

TIMES INAUGURATES FIFTH ANNUAL U. S. SPELLING BEE

HOOSIER EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL

Plans Made for Indiana's Contests, Beginning March 9.

WINNERS TO GET TRIP

Boy or Girl Will Be Sent to Washington for Final Competition.

The fifth annual National Spelling Bee was inaugurated today by The Indianapolis Times in collaboration with the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The first round of the Marion County spelling will be held March 9 under the direction of The Times and Lee V. Swails, Marion County superintendent of schools. The Indianapolis schools will hold the initial contest the same day under the direction of Miss Flora E. Drake, assistant superintendent of schools.

In the same time, about twenty counties in Indiana will choose the best speller in each fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade room in the county. Parochial schools in Indiana will select room winners on the same date.

Endorsed by Leaders

The spelling bee both in the State and nation practically has become an institution from an educational standpoint. Roy P. Wisehart, State superintendent of schools, has endorsed the contest and is giving it his active backing.

Other endorsers include John J. Tigert, United States commissioner of education, and S. D. Shankland and J. E. Morgan of the National Education Association, Washington, D. C.

Contests rules and manner of choosing the winner are not complicated and were designed primarily for convenience in conducting the contest and increasing spelling accuracy among students.

Elimination Steps Planned

One winner in each room of each public and parochial school will be selected March 9 in an old-fashioned "spell-down." These winners will be eliminated until one student remains as the building champion. The building contest will be held March 16.

Then on March 30 the champion from each building will meet in an elimination which will leave one pupil as county champion. One student will be named Marion County champion outside Indianapolis. But because of the large enrollment in this city, eight school zones have been made, and one champion will be named from each zone. That will leave nine students as champions of their section of the community. One champion only will be named from each of the other counties in Indiana.

The State championship contest will be held May 4 in Indianapolis under the direction of The Times. All of the county winners and the nine winners in Marion County will meet in the final elimination.

Winner Gets Washington Trip

The boy or girl crowned Indiana champion will be sent to Washington, D. C., about May 22 to enter the national contest to uphold the State against contestants from forty-seven other States. In addition to the free trip and entertainment at Washington, the Indiana champion will be eligible to \$2,500 in cash prizes. Although the winner will be advised to use the money for educational purposes, there will be no strings tied to the award.

The McCall speller, the standard text book in Indiana, will be used in all contests. Words were selected by a committee of educational authorities and newspaper editors. Simple grade school words are used in the list, and all obsolete and catch words have been eliminated.

The national spelling bee was conceived by the Louisville Courier-Journal five years ago and was taken up in Indiana by The Times and in each county by progressive and constructive newspapers. One of the leading papers in each State usually sponsors the contest.

Friendly Rivalry Created

Superintendents, principals and teachers realize the importance of the spelling bee because of the aid it is to them in their work. It creates an interest in spelling among pupils and develops a friendly rivalry between communities such as is fostered by the annual State basketball tournament between high schools.

In addition to sponsoring the Indianapolis and Marion County contests, The Times is sponsoring the Boone County contest with the assistance of C. O. Caplinger, Boone County superintendent of schools.

Although the spelling bee is almost State wide, there a few counties still unrepresented. Many of these counties have short school terms which will not allow them to enter the contest with the present dates used. Arrangements are being made to handle these counties in the 1939 contest, and to enter other counties in this year's bee under the "last minute" rule plan.

Further announcements will appear in Thursday's Times.

NAME POSTER DEADLINE

Realtors' Home Show Contest to Close Thursday Noon.

Entries in the Realtors' Home Show poster contest must be in the Real Estate Board office, 820 Lemcke Bldg., by noon Thursday. Henry L. Richards, chairman of the contest, announced today.

The drawer of the winning poster will receive \$50 and the poster will be used to advertise the Home Show which is to be held April 7 to 14 at the State fairground. Second and third prizes are \$25 and \$10.

Forced to Work at 45, She Wins Out in Career



By N.Y.A. Service

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Ten years ago Mrs. Glover's life was that of the average housewife. Then her husband was invalided. She took the civil service examination, entered the insurance division as a clerk, studied, worked, fought.

