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Realtors Announce Contest Winners!

Aquinas Senior - Nazareth 'Frosh' Win First-Third Prize U.S. Bonds

An Aquinas Institute senior won first prize and a Nazareth Academy freshman won third prize in the Real Estate Board of Rochester Essay Contest on "What the Bill of Rights Means To Me" according to word received from Robert S. Elwell, Executive Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Gerwickas, 682 Hudson Ave. in St. George Parish, will be awarded a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond to be presented by realtor Arthur L. Sekol, Chairman of the Board's Public Relations and Realtor Promotion Committee at the Annual Installation Dinner Meeting in the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom



Richard Gerwickas, 17, and Joyce Tasketta, 14, students at Aquinas Institute and Nazareth Academy respectively, smile when informed of their prize winning entries in the 1956 Real Estate Board Essay Contest among local high school students. (Casey Photo).

Thursday, January 31st at 7 p.m. A second prize of \$50 in U. S. Bonds will go to Ruth Evans, 17, daughter of Mrs. Joyce Merrill, 111 Parkway, a student of Jefferson High School.

The Third prize of \$25 in U. S. Bonds will be presented to Joyce A. Tasketta, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tasketta, 65 Canterbury St. in Blessed Sacrament Parish. She is a student of Nazareth Academy.

The three winners will be in attendance at the Installation Dinner Meeting to receive their awards. Richard Gerwickas is trying hard for a scholarship to St. John Fisher College where his older brother Edward is a sophomore. Joyce Tasketta plans on completing her education at Nazareth College from where her two older sisters graduated. The oldest, Josephine, is now studying for her Ph.D. at the University of Paris on a Fulbright Scholarship reported recently in the Courier Journal. The other sister, Mary Rita, is taking her

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Master's degree at Ohio University.

The top essay entered in the national competition by the National Association of Real Estate Boards held in Washington, D. C. on Jan. 15 was won by Charlene Alto Brownwell, 17 year-old high school student from Schenectady, N. Y.

Text of the prize winning essay by Richard Gerwickas follows:

When asked the meaning of the Bill of Rights concerning myself, I stopped and wondered, recalling the basic freedoms enumerated in the document, and what they meant. But in answering the question of what it meant to me, I find that the answer is twofold. First and foremost, the Bill of Rights means a privilege to me, as well as to other Americans. Secondly, it is an obligation; an obligation that I, and all other Americans, must try to fulfill.

By a privilege, I mean many different things. The Bill of Rights gives me these many privileges which have been fought for through the years. The Bill of Rights means that I can and may believe what I wish, and not fear punishment for my beliefs. It means that I may speak freely, criticize, and tell others of my complaints. The Bill means that I will never have to do anything to which my conscience objects. And in the event that I am accused of doing wrong, I know that I will receive absolute fairness, that I will always receive justice. The Bill of Rights guarantees my possession of the free will and rights given to me by my Creator.

This privilege, which I, as an American, will always demand was bought with the blood and work of other Americans. It was given to me, and I did nothing that would merit such a reward. Yet, if it was taken from me, I would protest violently. Then I have an obligation, since commutative justice demands compensation for this gift. I, as well as all other Americans, have a moral obligation to defend this gift. But what can I do? I could vote, if I were old enough, but I am not. I can encourage others to vote. I can keep well informed of the issues at stake, so that I might be of aid in helping others formulate their opinions, to make a wise choice when they vote. By speaking and writing to others of this obligation, I could help them appreciate their gift. And perhaps, by this last action, I can indirectly cause others to demand justice for the suppressed and bring about their freedom, and thus lighten my burden of obligation.

Therefore, the Bill of Rights means a privilege, and an obligation, to me. As a privilege, I should use my rights, having my own interest in matters concerning my country, expressing my opinions by voting, since the vote is one of the most powerful weapons I have against oppression, to protect this privilege, and in that way fulfill my obligation. Then again, I must help others gain these same rights, as others have given them to me.

REAL ESTATE BOARD DINNER SCHEDULED

The Annual Installation Dinner Meeting of the Real Estate Board of Rochester Inc. will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday, January 31st. It has been announced. An informal reception is scheduled for the Victorian Room at 6:15 p.m. with the dinner in the Ballroom to follow at 7 p.m.

Officers and directors for 1957 will be installed by Carl A. Wilsey, Immediate Past President of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards. The meeting will be under the direction of Palmer H. Teiler, Program Committee Chairman. Featured on the program will be the award to the "Realtor of the Year."

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