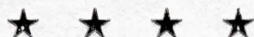


Soil Conservation Awards Banquet



Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference
for
Soil Conservation District Commissioners
Of Iowa



SEPTEMBER 13, 1971

Hotel Savery

DES MOINES, IOWA

MENU

Tomato Juice

Pine Lake Salad

Fried Chicken, Family Style

Snowflake Potatoes

French Bread and Butter

Cherry & Apple Pie

Beverage

Program

PRESIDING

Harold Higgins, President
Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners
Traer, Iowa

INVOCATION

Monsignor John George Weber
Executive Secretary
National Catholic Rural Life Conference
Des Moines, Iowa

RALPH ZARNOW PRESENTS "ENTERTAINMENT TIME"

Ralph Zarnow
Zarnow Entertainment Service
Des Moines, Iowa

PRESENTATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER AWARDS

Al Bull, Editor
Wallaces Farmer
Des Moines, Iowa

WMT STATIONS AWARDS

Bob Nance, Farm Director
WMT Stations
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

GOODYEAR AWARDS

Jim Meyers, Manager
Farm Tire Sales
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Des Moines, Iowa

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CERTIFICATES TO SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Gerald Norland, Member
State Soil Conservation Committee
Department of Soil Conservation
Cylinder, Iowa

LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS IN THE IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Ervin J. J. Koos, Past President
Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners
Shelby, Iowa

DEPARTMENT OF SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Donald Johnson, Vice Chairman
State Soil Conservation Committee
Department of Soil Conservation
Fairfield, Iowa

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO STATE CLERKS AND CONSERVATION AIDES FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE

William H. Greiner, Director
Department of Soil Conservation
Des Moines, Iowa

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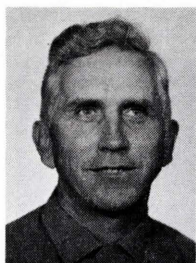
"WATERSHED MAN-OF-THE-YEAR" AWARD

Eugene Swartz, Vice President
Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners
Lenox, Iowa

Outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioners

A contest to select nine outstanding soil conservation district commissioners, plus a state winner, is conducted each year by the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in cooperation with Wallace Farmer, Des Moines, Iowa. The contest is divided into nine competing regions with soil conservation districts in each region submitting nominees for consideration. A winner is selected from each of the nine regions, and a state winner is selected from this group and named the State's Outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioner. The recipients are selected for their service to the soil conservation district program on a district, regional, and state level, plus their community activities. The conservation plans being followed on the lands farmed by the nominees are also considered in the judging.

The following nine men are the regional winners in the 1971 Outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioners Contest. The state winner will be announced following presentation of the regional winners.



REGION 1—Harold DeWaay, Sheldon, O'Brien County Soil Conservation District. Harold DeWaay served as an O'Brien County Soil Conservation District Assistant Commissioner for three years prior to his election as a commissioner in 1968. He is serving as Vice Chairman of the district at the present time and has been chairman of numerous district committees.

He operates a 320 acre farm and swine production is the major livestock enterprise. He has been a soil conservation district cooperator since he started farming in 1951. When he began farming, the most severe erosion problem on his land was caused by wind erosion from fall plowing. He has corrected this problem by plowing in the spring and only discing bean stubble. His farm has more than three miles of tile installed plus several grass waterways.

Active in community affairs, he has served on the Township ASC Committee; 4-H Club leader; past vice-president O'Brien County Farm Bureau; Co-op Elevator Board; Masonic Orders; member Sheldon Community School Board; Draft Board; American Legion and VFW and County Zoning Board. He serves as Sunday school teacher, MYF adult leader and District Lay Leader of the Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Theora, are the parents of five sons.



REGION 2—William Martin, Lehigh, Webster County Soil Conservation District. Bill Martin has been a commissioner in the Webster County Soil Conservation District for five and one-half years and is currently serving as chairman.

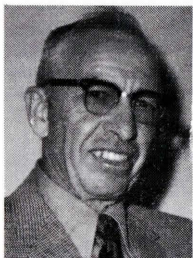
He farms 945 acres and soil conservation practices are very prominent on his land. The practices include tile, grass waterways, gully control structures, pasture renovation, farm ponds, wildlife area plantings and windbreaks.

His community activities include Sunday school teacher and 4-H agronomy project leader.

During his tenure as a commissioner, he has been instrumental in strengthening the Conservation Education Committee of the Webster District and has led the district in becoming actively involved in assisting urban areas and other units of government with their conserva-

tion problems. In addition to these activities, the Webster County Soil Survey Report was adopted by Webster County for use in assessing agricultural lands. The Webster County Conservation Board and City of Fort Dodge cooperate with the district on several projects largely as a result of his influence. He has also given leadership to the P.L. 566 Watershed program and REAP projects in the Webster District.

He and his wife, Katie, are the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter.



REGION 3—Ralph L. Moore, Grundy Center, Grundy County Soil Conservation District. Ralph Moore is the chairman of the Grundy County Soil Conservation District and has held this position for three and one-half years. He has been a commissioner in the district for six and one-half years.

He owns and operates a 200 acre farm and rents an additional 160 acres. A basic conservation farm plan was prepared on his farm in 1947 and is plan number 14 with the Grundy District. He was one of the first farmers to build terraces in Grundy County when he built them with a plow in 1949. These terraces have now been rebuilt to a broad based parallel type terrace. He is planning on constructing seeded backslope terraces in the future and the tile for these terraces are already installed. Other conservation practices being used on his land include contouring, grass waterways and tile.

He maintains an active interest in community affairs. He has served as a Township ASC Committeeman and was a member of the Grundy County ASC Committee for twelve years and served six years as chairman. He has served as County Chairman of the Rural Overseas Program; is an Elder of his church, and has served as Sunday school superintendent. He is a charter member of the Grundy County Terrace Club.

He and his wife, Hannabel, are the parents of three daughters.

