

Winners In County Soil Essay Contest Selected



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James Bloy, town of Hobart, Jerome Cherney, Lynch school, New Denmark, and Ralph Wilcox, town of Lawrence, left to right, received prizes of defense savings stamps for the composition of the best essays on "Why We Need a Farm Program During Wartime," sponsored by the Brown county AAA office. Cherney took first prize, Bloy second and Wilcox third.

Jerome Cherney's Paper Given First Place Stamp Award

Jerome Cherney, Lynch school, New Denmark, took first prize in the contest for the best essay on the subject of "Why We Need a Farm Program During Wartime," sponsored by the Brown county AAA office and received a \$5 defense savings stamp for his trouble. Second and third prizes went to James Bloy, town of Hobart, and Ralph Wilcox, town of Lawrence, respectively.

Following is Cherney's prize-winning composition:

Now, more than ever, farmers have the need of a "National Farm Program," a program that will help to save our soil, help us to get better prices for our products, and keep us out of debt.

Must Conserve Land

In earlier years when a farmer's

soil wore out he simply moved west, but now all of our land is settled and we must conserve the land we have. One of the mistakes farmers made was to cut all the trees from his hillsides. There was nothing to hold the soil and so it was washed away. Erosion went unchecked and deep gullies formed. Then this land was useless. When soil wears out two acres usually produce the amount of one acre of good soil. This means more taxes, more plowing, and more seed. The products are smaller and of less value. The farmer loses credit and gradually turns toward debt. The family is gradually starved off the farm.

A handicap to higher farm prices is unorganization. A single farmer can not do much, but a group of farmers can. Other groups of labor such as industry and business have organized and gone ahead. They can force a farmer to sell his products at a low price and pay a high price for theirs. There are two armies fighting this war, The soldiers fighting with guns, tanks, airplanes and

ships is the first army. The second army is the people working for defense and those producing food. The soldiers in training and fighting on the front need plenty of good food to do their jobs well. A farm program will help to produce this food. The defense workers are also working harder than before the war. They need more nourishing food to keep them going.

Unity Is Essential

With the food the United States has been sending them, and with the food they have, Great Britain has been able to stand the blast their enemies have been giving them. Every citizen of the United States can feel safe behind a good farm program. The farm program is now going into its ninth year. Before this war is over, a full farm program is expected. We can get this only if all unite and use all possible soil and use it wisely. A farm program is vital for defense it is an important step in defeating our enemies.