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Arbor Day Program Honors Eldora Elementary Principal

A special Arbor Day program in honor of retiring elementary principal Miss Anne Bender was held at the Eldora Elementary School Friday afternoon, with all elementary classes participating.

The program began with a color guard consisting of Boy and Girl Scouts. Representing the second grade was Brenda Walker; third grade, Tom Farmer; fourth grade, Becky Vigers; fifth grade, Rod Ryan; and sixth grade, Tom Clary.

Introductions were furnished by Paul J. Simons, superintendent of schools. A song "Trees" was then presented by the first, second and third grades.

Tamma Gibbs read a history of Arbor Day, telling the significance of planting trees on this day. This was followed by a choral reading by the fourth grade. "Smokey, the Bear" was presented by grades one, two and three.

The actual planting of the tree, located on the south west corner of the elementary building, was

done by Chuck McCarty, Work Unit Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Office, assisted by the sixth grade.

Dedication of the tree to Miss Bender was given by the morning and afternoon kindergarten classes in a circle around the tree. Mrs. Lew Throssel, president of the Eldora Board of Education, made the official dedication, presenting Miss Bender a plaque in honor of her 39 years of faithful service as teacher and principal at the Eldora school.

Mrs. Leona Froning, representing all the elementary children, presented Miss Bender with a gift of luggage and money. In making the presentation, Mrs. Froning said, "We have the tree to remind us of you, and we wanted you to have something to remind you of us."