

1971 Annual Fayette County Soil Conservation District Report

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 Alfred Stewart, Oelwein Commissioner
 Leslie Anderson, Castalia Commissioner
 Cleve Bennett, West Union Commissioner
 Frank Thyer, Randalia Commissioner

Belva J. Bauer State Clerk
 Roger D. Tope (part time) Conservation Aide

Lyle F. Jackson District Conservationist
 William M. Baugh Conservation Technician
 Ronald J. Kuehl Soil Scientist
 Gary A. Lindgren Soil Scientist
 Walter F. Epley Soil Scientist

Grade Stabilization Structures (number) 3
 Grass Waterways or Outlets (acres) 21
 Minimum Tillage (acres) 3,595
 Pasture and Hayland Management (acres) 498
 Pasture and Hayland Planting (acres) 42
 Pipeline (feet) 508
 Stripcropping (acre) 201
 Structure For Water Control (number) 77
 Terrace Parallel (feet) 43,140
 Tile Drain (feet) 770,586
 Trough or Tank (number) 2
 Wildlife Wetland Management (acre) 57
 Wildlife Upland Management (acre) 29
 Land Adequately Treated (acres) 4,947
 Cropland to Grassland (acre) 96

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	115	24,318
Soil and Water Conservation Plans	35	5,648
Farms Serviced	631	
Farms applying one or more conservation practices	241	
Group plans	6	1,284
Groups assisted	18	
Groups serviced	7	

Detailed Soil Survey (acres)	74,256
Conservation Cropping System (Acres)	3,736
Contour Farming (acres)	1,068
Crop Residue Management (acres)	4,064
Farm Ponds (number)	3
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks (acres)	14
Field Border (feet)	6,876
Fish Pond Management (number)	1

The District Commissioners held meetings each month to conduct the business of the district. This included plans and preparations for the various events that are sponsored by the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans and group plans.

The public was kept informed of soil conservation progress with 39 news stories and 14 radio releases. In addition two conservation tours, five contests and 12 meetings were held. There were 875 office callers and 1196 telephone calls during 1971.

Dues were paid in full to Iowa and National Associations of S.C.D. Ivan Anderson, Elgin was selected as the district's "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" for the 1970 Goodyear Contest.

The Soil Conservation Speech Contest was held March 9 at North High School, West Union. James Hurd, Maynard won 1st prize. James won 1st prize in the Region 4 contest at National in July and won 3rd prize at Annual Conference at Des Moines in September.

Mrs. Helen Philipp, Arlington was chosen as the District's Conservation Teacher, Div. 1 in the Soil Conservation Achievement Awards contest sponsored by Register & Tribune, Des Moines. Mrs. Philipp was winner of the Region 4 contest also.

Roger D. Tope, part time Conservation Aide, started work in May. Walter Epley, Soil Scientist, started work on the Soil Survey here in June.

An A.S.C.S. tour of Conservation Practices was held in June in Fayette and Clayton counties with state and local office personnel and County Committeemen of the northeast district in attendance.

Cleve Bennett was selected as the district entry in the Outstanding District Commissioner Contest.

In July a Tourism Tour was held for city people showing urban benefits of soil conservation work.

William Baugh, Conservation Technician was promoted from GS-5 to GS-6.

Alfred Stewart and Belva Bauer attended the Annual Conference in Des Moines in September. The three original commissioners, Herbert Meisgeier, Arlington, Harold Strong, Elgin and Glen Bennington, Fayette and Lyle Jackson attended the Conservation Awards Banquet to receive the district's 25th year commendation award.

Two teachers, Orpha Schrandt, West Union and Marion Timm, Hawkeye attended the Fall Workshop Conference at Luther, Iowa.

Six schools participated in the Soil Judging Contest held at the Gilbertson Bros. and Kenneth Blockhus farms October 2. 1st place individual winner was Kim Diemer, Sumner and 1st place team winner was West Central, Maynard.

The Upper Explorerland RC and D Project has been authorized planning assistance from the Department of Agriculture.

Lyle Jackson received an award and bonus for outstanding "Management of the Work Unit" in November.

Commissioners travel expenses to district, regional and state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 369.80
Office Supplies	53.70
Printing	20.65
Office Expenses	131.05

Meeting Expenses 1.32

Total \$ 576.52

Salaries and Travel for Clerk, Technician and Equipment \$5,702.58

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1971 \$ 340.07

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Receipts January 1, 1971 - December 31, 1971 640.25

Total Funds Available \$ 980.32

Miscellaneous Expenses 675.75

Balance on Hand December 31, 1971 \$ 304.57

The District Commissioners wish to thank the many organizations that have assisted the district during the year. Among these are the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, Extension Service and Farmers Home Administration. State organizations assisting the district were the Department of Soil Conservation, Iowa Association of S.C.D. Commissioners, and the State Conservation Commission.

The newspaper and radio and television stations serving this area have made a valuable contribution by giving publicity to activities of the district.

We would also like to thank the firms doing business in the county whose contributions made possible the printing and distribution of this report.

Respectfully submitted, Fayette Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Paul Schuchmann, Jr., Chairman, Alfred Stewart, Leslie Anderson, Cleve Bennett and Frank Thyer.