

Hospital Prize Winning Essays

Prize winning essays on "Why Grundy County Should Have a Hospital" are printed below. Essays submitted by first and second prize winners for the rural schools and for the town schools are being published. The essays were limited to 200 words each.

First Prize \$10 for Rural Schools Pauline Luchtenburg, Colfax No. 6

Twelve persons injured and two die in auto and bus collision southwest of Grundy Center! These people were badly in need of hospitalization and they were too seriously injured to be moved any great distance.

Perhaps these two lives could have been spared if we in our city would have had a hospital.

Cornpicker catches fire! C. L. Beedy dies of third degree burns on face and chest. Here again lack of proper medical aid was the major cause of another loss of life. Although these instances are only fictional, they could too easily be true to life. Any one of these unfortunate victims could have been you or a loved one.

Please let your donation be a generous one when you are asked to give toward this worthy cause. Help to make it possible for our community to have a hospital where modest but efficient aid may be administered to those in need of it.

Second Prize, \$5, for Rural Schools Herman Beenken, Morrison

"Is there time? Can he be saved?" sobbed the young mother. "If only there were a hospital closer, the chances would be greater." A few minutes later the telephone rang and answering it she found the boy had died. The doctor informed her time had defeated them. A few minutes more would probably have saved his life.

This, of course, isn't a true story but similar incidents have occurred and will continue if something isn't done. Grundy county is a rich county with many acres of good land. Can't we afford to give something back for the betterment of our community? A hospital in Grundy county would save lives, suffering, worry, and expenses. People would be able to visit friends and relatives more often. With the rationing we also would save tires.

Grundy county should adopt as its motto, "Where there is suffering—give care." We all know here are sickness and accidents here. I think a hospital would bring better doctors and make us outstanding as a county.

There is everything to gain and nothing to lose. Let's all push to-

gether and put this over. We have the building, but let's make it a hospital. Grundy County Needs a Hospital!

First Prize, \$10, for Town Schools Written by Arthur Bein of Beaman Consolidated School

Grundy county should have a hospital because it is one of the richest counties in the state in good farm land and its products. So the inhabitants are entitled to good and convenient medical care.

The purpose of a hospital is not only to take care of the sick, but to prevent poor health. During the last war many farm boys were rejected for physical reasons. If these boys had had an opportunity to go only a few miles to a health center for physical check-ups when they were younger, many of their defects might have been corrected.

Anyone who has been a patient in a hospital knows what it means to have visitors. Being able to talk for a few minutes with some of the family often helps more than a lot of medicine. No one living in Grundy county would be very far from their relative who might be in the hospital. Often time is a factor in saving a life and the nearer the hospital and doctors the better.

Most doctors of the present day want to be associated with a hospital. So I feel a hospital would draw good doctors to our county and in that way give more people a chance to consult specialists.

Second Prize, \$5, for Town Schools Written by Carol Thuesen of Dike Consolidated School

Grundy county needs a hospital. In case of an emergency, distance may mean the saving of a life. The surrounding hospitals are many times filled to capacity and because of lack of room, it means one would have to go still farther away.

Many of our small towns have no doctors. At the present time it is almost impossible to get a doctor to make a call in the country. If we had a hospital, I believe this situation would be taken care of.

Grundy county is one of the best counties in Iowa and better qualified to have a hospital than many other counties. If we had a hospital nearby, I believe many who otherwise would hesitate to go because of being so far away from home would take advantage of its care and services. Every county should have a hospital in order to guard the health of the people.

City Funeral Is Set For J. B. Fleming, Killed In California Car-Truck Crash

Funeral services for J. B. Fleming, 29, who was killed Friday in



a train-truck collision near Clovis, Calif., will be held at the Estel funeral home at 3 p. m. Thursday with burial in Riverside. Jerald Binford Fleming, son of J. Walter and Iva Binford Fleming, was born Oct.

J. B. Fleming 19, 1918, near Whitten. At the age of 9 he moved with his parents to a farm south of Beaman, where he was graduated from the high school in 1937.

He attended Marshalltown Junior college, Iowa State college at Ames and was graduated from the college of commerce at the

State University of Iowa in 1943. Upon entering the navy he trained at the midshipman's school at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., and the navy supply school at Harvard university.

He was married to Laura Johnson Aug. 18, 1946 at Marshalltown after which the couple moved to Clovis, Calif., where he was employed by the Allied Equipment company of Fresno, Calif.

Survivors are his widow and his parents.

Mr. Fleming was a member of the Methodist church until moving to California where he and Mrs. Fleming joined the Christian church at Fresno.

Mr. Fleming was a former Marshall county Four-H club member, a member of Phi Tau Theta, Methodist collegiate fraternity of Iowa State college, and the Youth Temperance council of Marshalltown.

By PAUL FRIGGENS.

"Railroad Avenue," by Freeman H. Hubbard.

If you've ever bent an ear to a "singing" rail or thrilled to the long, mournful wail of a locomotive whistle, doubtless you will be able to settle down for an adventurous and profitable evening with this latest saga of "high iron."

Mr. Hubbard, who edits a railroad magazine for his work and delves into the same field as a hobby, has put together a sound collection of the great stories and legends of the rails. Additionally, the book is amply illustrated including rare old prints and a recent photo of Casey Jones' storied fireman, Sim Webb, who jumped from the engine with Casey 45 years ago. Webb is still living at 862 Latham street, Memphis, Tenn.

Here is Sim's eye-witness account of the wreck; the lore of the mighty "Jawn" Henry; the legend of Kate Shelley who at 15 crossed the Des Moines river bridge one wild stormy night in 1881 to save a train; the story of the terrible Hinckley (Minn.) forest fire and the engineer who raced thru it to rescue a town; and other equally superb tales.

A final chapter, "Railroad Lingo," appears to define everything from "air monkey" (air brake repairman) to "zoo keeper" (gate tender at a passenger station). This is the most complete vocabulary of the trainman this reviewer has seen since Lucius Beebe's colorful "High Iron" published a few years back.

Beaman

Beaman — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edling and daughter Nancy of Moorehead, Minn., were visitors Monday at the T. L. Evans home.

Marie Meir of Denver, Col.; Mrs. George Rohwer of Grundy Center; Mr. and Mrs. Dilman Daggett and family of Conrad and Ronald Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zink and family were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe at a birthday dinner in honor of Gene Rowe. 1-10-46

The members of the Beaman Rebekah Lodge held a covered dish supper Friday evening in the lodge rooms for their families, about 40 being present. Movies were shown by Ronald and Donald Kaufmann and Leon Webb. Mrs. Russell McKinney sang two numbers, Mrs. Myers played two piano solos and Mrs. Ronald Kaufmann gave several readings.