

Soil Conservation Districts Explained

Parmer County is subdivided into five Soil Conservation Districts, each of which is represented by a farmer living in that district. Vernon Estes' zone covers all land in Rhea and Bovina School Districts. Dick Rocky's zone covers all land in North Friona and Black School Districts. A. L. Black's zone covers all land in South Friona School District. L. L. Grissom's zone covers all land in Oklahoma Lane and Farwell School Districts. Alton Morris' zone covers all land in Midway and Lazbuddie School Districts.

Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District has purposes. Our land and water resources are the foundation of our fabulous industrial and agricultural strength. Our material standard of living -- the highest on earth -- is built largely on the abundance and fruitfulness of American land and water. If we do not stop damaging these resources, our ability to produce adequately for ever-increasing needs will be threatened.

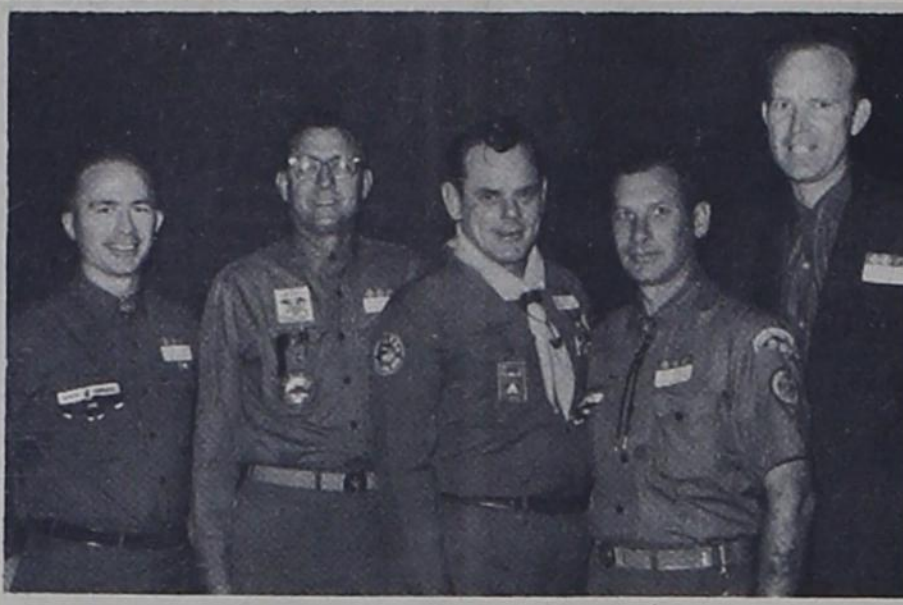
In all parts of the country, farmers and ranchers have taken up the job and have organized themselves into soil conservation districts. Funds for operating these districts come from state appropriations and voluntary contributions from interested citizens or groups. The districts are governed by local citizens, elected from the section of the district where they are farmers. The supervisors receive a small per diem and travel allowance but are not on the federal payroll.

Soil Conservation Service furnishes technical help to the district on the basis of an agreement with the governing body. In addition to Soil Conservation Service technical assistance, districts get educational and other kinds of help from other local, state, federal, and private sources. Each has its place

in furthering work of the district. The district furnishes assistance only to farmers or ranchers who apply for it. The application is made to the board of supervisors. After this group approves a farmer's application, it requests the Soil Conservation Service to make scientific inventory of the farmer's land. This is done by a specially trained, experienced technician. On an aerial photograph of the farm, he makes a map that shows the soil, slope, degree of erosion, land use, and other important physical features. Using this inventory, the farmer and the farm conservation planner of the Soil Conservation Service together work out a conservation plan for the farm. They decide how each field, pasture, and wood lot should be treated and managed to conserve the land and at the same time accomplish the most desirable, sustained production.

The conditions show by the land inventory what the farmer or rancher agrees to do about them. What the district will supply is written down on what is known as a cooperative agreement. It is known also as farm or ranch conservation plan. Each has a copy of the photographic map and a map showing conservation work the farmer or rancher intends to do over his entire unit. Such an agreement becomes effective only after the approval of the supervisors. The only ones who sign the cooperative agreement are the land owner and operator and the officers of the district.

