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Soil district banquet is scheduled for November 18

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Ervin J. J. Koos of Shelby, immediate past president of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, will be the guest speaker as the 1970 Davis County Soil Conservation banquet and awards program.

The banquet will be Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church.

Koos lives on a 160 acre farm in East Pottawattamie County. He also rents an additional 380 acres. A grain and livestock farmer, he has a complete con-

servation program installed on his farm including 14 miles of terraces, grass waterways, diversions, tile drainage, and two erosion control structures.

He was named a Master Farmer in 1959, is a member of the Governor's Committee on the Conservation of Outdoor Resources, a member of the Master Resources Committee of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and has received the Goodyear and the W.M.T. Conservation awards.

Others on the program include Brad Woller, the 1970 winner of the Soil and Water Conservation speech contest. Brad who lives on a farm near Weldon, Iowa, will present his speech to the banquet guests.

Jim McGuire of the Des Moines Register and Tribune will present awards to the Region 9 winners of the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program. Winners were: Division I, owner-operator, Gerald Forsythe, Drakesville; Division II, landlord tenant, Frances Cook, Hayes, Kan., and John Seymour, Danville; Division III, new cooperator, A.M. Wagner & Son, owner, Danville, and Dick Mapel, operator, Danville.

Mrs. Harriett Cummings, Oskaloosa, was regional winner in the Teacher's Division.

Gary Spurgeon, editor of the Bloomfield Newspapers, will present awards to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forsythe and Mrs. Jack Boatman, local county winners in the achievements program. Forsythes were also regional sweepstakes winner in the contest. Iles Heady, chairman of the Davis District, said that advance reservations must be made for the banquet. He said that tickets are available from the district commissioners or at the SCS Office.

Three Soil Conservation District Commissioners will be selected at an election to be held Nov. 18. Polling place is at the Bloomfield United Methodist



Ervin Koos

Church between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Nominees for the positions are LaVerne Weilbrenner, Lionel Herten, Dwight White, Phillip Melvin, and Clair Rodgers.

Incumbent commissioners who will continue to serve are Sam Botts, Jr., and Charles Chickering. They said that under recent change in the state law, each soil conservation district is to now be governed by a five man board and that only one member could be from a voting precinct.