

Davis County And Soil Conservation



The above photo was also taken at the Cary farm and shows a grass waterway. The area formerly featured a raw gully. It was shaped and seeded to a grass mixture, providing an answer to soil erosion.

Chairman Reports Work By District During Past Yr.

Landowners of Davis county are becoming more conscious each year of the importance of soil conservation — its benefits today and in the years to come. This fact made clear in a report issued this week by Chairman Harold Baughman of the Davis County Soil Conservation District. Other commissioners for the district include Dale Blackwell and P. W. Spilman, with Clay Barnett serving as technician.

The report shows that a total of 444 farm plans are currently in effect, involving 91,122 acres. Forty-six additional plans have been developed, but cancelled for various reasons by the commissioners. Forty plans were de-

veloped in 1954, with the acreage total being 2,574.

A change in technicians came about during the year, with Leland McCord resigning to accept a post in Iraq. McCord terminated his duties June 22 and was succeeded October 11 by Barnett.

Listed below are the major accomplishments by the district in represents 1954 with the second being the grand totals.

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Soil surveys for farm plans during the year, 9,840 acres; 127,747 acres.

New contour farming, 1,593 acres; 20,548 acres.

New contour strip cropping, 465 acres; 1,996 acres.

Pasture seeding, 475 acres; 2,288 acres.

Pasture improvements, 1,425 acres; 6,487 acres.

Living fence planting, 13,000 lineal feet; 68,602 lineal feet.

Wildlife area improved, 180 acres; 420 acres.

Farm land drained 249 acres; 1,496 acres.

Open drains 2 miles; 18.7 miles.

Tile drains 5,575 lineal ft.; 5,575 lineal ft.

Terracing, 13.9 miles; 50.9 miles.

Diversions 2.6 miles; 21 miles.

Ponds 91; 221.

Waterway development 14 acres; 37 acres.

Structures drop inlets 2; 7.

Cooperators and their families were also entertained at the annual district meeting November 9.

Three cooperators, Iles Heady, J. J. Cary and Alvin Baughman, were presented district awards at the annual meeting for outstanding work in conservation.

Dewey Harper, Robert Singley and Wendell Nicklin received plaques presented by the Bloomfield Newspapers. The three farmers were winners of the annual soil conservation contests sponsored by the local publications.



Pictures here illustrate outstanding soil conservation projects being carried out in Davis county at the present time.

Carlon Cary, who farms approximately four miles east of Bloomfield on the Troy gravel road, is shown above alongside a Multi-Flora Rose fence. The living fence was planted in the spring of 1950 and was stocktight in 1952.



Dewey Harper is pictured above in a field of birdsfoot trefoil at his farm southwest of Bloomfield. The field was seeded in spring of 1948, for permanent pasture. Harper has been the recipient of district conservation awards and was one of three 1954 winners in the Bloomfield Newspapers' soil conservation contests. He later won regional honors and was among contestants for state awards.