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Jeanne Strathe, Lyn Appelgate Chosen Conservation Queens

Jeanne Strathe, Hubbard, and Lyn Appelgate, Radcliffe, were chosen as winners of the annual Hardin Soil Conservation District Queen of Conservation contest at Eldora Thursday.

The two were selected from a field of five girls at a luncheon at Blanche and Ethel's Tea Room. Miss Strathe and Miss Applegate, who received sterling silver bracelets, will compete with district contest winners at the regional contest to be held at the Butler County Fair at Allison on August 1.

Nine regional winners will be selected at contests throughout the state during August. Each will be awarded a ladies wrist watch. The 9 winners will then compete for the state crown on September 9 at the Plowman's Banquet at Adel. The state "Queen of Conservation" will be awarded \$250 prize money.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts of Iowa and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa (Co-operative). Dealers in Hardin county are the cooperative elevators in Ackley, Alden, Buckeye, Garden City, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, Lawn Hill, Macy, Owasa and Radcliffe.

The candidates were judged on their poise, personality, beauty, ability to converse and general information. Serving as judges were Jim Starr of radio station KIFG in Iowa Falls, Mrs. Joe Rash of Union and Sam Mullins, editor of the Eldora newspapers.

Miss Strathe, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Strathe will be a senior at the Hubbard Community School this fall. She is active in 4-H, presently serving as county president, and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hubbard. Her school activities include dramatics, speech, cheerleading and vocal music.

Miss Appelgate, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Appelgate, will be a senior at the Radcliffe Community High School this fall. She has been active in 4-H and in the Radcliffe Methodist Church. She will attend the National Convocation of Methodist Youth Fellowship to be held at Purdue University in Indiana this summer as a delegate. School activities include FHA dramatics, pep club, speech, and vocal and instrumental music.

Other entrants in the contest were Vicki Schwarck of Eldora, Linda Huston of Union and Donna Hellmich of Union.