There is no compulsion involved. The district agrees to furnish the technical help to carry out the conservation practices. These are the practices the farmer or rancher himself says he needs to protect and improve his land. These complete farm and ranch conservation plans are becoming more and more popular every year.



ATTEND SCOUT COMMISSIONER SEMINAR -- Four members of the Commissioner Staff of area Boy Scouting, accompanied by Doyle Boyd, left, district scout executive, attended a Boy Scout Commissioner training seminar in Roswell recently. For some of the men it was a refresher course and for others a training period which will better enable them to serve Scouting in this area. Left to right, Boyd, Odus Walsler, neighborhood commissioner in Texico-Farwell; William S. Hartley, El Llano Grande District commissioner; Alan Miller, assistant commissioner in Clovis; and Vard Dalley, neighborhood commissioner in Clovis.

Fire Chief Warns Of Defective Heating Units

Fire Chief George Magness has received notice from the office of the State Fire Marshall that the local departments assistance is asked in locating and identifying 8000 gas-fired baseboard through-the-wall heaters that may leak carbon monoxide. All local gas companies are also asked to help in locating such units, should any be located in this area.

Sears, Roebuck and Company has announced a recall and replacement program for approximately 6000 heaters sold by them. Most of the Sears heaters were sold between Sept. 1962 and Dec. 1966. They were last offered for regular sale in a catalog circular in August and September 1966. A few remaining units were sold in retail stores during 1967.

Fire Chief Magness states that in addition to the Sears heaters, an additional 2,000 baseboard heaters of similar design and appearance to the Homart models were manufactured and distributed by Samuel Stamping and Enameling Company of Chattanooga, Tenn., which is now out of business. Magness has all of the information necessary in locating one of the defective units; therefore, should anyone in this area suspect that he has such a unit, he should lose no time in contacting Magness since the units are a potential life hazard.

Leaders Complete Camping Requirements

Mrs. Ted Glenn and Mrs. Gil Patschke, local Girl Scout leaders, have recently completed their troop camping requirements and were presented their certificates at Camp Rio Blanco on March 5.

Miss Sharon Washburn, in charge of the camping program for the Caprock Council, was instructor for the course. Purpose of the meeting at the camp was to acquaint the leaders with the campsite and the facilities available for troop camping. Many skills were taught and the local ladies were cooks in their patrol. Dinner was cooked over an open fire and eaten around the campfire.

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TROOP 143--Active Brownie Scouts include (left to right) Karen Head, Kathy Booth, Deana Williams, Debra Livingston, Lee Ann Kirkland, Kristi Magness, Robbie Rundell, Carol Vinton, Natalie Dollar, and Judy Hardage. Not available for a picture were Kathy Jo Crume, Cary Marsh, Karen London, Dianna Naegle, Kathy Davis, nd Tracy McDorman. Present leaders are Mrs. Toby Booth, Mrs. Robert Vinton, Mrs. Delbert Black, Mrs. Jack Kirkland, and Mrs. Norman Head. Brownies were scheduled to have a St. Patrick's Day Party Thursday afternoon at Farwell City Hall.



GIRL SCOUTS IN CHURCH -- Junior Troop 121, and Cadette Troop 109 attended services at First Baptist Church on the first day of Girl Scout Week, March 10-16. Juniors present with their leader Mrs. Ted Glenn included Gay Coffman, Joy Meeks, Pamela Nance, Sharon Booth, Debbie Glenn, and Jaquetta Crook. Cadettes attending with their leader Mrs. Gil Patschke were Gail Meeks, Gwen Rundell, Kim Snider, Beverly Roberts, Alice Coffman, Robyn Craig, Caroline Anderson, Vickie Hobbs, Cynthia Atkins, Susan Patschke, Christine Atkins. Welcoming the troops was J. L. Bass, pastor of the church.



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