

Appanoose County SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Conservation

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Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee
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Iowa State Conservation Commission

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Anywhere in Appanoose Co., Iowa
Furthering Soil Conservation

SOIL COMMISSIONERS

George A. Scott - Richard Wilson - Arthur M. Streepy
Chairman

Centerville, Iowa
January 1, 1951

APPANOOSE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1950

TO: The Honorable Charles Brannan, U. S. Sec. of Agriculture

The Commissioners of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District respectfully submit the following report covering the operations of the district during the calendar year of 1950.

In the year of 1950 soil conservation advanced to a great degree. This is shown by the increase in farms planned, also by the interest taken by the farmers in this district.

An election for District Commissioner was held in March. Arthur M. Streepy, past chairman, was re-elected to a six year term. Mr. R. C. Wilson was elected Chairman by the Commissioners.

The International bulldozer which was on loan to the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District was granted to this District on August 31, 1950. This in turn was traded in on a new D7 caterpillar tractor and dozer purchased from the Gibbs-Cook Equipment Company which arrived in this county Sept. 27, 1950. The financial statement on the International TD-18 dozer, and also the D7 dozer is attached to this report on a separate page.

On July 17 of this year, we received a 135 horsepower Allis-Chalmers tractor and dozer which was loaned to us from Ft. Dodge, Iowa. A repair fund in the amount of \$1,011.75 was sent to this District from Ft. Dodge. Financial statement for this dozer is also attached to this report.

As a result of the \$250,000 appropriated by the State of Iowa for soil conservation, this District has been enabled to hire both a technical and clerical assistant to help in the local Soil Conservation Service office the past year.

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The District entered into the following demonstrations: Four Farmer Conservationists Schools, Forage Field Day held during soil conservation week, cooperator's banquet at which time ten soil conservation gold lapel pins were awarded to the ten outstanding "Soil Conservationists" for the year 1949; 12 county plow match; display at both the Appanoose Co. Fair and State Fair; Alfalfa Banquet, at which Dr. Grover Brown, Chief Agronomist of the SCS, Washington, D. C. gave the main address, and which was sponsored this year by the farmers of Appanoose County. At this time, the ten outstanding "Farmer Conservationists" for the year of 1950 were presented with a scroll and gold lapel pin.

The District got very good cooperations from other agencies, including the Extension Service, P.M.A., F.H.A., County Board of Supervisors, Centerville Association of Commerce and the State Conservation Committee.

The Farm Planner, Wm. E. Stark, planned 60 farms in 1950 compared with 51 plans written in 1949. This makes a total of 237 plans completed at the close of the year 1950.

We believe the District program is becoming very well known and accepted throughout the District. This is shown by the list of 126 applications for farm plans now needing to be planned, and also by the 800 office callers at the local office in 1950.

The following is the work accomplished during the year 1950:

60 plans totalling	10,922 acres
15 farms starting practices	
52 follow-ups	
Contouring	1,794 acres
Strip Cropping	208 acres
Pasture Improvement	1,131 acres
Seeding of Pasture	222 acres
Wildlife Area Improved	21 acres
Farm Ponds	30
Terraces	6.16 miles
Diversions	1.83 miles
Farm Drainage	27 acres
Open drains	.79 miles
Fence Row Management	1.59 miles
Waterways	6.69 miles
Prevent grazing damage	9 acres.

The Commissioners, with the aid of the Farm Planner, set up the following goals for the year of 1951.

76 soil conservation plans
40 Follow-ups
17,659 acres conservation surveys

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Contouring	1,440 acres
Strip Cropping	420 acres
Terraces	15.6 miles
Diversions	3.5 miles
Waterways	6.0 miles
Imp. Pasture	960 acres
Seed Pasture	480 acres
Wildlife Area Improved	4 acres
Ponds	16
Open Drains	1.0 miles
Farm Drainage	61 acres
Fence Row Mgt.	4.0 miles
Structures	3

Due to the plan for increased production of corn and grains, it may be impossible to carry out as many soil conservation practices as is desired in our county for the ensuing year. However, we have a good soil conservation foundation layed, and we feel that we can produce without too great a defect upon our conservation plans in Appanoose County.

/s/ R. C. Wilson
R. C. Wilson, Chairman

/s/ Arthur M. Streepy
Arthur M. Streepy, Commissioner

/s/ George A. Scott
George A. Scott, Commissioner

Centerville, Iowa

TO: The Honorable Charles Brannen, U. S. Sec. of Agriculture
International Bulldozer

The following is the report on the financial status of the government loaned caterpillar of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District, granted to this District on August 31, 1950.

	<u>Repair Fund</u>	<u>General Acct.</u>	<u>Balance</u>
On hand Jan. 1, 1950	\$373.94	297.37	671.31
Taken in	539.79	2524.71	3064.50
Total	<u>\$913.73</u>	<u>2822.08</u>	<u>3735.81</u>
 Pd. out in salaries	\$1547.01		
Pd. out Repairs	1135.48		
Miscel. expenses	623.71		
Gas, oil, antifreeze	355.00		
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3461.20</u>		
 Total Repairs	1135.48		
Total Expenditures other than repairs		2325.72	
 Total Expenditures Paid Out			<u>3461.20</u>
 Cash Balance on Hand 1-1-51	\$ 221.75	\$ 496.36	\$274.61
 Assets consisting of 54 shares of stock in the Southern Iowa Experimental Farm at Bloomfield, Iowa			<u>540.00</u>
 Total Assets			<u>\$814.61</u>

/s/ R. C. Wilson
R. C. Wilson, Treasurer,
Appanoose Co. Tractor Fund.

Centerville, Iowa

TO: The Honorable Charles Brannen, U. S. S ec. of Agriculture

D7 Caterpillar

The following is the report on the financial status of the D7 caterpillar purchased by the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District.

	<u>Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Cash Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance carried forward from the International dozer accounty			\$ 274.61
Total Cash Receipts taken in	\$4,479.00		\$4,479.00
Total Cash Payments		<u>\$4,784.59</u>	
			\$4,753.61
Less Cash Payments			<u>\$4,784.59</u>
Cash Balance on hand 1-1-51			\$ 30.98

Caterpillar payments	\$3,000.00
Salaries	956.89
Gas & oil	221.53
Miscel.	564.58
Repairs	<u>41.59</u>
Total Payments	\$4,784.59

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R. C. Wilson, Treasurer,
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TO: The Honorable Charles Brennan, U. S. Sec. of Agriculture

Allis Chalmers Bulldozer

The following is the report on the financial status of the government loaned caterpillar of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District.

	<u>Repair Fund</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
July 17 - Transferred from Ft. Dodge to Appanoose Co.	\$1,011.75		\$1,011.75
Taken in - 389.6 hours	1,048.34	\$2848.26	\$3,896.60
Repair Fund @ \$2.70 per hour			
Total Taken In	\$2,060.09	\$2848.26	\$4,908.35
 Pd. out in Repairs	\$1800.54		
Pd. out in salaries	1687.22		
Miscel. Expenses	389.51		
Gas, oil, antifreeze	500.93		
Total Expenditures	\$4178.20		
 Total Repairs	\$1,800.54		
Total expenditures other than repairs		\$2577.66	
Total Expenditures Paid Out			\$4,178.20
 Cash Balance on hand 1-1-51	\$ 259.55	\$ 470.60	\$ 730.15

/s/

R. C. Wilson
R. C. Wilson, Treasurer
Appanoose Co. Tractor Fund