

Junior High Essayist Wins in N. Y. contest

When Karen Carey's English teacher suggested to several members of her eighth grade class that they write essays to submit to a contest in New York City, Karen agreed. The Dallas Junior High School student loves writing (she had already written several science fiction stories), and she was familiar with Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the play on which the essay was to be based.

After reading an essay by DeQuincey entitled "On the Knocking on the Gate in *Macbeth*," (which Karen recalls was "much harder to understand than *Macbeth*"), and rereading the play itself, Karen was ready to write her own essay on "The Validity of Interpreting *Macbeth* as a Dream."

She wrote the paper over a series of weekends, and when she finished at last the essay totalled 2,000 words. Which would have been fine, except that contest rules specified a 500-word maximum. Karen and Elaine Lawrence, her English instructor, cut the essay to 750 words and finally, "by forgetting about the a's and the s," managed to chop the final draft to 502 words.

The contest, which was open to students in grades seven through 12, drew entries from schools throughout New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Three judges read nearly 1,000 essays and selected 23 as finalists. Eight winners were chosen, and Karen—the only junior high school student to win so much as a nod in the finals—won second place honors.

In recognition of her achievement, Karen was invited along with the other eight winners to



Karen Carey, an eighth grade student at the Dallas Junior High School, won second place in a N.Y.C. essay contest recently. She is pictured here receiving a check for \$100 from Cora Gay Carr, contest sponsor, as Alexander H. Cohen, contest judge, looks on.

New York City where she and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carey of Limewood Road, Shavertown, enjoyed the 100th performance of *Macbeth* produced by the Cora Gay Carr Theatrical Productions. A champagne buffet in the Greenwich Village Mercer O'Casey Theatre followed the performance, affording celebrities an opportunity to hob-nob with the young essayists.

The Shavertown winner received, in addition to a certificate lauding her accomplishment, a check for \$100.

Does she have any special plans for the check? "My teacher says I should put it in the bank for the day when I'll be a starving writer," replies Karen, adding with characteristic frankness, "but I hope I won't have to worry about that."

'1776' To Open May 9 On Irem Temple Stage

"1776," the spirited song and dance musical about the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will be brought to the Irem Temple for performances May 9, by a national touring company of 35 actors, singers and dancers. Tickets are now on sale at the Valley Travel and Tour Center.

The only musical ever to be presented in its entirety at the White House (it was to help celebrate Washington's Birthday in 1970), "1776" won the

Tony Award and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award as the best musical of the season.

"1776" opened in New York March, 1969, to one of the most enthusiastic hats-in-the-air critical receptions in years. Clive Barnes of the New York Times said, "I recommend '1776' without reservation. It is a musical with style, humanity, wit and passion . . . It might even run until 1976."

John Chapman, writing in the N.Y. Daily News, said, "1776" is an artistic creation such as we do not often find in our theatre. It is a magnificently staged and stunningly original musical. It is warm, it is funny, it is moving. See "1776" right away," and Richard Coe of the Washington Post called it "something worth cheering, original,

amusing, provocative and inspiring."

"1776" is still drawing capacity crowds in its second year on Broadway.

The story of the shaping and signing of the Declaration of Independence is presented through song, dialogue and even dancing. Humor and dramatic passion mingle as the great minds of the American colonies forge a new nation.

Starring in the large touring company are Don Perkins, as John Adams; Paul Tripp, as Benjamin Franklin; Patrick Hines, as John Dickinson of Pennsylvania; Gary Beach, as Rutledge of South Carolina, Tom Gorman, as Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island and William Jennings, as Thomas Jefferson.



In a scene from "1776" Pat Gorman as Martha, wife of Thomas Jefferson, poses during a shot from the award winning musical to be on the Irem Temple stage May 9.

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Penns Woods Scout Council Holds Dutch Treat Dinner

The eighth annual meeting of Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council was held recently at the Treadway Inn of Wilkes-Barre. Over 400 leaders, delegates and interested volunteers representing counties of Luzerne, Columbia, Carbon, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Wyoming attended the "dutch treat" dinner affair.

Newly-elected officers of the Council are Mrs. Fred Kramer, Bloomsburg, second vice president; Mrs. George Ritchie, Wilkes-Barre, secretary. Elected members-at-large are: Mrs. Frederick Esser and Ethel Price, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. James Evans, Sugarloaf; Mrs. Frederick Haas, Shamokin; Mrs. A. Wesley Hildreth, Pottsville; Mrs. Robert Masoner, Dallas; Mrs. Paul Ofiesh, Mountaintop; Mrs. George Snyder, Hazleton; Mrs. Malcolm Strunk, Kingston; Mrs. George Uritis, Shenandoah; Mrs. E. Eugene Eves, Millville; Mrs. John Friday, Nanticoke. Nominating committee members elected were Mrs. C. Wayne Oberst, Conyngham; Mrs. Augustus Naffin, Schuylkill Haven; Mrs. Snyder, Hazleton; Mrs. Haas, Shamokin. Council elected national delegate is Mrs. Howell, Dallas.

A Program of Harmony was presented by the "Wyoming Valley Chorus," Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Barbershop Singing Society (SPEBSQSA), under the direction of James McColland. Immediately following a special tribute to leaders and assistant leaders in attendance was given in recog-

nition of dedicated service to the youth movement of Girl Scouting. Ceremony featured the presentation of daisies by Senior and Brownie Scouts while a verbal salute with choral background was given by William Zdancewicz, communications director of council. Final selection from the chorus, especially for the leaders and assistants, was "Climb Every Mountain" from *The Sound of Music*.

Awards of Recognition were presented to Mrs. William Heckman, Wilkes-Barre, council-wide chairman of the annual cookie sale; Joseph Nelson, Kingston, chairman of the Wyoming Valley sustaining membership enrollment; and to Mr. and Mrs. George Uritis, co-chairmen of a council campaign held in Shenandoah. Special "surprise" certificates of appreciation were given to Mrs. Rosenn, Mrs. Charles Myers,

Kingston; and Mrs. O. Drew Williams, West Hazleton, for six years service on the council's board of directors.

Mrs. Harry Ruggles, Dallas, dinner chairman presented the Award of Attendance Trophy, and a bronze Girl Statuette to Mrs. Malcolm Strunk, C.A. chairman of Kingston-Forty Fort Area for the largest delegation attending.

Remarks of welcome were given by Mrs. Ruggles and comments of council administration were made by Executive Director, Sally Jarvis, Wilkes-Barre. Bylaw report was given by Mrs. Howell, Dallas; nominating committee report by Mrs. Williams, Sugarloaf; and the report of tellers by Mrs. Keith Bennyhoff, Jim Thorpe. Opening and closing flag ceremonies were executed by Brownie Scouts of Troop 868, Wyoming.

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