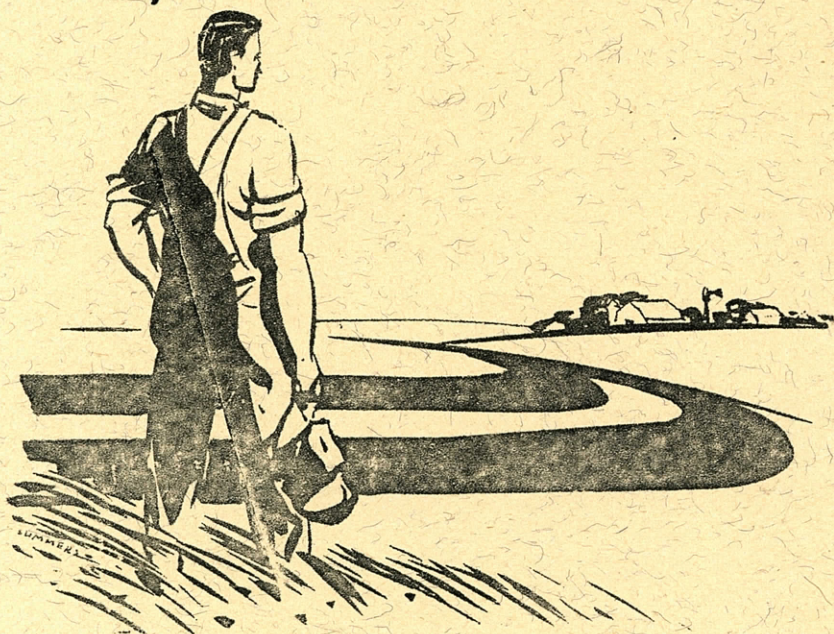


HARDIN
SOIL CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
1963 ANNUAL REPORT





FOREWORD

The Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners take this opportunity to report to you the District accomplishments and activities in soil and water conservation for 1963.

The success of the conservation program in Hardin SCD can be traced to the cooperation and enthusiasm of many individuals and groups in the county. We wish to thank these various agencies, organizations and individuals for the assistance they have given in promoting soil and water conservation and for their encouragement in contributing to a fine year of achievement in 1963.

Included with this year's annual report is the Conservation Needs Report for Hardin SCD. It presents an inventory of the conservation needs of our agricultural land and the physical problems and magnitude of the job to be done. As your District Commissioners we plan to use this information to guide the Soil Conservation District program in Hardin County. We hope you too can assist in protecting and improving our land and water resources.

Your District Commissioners

Leland Reece, Chairman
Dean Kelsey
Paul Primus
Dale Petty
Ted Cutler
Homer Calkins

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Leland Reece, New Providence	Chairman
Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls	Member
Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock	Member
Dale Petty, Eldora	Assistant
Ted Cutler, New Providence	Assistant
Homer Calkins, Iowa Falls	Assistant
James Goode, County Extension Director	Treasurer

U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Cal Moore	Work Unit Conservationist
Dean Miller	Conservation Technician
Ron Bennett	Engineering Student Trainee

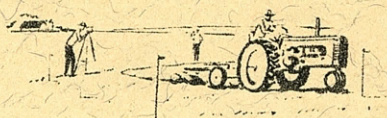
STATE PERSONNEL

Eileen Miller	State Clerk & District Secretary
George Pence (part-time)	State & Federal Aid
Gary Taylor (part-time)	State Aid

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The State Conservation Committee, through appropriations received from the state of Iowa, provided financial assistance to aid in furthering the District program. Included is a \$500 allocation for office supplies, printing and commissioners expenses. \$4267 was allocated for clerical and part-time technical assistance and equipment.

We extend our thanks to our District cooperators and individuals and groups, who by their contributions to the Hardin District Soil Conservation Club, have assisted in promoting conservation in Hardin SCD. In 1963 the club's membership reached 189 with contributions of \$1.00 or more. Many of our youth and educational activities are supported by your membership. We are grateful for your assistance.



