Award To 11-Year-Old F.D.R. Essay Winner

The F.D.R. Club's essay contest came to a grand close on Sunday, January 26. The winner, 11-year-old Judy Kueskin, president of the AGO Club, received as a prize for her winning essay, a beautifully framed picture of the late President Roosevelt. The contest, an essay entitled "Why I Think F.D.R. Was a Great Man," was aimed to celebrate the birthday of F.D.R. The prize which was donated by Herbert Yelin, was awarded at the regular Sunday program for children. A collection was made by the club for the March of Dimes campaign.

Why I Think F.D.R. Was A Great Man

I remember when F.D.R. died. His coffin was pulled by horses along the streets in Washington. Thousands of people gathered along the streets to pay him homage — people of all colors, creeds and nationalities. I remember people's faces in the news-reels; the women crying; the men solemn and sad. He died at an important time in history. We were about to win victory over Germany and we lost him.

F.D.R. was not afraid to say what he thought even if some important people disagreed with him. He fought with all the strength in his afflicted body and his great heart for the common man. He was a friend to everyone, no matter what color, religion or nationality. His dearest wish was to improve the living conditions of the poor.

F.D.R. was a wonderful man and his name will be a bright milestone in the hearts of all people forever.

Prize-winning Essay by Judy Kueskin, 11 Years Old

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I thought that you might like to read the essay that my grand daughter wrote about your dear departed husband and the man whom we treasured as our dearest friend.

Therefore I am enclosing.

Kueskin
I am living in Florida but my grand daughter and her parents live at 29 Pierce Pl., Stamford, Conn.

I would appreciate it very much, if you could send her a note.

Of course she does not know that I have sent the essay to you.

Thank you very much and I shall always be grateful.

Sincerely,

Bernice J. Kweakum
1525 Meridian Ave.