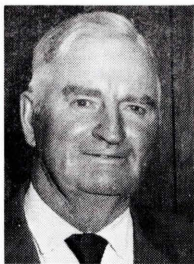


REGION 4—Obert Sacquitne, Mabel, Minnesota, Winneshiek County Soil Conservation District. Obert Sacquitne has served as a commissioner in the Winneshiek County Soil Conservation District for ten years and is serving as secretary and treasurer of the district at the present time.

He owns and operates a 300 acre farm and has a livestock operation consisting mainly of a grade "A" dairy herd. He also feeds some cattle and produces 300-400 hogs each year. He has installed many conservation practices on his farm including grass backslope terraces with tile outlets, contouring, grass waterways, tile, seeded headlands, wildlife borders, pasture improvement and windbreaks.

His community activities include membership in the Winneshiek County Farm Bureau and has served as membership chairman for the county. He was the "Outstanding Young Farmer" for Winneshiek County in 1962. He is a member of the Decorah Lutheran Church and is chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the Church Council. An avid sports fan, he is a director of the Decorah Quarterback Club and is part owner and a member of the "Pit Crew" in hobby stock car racing. He has written several editorial type news stories for publication in the news media of Winneshiek County. He is a Navy veteran.

He and his wife, Virginia, are the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters.



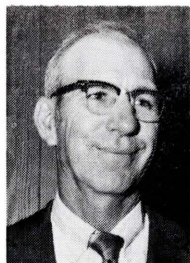
REGION 5—Glenn McCutcheon, Dow City, Crawford County Soil Conservation District. Glenn McCutcheon has been a Crawford County Soil Conservation District Commissioner for nineteen years and is currently serving his fourth term as chairman of the district.

He owns and operates a 465 acre farm and was one of the early cooperators with the Crawford District. His farm plan is number 26 in the district. He was one of the first farmers to farm on the contour in Crawford County and since that time has installed many conservation practices on his land including terraces, grass waterways, drop inlet structures and several acres of evergreen trees. The livestock operation on his farms

include stock cows and calves. He markets the calves as finished beef.

In addition to his soil conservation district activities, he is involved with many other community affairs including member of the Dow City United Methodist Church Board; Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge and the Crawford County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Dow City School Board for nine years and has served as a Township ASC Committeeman. He has also been a Township Trustee for more than thirty years.

He and his wife, Eva, are the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter.



REGION 6 — James W. Ginder, Ackworth, Warren County Soil Conservation District. Jim Ginder has been a commissioner in the Warren County Soil Conservation District for a period of fifteen years and has also served as an assistant commissioner for six years.

He owns and operates 135 acres on the south edge of Ackworth and the main livestock enterprises until 1960 were dairying and swine production. He has now changed this operation to a beef cow herd and a flock of 14,400 laying hens and a small number of broilers. A basic conservation farm plan was developed on his farm in 1950 and the conservation practices applied

include terracing, diversions, a drop inlet structure, tiling and pasture renovation. All crops on the Ginder farm are planted on the contour. He has taken a special interest in the state and national Associations of Soil Conservation Districts. He has attended four national meetings and nineteen annual state conferences.

He participates in many community activities in addition to his soil conservation interests and these include former member Warren County ASC Committee and past chairman; past president Warren County Dairy Herd Improvement Association; Past Director of Eastern Iowa Breeders Association and past president of county unit; member of Ackworth School Board for fifteen years and president for three years; Director of Warren County Farm Bureau for three years; member of Ackworth Friends Church; Mayor of Ackworth; and Director of Iowa Poultry Association.

He and his wife, Grace, are the parents of two sons.



REGION 7—Harry T. Horak, Vinton, Benton County Soil Conservation District. Harry Horak has been a commissioner in the Benton County Soil Conservation District since 1950 and has served as chairman for six years.

His farm operation consists of 375 acres of which he owns 260 acres and this land has been under a basic conservation plan with the Benton District since 1948. Conservation practices applied to his farmlands include terraces, grass waterways, tile, wildlife habitat, and improved pasture.

His livestock operations include the feeding of approximately one hundred fifty head of beef cattle

and six hundred head of hogs each year.

An active community leader, he has served as a Director of the Eden Mutual Insurance Association for fifteen years and was recently elected vice president of the company. He is a Township Clerk and a member of the Izaak Walton League; Benton County Farm Bureau and other civic organizations including school clubs. He is a member of the Brandon United Methodist Church and is president of the Men's Club, member of the administrative board and the Board of Trustees. He has served in many capacities in the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners including Regional Director, Vice President and President. He was chairman of the State Soil Conservation Field Days and Plowing Matches held in the Benton District in 1963. He has attended twelve consecutive Annual Conferences, fourteen consecutive Short Courses for Commissioners and six NACD Conventions.

He and his wife, Thelma, are the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters.

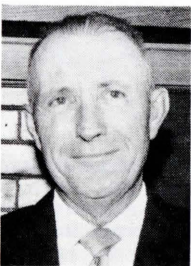


REGION 8—Albert T. Washburn, Hastings, Mills County Soil Conservation District. Albert Washburn has served as a Mills County Soil Conservation District Commissioner for a period of thirteen years and has been chairman of the district for more than twelve of these years.

He owns and operates a 435 acre farm and rents an additional 165 acres. Conservation practices being used on his farms include level and parallel bench terraces, open drainage and tile drainage, grass waterways and contouring. His livestock operation consists of beef cow-calf herd, sheep and hogs.

His community activities include leadership in watershed projects in the Mills District of which two are authorized for construction. He has been chairman of the Malvern Community School Board for the past five years. He is a World War II Navy veteran. He has served as president of the Mills and Fremont Livestock Feeders Association and has served as a member of National Consumer Standard Quality Control Livestock Committee and also as a member of the Foreign Trade Regulations. He is also active in his church and the Mills County 4-H organization.

He and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter.



