

Billy Zimmerman Wins Top Honors In Essay Contest

Billy Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Zimmerman, Jr., and a seventh grade student at the Laurel School, won top honors in the Outstanding Youth Award contest sponsored by the Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Final judging of essays, entitled, "What I Can Do For My Country," was held last Thursday night in the French Broad EMC lobby here. Contestants were from the 7th and 8th grades in Madison County.

More than 20 persons attended the event and refreshments were served following the judging.

Mrs. Peggy Cutshaw, president of Beta Omega Chapter, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants and guests. Mrs. Joyce Plemmons, vice-president, explained the various projects of the Chapter.

The six finalists then read their essays.

Judging the essays were Bobby Jean Rice, Myra Powell, Fr. Jeff Burton and Jim Story.

"All of the essays were splendid and the six finalists should be highly commended for their fine work," one of the judges stated.

The finalists were Betty Lawson, Hot Springs; Violet Landers, Laurel; Ricky Ballard, Beech Glen; Billy Zimmerman, Laurel; Dora Ann Baker, Walnut; and Diane Whitt, Walnut.

The winning essay by Billy Zimmerman follows:

WHAT I CAN DO FOR MY COUNTRY

By BILLY ZIMMERMAN

As I think of the problems that exist in my country I feel that there are several areas that I might work in to help get rid of many of these problems.

One of the worst problems of our country is the increase in crime. This year there has been some sixty banks robbed in North Carolina alone. I often times think I would like to become a policeman or a lawyer to help strengthen our laws and penal codes.

In big cities all over the country there is much noise. There should be laws against blowing horns for no reason at all. Many young boys avoid putting mufflers on their cars. All those boys who are caught without mufflers should be given a ticket not only for noise but also, because of the pollution.

The litter problem in our country is very bad. In some big cities there are organized trash companies. They pick up such things as leaves, garbage, dead animals, and other waste. These same measures should be taken in rural areas. If the roadsides were like the national park's roads there wouldn't be a lot of worry about land pollution.

Water pollution is bad for our environment, also, because of the destruction to wildlife and human nature. A solution to this problem would be for our country to organize trash cleanup programs to store this waste in suitable sewage disposal systems.

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I feel that farming is one of the best vocations I could enter to help my country. The farmer produces many products. If there were more cattle raised the soaring beef prices might go down. I could raise sheep to help out in the wool business. I could run along dairy a big dairy farm and help stop the milk war.

Lately, the smog has drifted in on us. This is the doings of the huge city factories. In some cities you can see people holding handkerchiefs over their noses to keep from breathing the foul air. People could help stop this by demanding that the plants follow strict anti-pollution codes. It is up to the people to force the factories to abide by these laws.

All over the country there are highway accidents. Most of them are caused by careless drivers and drunken drivers. Very few are caused by car defects. We should see that there are stricter laws concerning drunken drivers. One error by a drunken driver is enough.

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE the six finalists in the Outstanding Youth Award contest, sponsored by the Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Final judging of essays, entitled "What I Can Do For My Country," was held last Thursday night in the REA building here. Contestants were from the 7th and 8th grades in Madison County. County winner was Billy Zimmerman, 7th grade student at the Laurel school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Zimmerman, Jr. Left to right, Betty Lawson, Hot Springs; Violet Landers, Laurel; Ricky Ballard, Beech Glen; Billy Zimmerman, Laurel; Dora Ann Baker, Walnut; and Diane Whitt, Walnut.

unwanted and parents put them in orphanages or children's homes. A situation like this is not good for America. Strong family ties is one of the things that makes for good citizenship.

Another serious problem in our nation is drugs. When a person gets addicted to heroin or some other drug he steals money, food or anything he can sell to get money to buy the drugs. All drug pushers should be jailed because they

are the ones who supply the drug users. All communities and cities should help to organize anti-drug groups to search out these drug violators and report them to the proper authorities.

As you can see my country has many problems now. Therefore it is my duty as an American citizen to help in anyway I can to cure the ills of my nativeland.

