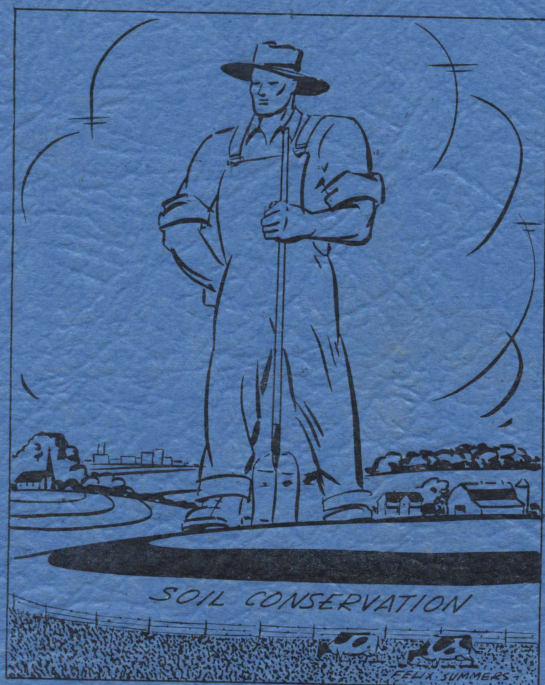


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FOREWORD

We, the commissioners of the Dickinson Soil Conservation District, are reporting our annual soil conservation and district accomplishments for 1964.

Soil and water conservation in our district has been on the increase every year. Our office, located in Spirit Lake, is always open to be of service to you.

We wish to thank the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance, the Extension Service, the ASCS County Committee, Vocational Agriculture departments and the State Soil Conservation Committee for their cooperation and assistance given in 1964.

We wish to acknowledge the firms who are advertising in our report. Their furtherance of soil and water conservation is appreciated.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

District commissioners Robert M. Herbert and Ernest Skow attended state meeting of Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Fort Dodge last fall.

The district held a very successful Biennial Meeting of co-operators and other interested persons. The meeting was held at a luncheon served in the Union Memorial Church in Milford. About 135 people attended. The main address was given by the Area Conservationist, Ted Pawlowski, Wayne Casey, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee, and Don Simmons, regional director of IASDC, were present. An election of commissioner for a six year term was held at this time, to replace Milton Sanders whose term expired. Andrew Hoffman won the election. A special award was presented to Milton Sanders for outstanding contribution to soil conservation in the county. At a reorganizational meeting held later Robert Ingwerson was appointed to act as secretary and assistant commissioner, and Robert M. Herbert was appointed as chairman.

1800 Annual Report Booklets were distributed in the county.

Safety Awards, for preventing motor vehicle accidents and disabling injuries, over a period of ten years, were received by the Work Unit.

1500 inserts for church bulletins, 25 booklets and 20 window posters were distributed to ministers in the county, who requested them. Many fine sermons were given from the pulpits on Soil Stewardship Sunday. The chairman of the district commissioners, Robert Herbert, gave a splendid talk on soil stewardship at the Methodist church in Lake Park.

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Each year the commissioners furnish workbooks on soil and water conservation to the schools in the county who desire them. This year 425 workbooks were placed in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Materials were also given to many students who were working on conservation projects. 400 copies of the new booklet "Making a Home for Wildlife on the Land", were furnished to school libraries for reference material.

At the FFA and 4-H fair in August, the district displayed a windbreak made of live trees and shrubs planted in sodded ground. It showed the kinds of evergreens and shrubs recommended for planting in this area. Many farmers who are interested in planting windbreaks received useful information on what to select and how to plant the stock.

Over 5000 trees and shrubs were ordered by farmers in the county in the past year. These were used for replanting worn-out areas in existing windbreaks and establishing new ones.

1500 conservation place mats depicting fall harvest were ordered. These are being offered to churches and schools for use at suppers given to raise money for their various activities. Also 200 stickers advocating soil and water conservation are on hand to give to farmers and others interested in futhering soil conservation. These are placed on the bumpers of cars.