REGION 9 — T. J. Thompson, Promise City, Wayne County Soil Conservation District. T. J. "Tommy" Thompson was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Wayne County Soil Conservation District governing body in 1962 and has served as a commissioner since that time. He is the current chairman of the district.

He lives on a 417 acre farm and has been a co-operator with the Wayne District since 1944. He operated a diversified farming enterprise until 1971 which included several acres of Chariton River bottom lands and highly productive pastureland in the ridge areas for his beef cow herd. He was an early supporter of Orchardgrass and Birdsfoot Trefoil for pastures. He has installed several conservation practices on his farm including diversions, terraces, farm ponds, grass waterways, wildlife habitat and contouring.

Prominent in community activities, he is now serving as Chairman of the Wayne County RC & D Steering Committee; Secretary of the Chariton Valley RC & D Executive Board and a member of the four-county zoning committee. He is legislative director of the Wayne County NFO

and serves as an ASC Community Committeeman. He has also served on the Wayne County Board of Education and Farmers Home Administration County Committee.

He and his wife, Lois, are the parents of one daughter.

WMT Stations Awards

The WMT Radio and TV Stations, Cedar Rapids, make awards each year to individuals for their contributions to and achievements in the soil conservation program. The awards program has been conducted annually since 1949 and has recognized more than 125 farmer-cooperators, and others, for their service to the conservation program.

The award is in the form of a plaque with a map of Iowa and the words, "Keep Iowa Soil In Iowa", engraved prominently. The program has played a major role in focusing public awareness on the conservation of soil and water resources in the State of Iowa and has done much to stimulate public interest in the need for conservation of all natural resources.

The 1971 award winners are:



Minoru (Min) Amemiya, Professor of Agronomy and Extension Agronomist, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. A native of California, he was born in San Francisco and attended the public schools of that city. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1942. He received the Master of Science (1948) and Doctor of Philosophy (1950) Degrees from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to coming to Iowa State University, he was a research assistant at Ohio State University from 1947 to 1950; Research Soil Scientist, U.S.D.A., and Associate Agronomist, Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, Grand Junction Colorado from 1950 to 1958; and Research Soil Scientist, U.S.D.A., Weslaco, Texas, from 1958 to 1960. He joined the Iowa State University staff in 1960 as a Collaborator, U.S.D.A. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1965 and became a full professor in 1971. Since 1968 he has been associated with the Cooperative Extension Service with primary responsibilities in the areas of soil and water conservation and related programs.

He has played a major role in the Iowa Soil Survey Program in meeting with county governing bodies to explain the program and its uses. Through his efforts, in cooperation with others, the Soil Survey Program in Iowa has become one of the outstanding examples of cooperation between governmental agencies to accomplish an end result which will be of benefit to many people and groups. He is also responsible for conducting the annual Short Course for Soil Conservation District Commissioners held on the Iowa State University Campus in January.

He is a member of Sigma Xi; Gamma Sigma Delta; American Society of Agronomy; Soil Science Society of America; Soil Conservation Society of America; Western Society of Soil Science and is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a member of the Ames Lions Club; the Ames Collegiate Presbyterian Church; the Story County Association for Retarded Children; and the Iowa Conservation Education Council. In 1958, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Colorado Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Grace Obata and they are the parents of two sons.



Grover C. Miehle, Past President, Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association, Monticello, Iowa. A native of northeast Iowa, he was born on a dairy farm near Maynard. He attended Upper Iowa College and received his B.S. Degree from Iowa State University in 1941. He completed his M.S. Degree at Iowa State University in 1969.

He has had a long and distinguished career as a Vocational Agriculture teacher including eighteen years at Lisbon, Iowa and eight years at Monticello. He spent four years working for the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service. He has assisted soil conservation districts in his area with their educational programs and has consistently stressed the importance of good land use to the students in his high school and adult farmers classes. As a result of his efforts, soil conservation programs have expanded in his area of influence.

He is active in many professional and community organizations including President of the Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association in 1970-71; member, Monticello Education Association; National Education Association; National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association; American Vocational Association; Farm Bureau; Director of Lions Club; Past Master of his Masonic Lodge; Red Cross Chairman for fifteen years; American Legion; Life Member of the Holstein Friesian Association; and an Honorary Iowa Farmer in the Iowa FFA. He is currently serving as alternate Vice President of Region Three of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. He received the Harry Schroeder Outstanding Teacher Award at the 1971 summer meeting of the Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Conference.

He has coached two state champion dairy judging teams and his FFA Chapter has received superior awards for eight consecutive years in the National Chapter Program. Other awards he has received include the Beresford-Quaife Award for outstanding service in livestock operations and the twenty-five year teaching award in 1970.

He and his wife, Irene, are the parents of two sons.



Wendell Pellett, Cass County Soil Conservation District Commissioner, and member, Iowa House of Representatives, Atlantic, Iowa. He was born in Cass County and grew up on a farm near Atlantic, Iowa. He attended the rural schools of Cass County and is a graduate of the Atlantic High School and attended Iowa State University. He owns and operates a 340 acre farm in Cass County and has a complete soil and water conservation plan installed on the farm.

He is presently serving in his third term as a Cass County Soil Conservation District Commissioner and has been Chairman of the district and has also held other district offices.

He was appointed to a six-year term on the State Soil Conservation Committee beginning in 1961 and during this period served two years as chairman. He was reappointed to the Committee in 1969 and served until June 30 of this year. He resigned from the Committee due to his election to the Iowa House of Representatives. He served in the first session of the 64th Iowa General Assembly. He has also served as a director of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and was treasurer for three years.

Active in community affairs, he has been a member of the Atlantic Methodist Church Board for more than thirty years. He is a member of the Lions Club and has a seventeen year perfect attendance record with the Atlantic Lions Club. He has served as a District Governor of the Lions International and has been Chairman of the State Board of Governors. Other activities include trusteeship and vice presidency of the Iowa Lions

Sight Conservation Foundation; member of State Advisory Extension Council; 4-H group leader; and member Cass County Farm Bureau.

