

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
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KOSSUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

We, the Commissioners of the Kossuth County Soil Conservation District are happy to present our 16th Annual Report. Activities and accomplishments of soil and water conservation in the District are contained in this report.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to extend our thanks to the Soil Conservation Service for their technical assistance to the District, the Extension Service for their work in the educational field and the State Soil Conservation Committee for their assistance and guidance, Kossuth County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, Superintendents and Teachers of our schools, Izaak Walton League, County Board of Supervisors, Iowa Conservation Commission and other Federal, State and County offices that contributed to the conservation program this year.

AGRONOMY SCHOOL

Two Agronomy Schools were conducted in the District this year by the Extension Service. One was held in February and the other one in December. About 200 people attended each of the three day sessions. Many of those attending were either District Cooperators, or since have become cooperators. The sessions were conducted by Dean Barnes, County Extension Director and Iowa State University Specialists.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS of the DISTRICT

1963

District Cooperators	Unit	87
Basic Plans	Each	44
Follow-up Contacts	Each	403
Tile Drainage	Feet	377,161
Tile Structures	Each	27
Contouring	Acres	823
Drainage Field Ditch	Feet	3,500
Grassed Waterways	Acres	5.7
Terrace, Parallel	Feet	11,000
Pasture & Hayland Renov.	Acres	39
Water Control Structure	Each	1
Wildlife Development	Acres	5.7
Pasture Plantings	Acres	6
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Loren B. Bishop
Soil Conservation Technician



Lyle R. Riedinger
Work Unit Conservationist



Nancy Schmeling
State Clerk

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service provided two full-time employees, plus the Area engineer, soil scientist and administrative staff. Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist, and Loren B. Bishop, Soil Conservation Technician, made up the local staff in the District. Assistance was provided for the planning and applying of soil and water conservation plans and the servicing of District Cooperators and ACP participants.



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CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The District, again this year, has continued to stress the importance of conservation practices. Cut and fill parallel terraces were constructed on the Robert Black, Dr. D. J. Shey, and the Carroll Willrett farms in Kossuth County. They constructed 11,000 feet of terraces this year.

The Algona Soil Conservation Service Work Unit office was awarded the Roger L. Lathrop Conservation Award for 1963. This award is given to the SCS office in the Northwest Iowa Area that has the most outstanding conservation program during the year.

Eighty-seven farmers made application for assistance this year and are classified as District Cooperators. Forty-four additional farm conservation plans and twelve revisions were completed this year. These plans set forth the land use and planned conservation practices of these farmers.

A total of 403 farmers were contacted in the District during the year.

A trial of Omar Mountain Brome was made on the William Marshall farm in Plum Creek township.

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1963 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Twelve regular meetings were held during the year. Meeting with the Commissioners were: Theodore W. Pawlowski, Area Conservationist, Lyle R. Riedinger, Work Unit Conservationist, Loren B. Bishop, Conservation Technician, and Dean L. Barnes, Extension Director.

Four County boundary signs were purchased by the District and were erected on U.S. highways, entering and leaving Kossuth County.

Walkie-talkie radios were purchased this year. These radios help to speed up the taking of preliminary surveys and other activities of the Service.

Evelyn Ollom, ACP Clerk and Nancy Schmeling, District Clerk toured the County to observe various conservation practices.

Mike Kain and Lance Johnson were employed as part-time State Aids this summer to help complete the field work.

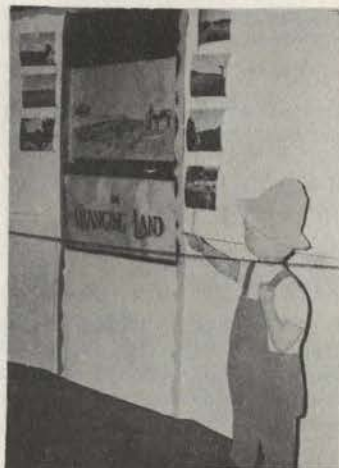
The District has started a new project this year--the selling of seedlings for wildlife and windbreak plantings.

A set of slides, "America, the Beautiful", were purchased by the District this year. They show conservation in the fifty states. These were shown to sixty teachers taking the Drake University Conservation Course, and were loaned to the Luverne School and the Lucia Wallace School in Algona for showing this year.

Soil Stewardship booklets were purchased this year and sent to forty-five ministers in the County.



