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More Than 50 Awards At Soil District Banquet Here Wed.

More than 50 awards will be presented during the Hardin Soil Conservation District Awards Banquet at St. Mary's Parish Center, Eldora, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Highlight of the banquet will be presentation of the 1969 State Conservation Farm Family Award to the Ray McDowell family of Eldora and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell of Grinnell.

Other awards will go to persons who assisted with the State Field Days event, plus district soil winners. Included will be Carl King, Lew Throssel, Gary Karr, Orville Lamb, Lowell McCormick, Paul Barnard, Doyle Felton, Joe Beach, Lowell Granzow, Anthony Travisono, C. O. Rubow, Bruce Froning, Everett Rogers, Harold Dettbarn, Vic Reist, George Martinson, Bill Hollingworth, Herb Ruhnke, Lee Lundy, Paul Primus, John Jaspers and Carroll White.

Also George Tesch, Robert Gunderson, Gaylord Thayer, Jim Rector, Eileen Miller, James Goode, Boyd Reese, Ernie Barz, Ray McDowell, Richard Crosser, Delmar Swasand, Ed Wiesner, Karen Alexander, George Janssen, Troy Jones, Curtis Daggs, Mary Amberg, Lois Knutson, Betty McDowell, Milt Jordening, Mildred Miller, Leona Froning, Charles Shore, Les Vinton, Merrill Wiechmann, Evelyn Stone, Emmett Hirt, Marvin Reed, Everett Pierce, Mrs. David Granzow and Mrs. Gordon Reisinger.

Field Day awards will be given by John Jaspers and district awards by Paul Primus. Dr. W. G. Tietz will serve as master of ceremonies and Kermit Whitehead will deliver the invocation. Carroll Hobson, district chairman, will explain the Goodyear

Award, presented earlier this year to the Hardin Soil District.

The award, sponsored through the Goodyear Conservation Award Program, goes to the No. 1 soil district in the state of Iowa. In conjunction with the same award, Milton Jordening of rural Eldora was recognized as the outstanding cooperator. Jordening and one of the commissioners, Caleb Knutson of Radcliffe, will be guests at the Goodyear experimental farms at Litchfield Park, Ariz., later this month.

The 1969 State Conservation Farm Family Award will be presented to the McDowell families by James McGuire, Farm Editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, sponsors of the program along with the Iowa Farm and Home Register in cooperation with conservation and education agencies.

Selection of the state award winner, the highest honor bestowed annually under the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Program, is based on outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation as well as family participation and leadership in community and church affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell farm 280 acres of land one mile east of Eldora. The farm, owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell, was one of four farms featured at the 1968 Conservation Field Days and lies partially in the Lower Pine Lake Watershed.

Background information on McDowell's winning conservation efforts will be given prior to the award presentation by Dick Bassett, who began duties Monday as District Conservationist for the Hardin Soil Conservation District, sponsors of the banquet.