He has received numerous awards including the State Soil Conservation Committee Award for Outstanding Service in Soil Conservation; Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners Outstanding Commissioner Award; Outstanding Iowa State University Alumni for Cass County in 1967; and was named an Iowa Master Farmer by Wallaces Farmer in 1961.

He has given freely of his time to the State Soil Conservation Committee, Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, and the Cass County Soil Conservation District and has assisted with the implementation of their various programs and budgeting procedures. He has attended meetings of several groups throughout southwestern Iowa and delivered speeches regarding the soil conservation program and its impact on Iowa people.

He is married to the former Haleen Judd and they are the parents of two children, a son and daughter.

Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards Program

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, annually conducts a national soil conservation awards program to honor soil conservation districts, their governing bodies, and farmer-rancher cooperators. The awards are made to soil conservation districts participating in the Awards Program for their work of planning for service, organizing for service, giving service, and measuring service. The awards also recognize outstanding cooperation with the governing board by one farmer, or rancher, within each participating district, regardless of that district's standing in its competing unit.

Iowa is divided into two competing units—the northern division and southern division. The first place district in each competing unit is eligible to send one member of its governing body, plus an outstanding cooperating farmer or rancher, on an all-expense paid vacation trip to Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Arizona. The first and second place winning districts in each competing unit also receive bronze plaques.

The first and second place districts in each of the Iowa competing units for the program year ending December 31, 1970, with the present district chairman and the outstanding cooperating farmer listed, are as follows:

NORTHERN DIVISION:

FIRST—Buena Vista County Soil Conservation District, Donald Peterson, Aurelia, Chairman; Donald Shevel, Storm Lake, Outstanding Cooperator.

SECOND—Worth County Soil Conservation District, Oren Igou, Northwood, Chairman; Ronald Halverson, Northwood, Outstanding Cooperator.

SOUTHERN DIVISION:

FIRST—Appanoose County Soil Conservation District, Leon Kauzlarich, Mystic, Chairman; Joe Steele, Centerville, Outstanding Cooperator.

SECOND—Clarke County Soil Conservation District, Richard Gonseth, Osceola, Chairman; Earl Mateer, Osceola, Outstanding Cooperator.

Twenty-five Year Certificates To Soil Conservation Districts

The organization of soil conservation districts in Iowa began in 1940, and the last district was organized in 1952. The Department of Soil Conservation issues certificates, signed by the Governor of Iowa and the Chair-

man of the State Soil Conservation Committee, each year to those districts that have completed twenty-five years of organization. The citation on the certificate reads as follows:

"The District has provided a means for all of the people within its boundaries to develop and carry forward a program to protect and conserve the natural resources and furnish a better life for all concerned. Gratefully recognizing valuable services performed by the district and its people, we hereby affix our seals and signatures."

Those districts completing twenty-five years of organization during 1971 are as follows:

BOONE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Boone County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on February 5, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on February 21, 1946. The referendum was held on March 9, 1946, with 112 votes for formation of the district and 7 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on March 25, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Truman N. Nelson was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: William T. Pritchard, Pilot Mound, Chairman; Eldon R. Lewiston, Woodward; and Frank Christensen, Ogden.

The present district commissioners are: Raymond Kruse, Ogden; John Adams, Boone; Merle Bass, Boone; Lawrence Bice, Ogden, Chairman; and Robert Ed. Nelson, Story City.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Buchanan County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on June 11, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on June 21, 1946. The referendum was held on July 6, 1946, with 111 votes for formation of the district and 2 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on July 11, 1946. Emerson Wolfe, District Conservationist at Marion, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Jay I. Partridge was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Fred Cherry, Independence, Chairman; Art Satterlee, Independence; and Homer Soules, Independence.

The present district commissioners are: Judd Rasmussen, Quasqueton; Henry Brandt, Jr., Hazleton, Chairman; Roger Fisher, Jesup; Daniel Fangman, Masonville; and Edward Megonigle, Independence.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Buena Vista County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on August 1, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on August 19, 1946. The referendum was held on September 13, 1946, with 128 votes for formation of the district and 7 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on November 27, 1946. Harold J. Shold, District Conservationist at Storm Lake, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. G. A. Rosenfeld was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: L. L. Garton, Alta, Chairman; A. E. Dannenberg, Storm Lake; and R. B. Eno, Newell.

The present district commissioners are: Homer Roberts, Albert City; Donald Peterson, Aurelia, Chairman; Mrs. Robert Burnside, Storm Lake; Melvin Dannenberg, Storm Lake; and Garold Galvin, Alta.

CALHOUN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Calhoun County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 15, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 25, 1946. The referendum was held on April 13, 1946, with 148 votes for formation of the district and 35 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on June 28, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. L. A. Parker was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: William Darbyshire, Rockwell City, Chairman; Clarence Carmean, Lytton; and William H. Fell, Lake City.

The present district commissioners are: Glenn Babbitt, Rockwell City; Roger Hepp, Rockwell City; Carl Rasmuson, Rockwell City, Chairman; Weston Thompson, Rockwell City; and C. Arne Carlson, Fonda.

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Cedar County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on January 10, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on January 28, 1946. The referendum was held on February 9, 1946, with 437 votes for formation of the district and 22 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on March 11, 1946. Harlon Backhaus, District Conservationist at DeWitt, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Howard A. Hamilton was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Arnold Meier, Clarence, Chairman; Robert Kelly, Clarence; and Amos Suchomel, Solon.

The present district commissioners are: Willard Eiler, Stanwood; Elmer Wilke, Tipton; Darrell Brown, West Branch; Raymond Millett, West Branch, Chairman; and Keith Lilienthal, New Liberty.

DALLAS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Dallas County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 11, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 21, 1946. The referendum was held on March 30, 1946, with 52 votes for formation of the district and 2 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 10, 1946. J. Ross Oliver, District Conservationist at Greenfield, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Harold H. Beane was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Ralph Mortimer, Dallas Center, Chairman; L. H. Mendenhall, Earlham; and J. M. Gutshall, Van Meter.