1963 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FARM PLANNING

New Cooperators	71 Number
Conservation Farm Plans	35 Number
Revised Farm Plans	15 Number
Cooperator Contacts	307 Number
Soil Surveys (mapping)	5,610 Acres

MAJOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Contouring	1,289 Acres
Stripcropping	93 Acres
Parallel Terraces	4,745 Feet
Diversions	3,070 Feet
Grassed Waterways	60 Acres
Concrete Structures	3 Number
Earthen Fill Structures	4 Number
Ponds	1 Number
Tile Drainage	280,486 Feet
Tile System Structures	66 Number
Surface Drainage	4,730 Feet
Tree Planting	14 Acres
Wildlife Areas	65 Acres

All farm planning activities showed increased accomplishments in 1963. A record high of 71 new cooperators were signed up with the District. A total of 50 conservation plans including revisions were completed in 1963, representing a new record in accomplishment in farm planning.

Application of conservation practices continued strong during the year. Significant increases were shown in grassed waterway construction and structural practices including earthen fill and concrete structures and ponds.

COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATION

Twelve regular monthly meetings and two special meetings were held by the Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners during 1963 for the purpose of administering the District Soil Conservation program.

Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock, was elected for a six year term as commissioner at the annual meeting held in March. Primus replaces Homer Calkins, Alden, who continued as assistant commissioner. Dale Petty, Eldora and Ted Cutler, New Providence were appointed assistant commissioners for the year.

Dean Kelsey was re-elected regional director at the Regional Commissioner meeting held in Allison in July. As director Kelsey represents an eleven county area in north central Iowa in the Iowa Association of SCD Commissioners. In addition Kelsey was re-elected secretary of the association at the Annual Conference in Des Moines during September. Mrs. Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls, was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Iowa SCD Commissioners at the Annual Conference. Mrs. Kelsey had served as vice-president for the past two years.

The District was well represented at Regional Commissioner meetings and contests throughout the year. Petty attended the Commissioners Short Course held in Ames in January. Reece, Kelsey, Cutler and Petty attended the Annual Conference in Des Moines in September.

The Hardin District maintained its membership in the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and in the National Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

GOODYEAR CONSERVATION AWARD

Hardin SCD was selected as the outstanding Soil Conservation District in northern Iowa in the 1962-63 National Awards Program sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The northern Iowa area is composed of 50 Soil Conservation Districts. The judging is based on four areas of activity; conservation education, planning and application; activities and organizations; program development and progress; and administration.

As recipients of the grand award, Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls, commissioner and regional director and Harold Marsh, Union, selected as outstanding District cooperator by the commissioners, represented the District on a week trip to the Goodyear ranch at Litchfield Park, Arizona.

GOOD-WILL TRIP

Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock, commissioner of Hardin SCD, toured Europe and the Iron Curtain countries on a three-week Good-Will trip in August and September. Commissioners from a number of Iowa Soil Conservation Districts along with other agricultural leaders were on the tour. Paul presented numerous programs on his trip and has many more scheduled for this winter.

ANNUAL MEETING

The topic "Soil Conservation in Hardin County" was featured at the District Annual Meeting held March 18 at Iowa Falls. A panel of four speakers discussed the various aspects of conservation. The films "We Share This Land" and "The World at Your Feet" were also presented.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

