

make any housewife feel tired, hobby? He was Theodore Roose-
During her married life she will felt.
president's face not dam-
aged by the assassin's bullets.
In 1944, American bombers at-
to be sure you reach all your
prospects at the lowest cost.
vocation or suspension by not
personal property, and impose a
"county tax," to be collected by
ington and others.



BEFORE—This is the gully in Indian Creek watershed as it was after clearing, but before tructure Site 4 was built on Adolph Fell-LeRoy Coffelt farms.

District Governing Body

- Donald Bladt Chairman
- Eldon Ravlin Member
- Harvey Moss Member
- Louie Fahrenkrog Assistant
- Con Fischer Assistant
- Derald Blois Assistant
- Cliff Johnson Secretary



Grassed backslope terraces are being built in the 4,510 acre North Pigeon watershed north of Crescent. The work plan has been completed and approved by the local sponsoring group. It is now in Washington awaiting action by the Bureau of the Budget.

1966 ANNUAL REPORT
West Pottawattamie County Soil Conservation District
Conservation Practices Installed

Diversion terraces	4,254 feet	Basin terraces	39,412 feet
Structures	2	Tile	48,752 feet
Waterways	40.5 acres	Mains and laterals	5,850 feet
Level Terraces	99,866 feet *	Surface field ditch	9,654 feet
Parallel terraces	185,858 feet *	Land grading	125 acres
		* of the total 203,538 feet grassed backslope terraces	

District Commissioners Activities

As we look ahead into the future, soil and water are becoming more and more important. Just a few short years ago, we were faced with huge surpluses. Today it is apparent that if we are to feed the people of our own country and help the starving people of the other nations we are going to have to demand more from our soil.

We are losing thousands of acres of our better producing land to the construction of highways, airports and the expanding towns and cities. We have more people to feed and less land upon which to do it. We are going to need to use a more intensive row-crop rotation to meet these needs. It is imperative that we do a better job of conserving our soil and water if we are to meet the demands of the future.

1966 was another year of continued progress for soil and water conservation. The District Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate the co-operation we have enjoyed this year with the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Extension Service, Agricultural Research Service, Board of Supervisors, the local newspapers, radio stations, County Fair Board, Carol Hahn, George Beno and the contestants for help on the Queen of Conservation Contest, and all the district co-operators who had work done on their farms this year.

You are always welcome to stop in at our office and discuss any of the soil conservation problems you may have. Better still, let one of the boys come out to your farm and go over it with you. They are always happy to assist you with your conservation problems.

During the year your Soil Conservation District Commissioners held 12 regular meetings.

Some of the highlights of the past year were:

Eldon Ravlin attending the 2-day short course for District Commissioners at Iowa State University, Ames, January 11 and 12.

The District Commissioners approved project agreements for construction of structural measures for Ryan-Henschal Watershed.

Bids were opened and contract awarded for the three structure sites in Indian Creek Watershed in March.

Harvey Moss was elected commissioner to replace Jack O'Hara. Derald Blois and Con Fischer appointed assistant commissioners.

Held a meeting with the North Pigeon Watershed directors, Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors and Soil Conservation Service Watershed Planning Party to approve work plan for North Pigeon Watershed.

District Commissioners paid state and national dues to the State and National Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners. Eldon Ravlin attended the state convention of Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

The District entered Iowa Conservation Achievement Awards contest and the Omaha World-Herald contest. District winners for the Iowa Conservation Achievement Awards were George Hartje; Con Fischer; F. W. Niehaus, owner and Warren Fahrenkrog, operator.

The District Commissioners cooperated with the War on Poverty program by employing Ken Gardner and Rick Davis through the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Oliver Hall transferred to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha after 19½ years of soil conservation service to the West Pottawattamie District.

16 girls entered this year's Queen of Conservation contest. Judy Claar and Sharon Nelson were District winners and represented the District in the Regional contest at Audubon.

Eldon Ravlin and Cal Cox attended the National Plowing

Matches and Soil Conservation Field Day at Jefferson. Eldon acted as a referee for the contour plowing match.

The commissioners and Soil Conservation Service personnel assisted Mamie Creek Watershed directors in explaining watershed program to farmers in the watershed.

Watershed Report

This has been another active year in the Indian Creek and Ryan-Henschal watersheds, both in construction and upland treatment.

