LARGAY WINS CONTEST

President of Senior Class Is Best Speaker at the High School

Michael Largay, president of the senior class at the Lowell high school, was the winner of first prize in the public speaking contest in the Cyrus W. Irish auditorium last evening. His subject was: “The Immigrant—Is He a Menace?”

The first prize speaking contest in the history of the school was held in the presence of a large audience. There were ten speakers, all of whom had survived the elimination contests earlier in the week, and they were on the originality and content of their essays, as well as for their ability to deliver their speeches in a convincing way.

Headmaster Henry H. Harris was the presiding officer, and the judges were Mrs. Edward W. Trull, Perry D. Thompson and Judge James E. O’Donnell. Largay was awarded the first prize of $15, while Deborah Smith, ’32, won second prize of $10 for her delivery of a speech entitled “The Value of Books,” and John Whalley, ’31, was awarded third prize of $5, the subject of his address being, “The Little Things in Life.”

The contest was sponsored by the Junior Dramatic club of the school, under the direction of Miss Anna L. Maguire. The contest was so successful that school authorities declared last evening that it would probably be an annual event.

Music before and after the speaking program was furnished by the school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Gertrude F. O’Brien, and while the judges were making their decisions, Miss Frances Savera and Miss Irene Sinclair favored with several vocal duets.