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Name Kermit Whitehead

Outstanding Commissioner

Kermit Whitehead of New Providence was named the award winner in the North Central Region 3 1969 Outstanding Soil Conservation Commissioners Contest at Hampton Thursday night.

The announcement was made during a banquet attended by an estimated 200 persons. Making the presentation was Earl Weber of Dows, North Central Region 3 Director of Soil District Commissioners.

Whitehead, who is one of three commissioners for the Hardin Soil Conservation District, will now compete in the State Outstanding Commissioner Contest. Last year, Paul Primus of Steamboat Rock was named the state's outstanding commissioner after being named the north central's top commissioner. The contest is sponsored by Wallace's Farmer Magazine.

A lifelong resident of Hardin county, Whitehead, and his wife, Mary, have two married daughters and one son. The son is the superintendent of Quakerdale School for Children and manager of the Quakerdale agricultural farm.

ACTIVITIES

Whitehead has been active in various community affairs, which includes lifetime membership in the Honey Creek Friends Church, serving over the years as trustee and on other committees.

The New Providence farmer spent 6½ years from 1955 to 1961 in the Village Development Program in India and the Jordan Refugee area of the Gaza Strip. Other activities include ASCS township committeeman; member of the county zoning board; member of the Hardin County Off The Record Club; and following World War II was active in the Displaced Persons Program.

Whitehead purchased the first 80 acre tract of land in 1940 as part of a Tenant Purchased Agreement Program that was instituted by the Federal government. The Whitehead family was one of five families selected for this program. In 1945, the Whitehead family expanded their operation to 263 acres.

The Whiteheads have a 25 head cow herd and 50 brood sows. The conservation program consists of waterways, strip cropping, contouring and pasture management. They have a tree plantation and four acres of emerald crown vetch in cooperation with the Hardin Soil Conservation District's experimental pasture program.

Whitehead became an assistant commissioner for the Hardin Soil Conservation District in April, 1964, being elected as commissioner in 1965.

He has been active in the District's various functions serving as chairman for various committees and activities.



KERMIT WHITEHEAD
(NP Area Farmer)