioners, acted as master of ceremonies at one of the evening meetings. He introduced Dr. F. V. Maytum who gave a brief history of the Iowa Great Lakes region. Walt Thoreson conducted a farm tour for the group. Farming methods, cattle feeding at the Freddie Ahrenstorff and Son farm, and raising of Birdsfoot Trefoil at the Sietsema Bros. farm were observed.
9. John Boetel and Gary VandenBosch entered the Area Contour Plowing Contest held in O'Brien County. Walt Thoreson, Andy Hoffman and Ernest Skow assisted in judging the event.
10. A trial planting of Emerald Crown Vetch used for pasture renovation was placed on the Sietsema Brothers farm. This is a new legume which is being tried on light, sandy soil.
11. The district commissioners judged the 4-H Agronomy Projects in Dickinson County. Prizes were given to the winners by the Soil Conservation District.

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1. Ted Pawlowski, Area Conservationist, presented to the Dickinson Work Unit, the Roger Lathrop Traveling Trophy for the Conservation Work Unit of the Year in Area II. Dickinson District received this trophy for having the outstanding all-around conservation program for 1962 in this nine district area.
2. The Work Unit personnel conducted several 4-H meetings on agronomy, also Farm Bureau Meetings, and gave illustrated talks on soil and water conservation for grade school students in this district.
3. A farm tour was conducted for the Spirit Lake business men during which soil and water conservation practices were observed.
4. The Conservation Needs Report was published and copies distributed throughout the county.
5. A new Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District was written up and signed by the Secretary of Agriculture.
6. Marshall Lawson, part time employee with the district and the Soil Conservation Service, resigned and accepted a position with John Deere Company of Moline, Illinois.

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Misses Louise Kimball and Kathy Riedemann, both of rural Spirit Lake, were selected as "Queens" from this district. The contest was sponsored by the local Iowa Grain Dealers Association elevators and the Dickinson Soil Conservation District. Konnie Jo Eihausen of rural Milford was chosen runner-up.

Kathy Riedemann placed second in the regional contest held at Storm Lake. Mrs. Glen Jones was president of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau Women's Committee which did an outstanding job in promoting the contest and conducting it.

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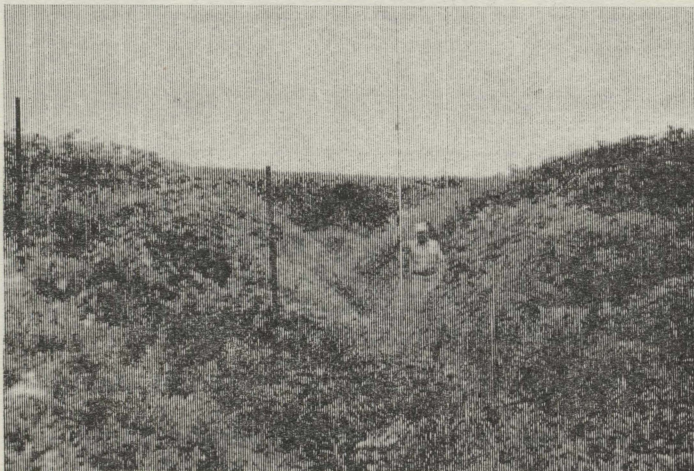
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Conservation Farm Plans	30	475
Farmers Receiving Assistance --	350	
Revisions	5	
Mains and Laterals	12,320 ft.	27,233 ft.
Tiling	98,722 ft.	2,219,098 ft.
Pasture Planting	122 ac.	299 ac.
Terraces	22,180 ft.	375,808 ft.
Farmstead Windbreaks	7 ac.	44 ac.
Wildlife Habitat Development --	12 ac.	246 ac.
Wildlife Habitat Preservation ---	10 ac.	10 ac.
Wetland Development	0 ac.	652 ac.
Contour Farming	593 ac.	14,299 ac.
Grassed Waterways	19 ac.	233 ac.
Field Border Planting	3,960 ft.	3,960 ft.
Diversions	1,985 ft.	15,895 ft.
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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June 30, 1963

I-M BUDGET

State Appropriations Assisting Dickinson	
Soil Conservation District -----	\$ 538.20
Commissioner's Expense -----	\$ 245.57
Office Supplies -----	117.73
Materials for Demonstration -----	129.99
Office Expense -----	33.53
Meeting Expense -----	10.23
	\$ 537.05

2-M BUDGET

State Appropriations Assisting Dickinson	
Soil Conservation District -----	\$4,338.00
Total Gross Salaries of State	
Employees -----	\$3,863.00
District Share of State and Federal	
Retirement -----	256.09
	\$4,119.09

WHAT A WINDBREAK DOES

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He manages more capital than most of the businessmen in town.

He likes sunshine, good food, State Fairs, dinner at noon, auctions, his neighbors, his shirt collar unbuttoned, and, above all, a good soaking rain in August.

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