

Reece Is Elected Commissioner By Soil Conservation

Leland Reece, New Providence, was elected commissioner of Hardin Soil Conservation District at the election and annual meeting last Monday evening, March 9, in Eldora.

Reece, who operates a 283-acre farm southwest of New Providence, was opposed in the election by candidate Glen Robinson, Buckeye. Reece will replace Kenneth Meier, Hubbard, who has been a commissioner in the District since 1953.

E. R. Duncan, Extension Agronomist, Iowa State College, spoke to the group of 75 on the topic of considering more intensive cropping systems in Hardin county. The problems involved in present rotations as compared to more intensive systems were discussed.

A special feature was the presentation of awards to Ernest Barz, Eldora, and Bernnard Reece, New Providence, for an outstanding job of planning and applying soil and water conservation practices on their farms.

Barz, who farms 160-acres east of Eldora, has been active in conservation since 1940 when his father, O. H. Barz, initially started work under the CCC program. Nearly two and one-half miles of terracing has been installed in addition to contouring, waterway construction, tree planting and drainage work.

Bernnard Reece, a former commissioner in Hardin Soil conservation District, operates a 256-acre farm south of New Providence. He has installed one mile of terraces in addition to pasture renovation, contouring, drainage and waterway reshaping.