The present district commissioners are: Raynold Johnson, Woodward; Jack Modlin, Dawson; Dallas Bowman, Adel; C. Chauncey Couch, Adel, Chairman; and Clifford Gatchell, Adel.

DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on Decem-

ber 5, 1945. The State Committee held the hearing on December 27, 1945. The referendum was held on January 26, 1946, with 201 votes for formation of the district and 8 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on February 28, 1946. Floyd S. Yetter, District Conservationist at Burlington, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Walter B. Eyre was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Noah Schrock, Oakville, Chairman; John I. Blaul, Yarmouth; and Edwin Cling, Mediapolis.

The present district commissioners are: Albert Schulz, Burlington; S. S. Barton, Mediapolis; Rex Trout, Burlington; Henry Dockendorff, Danville, Chairman; and William Vierling, Mediapolis.

FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Fayette County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on February 18, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 5, 1946. The referendum was held on March 16, 1946, with 152 votes for formation of the district and 3 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on April 11, 1946. Irving L. Christensen, District Conservationist at Elkader, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. M. C. Wangsness was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Harold Strong, Elgin, Chairman; Glen Bennington, Fayette; and Herbert Meisgier, Arlington.

The present district commissioners are: Cleve Bennett, West Union; Alfred Stewart, Oelwein; Frank Thyer, Randalia; Leslie Anderson, Castalia; and Paul Schuchmann, Jr., Arlington, Chairman.

GREENE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Greene County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on February 18, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 8, 1946. The referendum was held on March 23, 1946, with 121 votes for formation of the district and 8 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on April 23, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Lester W. Justice was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Walter H. Barrett, Jefferson, Chairman; Harry S. Lawton, Jefferson; and A. R. Clause, Grand Junction.

The present district commissioners are: Laurence Huber, Rippey; Roger Clause, Grand Junction, Chairman; Russell Smith, Jefferson; Richard Morlan, Glidden; and Robert Safley, Jefferson.

GRUNDY COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Grundy County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on December 1, 1945. The State Committee held the hearing on December 14, 1945. The referendum was held on January 22, 1946, with 124 votes for formation of the district and 12 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on February 6, 1946. George Summers, District Conservationist at Marshalltown, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. E. M. McGrew was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: James F. Peterson, Cedar Falls, Chairman; J. Harold Miller, Morrison; and W. R. Mitchell, Grundy Center.

The present district commissioners are: Ralph Moore, Grundy Center; Elmer Senning, Grundy Center; Currie Waugh, Conrad, Chairman; Joe Beving, Ackley; and Herman Primus, Wellsburg.

HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Hamilton County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 25, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on April 4, 1946. The referendum was held on April 17, 1946, with 171 votes for formation of the district and 38 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 10, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. H. M. Nicholas was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: D. H. Hunter, Webster City, Chairman; G. N. Knickerbocker, Radcliffe; and E. M. Seiser, Webster City.

The present district commissioners are: George Merrill, Webster City; Luther Lund, Jewell; Gale Graham, Webster City; E. M. Berg, Blairsburg; and Bruce Yungclas, Webster City, Chairman.

HANCOCK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Hancock County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 4, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 15, 1946. The referendum was held on March 29, 1946, with 183 votes for formation of the district and 31 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 10, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Paul Henderson was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: S. A. Barber, Kanahwa, Chairman; Ben Riemer, Garner; and W. J. Rasmuson, Britt.

The present district commissioners are: Clark Lackore, Garner; Cletus Hejlik, Britt; Elmer Jass, Garner; Jacob DeWaard, Woden; and Merlin Hanson, Goodell, Chairman.

JOHNSON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Johnson County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on February 5, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on February 18, 1946. The referendum was held on March 4, 1946, with 159 votes for formation of the district and 10 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on March 26, 1946. W. J. B. Boatman, District Conservationist at Iowa City, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Emmett C. Gardner was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Kenneth M. Wagner, West Liberty, Chairman; J. P. Burns, Oxford; and Ray Cummings, North Liberty.

The present commissioners are: Lloyd Meyer, Riverside; Raymond Brannaman, Lisbon; Donald Clausen, Iowa City; Everett Winborn, Kalona, Chairman; and Joe Meade, Oxford.

MUSCATINE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Muscatine County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 15, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 27, 1946. The referendum was held on April 6, 1946, with 94 votes for formation of the district and 7 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 14, 1946. F. S. Yetter, District Conservationist at Burlington, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. John D. Morris was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Ernest A. Kirchner, Nichols, Chairman; Stewart McBride, Muscatine; and Walter Coxon, West Liberty.

The present district commissioners are: Ralph Sywassink, Muscatine; Glenn Moeller, Stockton; Ralph Kirchner, West Liberty; Ray Stange, Muscatine, Chairman; and Keith Windus, West Liberty.

O'BRIEN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the O'Brien County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 11, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 22, 1946. The referendum was held on April 27, 1946, with 111 votes for formation of the district and 1 dissenting vote. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 10, 1946. Joe Colgan, District Conservationist at Spencer, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Kenneth Kramer was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: LeRoy Getting, Sanborn, Chairman; W. D. Engelke, Sutherland; and Thomas Hadden, Primghar.

The present district commissioners are: Alvin Hattermann, Paullina; Harold DeWaay, Sheldon; Kenneth Orthmann, Sutherland; Rients Terpstra, Sanborn, Chairman; and Wayne Maass, Paullina.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Plymouth County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on May 20, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on May 31, 1946. The referendum was held on June 15, 1946, with 158 votes for formation of the district and 37 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on July 22, 1946. Joe Colgan, District Conservationist at Spencer, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. H. H. Jones was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Martin Muecke, Hinton, Chairman; R. L. Weidauer, LeMars; and F. A. Lauters, LeMars.

