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ESSAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Dr. W F Sanders, chairman of the judging committee, announced this week the winners of the essay contest of the Platte County Historical Society, which was sponsored by County Superintendent Vera Tibbetts and who donated the cash prizes. Early this spring pupils of all the rural schools and elementary grades of the city schools were invited by Mrs. Tibbetts to submit compositions to a committee picked from the membership of the Historical society. The two-fold purpose was to develop information on the rich field of Platte County lore and to stimulate interest in the work of the society. All essays remain the property of the local county group and are filed in the archives.

The decision of the judges, as released by Dr. Sanders is as follows:

First prize of $10 went to Esther Kisker, Stillings school, on the subject: "The World's Hemp Center." Jean Grisham, Hazelwood school, was adjudged second with "Development of Churches in Platte County." A tie for third honors occurred between Leonard Stubbs, Brink school, on "The Natural Resources of Platte County" and Ward Brown Stuckey with his "Thru the Years With Prairie Point School." Mary Frances Willis, Dunbar school, Platte City, was fourth with "History of Our School."

Nearly fifty essays were submitted. "The number of exceptionally well-written essays crammed with most valuable historical data made judging very difficult," stated Dr. Sanders. The results were amazing, he said.

Committee judges were: Dr. Sanders, Mrs. P J Bless, jr., Weston; Mrs. W A McDowell, Dearborn; Mrs. Winnie Shafer, Edgerton; Judge John R Stubbs, Camden Point; Max Jones, Platte City; Wilfred Evans, Parkville.

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