

8 More Advance Toward Spelling Bee Semi-Finals

By ART WRIGHT

Eight more grammar school pupils earned their way to the semi-finals of The Times Spelling Bee last night when they won the last elimination rounds in four districts.

The district titleholder and runnerup for each of the centers were: At Christian community center, Lee Dirks, 11, of School 85 was the perfect speller and Beverly Henriksen, 13, also of School 85 was runner-up. Lee corrected Beverly's mis-

spelling of "maintenance" then spelled "duress" correctly as her second finalist word.

At Communal center, Patricia Quinn, 12, of Holy Rosary, was the winner and Bernice Davis, 12, of School 22, the runnerup. Bernice misspelled "advertisement." Patricia corrected the word then spelled "resigned."

At Northwestern community center, Sidnetta Garrett, 13, of School 63, was first and Shirley Jones, 13, School 42, was runnerup. Shirley misspelled "advisable" and Sidnetta spelled "description" as her last word.

At the Tabernacle Presbyterian church Joan McMahon, 13, of St. Joan of Arc, won top laurels and Theresa Zoellner, 13, also of St. Joan of Arc, was second. The word which counted Theresa out was "supercilious."

Officials last night were: Christian community center, pronouncer, Mrs. Franklin Wise; judges, Mrs. Eugene Boles, W. R. Walser, Mrs. Howard Kelley. Communal center, pronouncer, the Rev. Fr. Victor Wright; judges, Mrs. David Shapiro, Emil Kuhn and Mrs. Emory A. James. Northwestern community center, pronouncer, Mrs. Christina Merriweather; judges, Miss Hazel Henderson, Ray Crowe and Mrs. Olla Roberts. Tabernacle Presbyterian church, pronouncer, Andrew Bicket; judges, Mrs. Andrew Bicket, Miss Edna Robinson and Miss Vay Stringer.

Contestants tonight will be:

At Brookside community center, Olney St. and Brookside pkwy.—Patty Baker, 13, School 41; Shirley Ann Hessler, 12, and Marie Huser, 13, Little Flower; Norma Moller, 14, and Alice Graham, 11, School 25; Raymond Cline, 11, St. Philip; and Edward Steward, 13, School 81; Theresa McCarthy, 13, Bernard McCormick, 13, at

Charles Hodge, 13, Joanna Dell, 11, Leola Reye, 12, Mary Cook, 13, and Joan Weber, 13, of St. Philip; Helen Wichstrand, 13, Potter Fresh Air school; Helen Reis, 12, St. Philip; David Maley, 10, and Mike Peters, 12, Little Flower; Blanche Dalton, 13, Potter Fresh Air school; Charlene Wilson, 11, Margaret Belkes, 13, and Patty Garvey, 13, St. Philip; Dick Shasta, 14, School 28; June Peterson, 13, and Pat O'Brien, 14, Little Flower.

At Hill community center, 1900 Columbus ave.—Shirley Bridwell, 11, Lora Bridwell, 10, Franklin Brown, 9, Charles Brown, 12, Richard Beaven, 11, Phyllis Gartin, 11, Catherine Kiser, 10, Eleanor Rhodes, 12, and Forrest James, 8, of St. Rita's; Mildred Rize, 11, and Payton Wells, 13, School 37; Ann Belcher, 14, Kiser, 13, Juanita Anderson, 11, Mary Davis, 10, and Anna Edwards, 11, St. Rita's; Beverly Ann Burs, 10, James Washington, 11, Ruth Fleming, 10, and Beverly Hughes, 11, School 56; Rosemary Smithson, 13, and Mary Boyd, 10, St. Rita's; Esther Warren, 14, School 26. Tomorrow night's contestants will be:

At Calumet Community Center, 2333 W. Michigan St.—Patricia Cmelik, 10, Holy Trinity; Helena Chandler, 13, School 40; Shirley Zeronik, 11, Victory; Karen, 11, Warren Klobogor, 11; Pat Stevens, 12; Ernestine Shandell, 12; Esther Canalis, 13; John Snyder, 15; Donald Cessik, 13; Carol Roeser, 12; Joan Salges, 12; Dolores Dugan, 12; Bernard Meyers, 12; Philip Bay, 13, and Sylvia Humphries, 13, all of Holy Trinity; Lovella Compton, 14, School 23; Cecil Clements, 14; Charles Landrigan, 13; Rose Ann Litselman, 13; Evelyn Litselman, 11, and Juliana King, 13, St. Anthony's; Dolores Lambert, 12; Bonita Deal, 11, and Walter Zeunik, 13, Holy Trinity.

