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HAMILTON IN F.F.F. TRIUMPH AGAIN!

HAMILTON HAS DONE IT AGAIN!!!!

Yes, it was made official yesterday that Yankeeville had won a sixth Freedoms Foundation Award for its latest entry, which depicted the democratic way in which the Hamilton elections are conducted.

The first word of victory was received Thursday, February 16, when Mrs. Gertrude MacQueen, sponsor of Hamilton Student Government, received a reply of the telegram that Walker Brown had composed and she had sent to W. "Tom" Sawyer of the Freedoms Foundation Committee in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

In the past, the Freedoms Foundation has notified the winners before their success has been publicized in the daily papers. This year, however, no notification was sent by the committee. After a long impatient wait, Mrs. MacQueen's curiosity got the best of her—and the following wire was dispatched to Valley Forge to Mr. Sawyer:

"Win, place, show, also ran, or perhaps confused with another Hamilton school? We have high hopes for our unusual photographic entry on learning to vote. Please give us the word by wire collect. We can take it and still love Freedoms Foundation. . . (Signed) Walker Brown, Principal; Gertrude MacQueen, Sponsor, Student Body Government, Alexander Hamilton High School; 2955 Robertson Blvd., L. A. 34."

TOM SAWYER REPLIES

"Tom" Sawyer immediately re-

plied with a telegram of his own.

The wire read: "Worry causes ulcers. Watch the papers February 22. Will see you in May. . . . (Signed) Tom Sawyer."

The final few words were the indication of victory for Hamilton. A sixth award had been won!

This year's entry consisted of a series of photographs and other data on Hamilton's democratic elections. Dan Langford, student photographer, who received the Student Body Cabinet award last semester from Howard Landesman for his fine work on the project, snapped the pictures.

Among the various pictures were shots of the Student Body Installation, signing up to vote, campaign posters, election results, the nomination assembly, and voting. Included in the entry was a reproduction of Kent Lewis's, S'55 vice presidential report, and a foreword written by various students entitled "The Why of Student Body Elections."

FIRST AWARD

Hamilton won the first of its six awards in 1951 with a project entitled "Teaching Democracy in a Modern High School." The entry depicted the teaching of democracy in every kind of classroom. It was brought out through photographs, too. A record of 50 students, discussing the planning of the project, was also shipped to Valley Forge as part of the entry.

With this victory, Hamilton became the first school in Southern California to win a Freedoms Foundation Award. Marvin Zigman, Student Body president

at the time, and Mrs. MacQueen, sponsor of Student Body government, represented Yankeeville at Valley Forge where the awards were presented.

A second award was given in 1952 for the entry called "Free Enterprise—The American Way of Life." This project illustrated the relation of Free Enterprise to our standard of living, and compared our standard (United States) to the rest of the world. The entry showed how here in this country, Free Enterprise enables everyone to choose his occupation and puts no limits on how far he can go in his field. Miss Nora McNeese and Bob Hubbell, Student Body president, at the time, made the trek to the East.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH

Miss Anna Mae Mason and Gary Jacobs, another of Hamilton's fine student body presidents, made the migration to the East in 1953 when the third project entitled "Youth Builds for Tomorrow," came away with high honors for the school once more. This entry consisted of examples of the genius of American youth, speeches for freedom which were presented by students, youth's acceptance of responsibility, youth in training for the future, and many other examples of the way in which the younger generation builds a better America.

Award number four, also in 1953, found Mrs. Anna von Poederoeyen, Federalist sponsor, and Woody Bennett and Dick Schoen, student directors of the second Hot Rod Jamboree, wending their way East to accept a special award in the name of our already well-

known school. The project in this case was the Hot Rod Jamboree, originated by the Federalist, and how this event furthered community relationships. The Jamboree was displayed through pictures and posters which had been made for the original occasion, and letters of commendation received by the student body from public officials stating what a worthwhile project the actual event had been.

Hamilton's "Hall of Historic American Flags" is a result of the fifth project entered by the school. This entry consisted of cloth flags made by the sewing classes, drawings of the most important flags in American history, essays about each of the flags, and an assembly which brought the flags and their significance to the attention of the entire school.

Jeff Harris, student chairman of the Freedoms Foundation committee for that year, and Camillo Guercio, Co-ordinator of Activities, journeyed to Valley Forge to represent Hamilton for the fifth time. **HAMILTON TOPS THEM ALL**

As far as anyone at this school knows, Hamilton is the only school in the entire nation that has come away with top honors six consecutive times.

Once again, Hamilton has done its part to prove the high caliber of American youth and has also proved the value of student government in the public school. Winning in Freedoms Foundation competition is becoming a tradition at Hamilton.