Two and one half acres of Emerald Brown Vetch (a legume used for pasture renovation) was harvested for seed by the Sietsema brothers. Two fifths of this seed is the district's share and the commissioners will place it on a cooperator's farm for further seed production.

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Field Trial Plantings, amounting to 600 Amur Honeysuckle, 100 Autumn Olive, 100 Silver Buffaloberry and 100 Amur Maple were distributed for establishment on cooperators' farms in the district.

During Soil Conservation Week, the Work Unit Conservationist layed out three tours for different parts of the county for anyone interested in the different conservation practices. This tour was published in all of the county newspapers as a feature of this week.

Walt Thoreson held three classes at the Methodist Camp Quest. Had 320 boys and girls in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades attending. Had one evening class for approximately 50 boys at the camp. Three films were also furnished which dealt with the theme of the week's classes, and also had a field trip with Boy Scouts from Arnolds Park when he explained various conservation practices.

Work Unit Conservationist assisted with Vo-Ag classes, with terrace demonstrations and in soil survey work. Also assisted with contour plowing contest in Clay County and attended terracing layout demonstration at Pocahontas.

Walt Thoreson spent two days in Des Moines attending a school on "Recovery After Fallout". Loren Greiner, Area Supervisor of Defense Monitoring, spent a day in the Soil Conservation Service office in Spirit Lake, working with personnel on defense monitoring.

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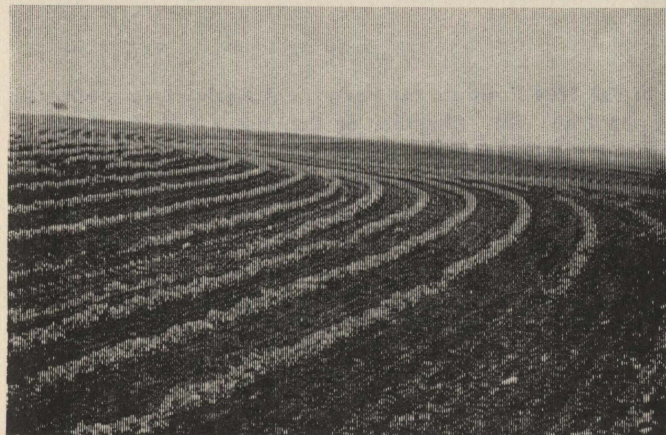
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CONTESTS

The Dickinson County Farmer's Mutual Insurance Association co-sponsoring the Conservation Speech Contest, furnishing cash prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 for first, second and third places. David Beving, a student in the Milford schools, won the contest on the district level and competed in the regional contest held in Spencer.

The "Queen of Conservation" contest was conducted by the Women's Auxiliary of the Farm Bureau. 14 contestants competed in the contest, which was held during a very attractive luncheon at the Methodist church. Reverend Swede did a very fine job as master of ceremonies and Filmore Stoermer, Clayton Liggett and Mrs. Orville Parsons were the judges. Marilyn Dodge and Diana Hanby were the winners and represented Dickinson District in the regional contest.

In the 1964 Program for Permanent Agriculture sponsored by the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and the Journal-Tribune Publishing Company, Ray D. Smith's farm operated by Birney Krebs - the Scott Rehse farm operated by Ed McClurg, and the farm owned by Robert L. Smith and operated by Dewey Belken, were the winners on the county level. These farmers, the district commissioners, and the Work Unit Conservationist attended a banquet in the Sioux City Auditorium.

The Soil Conservation Awards contest sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and Home Register was won by Jim Mitchell and Julius Ingwerson - Carl Ingwerson, operator.



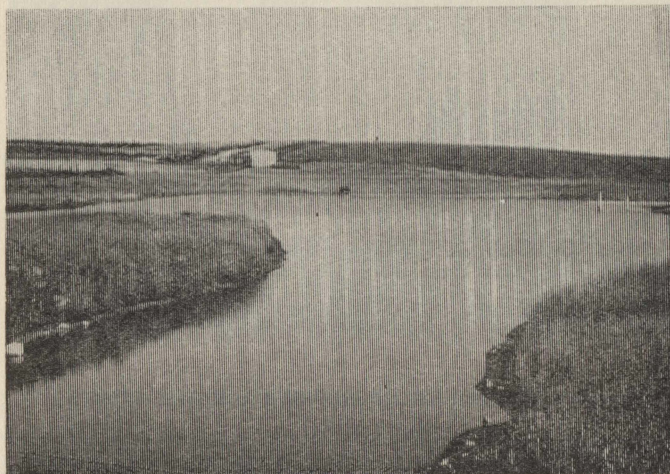
WINNERS IN "QUEEN OF CONSERVATION" CONTESTS

