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Nine attend soil meeting

Nine Davis County representatives were among 500 people attending the 28th annual conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners of Iowa Sunday through Tuesday in Des Moines.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Weilbrenner, Mr. and Mrs. Iles Heady, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chickering and Mrs. Christine Botts.

David Unger, executive secretary of the National Association of Conservation Districts, praise Iowa as one of the most progressive states in soil conservation work. He told the group their work would be more challenging in the next 10 years as they would become more involved in surface mine reclamation, sediment control, agricultural runoff pollution and land use planning.

He cited the need for

districts to get more technical assistance by rebuilding the corps of Soil Conservation Service personnel. Unger also said the soils information and other resource material available from Districts inevitably will involve them in land use planning.

Assistant Secretary of Interior John Kyl of Bloomfield brought commissioners up to date on the Mind-Land Reclamation Act now in conference in Congress. The bill would establish a nationwide program to prevent adverse effects to society from coal mining operations and would involve local districts and agencies in implementations.

Kyl said there is not enough money being spent on conservation or enough interest in taking care of soil and water resources. He also said that the organized

districts with their locally elected commissioners were considered to be a good potential for implementing this act, if it became law later this week.

The commissioners also heard Bryan Erb of the Lyndon Johnson Space Center in Houston, Tex. and Dr. Ivan Gavva, agricultural counselor of the Soviet Union in Washington, D.C.