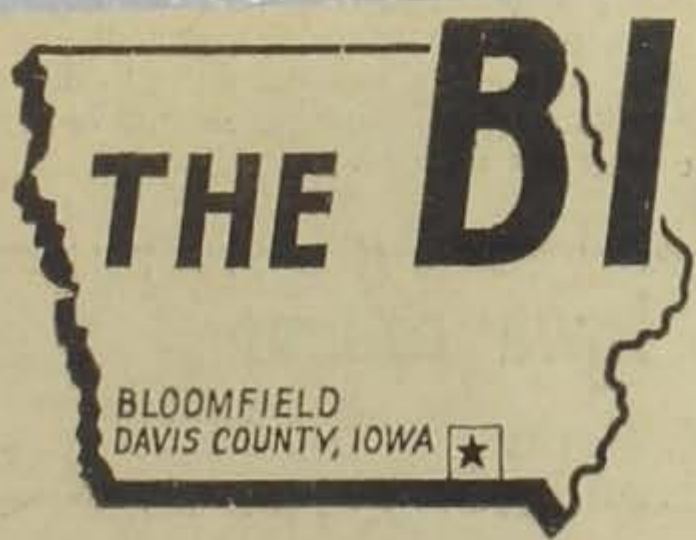


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Name local award winners

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

Gerald Forsythe and Mrs. Jack Boatman have been named local winners in the awards program sponsored state-wide by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register.

Forsythe was named the winner in the owner-operator class of the contest while Mrs. Boatman was the winner in the teacher division.

The two will advance to region-

al competition with the regional winners to be judged this month. State winners will also be named.

Forsythe was the only farm entrant in this year's contest. There are also divisions for landlord-tenant operations and for new district cooperators.

Forsythe and Mrs. Boatman will receive certificates from the Des Moines Register and Tribune and plaques from the Bloomfield Newspapers at the annual meeting of the Davis County Soil Conservation District this fall.

Forsythe operates a 600-acre Grade A dairy farm in northwest Davis County. He has 260 head of dairy stock and milks about

85 cows. He also has 75 head of ewes.

His 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, a wildlife and tree planting area around the structure, 190 acres of renovated pasture and another 30 acres planned for renovation, 1000 feet of open drainage ditch and 100 acres of crop land has been converted to pasture.

Forsythe has been active in the Davis County Soil Conservation District for seven years. He and his wife have also been 4-H lead-

ers. Forsythe also has been a member of the Extension Council and a ASCS Township Committeeman.

Mrs. Boatman is a fifth grade teacher at the West Bloomfield Elementary Center. She has been an elementary teacher for 14 years and a fifth grade teacher for the past seven years.

She is active in teaching conservation of natural resources in connection with the science program as well as tying conservation to other subjects where possible.

Mrs. Boatman has conducted annual conservation field trips and invited outside conservation speakers to talk to her classes. She also assisted in developing the conservation portions of the school's curriculum.