

2 WNY Mechanics To Take Part in National Contest

Two youthful Southern Erie County auto mechanics will go to Los Angeles June 20 to compete with more than 200 other teen-agers from throughout the country in the annual Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest sponsored by Chrysler Corp.

They are Frank R. Hickel Jr., 18, of 421 Sterling St., North Evans, and Frank W. Faulring, 18, of 4817 Genesee Rd., North Collins. Both are students at BOCES II Vocational Center in Angola.

They will work as a team, taking a written exam and then finding and fixing concealed malfunctions in new cars. Finalists will share more than \$125,000 worth of scholarships, trophies, prizes and tools.

Angolans Best In Trouble Test

Two auto mechanic students have demonstrated their knowledge and skill by winning the 1972 Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest at Lancaster Speedway.

They are Frank R. Hickel, 18, and Frank W. Faulring, 18, of the BOCES Vocational Technical Center West, Angola.

Eighteen two-man teams took a written examination and competed in a race to fix identical malfunctions deliberately hidden in the cars to keep them from starting or running properly.

Other winners and their schools were:

Second—Kurt F. Wachtman and Mike Meier, Depew High School.

Third—Jeff Augustyniak and Ihor Biloholowskyj, Cheektowaga Central High School.

First in the written test—Mark Hartley and Thomas Zybiral, Vocational Technical Center East, East Aurora.



F. R. Hickel Jr.

F. W. Faulring

S. E. Vail

IN COMPETITION — Two automotive shop students from Western New York were among competitors from 50 states in the 24th annual Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest. Shown at the national finals in Los Angeles are Frank R. Hickel Jr. of Angola and Frank W. Faulring of North Collins, representing

BOCES No. 2 Vocational Technical Center West, Angola. Their instructor is Spencer E. Vail of Angola. The chest of tools shown in the photo were hand-made by Walter P. Chrysler, founder of the Chrysler Corp., when he was a young mechanic.

STUDENTS HERE WIN IN TROUBLE SHOOTING



Two quick-thinking and fast-moving auto mechanics students demonstrated their knowledge and skill by winning the 1972 Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest at Lancaster Speedway last week. They are Frank R. Hickel, 18 and Frank W. Faulring, 18, of B.O.C.E.S. No. 2 Vocational Technical Center-West, Angola.

Their victory over teams representing other schools wins them all-expense trips to Los Angeles, where on June 19, 20 and 21 they will compete with more than 100 other teams from all parts of the U. S. in the National Trouble Shooting Finals.

The Los Angeles contest offers scholarships and prizes for the winners, and trophies, tools and automobile equipment for their schools valued at more than \$125,000.

Eighteen teams competed in last week's contest. There were two students on each team. At the "go" signal, the teams raced to their cars to find and fix several identical malfunctions deliberately hidden in the cars to keep them from starting or from running properly once started.

But before they started looking for trouble, the students took a final examination, which counted as part of each team's final score.

The winning team received a handsome trophy for its school and individual prizes for themselves.

Trouble Shooting is sponsored

by Plymouth dealers to honor outstanding auto mechanic students and to encourage them to make a career as automobile service technicians.

More than 2,000 high schools and colleges - with a total auto shop enrollment of more than 165,000 students - are participating in about 100 contests throughout the U. S. this spring.

Second place winners last week were from Depew High School; third place, from Cheektowaga Central High School. Students from Vocational Technical Center-East, East Aurora, took first place in the written test.

Local students in national meet

A trip to Los Angeles and a chance to win college scholarships in Plymouth's National Trouble Shooting Contest June 20 will start the summer for Frank R. Hickel, Jr., 18, of 421 East Sterling, Angola, and Frank W. Faulring, 18, of 4817 Genesee Rd., North Collins, students at B.O.C.E.S. #2 Vocational Technical Center West, Angola.

They won the all-expense trip in a regional contest earlier this spring, as did 107 other regional winning teams in all 50 states.

Their goal at the National Finals will be the national championship and a share in more than \$125,000 worth of scholarships, trophies, prizes, and tools.

The finalists are America's most talented auto mechanics students. They have emerged from among some 165,000 students who tried out for their schools Trouble Shooting teams.

Tool boxes with complete sets of new tools will be presented to each team in the national event, for use in the contest and to be taken home as an award for their school.

Trouble Shooters compete in two-man teams. Each team takes a written exam and is then assigned a new 1972 Plymouth in which several identical malfunctions have been concealed by expert technicians. Working against the clock and each other, the teams find and fix the hidden problems.

The program is sponsored by Plymouth dealers and Chrysler-Plymouth Division to encourage talented students to become auto mechanics.

Area Duo to Vie In Auto Contest

Two young auto hobbyists who won a regional auto service test will compete Monday and Tuesday in Los Angeles in the Plymouth Trouble Shooters national contest. They are Frank Hickel, 18, of 421 Sterling Ave., Angola, and Frank Faulring, 18, of 4817 Genesee Rd., North Collins.

At stake is \$125,000 in scholarships and prizes. The contest is sponsored annually by the Chrysler Motor Corp.



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Dear Frank,

Congratulations in winning the 1972 Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest. Good luck to you when you compete in the U. S. Finals at Los Angeles later this month.

With warm regards,

David C. Saunders
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Erie County Legislator
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