

Lee Lundy, Kenneth Meier Conservation Award Winners

Lee Lundy, Eldora and Kenneth Meier, Hubbard, cooperators in the Hardin Soil Conservation District, were announced as conservation achievement award winners at the district banquet held Saturday at the Youth Building in Eldora.

Two achievement awards are presented annually to Hardin district farmers in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation.

Lundy, who farms 320 acres east of Eldora, has been active in conservation work since 1946. Practices of contouring, strip-cropping, waterways and drainage have been installed. In 1959 Lundy installed three parallel terraces with future plans for additional terracing.

Meier, a former commissioner in Hardin Soil Conservation District for over six years, operates a 288 acre farm northwest of Hubbard. Stripcropping, contouring, waterways, drainage, wildlife area plantings have been some of the major accomplishments. Plans for 1960 include installation of over one mile of parallel terraces.

A special feature was the presentation of the United States Department of Agriculture Certificate of Merit and cash award to Dean Miller of the Eldora Soil Conservation Service. Miller was one of the few men in the state selected for his outstanding performance in 1959.

Miller has been employed by the Soil Conservation Service since 1946 as Conservation Aid and Engineering Aid. He briefly worked with the State Highway Commission in 1948.

Herb Plambeck, Farm Director of radio and television station WHO, Des Moines, spoke to the group of nearly 250 on the "Farm Dilemma."

Plambeck indicated the farmer is operating on a 1941 wage in a 1960 economy. He stated that with the consumer paying more, it is difficult for him to understand the farmer is not to blame for the increased food costs. Plambeck pointed out subsidies are not as exclusive to farmers as is commonly thought. Shipping, railroads, airlines, mining, oil and many industrial interests have been operating with subsidies.