

## BOOK CONTEST WINS FAVOR IN VACATION TIME

Public Library Match, Organized for School Children, Interests.

### ZONES IN COMPETITION

Reading has taken its place among the popular summer vacation pastimes of the children of the Indianapolis grade schools.

"Adventures in Bookland" is the fascinating, curious, impelling title of a new vacation book contest, being conducted by the Indianapolis public library among the girls and boys of the fifth to the eighth grades.

The city has been divided into zones and each branch library has a number of schools in the neighborhood within one zone, while the main library also has a number of schools under its charge.

The schools in each zone compete with each other as well as with the schools of other zones.

The contest is coming toward a close within the next few weeks, and as the end gets nearer the race becomes more exciting.

According to the rules each contestant must read one out of each of the ten groups of books listed.

When the youthful reader returns his book to the library he is asked to give a brief summary of the contents.

He is then awarded a star after his name and when he has reported on all ten books when completion is placed after the tenth star.

The school which has the greatest number completing the requisite number of books at the earliest date will be the honor school.

All the contestants who complete the reading course will be presented with a diploma certifying that fact.

**DIPLOMA DESIGNED BY MISS RUSH.**

The diploma, which is very attractive, has been designed by Miss Olive Rush, who has gained a wide reputation as a painter of children's art, and who is a sister of Charles E. Rush, city historian.

The design shows a boy of perhaps 12, half reclining within a half dozen books, are piled up around him.

Below the figure in attractive script is the statement that the holder of the diploma has completed the reading course, and is certified by the signature of Miss Rush.

In Mythland the young bookworm may read "Old Greek Stories," "In the Days of Giants," "Wonder Book for Boys and Girls," "Tanglewood Tales," or "Greek Heroes."

In Fairylane he can revel in "Anderson's Fairy Tales," "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "Grimm's Fairy Tales," "The Wonderful Adventures of Nils," or "The Book of the North Wind."

In the land of gold and diamond adventure on land he can choose from "Knights of the Round Table," "Careers of Danger and Darling," "The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood," "The Black Arrow" or "Swiss Family Robinson."

While the lover of the dangers of the sea can find his favorites among "Two Years Before the Mast," "Robinson Crusoe," "Captains Courageous," "Treasure Island" or "Buccaneer and Pirate of Our Coast."

Then there are the interesting tales of the home land, namely, "Little Women," "The Story of a Bad Boy," "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "The Life of Daniel Boone," and "Boy's Life of Theodore Roosevelt."

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NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—All bets held by Americans for the GI Wagon bet bout excursion must be honored by a reputable member of the laundrymen's organization.

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would give justice to the day workers and monthly men.

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**OPERATORS WORK FOR U. S. INTERVENTION**

CHICAGO, July 26.—With coal digging at a standstill throughout Illinois and an impending walkout of 210,000 miners in the central competitive fields threatening the fuel supply of the entire country, Illinois coal operators today were bending every effort toward securing government intervention.

The Illinois operators planned to appeal to President Wilson to reassemble the federal bituminous coal commission in order to reopen the award negotiations.

The operators are reported to be ready to recommend to the commission that the increase granted the men be adjusted so that the workers will get an increase of 28.5 per cent over the amount they received before the commission made its award last April.

While the miners believe would make the total percentage of increase granted the miners the same as that allowed the miners in the April award.

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Charles Sumner Williams, W. E. Henderson and myself, and whose vote may be relied upon to be cast in the interest of their people.

**PARTY IS SECONDARY.**

Party with them is a secondary consideration.

They are the people who will teach Harry Hendrickson and the "Lily White" gang a wholesome lesson on the second of November.

They will inquire of Jim Watson, the who of the hour, when he was boss of that body, why he didn't raise his voice or do some ict for the colored constituents in favor of some of the vital sections in which they were interested.

He never, in all his life, while in public office, so far as anybody can show, proposed a colored man for any position of honor or trust, or lied any of them to such a position.

He will be placed in a position of record as against the record of Thomas Taggart, the lifelong friend of the colored man, as I said before.

Taggart, when he was mayor of the city of Indianapolis, often found pleasure in giving colored men positions of honor and trust and at all times treated them with due consideration and fairness.

Other mines are reported closing "every hour."

Ed Stewart, president of district No. II, United Mine Workers, today telegraphed John J. Lewis, International president of the miners, to advise him of his stand against the advice of officials and to tell him he would not be bound by the award.

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