

# Girls Prove Better Essay Writers Than Boys in Contest Here

## LEGION AUXILIARY PRESENTS COMPOSITION AWARDS FRIDAY

Local senior and junior high school girls showed they were better essay writers than boys this week when the judges of the American Legion Auxiliary writing contest reported their findings to Mrs. Ethel Sears, chairman of the event. All of the place winners—and there were six—were girls.

The judges, Mrs. Helen Silligo, Mrs. Julia Coucet and Michael Strasser, had no information concerning the identity of the essay writers because there were no names attached, only numbers being used. The awards were made Friday afternoon.

In the senior high school contest, the essay subject being "Why I Believe in Democracy and American Ideals," first place and \$2.50 went to Rudella Bays, junior student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Bays of 1617 Beech. The winner of the junior high school event, where the subject was "How I Can Help to Perpetuate Americanism," was Eileen Whiting, eighth grader and daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Whiting of 1719 Arlington.

**Japanese Girls Win**  
Second place and \$1.00 in the senior high contest went to Lois Jayne Allen, Junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen of 1233 Arlington where Marilyn Strautman, another Junior, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Strautman of 1027 West Maple street, won third place and \$1.

In the junior high school essay division, second place and \$1.50 was awarded Kumiko Sawai, Freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sawai of 3832 Spencer, while third place and \$1 went to Mildred Ikezo, Freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sakoe Ikezo of Spencer and Madrona.

Those who received honorable mention for their excellent essays were: Senior high students Virginia McGinnis, Margie Rusk, Bernard Freedman, Gertrude Harris and Sylvia Portnoy; Junior high students Barbara Woodcock, Jackie Gibbeson, Harashi Hamano, Bob Lewellen, Jr., and Barbara Carstens.

The winning compositions were as follows:

**WHY I BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY AND AMERICAN IDEALS**  
By RUDELLA BAYS  
I believe in democracy and American ideals mostly because I am an American but also because I love freedom. In all the history of the world no more noble men can be found than those who have built America. Erecting on a foundation liberty and from the cellar to the topmost tower, each stone that has been laid is but a part of one of these noble men's contribution to their country.

The mortar that holds these stones together is the blood shed by our forefathers and even our fathers, in the wars to maintain the right for freedom and democracy, a heritage every true American has a privilege to claim. No other country in the world can boast the good-living and luxuries, which are not a novelty, but an every day occurrence in America.

I wonder what would happen if, for one week, the government of Italy, Germany, Russia or Japan would take control of our country and show us easy-going Americans what it is to be pushed around like a pack of mechanical men whose main purpose is to back up their dictator in his mad rush for power over other countries. Leaders whose very life depends upon propaganda—who believe in regimentation and aggression. I wonder if we would be content to live even under these conditions. No doubt, we would be giving Herr Dictator a good swift kick back over the ocean, and calling for our dear, good old Uncle Sam to come rushing back to his own house and straighten out the mess one week's work had left.

**Black Page in History**  
In most of these European countries of which I speak all religion has been banished or abandoned. How could a man believe in God and at the same time calmly kill and prepare to kill thousands of helpless people. How could a man who has any religious instincts in him at all drive out into nowhere women, children, fathers and babies whose only crime has been to be born of Jewish blood?

A hundred years from now our descendants will come across one of the blackest pages in the world's history. A page as black as that which recorded the Christians, tortured in Rome arenas (for Romans knew no better). This page will tell of the banishment and suffering of the Jews in the supposedly civilized twentieth century. Nothing like this would happen, or even be permitted to happen, in America. The lowliest citizen can be assured that he will not be

## Seven Babies Born at Hospital

Seven babies were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thayer of Gardena, yesterday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardy of Redondo Beach, yesterday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Adcock of Lawndale, Tuesday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernard of 1100 El Prado, last Thursday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cammille of Redondo Beach, last Wednesday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Golden of Wilmington, last Friday, and

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Juhasz of 721 Sartori, last Monday.

pushed off into some remote corner of the world for some other government to take care of.

All my life I have been taught to be a good American citizen, in my home and at school. My first ambition is to live up to the high ideals set by the founders of this, my country. And all thru my life, whether I live here or travel abroad, my greatest joy will be that I am an American.

