

Winner Announced in Democracy Essay Contest at Bloomfield Village School

Winners have been named for a democracy essay contest held at the Bloomfield Village School.

Ruth Harrell, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harrell, Williamsburg road, was first-place winner. Last night, she was awarded her prize, a Columbia Encyclopedia.

Second place was given to William Waterbury; third place to Viva Jean Steger; fourth to Marilyn Harris; and fifth to Nell Dostal. Honorable mention went to Betty Jo Lander. Wilfred O'Clocker every Wednesday is the deadline for turning in your classified "Want Ads."

Prize, Marjorie Uebel, and John Patten.

The winning essay is as follows:

BY RUTH HARRELL

America democracy may be defined as a government in the United States for the people, of the people and by all of the people living in the United States.

I do not think that the government in the United States should be called a pure democracy but a representative democracy because the mass of the people do not have a direct say in the government. They have representatives and senators to represent them in the government and to express their wishes on bills and

other items of importance. To show exactly what I think that American democracy is the best form of system of government, I will take the government of the United States and compare it with the government of other countries such as England, Germany, Russia, and Italy.

Comparison

To begin with I will compare the government of the United States with that of England. Most people term England's government today as a kind of democracy. Although England has a king he has very little to do with the English government. In reality the Prime Minister acts as our president; his House of Lords corresponds to our present day Senate, and his House of Commons to our House of Representatives. Yet, even though we speak of England as a democracy it is not a real one. It is only a government called a democracy. I think that the

British government is not a democracy as an oligarchy is a form of the real democracy. The Prime Minister has almost complete control over the government, and although both the House of Commons and the House of Lords do have a certain distinguished voice in the government, the people, not the people occupied in politics, but the people of the lower class and middle class do not have the say in the government that is needed to class that government as a pure democracy or even a representative democracy. Therefore we see that England in my way of thinking may be termed as an oligarchy which does not and can not give a direct say to the people of the government of the United States of America.

Now I will compare the government of the United States with that of Germany. In my opinion Germany is living under the worst and lowest form of government existing today. We all know that the government is a dictatorship. We might say, and entirely controlled by one man, the dictator Hitler. Hitler, in my opinion, is a very clever man but one day we will see changes in Germany. The people in Germany do not have any say whatsoever in their government. They merely do and say what they are told to do and say and they never have the right to express themselves in any way at all. It is very difficult even to compare the government of Germany with that of the United States. The people living under the democracy in the United States should be grateful that they are not living under a dictatorship. While we have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of thought, the people in Germany may not go to church and may not write what they know is true; they must say exactly as they are told to do like toys.

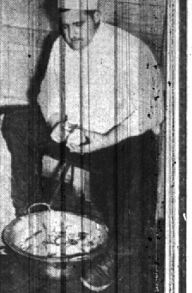
The government of Russia is also a dictatorship. We do not hear about Hitler these days but he is still dictating to Russia. The government in Russia controls all of the factories and land, everything in Russia. Although there is a government in Russia, it is a government of communist men. No one in Russia can progress any farther in their own way of living than the government wishes them to. Every person is given the same amount of money and they are all equal. Even if one person is turned out much better than another, still he will get the same amount of money on a daily basis. This is the way a communist government is operated and it is not for the benefit of the people. The people are not really free like in America but they are like slaves working for masters. Although we hear very little about the people in Russia they are probably in a state of slavery, but I do not think that they are slaves and I think that they know it is true and going on in the government. The government does not provide schools like ours and the children do not have the opportunity to learn the truth about their own government much less about the government of other countries. Russia is a state of slavery, law and the people live in filthy and unsanitary homes. Their government does not help them to live in better ways and a more clean and higher life but you might even say it hindered them in their work and living of every day. Russia's government is not even comparable to that of ours; it has none of the qualities or advantages of the United States democracy today.

Dictatorship in Italy

The people in Italy are also living under a dictatorship, but I believe that Mussolini has helped the people in Italy rather than hindered them. He has built schools and let the people into greater prosperity than they had when King Victor Emmanuel ruled them. Their standard of living has risen, but although Mussolini has improved their government it is still a long way from being any where near the standards of our government. The people are not free to do and say as they wish and they do not have any say in the government. Italy is a state of living under higher standards than either Germany or Russia, but still their standards are much lower than ours that it is difficult to compare their government with that of ours. They do not have the advantages and are not free to express themselves in any way whatsoever.

I think democracy is one of the most ideal things now in existence. Ever since 1776, this wonderful country of ours has been working up to its highest peak in government. May God grant us that we have reached such a substantial peak that war-torn Europe and Asia will have no effect upon the government that belongs to every citizen of the United States. The government that is so beautiful and that is loved by all governments in the world, a government that is so pure it is ready to serve for your own wish part of 10 to 12 years in government that will exist until the end of the world. In our country there is an everlasting life and freedom which shall prevail always. Since the first meager beginning of our democracy we have worked to perfect its ways, until today we have as president Mr. Roosevelt, man that the majority of the citizens of the United States elected. Ever since Washington was elected president, some people have disliked each president. Yet, it is the citizens who elected him and we should all realize that fact. The mere fact that the mass of the people wanted the elected man should be enough to change their minds to loyalty for the man who will lead the United States for four years, the man to whom millions of lives are entrusted. I myself believe that the only way point in our government today is

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Fire Department Stages Inspection

Birmingham model fire department staged an inspection of the city's fire department on Tuesday night in the annual inspection of the City Commission. The inspection was held at the city's fire department and was held in the city's fire department. The inspection was held in the city's fire department and was held in the city's fire department.

Three Bike Thefts Are Reported

Several bicycle thefts have been reported to police. The first theft was reported in the city's fire department. The second theft was reported in the city's fire department. The third theft was reported in the city's fire department.