

Supervisors' Narrative Report

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This fall the building was painted and arrangements have been made to paint the machinery.

Contractors—

Although the dam building program is not a major practice in this county, there is considerable demand for technical assistance. Cooperation with contractors working in this area with heavy equipment, on the whole, has been very good.

In one instance, additional technical assistance was obtained from the regional office in planning a large dam where a large tube was installed. This was on the Ira Moss farm near Dorsey. Mr. Edgington, from the regional engineering office, came out and assisted in planning the structure. A 24-inch tube with 30-inch riser was designed and a 6-inch irrigation outlet to enable Mr. Brady, the tenant, to irrigate the garden. The natural auxiliary spillway was not suitable to carry all of the excess water, but the tube will handle the water in most cases and the natural spillway will be used only occasionally. Mr. Saxton, of Spalding, an engineer in the Soil Conservation Service, was on hand to assist with the construction work. Harry Smith & Son did the construction work in this case. Mr. Moss and Mr. Brady are well pleased with the finished product.

For the period of February 2 to February 22 there were 117 bulldozers working on snow removal in Holt county alone. Many of these were contractors from eastern Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, etc. Some of them made contacts and returned to do conservation work later in the year. Also many farmers and ranchers purchased heavy equipment during the storm and it is now available for some special jobs where it might be difficult to interest a contractor. This was true in at least one instance where heavy equipment was used in a quite different job.

Harvey Tompkins, of Inman, hired a neighbor, Mr. Musil & Sons, who had purchased a new TD18 with 'dozer during the winter storms, to bank slope a large blowout.

This blowout had a vertical bank over 20 feet high and several hundred feet long, including the sand deposition area involved about 4 acres. For a cost of less than \$150 (actual cash outlay) this bank was sloped, manured and mulched with hay and seeded to such things as rye, corn, sudan, all native grass seed available, alfalfa sweet clover, partridge pea and prairie birds-foot tree foil.

Demonstrations and Field Trials—

The legume and test plots on the farms of John Dick, of O'Neill, and E. J. Revell, of Star, created a great deal of interest. Lespedeza grew rather vigorously, vetch made a good showing and partridge pea was so thick on the Revell plot that it was definitely crowding out sandburs and sun flowers. Lewis Sobotka, of Inman, discovered a strange looking plant in his meadow (newly seeded) and took a sample to the Holt Soil Conservation District offices in O'Neill. It was partridge pea that had volunteered after the area was flooded in the spring. He let the crop stand and harvested over 700 pounds of seed. This appeared to be an earlier maturing variety and some of the seed will be used by Mr. Russel in his work with the University of Nebraska and the Soil Conservation Service in further research. When Mr. Gooding and Mr. Russel visited the county to look over the legume plots they inspected Mr. Sobotka's volunteer field and were also shown a "new legume" which turned out to be prairie birds-foot tree foil. It was quite common throughout the county but had produced a very heavy stand on two abandoned fields near Emmet. Dr. Gooding stated that in all his years of working with it experimentally he had never been able to obtain more than

two pounds of seed at any one time. A good amount of seed was harvested for further trial.

Two tree planting demonstrations were held during the season. Fertilizer was applied to the grass plots of native varieties on the John Schrank farm. Tours and talks were held with the following groups: Vocational agriculture group, Veterans' training groups in O'Neill and Atkinson, and Christian Rural Life Institute held at the Methodist church in O'Neill.

Terracing—

Terracing seems to be slowly gaining in favor. Mr. Revell, vice-chairman, has purchased a whirlwind terracer and others contemplating building terraces will either use the moldboard or disc plow method of construction.

Attitude—

Cooperators and the public in general look on the U. S. Soil Conservation Service with favor. Of course, some individuals still feel they might be tying up some of their liberties or are afraid someone is going to dictate to them in the matter of farm and ranch management. However, by and large, most cooperators feel that grain as well as forage crops grown on and under soil conservation practices are much more valuable than that grown on poor depleted soils. Many believe that the Soil Conservation Service offers the most valuable program in the United States today. We have started many years too late as we have lost much of our best soil by wind and water erosion. Perhaps the most important development is the slow but sure growth of the idea in the mind of the ordinary farmer or rancher that the U. S. Soil Conservation Service is offering him, not trying to force on him, a sincere effort toward his betterment.

Recommendations—

Aside from increasing the amount of equipment available, it is our hope to offer better service with this equipment. We believe also that application of practices should not be neglected in an attempt to complete more conservation plans for new cooperators. Also that the application of practices shall follow a logical sequence as outlined by the technical staff. For example, more livestock may be added to a unit after the seeding has been established and more grass is available for utilization by larger numbers of animals. Also that terraces should follow after the waterways are fully developed and established.

