

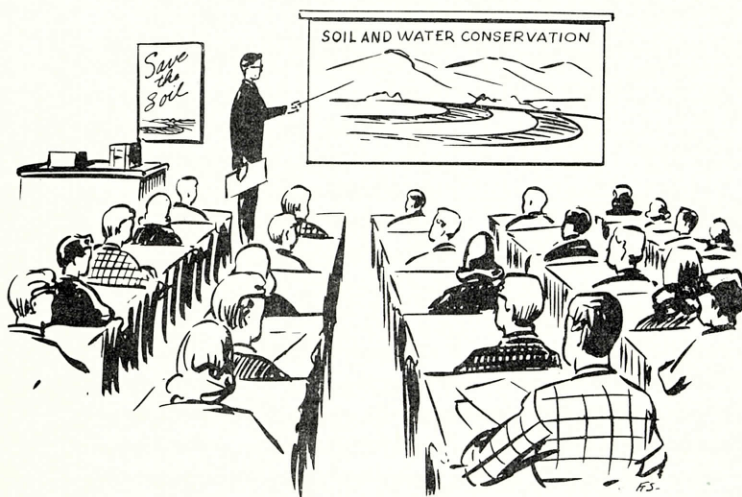
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BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1971 ANNUAL REPORT

--- DEDICATION ---

Because of his 25 years of service to the BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT we would like to dedicate this ANNUAL REPORT to our retired DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, HENRY WALDORF.

"WALLY" retired last May but left us many of the fruits of his labors. He believed strongly in "Spreading the Word," of conservation to the public and particularly to the schools. Through his early efforts CONSERVATION EDUCATION was made an integral part of the curriculum at the University of Northern Iowa. This has grown now to include the Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park. Of course, "HENRY" also spent many hours convincing land owners of the need for a sound SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM. For these things and many others, we dedicate this Annual Report to HENRY WALDORF.



HI-LITES OF THE YEAR

We're quite proud of the efforts of our Environmental Education Committee. During 1971 they started several projects that should help us tell the conservation story to many people. Commissioner JOHN MILLER is the chairman and has been assisted by teachers from several schools in the county, our Area Media Center, U.N.I., county and area Extension Service people, County and State Conservation personnel. Some of these projects include: several series of slide sets on local conservation topics, teaching aids and suggested classroom activities, development of outdoor classrooms' and demonstration farms. Our sincere thanks to these people for their efforts.

At our Annual Dinner, awards were presented to MRS. MILDRED HERMAN, teacher and VAUGHN CRAFT, farmer, as district winners in the 1970 Des Moines Register Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program. Later in the year MR. STAN WHELCHER, teacher at Orange High School and MRS THERESA RAILSBACK, teacher at Bunker Junior High School, and MR. MERLIN HANSEN, farmer, were named 1971 winners in this contest. MR. WHELCHER was later named the State winner in his division. Our congratulations to MR. WHELCHER for his outstanding achievement. He was honored at a banquet in Dubuque.

Commissioner JOHN MILLER participated in a TV documentary on KWWL titled "Rich Land, Poor Land," depicting the need for soil and water conservation practices.

RAY TEMEYER was judged winner in our speech contest. There were six contestants.

We had several personnel changes this year. As noted elsewhere in this report, H. W. WALDORF, retired in May, LOREN EICKHOFF, started in March as Conservation Technician, and J. BARTON MCANINCH started as District Conservationist in July.

JOHN MILLER and WAYNE MARK attended the Annual Commissioners Short Course in Ames.

Clerk MARDELLE THOMPSON and WAYNE MARK attended the State Annual Conference in Des Moines. There was an unusually large attendance from around the state.

We feel 1971 was especially important because of the passage of House File 73 or the Conservancy Law. The law, as passed, may have some shortcomings, but most other states are watching us to see the effects of our new bill. Since then, many discussions have been held on how we will implement it and bring about effective compliance. We hope to set up our local guides sometime this year.

Much interest in soil and water conservation has been generated by our new soil survey now in progress. Party Leader BILL FOUTS and two members LYLE DAVIS and MARK MINGER conducted a tour of their progress for the county assessor, GEORGE HADLEY and Waterloo city assessor EARL JAGO. By the end of the field season, everything south of highway 20 had been surveyed.

Our election was held at the Cattle Congress grounds at the time of the County 4-H Fair. Commissioners' WAYNE MARK and CLIFF KNUTSEN were re-elected from their respective areas. Later JOE ENTZ was named chairman to succeed WAYNE.

The BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT is allocated funds by the STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE based on the needs determined by budget requests submitted by the District Commissioners. The following is a report of the budgets and how they are utilized:

I-M BUDGET - Commissioners and District Expenses - State Allocation	\$	500.00
Carry-over from fiscal year 1970-----		0.12
Additional Allocation -----		100.00
Total Allocation -----	\$	600.12

EXPENSES:

Commissioners travel and meals ----	\$	395.75	
Office supplies -----		188.36	
Office expense -----		16.00	600.11
Total Expended -----	\$	600.00	Carry over 0.01

II-M BUDGET - State Clerk and State Soil Conservation Aid's salaries, travel, office equipment and repairs -- State Allocation \$ 6,137.00

Travel -----	\$	26.37	
Equipment repairs -----		25.50	
Gross salaries -----		5,470.00	
Federal retirement -----		276.66	
State retirement -----		191.44	
State health insurance credit ----		78.00	\$ 6,067.97
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OUR CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PAST YEAR

NEW COOPERATORS -----	48 No.	GRASSED HEADLANDS -----	4,600 Feet
CONSERVATION PLANS -----	33 No.	GRASSED WATERWAYS -----	63 Acres
REVISED PLANS -----	9 No.	DRAINAGE DITCH -----	1,650 Feet
INV. & EVALUATIONS -----	3 No.	PARALLEL TERRACES -----	4,600 Feet
RESOURCE PLANS SERVICED ----	5 No.	TILE -----	69,542 Feet
UNITS OF GOV'T ASS'T -----	4 No.	TREE PLANTING -----	144 Acres
CONTOUR FARMING -----	2,302 Acres	WILDLIFE AREA DEV. -----	452 Acres
CRITICAL AREA PLANTING ----	44 Acres	WATER CONTROL STR. -----	5 No.
CROP RESIDUE USE-----	4,560 Acres	WASTE DISPOSAL TANKS ----	3 No.
FARMSTEAD WINDBREAKS -----	9 Acres	LAND ADEQUATELY TREATED -	3,605 Acres

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONER:

JOSEPH E. ENTZ, Chairman
WAYNE C. MARK
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN MILLER
JAMES SAGE

STATE EMPLOYEES:

MARDELLE THOMPSON, Clerk
KEITH CROWLEY, Tech. Aid

COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

WILLIAM D. DAVIDSON

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

HENRY W. WALDORF, District Conservationist (Retired in May)
J. B. MCANINCH, District Conservationist (From July)
LOREN EICKHOFF, Conservation Technician (From March 22)

SOIL SURVEY PARTY

BILL FOUTS, Leader
LYLE DAVIS
MARK MINGER
JOHN MURPHY, Trainee

CONTRIBUTIONS: Each year we ask local people for some financial support to carry the conservation story to the youth and other segments of our society. State funds are not available for many of the activities that we feel are important. The response has been most gratifying.

Revolving Fund - Contributions ----- \$1,130.00

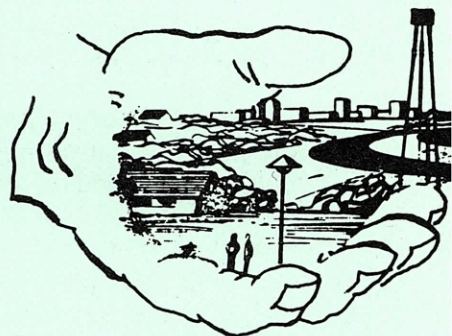
Prizes for Contests -----	\$	115.50	
SCSA Educational Cartoon Booklets -		97.50	
Dues - State and National -----		210.00	
Iowa Chapter Dues SCSA Memberships-		132.00	
District Annual Dinner -----		178.23	
Additional Technical Help -----		319.61	
Office Equipment -----		45.99	
	\$1,098.83	Balance \$	30.77



Our Resources



Our Future



Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District

WE THANK YOU!

Any successful program must have financial support. Ours is no exception--and this we have. We are proud to list below some of the names of those who have given our program the needed boost for 1972. And who says urban people are not concerned about the conservation of our soil and water resources?

