



*Diana Miller  
1961 "Queen"*

## Announcement Delayed—

# Queen Contest to Diana Miller, 17

Diana Miller, 17, was named Davis county's Queen of Conservation last weekend—but the announcement was delayed about 17 hours because of high wind.

The opening night program of the Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion was dispersed abruptly about 8:40 Thursday by a wind that threatened (but only briefly) concession tents in

the Drakesville city park.

About 10 minutes more and the results of the queen contest would have been announced, but Emcee Julian Campbell, noting the formidable change in the weather, dismissed the program—and the crowd, as well as the 17 queen contestants, went scurrying to their cars.

Thus it wasn't until Friday afternoon's program that Miss Miller and the runner-up, Linda Harris, 16, were announced and presented with their gifts.

Clay Barnett, local soil district commissioner, presented each with a corsage (compliments of the local SCS district) and a necklace (from the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa). Both the winner and runner-up advance to regional competition to be held in Fairfield August 16 in connection with the Jefferson County Junior Agricultural Show.

Miss Miller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miller and lives 12 miles southeast of Bloomfield. She will be a Davis high senior next fall.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris and lives about one mile north of West Grove. She will be a junior at Davis high.

Crowning the new queen at Friday's program was LaVera Smith, last year's Queen of Conservation from Davis county.

Nine regional winners will be selected at contests throughout the state during August and each will receive a ladies wrist watch. The nine winners will then compete for the state crown September 17 during the annual conference of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Des Moines.

The state queen will be awarded \$250 and will reign as hostess of the annual conference. In addition she will be official hostess of the Iowa Soil Conservation Districts' Field Day and Plowing Matches near Marshalltown September 22.

Judges for the local contest were Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Stamps of Donnellson and Miss Barbara Shaw, local beautician.



## Every One a Queen

Diana Miller (center) was crowned Friday afternoon as the 1961 Queen of Conservation during the program at the annual Davis County Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion. Runner-up was

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Linda Harris. Both will advance to regional competition. Crowning the new queen was LaVera Smith (left), last year's queen.