

Farmers Will Receive Awards

Several Davis County farmers will receive awards Wednesday night at the annual banquet meeting of the Davis County Soil Conservation District.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Methodist Church.

Receiving awards will be Robert Evans and Son for win-



ning Division I of the Davis County Soil Conservation District contest.

The father-son farming team will get the award for an outstanding conservation program on their farm. The Evanses will receive a plaque from the Bloomfield Newspapers.

Three other farmers will be given awards for conservation achievements on their own farm.

The main speaker will be the Rev. Laurence Nelson of Belle-

vue, who is known as "Mister Conservation." The Rev. Nelson is a member of the State Conservation Committee and a member of the governor's Advisory Committee on Outdoor Recreation.

As a member of the advisory committee, he was instrumental in recommending that the State of Iowa purchase the 4,649 acres of federal timber and recreation land around Shimek State Forest in southeast Iowa.

He is minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue. The Rev. Nelson is an avid outdoor sportsman, and an antique gun collector. He has also lectured widely for the past 20 years on conservation of water, land and wildlife as well as contributing numerous articles to conservation publications.

Sam Botts Jr., chairman of the Davis Soil Conservation District, said that tickets for the banquet are available at the Soil Conservation Service office or from the district commissioners. Reservations must be made by Tuesday. He invited all farmers, businessmen and sportsmen to attend.