

BURLESON-LEE SOIL DISTRICT NEWS

## Caldwell Farmer Does Best Job Of Soil Conservation in District

Melvin Greathouse of the Caldwell conservation group has been selected by the board of supervisors of the Burleson-Lee Soil Conservation District as the cooperator who had done the best job of soil conservation on his farm during 1949.

Melvin made application to the board of supervisors of the Burleson-Lee Soil Conservation District for assistance in planning and carrying out a complete long time soil conservation program in January, 1949. After the application was approved by the board of supervisors it was given to the local office of the Soil Conservation Service for further action. A complete soils survey was made of the farm to determine the types and conditions of the soils found there. With this information about the farm Clyde L. Callison, Work Unit Conservationist of the Caldwell work unit went over the farm with Melvin field by field and developed a complete long time program for the farm.

During 1949 Melvin constructed a system of channel type terraces to district specifications on all cropland; constructed diversion terraces to keep hill water off his cultivated land; prepared the land, applied phosphate and seeded

25 acres of pasture land to an improved pasture of Bermuda grass, Dallis grass, and Com- of King Ranch Bluestem was mon lespedeza; a seed block seeded; and all pastures were properly stocked and mowed as needed for weed control.

The fertility of the soil has been increased and the carrying capacity of the pasture land greatly increased.

Melvin was awarded a plaque by the Lions Clubs of Texas. Melvin attended a banquet at Houston where former Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton Anderson made an address and plans to attend a barbecue at Kenedy given for outstanding conservation farmers.