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HARDIN PROGRAM EARNS TWO TRIPS — — —

Two-County Soil Conservation Brings Awards, State Honors ²

Outstanding soil conservation work has brought a state award to Hardin county and statewide recognition to four Franklin county men.

The Hardin Soil Conservation District and the Page county district were selected the top 1969 program winners by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. A district officer, Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe, and a top farmer co-operator, Milton R. Jordening of Eldora, will receive trips as a result of the award. The trips will be to the Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Meanwhile, the foresight of five Franklin county farmers was singled out by Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Much of the \$41 million crop loss suffered by Iowa farmers last week from cloudbursts could have been substantially reduced, according to Moon. He estimated that 25-30 tons of good topsoil per acre were lost last week from unprotected fields in Grundy county alone.

INFORMAL WATERSHED

Moon said the five Franklin farmers, Steven Stockdale, Jacob Sailer, Alfred Brower and George Abbas junior and senior, formed

an informal watershed northeast of Bradford in 1966.

They have four farms covering about 500 acres and aimed at complete protection, working through the Franklin County Soil Conservation District and getting technical assistance and cost-share assistance through a pooling agreement with the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). The ACP program covered about 40 percent of the total expense of erosion control. Also, the Franklin Board of Supervisors incorporated three county road dams to help control erosion and the group built 25,000 feet of terracing and laid 33,000 feet of tile.

The terraces will pay for themselves within 10 years, said Stockdale. He said before the terraces, some gullies were 20 feet deep.

CARNIVAL AT BRADFORD

BRADFORD — A Bradford United Methodist Church carnival will be held in the Bradford Hall Saturday afternoon and evening, starting at 1:30 p.m. An auction is scheduled at 3 p.m. and a tractor pull at 6 p.m.