

Much Interest Being Shown In Essay Contest

Interest in the newspaper contest which is being conducted in the county by THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER and THE CANTON ENTERPRISE and in the State by the North Carolina Press Association, is steadily growing, according to all reports from the schools in the county and inquiries coming into this office.

Every member of the senior class of the Waynesville Township high school has entered the contest and it has also been reported by the principals of the other high schools that there are large numbers of their students also entering the contest.

The purpose of the essay contest is to focus the interest of the present high school student generation on the place and importance of newspapers in modern society. All essays in the competition must be written on the subject: "Newspapers Serving the Community."

The contest which is being held by the State North Carolina Press Association is being aided by the county newspapers in handling the essays as a clearing or preliminary contest toward awarding the State prizes. The prize winning essay in each county will then enter the statewide competition for the grand prizes.

In Haywood county the contest prizes to be given by the two papers will be as follows:

First prize essay—\$25 in Victory bond.

Second prize essay—\$15 in Victory stamps.

Third prize essay—\$10 in Victory stamps.

Fourth prize essay—\$7.50 in Victory stamps.

Fifth prize essay—\$5.00 in Victory stamps.

The statewide prizes offered by the North Carolina Press Association are:

First prize—\$100 Victory bond.

Second prize—\$50 Victory bond.

All Haywood county high school students must enter the contest through their own schools. Every high school principal in the county has been sent full information about the contest. Each high school, public or private, through its principal, will conduct their own contest, and make their selection for entry into the countywide contest.

The county contest will close on December 15, and all entries in the contest must be in the offices of the two county newspapers by that date. The winners of the county prizes will be announced early in January.

As soon as the Haywood winners are announced the first prize essay will be sent to the North Carolina Press Association headquarters to be judged again in the statewide competition. The state-wide winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

All essays should be neatly written (preferably typewritten, though this is not required) on only one side of the paper; not more than 1,500 words in length.

In planning to write their essays in this contest, students should consider the purpose of this competition: "To focus the interest of the present student generation on the place and importance of newspapers in our modern society."

'SINGS' OF BUMMY DAVIS KILLING



HELD AS A MEMBER of the four-man hold-up mob that killed Al (Bummy) Davis, Vincent Giarruffa, 23, answers an official's questions at New York police headquarters, just prior to being taken to a hospital for removal of a bullet from his neck. A strong police guard shielded the hospital against threats that other mobsters were coming to "get" Giarruffa for having given the police too much information. (International)

Ambergris, Plastic Eyes Make Oddities Of News

Nazi gems, plastic eyes, and perfume from the stomach of a sick whale—these were some of the high points of oddities in the news this week as headlines ran a gamut from Christmas sales of precious stones to efforts by the U. S. Navy to help men blinded in the service.

Germany, developments indicated, was to pay a further price for war by helping to relieve the shortage of precious stones on the American holiday market.

Dispatches from Washington said that the Alien Property Custodian is freeing 300,000 rubies, pearls, cats-eyes, and other gems for that purpose. Seized from German-controlled interests in this country, they are being disposed of in bidding, which, in one instance, covered 262 lots of diamonds.

Chief qualifications for purchasers are that bidders must be citizens of the United States, or members of organizations controlled by citizens.

Dental circles in the United States, meanwhile, were studying the future of commercial value of plastic eyes developed by the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., where operations were selected for this work because of their skill in making products coordinated with the functions of muscle tissues.

Commander LaMar W. Harris, of the Naval Dental Corps, revealed then with their subject, "News Serving the Community" write their essays from any angles they choose.

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progress in the field in a discussion between dentists in New York this week.

To date, he said, the development is under military control, but the near future points to general use and production by optical manufacturing companies.

Moving freely in its socket, the plastic eye, he pointed out, is an improvement over every previous artificial eye on the market. It is made the exact size and color of the patient's good eye, with painting of the false iris done at present by experienced workers, mostly Waves, at the hospital.

Close physical examination determines whether the eye should be inserted, but during the last year the hospital has manufactured more than 500 eyes for veterans.

"In time," Commander Harris said, "the price can be made so low that even the lowest income groups will be able to purchase the eyes."

Ambergris, the strange source of perfume bases ejected by sperm whales, found revived news interest through a New York Herald-Tribune story which said that scarcity of whales has cut down the number of discoveries.

Always fabulous in their accidental nature, these discoveries, it was pointed out, lead to small fortunes. Ambergris, an oily, odoriferous substance found as a morbid secretion in the alimentary canal of the whale, is valued at between \$800 and \$1,000 a pound at current prices.