The present district commissioners are: Worth Banks, Westfield; Thomas Kenny, Akron; Charles Milbrodt, Akron; Donald Sitzmann, Kingsley, Chairman; and Verl Lehner, LeMars.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Pocahontas County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 25, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on April 5, 1946. The referendum was held on April 27, 1946, with 88 votes for formation of the district and 32 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 21, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities.

Max O. Naylor was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Harry L. Lund, Laurens, Chairman; Fred C. Gilchrist, Laurens; and Arthur M. Johnson, Havelock.

The present district commissioners are: C. O. Heathman, Rolfe; H. Russell Thumma, Laurens; Herman Janssen, Gilmore City, Chairman; Mrs. Caryl Trenary, Pocahantas; and James DeWolf, Gilmore City.

SAC COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Sac County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on February 18, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 8, 1946. The referendum was held on March 23, 1946, with 180 votes for formation of the district and 15 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 28, 1946. Harold Shold, District Conservationist at Storm Lake, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Kenneth Littlefield was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: R. M. Long, Jr., Sac City, Chairman; Wayne E. Irwin, Sac City; and Luther C. Stock, Early.

The present district commissioners are: G. B. Gerdes, Wall Lake; Bill Carlson, Odebolt; Harold Kruthoff, Schaller; Merlyn Block, Nemaha, Chairman; and Bruce Currie, Galva.

SCOTT COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Scott County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on March 15, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on March 27, 1946. The referendum was held on April 6, 1946, with 87 votes for formation of the district and 14 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on May 14, 1946. Floyd Yetter, District Conservationist at Burlington, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. J. R. Underwood was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Errett Calderwood, Eldridge, Chairman; Richard Schmidt, Davenport; and Jesse DuBois, Princeton.

The present district commissioners are: Wilbert Pewe, New Liberty; Ralph Golinghorst, Walcott; Delmar Albrecht, Long Grove, Chairman; George Golinghorst, Walcott; and Mike Auliff, Princeton.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Winnebago County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on April 23, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on May 3, 1946. The referendum was held on May 8, 1946, with 114 votes for formation of the district and 5 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on July 11, 1946. Louis E. Kuester, District Conservationist at Fort Dodge, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. C. E. Judd was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Carl Gustafson, Forest City, Chairman; D. H. Kroeze, Scarville; and J. A. Liverca, Buffalo Center.

The present district commissioners are: Donald Vold, Forest City; Adolph Friest, Jr., Rake; Richard Johnson, Leland; Gordon Hall, Forest City, Chairman; and Rolfe Holtan, Forest City.

WRIGHT COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The petition for organization of the Wright County Soil Conservation District was sent to the State Soil Conservation Committee on January 10, 1946. The State Committee held the hearing on January 23, 1946. The referendum was held on February 23, 1946, with 290 votes for formation of the district and 83 dissenting votes. The charter for the district was issued by the Secretary of State on March 18, 1946. James C. Halasey, District Conservationist at Eldora, supervised Soil Conservation Service activities. Aaron R. Bowman was the County Extension Director at the time of the organization of the district.

The district commissioners elected at the time of the referendum were: Oscar Holmes, Dows, Chairman; Donald Frakes, Woolstock; and Ray Hagie, Clarion.

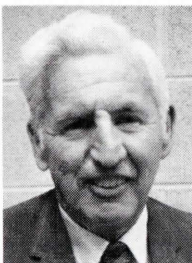
The present district commissioners are: Roger Burras, Clarion; Elmer Brandt, Clarion, Chairman; J. E. Legvold, Eagle Grove; Harold Keppers, Eagle Grove; and V. E. Hanson, Belmond.

Lifetime Honorary Memberships In The Iowa Association Of Soil Conservation District Commissioners

The Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners (IASCDC) is an association dedicated to furthering the cause of soil conservation in Iowa. Membership in the association is comprised of duly elected soil conservation district commissioners who are the only people eligible to vote or hold office in the association.

The association names certain individuals to receive Honorary Memberships each year. This award is conferred on those individuals, who in the opinion of the officers and directors of the association, have exerted a significant influence on the soil conservation program in Iowa and have contributed to its growth.

The 1971 recipients are:



Edward J. Herron, Special Representative, Engineering Department, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Grinnell, Iowa. A native Iowan, he was born in Sioux City and grew up in Dayton where he attended grade school and graduated from high school. He attended Superior Wisconsin State Teachers' College and Iowa State University.

He has had a long and distinguished career as a fireman. He was a member of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department from 1937 to 1955 and served as Assistant Chief of the Department. He served as State Fire Marshal of Iowa from 1955 to 1962. During this period he was influential in getting legislation enacted which greatly facilitated the state's fire safety inspection laws. He joined the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company as a Loss Control Specialist in 1962 and during his employment with this company, has played an important role in assisting soil conservation districts with the annual Soil Conservation Speech Contest.

He is active in many organizations and has served on the Board of Directors of the Hawkeye Area Boy Scout Council. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Farm Safety Council and Iowa Association of Mutual Insurance Associations. He is a member of the Ad-

visory Committee to the State Fire Marshal and presently serves on three National Standards Committees of the Fire Protection Association. He is the legislative representative for the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and the County Mutual Insurance Associations of the state.

He and his wife, Genevieve, reside in West Des Moines and they are the parents of three daughters.



Sylvan T. Runkel, Field Biologist, U.S.D.A., Soil Conservation Service, Des Moines, Iowa. A native of Illinois, he was born in Jacksonville. He is a graduate of the Moline High School, Moline, Illinois, and a 1930 graduate of Iowa State University with a B.S. Degree in Forestry.

He began his employment with the Soil Conservation Service in 1935 when he was appointed Associate Forester for the State of Iowa. Prior to that time he had varied employment with several governmental and private agencies. He was superintendent of the first CCC Camp in Iowa and was stationed at Albia. During his career with the Soil Conservation Service, he has

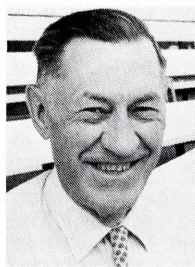
been stationed in Ames, Knoxville, Greenfield, Marion, Ottumwa, Des Moines, and Bethany, Missouri.