In Indian Creek, which is north of Council Bluffs, structures were built by the Wilbur Nielsen Construction Company of Omaha: Site 4 on the Adolph Fell-LeRoy Coffelt farms, a drop inlet type structure which will impound 17.4 acres of water; Site 13 on the Ed Spelman farm, a drop inlet type structure which will impound 4.8 acres of water; Site 5 on the Fred Schlott-Harold Crane farms, a drop inlet type of structure which will be completed in the spring of 1967, which will impound 6.2 acres of water.

A road structure is scheduled to be built in 1967 which will be constructed jointly by the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors and the West Pottawattamie Soil Conservation District.

The 60 farmers have installed 57.1 miles of level terraces, 5.1 miles of basin terraces and 3 miles of diversion terraces, 22 acres of waterways and 1 grade stabilization structure on the 9,722-acre watershed which includes Council Bluffs.

In Ryan-Henschal watershed west of Underwood no structures were built in 1966. Structures are planned for 1967 for Site C-1 on the Francis Bell farm; this will be a weir knotch full flow type structure; also a concrete chute full flow structure on the Carrie Scott Estate farm. One road structure is planned for Site E-1 (1 mile south and 2 miles west of Underwood). This will be constructed in cooperation with the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors. Six additional structures are planned for this 9,410-acre watershed.

The 83 farmers located in the watershed have installed 148 miles of level and basin terraces, 4 miles of diversion terraces, 166 acres of waterway development and 10 erosion control structures.

1966 Financial Statement

The General Assembly of Iowa provides funds to assist soil conservation districts in their local programs. These funds are allocated to districts by the State Soil Conservation Committee on the basis of needs as evidenced by budgets submitted by the district commissioners.

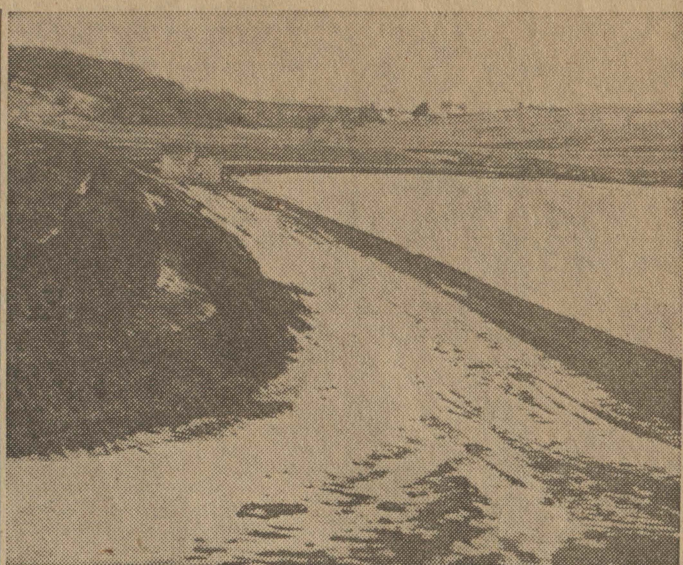
Two separate funds are provided by the State Soil Conservation Committee. They are the 1M Budget used for commissioners expenses, office supplies, printing, and other office expenses; and the 2M Budget which is used to employ a clerk and technical help to assist with layout work.

State 1M Budget

Allocation	\$500.00
Commissioners expenses	\$229.90
Office supplies	\$170.10
Printing	\$100.00
Total	\$1000.00

State 2M Budget

Allocation	\$5215.83
Clerical	\$3653.32
Technical	\$1562.51
Total	\$5215.83



AFTER—Completed Indian Creek Watershed structure on Adolph Fell-LeRoy Coffelt farms. This is the beginning of 15 proposed erosion control structures in this watershed.

Personnel Assisting the District

- Walter Weiss Area Conservationist
- Calvin (Cal) Cox Work Unit Conservationist
- Dick France (Jan. to Sept.) Soil Conservationist
- Donald Kauffman (Dec.) Soil Conservationist
- Oliver Hall (Jan. to July) Soil Conservation Technician
- Donald Barnhart (Aug. to Dec.) Soil Conservation Technician
- Mrs. Mona Mackey Clerk
- John Holzfaster W. A. E.
- Howard Angeroth State Aid



Terraces on the John Hartwell farm in the Mamie Creek watershed. This 4,850 acre watershed is north of Quick. This group is in the process of making application for watershed approval.