

### Girls Win All 3 Boys' Week Essay Contest Prizes

#### Judges in Omaha Bee-Peters National Bank Find Merit in Many Papers Submitted.

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balanced lives and making the most of their opportunities, we assure the future happiness of the individual and the success and prosperity of our country."

#### Cogent Thoughts

Cogent thoughts were contained in many of the essays.  
"Men may come and men may go but boys go on forever," said Sam Gifford, 1227 South Thirteenth street, a senior at Central High school.

Mrs. R. A. Sallander, 1919 Emmet street, opens her essay with a question: "After standing to watch one of the largest and most inspiring parades that ever traveled the streets of Omaha, can any red-blooded man or woman ask why boys are the greatest asset of our nation?"

Grace Haney, student at Clifton Hill school, says: "I am afraid that this world of ours would be pretty lonesome if there were no boys."  
Edmund Fulmer of Sacred Heart school bursts into verse with this effect:

"Great boys, small boys, lean boys, brawny boys,  
Dark boys, light boys, tanned boys, freckled boys,  
Serious boys, jolly boys, grave boys, laughing boys."

#### Prize Essays.

Following are the prize-winning essays:

**First Prize, General, \$50.**  
Miss Lella Bon, 212 Morris Apartments.

The strength of a nation is measured not by its coal supply or its food, but by its army or its navy, but by its manhood. The great nations of the world have lost prestige only when the quality of manhood has degenerated.

Material assets have had no direct bearing upon national progress. As are the ambitious principles, ideals of a nation's men, so is that nation itself. If she would have the temple of peace and strength to be permanent, then must the foundation be one of splendid manhood.

Courage, honor, justice, truth, without these virile qualities no nation long endures. They are essentially masculine characteristics, born in the masculine heart.

Every boy has to some extent the fearless nose of Patrick Henry, the honor of George Washington, the idealism of Abraham Lincoln. These instincts, cherished and fostered in boyhood, develop into a bulwark of moral defense that no manhood knows no defeat. The boy is the father of the man.

Impart in the boy are the qualities that have made and have made nations since the world began. This boy is the nation's greatest asset.

#### Fire Wreath, High School, \$25.

(Eather Hamilton, 2116 C street, student South High.)  
The nation's greatest asset, because the coming generations will be founded on the ideals and standards which boys of today are establishing. The standards of today are higher than those of past generations, and because the boys of yesterday, who are the men of today, have developed higher ideals and cleaner morals.

No it is with our boys of today, they are the men of tomorrow. The ideal which they are acquiring now, will carry over, and perhaps be felt more in the next generation than in the present day. It has long been an established fact, that a nation which does not give its youth must weaken and give way to the more civilized and powerful nation, which has recognized the need for progress.

The boys of today must realize that a nation which allows its youth to decline, physically, mentally or morally, is not developing its resources and the result will be a weakening empire.

By its youth the strength of a nation is measured, and the nation which looks to the welfare of its boys will grow powerful in the light of their increased devotion and finer citizenship.

#### First Prize, Grades, \$25.

(Lucile Smith, 424 South Twenty-first street, student Garfield school.)  
The boys of today are the men of tomorrow. The responsibility of the future civilization depends upon them. They must be loyal and trustworthy and must have a good education if they are to be good citizens.

The boys of today will be the builders and business managers of tomorrow. They must build better bridges and roads so that our transportation may be better. They must manage the trade with foreign countries so that our business will grow better.

The boys of today will have the responsibility of the government tomorrow. Some of them will be our senators and representatives. Any boy may rise to the president's cabinet, or even to the presidency itself.

This shows that the boy is the nation's greatest asset and that they must be trained to be good citizens of our country.

#### Sleeping Case Unchanged.

No change is reported in the condition of Mrs. George E. Fisher, who has been ill with sleeping sickness for the last week at her home, 1622 Lothrop street.