**HOW CAN I HELP PERPETUATE AMERICANISM?**  
By EILEEN WHITING

America is truly the land of golden opportunities. Not for any favored class, but for everyone. Here, the people have the right to elect their leaders, have protection of life, property and character, obtain free education from fine public schools and most of all, freedom of thought, speech and action.

I believe I can help perpetuate Americanism by making the most of our great advantages, being dependable, faithful in the common duties and performing all deeds well, so far as it is in my power. It is my intention to practice fair play and respect for the property of others, co-operating with those about me and endeavoring to maintain a healthy mind in a healthy body.

**Urge for Peace**  
To these I would add reverence for God and respect for those in authority. The president's problems should be considered as individual ones, remembering that his is an office of honor and power, but immediate responsibility. Therefore, I must be interested in all matters that pertain to our government, so that when the time comes to take an active part, I may do so wisely, working in unison with fellow citizens for the common good, supporting our Constitution, loving our country and respecting "Old Glory."

Last, but not least, there is the urge for peace. A good citizen is tolerant and open-minded, standing firm in his or her beliefs and respectfully upholding our leaders, who so painstakingly make laws for our help and guidance. With a thrill I have placed my hand on the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, and stood in the room where the Constitution was framed by our illustrious forefathers. I hope to help continue the grand ideals those early Americans and their successors have passed down thru the ages.

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## Rotary Elects New Directors

At the regular meeting of Torrance Rotary club last week the following were elected directors for the year beginning July 1: Bernhard Bunje, Harold E. Appenzeller, Sherwood McIntyre, T. A. Mitchell and Robert T. McCallum. These five members, with retiring President Harry M. Abramson, will compose the new board for 1939-40.

As soon as President Abramson recovers sufficiently from an attack of influenza, he will call a meeting of the new directors who will elect the new president and vice-president from their membership. Other officers of the club will also be named by the board. All new officers will take office July 1.

**"WE'LL FIGHT!"** . . . Famed pianist and one-time Polish statesman, Ignace Jan Paderewski, above, said in Los Angeles this week that the Poles will never "give up their liberty without a fight." Paderewski arrived in a special car attached to the Pacific Limited for a concert tour.

## S. A. Truck Driver Jailed After Accident

Blaming an unnamed friend who was riding with him for the mishap, William Vincent Lewis, 37-year-old Salvation Army truck driver, faced City Judge Robert Lessing Monday morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He had been arrested following a smash-up of his truck on Highway 101 a mile west of Hawthorne boulevard last Saturday.

"My friend jerked at the wheel," Lewis said. "That caused the truck to swerve into the curbing and turn over. If he had not tried to drive I'd have been alright."

Judge Lessing read the police report of the accident in which officers stated they followed the truck several blocks and noticed it was weaving back and forth "all over the pavement." Lewis plead guilty and was fined \$50 or 25 days in jail. He is working out his time on the new police pistol range.

While police were investigating the crash, an 18-year-old Hermosa Beach youth attempted to make off with a seat cushion and some magazines at the wreck. He was captured by a state highway patrol officer after a chase and charged with petty theft. The youth was released on his own recognizance to appear for trial April 11.

## State Fire Marshal Given "Disaster Truck" in Oregon

Torrance city firemen who have known Jay W. Stevens, state fire marshal, for many years read with interest accounts in Portland (Ore.) newspapers this week about the presentation of a specially-designed "disaster truck" to that veteran official by a Portland business man.

The streamlined truck carries 1,200 pieces of life saving equipment from a complete supply to a portable radio. It will be on exhibition at the San Francisco fair.

## EASTER

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## L. A. Council Asks Federal Aid for Slough Drainage

Copies of a resolution of the Los Angeles city council, urging that everything possible be done to obtain relief for the swamp commonly known as Nigger Slough were enroute to Washington by air mail today. The resolution was introduced by Councilman Franklin Buyer, of the 15th district, which includes the shoestring addition.

**Debris Yields Map of 1800**  
WESTERLY, R. I. (U.P.)—Clearing up the debris of wrecked sheds after the September hurricane, Henry Harvey found a map of Rhode Island in 1800.

## Former Local Girl Mother of Twins

Mr. and Mrs. J. Moffitt (Betty Irwin) of Long Beach are the parents of twins. The infants, a boy and a girl, have been named Bob and Betty. Mrs. Moffitt formerly resided in this city.

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