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MADISON COUNTY
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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SUPERVISORS' ANNUAL REPORT
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During the year 1959 the Madison County Soil Conservation District had what we believe to be another very successful year. Having decided on our long range plans for the county that the organized watershed was the most realistic approach to Soil Conservation work we again placed major emphasis on watershed work.

The Board of Supervisors, composed of J. Harris Smith, Chairman, Burns Hicks, Vice-Chairman, K. J. Johnson, Secretary, Harold McLeary and B. H. Pentecost, have watched with gratifying interest the development of the Johnson Creek Watershed as the accomplishments there begin to pay off. With four of the dams completed and catching water it has been interesting to watch the result of some of the large rains which we have had in late fall and still not see the creeks leave the banks as formerly happened. All of the critical areas have been treated either with setting of pine trees or sowing in sericea. 64 acres of this ~~was~~ completed during the year.

The Meridian Creek Watershed was organized under P. L. 566 and approved for operation during the year. The work plan was completed and approved during the month of February. Three flood retarding structures have been planned for the watershed. Tree planting of the critical areas was more than one-half completed in 1959. We are grateful to the A.S.C. for their fine cooperation in this project as it enabled this part of the project to be carried out without additional Federal aid through P.L. 566.

Even with the heavy work load of the watershed program we still did not neglect the work of other cooperators in regular requests for technical help which exemplifies to us once again that we are blessed with one of the most competent staff of Soil Conservation technicians in the entire State; headed by Clarence Daniels this group is a real team to work with.

During the year we had 83 new District Cooperators that own 8,922 acres of farm land in the county. 66 farmers had new farm plans and 5 revised and brought up to date.

An election of Supervisors was held during January in which Burns Hicks and Harold McLeary were re-elected and B. H. Pentecost of Mercer Community replaced A. R. Buntin. During the year the Board presented Mr. Buntin a plaque in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the District program during his 14 years as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

The Madison District is a member of the State Association, National Association of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors. Madison County has been 100% in paying State and National dues since its organization in 1941.

The County Court appropriated \$700.00 to the District for the purpose of hiring part-time secretary. Mrs. Nancy Howe was hired and is doing an excellent job.

The Board again prepared and published an Annual Report. 1000 copies were distributed to cooperators through the county and to business firms that supported the District program through the purchase of affiliate memberships. We appreciate this financial support to our program that the following firms have given us during the year:

First National Bank
Second National Bank
National Bank of Commerce
Jackson Truck & Tractor Co.
Ashby Veneer Co.
John H. Johnson


Madison County Co-op
John Williams Steel Co.
Haynes Grocery
Taylor Brothers
Murphy Tractor Co.
Jackson Packing Co.

Our District entered the National Soil Conservation District Awards contest sponsored by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. C. A. Rowlett and C. A. Rowlett, Jr. were selected as the outstanding conservation farmers in Madison County.

We again sponsored Soil Stewardship Week. With the fine cooperation of the Agricultural teachers in the county and the FFA Chapters this observance was very successful. Some 74 sermons were preached during Soil Stewardship Week in Madison County.

During the year we established a roadside erosion control demonstration plot on the Steam Mill Ferry Road. Roadside erosion is one of the problems that we feel should be given more attention.

We look forward to 1960 with the idea of accomplishing more than in any previous year because we believe people in Madison County are more conservation minded than ever before. From the County Judge to the lowest share cropper soil conservation is a term that is known in this county and people believe in it.



J. Harris Smith, Chairman
District Board of Supervisors



K. J. Johnson
Secretary