

DICKINSON COUNTY IOWA

SOIL

CONSERVATION

DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

1968



PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Hoffman.....Chairman
 Robert Ingwersen;;;;;;;;;;;;;Commissioner
 Robert Fitzpatrick.....Commissioner
 Donald Burns;;;;;;;;;;;;;Secretary and
 Assistant Commissioner
 Doyle Gordon.....County Extension Director

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Alan J. Moen.....Area Conservationist
 Walter R. Thoreson.....Work Unit Conservationist
 Adolph M. Ladegaard.....Conservation Technician
 Delmar L. Moothart.....Engineering
 Daryl Carpenter.....Engineering
 Alex Paul.....Engineering
 Robert G. Jones.....Soil Scientist
 Harvey Harmon.....Soil Scientist
 Vera M. Killion.....Area Clerk

STATE EMPLOYEES

Beverly A. Beer.....Clerk
 Richard G. Taylor.....Planner Aid
 Gary Eakin.....Planner Aid

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. Robert Ingwersen, Commissioner and Bob Herbert, former Commissioner, attended the annual Short course January 16 and 17 at Ames, Iowa.
2. The District Commissioners held their Biennial meeting February 7 at the Lake Park high school in conjunction with the farmers night school. Larry Steenhook, former Peace Corp member, gave a talk and showed slides of his work and etc. while a Peace corp member in Ecuador. His main project while there was the building of an irrigation canal. Don McKinney, Voag instructor at Lake Park was presented a plaque from the Dickinson and Osceola District Commissioners for his outstanding contribution to the Silver Lake Watershed. Ernest Skow retiring Chairman of the Commissioners, was presented a plaque for his contribution to soil conservation while serving as commissioner and chairman of the District.
3. At the re-organization meeting on February 13, Andrew Hoffman was elected to serve as chairman for the next two years. Don Burns was appointed secretary and assistant commissioner. Robert Fitzpatrick was also elected as a commissioner for a 6 year term.
4. A Memorandum of Understanding between the State Conservation Commission and District Commissioners was signed. Cost-share to be provided by the State Conservation Commission to District Cooperators who own farms in a watershed contributing silt in the State owned lakes. Cost-sharing is on terraces, gully control structures, waterways and wildlife area habitats.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES (continued)

5. Two new watersheds were organized in 1968. They were East Okoboji No. 1 and East Okoboji No. 2.
6. Beverly Beer, Clerk, attended a meeting at Rockwell City for State employees conducted by the Iowa Merit System.
7. Richard Taylor and Gary Eakin worked as part time planner-aid during the heavy workload season.
8. The Commissioners sold 6327 trees and shrubs this year. Approximately 375 Douglas Fir Trees were given to the 6th grade pupils in the county.
9. Mrs. Geneva Knudtson of the Milford school attended Springbrook State Teachers Camp and was sponsored by the District Commissioners.
10. The clerk attended a news writing clinic held at Fort Dodge in April.
11. Joey Bruns of the Spirit Lake school was District winner in the conservation speech contest. He was presented a \$10.00 check as first place winner.
12. The Commissioners held their annual picnic at the Thoreson cottage on Big Spirit Lake July 21st.
13. Winners in the Des Moines Register and Tribune's 1968 Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Contest in Dickinson County were: Ernest Skow Excelsior twp. Division I and Gary and Neal Eakin, Diamond Lake twp., Division III. District winner for the 1968 recognition of excellence in conservation teaching was Jerry Ingvall from the Spirit Lake Community School.

