

Conservation Awards To 4 County Farmers

Four Davis County farmers were presented awards Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the Davis County Soil Conservation District.

Robert Evans and Son were presented an award for being the winners in Division I of the Davis County Soil Conservation Contest. Also receiving district awards were William Wuthrich, Harry Battin and Vernon Wheel- don.

The Evanses were presented a plaque by the Bloomfield Newspapers for winning the annual contest. The contest results were announced during the summer.

Wuthrich owns a 200 acre farm in Cleveland Township. He has been contouring all the acreage that is now in row crops.

Wuthrich has built one erosion control structure and plans another. He has shaped two acres of waterways and has started a program to renovate

approximately 80 acres of pasture.

Battin owns a 370 acre farm in Grove Township. He has built 3,000 feet of standard terraces and 1,425 feet of parallel terraces.

Battin plans to construct 3,800 feet of tile outlet terraces this fall. He has shaped 3.5 acres of grass waterways and has built three farm ponds. He has also improved 100 acres of pasture.

Wheel- don owns a 171 acre farm in Lick Creek Township. He contours 35 acres and has built 800 feet of graded terraces.

He built 6,000 feet of diversion terraces and one pond. Wheel- don has constructed 2,600 lineal feet of open drainage ditches and renovated 34 acres of pasture.

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Speaking to the annual banquet, the Rev. Laurence Nelson of Bellevue called for an all-out effort against water pollution and for stewardship of the soil.

The Rev. Nelson, a member of the Iowa State Conservation

Commission, said that water pollution is a problem of all people.

"Until the people wake up," he said, "we won't be able to solve the problem."

He said there is as much water as there was in the times of Moses and pyramids, but modern man is allowing too much water to become polluted.

Lake Erie is considered by some to be a cesspool and the Mississippi River is not the clear, blue water described by early settlers.

The Rev. Nelson cited statistics that showed water usage on the earth is reaching the amount of water located on the earth and intimated that control of pollution will become a critical problem.

"We don't own the land we own," the Rev. Nelson said pointing out the need to conserve the soil.

He said men have an obligation to the past and a responsibility to the future to conserve the soil.

