

YOUTH MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES PRIZE

Wilmington Girl Was Winner In Last Year Contest With Story

The national girls magazine, Seventeen, has announced that more than \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded to this year's winners of their annual short story contest.

The contest is open to all high school boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 19.

Any student may submit more than one manuscript, but each story has to be notified as to both the age of the writer and the originality of the article.

The purpose of the contest is to interest boys and girls of high school age in creative writing in hopes of discovering students of exceptional talent. All of the stories which receive prizes will be held for publication in the magazine.

The deadline on the entries is Dec. 21, and the list of winners and prizes will be announced

in one of the spring issues of the magazine.

Last year, New Hanover Poplin, now a senior, won one of the top prizes and her story, "The Romance Of A Potato Vine," was published in Seventeen.

LOCAL RECRUITERS PASS MAN-QUOTA

Record May Have Surpassed That Of Any Station In Country

Recruiting officials of the local U. S. Army and Air Force station in the Post Office enlisted more men in the armed services during November than any station in the Third Army Area and possibly the United States, according to an announcement received yesterday by Lt. Charles Markus, station commander.

States included in the Third Army Area are: North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Recruiters of the local station enlisted 40 men, 143 per cent of their 28 man-a-month quota, during November.

Lt. Markus said that special emphasis is being placed on the many opportunities for World War II veterans to return to the Army and obtain a duty assignment within North and South Carolina during December.

The Fifth Infantry division at Fort Jackson and the 82nd Airborne division at Fort Bragg are well under their authorized strength, and authorization has been received by the recruiting service to recruit men for direct enlistment to these units, Lt. Markus added.

Former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are eligible for enlistment to fill vacancies in these two units, provided they hold a military occupational specialty number that can be utilized by the division of the choice, Markus said.

Full information on enlisting in the Armed forces can be obtained from recruiting officials in room 205 of the Post Office.

INQUEST TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Probe In Death Of Sailor, In War Hero In Crash Set By Coroner

An inquest will be held tonight in the death of a sailor attached to the PC-776 here and a local World War II hero who were instantly killed early yesterday morning in an oil tanker-automobile collision. Acting Coroner Dr. Fred H. Coleman said last night.

The dead were Hugh C. Reece, son of Fireman J. E. Reece, and Lewis Goldy, 253 Madison avenue, Bridgeport.

Floyd Council, 23-year-old driver of the car in which they were riding, was treated at James Walker Memorial hospital for lacerations of the scalp, lacerations of the upper lip and loss of two teeth, was later placed in jail on charges of operating an automobile while under the influence and careless and reckless driving resulting in death. He was released on payment of a \$1,000 cash bond in Recorder's court later yesterday.

Miss Alma Gause, 23-year-old passenger in the Council car, who was treated for abrasions of the right knee, right hip and chest, was held under \$250 bond on the technical charge of vagrancy as a material witness to the accident.

Daniel J. Gurganus, Route 1, Wilmington, driver of the heavy, 1947 model oil tanker, was uninjured in the crash.

Gurganus reported to investigating officers that he was driving northeast down Cowan street and came to a turning at Fourth street prior to turning north into Fourth. He said that he saw Council's 1940 sedan approaching on a zig-zag course south on Fourth.

The driver of the tanker said that Council's car came to a complete stop some distance from the corner at which his truck was stopped and that he then attempted to turn the truck into Fourth, but that the other car started again suddenly, apparently in second gear and at a high rate of speed. The car swerved to the left, back to the right and to the left again before hitting the trailer's left front bumper, he said.

According to the police report, Gurganus told them that he thought that Council was attempting to pass his truck in the rear and consequently tried to pull the trailer around and out of the way of the car.

After the collision, he told police, he found a young man and young woman slumped over in the front seat of the automobile and two other young men lying on the pavement outside. The rear wheels of the heavy trailer apparently had passed over them, he said.

Both men, Zoldy with injuries to the stomach and chest and Reece with head injuries, were killed instantly and were removed to Andrews mortuary from the scene of the wreck.

Dr. Fred H. Coleman, acting coroner, said that an inquest into the deaths of the two men will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m.

In their report of the accident, police officers said that Council told them that he had had two drinks of whisky at around 8:30 p.m. and had drunk several bottles of beer later in the evening. He was quoted as saying he picked up Miss Gause and an unidentified man who later got out of the car at a local drive-in and later picked up Reece and Zoldy in the 200 block of Grace street.

Council's occupation was listed by the police as "sailor."

Surviving Reece are his mother and father; one brother, James E. Reece, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Wilmington.



FIREMEN COMB THE WRECKAGE OF A TWO-STORY HOUSE in southwest Los Angeles for possible victims after the building was completely demolished by a violent explosion. Four exterminators were reported to have been inside the house when the blast occurred. Three of the men were injured.

SUPREME COURT REVERSES LOCAL BODY YESTERDAY

Among the decisions handed down yesterday by the North Carolina Supreme court was the reversal of a judgment by Judge Chester Morrison, of Currituck, in New Hanover Superior court last July to set aside a suit of the City of Wilmington against Shutt Brothers grocery.

The suit involved only approximately \$190 expended by the city during the war to exterminate rats for the firm with the agreement that the city would be reimbursed, observers said last night.

There are some 14 or 15 other

firms who may be sued for the recovery of such expenditures if this case proves successful for the city, it was said.

STRIKE SAID FAVORED
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