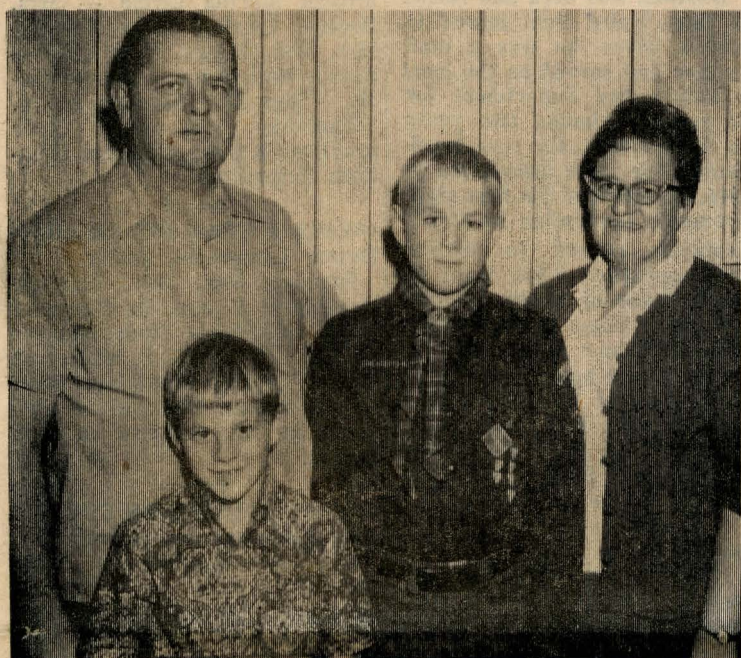


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AT MASON CITY MONDAY —

P. Primus Wins State Commissioner Award



PAUL, DONNIE, KENNY AND JANE PRIMUS

Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock has been named outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioner in the state of Iowa, it was announced this week.

To qualify for the state award, which was presented Monday evening at the Awards Banquet of the Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Mason City, Primus had earlier been named outstanding director in Region III.

Primus was elected a Hardin Soil Conservation District commissioner in 1963 after serving two previous years as an assistant commissioner.

The Primus family, consisting of Paul, 40, his wife, Jane, and two boys, Kenneth, 11, and Donald, 8, have had a long history in the conservation field. In 1963, a conservation reserve and wildlife habitat area was established on their farm. This reserve exists today.

In addition to operating a 340-acre farm, Primus has been a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation for 20 years, a member of the Iowa River Conservation and Improvement Club for 6 years, a 20-year member of the Steamboat Rock Boat Club, a member of the Pine Lake Wildlife Club for 15 years and is a naval veteran.

For the last three years, Primus has been extremely active as Soil Conservation District chairman. During his term as chairman, the Hardin Soil Conservation District has had the first ACP group terrace project in the state of Iowa, developed the Pine Lake Watershed concept in which mass land treatment has been applied above Pine Lake and hosted the Soil Conservation Society of America tour in August, 1967.

Innumerable tours of national and international character for people as far away as Australia and as near as Canada have been listed here and the District went from a total of Plant Materials accomplishments of 12 to 56 in a period of three years (individual plots). Primus has been instrumental in getting the commissioners of the Hardin Soil Conservation District to state and regional meetings and he gave a report at the annual conference of

progress and activities of the Hardin Soil Conservation District in 1966.

He was instrumental in developing a District program in which the urban segment of the community is given consideration through both planning and consultive assistance from the district.

Primus was the first landowner in the Hardin District and the Pine Lake Watershed to build grass backslope terraces on his farm. In 1967, he built 9,700 feet of terraces and in 1968 he again built another 6,450 feet of terraces on his land. Primus plans to continue terrace construction, as finances permit, until his entire land is stabilized.

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