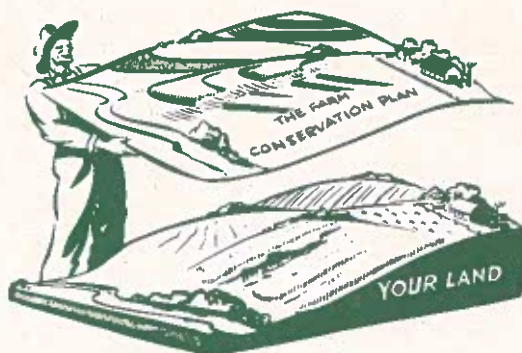




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NEWSLETTER



IN MEMORIAM

Since the last Newsletter, the Licking County District Cooperators and other Soil Conservation minded people, along with his many other friends, mourned the passing of Kenneth E. Thomas, known to most as Kenny. His loss has been and will continue to be felt by hundreds of District Cooperators that he worked with since he started to work in the District in September 1954.

His seemingly untiring work and his devotion to the soil and water conservation cause, has left many living monuments in his memory on the farms of Licking County in the form of sound conservation practices.

His work with the District has enabled the District to maintain a high rating among the other Soil Conservation Districts in the State. For the

last 6 years he worked with the District, the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts consistently gave the District an annual rating of Excellent or Superior.

S.C.D. BOARD RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

At their December meeting, your S.C.D. Board of Supervisors re-organized for the 1963 year by retaining the same officers who have served during 1962. These officers are Chairman - Kirby Barrick; Vice-Chairman - Robert Martin; Secretary-Treasurer - Elmous Mowrey; and Equipment Manager - Wendell Hartshorn.

LICKING DISTRICT RATED "SUPERIOR"

At the recent annual meeting of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts held in Columbus, your local District received a "Superior" rating in the Distinctive Service contest. This contest reflects the quality and quantity of Conservation Activities during the past year. This award was received, in behalf of the District, by Chairman Kirby Barrick.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Supervisors of the Licking County Soil Conservation District, depend a lot on the donations made by its members, to meet some of their expenses. Without this source of income, it is very difficult to operate and make available all the services that are now provided to members of the district.

In the past, most people who have made application to the district for assistance in soil conservation work, have made a contribution. Have you made a contribution? If not, why not make a contribution by mailing your check or make a personal call to the District office.

LICKING COUNTY WOULD BENEFIT FROM SMALL WATERSHED PROGRAM

The Congress of the United States approved legislation several years ago for watershed protection under Public Law-566. The Act, popularly known as the Small Watershed Program, enables local groups to obtain technical and financial aid from the Federal Government in planning and developing watersheds. When watershed is mentioned in connection with dams constructed with federal funds, large watersheds are usually thought of, such as the enormous watershed above Dillon Reservoir. Under the Small Watershed Program Act, the watershed above any needed dams are small in comparison.

The larger installations will not give as much protection to as many people as would a series of small, less expensive dams, and conservation practices in the small watersheds. There are other items of benefit to be considered in favor of the smaller, less expensive installations under the Watershed Protection Act (PL-566) over the larger installations. The reservoirs or lakes constructed in the small watershed will give much greater protection and their usefulness extended over many years because the soil of these watersheds will be kept in place by the installation of conservation practices, such as, tree planting, contour strip-cropping, better agronomic practices on pasture and meadow lands, and many other conservation measures too numerous to mention to reduce surface water run-off from these watersheds.

More recreation will be provided for more people closer to their homes. Picnic areas, boating, fishing, and hunting can be provided for in and around the areas. Farm income, especially the income from the small family farm, will be increased. This will be done in part by the increased production on the farm due to the addition of the soil conservation practices which will increase crops and livestock, and by the added income that can be had by the installation of recreation facilities needed by the ever increasing population. The smaller installation in the watersheds do not take so much of our most valuable land as do the larger ones. This land that becomes more valuable each year as the population increases by leaps and bounds.

The people of Ohio, and especially Licking County, are not getting their share of this protection. A few areas in Ohio are cashing in on this opportunity. From Licking County there has been no formal requests for assistance on a watershed basis under Public Law-566. In the neighboring Counties of Fairfield and Perry, much interest has been shown. There is a project getting underway on one of the watersheds in Perry County. Fairfield County has made more progress in small watershed protection than any county in the state.

The Small Watershed Program is administered by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Some of the local groups with authority to sponsor a project include Soil and Water Conservation Districts, municipalities, and counties.

One thing that is stressed most in getting a watershed approved for assistance, is that there must be a lot of interest shown by the people in the watershed area. Most of the initial organization work must be done by people of the area. Detailed information on how to get a watershed organized and eligible for assistance can be had by contacting the Soil Conservation Service at the Licking County Soil Conservation District office.

RESERVE TREE PLANTER

Reservations are now being taken for use of one of the two tree planters managed by your S.C.D. We have both a mounted and a pull-type planter. The rental rate is \$15.00 per day or \$7.50 for a half day. No rentals for less than half day.