Results Of ASC Community Committee Elections

The incumbent ASC County Committee on December 8 tabulated the ballots cast by farmers in their community committee elections.

In announcing the results of the election, Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Director, said that 2434 farmers cast a ballot, during the mail election period which ended on December 1, for the farmers they wished to serve as their ASC Community Committee for the year of 1973. He also stated that this vote represented an increase of approximately 100 over the number of farmers voting in the previous year's elections.

Ramsey further explained that Madison County is divided into 16 ASC communities for administrative purposes. The principal duties of the community committees are to assist the County ASC Committee in the administration of ASCS farm programs at the community level, to help keep farmers in their respective community informed on ASCS farm program provisions and requirements, and serve as farmer delegates in filling vacancies on the county ASC board.

Members of the ASC community committees, as well as the position to which they are elected, are determined by the number of votes received in the mail election.

Farmers elected to the 16 ASC community committees for the year of 1973 in the respective order of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Regular Member, First and Second Alternate members are: Community A-1 Carl Cantrell, Cecil Briggs, Everett Rice, Bert Flynn, and George Robertson; B-2 Walter Gosnell, Clarence B. Cutshaw, Glen Hensley, Bobby Gunter, and Hardy Shelton; C-3 Hardie Merrill, Carson Roberts, Howard Green, Arnold Garrison, and Vance Edwards; D-4 Levi Hunter, Warren Anders, Wayne Eatmon, Lloyd Thomas, and Lee Roy Davis; E-5 James F.

Ramsey, J. Walter Cody, Ernest T. Cody, George Hamlin, Clyde McKinney; F-6 Randall Buckner, Nealee Bradburn, D. J. Graham, Chester Teague, and Robert Marler; G-7 Frank Payne, Jr., Burton W. Payne, Andrew Payne, Eddie Payne, and Floyd Henderson; H-8 Hugh Balding, Larry Ferguson, Jimmy Moore, Dempsey Woody, and Handy Allison; J-9 Eugene Wills, Wallace Cook, Ray Gartin, Charles Wills, and Perry Gowan; K-10, Ruben Gosnell, Homer J. Griffie, Joe Bullman, Leonard Olen Chandler, and Earl Rice; L-11 Wayne Burnette, Oliver Hall, Clay Honeycutt, Cash Phillips, and J. E. Woody; M-12 Loy Buckner, John W. Henderson, Leonard Buckner, Ted Massey, and Clement Buckner; N-13 Fred Trantham, Vern Holt, Dale Balding, Hardy Willett, and