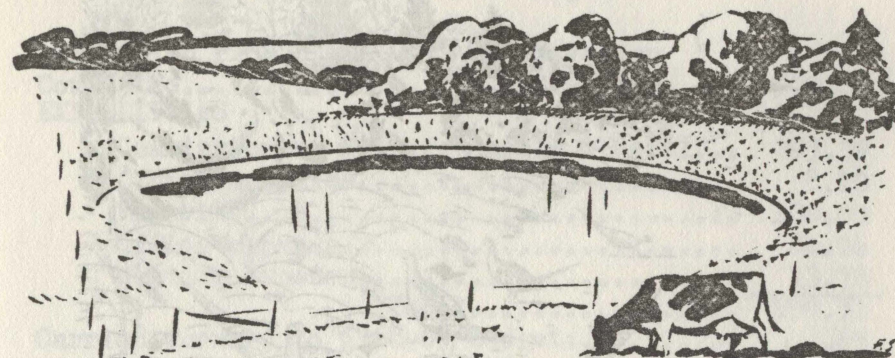
14. Winners for the District of the Sioux City permanent agriculture contest were: Arnold Stoltenberg, owner, Verle Matthiesen, Operator Ray Smith, owner, Birney Krebs, operator and Ernest Skow.
15. Conservation Activity workbooks were again distributed to schools in the county desiring them. These workbooks are judged by the teachers and prize ribbons furnished by the commissioners are given for first, second and third place winners.
16. Rev. Flesher of the Spirit Lake Baptist Church wrote a news article to be published in all newspapers in the county for Soil Stewardship week. Material to be used in the observance of Soil Stewardship week was mailed to all ministers in the county by the District Commissioners.
17. Bob Ingwersen, Commissioner and Adolph Ladegaard, SCS Technician attended Hardin County Field Days September 5th at Eldora.
18. The District received 50# Emerald Crownvetch seed from Harold Fronk as their share from seed harvested this summer. This seed will be put out to a District Cooperator for seed increase.
19. The clerk attended a clerks meeting September 16th at the SCD Commissioners Conference at Mason City.
20. Bob Ingwersen, Commissioner, attended the Conference in Mason City on the 17th of September.
21. The Soil Conservation Service personnel, wives and husbands were guests of District Commissioners and wives at a Christmas dinner held at the Black Coach December 14th.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Unit: 7/1/67-6/30/68: To date

Dist. Cooperators	No.:	40	:	746
Basic Farm Plans	No.:	30	:	554
Farmers Rec. Assist.	No.:	306	:	---
Revised Farm Plans	No.:	9	:	---
Mains & Laterals	Ft.:	2950	:	53,552
Tile Drains	Ft.:	80509	:	2,670,784
Pasture Planting	Ac.:	---	:	523
Pature Renovation	Ac.:	---	:	1,713
Terraces	Ft.:	12405	:	140,003
Windbreaks	Ac.:	10.4	:	1,697
Wildlife Develop.	Ac.:	75	:	---
Wildlife Habitat Pres.	Ac.:	5	:	---
Wetland Develop.	Ac.:	-----	:	687
Contour Farming	Ac.:	501	:	17,309
Grassed waterways	Ac.:	18.7	:	321
Field Border Planting	Ft.:	8000	:	210,125
Diversions	Ft.:	---	:	16,780
Structures	No.:	---	:	4
Farm ponds	No.:	-7	:	16
Spring Develop.	No.:	1	:	9
Farmers assisted with	:	:	:	:
Recreation Areas	No.:	1	:	10
ACP referrals	No.:	119	:	---
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The Dickinson ASC County Committee approved cost-share payments in the amount of \$17761.47 for completion of soil and water conservation practices which are included in the above listed practices.

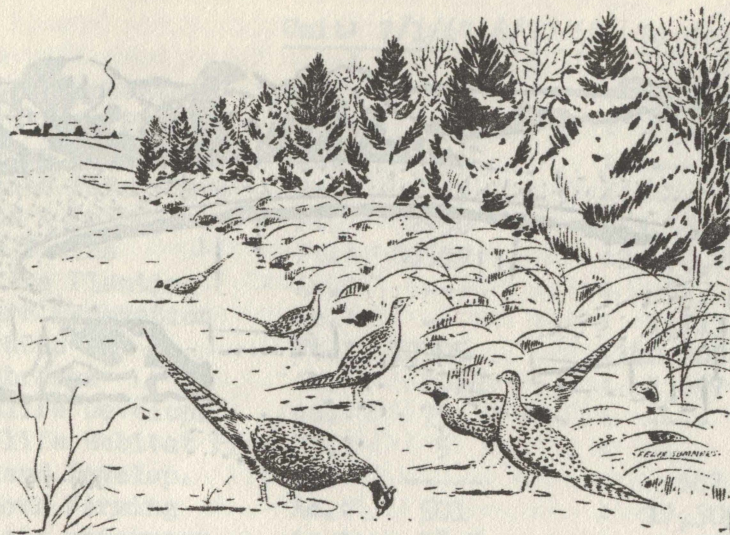


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Seven farmers constructed livestock water ponds for fiscal year 1967-68. These pit ponds average 12' in depth, 80' wide and 150' long. There is a 5 to 1 side slope on end where livestock go for water. The approximate construction cost is \$1000.00. A.C.P. costshare is 50%.



