Panik, Kinney, Belt awarded top prizes

Melvin Panik of Wainwright, Chandra Kinney of Ketchikan and Cammy Belt, also of Ketchikan, have been awarded top state prizes in their respective class divisions of the Elmer's Natural Wonders 'National Glue-Craft Contest." State winners' projects are now in New York City for the National competition, which concludes on April 12.

Melvin, age 6, of Wainwright, recieved first place in the preprimary through grade 2 division with his free-form poster of a seal. A kindergarten student of Esta Finley at Wainwright Village School, Melvin will receive a walkie talkie as his prize.

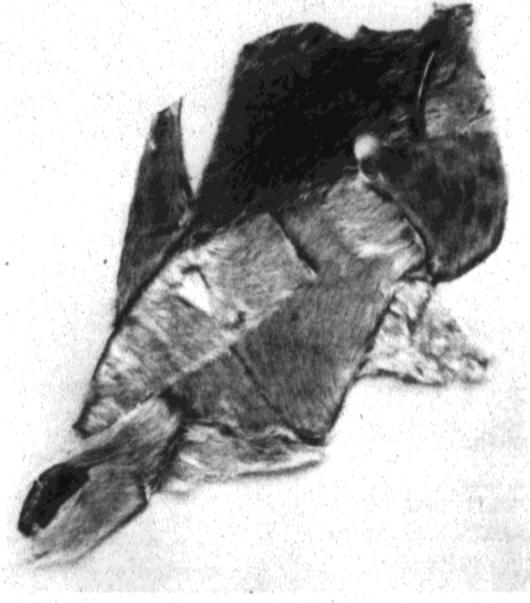
Chandra, age 10, of Rt. 1, Ketchikan, placed first in the grades 3 to 5 division with the three-dimensional wood plaque with flowers made of glass stained with food coloring. A fith grade student of Mike Wisnewski at Valley Park Elementary School, Candra receives a cassette recorder.

Cammy, age 11, of Chatam St., Ketchikan, placed first in the grades 6 to 8 division with a highly detailed shadow box diorama of a scene from nature. A sixth grade student of Mr. Wisnewski at Valley Park, Cammy will receive a portable eight-track player.

The theme of the 1976-77 glue-craft contest, "Natural Wonders," was designed to encourage students interested in environmental study. Students were requested to express their own ideas on the topic through individual creative crafts such as collages, dioramas, plaques, paper -mache objects and other craft forms. Sponsored by the Consumer Pro-Division of Borden Chemical, the national competition was open to students in pre-primary thorugh grade 8. Some 60,000 classes throughout the U.S. participated in the competition.

The grand prize in the April 12 national competition is a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and an all expense paid trip to New York City for the winner, his or her teacher and parent.

Each of three national class divisions winners will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. Teachers of all national winners will receive matching Savings bonds awards.



CRAFTS PROJECT-by Melvin Panik, Wainwright-state winner, National Glue-Craft Contest, Preprimary-Grade 2 division.