At Roberts Park Methodist Church, Delaware and Vermont sts.—Judy Barnes, 11, and Catherine Kramer, 13, and Betty Sweeney, 13, Holy Cross; Paul Anderson, 12, School 14; Bert McGraw, 13, St. Joseph's; Johnny White, 13, Holy Cross; Patricia Barrett, 11, and Patricia Glick, 12, St. Joseph's; June Boats, 13, and Phyllis Broome, 13, School 10; Dolores Blacker, 12, and Paul Bippus, 11, School 9; McDougall, 14, and Patty Bahr, 14, Cathedral; Marie Butte, 12, Holy Cross; Norman Kassenbrock, 13; Pat McNulty, 13; Collette Heuer, 13; Robert Dalton, 12, and Barbara Hemming, 13, Cathedral; Joyce Steinker, 10, and Betty Terry, 11, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran; Caroline Deven, 12, and Mary McGinty, 13, Cathedral; Joan Bickhoff, 12, Holy Cross.

Second preliminary matches Friday at 7:30 p.m.: Southside Community center, 1221 Shelby St.—Fairview Presbyterian church, 46th st. and Kenwood ave. St. Paul's Methodist church, 2900 Rader St.



IN PLAY—Appearing in a senior class play, "Say It With Music," to be given by St. Agnes Academy at 8:15 p. m. Friday in the Cathedral high school auditorium are (left to right), Joan Baltz, Rita Mellett, and Patty Ball.

Comedy Scheduled At Emmaus Hall

Members of Emmaus Senior Walther league will present a three-act comedy April 18 and 19 at 8 p. m. in Emmaus hall, 1326 Orange st.

The cast includes Carolyn Schwemmer, Charlotte Riensche, Eunice Bosma, Dorothy Meyer, Mary Bosma, Donald Strietmeier, Harold

Bosma, Robert Kaiser, Charles Bosma and Louis Blake.

Mrs. Charles Bosma, general play committee chairman, has appointed Bertram Behrmann and Virginia Marklin in charge of properties and stage and Lee Beineke and Betty Behrmann, make-up. Ruth Arnel will have charge of publicity and Evelyn Achgill will conduct ticket sales.

Were You In a Tavern One Week Ago Tonight?

Deputies Ask Aid In Griffin Slaying

Were you in a Ft. Wayne ave. tavern a week ago tonight?

Investigators from the sheriff's office today asked that question as an aid to help them check the trail of Mrs. Mary Jeannette Griffin and two unidentified men companions in the last hours before the blond stenographer was slain.

A check has revealed the trio was tavern cruising in the Ft. Wayne ave. tavern row about three hours before the 39-year-old woman was shot through the heart and dumped on a bridge path near 3400 South-eastern ave.

She was found on the bridge path last Thursday morning, with a copy of a murder mystery thriller "The House of Darkness" lying nearby. Footprints of two men were found around her body.

Husband Is Released

Two leads to her slayer have failed to materialize in a week of investigation. Her estranged husband, Stanley Griffin, was released



COUPLE'S LAST PICTURE—

Pictured together before their estrangement are Stanley Griffin and his wife, Mrs. Mary Jeannette Griffin, 39-year-old stenographer. This is the last picture taken of Mrs. Griffin before she was found slain on a bridge path a week ago. It is her husband's only picture of her.

after questioning and two lie detector tests. A man arrested after he talked about the slaying in

a tavern was cleared of suspicion but held after he confessed a number of holdups.

Investigators today asked co-operation from anyone who might have seen the trio after they left the Stardust tavern, 921 Ft. Wayne ave., about 9 p. m.

Was Frequent Customer

If they can be traced to other taverns, patrons or personnel may be able to identify the dead woman's companions.

Information received by investigators today indicated further that Mrs. Griffin was well known along the Ft. Wayne "tavern row." Management of the Stardust tavern said she had been a frequent customer until she was ordered out several weeks ago.

Seek Men's Identity

Deputy Virgil Quinn said waitresses were notified not to serve Mrs. Griffin any more after the slain woman became quarrelsome. She argued with a waitress over a sandwich and became so angry she threw the sandwich on the floor and stepped on it. She was told not

to return and was not seen again there until the night of her murder.

At that time, Deputy Quinn said he was told, she was served by a new waitress.

Deputies still seek someone who can identify the two men with her last Wednesday. One was short and heavy, having dark hair and wearing dark clothes. The other was in his early twenties, had dark wavy hair and was tall and slender, witnesses said.

As the investigation centered on tavern row, Deputy Quinn also said tests made of the bullet wound indicate Mrs. Griffin may have been shot with a German luger. Neither the gun nor bullet has been found.

In Trunk of Car

He also said reconstruction from footprints and tire tracks around her body indicate she was taken to the bridge path in the trunk of a car.

A search of her room has revealed only the names of businessmen to whom she had applied for jobs, Deputy Quinn said. So far investigators have no lead to the identity of any personal men friends.

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