

IN REGION 3 —

Dean Kelsey Named Outstanding District Soil Commissioner

Dean Kelsey of Iowa Falls has been named outstanding district soil commissioner for Region 3 in the 1965 Outstanding Commissioner Contest of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Kelsey, who has been a commissioner in the Hardin Soil Conservation District since 1955, serving as chairman for five of the 10 years, will now compete in the state contest as the Region 3 representative. Region 3 comprises 12 North Central counties in the State of Iowa.

Kelsey owns and operates a 240 acre farm southeast of Iowa Falls. One of the first plans in the District, cooperators number three, work was initiated with Dean's father, C. J. Kelsey. C. J. Kelsey was active in the organization of the District and served as one of the first commissioners in Hardin District.

Some of the earliest terraces constructed in the District were constructed on the Kelsey farm. During the 1930's, through assistance of the Civilian Conservation Camp, 1,850 feet of terraces were constructed. Additional parallel terraces were constructed in 1960.

In the spring of 1958, 7,000 Austrian, red and white pines were planted in a seven acre area. In addition, 4,000 multiflora roses were planted bordering the tree planting project. Five hundred multiflora roses were planted in 1959. In 1960 he planted another 2,000 trees.

Kelsey's livestock operation includes 60 ewes and lambs and 50 beef cows and calves.

In the future, Kelsey plans a multi-purpose structure on his farm to control an active gully flooding and to serve as a public recreation area. There are approximately 300 acres draining into the proposed site. Also, he plans the development of a dairy herd.

Dean has played an active part in the District's program over the past ten years. He was Regional Director for four years and served as secretary of the State Association for two of those years and has served on several committees on the regional level, judge for the Regional Des Moines Register and Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards contest and Queen of Conservation contest.

Dean has been very instrumental in the local program. He has conducted the local Queen of Conservation contest, speech contest and assisted in conser-



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vation tours. Kelsey represented the District in the Goodyear Awards trip to Litchfield Park, Arizona and attended the 10 State Watershed meeting at Oko-
boji.

One of his most recent achievements in the Hardin District is the development of the Pine Lake Watershed, aimed at controlling erosion through group action. The watershed board has been elected and their program is developing rapidly.