Now the important work of posting premium payments, issuing receipts, authorizing dividends, quoting loan and cash surrender values and keeping track of beneficiaries of more than 200,000 policy holders, has been placed under her direct supervision.

More than that—she has maintained her home, and is educating her younger daughter at one of the East's best girls' schools. Her philosophy is easy to understand. Her axiom is: "When you have to do a thing, do it!"

CHAIN FUN FEST ON AIR TONIGHT

Listener's Mass Meeting to Be Announced.

Members of the listeners' cooperative trustees committee, having received that the \$6,000 radio fund drive shall not fail, are pressing forward in the war on interference, and tonight will sponsor a combined broadcast on WFBM and WKBF in the second request fun frolic, which will originate in a central studio, beginning at 9:30. The two stations will transmit it on their respective frequencies of 1080 and 1190 kilocycles.

The program tonight will carry announcements of a mass meeting of radio listeners to be held at 8 Thursday night in the study hall of the old Shortridge high school building.

The facts of the campaign will be laid before radio listeners at the mass meeting, when they will have opportunity to accept or reject the movement.

The chain program tonight will carry numerous surprise features including the performance of a noted recording star. Musicians of the Gregorizing Quartet hour will open the program, to be followed during the evening by Charlie De Sautelle and his band, Charlie and Walt, two entertainers from the Zaring Theater, and others.

A total of \$150 was received by the Fletcher American National Bank, trustee of the Radio Interference Fund, today including \$25 each from the H. T. Electric Co., and the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. The Spartan Shop contributed \$10 as did V. L. Cunningham, 1128 N. Capitol Ave., Ray Meyers of Indianapolis News, and R. F. Haddad, 40 Jackson Ave., contributed \$5 each.

NEW SCHOOLS HINGE ON TAX BOARD IS OPINION

No Buildings Will Be Planned, Says Vonnegut.

Whether or not Indianapolis builds any more new school buildings is entirely up to the State tax board, Theodore F. Vonnegut, school board president, commented today on the \$600,000 building bond issue before the tax board Tuesday.

"The school board has done its part," he said. "If the tax board sees fit to halt the bond issue, there is no use for the school board to plan any more new buildings."

The tax board Tuesday served notice on school commissioners future heating and ventilation specifications must be drawn to permit competitive buildings.

No mention of the hearing was made at the thirty-minute school board meeting Tuesday night.

The board accepted the bid of the Continental National Bank for a \$500,000 temporary loan at 3.85 per cent interest.

OHIO CLERGYMAN HERE

Cleveland Man Gives Lenten Talk at Christ Church.

The Rt. Rev. Warren L. Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio, spoke on "I Believe in the God That Jesus Represents" at a Lenten service at Christ Church this noon.

Members of the committee, appointed by the Rev. Henry T. Graham, moderator, are the Rev. Peter McEwan, S. D. Dungan, Dr. David Ross, Walter C. Marmon and Fred L. Willis.

The Rev. John W. Miller was chosen assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Honorable retirement was voted for the Rev. Frank C. Hood, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Southport and Clayton.

A new pastor for the Greenwood Church was recommended, but action deferred.

Release of the Rev. Harris C. Johnson as pastor of the church at Whiteland was announced.

LOSS IN FIRE IS \$1,000

Frame Building Used as Lumber Shed Damaged; Auto Destroyed.

A one-story frame building at Thirty-Eighth St. and Orchard Ave., used as a lumber shed by A. B. Kirkpatrick, E. Fifty-Sixth St., was damaged by fire of undetermined origin Tuesday night. Loss was estimated at \$1,000.

PLAN CHURCH SERVICES

Evangelist Will Conduct Revivals at Garfield M. E.

Evangelistic services will start Sunday morning at the Garfield Ave. M. E. Church and continue until March 26. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Harry W. Von Bruch, evangelist, assisted by Harry D. Clarke, singer. Mrs. Von Bruch will handle the children's work.

The evangelist is well known here, having conducted revivals at Wheeler City Mission and the Irvington M. E. Church.

