

**OREGON STUDENTS' ESSAYS ARE GOOD**

Opal Clark, Portland; Irma Coulter, Hood River; Dorothy Christian, Prineville, Win.

**PONIES GIVEN WINNERS**

Competition Among High Schools and Grade Schools of State Is on Subject: "What We Can Do to Win the War."

Three ponies, offered by Russell Hawkins, of Tillamook, as prizes for the three best essays to be written by the high school students and grade school pupils of Oregon on the subject, "What We Can Do to Win the War," will be given to Miss Opal Clark, of Washington High School, Portland; Irma V. Coulter, of Hood River, and Dorothy Christian, of Prineville.

The contestants essayists were divided into three classes, each of which tried for one of the ponies. The first class was composed of high school students, the second of grade school pupils aged 11 or more and the third of grade school pupils aged 10 or less. Miss Clark's was the winner in the first class, Irma Coulter in the second and Dorothy Christian in the third.

Contest Is Long Continued. The essays were all written last November. The best essay in each school-room contended for the privilege of representing the school. The winner in each high school and the two winners in each elementary school were sent to county school headquarters, where another selection was made. The final selection of the three best essays in the state occupied the judges from early in December until yesterday.

The contest between the essay of the high school winner, Miss Opal Clark, and that of Miss Mary Justice, of Baker, was so close that all the judges agreed that the choice for first place lay between the two papers. One of the judges favored Miss Justice's paper and two Miss Clark's. Others who received a ranking close to these two leaders were: Miss Kettle Graybill, La Grande; Miss Ruth Linklater, Hillsboro; Miss Jessie Dillingner, Dundee; Francis Jordan, The Dalles; and Miss Viva Green, Philomath.

Essays Are Praised. Commenting on these essays, one of the judges said: "The best of these essays is that of Miss Opal Clark's paper which has a splendid introduction, which possesses a marked degree of patriotic thought. It is, however, the body of the paper which she expresses throughout her paper which appeals particularly to me. She explains the situation with definite references and she is able to bring out the various points better than any other essayist. Her paper is well organized and well worded. The paper undoubtedly is a splendidly genuine and not the result of coaching on the part of her instructors or her parents. The paper, I believe, is very creditable. The paper of Miss Justice, of Baker, is entitled, I believe, in first rank on the score of patriotism and to second rank on general principles. There are several thoughts in her paper which impress me, notably the reference to the lack of need to harken back to the days of '76 and '81 for patriotic thrills, inasmuch as we are all actors in the present world drama. Her sincerity and earnestness are manifested where she refers to her former schoolmates as being 'somewhere in France.'"

"It was also particularly impressed by her reference to the possibility of conservation not only in foodstuffs, but also in mentality and morality, points which she points out will be essential during the reconstruction period which must follow the war. Her recommendation that the young folks can help their parents buy Liberty bonds by 'passing the proverbial call for money is also entitled to notice. She covers all the points and handles them in an original way and a smooth manner. The summary near the end of her paper is commendable and the poem which she quotes at the end demonstrates again that she is honest in her patriotism. In addition to the points already mentioned, she dwells upon the possibility for the young folks to render patriotic work by assisting in marketing crops and also by giving entertainments in the schools to raise funds for the purchase of Liberty bonds, etc.

Essay Is Patriotic. "I am inclined to give Miss Jessie Dillingner's essay the next place, due particularly to the fine patriotism contained and also the practical thought expressed. "In my judgment the papers of Miss Viva Green and that of Miss Dorothy Christian are next in rank, the latter containing several practical ideas. Miss Green's paper has an intimate style which appeals to me and contains many well-known sayings which are placed in pertinent positions. "From Coulter, of Hood River, victor among the grade school children, she has 18 years of age on by a close margin from Marie Waggoner, of Salem. One of the judges insisted that Miss Waggoner was entitled to first place, while two preferred the paper written by Miss Coulter. For second place the judges were undecided between Kenneth H. Wyllie, of Eugene, and Miss Hester, of Myrtle Point. Others in this class to receive honorable mention were: Marion Lay, The Dalles; Ma May Powell, Prineville; Charles Snow, La Grande; William V. ...

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