## Mother's Day

I wear it for you, O Mother o' Mine,  
Your hopes may I strive to fulfill;  
Your tender caress, O Mother o' Mine,  
It lingers in memory still.  
The prayers you said, the tears that you shed,  
Each kiss from your lips so divine,  
I recall them once more from days gone before,  
To bless me, O Mother o' Mine!

A white rose for you, O Mother o' Mine,  
To mark the long years that have sped  
Since you with a smile, O Mother o' Mine,  
Laid your loving hands on my head.  
The hurts that you bound, the solace you found,  
The love that your heart did enshrine,  
Are memories dear of each vanishing year  
To lead me, O Mother o' Mine!

A red rose for you, O Mother o' Mine  
I would it were given to me  
To bow once again, O Mother o' Mine,  
In evening prayer by your knee.  
To close my tired eyes to your sweet lullabys,  
Your hands in my hair to entwine—  
Be the rose white or red, the prayers you said  
Still guide me, O Mother o' Mine!

WILL M. MAUPIN.



### South Omaha Girl Spells "Rhapsody" at Interstate Contest and Wins

#### Member of Ashland Park School Leads "Sweepstakes" at South Dakota Match.

As representative of Douglas county, Elsie Kopke took "sweepstakes" for written spelling, Friday in an interstate contest at Elk Point, S. D., among 45 contestants from Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Local elimination contests were held in all the counties in March. County Superintendent H. M. Eaton and Mrs. Eaton accompanied Miss Kopke to the competition. She is the daughter of A. H. Kopke, Forty-sixth street and Orchard avenue, South Omaha.

Elsie is in the eighth grade of Ashland Park school district No. 4, said to be the largest rural school in the United States. It has 14 teachers, with Miss Bird Claybaugh, principal. Miss Hazel Larkin is the prize winner's teacher.

"Rhapsody" was the word which won the two-hour contest for Elsie. Ten words were given out at a time and corrected. This process was kept up until only the winner remained.



Elsie Kopke

### Firemen Battle

#### Waldorf Fire as Customers Flee

#### Blaze Originating in Sub-basement Nearly Traps Kitchen Employes; Police Hold Crowd Back.

New York, May 10.—Tons of water were poured into the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today to subdue a fire which, starting in a sub-basement carpenter shop, nearly trapped kitchen employes and spread to the floor before it was checked.

Black smoke billowing through the entire structure quickly emptied the lower floors of employes and guests. The heat of the flames was so intense that firemen several times were driven from the basement.

Thousands of Fifth avenue pedestrians thronged to the scene; traffic was demoralized and firemen were cut off from apparatus until police reserves were called to keep lanes clear. The fire burned for an hour and a half. The loss will be estimated at \$25,000.

A hundred kitchen and laundry employes escaped just in time shouting warnings as they ran through the corridors, and causing scores of guests to make hurried exit.

#### NOTICE!

Liberty Chapter O. E. S. members please make reservation for May 16th six o'clock dinner to Mrs. C. E. White, Kenwood 3754 or to Mrs. C. D. Birkett, Walnut 5534, by Thursday, the 15th.

#### Lundstrom Funeral.

Funeral services for Charles Lundstrom, 75, retired contractor, who died Thursday at his home, 2823 North Twenty-fourth street, will be held Monday, 2 p. m., at the home. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

### SIX STILLS FOUND BY RUM RAIDERS

Omaha liquor raiders were all busy last night, General Prohibition Agent Robert Samardick seizing two stills on a farm nine miles from Omaha and Sgt. Joseph Potach, head of the police morals squad, four stills.

Samardick's raid netted two 50-gallon stills, 54 gallons of mash and 30 gallons of liquor. As a result, Sam Lambardo, Capella Philadelphia, 1124 South Seventh street, and Joe Mangiamello and Leopoldo Richeo, 1223 South Fifth street, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to violate the 18th amendment.

Potach seized three stills, two oil stoves, mash, grain, sugar and liquor at the home of Sam Bisey, 1115 Kavan street. Bisey was not arrested, but will appear in court this morning.

Frank Franks, 1112 North Sixteenth street, was arrested for alleged operation of a still which was seized by Potach with a quantity of mash and liquor.

