

PRESENTING

GUTHRIE COUNTY

CONSERVATION REPORT 1965

PRODUCTION SCENES



The conservation farm plan and soil capability map may be obtained by request at the soil district office.

We are living in a time when every thing is measured according to size. I believe this has been over-emphasized.

There is still a place, and an important one, for each individual farmer to exercise his responsibility and privilege of conserving the soil.

In many cases, a short terrace or small erosion dam may do more good per square foot of drainage area than many miles of terraces or a big erosion excavation.

This is where our local conservation personnel become useful to you in helping plan a better conservation program for your individual farm. Give them a chance to help you make Guthrie County more productive.

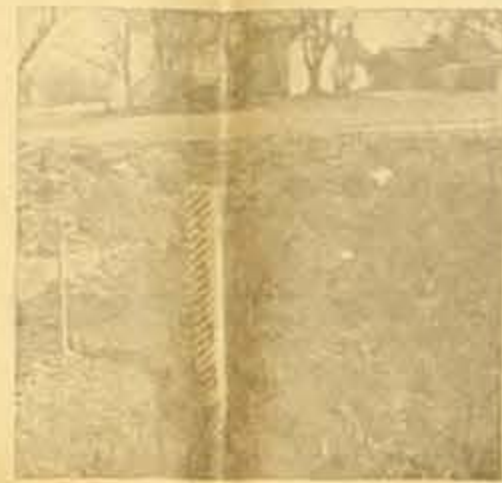
—RALPH NEAL, Commissioner



Checking hooded inlet structure pond on the Walter Shalbaugh farm.



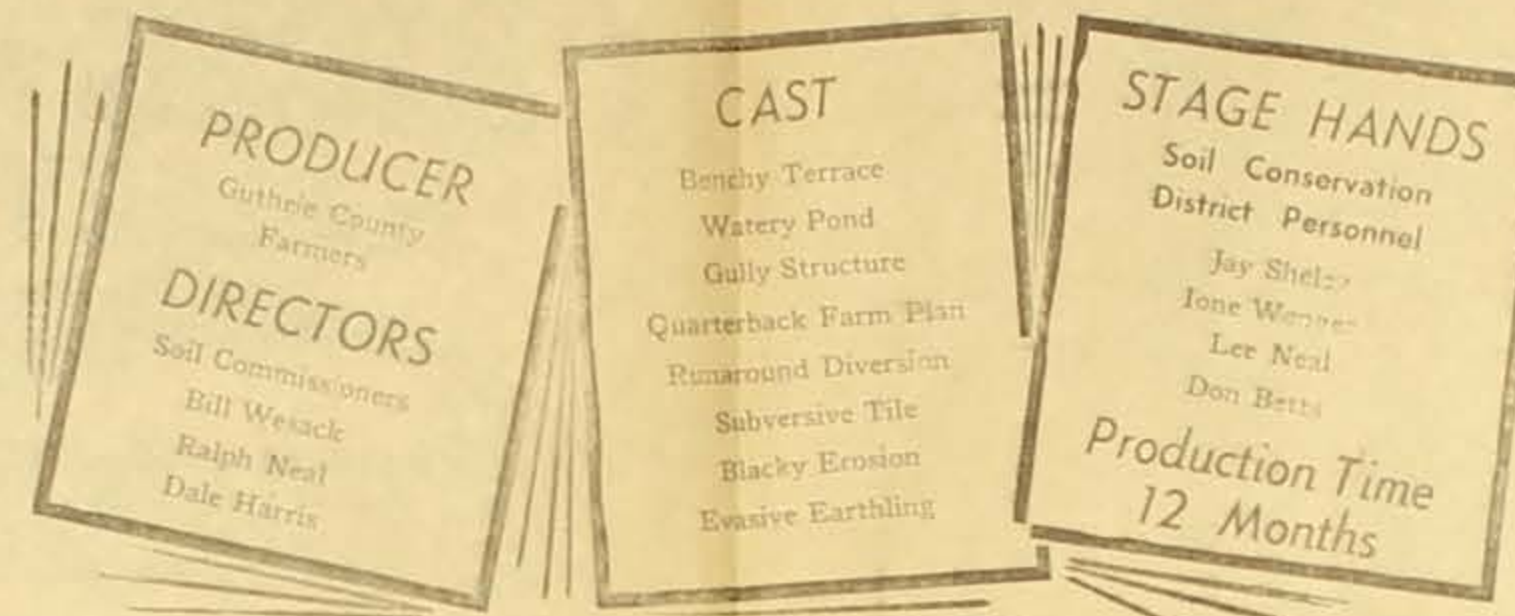
Three of the four agriculture agencies which serve your conservation needs.



Installing an inlet for the new tile-terrace system on the Earl Harty farm.



S.C.S. personnel and Albert Kopaska discussing his terrace layout.



FOREWORD

We submit the 1965 Annual Report for your review. Accomplishments in 1965 were good — but there is still room for improvement.

Diversion terraces, ponds and waterways took top honors in 1965. The total amounts of terracing is less than in previous years — but the acceptance of the new grassed backslope terraces increased.

We feel that you, as one who makes his living from the soil, should be giving more consideration to the conservation of your best land and soils ahead of the reclaiming of your more eroded soils. Both are needed — but on one, the barn door is already open — so why not close it before rumbling up the escaped horses.

