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*8/10/70*Davis County recognition

Farmer and teacher win 1970 conservation awards

BLOOMFIELD — A Drakesville farmer and a Bloomfield teacher have been named the 1970 winners of the annual conservation awards program sponsored in the Davis County Soil Conservation District.

Gerald Forsythe was named in the owner-operator class of the contest and Mrs. Jack Boatman in the teacher division. The two will advance to regional competition to be judged sometime this month and state winners will be named.

Forsythe operates a 600-acre farm Grade A dairy in the northwest part of the county. He has 260 head of dairy stock and milks 85 cows. He has 75 head of ewes.

Conservation practices include 32 acres of row crops

farmed on the contour, 1.6 miles of terraces, one-half mile of diversions, six farm ponds, one erosion control structure, wildlife and tree planting area; and 190 acres of renovated pasture with another 30 acres planned; 1,000 feet of open drainage ditch and 100 acres of cropland converted to pasture.

Forsythe has been active in the conservation program for seven years. He and his wife are 4-H leaders and he is a member of the extension council and is the ASCS township committeeman.

Mrs. Boatman is fifth grade teacher at Bloomfield West Elementary. An elementary teacher 14 years, she has taught fifth grade for the past seven years. Active in teaching natural re-

sources, Mrs. Boatman has conducted conservation field trips annually and engaged conservation speakers for her pupils in the classroom. She has assisted in development of the conservation portion of the school's curriculum.