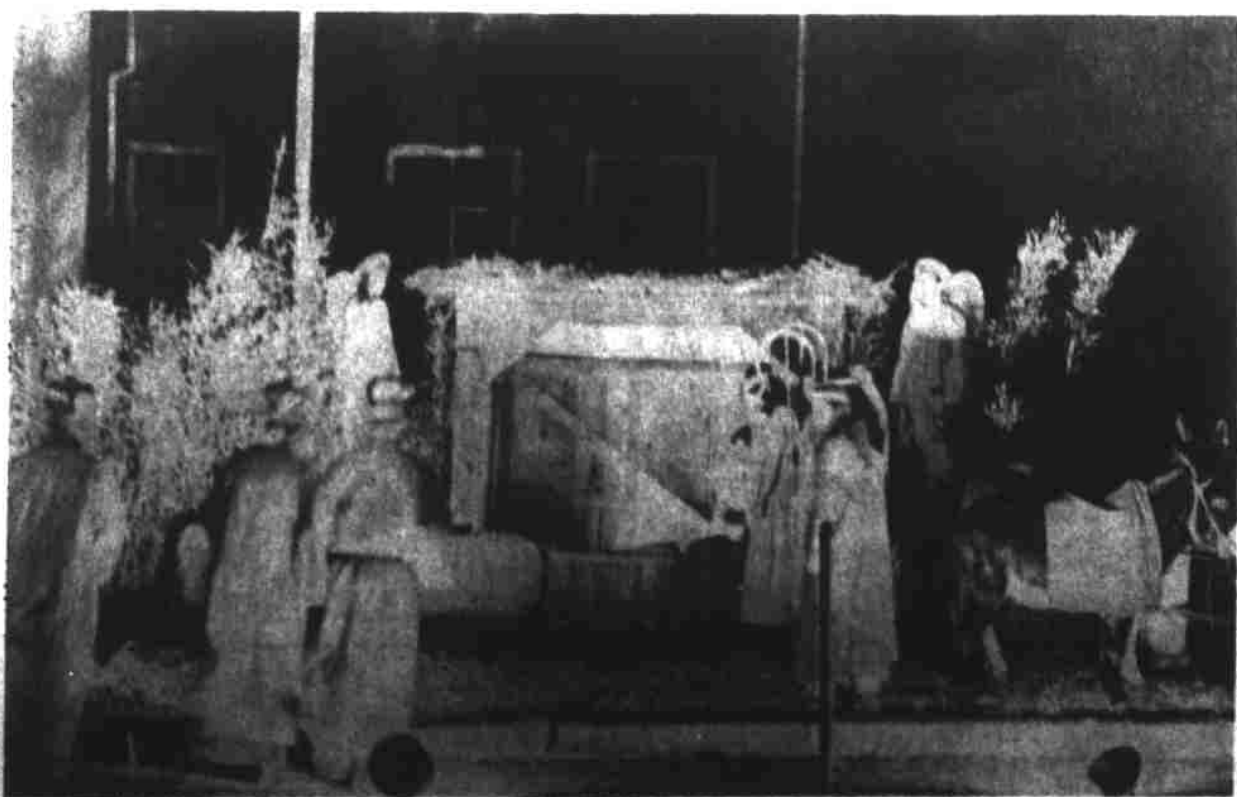
Arthur Fowler; O-14 L. F. Boone, Wayne Clark, Woodrow Dill, John Coates, and Loy Coates; P-15 Dewey Phillips, R. J. Ammons, Lattie Ballard, Paul P. Briggs, and Jerry T. Dunnivan; Q-16 Edward Hoyle, Don Peak, J. B. Roberts, Woodard Riddle and Howard Roberts.

Governor's Award Near For County

Lawrence Ponder, director Madison County Industrial Development Commission, stated this week that the Governor's Award Clean-up, Fix-up campaign is nearing completion.

"More than 350 junk cars have been crushed and hauled away in the past few months," Ponder said.

Mr. Ponder said he wished to express appreciation to the Mars Hill Civic Club, Mars Hill Lions Club, Marshall Lions Club, Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, Cody Motor Sales, French Broad EMC, Service Motor Sales, Inc., and Deaver Construction Co. for their assistance. He also wishes to thank the officials of Marshall, Hot Springs and Mars Hill for their interest and cooperation in the projects and thanked the news media for their cooperation in publicizing the projects. A hospitality committee will serve hot coffee in the hall of the courthouse after each performance.



For the ninth consecutive year, hundreds of spectators, many from out-of-state, are expected to be here Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights next week for the presentation of the annual Marshall Christmas Pageant. Nightly performances will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The local pageant is unique in that live animals

are used in a perfect setting for the Nativity scenes.

A splendid cast will again perform and a choir composed of members from various churches in the county will furnish background hymns and carols.

The non-commercial pageant has gained national recognition and is expected to

be further publicized this year. Dean Shields, coordinator, announces that Joseph will again be portrayed by Stanley Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Ward; and Mary will be portrayed by Miss Carol Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vester Shelton. The Allen Payne family is in

charge of livestock and Aaron Sronce, of Bone Camp, is furnishing the sheep. All persons who have participated in the combined choir in past years are invited to again participate. A hospitality committee will serve hot coffee in the hall of the courthouse after each performance.

Ray Tweed Is Killed In Collision

Ray Tweed, 47, of Rt. 3, Marshall, principal of Laurel High School was killed about 3:45 p. m. Monday when his car was involved in a collision with another in a heavy rainstorm on N. C. 208 about 10 miles north of here.

State Trooper J. L. Hall and Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated, said Tweed was pinned in the wreckage of his car in Laurel River for about an hour before he could be extricated.