They are, left to right, Kathy Riedemann, 1963 district winner, Diana Hanby, 1964 winner of local contest, Connie Peterson of Ayrshire, Iowa, winner of the 1963 state crown, Marilyn Dodge, 1964 district winner and Louise Kimball, winner in the local contest in 1963.

This contest is sponsored by the Dickinson Soil Conservation District and the Iowa Grain Dealers Association elevators in the county. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee makes all of the preparations for the contest, furnishing news coverage, contacting prospective contestants, and presenting the contest at their spring luncheon each year.

Diana Hanby and Marilyn Dodge, winners of the 1964 contest, are both active in school and community projects and made very fine representatives of Dickinson County in the regional contest last September.

Farm pond on Wayne Crim farm in Superior Township. This pond is used mainly for watering livestock, but is also stocked with fish and makes for good swimming. This pond is 12 feet deep in deepest part and covers approximately 1.5 acres.



Dickinson Soil Conservation District received from the State
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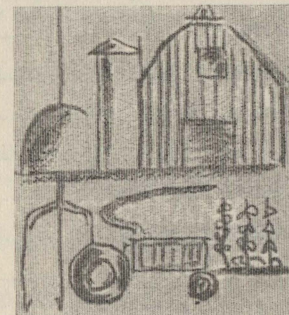
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	1964	To Date
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Conservation Farm Plans ----- No.	31	488
Farmers Receiving Assistance --- No.	337	
Revisions ----- No.	6	
Mains and Laterals ----- Ft.	4,620	31,853
Tile Drains ----- Ft.	72,000	2,291,098
Pasture Planting ----- Ac.	185	484
Terraces ----- Ft.	17,481	393,289
Farmstead Windbreaks ----- Ac.	7.5	51.5
Wild life Development ----- Ac.	50	296
Wild life Habitat Preservation -- Ac.	0	10
Wetland Development ----- Ac.	0	652
Contour Farming ----- Ac.	984	15,283
Grassed Waterways ----- Ac.	21.5	255
Field Border Planting ----- Ft.	34,555	38,515
Diversions ----- Ft.	1,450	17,345
Structures ----- No.	2	11
Farm Ponds ----- No.	0	9
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Referrals Received from ASCS -- No.	115	
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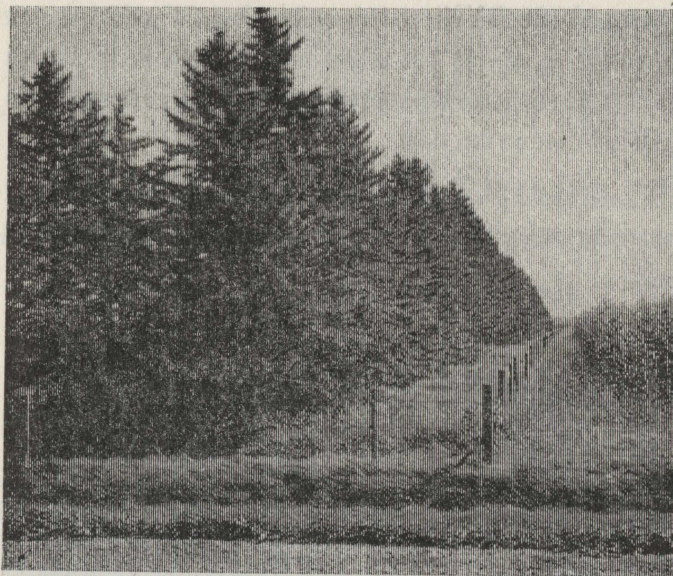
Waterway on R. M. Herbert farm in Silver Lake Township.

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