

Young Klamath Falls Poets Receive DAC Medals For George Washington Poems



ROBERT BERRY

GEORGE WASHINGTON
Of all the presidents known to date,
George Washington, our first,
was very great.

He chopped down a cherry tree
and surveyed the land.
Against unfair taxes he took a stand.

At the battle of Trenton he
served supreme.
The Redcoats now held him in
highest esteem.

Farmer, soldier, or president
of our land,
He was first in the hearts of his
countryman.

—Robert Berry



JUDY WESTPHAL

GEORGE WASHINGTON
There was a man so brave and
bold,
So our history books have told.
He fought for his own freedom,
And for his country's too.

They called him a born leader.
He proved it to be true.
He fought for his own freedom,
And for his country's too.

He suffered many hardships.
In the winter at Valley Forge,
His men were sick, hungry and
discouraged,
But he gave them great courage.

His name was George Washington,
He made our country free.
And so today we call him,
The father of our country.

—Judy Westphal



STEVEN WYNNE

GEORGE WASHINGTON
He chopped down his father's
cherry tree.
When he was a boy the age of
three,
And then he proved his honesty.
By telling his father, "It was
me."

Surveyor at an early age,
He made his mark on History's
page.
Leading our troops in Indian
war,
His reputation began to soar.

A statesman Washington be-
came,
Adding more glory to his name,
Serving his country well and
long.

Helping make it proud and
strong,
When war with England once
began,
He led the battle till we had
won.

—Steven Wynne



MARK CALDWELL

GEORGE WASHINGTON
There is a very well known man,
George Washington by name.
His many deeds of wisdom
Have won him much great fame.

When he was just eleven
Poor George's father died.
George was very sad, of course,
He probably cried and cried.

He learned how to survey.
He was very good at it.
He earned money in this way.

He helped us win our freedom.
By leading us in war,
And when the war was over,
He helped us prosper more.

—Mark Caldwell



JANE PRIDEMORE

GEORGE WASHINGTON
George Washington the great,
Strong brave and kind,
No one did he hate,
And no one did he mind.

A bullet through his coat
But unwilling to retreat,
He fought the French and
Indians
And helped with their defeat.

They call him the father of our
country
And to no one, would he bend,
He died an honored man,
Brave and loyal to the end.

—Jane Pridemore



RICKY MOLATORE

GEORGE WASHINGTON
One day little George chopped
down a tree.
When asked, he said, "Yes it
was me!"

All through his life he found
courage paid,
And a lot of friends he always
made.
He later became our first pres-
ident.

His soldiers followed wherever
he went.
He was a good leader, tried and
true,
He always told the truth, do
you?

—Ricky Molatore

DAC AWARD—This gold medal bearing the likeness of George Washington and inscribed on the back, "Time Increases His Fame," was presented to six students of city schools, who were winners of the annual George Washington poetry contest, sponsored by Daughters of the American Colonists. The yearly contest follows the objects of the society which are patriotism, history and education.

Chairman of the Klamath Chapter DAC patriotic education committee is Mrs. L. H. Stone, who was regent of the local chapter when the poetry contest was first sponsored in 1951.

Medals were presented Wednesday by Mrs. Arch G. Proctor, Oregon state regent, and Mrs. Charles K. Wells, Klamath chapter regent, to six first place winners chosen by the judges from among 141 George Washington poems submitted by fifth grade students of six city schools.

Those receiving medals were Steven Wynne, Roosevelt, Mrs. William Creswell, teacher; Mark Caldwell, Fairview, Cecile Vandenberg, teacher; Robert Berry, Conger, Mrs. Rosemary Perry, teacher; Ricky Molatore, Riverside, Mrs. C. J. Long, teacher; Jane Pridemore, Pelican, Howard Strode, teacher; Judy Westphal, Mills, Mrs. O. G. Steenberg, teacher.

Cherry Wolf, freshman at Willamette University, was installing officer for her sister and other officers were Donna Kircher, marshal, Helen Rogers, musician, Barbara Nicholson, chaplain, and Jimmy Doak, recorder.

The crowning ceremony was conducted by the Lost River Chapter of DeMolay. Boys participating were Don Berry, senior counselor, Dick Johnson, junior counselor, Pat Barrett, Jim Adair, Joe Kerns, Bill Taylor and Steve Choyne.

