

POLK COUNTY WINNERS OF ARMY ESSAY CONTEST ARE ANNOUNCED

The Statesman offered \$25 for the best essays written by the school children of Marion and Polk counties in the essay contest of the United States Army, on Friday, February 20—to be divided equally between the two counties, by the school superintendents.

The Marion county decision has not yet been reached, but will be soon—likely this week.

The decision has been made in Polk county, as will be seen by the following letter to The Statesman from Josiah Wills, Polk county superintendent:

"I have decided that a good way to apportion the prizes offered by the Salem Statesman for the best essays on the subject 'What are the Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army,' is as follows: \$4 to Guy L. Wisecup, Airlie, Ore., Polk county, who won 10th place in the state of Oregon; \$4 to Ruth Gottfried,

Falls City, Ore., Polk county, who won first place in Polk county; \$2.50 to Dollie Hewitt, Salem, Ore., R. F. D. No. 1, who won second place in Polk county; \$2 to Agnes Baldwin, Nortons, Ore., Polk county, who won third place in Polk county.

Enclosed we are sending you essays which you can print if you wish.

"If there are any questions or information concerning these essays you would like, write to me and I shall try and answer them for you."

The Four Winning Essays.

In the order mentioned by Superintendent Wills, following are the four Polk county essays to the writers of which the money offered by The Statesman, goes:

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ENLISTING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY?

Of the many benefits derived from enlisting in the United States army,

physical development holds a prominent place. The clean, healthful, outdoor life of the soldier builds his body as no gymnasium exercise can do. Not only is the soldier's body developed, but also his mind and morals. The medical lectures given the soldiers are of great aid in keeping the sanitary conditions advocated by the army. The soldier learns the principles of co-operation and team work and he acquires that feeling of manliness and confidence that places him above the average civilian.

Army life has an important educational advantage that is especially important to foreigners in the army. They learn to speak, read, and write English and they can also complete their citizenship two years sooner. A knowledge thus imparted to the foreigner shows him the evil in organizations that work against our government. The soldiers have a chance for travel to remote parts of the world, thereby gaining valuable knowledge first hand. The soldier that gains an office has a chance to study human nature, and how to get the best and the most from his men, how to control them best.

The soldier that desires to learn a trade may have the best technical and experimental instruction in any one of the vocational opportunities offered by the government and by applying himself earnestly he will become so proficient that upon returning to civil life he has command of a useful trade.

A soldier by enlisting in the United States army tends to make the government more protective and efficient and he feels that he is doing his part in keeping alive the spirit of freedom. A large army must be kept to maintain our standing among other nations and to keep order in our own nation. A large nation without a sufficient army would become a very chaos of disorder and ruin. The nation would be come infested with I. W. W. and radicals and the scum of the country, in short it

Cannot Praise this Remedy too Highly

THE WAY ONE LADY FEELS AFTER SHE HAS TAKEN TWO YEARS' MEDICINE FOR HER BRONCHITIS, THE MISTERY and wretchedness endured by Mrs. Charlie Taylor, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 144, Dillon, S. C., must have been terrible. No one, after reading her letter, can continue to doubt the great healing power of PE-RU-NA and the relief due to catarrh or catarrhal conditions in any part of the body. Her letter is an inspiration to every sick and suffering man or woman anywhere. Here it is: "I suffered two years with catarrh of the head, stomach and bowels. Tried two of the best doctors, who gave me up. I then took PE-RU-NA, I weighed one hundred pounds. My weight now is one hundred and sixty. I cannot praise PE-RU-NA too highly, for it was a Godsend to me. I got relief from the first half bottle and twelve bottles cured me. I advise all sufferers to take PE-RU-NA."

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Dolly Hewitt—Age 13.
Salem, Ore., R. F. D. 1.
Polk County.

Miss Millie Skerries.
Teacher, District 40.
Salem, Oregon, R. F. D. 1.
Polk County.

THE BENEFITS OF AN ENLISTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

When a soldier enlists in the army he learns a good many things. Some young men do not know what it is to earn their living but depend upon their parents to keep them when they could be earning their own living.

But when a soldier joins the army he learns to work. They learn trades, they are taught to be clean, obedient, polite and self-reliant. He learns to sympathize with others, and to endure hardships, to be brave. When they enlist in the army they see how other people live and see how other cities are built. They learn the languages of other people and their ways.

Some young men live in nice homes, have plenty to eat, and plenty of clothes to wear. They think nothing about other people. But when they get away from home in other countries and see poor people with no home, nothing to eat or wear they learn to sympathize.

Many men do not clean their teeth or take baths regularly but in the army they have to do it regularly.

Agnes Baldwin, Age 12, 6th grade.
Nortons, Oregon,
Polk County.

M. L. Hampton, teacher.
District No. 62 Polk county,
Nortons, Oregon.

branch of the army that will help him most in his life will be. For instance, if a man was an engineer by trade, and wanted to enlist in the army, he could enlist as an engineer and he would get experience so that he would be more fitted for his life work when he got back.

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Tobacco Hardens the Arteries, Overtaxes the Heart and Shortens Life

Says Dr. Connor, Who Suggests a Simple Test to Find If It Is Hurting You. Can You Stand It?

New York—Dr. Connor, formerly of Johns Hopkins hospital, says: Hundreds of thousands of men who smoke and chew and who believe themselves healthy are suffering from progressive organic ailments. They would never have been afflicted had it not been for the use of tobacco, and most of them would soon get well if they would only stop the use of tobacco.

