

1959

MILLS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 1959 ANNUAL REPORT

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Albert Washburn, Chairman
Dallas N. McGrew
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Hastings, Iowa
Emerson, Iowa
Pacific Junction, Iowa

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Harold A. McCain
Myron C. Jones
Wayne Hilton

Malvern, Iowa
Glenwood, Iowa
Glenwood, Iowa

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Richard L. France, Work Unit Conservationist
Leo M. Van Fosson, Conservation Aid
Gerald I. Bower, Conservation Aid
Lawrence A. Jones, Conservation Aid
Donald E. Carlberg, State Aid
Tom Dee Nelson, State Aid
Lillian A. Campbell, Clerk-Treas.

At the close of any year it is interesting to look back and see what we have done. This is especially true in the soil and water conservation field, where we must do a considerable amount of work to repair damages done in the past and to prevent further damage in the future. You will note that the Soil Conservation Service technicians have had another busy year if you will look over the Accomplishments shown in this report. Again, Mills District led the State of Iowa in miles of terraces built.

Your District Commissioners have also been busy in promoting soil and water conservation and have participated in several activities.

Dallas McGrew went to Washington, D. C. to receive an Outstanding Commissioner's Award.

Don Williams, Chief of Soil Conservation Service, was in Mills County at the invitation of the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce. During his stay he looked over Pony Creek Watershed and was well-pleased with the work accomplished so far.

Your District Commissioners also assisted with the "Queen of the Furrow" contest, the winners in Mills County were Jane Grindle and Joyce Stewart. Jane won the Regional Contest and took part in the State Contest.

Albert Washburn and Harold McCain went to Mason City to attend the 13th Annual Conference of the Iowa Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

In October, Congressman Ben Jensen was in Glenwood to give a talk to Pony Creek farmers.

During the month of May several farmers from Pony Creek went along with Dale Lincoln to Des Moines to present their case for the development of their Watershed under PL 566. They met with the State Soil Conservation Committee who recognized the seriousness of their problem and appreciated their willingness to work toward a solution.

Other activities which your District Commissioners have done in order to promote soil and water conservation are: Held five District Commissioner's Meetings. Cooperated in Conservation Needs study; purchased ball-point pens for awards for 4-H Club boys and assisted in tours of Mule Creek and Pony Creek Watersheds.

MILLS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1959

	Unit	This Year	Total To Date
New District Cooperators	No.	31	667
Basic Farm Plans	No.	30	374
Follow-Up Contacts	No.	81	
Farms Serviced	No.	286	
Soil Survey	Ac.	9,310	217,348
Terraces	Mi.	272	3,110
Contouring	Ac.	4,505	96,675
Open Ditch	Mi.	1.6	110
Tile Drains	L.F.	16,351	52,021
Waterways	Ac.	165	2,288
Structures	No.	4	
Basin Terraces	Mi.	7	8

Work continues in the Pony Creek Watershed on the western edge of Mills County. The work these farmers have done is included in the above accomplishments. The Soil Conservation Service continues to work on the Work Plan for the Watershed and it should be out at any time.

Interest is developing in a Watershed above the St. Mary's Drainage District and it is hoped that their application for assistance can be made soon.

In closing we wish to encourage all the farmers of the County to continue their good work, and we encourage you to contact the Soil Conservation Service office in Malvern for assistance in solving your soil and water problems.

1958-59 STATE BUDGET

1-A		2-A	
Commissioners Exp.	\$110.16	Technical Assistance	\$ 486.00
Office Supplies	244.23	Clerical Assistance	2,780.00
Printing	64.60	State Retirement	97.30
Materials for Dem.	64.58	Federal Retirement	77.94
Office Expense	11.13	Equipment	40.02
Total Disbursed	\$494.70		\$3,481.26

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1959 (Malvern Bank) - - - - -	\$1,217.47
Balance on hand January 1, 1959 (Mineola Bank) - - - - -	381.18
Land Owner Contributions - - - - -	1,846.73
Reimbursements from 1-A - - - - -	276.55
Total Receipts and Cash on Hand - - - - -	\$3,721.93

Disbursements:

Rodmen - - - - -	\$834.62
Clerical - - - - -	340.50
Office Supplies & Equipment - - - - -	122.87
Postage - - - - -	106.85
Utilities - - - - -	59.83
Dues & Subscriptions - - - - -	193.00
Field Supplies & Equipment - - - - -	186.88
Printing - - - - -	143.71
Photographic Supplies - - - - -	34.67
Total Disbursements - - - - -	\$2,022.93
Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1959 (Malvern Bank) - - - - -	1,317.82
Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1959 (Mineola Bank) - - - - -	381.18
Total - - - - -	\$3,721.93