CHECK FOR HIDDEN
HAZARDS



WINDBREAK

A farmstead windbreak is a permanent part of the landscape. It protects and beautifies the farm and provides shelter for wildlife. But for maximum benefit, careful thought and planning must precede the actual planting of trees.

Federal cost-sharing payments for windbreak establishment are available through the Agricultural Conservation Program(ACP). However, costs will be shared only on satisfactorily performed conservation practices for which federal cost-sharing was requested by the farmer before the conservation work was begun.

The District Commissioners are again supplying good quality nursery stock to farmers as they have in the past years. Thirty-two farmers in Dickinson county purchased trees and shrubs for windbreaks in 1968.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 1967-1968

District's 1-M Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation Committee.....	\$ 500.00
EXPENDITURES	
Commissioners mileage, meals & hotel...	293.39
Office supplies.....	8.10
Printing.....	100.00
Office expense.....	84.04
Meeting expense.....	13.78
Total.....	<u>499.31</u>
Carried forward to 1968-69 Budget.....	.69

1-M Additional Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation Committee.....	\$ 300.00
EXPENDITURES	
Commissioners mileage, meals & hotel...	50.00
Office supplies.....	110.45
Office expense.....	13.28
Meeting expense.....	11.15
Total.....	<u>184.88</u>
Carried forward to 1968-69 Budget.....	115.12

District's 2-M Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation Committee.....	\$5276.00
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries for clerk and Aid.....	4313.12
Travel expense.....	82.22
Equipment (Repair).....	10.00
F.I.C.A. (District's share).....	189.77
I.P.E.R.S. (District's share).....	139.20
Total.....	<u>4734.31</u>
Returned to State Committee.....	450.00

NEW BASIC FARM PLANS

CENTER GROVE TWP.

U.L.C. Synod of Iowa
John W. Cory
H.C. Steffe
William Hemphill
Dale Woodley

OKOBOJI TWP.

Leroy Welle

RICHLAND TWP.

R.S. Hoak

DIAMOND LAKE TWP.

William Paling
Gary and Neal Eakin
Bob Rush
William Boettcher
EXCELSIOR TWP.
Ed Heikens
Ed Heikens
Ed Heikens
Dewey Kaldenberg
Orville Jacobsma

SILVER LAKE TWP.

Anna Albertson
V.A. Goodell

SUPERIOR TWP.

Hugh Thompson
Kenneth Thomsen
Donald Gruhn

WESTPORT TWP.

Marvin Schmeling
Herbert Arms
Ray Cranston

LAKEVILLE TWP.

Welfare Bros.

LLOYD TWP.

Dawid Brant
Paul Johnson
James Mortensen

MILFORD TWP.

Mervin Miller
Raymond Holle
Hubert Sternberg
Duane Gunderson
Dale Vandenburg
Rudolph Zehnder
Earl Langel



NEW REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

CENTER GROVE TWP.

Horizons Inc.
Mary Jaquith
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Henry Hanby
Thomas Karl
Donald Dodge

DIAMOND LAKE TWP.

Burton Newell

EXCELSIOR TWP.

Terrafact Inc.
Terrafact Inc.
Richard Van De Hoef
Dewey Kaldenberg
John Benz
Jerry Delaney

LAKEVILLE TWP.

James M. Long
James M. Long
Merwyn Shorey

LLOYD TWP.

James Mortensen
Darwin Olson

MILFORD TWP.

Raymond Fitchett
Hubert Sternberg

OKOBOJI TWP.

Richard Kaiser
Harold Johnson
Russell Arms
Leroy Welle

RICHLAND TWP.

Ralph Lusher

SILVER LAKE TWP.

Birney Krebs
Kedric Wunder
Arco Dehydrating Inc.
Arco Dehydrating Inc.
V.A. Goodell

SPIRIT LAKE TWP.

Ralph Tritle
Roger Overocker
Ira Butcher
Leland Eral
A.B. Ash
Robert L. Hansen

SUPERIOR TWP.

Joseph Ziegmann
Francis Hoovel
Adolph Ehlbeck
Donald Gruhn

WESTPORT TWP.

Edwin Bates
Marvin Schmeling
Ruby Schoorman