Our sincere thanks to a small portion of the people who were good listeners when you were asked to help our district with our first newsletter:

CENTRAL BATTERY AND ELECTRIC
ROSKAMP MFG. of CEDAR FALLS
CEDAR FALLS SAVINGS AND LOAN
C. W. SHIREY AND COMPANY
FULLERTON LUMBER COMPANY
ANNIS, SAM AND COMPANY, GAS
GRADY FARMS DAIRY
DALTON PLUMBING-HEATING-COOLING
GILBERTVILLE MILLING COMPANY
SHEFFIELD BRICK AND TILE
BEAVER VALLEY LIVESTOCK

GUYER, ROSS IMPLEMENT COMPANY
FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSN. of CEDAR FALLS
HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN
AMERICAN LUMBER INC.
POWERS MFG. CO.
WATERLOO SAVINGS BANK
NORTHLANDS PRODUCTS CO.
DANISH MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSN.
MARK REALITY INC.
TITUS MANUFACTURING CORP.
STRAYER SEED FARMS OF HUDSON

More names later--would you people mention your appreciation to these contributors for their thoughtfulness. We hope to have a program worthy of their support!



"THE BEST PLACE TO FIND A HELPING HAND IS AT THE END OF YOUR ARM"

WIN A PRIZE!

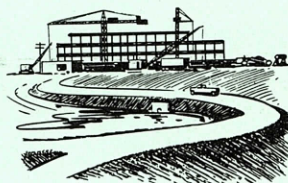
We're having a speech contest again this year with prizes for the top three places. The topic is "BETTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION." The contest is open to all Black Hawk County students in grades 9 through 12. The date is March 16th. If you're interested get the details from our district office.

TAKE TIME TO READ IT--

Each year we publish a report of our activities and events. Attached with this month's newsletter is our ANNUAL REPORT for 1971. We hope you will take time to read it!

FOR BETTER SERVICE

We're inviting all our conservation contractors and suppliers to meet with our technicians and people from the ASCS office on FEBRUARY 22, at the CROSSROADS NATIONAL BANK. We want to discuss all needs and mutual problems so we can provide better service to you. The meeting will be from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M., Coffee and rolls. Compliments of SHEFFIELD BRICK & TILE COMPANY.



WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

From time to time many of you probably hear our commissioners' talk about "COOPERATORS." You may wonder who or what we are talking about. A COOPERATOR is any land owner or operator who has signed a request for assistance from our SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Our technicians help any COOPERATOR plan and apply needed conservation practices to his land. It's a voluntary request on his part and he can do as little or as much as he wants. Some want only one or two practices and some want many. Regardless, we think any unit of land needs a resource conservation plan to be of the most value to the user. Our service is free to those who ask. Oh yes, we think "DISTRICT COOPERATORS," are just a couple of notches above the run of the mill citizen--they're concerned about THEIR LAND.

SOIL SURVEY PROGRESS

Most of you probably are aware that we have a COUNTY-WIDE SOIL SURVEY in progress. Many have asked how it's coming and when we expect to be done. BILL FOUTS, the survey party leader, tells us that all the field work will be completed during 1972, with favorable weather conditions. At present, all the area south of highway 20 has been surveyed. Sometime in 1973 an interim report containing reproductions of the individual maps will be available. Then the final, complete report will be available at some later date. Seems like awhile to wait but as the name indicates, this is a complete soil survey. To those of you not acquainted with these reports, it will be revealing as to the amount of information they provide. If you have specific questions, contact our DISTRICT OFFICE.



HOW ABOUT A VISIT?

Have you recently taken time to study YOUR farm program to make sure that you are using your land in the best possible way? Since the cold weather came, our technicians have headed for the country to visit area farmers concerning their CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. As a result of these visits they have assisted many cooperators with their conservation plans. To date they have assisted the following cooperators:

MILTON HENRICKSON
GILBERT BURGER
BILL DAVIDSON
MAX HOSIER
DAMON GUNN

JIM GROVER
DEAN WARD
JOHN DEERE FARMS
JOHN MILLER
GARNOLD HOSKINS

MERLIN HARBAUGH
GEORGE PFEIFER JR.
RICHARD GOTAAS
LU VERNE CHRISTIAN

And before the weather warms and that corn planter starts to click there are a lot more of you guys that we want to contact. If you have a special problem or an early need give us a call at 233-0353.

"YOU INSURE YOUR FAMILY, CAR, HOUSE, AND EQUIPMENT--WHY NOT INSURE THE WHOLE FARM? CONVERT TO A COMPLETE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PLAN TODAY"



GOOD MEETING!

Our Extension Director, BILL DAVIDSON, reports that nearly 50 land owners attended each session of "Soil Management in the 70's." We think most people felt they got a lot of helpful information. The group showed a lot of interest in the SOIL CONSERVANCY BILL. DR. MIN AMEMIYA did an excellent job of explaining the provisions of this bill. Another highlight was KAY CONNELLY'S explanation of the costs and returns of conservation practices when combined with various land use alternatives. DR. GARRON BENSON pointed to the importance of good soil testing and realistic fertilizer use.

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