David Riley, Algona Boy Scout, is shown above as he was working on his conservation merit badge. A Girl Scout troop visited the office while they were working on their conservation merit badge.



The District was represented at the Iowa State Fair with a booth prepared by the office personnel. The theme of the booth was "The Changing Land".

Mrs. Florence Behne, Lone Rock school teacher, was awarded a scholarship to attend Springbrook Conservation Camp. She attended the July Commissioners meeting and gave a report on her three-week course at the Camp.

The District purchased thirty copies of "This is Our Soil" for use in all County School libraries.

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Algona High School Vocational Agriculture Class, George Sefrit, instructor, spent a day in the field, judging soils.



Wayne Banwart, West Bend, placed First in the individuals at the Northwest Iowa Soil Judging Contest.



Richard Fuchsen, West Bend, Third place winner.



Russell Bode, Algona, Second place winner.

The West Bend team placed first in the contest with Algona placing fourth.

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Robert Pratt



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On April 4, 1963, the District Commissioners served as hosts for a dinner meal preceeding the election of a new Commissioner and the Speech contest. Speech contestants, Contestant's parents, and commissioner candidates were their guests. Claude Seely of Algona was elected District Commissioner for a six year term, replacing J. C. Skow, Wesley, whose term expired in March, after having served 16 consecutive years as a District Commissioner.

Five students in the County entered the Speech Contest. Robert Pratt of Algona was the winner in the local contest, which received good coverage on the radio and in the press. He then, represented the District in the Regional contest and in the State Contest, which was held September 8, in Des Moines.

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As a service to District Cooperators, the District has contracted with a commercial nursery to furnish seedling trees at a nominal cost. These trees may be used for windbreaks, shade trees, and etc. The following trees are available:

Deciduous Trees	Size	Price/100	Price/50	Price/25
Silver Maple	2-3'	\$15.00	\$7.50	--
Russian Olive	3-4'	18.00	9.00	--
Green Ash	3-4'	13.00	6.50	--
Lombardy Poplar	3-4'	18.00	9.00	--
Lombardy Poplar, slightly branched 1 yr.	5-6'	45.00	22.50	--
Honeysuckle (Tatarica)	18-24"	15.00	7.50	--
Pin Oak	2-3'	20.00	10.00	--
<u>Two and Three Year root-pruned conifer seedlings</u>				
Concolor Fir	9-12"	30.00	15.00	7.50
Douglas Fir	6-9"	20.00	10.00	5.00
Rock Mountain Juniper	12-18"	35.00	17.50	8.75
White Spruce	9-12"	18.00	9.00	4.50
Colorado Blue Spruce	9-12"	25.00	12.50	6.25
Norway Spruce	6-9"	15.00	7.50	3.75
Austrian Pine	9-12"	20.00	10.00	5.00
Ponderosa Pine	9-12"	20.00	10.00	5.00
Scotch Pine	9-12"	20.00	10.00	5.00
American Arbor Vitae	9-12"	20.00	10.00	5.00

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DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Sale of advertisements -----	555.00
Reimbursements State Committee -----	643.80
Iowa State Fair -----	98.00
Sale of Seedlings -----	200.87
Resale of Lath -----	7.96

EXPENSES:

Photographic supplies -----	17.46
Treasurer's bond -----	2.00
Postage -----	156.61
Office supplies -----	134.94
Commissioners meetings -----	7.21
District road signs -----	60.58
Recognition Dinner -----	61.45
Speech contest -----	55.00
Printing Annual Report (1962) -----	151.95
State Dues -----	100.00
State Fair Booth -----	53.85
Walkie-talkie radios -----	153.75
Queen of Conservation contest -----	15.00
Seedling trees -----	212.85
Paid ads -----	8.80
Lath -----	12.62
Educational material -----	32.50
Miscellaneous expenses -----	19.02

TOTAL RECEIPTS	1505.63	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1255.59

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1963	278.64	
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1963		528.68

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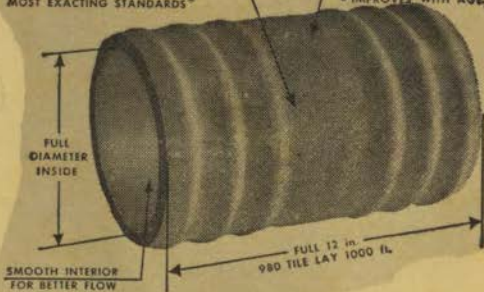
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