

Madison County Soil Conservation District
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The Board of Supervisors of the Madison County Soil Conservation District feel that a very successful conservation program of work was carried out in Madison County during the year.

Reports show that during the year just ending 277 farm conservation plans were worked out on farms in the county. Also a considerable amount of conservation practices were put on both the farms planned this year and those planned in previous years. Included in these practices are: 572 miles of terraces constructed, 181 farm ponds, 15,150 feet of diversion ditches; 247 acres of terrace outlet waterways seeded; 154 acres of sericea seeded on steep slopes; 2,900 acres of winter cover crops seeded; 977 acres of farm drainage work done; 10,225 acres of contour cultivation; 4,210 acres of permanent pasture treated.

Interest in a conservation farm program has been maintained during the year. We are receiving many application for assistance in conservation work from the farmers of the county. Considerable education work has been done by the County Agent and his assistants and this education work, along with conservation demonstrations, have kept many local farmers aware of the land erosion problem.

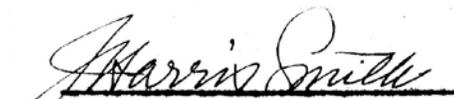
During the past year to Board of Supervisors voted to meet monthly. This has been an important step toward administering the affairs of the district in an orderly manner.

Working arrangements are in effect with three contractors to do construction work on cooperating farms. The equipment used by these contractors is heavy construction machinery. Plans are made to demonstrate the use of farm equipment in terrace construction during the coming year. We feel that considerable progress can be made in this direction.

There is a need in the county for a rather large-scale tree planting program in certain eroded areas of the county. Our program has been handicapped to a great extent by young trees not being available to plant these areas.

The supervisors appreciate the assistance and splendid cooperative spirit shown by various agricultural agencies in the conservation work of the district; particularly the County Agent and his assistants, AAA, Soil Conservation Service men and the FHA.

The supervisors look forward to a good year in 1947.


**J. Harris Smith, Chairman
Board of Supervisors**