Franks, with Samardick's prisoners, were released on bond.

### SPELLING CHAMPS TO MEET IN OMAHA

The best spellers from four states will meet in Omaha next May to decide the spelling championship of the middle west, according to a telegram from H. M. Eaton, county superintendent of schools, received yesterday afternoon by the publicity bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Omaha selected unanimously for interstate contest," reads the message from Mr. Eaton, who was a judge in the 1924 contest at Elk Point, S. D.

Elsie Kopke, 13, of Ashland Park school, Omaha, was Douglas county's representative in the contest at Elk Point. Roy W. Eaton of the Omaha School Supply company, Omaha, was contest manager, being author of a contest spelling book.

The annual interstate contest was secured for Omaha by co-operation of the bureau of publicity, Mr. Eaton and J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of Omaha schools. It will bring at least 300 contestants from counties of South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, two being entered from each county represented.

#### POET READS POEMS TO CONTINENTALS

O. Lawrence Hawthorne read some of his original prose and poems Friday noon at the regular weekly luncheon of the Continental club. This Omaha poet made a fine impression with the splendid sentiments expressed and also with the delightful touches of humor which flashed through his lines.

His poems on boyhood days, when he helped father place the hard coal stove, and of the old family photograph album, brought tender recollections back to the minds of some of the club. Mr. Hawthorne was introduced by Austin L. Vickery, chairman of the May entertainment committee. C. D. Robison, president of the Continental club, stated that Omaha should be proud to have a man of Mr. Hawthorne's talent.

Mr. Hawthorne is a descendant of the distinguished Nathaniel Hawthorne.



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### New Tax Cut Bill Passed by Senators

#### Law Proposed by Insurgents of Both Parties Passes in Late Afternoon Session.

Washington, May 10.—Without a record vote the senate adopted just before the final roll call an amendment by Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, increasing from \$2,000 to \$2,500 the exemptions for heads of families with incomes of \$5,000 and over. Heads of families with incomes of less than \$5,000 now have such an exemption.

Twenty-six republicans and the two

farmer-labor senators voted with a solid democratic lineup for the bill. The opposing votes were cast by Senators Ball, Delaware; Cameron, Arizona; Colt, Rhode Island; Cummins, Iowa; Edge, New Jersey; Fess, Ohio; Lodge, Massachusetts; McKinley, Illinois; Moses, New Hampshire; Norbeck, South Dakota; Pepper and Reed, Pennsylvania; Phipps, Colorado; Wadsworth, New York; and Watson, Indiana, all republicans.

Those voting for the bill were:

**Democrats.**  
Adams, Ashurst, Bayard, Broussard, Bruce, Caraway, Dial, Dill, Farris, Fletcher, George, Gerry, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Jones of New Mexico, Kendrick, King, McKellar, Mayfield, Neeley, Overman, Pittman, Ralston, Ransdell, Reed of Missouri, Robinson, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith, Stephens, Swanson, Trammell, Underwood, Walsh of Massachusetts, Walsh of Montana—38.

**Republicans.**  
Borah, Brandegee, Brookhart, Bursum, Capper, Curtis, Dale, Fernald,

Frazier, Gooding, Hale, Harrell, Howell, Johnson of California, Jones of Washington, Keyes, Ladd, McClain, McNary, Norris, Odell, Shortridge, Smoot, Spencer, Stanfield, Sterling, Warren, Weller and Willis—27.  
Farmer-Labor,  
Johnson of Minnesota and Shipstead—2.  
Total, 69.

Washington, May 10.—After two hours acrimonious debate the senate this afternoon struck out of the new revenue bill a provision for an income direct tax on tax exempt securities.

The proposal would have prohibited a taxpayer from deducting non-business losses or interest on certain loans from his taxable income except to the extent where the two items exceeded his income from tax exempt securities.

The senate rejected it by a vote of 45 to 37, reversing an earlier vote, which had adopted it. Nine senators changed their votes on the second ballot to oppose it with party lines completely abandoned.

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