Technical Service—

The U. S. Soil Conservation Service technicians are making a sincere effort to develop plans adapted to the individual's farm or ranch and still use every acre according to its capabilities and treat it in accordance with its need.

At the present time 12 cooperators have completed their original plan of conservation operations; however, in most cases they realize that some further development is possible and will strive toward that goal. Others are nearing the goal, but few farmers or ranchers ever reach the place where they say, "My place is perfect, I have taken care of everything and now I can stop."

Some changes in the technical staff have taken place since last year. Orville Indra was transferred to Stapleton as work unit conservationist in the first few weeks of the year, and Archie MacMaster, mid-year college graduate, was added to the staff in February.

Mr. Young came to O'Neill in the spring of 1948. He was transferred here from Madison. Mr. Young has worked in a number of districts in the state and knows and believes soil conservation through and through. He has been with the Service since 1936.

Mr. Crook, soil scientist, came to O'Neill in May, 1946. He was transferred here from Ord, has worked in several other locations and has been in the Service since 1942. At the present time he does soil mapping for Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown, Keya Paha, and Cherry counties. The work load for mapping is far greater than can be accomplished.

C. R. Hill was transferred here from Humbolt in June, 1948. He succeeded Mr. Bredemeier as work unit conservationist in August of that year. He has been with the service since 1945.

In 1948, Mr. Brederer was transferred to Valentine to open up headquarters for the Cherry district. In July of 1949, he was promoted to District Conservationist for work group Area V. This area had been set up for some time but group headquarters had not previously been staffed. Previously, Holt District had been under supervision of the Albion work group office.

The technical staff has developed regular office days of Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. They combine jobs in any particular part of the county wherever possible, make use of demonstrations, group meetings, to aid in explaining or applying conservation methods and the neighborhood approach.

Report of Conservation Plans

	NUMBER		ACRES	
	Y'r 1949 To Date	Y'r 1949 To Date	Y'r 1949 To Date	Y'r 1949 To Date
Applications Received	76	391	38339	276917
Plans Prepared and Signed	53	288	29402	171031
Active Conservation Plans		279		166413

Financial Report

*Total Assets of District	\$5509.17
Bills Payable	230.88
Net Worth	5278.29

Volume of Business

1. Total Receipts for 1949	\$3364.88
**2. Total Expenditures for 1949	4685.31

*Total assets include cash on hand, building, seeder, treader, grass stripper, machine trailer, subsurface tiller, fresno and 6570 pounds of grass seed including such grasses as grama, big bluestem mixture, sand lovegrass, switch grass, crested wheat and smaller amounts of other grasses.

**Expenditures show larger than receipts because of the fact that seed inventory is greater now than a year ago.

Here from Denver—

Miss Mae Keys, of Denver, Colo., arrived Monday, February 13, to spend a week in O'Neill.

Frontier for printing

Men Tie Comforter in Bethany Meeting

AMELIA — Husbands of members of the Bethany Women's Missionary society were on hand at the Wednesday, February 8, meeting at the Clyde Burge home and tied a comforter.

All items made, including the comforter, were sent to the Brainard Indian school.

It was an all-day meeting at the Burge home. A dinner was served at noon by the hostess, followed by ice cream and cake. Lesson was on "Stewardship." Scripture reading was taken from Luke XVII:11-17, in charge of Mrs. Glen White. The hymn, "Count Your Blessings," was sung, followed by a prayer led by George Atkinson. Several talks were given on stewardship as follows:

"Stewardship Personality," by Rev. Ira H. Dixon; "What Is Stewardship?" by Harry White; "Children and Our Stewardship."

After the lesson each lady was given a package which was her work for the afternoon, and

the men went to work on their comforter. Meeting closed with a "scrap" supper.

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Retired Teacher, 83, Honored on Birthday

LYNCH — Several birthday parties were held Friday, February 10, in honor of Mrs. Mary Gallop, 83, celebrating her birthday anniversary. She received 2 cakes, many cards, handkerchiefs, flowers, and some cash. Some of the cards were from men and women, who had been her pupils over 50 years ago and whom she had not seen for many years. Mrs. Gallop has been a Lynch resident more than 40 years.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

LYNCH — At a baseball meeting here Tuesday, February 14, Ted Crooks was elected president; Rodney Tomlinson, vice-president; Ronald Carson, manager; Mel Lucken, secretary-treasurer (temporary).

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