Girls taking office in addition to the worthy adviser were Kathleen Peters, worthy associate adviser; Marjorie Kirkpatrick, char- ity; Candace Fred, hope; Lavena Martin, faith; Sandra Taylor, recorder; Vicki Sherier, treasurer; Priscilla Carson, chaplain; Phyllis Bickers, drill leader; Linda Van Wormer, Connie Wampler, Carol Ohlund, Cheryl Ohlund, Janice Hess, Valerie Hall, and Bobbie Winston, color stations. Linda Stanley, confidential observ- er; Mary Brattain, outer observ- er; Faith Wright and Sharon Zamudio, musician and choir direc- tor.

Mrs. LaDean Lough was in- stalled as the new mother ad- viser. Myrtle Myers continues as assistant mother adviser. Doris Kircher is the new chairman of the advisory board, Callie Clark, its secretary. Other members are Ethel Mathis, Jo Zadora, Virginia Zumbar, Les Hoback, Robert Wood and Lawrence Myers. Layton Hoback is the father adviser.

Mrs. Earl Hall, Mrs. Walter

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Women's Activities

By Helen Bechen
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Dance Decor Is Chinese

LAKEVIEW—"The Year of the Hare" taken from the theme of a Chinese New Year was the foundation for decorations for the dinner and dance of the Hi-Jinks Club held the evening of Feb. 9.

According to the Chinese lunar calendar 4,661 is the "Year of the Hare" and it is this belief that ruled over the Chinese celebration this year. The last year this was celebrated was 1951, and the next will be 1975, because 12 animals take turns ruling the lives of the believing.

Dressed in Chinese costumes to welcome members and guests for the dinner at Hunter's Lodge and the dance following at the Masonic Temple, the large committee included, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Robinson, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Don Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. James Leemonger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leemonger Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Loren Young, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alger, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Tainter, Dr. F. E. Elnan and two children, Mrs. and Mrs. Vic Hill, Mr. and Mrs.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

SUMMER LAKE — Mrs. Evan Carlson honored her daughter, Toni, on her fourth birthday with a party Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16, at her home. Guests included Walter Leemonger Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shuffield and children, Mrs. George Carlson and sons, Patti Carlson, Mrs. Boyd Claggett, Susan and Casey, Mrs. F. E. Elnan and two children, Mrs. Wayne, and Laurence Hand.

From Washington's Farewell Address Sept. 17, 1796

"Toward the preservation of your Government and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite not only that you steadily discountenance irregular oppositions to its acknowledged authority, but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretenses. One method of assault may be to effect in the forms of the Constitution alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown. In all the changes to which you may be invited, remember that time and habit are at least as necessary to fix the true character of governments as of other institutions; that experience is the surest standard by which to test the real tendency of the existing constitution of a country; that facility in changes upon the credit of mere hypothesis and opinion exposes to perpetual change, from the endless variety of hypothesis and opinion; and remember especially that the efficient management of your common interests in a country so extensive as our government of as much vigor as is consistent with the perfect security of Liberty is indispensable. Liberty itself will find in such a government, with powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest guardian."

"Let me now take a more comprehensive view, and warn you in the spirit of party generally.

"This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but in those of the popular form it is seen in its greatest rankness and is truly their worst enemy.

"The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual, and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation on the ruins of public liberty.

"Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight), the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

"It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeebles the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another; foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passion. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.

"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government, and serve to keep alive the spirit of liberty. This within certain limits is probably true; and in governments of a monarchical cast, patriotism may look on indulgence, if not with favor, upon the spirit of party. But in those of the popular character, in governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit for every salutary purpose; and there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be by force of public opinion to mitigate and assuage it. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting in a flame, lest, instead of warming, it should consume.

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of government, a real despotism. A just estimate of that love of power and proneness to abuse it which predominates in the human heart is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position. The necessity of reciprocal checks in the exercise of political power, by dividing, and distributing it into different depositories, and constituting each by guardian of the public weal against invasions by the others, has evinced by experiments ancient and modern, some of them in our country and under our own eyes. To preserve them must be as necessary as to institute them. In the opinion of the people the distribution or modification of the constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this in one instance may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed. The precedent must always greatly overbalance in permanent evil any partial or transient benefit which the use can at any time yield."

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