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DEATHS

MRS. IDA GIBSON NOLAND

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Worley's Chapel, union church, Shoal Creek section of Jackson county for Mrs. Ida Gibson Noland, 59, wife of D. Grover Noland, who died at her home in Iron Duff section of Haywood county, at 9:40 p. m. Monday. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Cecil Noland, of Asheville, Kern Noland, Swannanoa, and Robert Noland Newport News, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Ben Watkins, Newport News, Va., Miss Lucille Noland of Waynesville, and Mrs. James Benton, of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Moody of Statesville, and Mrs. Grace Gibson, of Houston, Texas, and seven grandchildren.

Garrett Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN JACKSON FULLBRIGHT

Funeral services were conducted at the Clyde Methodist church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for John Jackson Fullbright, 70, retired farmer of the Fines Creek section of the county, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vance Davis at Clyde, on Friday afternoon. Rev. C. O. Newell officiated. Burial was in Bon-A-Venture cemetery.

Surviving as pallbearers were: J. Dock Noland, Curtis Rogers, Wiley B. Noland, Len Rathbone, Marlan Kirkpatrick and Glenn Beasley.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lelia Rogers Fullbright; three daughters, Mrs. Harrison Davis of Fines Creek, Mrs. Vance Davis of Clyde, and Mrs. Earl Justice of Asheville; three brothers, C. R. Fullbright of Altamaha, Jess Fullbright of Iron Duff, and Charlie Fullbright of Clyde, RFD 1; three sisters, Mrs. Lon Caldwell of Bluff, Mrs. Homer Caldwell of Bluff, and Mrs. Floyd Green of Clyde; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Switzerland is the prostituted "moll" of the world's big crooks. It has more crooked funds and guilty secrets than any other, and the law protects them.

or around the sea and varies in color from white to ash-gray to yellow or black. A typical fairy-tale incident of discovery cited by the Herald-Tribune was that in which James Schurmann, a Canadian visitor from Ottawa, was vacationing at Longport, N. J. Discovering a mass of grey matter in the shoe line, he suspected that it was ambergris and later proved his suspicion when his find was evaluated at \$16,000.

On Leave



FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID H. MICHAL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michal, of the Pigeon section of the county, has arrived in the states after serving in the Pacific theater.

Lt. Michal was attached to the 20th Air Force as a B-29 flight engineer, and was based on Guam and the Marianas. He completed 30 missions against the homeland of Japan. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the air medal with four oak leaf clusters.

At the time he volunteered in the service Lt. Michal was a student at State College, Raleigh.

Refused Drink, Fined \$300

NEW YORK—Racial bias this week cost a New York grill \$300 when an all white jury awarded a verdict in favor of Frank Wilson, a New York Central Railroad cleaner, against O'Gara's Bar and Grill, 393 E. 138th street. Basis of the complaint was alleged refusal of Patrick McKeever, a bartender to serve Wilson a drink, saying: "We do not serve Africans here." Action was brought under provisions of the Civil Rights Laws.

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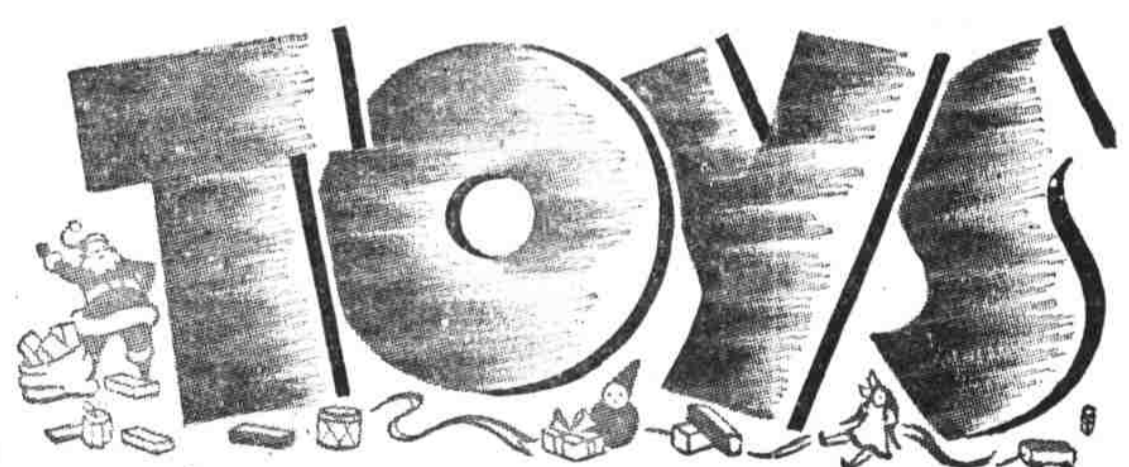
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