We wish to express our gratitude to the farmers and all others for helping us promote and advance Soil and Water Conservation.

Wm. Wesack

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Ralph Neal

Dale Harris

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Practice	Unit	1965	Total to Date	Goals for 1966
District Cooperators	No.	24	890	96
Basics Farm Plans	No.	28	663	43
Cooperator Contracts	No.	348	118,562	8,600
Requests for Conservation Practices	No.	563		
Practices Completed	No.	317		
Diversion	Mile	10	66	6
Tile Drainage	Mile	34	333	35
Standard Terraces	Mile	10.6	683	12
Parallel and Seeded Backslope Terraces	Mile	5.2	28	6
Surface Drainage	Mile	1.2	40	1
Grassed Waterway	Acres	69	962	55
Farm Ponds	No.	39	347	25
Erosion Structures	No.	15	187	21
Ponds Stocked with Fish	No.	43	406	40
Standard Soil Survey	Acres	119,101	304,451	80,000

Commissioner's Fund

Revolving Budget		\$ 571.03
Balance January 1, 1965		
1965 Receipts:		
Tile outlet, tile guards, Contouring Level Sales	\$ 883.61	
Donations by Contractors	70.00	
Watered Pondage Fund	14.20	
Total Receipts	\$ 967.81	
1965 Disbursements:		
State and National Dues	183.50	
Pondage	48.00	
Rent	20.00	
Soil and Water Booklets	11.00	
Soil and Water Bulletins	30.00	
Advertising	32.80	
Tile Outlet and Guards Purchased	297.50	
Scholarships	125.00	
Office Expense	70.14	
Total Disbursements	1,123.73	
Balance in Revolving Fund December 31, 1965		417.11
1966 STATE BUDGET		
Allocation		500.00
Carry-over from 1964		160.80
Total Funds Available for 1965		660.80
Expended:		
Commissioners Expense	136.96	
Office Supplies	210.86	
Prizes for Contests	144.00	
Rental	15.00	
Total Expended	506.82	
Refund to State	74.72	
Total	\$681.54	
1966 STATE BUDGET		
Allocation		500.00
Clerks and Technician Salaries	881.75	
State Share of IFPES, FOART	332.26	
Total	\$1,714.01	
Refund to State	441.99	
Total	\$2,156.00	

LOCAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS IN 1965

1964 Annual Report published in the Times-Gleaner. Annual meetings were held for Bear Creek and Beaver Creek Watershed Organizations. Soil Stewardship bulletins were distributed to churches of the county. Work Plan Agreement for Turkey Creek Watershed was authorized and signed. Twenty copies of the Adventures in Soil and Water were placed in professional offices and libraries. Scholarships to attend the Springbrook Teachers camp

were awarded to Wanda Fritsch and Mary Harkner. Commissioners approved the Bear Creek Watershed Application in April. Robert Purviance, Harold Bailey and Bob Carothers farms were selected as entries for the Register and Tribune Conservation Contest. The state committee approved the Bear Creek Application for Planning Assistance. Robert Purviance was selected as the winning farmer over a ten county area. Register and Tribune Conservation Contest.

James Stephens, Guthrie Center teacher, was given a scholarship to attend the Fall Conservation Workshop at Luther. After ten years of service, Bill Wesack announced he would not be a candidate for Soil Commissioner in the coming election. Jay Shely was hired as a Conservation Aid. The district office moved to new headquarters in September. The new building, located east of Guthrie Center, houses the SCS, ASCS, and FFA.

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Weaver Madison observing excellent stand of Birdfoot Trefoil on the Lloyd Langhery farm.



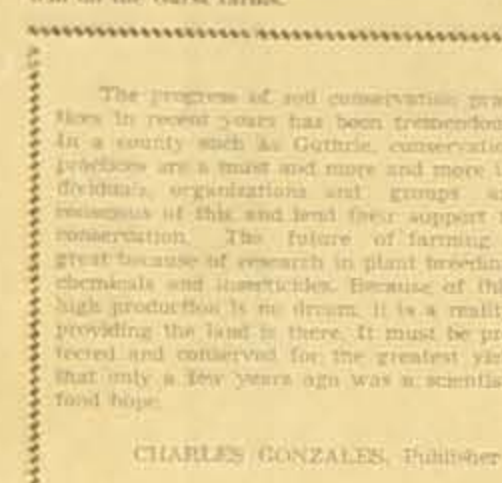
Timber and brook-feeding on the Harris brothers farm for better pasture.



Concrete, steel and inspection of a gully stabilizing structure near Jamaica.



S.C.S. personnel checking tile watering system on the Gault farm.



The progress of soil conservation practices in recent years has been tremendous. In a county such as Guthrie, conservation practices are a must and more and more individuals, organizations and groups are recognizing the need for soil conservation. The future of farming is great because of research in plant breeding, chemicals and insecticides. Because of this, high production is no dream. It is a reality, providing the land is there. It must be protected and conserved for the greatest yield that only a few years ago was a scientist's food hope.

CHARLES GONZALES, Publisher



Drop inlet structure being attached to road culvert through joint efforts of farmer Rex Brown, County Board of Supervisors, ASCS and SCS.

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