The Rev. Clyde S. Black is pastor of the church.

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FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES SHOW BIG GAIN HERE

Twenty-One Deaths in Two Months Double of Toll Year Ago.

Fatal traffic accidents more than doubled in Indianapolis during the first two months of this year, as compared with a similar period in 1927, reports received from the traffic division by Police Chief Claude M. Worley revealed today.

Twenty-one deaths occurred during January and February, 1928, while in 1927 there were but ten during these two months. There were 418 injured thus far this year, the report shows.

Of the number killed, eight deaths were in January and thirteen in February. There were 203 injured in January and 215 in February.

Alarmed at this increase, Worley issued a statement pointing out that with the inauguration of student patrols and safety education, accidents to school children have decreased. He points to education as being the salvation of traffic accident prevention.

Twenty-One Die in Two Months

"Drive on traffic regulation violators was already under way when the report was received. More than 100 appeared before Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron today to be reprimanded for passing traffic lights and the like. Several were fined \$2 each. Worley ordered the drive continued and commented on the report as follows:

"Since accidents involving school children have decreased, while the total has increased, the report seems to bear out my contention that our hope for solving these problems and preventing this loss of life and limb lies in a program of education."

"Of the twenty-one killed during these first two months, eleven were pedestrians. Investigation of these cases reveal that in the majority of cases carelessness on the part of both motorist and pedestrian was to blame."

Pedestrian Is Careless

Even in the old horse and buggy days we were warned to be on the lookout before crossing the street. Such warning is much more to be heeded now. Every pedestrian should take the utmost precaution before crossing the street.

"On the other hand the carelessness of the pedestrian is augmented by that of the motorist. Every car driver should be constantly on the alert, have his or her machine under perfect control and be sure that the brakes will hold when needed.

"Records show that many pedestrians cross the streets in the middle of a block and accidents result. All crossing should be done at the places provided and then only after looking both ways.

"If the adults obey these rules, as the school children are doing, our record for traffic accidents will be a less sorry one."

METHODISTS MEET

Forty-Three Ministers, 150 Laymen at Muncie.

By MILDRED SCHOEN Times Staff Correspondent

CARMEL, Ind., Feb. 29.—"Losses in church membership are alarming and it is as important to give our selves to soul winning as it is to bring new members into the church," declared district Superintendent W. D. Arnold at the mid-winter conference of the Muncie district of the North Indiana Methodist Episcopal Conference at the Carmel Methodist Church today. The Rev. Arnold presided.

Forty-three ministers and more than 150 laymen are attending. The district includes churches from northern Marion County, but none from Indianapolis. Laymen include Sunday school superintendents, class leaders, district stewards and exhorters.

A layman's banquet tonight at which R. G. Isenbarger of Muncie, will be the principal speaker will be the high light of the conference.

Church policies were discussed in a symposium this afternoon and in addresses on "Our Women: Their Work," by Mrs. A. F. Hogan of Muncie, and "Our Present Temperance Crisis," by E. J. Wickensham.

Bishop F. D. Leete of the Indiana area is attending. Candidates for ministerial licenses were examined. The conference ends Thursday noon.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE

Committee Is Appointed at Church Meeting Here.

A committee to receive funds for the proposed Presbyterian Hospital here was appointed Tuesday at the regular meeting of the presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting was attended by thirty ministers and ten elders.

Members of the committee, appointed by the Rev. Henry T. Graham, moderator, are the Rev. Peter McEwan, S. D. Dungan, Dr. David Ross, Walter C. Marmon and Fred L. Willis.

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SAIL FOR WEST INDIES

George Ade Among Hoosiers Leaving on "Samaria" Today.

One of the Indians, according to a dispatch, to sail on the "Samaria" for a thirty-day cruise of the West Indies.

Points to be visited are Nassau, Santo Domingo, Porte Rico, St. Thomas, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad, Venezuela, Curacao, Panama, Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba.

Indianapolis persons on the passenger list included J. Fowler, Mrs. H. C. Moore and J. D. Rathbun.

HELD TO GRAND JURY

Fred Kuhn Charged With Forgery Check on College.