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INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIESName of paper Herald-LedgerWhere published EldoraDate of issue Oct. 14Sent by Chuck McCartyS. C. D. HardinStationed at Eldora**CLASSIFICATION:**Weekly column ☐Story (SCS) ☐(Other) ☐Feature (SCS) ☐(Other) ☐Editorial ☐Advertisement ☐Cons. picture ☐**NUMBER ONE CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY —****McDowell Family Wins State Award**

The Ray McDowell family of Eldora and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell of Grinnell were named Saturday as winners of the 1969 State Conservation Farm Family Award.

This is the highest honor bestowed annually under the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Award Program, which is sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Iowa Farm and Home Register in cooperation with conservation and educational agencies.

Selection of the state award winner is based on outstanding accomplishments in soil and water conservation as well as family participation and leadership in community and church affairs.

Ray McDowell and his wife, Betty, who farm 280 acres of land one mile east of Eldora,

have two children Mark, 12 and Margaret, 10.

The farm, which is owned by Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDowell, was one of four farms featured at the 1968 Conservation Field Days and lies partially in the Lower Pine Lake Watershed.

SPECIAL BANQUET

The McDowells will be honored at a recognition banquet at St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldora Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. Hosts for the event are officials of the Hardin Soil Conservation District who have played a major role in getting conservation measures adopted on the McDowell farm and other farms in the district.

District commissioners are Carroll Hobson, Eldora, chairman; Caleb Knutson, Radcliffe and Kermit Whitehead, New Providence. Representing the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in the

district are Charles McCarty, district conservationist; Earl Griffith, soil conservationist and Deane Miller, soil conservation technician.

The Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program, now in its 17th year, is administered by Wilson T. Moon, state conservationist for the SCS and William H. Greiner, director of the State Soil Conservation Committee. The agencies they serve are co-sponsors of the program.

Other co-sponsors are the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, the Iowa chapter of Soil Conservation Society of America, Iowa State University Extension Service, the Iowa Conservation Education Council and the State Department of Agriculture.

The McDowells had earlier this fall been named Region 3 winners in the Farm Family Award competition.