The best known habit forming principal of tobacco is nicotine, but the most deadly and demoralizing is furfural. Both are deadly poisons, which, when absorbed by the system slowly, but surely, affect the nerves, membranes, tissues, vital organs and vitality of the body.

The harmful effect of tobacco varies and depends on circumstances and the individual. In some it causes general debility, others catarrh of the throat, indigestion, constipation, extreme nervousness, sleeplessness, loss of memory, lack of will power, cowardice and fear, mental confusion, etc. In others, it causes heart disease, bronchial troubles, hardening of the arteries, palpitation of the heart, tuberculosis, blindness, cancer and the common affliction known as tobacco heart.

If you use tobacco in any form you easily detect its harmful effects by making the following simple test: Read aloud a full page from a book. If your voice becomes hoarse and indistinct and you must frequently clear your throat, the chances are that your throat is affected by catarrh and it may be the beginning of very serious catarrhal trouble. Next in the morning, before taking your usual smoke, walk up three flights of stairs at a regular pace, then stop. If you find that you are out of breath, if your heart beat is forced, trembling or irregular, you may be the victim of a functional or organic heart trouble. If you feel that you must smoke or chew to quiet your nerves, you are a slave to the tobacco habit and are slowly poisoning yourself with the insidious, deadly drugs, nicotine and furfural. In either case you have just two alternatives—keep on with your self-poisoning process regardless of the dangers and suffer the consequences, or rid yourself of the habit and escape the dangers.

You can overcome the craving and stop the tobacco habit in a very short time by using the following inexpensive formula: Go to any drug store and ask for Nicotol. Take one tablet after each meal, and in a comparatively short time you will have no desire for tobacco. The craving will have left you, with the habit and escape the dangers. Your system your general health will quickly improve.

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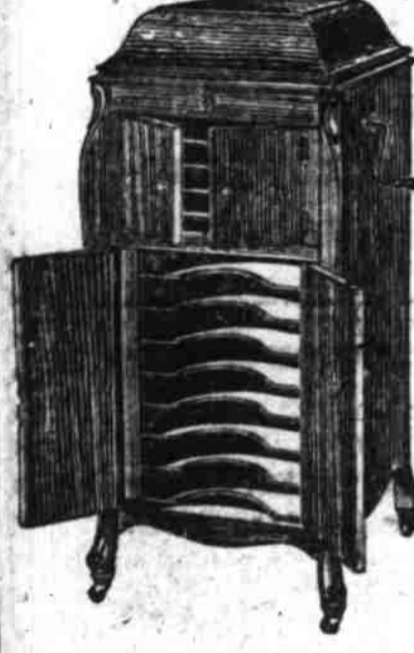


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A soldier by serving a certain time in the army, may retire on three-fourths his pay and fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents additional for clothing, boots, etc., and officers according to their rank. Retired officers are in demand by all military academies as instructors, which proves a useful and personal occupation.

Guy L. Wisecup, age 17, Airlie, Ore., Polk county.

Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour, teacher District No. 16, Polk county, Airlie, Oregon.

BENEFITS OF TRAINING IN THE U. S. ARMY

Breathes there a man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
"This is my own, my native land."
Men, this is your country, serve it; and by serving it, serve yourselves. You can build up and retain a better physique in the United States Army than almost anywhere else. The physical training in the army establishes punctuality and gives such attention to minor details that these will never be neglected in later civilian life. Physical life in the army is well balanced. There is just enough work and just enough play. Army training promotes quick thinking and quick acting.

The vocational training in many departments of army service is valuable, especially to untrained men. Study courses and practical experiences enable men to command high wages after they are discharged.

One of the most valuable elements of army life is the discipline. Every man in the army learns to recognize authority. If every one would learn this lesson as army men have learned it, the world would be a better place to live in.

The recreational life of the army is as complete as that of civilian life without many of its disadvantages. Amusements in the army are clean, and moving picture shows, reading rooms, etc., take the place of questionable amusements. Athletics are provided for by football and baseball games under the supervision of company officers.

The pay of army privates has been increased from thirty to fifty dollars per month. Since board and clothing are furnished, the sum equals the average wage of an untrained man in civilian life.

One of the greatest advantages of enlisting in the army comes through the insurance which is offered. Rates for insurance policies are much lower than in companies where civilians are the patrons and army policies are always safe, for the government is behind them. After the holder is discharged from the service he can still keep his insurance policy at a much lower rate than is charged by insurance companies.

Army life is a test of manhood in many ways, and you will be a better man for having been tested, so enlist and prove yourself.

Ruth Gottfried,
Falls City High School

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN ENLISTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY?

Some of the benefits of an enlistment in the United States Army for the soldier alone are: It gives the soldier physical training and keeps him in good health. The training makes a man who is inclined to stoop stand straight, and this will let his lungs expand further, so that he can breathe better and will be more healthy. He has to train a certain number of hours each day. This gives him regular exercise. He has to go to bed and get up a certain time and this gives him enough and regular sleep. He is vaccinated to prevent different diseases so his health is protected, but in case of sickness he is properly cared for in a hospital with all bills paid.

He must be ready to go at a minute's notice, any time that the order is given, and obey orders promptly. He is taught to keep his shoes always clean and polished and his uniform cleaned and pressed. His tent must be kept neat and clean, and his bed must be made.

If a loafer around town enlists in the army he is compelled to work, and in lots of cases it reforms the man, so when he gets back home, he is disgusted with his old life.

An enlisted man can choose what branch of the army he wants to go into, while a drafted man has to go just where they put him. A man, when he enlists, can enlist in a

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