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ANNUAL REPORT - 1979

In 1941 the Soil Conservation District was organized by local leaders to deal with the soil and water conservation problems of Madison County. For thirty-eight years the District has worked against soil erosion and toward improved land management. Local leaders still guide the program -- a program based on your support and cooperation.

THE STAFF

Through memorandums of understanding the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Soil Conservation Service provide technicians to the District to help carry out an effective program. The Soil Conservation Service personnel for 1979 were Paul Aydelott, District Conservationist; Bobby Clifford, soil conservationist; and David Thomas, soil conservationist.

Madison County employees working for the District in 1979 were Maxine Blankenship, secretary; Benton James, technician; and Bill Tomlin, part-time technician.

OUR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1979

Most work activities showed an increase over 1978. We gave 10 per cent more technical services to landowners for a total of 570. We assisted 185 people, 13 per cent more. We helped farmers make more conservation plans on 10,870 acres, nearly 400 per cent more than in 1978.

As a result of the technical services and planning assistance of last year and prior years, conservation practices were applied on 3790 acres. Erosion was eliminated as a problem on 2861 acres. Sixty-two per cent of all treated acres were cropland, the land use with the most severe problems.

We helped treat 39.1 acres of critically eroding gullies and cropland in the Clover Creek Watershed. We made cost share payments of \$3425.92 to 9 landowners with funds granted by the Soil Conservation Service through the Chickasaw-Shiloh Resource Conservation and Development Project. We obligated \$11402.81 through agreements with 6 people to treat 95.9 acres of critically eroding land in 1980.

We sought new ways to push conservation in Madison County and West Tennessee. We helped select and assist the development of two farms as demonstration farms for resource management and conservation. We helped with the "Save Our Soil" day at Dyer, Tennessee, but not before we held our own "Field Day" on the Lynn Haynes farm in April. We help conduct a highly successful tour of conservation farms and helped with continuous radio broadcast during the tour.

We leased a No-Till Planter for five years to give farmers a chance to try a highly effective conservation practice without making a large investment. The seven row planter was used by several farmers, and about 500 acres of no-till soybeans were planted.

A WORD OF THANKS

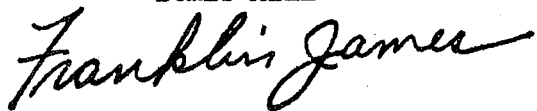
We owe much of our success to those that support the District financially. They include the Madison County Commission, the State Legislature, and our Affiliate Members.

Equally important are the people, groups, churches, industries, news media and other agencies that offer support and teamwork in the movement toward soil and water conservation.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS - 1979

Affiliate members are people, groups or businesses that support District activities. Annual dues are \$25.00. Members for 1979 include:

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| Terry Moore | Production Credit Association |
| Billy Woods | Jackson National Bank |
| Murphy Tractor Co. | Mrs. A. V. Patton |
| Federal Land Bank | First National Bank |
| First Tenn. Bank | Madison County Milk Association |
| Madison County Farm Bureau | National Bank of Commerce |
| Madison County Co-Op | D & C Tractor Co. |
| Southern Gas Corporation | S. M. Lawrence Co. |
| Bemis Mill | |



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Chairman