A highly decorated World War II veteran, he was a glider pilot and was severely wounded in the Normandy landing on D-Day, 1944.

He is the recipient of many awards including the Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance in his position awarded by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in 1961; Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science; Honor award by Iowa Farm Safety Council for saving the lives of seven small children by identifying poisonous plants they had eaten in 1959; Commendation award from Soil Conservation Society of America in 1964; Frudden Award from Society of American Foresters in 1967; Des Moines Civil Servant of the Year award in 1965; and Iowa State Conservationist of the Year award by Iowa Wildlife Federation in 1967.

He has served on innumerable committees during his career that have had a part in expanding the conservation programs in the state of Iowa and the midwest. He is a member of many organizations including the Audubon Society; Retired Officers Association; American Wildlife Federation; Iowa-Minnesota Section of Society of American Foresters; Wildlife Society; Disabled Army Officers Association; Nature Conservancy; Soil Conservation Society of America; Iowa Conservation Education Council; and Boy Scout Troop Committee.

He is married to the former Bernadine Neff and the Runkel family consists of six children, four sons and two daughters.



Bryan Weberg, farmer, Kiron, Iowa. He was born on a farm in Crawford County, Iowa, and attended the rural schools of the county and graduated from the Denison High School. He owns and operates a farm near Kiron, Iowa, in partnership with a son-in-law. This farm has had a conservation farm plan since 1946 and all soil conservation practices have been applied.

He was appointed to an unexpired term as a commissioner in the Crawford County Soil Conservation District in 1949 and served twenty-two years as a member of the district governing body. He did not seek reelection this year and has retired with a long and distinguished record of accomplishments. During his tenure as a commissioner, he held all of the offices of the district and was chairman of many district committees. He was appointed to the State Soil Conservation Committee in 1957 and served for a period of twelve years. During his membership on the committee, he served as chairman for two years and was chairman of the State Watershed Advisory Board for two years. He also served as an area vice president of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

His record of accomplishments and service to the soil conservation programs of his home county and to the state of Iowa are well documented. He has been a guiding influence in the establishment of many new district and state programs which have focused attention on soil conservation and its importance to the state and nation.

He is active in community affairs and has served on the Crawford County A.A.A. Board; was chairman of the Crawford County War Board during World War II; and was president and treasurer of the Crawford County Farm Bureau. He has been active in Legion affairs including service as local and county commander. He is a past president of the Crawford County Fair Association; director and past president of the Farmers Lumber and Grain Company of Kiron; and is a past president of the Denison Kiwanis Club. He is active in the Kiron Baptist Church and has served the church in many capacities.

He and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of two daughters.

Department Of Soil Conservation Awards

The Department of Soil Conservation, State of Iowa, recognizes certain individuals each year for their leadership and service to the soil conservation program in the State of Iowa. The recognition has been bestowed upon both men and women who have made meaningful contributions of time, talent and treasure to the program and department.

The awards, in the form of engraved plaques, are presented each year during the Annual Conference for Soil Conservation District Commissioners to the recipients selected to be so honored.

The 1971 award recipients are:

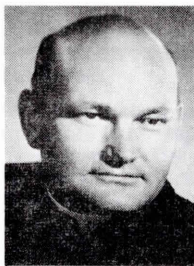


M. Wayne Casey, farmer, Peterson, Iowa. A native Iowan, he was born and raised in Cherokee County. He attended the rural schools of Cherokee County and graduated from the Larrabee High School. He attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He farms 240 acres in Buena Vista County near Peterson, Iowa, and his major livestock enterprise is the feeding of beef cattle. He has a long-standing record in soil and water conservation work and was a Buena Vista County Soil Conservation District Commissioner for a period of fourteen years. He was a member of the Little Sioux Works Committee for fourteen years and an officer for several years. He served as a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee for eleven years and was chairman three years. He has been a soil conservation district cooperator with the Buena Vista County Soil Conservation District since 1948 and holds the distinction of operating the first farm to be completely protected from soil loss through terracing in the district.

His membership on the State Soil Conservation Committee and the Buena Vista County Soil Conservation District governing body has resulted in many new district and state-wide soil conservation programs being initiated. He has represented the committee and district on several occasions at various regional, state and national meetings.

He has also been active in other community organizations including membership on the Buena Vista County ASC Committee; Buena Vista County Farm Bureau; trustee of the Congregational Church; and assistant 4-H Club leader. He has earned many awards for his contributions to the soil conservation program including being named the "Outstanding Soil Conservation District Commissioner in Iowa", in 1959. In 1950 he was named as the outstanding district cooperator for the Buena Vista District in the Goodyear Contest and in 1953 was named a regional winner of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and Iowa Farm and Home Register.

He and his wife, Mildred, are the parents of three sons and one daughter.



Monsignor John George Weber, Executive Secretary, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Des Moines, Iowa. The Very Reverend Monsignor John George Weber is a priest of the Salina Diocese in Kansas. He grew up on a wheat farm in northwestern Kansas and today can boast that most of his twelve brothers and sisters operate their own farms near their former home.

Monsignor Weber is an alumnus of the Josephinum Seminary at Worthington, Ohio, where he was ordained in 1943.

During his work in the Salina Diocese, he served as a pastor of several rural parishes and was rural life director for the diocese. He was also assistant director of the Catholic Youth Program for that diocese. Since early in 1960, he has been directing operations of the office of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, as an executive secretary for this church-sponsored apostolate for the non-urban regions of the United States, particularly the small town, farm and ranch families.

