

Essay Contest Winners Researched The Subject

BY ETTA SMITH
Three Shallotte Middle School students have some solutions for something that scientists have pondered for years—what to do about pollution.

The students won not only cash prizes for their suggestions, but also the respect of the Sunset Sands Garden Club, which sponsored a sixth-grade essay contest titled "Nothing Can Be Finer Than A Cleaner Carolina."

The three winners chosen last Friday came from three different classrooms at the school. And they all apparently did their homework before sitting down to write the essays.

"There were many good essays," said Ann Masline, one of the three garden club members who judged the contest, "But there were two or three of them that it was obvious the kids had done some investigative work in order to write."

The extra work paid off for first place winner Laurinda Hill, who won \$20; second place writer Kristy Poulos, \$10; and Remie Clark who won \$5 and third place in the contest.

The garden club didn't forget the teachers who taught the kids how to communicate their ideas about pollution control. They awarded each a

pot of Gerber daisies.

"Many of the kids had good ideas about how to control pollution," said Masline. "One of them even suggested that the \$200 fine imposed for littering wasn't enough to curtail the activity."

Second place writer Kristy Poulos described the cause of pollution in shellfish areas when she wrote that sewage contains a bacteria called coliform. She also wrote that when the water table rises and the ground cannot absorb the excess rain, septic tanks overflow and raw sewage is washed into the streams and rivers and into the ocean.

"Also, at the beach the rain water cannot be absorbed through paved roads and parking lots," she wrote.

First place winner Laurinda Hill wrote, "Waste chemicals from industries and sewage from homes are the chief pollutants in lakes and streams."

The garden club has sponsored the contest annually since it was chartered three years ago. The teachers of the participating classes assigned the essay as a class project.

"The winners all suggested solutions to the problems created by pollution," said Masline. "It was obvious they had thought about it and what to do about it."



STAFF PHOTO BY ETTA SMITH
SIXTH GRADE WINNERS in the Sunset Sands Garden Club Essay Contest at Shallotte Middle School are (from the left) Kristy Poulos, second; Laurinda Hill, first; and Remie Clark, third.



Headed For State Competition

A science project on laser holography by West Brunswick High School senior Pam Plyler of Sunset Beach won first place for physical science in county and district competition and will compete at the state level on April 10 in Raleigh. Above, Plyler is shown with her exhibit at the Brunswick County Curriculum Fair.

First Keziah Scholarship To Be Presented At West

Nearly three years after her death, the first scholarship from a fund established in memory of the late Grace M. Keziah will be awarded to a West Brunswick High School senior this spring.

Mrs. Keziah was a guidance counselor at West Brunswick High School, known for her caring nature and cheerful attitude.

One of her sons, Sam Keziah, said the Grace Keziah Humanitarian Scholarship will be based on merit and need and will consist of a one-time award of approximately \$500, to be paid to any accredited college or technical institute chosen by the student.

"It will recognize students for something that might not usually be paid tribute to," he said. "One of the most important criteria is helping other people, not making a 4.0 or a great jump shot."

The scholarship will be presented annually to a West Brunswick college-bound senior who best exhibits concern for others through service to fellow students and community. The presentation will be made by the guidance department during the school's annual Awards Day ceremony.

Applications for the scholarship are available from the West Brunswick High School guidance department. Finalists will be interviewed by a board of trustees consisting of the schools' senior guidance counselor, a member of the Keziah family and a representative of Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.

Mrs. Keziah died June 7, 1984, several days before her retirement and shortly after seeing a student award established in her honor by Ed Lemon, then principal of West Brunswick High School.

"It's taken a long time to get

everything worked out," Keziah said of efforts to establish the scholarship. "I'm glad we're able to start it this year. This is the last class of students at West that had any contact with her."

Because he and Shallotte attorney Doug Baxley are still working out some of the legal details involved in establishing the non-profit scholarship corporation, this first award will be a cash grant, not taken from the fund, he said.

The fund was established from memorial gifts in honor of both Mrs. Keziah and her husband, the late J.T. Keziah, also a longtime Brunswick County educator, and from contributions by family members. Awards will be made from the interest only, leaving the principal intact.

Contributions to the fund continue to be accepted, he said. Checks to the Grace Keziah Humanitarian Scholarship may be sent to Security Savings and Loan, Shallotte, NC 28459.

Five Win State Art Awards

Four West Brunswick High School students and a Shallotte Junior Woman's Club member brought home awards from the N.C. Federation of Woman's Clubs State Arts Festival held in Winston-Salem March 22.

Two students placed first, Leigh Ann Frink in literature and Roy Lewis in metal craft.

Ursula McMillian won second

place in public speaking, a first for a local contestant, and Keith White placed third in woodcraft.

Shallotte clubwoman Penny Redwine also placed third in the mixed media category for club members.

Another clubwoman, Deborah B. Hewett, was recently named District 11's Outstanding Junior Clubwoman of 1986 during the district arts festival held in Southport.

Get A Jump On The Bunny

Get a jump on the Easter rabbit. Pack your egg basket with grass and join youngsters from around the county for the first Easter egg hunt of the season on Saturday, April 11, at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia.

Sponsored by the Brunswick Coun-

ty Parks and Recreation Department, the hunt is planned from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. It's open to all children ages preschool to 10.

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