

MANY PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON ROADS

FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS

Highway Education Board Offers Cash and Trips to Europe! Is Annual Contest and Many Enter

Offering \$6,500 in prizes for the best essays and lessons on street and highway safety, the Highway Education Board is announcing to the schools the annual safety contest open to elementary school pupils and elementary school teachers of the nation. The competition is conducted each year with the active co-operation of the school authorities.

Based on past experience, officials of the Board say they expect to receive essays, not only from each state in the Union and virtually every city of size, but from the territories and outlying possessions as well, such as Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Canal Zone.

Valuable Prizes
The \$6,500 in prizes is given by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, and this year includes 442 state prizes for elementary school pupils, three national prizes for pupils and three national prizes for elementary school pupils, three national prizes for teachers, the latter totaling \$1,000 in cash. In addition, the pupil and the teacher whose essay and lesson respectively are chosen as the best in the nation are given a trip to Washington with all expenses paid, no matter from what section of the country they may come.

This year, according to the rules, pupils are to write essays of 500 words in length on the subject "Why We Have and Practice Traffic Rules." Teachers are given the subject "Objectives and Methods of Education in Street and Highway Safety," on which they are asked to prepare practical lessons for use, not alone in their own class rooms, but by other teachers in the class rooms of the nation as well. Pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades may compete, while all teachers in the eighth and lower grades are eligible participants.

In the past six years it is estimated that more than 2,500,000 elementary school pupils and perhaps half a million teachers, have written essays and lessons on the various subjects assigned in connection with these contests, which have proved to be not only the most sustained national competitions open to the schools, but among the most popular as well. An average in excess of 400,000 pupils

write essays each year, it is said, while approximately from 60,000 to 80,000 teachers write and teach safety lessons to their pupils.

Three Groups
The amount of \$6,500 in prizes is divided into three groups, of which more than half goes to pupils as state prizes. Altogether, 442 cash prizes and the same number of gold, silver and bronze medals are offered pupils who find their names on this safety honor roll of the nation.

Each state and territory is entitled to one first prize and one second prize. The first prize is a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars; the second award is a silver medal and a check for ten dollars. The number of third prizes, bronze medals and checks for five dollars, varies in proportion to the elementary school enrollment, New York, with its dense population being entitled to twenty-five, Indiana, to eleven, Florida to four and Nevada to one, to cite certain examples. These prizes are distributed through the State Departments of Education.

In Competition
Finally, the essays which are chosen as best from the states are entered in competition with each other. The best of these papers earns for the writer a gold watch and a trip to Washington with all expenses paid, while the second and third national awards are handsome gold watches of suitable value and design.

Teachers are not given state prizes, but the three lessons chosen as best of all those written throughout the nation earn for their writers checks in the amount of \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively, and the teacher whose lesson is ranked first also is invited to come to Washington as the Board's guest.

The third division of the prize money is set aside for the travel expenses and entertainment of the pupil and teacher whose essay and lesson earn national honors.

IS IT MASSACRE YEAR?

Some one has said of the successful American politician that to him every disagreement is a quarrel, every quarrel a fight and every fight a massacre. —Woman's Home Companion.

WHY BRONCHOS BUCK

Now we know why bucking bronchos buck. They live on wild oats. —Woman's Home Companion.

WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE

Some one has said that the two most important things in life are the world and the people in it. —The American Magazine.

THE SPOILERS

A philosophical observer in the Woman's Home Companion declares that most everyone has spoiled, is spoiling or helping to spoil somebody.

GUEST DRIVER HELD LIABLE IN RULING

INTEREST TO MOTORISTS

Report on Case in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Holds For Wife of Owner Killed in Crash

A decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, of importance to the motorists of the country, has just been rendered affecting the guest liability rule, according to the legal department of the American Motorists' association, in co-operation with the Automobile Club of Illinois.

A car owner with his wife left Boston for another Massachusetts point and invited a guest to ride. After driving for two hours, the owner asked the guest to drive. The guest did so, wrecking the car, killing the owner and badly injuring the owner's wife, who subsequently sued the guest for damage.

On the question of liability, the lower court held that the guest was not liable, being the agent of the owner, who was held negligent in permitting the guest to operate the car at a speed of about 50 miles per hour. At the time of the crash, the owner and wife were sitting in the rear.

High Court Reverses

The higher courts reversed the decision, holding that the wife might recover from the guest-driver on the grounds that the accident was caused by the negligence of the guest, and that the husband's negligence in permitting the guest to drive so fast was not material. "The defendant owed the plaintiff a duty not to drive in so reckless a manner and with such gross negligence as to injure her. Although driving the car at the time as the agent of her husband, the duty was none the less binding upon him," the higher court declared in reversing the decision, and awarding the wife \$4,000 damages.

The decision is regarded as an important one by the association, pointing out that the courts are adopting a very stringent rule in most jurisdictions, holding the motorist not only accountable for his own negligence, but imputing to the owner's agent any act of neglect which results in injuries to others.

The best equipment an ultra-modern writer of history or biography can have is a well developed sense of smell for scandal.

HINTS FOR THE HOME

by Nancy Hart
To ring the doorbell, to open the door, to enter the house—isn't this always an adventure, when you call at another's home?

The personality of the house is first felt in the hall, which should extend a cheery welcome to the family returning from the outside, and offer to strangers as a cordial hospitality. This may be expressed by an arrangement of bright pictures, hung at either side of a central mirror or by a larger picture, with a mirror on the opposite wall. Another plan is to hang the mirror between two lamp brackets over the hall table, with a group of color prints on another wall. Or a colorful wall hanging may be used above the table to provide a background for candle sticks and a pottery bowl vase.

So much depends on first impressions—and in the hall good one can be achieved so easily!

HEAT ON COLD FACTS

Confront the average politician with a cold fact and you get a hot denial.—Farm & Fireside.

SEES MALES AS LOUD SPEAKERS

Ask a man for information, says a woman critic in The American Magazine, and no matter what the subject, nine out of ten of them will have a beautiful time enlightening you on it.

DRESSING TABLES PRUDES

Dressing tables don't seem to have heard that skirts are being worn shorter and window curtains are too high waisted to be in fashion, observes the impressionable student of house furnishings.—Woman's Home Companion.

Will somebody write an anthem or do something to do justice to the unknown voter?—Los Angeles Times.

If we were a silk hose manufacturer we would be living in fear all the time that some chemist might invent a silk paint for the girls' legs and so put us out of business.

Mayor Walker of New York is going to Florida, so he says, for a real rest. How is he going to keep away from the hungry real estate gents?

Paris police have issued an order prohibiting jaywalking. We hope this isn't a subtle slap at our tourists.

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