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Joyce Gleason's Winning Essay Published

Joyce Gleason of Santiam High school was one of three final winners in the recent Linn County Veteran's essay contest. Topic of the essays was "Is This Freedom?"

Joyce won a \$100 bond which was presented to her at an Albany Veteran's day banquet. Her essay is printed below:

IS THIS FREEDOM?

Occasionally it has been said that we have no rights, no liberty, no freedom. No matter how many people around you are enjoying these items, you can imprison yourself in your own mind. In addition to being an advantage of Democracy, freedom is a state of mind. As soon as people run into a rule or

a stipulation, there are inevitably cries of unrest and dissonance. There will be those that feel that they and their independence have been divorced.

It is I who have real freedom. It is the high school student who is free to learn and free to work. To be able to try to find myself and my place in this world, that is what I ask of the Statue of Liberty. I seek only the chance to learn and to grow and to utilize the knowledge of the ages. To improve myself and to advance my environment is all to which I aspire. And it is my freedom that allows me to do this. If I had no choice, or felt that I had no option, perhaps I might rebel and refuse to do nothing. That is what happens to some people. Because of a few rules to which they cannot adjust, they spoil their chances for fear of pleasing someone else. For not being able to see their liberty, they cannot use it.

I do not ask of freedom that it bring me success. I only require that I am given the opportunity to put my strengths against those of my adversary. Whether I meet with victory or failure is of no consequence. If I am only allowed an attempt to reach my goal, I shall be content. In this freedom I shall exult and try to make myself heard, and though some may question what I say and what I do, none can question my right to say or do it, for I am free. Free to learn, free to grow and free to live.

The real poverty lies in the minds of those who believe that freedom will fight all our battles for us and true slavery lurks in the hearts of those who see freedom as a magic wishing well of success. Liberty is only a chance to try, an excuse to hope. If I can choose to try, then I cannot conceive that freedom has been denied me.

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FROM OUR FILES

Five Years Ago

Mrs. O. M. Mikkelsen of Oakland, Calif., was visiting that week with their daughter, Mrs. Leo Poole and family. Little Leo Poole observed his birthday that week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Engelgau of The Dalles were visiting with Mill City friends.

That weeks issue of The Enterprise was devoted mainly to telling in story and with many pictures about the new Santiam Union High school. Dedication ceremonies were open to the public.

Seven new members had been inducted into the Lions club. Robert Roach, Barney Scott, Bill Hoeye, Don Paul, Bob Harris, Andy Anderberg and Herb Whitaker.

The first real storm of the fall had hit the area with high winds knocking out power lines.

At Lyons Mr. and Mrs. Velvie Lewis were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Mari-Linn schoolhouse.

Ten Years Ago

George Thomas had been lucky in killing a big lynx cat on the highway between John Day and Mt. Vernon. Thomas got a \$47 bounty for the kill.

Plans were all set for the firemen's ball with a TV set to be given as the door prize.

Mrs. J. E. Potter had left that week for Washington, D. C. where she was going to visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Col. and Mrs. Willis Potter.

A group of Gates friends had surprised Margie Anderson with a bridal shower. She was the bride of Dick Parker.

Hunting that week at Summer Lake were Jock Scott, Melvine Lavine, Bob Carleton and Benny Bennett.

Estelle Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of Gates was in a Salem hospital being treated for polio. She had a mild case.

Playing at the Mill City Theatre that week was "Dangerous When Met", starring Esther Williams.

Fifteen Years Ago

At Gates Steve Champ had started construction of four cottages with connecting garages on his property. (Where Last Frontier is now located.)

At Lyons voting was to be held on an \$82,000 bond issue for a new consolidated school.

Jean Roberts was then writing the Elkhorn news and reported that the first snow up here hit the ground on Nov. 7.

At Fox Valley it was announced that Carroll Johnson had received an award for being in 4-H membership for 9 years.

The Mather Jewelry store had been sold that week to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker of Albany.

A commercial club had been started at Detroit with Nolan Raszlek elected secretary and Glen Davis, temporary chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Turnidge and Carolyn Bretjeha had spent the week end Eastern Oregon on a hunting trip.

Chamber Okays Sign Purchase

At a recent North Santiam Chamber meeting at Gates, the members backed a board of directors decision to purchase a 10' x 25' sign to be placed on land leased just south of Salem.

President Jerry Coffman and his committee succeeded in getting the land for a nominal price.

The sign will read: first line "Take Next Exit To," this will be in letters about 18 inches high. The second line, or main line of the sign will read "Detroit Lake" and these letters will be three feet high, the third line reads "Resort Area and the letters are 12 inches high.

It was discussed that the space between Detroit Lake and Resort Area lines be so placed to leave room to advertise coming events such as the White-water Challenge and the Detroit Lake Water Festival. In this manner the sign would lend itself to continued 12 months a year use.

The sign will be built in a manner to withstand winds stronger than those of October 12th last year.

Elsie Volkel served refreshments following the meeting.

Honor Students Named at Mari-Linn

LYONS—Honor roll students at Mari-Linn for the first nine week period were, 5th grade: Kim Walker, honorable mention were Lynnette McGuffin, Tara Shepard, Donna Culwell, Beckie Lambert, Patty Larimer, Pam Lewis and Dan Holman.

Sixth grade: Christine Henning; honorable mention, Margaret Wilson, Delmer Culwell, Beverly Conover, Christy Lewis, Susan Dougall, Michelle Behrens, Doris Clippell, Ann Frichtl, Marilyn Davis, Philip Meyers, Dennis Lawrence, Linda Cox, and Keith Anderson.

Seventh Grade: Maureen James, Brenda Johnson, Robyn Meyers; honorable mention, Vincent Power, Dixie Foster, Pamela Shepard, Darrell Huber and Glenn Walls.

Eighth grade: honorable mention, Kathy Behrens, Patricia Clippell, Helen Grosso, Rosalie Rohwein, Cecilia VanAgmael, Mary Wilson and David Holman.

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