

Narrative Report
Madison County Soil Conservation District
1945

The Board of Supervisors of the Madison County Soil Conservation District feels that a very successful program of work was carried out in 1945. The interest of the farmers in the district seems to be at its best as indicated by the fact that 550 applications have been received.

Some of the accomplishments for the year were: 129 conservation plans were made, consisting of 19,413 acres; crop rotations were begun on 5,252 acres; sericea was sown on 609 acres; alfalfa was planted on 170 acres; 605 acres of perennial grasses were sown; 326 miles, or 3,260 acres of land were terraced; 1,670 acres of land were drained and over 1,200 acres of pasture were improved.

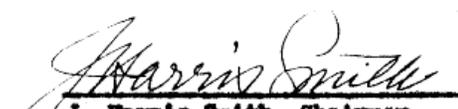
In addition to the terracing and other programs being carried out in the district, we are planning to emphasize for 1946 an increase in the acreage sown to sericea, permanent pasture, sodding outlets and waterways to Bermuda and other permanent meadow; aid more farmers in the construction of terraces with small equipment, and emphasize the practice of strip cropping. We also feel that more sericea seed should be saved. Farmers will be assisting in producing and harvesting their own cover crop seed. More tree planting will be stressed.

We believe that one of the most important things accomplished this year was the organization of the West Tennessee and State Organization of Board of Supervisors. We were honored by having the meeting of the West Tennessee group with us at Jackson when it was organized. Mr. Tom Lewis, Chairman of our Board at that time was elected president and Mr. J. Harris Smith, another member of our Board was elected secretary. We look forward to the excellent service which we believe this organization will be able to render to the cause of soil conservation in the State.

We greatly appreciate the splendid cooperation of the various agencies and organization of the county in our program. We would like especially to thank the Jackson Sun for the helpful cooperation it has contributed to the success of our program.

We have an agreement with a large equipment company for doing some of the terracing and pond construction work in the county. At present they are operating three caterpillar tractors with two terracing graders, two bulldozers and one 6 cu. Yd. La Tourman attachments. We have one 1 ¼ cu. Yd. dragline under contract which will aid in the drainage work in the district. We also have one small piece of terracing equipment operating full time under the supervision of the district.

We anticipate the best year in 1946 that we have ever had.


J. Harris Smith, Chairman
Board of Supervisors