

Mr. Harold Baughman was appointed at the commissioners meeting of July 10th to replace Mr. Fred Melvin, who passed away May 3, 1951. The death of Mr. Fred Melvin was a severe loss to the people of Davis County and to the Soil Conservation. Fred believed in taking care of the soil and did everything in his power to promote it. He helped organize the district and was elected a commissioner in the first election and served in this capacity until his death.

Since Davis County did not have a plowing contest this year, Milford Hornaday, who lives north of West Grove and was chosen first in contour plowing in Appanoose County in 1950, was sent to the district plowing match to represent Davis County. The district payed his entry fee to Lee County, and allowed him fifteen dollars to help meet his expenses to Primrose in Lee County, where the match was to be held.

Mr. Spilman and Mr. Dale Blackwell attended the Annual Convention for the District Commissioners of the Soil Conservation Districts at Des Moines, Iowa, September 11th and 12, and made a report at the October meeting.

In November of this year it was agreed that the SCS use the commissioners file of farm plans, thereby eliminating the printing of two complete farm plans to be retained in the same office.

Two hundred and twenty-five co-operators and guests attended the annual meeting of the Davis Soil District at the Community Hall Thursday evening, November 27th. An oyster supper was served by the members of T.T.T. Society at 7:00 p.m. Principal speakers for the evening were David Livingston of Washington, Iowa and Duke Norberg of Albia. Both stressed the importance of continued work in the soil conservation service.