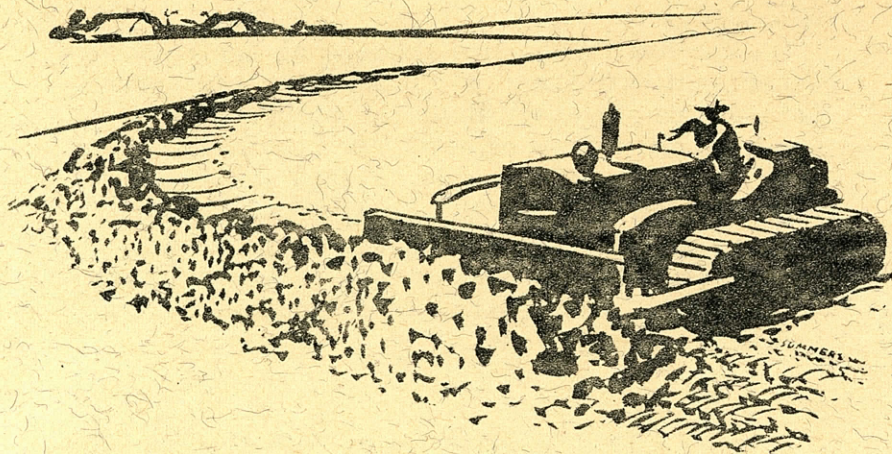
LaVerne Haywood, Eldora and Ira & Alvin Neubauer, Radcliffe were honored as the 1963 Conservation Achievement Awards winners at the District annual meeting in March. Each year two cooperating farmers are recognized for outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation. Bernnard Reece, New Providence was recognized as outstanding conservationist in the 1961-62 Goodyear Conservation Award contest. The presentation was made at the annual meeting.

SPEECH CONTEST

Teresa Wood, New Providence was named winner in the District Speech contest held in April. Miss Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wood, New Providence. Sidney Martin, Union and Wayne Wilson, New Providence, placed 2nd and 3rd. Other contestants were David Banner, Iowa Falls; Howard Marsh, New Providence and Greg Walter, Eldora. The contest sponsored annually by the Ladies Auxiliary, features the topic "How Soil & Water Conservation Affects My Future". Miss Wood represented the District in the Regional contest in Nevada in June.

TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Ray McDowell, Eldora was selected as recipient of the 1963 Teachers Conservation Camp scholarship awarded by the District. The Camp, held annually at Springbrook State Park, provides useful instruction and experience in conservation teaching. Mrs. McDowell was also selected by the Iowa Conservation Education Council as instructor at the Annual Conservation Workshop held at Luther, Iowa in October. Mrs. McDowell presented numerous programs on conservation to youth groups in the county as well as utilizing the training in her teaching at the Eldora Elementary School. Mrs. Nada Bottke, Iowa Falls, also attended the Conservation Workshop through District assistance.



SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

The week of May 19-26 was observed as Soil Stewardship Week in many churches of Hardin county. The 1963 theme was "We Turn Our Eyes to the Future". Booklets on stewardship of the soil were sent to all churches in the county. Nine churches used a specially prepared church bulletin insert.

QUEEN OF CONSERVATION

Pat Kosanke, Eldora and Janice McCord, Alden were selected as "Queen of Conservation" of Hardin SCD in July. Other candidates were Patty Wiesner, Iowa Falls; Linda Ziesman, Eldora; Jill Trousdale, Alden; and Lorry Tatum, New Providence. The contest is co-sponsored by the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (cooperatives) and the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa. Dealers in Hardin county assisting in the contest were the cooperative elevators in Ackley, Alden, Buckeye, Garden City, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, Lawn Hill, Macy, Owasa and Radcliffe. Miss Kosanke and Miss McCord represented the District in the Regional contest at Nevada in August.

SOIL JUDGING

The New Providence Vocational Agriculture Department won first place award in the annual Soil Judging contest held in October on the Corwin Hadley farm east of New Providence. Iowa Falls placed second. Eldora and Alden placed third and fourth. Individual awards were presented to the high scorer from each school as follows; Jack Martin, New Providence; Randy Duffy, Iowa Falls; Neil Lindsey, Eldora and Mark Fisher, Alden.

SCOUT PROJECTS

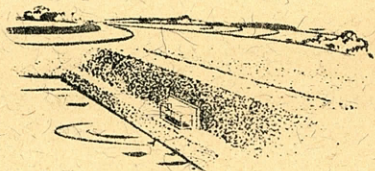
Tree planting projects were conducted for three Boy Scout Troops during the spring. The Eldora and Iowa Training School Boy Scouts, assisted by the Eldora Kiwanis Club, planted 10 acres of red, white and Austrian pine at the Pine Lake State Park. The Iowa Falls Boy Scouts assisted in planting trees at the Homer Calkins farm. In the fall the Eldora Boy Scouts assisted in seeding & mulching an earthen fill structure on the Chris Schaa farm near Eldora.

