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Billie Jean Cansler (left) and Betty Willingham (right) placed first and second, respectively, in Transylvania County's "Voice of Democracy" contest. Both are daughters of Ecusta employees.

the hearts of the knights of old. We Americans do not realize its greatness and we do not hold its possession nearly so high as we should.

The maintenance and extension of freedom demand intelligence and courage. In a democracy, the exercise of such intelligence and courage cannot be delegated to one leader or a few men; it is the responsibility of every citizen. An understanding of the present is unthinkable without an understanding of the relationship of the past to the present. Likewise, appreciation of present freedoms gains depth and power when illuminated by knowledge of the efforts, the struggles, the sacrifices and the triumphs that have marked the birth and development of these freedoms.

To assure each citizen his inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was the "why" behind the establishment of this democracy and is today the "why" for its continued existence. What that means to you personally, what you must do toward its fulfillment cannot be answered in this speech. I can only *spe*ak for democracy—you must act for democracy.

Freedom is worth fighting for and dying for. It is important to understand the difference between justifiable and unjustifiable freedom. But the very *core* of what we mean by justifiable democracy is liberty founded on individual responsibility, equality before the law, and a system of private enterprise that aims to reward according to merit. These basic things help us to apply ourselves to the business of living in a free democracy.

Our nation, under the Articles of Confederation, was powerless to fulfill its obligations, even to the soldiers that had helped create it, despite its intentions to act honorably. We can thank God that democracy spoke through the people in 1787 and the Constitution and Bill of Rights were born for us. But we have forgotten. What they made is what we have. To take this heritage of democracy for granted is the first step in losing it. Listen

to democracy speaking to us today! It says:

I am American democracy.
My children aren't the same
In race or creed,
In speech or deed
Or in profession.
They came to me for many things:
Freedom of speech and of religion,
Pursuit of happiness.
To many I meant escape from fear
Or from aggression.
They have repaid with many things,
These Swedes and Danes, and Poles and Prussians,
English, Irish, Scotch and Russians.
They brought me ships of steel,
And ships with wings.
They brought me telephones,
The telegraph.
They taught me how to sing and how to laugh.
I don't care about their creeds
Or the color of their skin;
Whether they're Negroes or Indians
Doesn't matter to me.
They've made me what I am today—
And—they're fighting now
So I can stay this way.

I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY

By Betty Willingham

ANNOUNCER:

Hello, citizens of USSR! This is Station USA opening its broadcasting day with a program entitled "I Speak for Democracy".

We have in our studio Mr. Farmer, Mr. Business Man, Mrs. Housewife, and a high school student. These are average Americans—and there are millions of others just like them. They don't represent the most wealthy citizens, according to material things, yet Americans are the richest people in the world. Ours is a Democratic country, thereby entitling its people the right to freedom of speech. Each will be speaking on the subject, "I Speak for Democracy", from personal experience.

MR. FARMER:

Many generations ago one of my forefathers, with the aid of his family and friends, cleared a