

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. At 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. Tiger, United States commissioner of education; S. D. Shubert 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 Bees 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 contest, 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 are 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 1929 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. Richardt, 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



Mrs. Odessa V. Glover, middle-aged her starting point.

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!"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—A middle-aged woman, starting out for a job after years spent in her home as wife and mother, hasn't much of a chance to get along. Bah! and a couple of Poohs!

For, ten years ago, Mrs. Odessa V. Glover, at 45 years of age, was in just such a situation. And today, Mrs. Glover, at 55, is chief of an important section of the war risk insurance division of the Government.

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.

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.

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CHAIN FUN FEST ON AIR TONIGHT

Listener's Mass Meeting to Be Announced.

Members of the listeners' cooperative trustees committee, having resolved 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 WFBB 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 1090 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 Variety 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 Zarring 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, 1129 N. Capitol Ave. Ray Meyers of Indianapolis News, and R. F. Haddath, 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 building.

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.

He will discuss "Our Approach to Christ Church" at an interparochial service of Protestant Episcopal churches at Christ Church tonight.

"Our ideas of God have grown. It is not fair to insist upon maintaining primitive notions of God. Religion must be progressive," he declared in his Lenten sermon Tuesday noon.

PLAN CHURCH SERVICES

Evangelist Will Conduct Revivals at Garfield M. E.

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

BANDIT TRIO HOLDS UP DRUGGIST, CUSTOMER

Escapes in Auto With \$73; Negro Is Robbed.

"Stay inside, brother, 'cause if you stick your head out that front door after we leave it'll be just too bad," was a warning given L. E. Smith, druggist at 1301 W. Thirtieth St., by three bandits Tuesday night.

The trio held up Smith and a customer, M. S. Yeaw, 940 Elmira St., and took \$15 from the strong box and \$58 from Yeaw. They escaped in an automobile.

Three Negroes stepped from an alley near Bright and Michigan Sts. and robbed him of \$13.13, William Turner, Negro, 947 Cent St., told police.

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."

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COMMITTEE TO DRAFT NEW SIGN ORDINANCE

W. A. Keathing Named Head of Group by Safety Board.

W. A. Keathing heads a committee of electrical sign company representatives named by the board of safety to draft a new electrical sign ordinance.

Committee President Otis E. Batholomew, American Sign Company representative, is on the committee.

It is proposed to permit a sign to extend one-half the width of sidewalks more than fifteen feet wide, with a maximum of twelve feet. Robert F. Miller, safety board member said.

Sidewalks less than fifteen feet wide may have signs within eighteen inches of the curb, under the plan.

Howard Robertson, safety board secretary, said the plan will improve the looks of the business section.

SAIL FOR WEST INDIES

George Ade Among Hoosiers Leaving on "Samarita" Today.

George Ade, Hoosier humorist, was one of the Indians, according to a dispatch, to sail on the "Samarita" for a thirty-day cruise of the West Indies.

Points to be visited are Nassau, Santo Domingo, Porto 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.

Fred Kuhn, alias George Wolfson, 620 N. East St., was held to the grand jury today after waiving examination before Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter on charges of forgery and false swearing.

Kuhn is said to have forged a \$40 check on Indiana Central College and to have made affidavit that there were no debts on his automobile, which he sold for \$150 to the Lincoln Automobile Company. The check was given to the Remiko Manufacturing Company.

FIRE FIGHTER KILLED

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 29.—Morris Brown, 20, Corydon, was killed by electrocution here while trying to save a house which had been set afire by charged wires.

Employees of the Interstate Public Service Company were engaged in blowing out stumps when a charge brought down a pole, throwing wires it carried against the house.

Refinance your debts now and reduce your interest cost, confidential and quick. CAPITOL LOAN CO., 141 1/2 E. Wash.—Advertisement.

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.

Flames destroyed an automobile and damaged another at the Abraham Garage and Transfer Company, 750 Massachusetts Ave., Tuesday afternoon, causing damage of \$300. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Fall Injuries Fatal

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 29.—Charles Pratt, 36, Allen County farmer, is dead at a hospital here from injuries suffered when a scaffold collapsed, causing him to fall seventy feet.

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.

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"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."

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Snappy, Eh?



Lieut. Otto Pett wearing one of the new Sam Browne belts and holsters with which police are to be equipped soon. The guns will be worn outside the clothing so they may be more accessible to policemen in emergencies.

TRIAL NEARS CLOSE

Jury May Get Hickman-Hunt Case Today.

By Times Special

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29.—The joint trial of Welby Hunt and William Edward Hickman charged with the murder of Ivy Toms, druggist, was expected to go to the jury for deliberation late today.

Court adjourned Tuesday with Hunt on the stand as a defense witness for Hickman.

"Did you kill Ivy Toms?" a point-blank question asked by Jerome Walsh, attorney for Hickman, went unanswered when Hunt's attorneys objected to the question and expressed disfavor in having Hunt testify for Hickman.

The court took the matter under advisement and will announce its decision when sessions are resumed today.

An attempt made by Hunt's counsel to have Hunt tell how he set authorities on the trail of Hickman as the murderer of Marion Parker was blocked by the prosecution.

CITY SPEAKERS NAMED FOR LINCOLN CAMPAIGN

Will Aid in Drive for Memorial Fund in Indiana.

A city-wide speaking campaign has been planned in behalf of the Indiana Lincoln Memorial fund, Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis, Lincoln drive speakers' bureau chairman, announced today.

Fifteen speakers have been named by Moorhead to address city civic and patriotic groups in preparation for the campaign.

