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## Janet Green Victor in Short Story Contest

### The Truth About: The Teacher Salary Question

By The Staff

Chapel Hill teachers at a meeting called by the local branch of the North Carolina Education Association last week protested the state legislature's proposal to write the salaries of school teachers into the budget appropriation bill, in telegrams sent by the classroom teachers.

As the bill now stands, teachers with 11 years' experience and an M.A. degree can receive a maximum of \$179 per month for 9 months' teaching, a total of \$1,611 per year. Inexperienced teachers, under the proposed bill, will start at \$125 per month—a total of \$1,125 per year.

The present salary scale starts at \$98 per month for inexperienced teachers and the maximum for an experienced teacher with a graduate degree is \$150, which can be supplemented by local school boards.

The argument of the proponents of the bill, presented to staff and school board Sunday by Representative John Umstead, is that though salaries could not be raised, any salary cuts could not affect teachers for two years.

Teachers claim that if the salaries were written into the budget appropriation bill, no salaries could be raised for the next two years. With the control of salary funds in the hands of the State Board of Education, raises can be made without consulting the legislature. Last year the Board of Education gave teachers a retroactive \$2 per month bonus.

The much-heralded Proconian short story contest came to a close last week, when Janet Green, an eighth grade student, was judged the winner of the prize of five dollars. Miss Green's story, *Happy Birthday, Mon Pere*, appears elsewhere in this issue.

Although only a few stories were entered in the contest, the quality of all of them was very high and the actual judging of the entries was a tedious process.

The prize-winning story won much praise from the judges. It depicts a French town before and during "D" Day and is a well-woven and descriptive story.

Runners-up in the contest were a negro dialect story by Robert Brooks and *Love Lost* by Harold Cheek.

Miss Green is the daughter of Paul Green, noted American author who recently finished the screen play for the picture based on Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's recent book, *Seven Survived*. A member of Miss Seawell's eighth grade home room, she has recently returned from California where she attended school during the fall.

### THE WINNER



### The Contest Winner: Happy Birthday, Mon Pere

By Janet Green

The small French village of Bayeux was quiet under the duskiess of early morning. One could scarcely perceive the dreaded Swastika's shadow over everything. One would scarcely know the Nazis were there, hiding behind doors, strong in their fear of the foe. The cottages on the beach were quiet and dark, and in the cellars where the fishermen and their families lay on their cots—they wondered.

Marie was wondering too. Why the planes did not come? Why the quietness, so still and foreboding? "Why isn't there the usual noise and light and confusion?" she thought.

"There have been other times when it was quiet and peaceful." She smiled and thought of dear Pere.

"Today is his birthday, June sixth, nineteen forty-four — a long time since that other June night. Four years today."

Pere had awakened her and said, "I will be back, Marie. Be a good girl. I am going to fight for France, ma chere, but I'll be back when France is free."

Marie had cried, for the next day was Pere's birthday, and they were going to Caen to celebrate it.

But then he said, "I'll come home when France is free, never fear!" He had kissed Jean, and the twins, and then was gone.

Maman had cried after he left. She said she knew he would be killed. But Marie knew he would  
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## Swimming Team Practice To Be Started February 15 in Gym Pool

### College Admission Requirements Listed

In his talk in assembly last week, Dr. Bill Plemmons discussed the necessary requirements for admission into the University.

They are as follows: A student must have 15 acceptable units from an accredited high school or prep school. These units must include 4 in English, 1½ in algebra, 1 in plane geometry, 2 in one foreign language, 1 in a social science (preferably United States history), 1 in a natural

It was recently announced that a swimming team will begin February 15 under the direction of Willis Casey, University swimming coach. Practices and meets will be held in the indoor pool at Woollen gymnasium at 5:30 on the days Monday through Friday. Students who wish to join the team are asked to report to the gym on the 15th.

science and 4½ in electives (preferably academic subjects). It is possible for a student to make up a deficiency in one subject if he has 15 other acceptable college units.