CONSERVATION TOURS

Tours were conducted for numerous groups in 1963. The Eldora Kiwanis toured erosion control projects under construction in the Pine Lake Watershed in August. Conservation practices on 16 farms were viewed during the annual SCD-ASC tour in November. Tours were conducted for Scouts and Vocational Agriculture students.

CONSERVATION WORKBOOKS

Over 900 students in the 6th, 7th & 8th grades of Hardin county schools are studying conservation with the aid of the Conservation Workbook program this school year. The eight schools participating in the program are Ackley-Geneva, Alden-Buckeye-Popejoy, Eldora, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, New Providence, Steamboat Rock and Union. The Hardin County Conservation Board finances the cost of the workbooks



CONSERVATION SOURCE BOOKS

The newly published "Conservation Source Book" was widely distributed throughout the county. The book contains information about soils, water, plant & animal life, minerals and fossils as well as all the valuable resources found in Iowa. Numerous junior high & high school libraries and Vocational Agriculture departments were provided copies by the District. In addition, the Hardin County Extension Council provided copies to all city and town libraries in the county.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM

Special features were published in three newspapers in the county during Soil Conservation Week. The Eldora Herald-Index received special recognition for their Soil Conservation Week issue from D. A. Williams, Administrator with the Soil Conservation Service in Washington, D. C. A total of 47 news articles were published during the year. The Conservation Newsletters were continued in 1963 as a means of informing Conservation Club members of District activities. Numerous talks and slides of conservation were shown to farm groups, service clubs, churches, adult evening schools and others during 1963.

ROAD SIGNS

"Entering Hardin Soil Conservation District" road signs were installed on the east and south county lines. A special thanks to Alvin Lewis, east of Eldora and Huck Johnson, south of Union for providing space for the signs.

Hardin Soil Conservation District
Post Office Building
Eldora, Iowa

HARDIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Dear Friend,

We are asking for your support in a \$1.00 membership to the Hardin District Soil Conservation Club. Your continued assistance as a Conservation Club member will help in promoting the conservation of soil and water resources of our county and in supporting an effective conservation education program.

The membership response in the Soil Conservation Club has been very encouraging. The Club has increased in membership to 189 with contributions ranging from \$1.00 to \$15.00. We wish to thank you for your assistance and assure you your membership in 1964 will again be used in support of worthy conservation activities.

The proceeds from your membership are used in promoting conservation activities in youth groups such as 4-H, Vocational Agriculture, Scouts and others. It assisted in supporting the District Speech contest, Soil Judging contest, Soil Stewardship Week, Teachers Conservation Camp scholarship, tree planting projects, tours and demonstrations. It will enable the District to maintain membership in Iowa and National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, whose efforts have been instrumental in developing and maintaining our soil conservation program.

A return addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning your membership contribution and the receipt end of the membership card. We assure you that your contribution will be used in a manner meriting your whole-hearted support.

Your Commissioners,

Leland Reece

SCS & District Staff

Cal Moore
Dean Miller
Eileen Miller, Secretary

Leland Reece, Chairman
Dean Kelsey
Paul Primus
Dale Petty
Ted Cutler
Homer Calkins

ANNUAL MEETING

Paul Primus, Steamboat Rock, will present slides of his recent tour of Europe and the Iron Curtain countries at the Hardin Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting, Monday evening, March 16 at the Youth Building in Eldora at 8:00 P.M. Harold Marsh, Union and Dean Kelsey, Iowa Falls, will review their Conservation Award trip to the Goodyear farm in Arizona.

Coffee and donuts will be served following the meeting. All Conservation Club members will be eligible for a drawing of a door prize. Anyone interested in attending is welcome, including the whole family.