"It is our hope to reach every home in the city with the story of the part the Hoosier environment played in the development of Lincoln's character," Moorhead said. The following have been named to aid in the speaking campaign:

Fred Hoke, the Rev. Edwin W. Dunlavy, Claris Adams, the Rev. Jean S. Milner, Wood Unger, Albert Stump, Oswald Ryan, Walter Myers, Ross Lockeridge, Alva Rucker, Charles W. Jewett, M. E. Foley, the Rev. George W. Allison, Max J. Young and Prof. Paul Haworth.

LUMBER DEALERS JOIN IN SHOW HOUSE PLANS

Will Aid in Erecting All-Wood Home for Realtors' Fete.

Local lumber dealers will cooperate with the Indianapolis Home Builders' Association in erecting an all-wood home as the centerpiece for the Realtors' Home Show at the fairground, April 7-14, William L. Bridges, chairman of the ways and means committee of the association, announced today.

Stairs and millwork for the home will be donated by local lumbermen, Bridges said. Details of these features have been worked out by Merritt Harrison of the architectural firm of Harrison & Turnock. It will harmonize with the early American architectural style of the house.

The home will be built of lumber provided by the Southern Pine Association of New Orleans, of which H. C. Berckes is secretary and manager.

SPRING AFFECTS CARS

Motorists Advised to Readjust Generators.

Todd Stoops, secretary-manager of the Hoosier Motor Club, joined the hangers of spring today with a reminder for motorists to gradually readjust auto generators to a lower charging rate.

"Longer and warmer days," he said, "result in less of a drain on the automobile battery by reducing the amount of headlight usage and requiring less current for starting. Don't work your generator overtime. The season is at hand when winter adjustments gradually can be dispensed with."

ATTACKS LEGION HEAD FOR PLAN TO CURB TALKS

Sherwood Eddy Flays Spafford for Attempt to Suppress Free Speech.

Charges that National Commander Edward Spafford of the American Legion is engaged in a campaign of "suppression of free speech" are made by Sherwood Eddy, Y. M. C. A. leader in the March 1 issue of the Christian Century.

He relates a conference held with Spafford in Indianapolis Jan. 29, in which the Legion commander told him that he would do all he could to prevent people from hearing Eddy speak and get his speaking dates cancelled.

Letters Spafford wrote to Legion commanders in an effort to thwart Eddy are included in the article. Referring to his conference here Eddy writes:

Suggested Referendum

"I suggested that it might be well to have a referendum of the American Legion and of the country as to whether we still have free speech or whether a few military men shall dictate to the country who shall speak and who shall not speak."

"Does the Legion or does it not believe in the Constitution and in the right of free speech in this country, as more than a verbal quibble? Of course the Car of Russia believed in free speech—for himself and his carefully censored clergy and government officials, but it was denied to all who criticized his policy or differed from him."

"Is that the meaning of the American Constitution in the understanding of Washington and Jefferson? Does the Legion, or does it not, believe in genuine free speech?"

Admits Being Pacifist

In concluding the article Eddy states that he is "frankly a pacifist" and then concludes:

"A few years ago it was the in-famous of the Ku-Klux Klan that was an obstacle of free speech. I hear no more of the Klan now; that policy seems to have discredited and killed it. If this policy is continued it will discredit the Legion and it will follow in the wake of the Klan."

"I do not believe that the better element in the Legion will stand for this."

We're Cheated



It's really too bad when you're young and party-loving to be a leap year baby and only get to celebrate every four years. The persons who really profit on that deal are mother and dad. Mother is saved the worry of preparing the party and dad the expense.

However Miss Ruth Shevmon, 4420 Broadway (above), who at the age of 16 is experiencing her fourth birthday today, says she gets around the birthday shortage very nicely by celebrating on any day of the year she wants to.

Miss Ruth Cradick, 506 Drexel Ave. (below), isn't so fond of the arrangement, with other young people in the family to capitalize on the scarcity of her anniversaries. She's twelve and observing her third birthday.

\$8,000 WATER PLANT IS URGED FOR SUNNYSIDE

Engineer Submits Plan to Improve Supply at Sanatorium.

Expenditure of \$8,000 on the Sunnyside tuberculosis sanatorium water plan was recommended today in a report of H. T. Best, engineer. County commissioners were planning to spend a maximum of only \$1,200 when the sanatorium's board of managers urged a change in plans whereby Best, a private engineer, would make a survey and recommendations.

His recommendations will be passed on to the county council in the form of a request for an appropriation, Commissioner Cassius L. Hogle said.

Supply Is Adequate

Best's general plan for improvements takes the position that the present supply of water is adequate in quantity, but that treatment in sedimentation basins and filters is necessary.

Better fire protection and installation of one new pump also are contemplated.

Best claims his plan if made operative will preclude probability of sending patients to their homes again due to water shortage, as occurred early this month.

Present arrangement at the sanatorium is satisfactory unless one of the pumps goes bad. If this occurs, another serious situation would be faced.

Delay of Several Weeks

Best's report recommends construction of a three-compartment sedimentation basin with 200,000 gallon capacity; installation of one new pump; erection of a glass inclosure over the basin; installation of two fire plugs and an arrangement whereby water for fire protection may be pumped simultaneously from the sedimentation basin and directly from the wells.

Red tape connected with putting such a plan into operation would result in a delay of several weeks at least, it was pointed out today.

New Probation Officers

New probation officers recently appointed in Indiana are Karl S. Griffin, Hammond city court, and John Gray, Ft. Wayne, Allen Circuit Court. There are now 121 such officers in the State.

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