The Monsignor has had a love for the land since his early days on the Kansas farm. This love is exemplified by the fact that today he speaks to many groups on the benefits of soil conservation to the state and nation and especially to the family farm. He has served as a member of the Soil Stewardship Advisory Committee for the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for many years. He has made significant contributions to the soil conservation program in the nation as a result of serving on this important committee. Soil Stewardship Week is a national observance and is conducted annually during the month of May. He has attended several annual NACD meetings to help conduct the Sunday evening Soil Stewardship observance that has become an important part of the convention.

In addition to his regular tasks as Executive Secretary, Monsignor Weber writes a monthly editorial for diocesan weeklies; is assistant editor for the Catholic Rural Life publication; is chairman of the Iowa Farm and Commodities Organization; and lectures frequently to rural groups and conventions in an effort to strengthen the spiritual, social and economic growth of the nation's changing rural communities, farm and ranch homes.

Certificates Of Recognition To State Clerks And Conservation Aides For Length Of Service

Soil conservation district programs have been aided materially for more than twenty years through assistance provided by the State of Iowa in furnishing funds to employ state clerks and conservation aides in districts. The State of Iowa does not provide awards to employees in the form of cash for superior service or length of service. However, several state departments use Certificates of Recognition to honor employees for their service. The Department of Soil Conservation began such a program several years ago and honors clerks and aides for ten, fifteen and twenty years of service. The award is a framed certificate signed by the Chairman, State Soil Conservation Committee, and the Director, Department of Soil Conservation.

The 1971 ten-year award recipients are:

Iola Carson—Union County Soil Conservation District

Nita Larson—Shelby County Soil Conservation District

Lavonne Sterba—Palo Alto County Soil Conservation District

The 1971 fifteen-year award recipients are:

LaVonne Byers—Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District

Darrell V. Johnson—Hamilton County Soil Conservation District

The 1971 twenty-year award recipients are:

Margie Anderson—Emmet County Soil Conservation District

Marian Ginger—O'Brien County Soil Conservation District

Gayle R. Johnson—Cass County Soil Conservation District

Dorothy Riley—Wayne County Soil Conservation District



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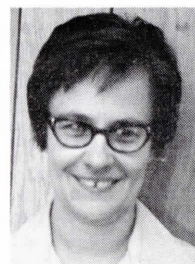
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"Watershed Man-Of-The-Year" Award

The Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and Department of Soil Conservation began a recognition program in 1963 to honor individuals who have demonstrated and exhibited leadership in the watershed program. The awards have been made to newsmen, farmers, soil conservation district commissioners, and Soil Conservation Service personnel.

The award is made jointly by the Association and Department and the honorees are selected by a committee made up of representatives of the two groups. The recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions to Iowa's watershed program and to what extent the program has benefited as a result of these contributions.

The 1971 award winner is:



Kirk Bennett, Monona County Soil Conservation District Commissioner, Mapleton, Iowa. He was born and raised in Monona County and attended the schools of that county. He is a graduate of the Mapleton High School and attended Iowa State University and the University of Iowa.

He operates, in partnership with his father and brother, a large stock cow-calf operation in Monona and Woodbury Counties. Most of the calves from this operation are fed out each year plus several hundred head of hogs. Conservation practices are very prominent on the Bennett farms with many miles of terraces installed; however, the main practice followed is productive well-managed, properly grazed pastures.

He has been extremely active in watershed development in western Iowa and particularly in the Little Sioux Flood Prevention Project. He has served on several committees involving sub-watersheds of the Little Sioux and has given many days working with farmers to obtain cooperation and land treatment in the Parnell Watershed, which is a sub-watershed of the Little Sioux. He purchased a 280 acre farm in the watershed to insure the needed land treatment measures would be in place before construction operations began. He has also participated in the inspection of works of improvement in the Little Sioux and P.L. 566 watershed projects in the Monona and surrounding districts.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of the Monona County ASC Committee for seven years and was influential in promoting cost-sharing for permanent conservation practices. He has served four years as a Monona County Soil Conservation District Commissioner and the past year as chairman. He has taken an active part in the annual watershed inspection and maintenance program of the district and has promoted its education program. He is an army veteran; a member of the Mapleton Club; Monona County Farm Bureau; Soil Conservation Society of America; and the Advisory Council to the Executive Board of the Sergeant Floyd Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Iowa Association Of Soil Conservation District Commissioners Past President's Pin

The Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners (IASCDC) is a non-profit association and its main purpose is to assist the one hundred soil conservation districts within the state in their efforts to promote soil and water conservation to the end that each acre of land is used to its best capability. The governing body of the Association is composed of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and nine regional directors. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected from the Board of Directors. These officers and directors receive only actual expenses as compensation for their services.

The Association honors its past presidents by presenting them with a "Past President's Pin." The past president being honored this year is:



Ervin J. J. Koos, Shelby, Iowa. Ervin J. J. Koos served as President of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners for two terms. He was born in Walnut, Iowa, and grew up on a farm near this western Iowa town. He attended the rural schools of Pottawattamie County and graduated from the Walnut High School. He operates a total of 360 acres of land west of Avoca, Iowa, all of which has a complete soil and water conservation plan and the practices applied.

He was elected as a commissioner of the East Pottawattamie County Soil Conservation District in 1959 and has served continuously since that time. He has served as chairman of his district and as chairman of many of its committees. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners and has served as president and vice president. During his tenure as a board member, vice president and president of the Association, many new programs were initiated as well as amendments enacted to the soil conservation laws of Iowa.

Active in community affairs, he is a member of the Avoca Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a past president of the Church board; has served on the AvoHa Community School Board for thirteen years and eleven years as president; member and past president of the AvoHa Community Club; he served eleven years as a 4-H Club leader and received an honorary membership in 4-H Clubs. He is a member of the Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau and has also served as president and voting delegate of the Shelby County Farm Bureau and was a member of the first Extension Council of Pottawattamie County. He was named an Iowa Master Farmer by Wallaces Farmer in 1959 and received the WMT Stations Soil Conservation Award in 1971.

He and his wife, Iona, are the parents of three children, one son and two daughters.

