

IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

(Office located in Executive Hill)

GEORGE M. CLARKSON, Des Moines, Director.**MELVIN D. SYNHORST**, Secretary of State and Chairman.**WILLIAM C. KNAPP**, Des Moines; term ending June 30, 1969.**MAX E. GUERNSEY**, Waterloo; term ending June 30, 1969.**STEPHEN G. DARLING**, Iowa City; term ending June 30, 1971.**GERY M. MARTIN**, Sioux City; term ending June 30, 1971.

The first real estate license law was enacted by the Forty-third General Assembly and became effective Jan. 1, 1930. The law was administered by the secretary of state, who was designated as real estate commissioner. This law was amended and revised by the Fifty-first General Assembly to provide, among other things, that as of Jan. 1, 1946, the law would be administered by a five-member commission composed of the secretary of state as chairman and four additional members appointed by the governor with the approval of the senate.

CLARKSON, George M.**Polk County****Director, Iowa Real Estate Commission**

Born February 23, 1913, in Hiteman, Iowa. Son of John and Signa Clarkson. Attended Junior College for one year. Also attended Real Estate School, University of Iowa and many courses given by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. World War II veteran. Two children, David M. and Janice K. Protestant. Member of Des Moines Golf and Country Club. Owner of George Clarkson Realty Co. until appointment to Real Estate Commission. Also owner of George Clarkson Building and Insurance Agency. Member of National Assn. of Real Estate Boards, National Institute of Real Estate Boards, Iowa Assn. of Realtors, Greater Des Moines Board of Realtors, Permanent Personnel of Camp Dodge, Inc., Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors for National Assn. of Real Estate Boards. Board of Directors of Iowa Assn. of Realtors, past president Iowa Assn. of Realtors, past president Greater Des Moines Boards of Realtors, past chairman Multiple Listing Service, past regional vice president National Assn. of Real Estate Boards (85,000 members), chairman of Committees of Real Estate Economics and Research 1961 and 1967, Enterprise Committee Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. President The Howige Co. and KCH Piggy Back Hitch Co.

During the past 21 years it has been the administrative policy of the real estate department to correct most of the evils in the real estate brokerage business which had developed over many years of uncontrolled practice. This has resulted in elevating the real estate business to a professional status and has tended to encourage men and women in all walks of life to enter this business where income is based on intelligence, initiative and hard work.

While the present law requires a rather complete and comprehensive written examination for all applicants it has not tended to deter or discourage the many people who are endeavoring to get into this business. The examinations are held once a month at a specific time and place set by the commission.

The fees for a broker's and salesman's examination are \$10.00 and

\$5.00 respectively. The same amount is charged each year for renewal of the license, which expires on Dec. 31 of the year of issuance.

The department prepares and distributes free to the citizens of Iowa a Real Estate Primer which is a basis for the qualifying examination and which has been accepted and used as a textbook by many high schools, colleges and universities in Iowa and many other states. This primer and the educational institutes held over the state each year have contributed materially in reducing law violations to a minimum and have facilitated the economical and efficient operation of the department.

The department is also charged with the responsibility of regulating and investigating the business conduct of all real estate licensees in their relationship with the public, and holds hearings on formal complaints which contain evidence which would indicate a violation of the law.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(Office on fifth floor of State Office Building)

DONALD L. JOHNSON, Fairfield; term expires June 30, 1971.

M. WAYNE CASEY, Peterson; term expires June 30, 1971.

BRYAN WEBERG, Kiron; term expires June 30, 1969.

FRED CHERRY, Rowley; term expires June 30, 1973

GEORGE KENNETH ANNAN, Clarinda; term expires June 30, 1973.

DEAN MARVIN A. ANDERSON, Ames, Iowa State University; ex officio member.

L. B. LIDDY, Des Moines, Secretary of Agriculture; ex officio member.

FRANK H. MENDELL, Des Moines, State Conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Advisor to the Committee.

WILLIAM H. GREINER, Ankeny, Director.

DUANE BENNINK, Ankeny, Assistant Director.

The State Soil Conservation Commission is responsible for the administration of the State Soil Conservation Districts Law. A few of the duties of the committee include organization and supervision of soil conservation districts; supervision of soil conservation district commissioner elections; encouragement and promotion of soil conservation programs in soil conservation districts; dissemination of information between districts; assistance with the development of watersheds and action for the governor in approving or disapproving applications for watershed assistance under the federal watershed program; to secure the cooperation and assistance of federal, state, and local agencies in the work of soil conservation districts; administration of state appropriations to soil conservation districts.

GREINER, William H., Ankeny Director, State Soil Conservation Committee

Born near Jefferson, Iowa, Dec. 5, 1927, son of Harry and Clara Greiner. Attended public schools of Greene County and graduated from the Jefferson High School in 1945. Attended Iowa State University and received a degree in agriculture in 1950. Served as a veterans' instructor in the Jefferson public schools for two years and farmed for three years near Jefferson, carrying on a general livestock feeding and soil conservation program. Was county extension assistant during summer vacation while in college. Married Carla Jean Ferguson of Jefferson; they have two daughters, Susan and Carol Jo, and one son, Mark. Member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ankeny, Iowa; Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association of Des Moines; Masonic Order, Des Moines Consistory; and the Soil Conservation Society of America.

