

MILLS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 1960 ANNUAL REPORT

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Lillian A. Campbell, Clerk-Treas.

This is our 19th Annual Report to the Cooperators and friends of the Mills County Soil Conservation District.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the office staff of the Soil Conservation Service for the technical assistance they have given to the conservation farmers in the District.

We also appreciate the help we have received from the Extension Service; the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and office staff; the Farmers Home Administration; the County Superintendent of Schools; the Vocational Agricultural Departments; the County Board of Supervisors; and the Mule Creek Board of Trustees. *pc*

Also we would to acknowledge the fine cooperation we have received from the County Newspapers, and County Civic Groups.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1960

The Mills District Commissioners have been busy in promoting soil and water conservation and have participated in several activities.

In September we co-sponsored a cut-and-fill terrace demonstration on the Eurel Anderson farm near Silver City. Considerable interest in this project was exhibited by farmers interested in reducing the number of short rows in their farming operations. Service personnel attended the demonstration from five states.

The District Commissioners also sponsored the "Queen of Conservation" Contest held in conjunction with the Mills County Fair. Winners in the Mills County Contest were Phyllis Leu and Carolyn Hunt.

Harold McCain attended the 14th Annual Conference of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Davenport this year.

Dallas McGrew attended a meeting of the Southwest Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at Atlantic.

WATERSHED ACTIVITY

Work continues in the Pony Creek Watershed. Last year five miles of terraces were installed, bringing the total miles of terraces now on the land to 163 miles. The Service estimates that 329 miles are needed to adequately control sheet erosion in the watershed, so this means that farmers will need to build about 166 more miles over the next eight years, which is to be the time needed to develop this watershed. Farmers of the watershed must, prior to the installation of any particular structure achieve 75% of the land treatment measures needed in that particular sub-watershed. The Work Plan on this watershed is now in Washington for Congressional approval. If all goes well, we may be able to start construction in this watershed in 1962.

Work also continues in Mule Creek Watershed where four miles of terraces were built last year.

MILLS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1960

	Unit	This Year	Total To Date	
New District Cooperators	No.	48	715	837
Basic Farm Plans	No.	33	407	426
Follow-Up Contacts	No.	117		
Farms Serviced	No.	262		
Soil Survey	Ac.	620	217,968	
Terraces	Mi.	122.8	3,232.8	3323.5
Contouring	Ac.	2,525	99,200	100,540
Open Drains	Mi.	8.3	118.4	119.1
Tile Drains	Mi.	12.0	22.4	35.0
Waterways	Ac.	49	2,337.4	2402.2
Structures	No.	6	11	37
Basin Terraces	Mi.	1.5	9.3	10.0

1959-60 STATE BUDGET

1-A	
Commissioners Exp.	\$107.25
Office Supplies	146.23
Printing	12.33
Prizes for Contests	43.79
Rental of Hall	7.50
Materials for Dem.	70.80
Office Expense	38.05
Total Disbursed	\$425.95

2-A	
Technical Assistance	\$2,324.00
Clerical Assistance	3,055.00
State Retirement	154.08
Federal Retirement	147.57
	<u>\$5,680.65</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1960 (Malvern Bank)	\$1,317.82
Balance on hand January 1, 1960 (Mineola Bank)	381.18
Land Owner Contributions	673.81
Reimbursements from 1-A	380.07
Total Cash on Hand and Receipts	<u>\$2,752.88</u>

Disbursements:

Rodmen	\$222.07
Clerical	282.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	158.20
Postage	114.00
Utilities	57.34
Dues & Subscriptions	306.40
Field Supplies & Equipment	156.03
Printing	126.25
Photographic Supplies	22.35
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,444.64</u>

Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1960 (Malvern Bank)	927.06
Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1960 (Mineola Bank)	381.18
Total	<u>\$2,752.88</u>