Also, it still isn't too late to place an order for trees. Until the State Nursery runs out or until the trees are shipped, you still have a chance - but order now. Get order blanks from A.S.C., Agriculture Extension Service, or S.C.S.

FIELD NOTES

During the cold winter months when conservation application was at a stand still, your Licking District has been busy trying out a new method of providing better services to its cooperating members. The overall plan is to contact each cooperator at least once a year, and review his conservation planning and application history as well as his conservation needs for the future. Through this contacting we are better able to keep in touch with the problems that exist, and schedule our assistance time to better advantage, with the hope of getting more conservation on the land in '63.

If you need assistance, contact the District office for your conservation needs review.

Once upon a time a farm letter went like this -

Dear Jim, How many cows

The reply -

Dear John, Dairymen are good living. Since I'd like to help you.

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Once upon a time a farmer wrote to his University Extension Dairy Specialist. His letter went like this -

Dear Jim, How many cows do I need to milk to make \$3,000.00 a year labor income?
Yours, John Dairyman

The reply -

Dear John, Dairymen are in a cost-price squeeze, but quite a few still make a good living. Since I don't know how good your cows are, I have worked out a table to help you.

Production, 4% milk per cow	Labor Income, per cow	Cows Needed to get \$3,000.00	Milk you will produce
5,000#	\$ 9	333	1,665,000#
7,000#	55	54	378,000#
9,000#	97	31	279,000#
11,000#	134	22	242,000#
13,000#	166	18	234,000#

John, just a hint, it is easier to milk 18 cows than 333 cows.
Sincerely, Jim Specialist



This issue of your SCD Newsletter is sponsored by THE LICKING COUNTY DAIRY SERVICE ASSOCIATION, A COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION of Dairymen. For superior breeding the safe and money-saving way, call or write one of our COBA breeding technicians. They are:

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- IF YOU MILK COWS, MILK THE KIND THAT PAY. USE COBA BREEDING AND DHIA TESTING SERVICE. THEY DON'T COST, THEY PAY!

COMMUNITY COOPERATION PAYS OFF

Fifteen District Cooperators in Hartford Township took definite steps forward in 1962, by providing an outlet for surface and subsurface drainage which will benefit their farmland for many years to come.

By straightening, deepening, widening, and removing brush from an old meandering waterway, they have created a deep outlet ditch which will serve as a release for approximately 900 acres of surface and subsurface drainage. While the 2520 ft. ditch was completed only last December, the results are already starting to show up. By providing an outlet for an existing 18 inch tile, one farmer back up in the watershed stated that "Water which once stood on our fields for days after a good downpour, will drain away in just a few hours". This group of cooperators, which have become known as the "Potter-Hess" ditch group, was organized by the landowners under the guidance of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, with assistance from the Licking Soil Conservation District. Upon request to the District, the group was then eligible to receive technical engineering services from the Soil Conservation Service.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service also provided a great deal of assistance to the group by sharing in the cost of the ditch, making the actual expense to the landowners quite reasonable, when compared with the expected returns they hope to receive through improved drainage.

These cooperators, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service, have helped themselves by creating a means for higher and more economical crop production.

NEWSLETTER SPONSOR SOUGHT

As we go to press with this release, we would like to say THANK YOU to THE LICKING COUNTY DAIRY SERVICE ASSOCIATION, for sponsoring the February Newsletter. We know that the association does much toward the furtherance of progressive agricultural development in Licking County.

If your firm or organization would be interested in sponsoring this newsletter, which is distributed quarterly to approximately 2500 cooperators and friends of the District, contact the District Headquarters at 67½ West Main Street, Newark, Ohio.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

There have been 22 sign-ups with the District since we last reported in the August Newsletter.

They are as follows by townships: Bennington - Equitable Realty Corp. Farm and Paul Stockberger; Bowling Green - C. R. Griffiths and Homer Pasley; Eden - William Kerfoot; Franklin - James W. Hursey; Harrison - Ernest Moorhead, Jr.; Hartford - G. S. Potter, Hoyt Crowe, Lloyd Cydrus, and George Huffman; Hopewell - Harry Carson; Liberty - Kenton Adams and Harry Montgomery; Licking - James R. Ables; Monroe - C. A. Hempstead and George Holbrook; Perry - Dwight B. Deeds; St. Albans - George Hickcox and Hugh Fisher; and Union - Edward Schaefer and Henry Whitehead.

SOIL TESTING PROMOTION

A county-wide promotion for soil testing will be sponsored again this year by the Agriculture Extension Service, the Licking Soil Conservation District, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the Licking County Agronomy Committee. In the past, the interest shown in this program has been very encouraging. In fact, it has been good enough to place Licking County near the top for the number of soil samples received at Ohio State University for analysis.

The sponsors are hopeful that all farmers of Licking County, and those that have given their time and efforts in the past, will get behind this years soil testing promotion to make Licking County the number one soil testing county in the state. The dates for this event will be announced later.

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