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SAVAGE FAMILY HONORED

CHARLESTON, W.VA.--The Thomas Savage family of near Wheeling in Ohio County was recently honored as one of West Virginia's "Outstanding Farm Families" for 1976. The Savages have a 140-acre, diversified livestock operation in Ohio County. They produce 40 acres of hay, 17 acres of corn for grain, 8 acres of oats, and 5 acres of corn for silage. The remaining 70 acres is improved pasture. Presently they milk 18 registered Holstein cows and maintain 21 Hereford beef cows and 25 head of purebred Polled Dorsett sheep. They were previously named as the Conservation Farmer for 1976 at the annual convention of the West Virginia Soil Conservation Districts Association in November of 1976.

Mr. Savage credits a great deal of the success in their farming operation to the wise and continued use of recommended soil and water conservation practices. All 70 acres of their cropland are arranged in contour strips and they have built a pond and developed three springs to reduce soil erosion, provide a habitat for fish and wildlife, and provide plenty of clean, fresh water for their livestock. All 70 acres of their pasture has been improved by the application of recommended amounts of lime and fertilizer and are managed to maintain their productivity and vigor.

The Savage family is extremely active in the rural life of their community, are members of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and has actively supported and held various offices, including president, in the Continental Polled Dorsett Association. Creating and supporting opportunities of youth is a primary interest of the Savage family. They have strongly supported the Ohio County 4-H Dairy Genetics Project by supplying good quality dairy heifers to the program and have been hosts for land judging contests, field trips, and "day on the farm" educational ventures.

Mr. Savage is a member of the Ohio County ASCS and FHA Advisory Committees; director and vice-president of the Northern Panhandle District Holstein Club; Board Chairman of Southern States Co-op at Triadelphia; Director of Ohio County Farm Bureau; a Milk, Inc., delegate; and member of the West Virginia and National Holstein Associations.

Mrs. Savage (Louise) has been a member of the Liberty Extension Homemakers Club for 26 years and has served several times on the FHA Farm-Home Advisory Committee. She still finds time to help with the farm work and perform several hobbies, one of which is freezing and canning vegetables from the garden.

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The Savages attend St. Marks Lutheran Church in Elm Grove and are the parents of two children, Thomas and Linda, both graduates of West Virginia University.

The "Outstanding Farm Family" competition is cosponsored by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Gus R. Douglass, commissioner, and the West Virginia Farm and Home Electric Energy Council.

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Acknowledgement

"Early Bird" - I. N. Fetty

Banquet apples courtesy of Potomac Valley SCD and Hampshire County Fruit Growers Association.

Banquet entertainment courtesy of the West Fork SCD.

Seedlings - Forestry Division DNR

Jackson's Mill Costs

Tuesday Lunch..... \$ 2.00
Tuesday Dinner..... 2.50
Wednesday Breakfast..... 1.50
Wednesday Lunch 2.00
Wednesday Banquet 4.25
Thursday Breakfast 1.50
Thursday Lunch..... 2.00

Lodging - 1st night.....\$3.00
2nd night..... 2.00

In Memorium

Carroll Bond
West Fork SCD1940-1944
State Committee1944-1969

Herb Mayfield
Upper Ohio SCD.....1951-1956

West Virginia
Soil & Water
Conservation District
Supervisors Association

35th Annual Meeting

Jackson's
Mill

November 9-11, 1976

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Tuesday

- 10:30 a.m.
Registration (continuous)
- 12:15 p.m.
Lunch
- 1:15 p.m.
Land Judging - Flameway Hall, Dr. Richard Zimmerman, Extension Service
- 2:30 p.m.
Supervisors' Committee Meetings (Concurrent Sessions)
Conservation Education - Kanawha Cottage, Clarence Jackson, Chrm.

Forestry - Flameway Hall, Jack Busfield, Chrm.

Grassland Farming - Harrison Cottage, Robert Flint, Chrm.
- 3:15 p.m.
Ladies Tea - W.Va. Room, Jackson Lodge
- 5:00 p.m.
Archery Performance - Rev. Stacy Groscup (In front of dining hall)
- 5:30 p.m.
Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Services - W. Va. Building, Jack Busfield
- 7:30 p.m.
Assembly Hall: Evening Chairman, Dr. N. Bayard Green
- 7:45 p.m.
Larry Cavendish, Director Jackson's Mill

- 8:00 p.m.
Remarks - Gus R. Douglass Chairman, W. Va. State Soil Conservation Committee
- 8:15 p.m.
Address - Burl Allen, President, Supervisors Association
- 8:30 p.m.
"The Spirit of '76" - Rev. Stacy Groscup, Ombudsman, WVU

Wednesday

- 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.
Assembly Hall - Morning Chairman, Dave Tuckwiller

Group Singing
- 9:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker - Lyle Bauer, Vice-Pres., NACD
- 9:30 a.m.
A. C. "Bob" Addison, SCS, Upper Darby, Pa.
- 9:50 a.m.
Mrs. Darlie Britton, President, Ladies Auxiliary
- 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.
Edward Bumgarner, Director, Northeast Area, NACD
- 11:00 a.m.
Guy S. Dooley, W. Va. Bankers Association
- 11:15 a.m.
Malcolm Crooks, Northeast Representative, NACD
- 11:30 a.m.
Recognition of County Conservation Farmers
- 12:15 p.m.
Lunch

PROGRAM

- 1:15 p.m.
Afternoon Chairman, Clarence Jackson
- 1:30 p.m.
Dr. Warren G. Kelly, Agriculture-Education, WVU

"Uncle Sam Save Our Land" - Eric Keller, Moorefield FFA Chapter

Presentation of FFA-SCD Awards
Keith Miller, Greenbrier Valley SCD Speaking Contest Winner

Announcement of Conservation Education Teachers

Larry Prichard, State Winner, Conservation Education Teacher Contest
Announcement of District Conservation Farmer Winners
- 3:00 p.m.
Coffee Break
- 3:15 p.m.
Slides of District Conservation Farm Winners - Charles Sperow, Extension Service
Announcement of Conservation Ministers

Rev. David B. Rittenhouse Conservation Minister of the Year
- 6:00 p.m.
Banquet - Chairman, Burl Allen, President, Supervisors Assoc.

Invocation - Rev. David B. Rittenhouse

Toastmaster - L. S. "Pete" Hartley

- Presentation of Service Awards

Entertainment
- 8:15 p.m.
Assembly Hall - Chairman Dr. E. Meade McNeill

Awards: Land Judging Goodyear Conservation Farmer 1976

Thursday

- 7:15 a.m.
Veteran's Day Observance - Rev. Carl Dodd, Supv. Little Kanawha SCD
- 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast (Special Table for the Ladies)
- 8:30 a.m.
Chairman - George R. Heidrich
- 9:15 a.m.
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Harrison Cottage
- 9:15 a.m.
Panel: Water Quality Management "208" George Heidrich, Moderator Robert J. Blanco, EPA Harold Dodd, Federal-State Relations Clarence Britt, Maryland Supervisor George Norris, SCS
- 10:10 a.m.
Coffee Break

Election of Officers

New Business

Report of Ladies Auxiliary
- 12:15 p.m.
Lunch