The driver of the other vehicle involved, identified as Dr. James Ryan, 26, of 115 A St., Lowell, Mass., suffered head injuries and was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

He was not believed to have been very seriously injured, Hall said, and was listed in satisfactory condition.

Sheriff Ponder said Dr. Ryan has been doing internship at Hot Springs Clinic.

Hall said Tweed was driving south and Dr. Ryan was driving north in a driving rain when the Ryan car veered left of center on a curve, moved about two feet into the south-bound lane, and struck the Tweed car. Visibility was extremely bad at the time, the trooper said.

The Tweed car spun and overturned off the highway into the river, the trooper said. Hall charged Dr. Ryan with failure to drive on the right side of the road where there was sufficient traffic lane area to do so.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY
Funeral services for the popular principal were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Walnut Presbyterian Church with the pastor, the Rev. George Moore, officiating. Burial was in the Mars Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bruce Phillips, Clive Whitt, Vernon Ponder, Fred Dickerson, Hughie Ray and Auburn Wyatt, all county principals, and R. L. Edwards, superintendent.

Mr. Tweed was a member of the White Rock Presbyterian Church where he served as elder, clerk of the session, Sunday School Superintendent and treasurer of the Madison County Larger Parish.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Wallin Tweed, two daughters, Lou Anne and Marcella Raye, both of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chapel Tweed, of Laurel; two brothers, Earl, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Mark



RAY TWEED

of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Mrs. Louise Sanford, of Laurinburg; Mrs. Gloria Spough, of High Point and Mrs. Doris Morgan, of Marshallville.

Bowman-Duckett was in charge of arrangements.

Republicans To Meet Here On Saturday

The Madison County Republican Executive Committee will meet at the Republican Headquarters here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock it has been announced.

Members of the Finance Committee are especially invited to be present and all other interested persons are welcome.

Bryce Hall Is County Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N. C. Bankers Association in this area, R. Bryce Hall has been named County Key Banker for Madison County.

NCBA President L. R. Bowers of Whiteville has announced that Hall will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months. He is City Executive of First Union National Bank of N. C. in Marshall.

For 27 years the NCBA has received national recognition for its far-reaching program of service to agriculture in North Carolina. President Bowers noting the work of bankers in behalf of agriculture, thanked the 100 County Key Bankers for their role in this record.



Bryce Hall

Bowers called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the association such as the Annual Farm Credit Conference which will again be held in Raleigh, February 5-6, 1973, the two-week school at NC State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the Land Judging Meet in the interest of soil conservation. He also reported that the banks of North Carolina continue to lend more money to farmers than any other institutional group of lenders.

County To Receive Revenue Sharing Checks

A first payment of \$155,932 was mailed Friday to Madison County under the General Revenue Sharing Program, according to U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor.

Taylor said the payments include \$130,732 to the county government; \$8,359 to Hot Springs; \$16,841 to Mars Hill.

Rep. Roy A. Taylor announced that the Town of Marshall in Madison County will receive a check under the General Revenue Sharing Program although the town was not listed Friday with other towns and county governments in the 11th Congressional District.

The town was omitted because of a technical difficulty with the computer according to an official of the Office of Revenue Sharing in Washington, Taylor said.

Each county and local government are in some cases substantially different from the estimated figures released while the revenue sharing bill was in Congress.

Estimated figures were based on revenue data from

local governments for 1965-1966, and actual amounts are based on revenue data from the U. S. Census Bureau for 1971, Taylor said.

The payments sent Friday are for a six-month retroactive period of January 1 through June 30, 1972.

Local Mail Service Is Improved

According to local post office personnel the Marshall post office has been given permission to handle all county mail direct instead of sending it to the Asheville post office to be processed.

The latest action came about last week following objections by local customers and this newspaper about the seemingly unwarranted

delay in receiving "in-county" mail.

It was explained that mail brought in by rural carriers is worked and distributed on the same day since the resumption of cancelling mail to save locally instead of sending it to Asheville.

"It is hoped that this latest ruling will be permanent and not temporary," one customer stated.