

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 Hendrickson, 13, also of School 85 was runner-up. Lee corrected Beverly's misspelling of "maintenance" then spelled "duress" correctly as her second finalist word.

At Community center, Patricia Quill, 13, 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 62, 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 "superclious."

Officials last night were: Christian community center, pronouncer, Mrs. Franklin Wise; judges, Mrs. Eugene Boles, W. R. Walser, Mrs. Howard Kelley. Community center, pronouncer, the Rev. Fr. Victor Wright; judges, Mrs. David Shapiro, Emil Kuhn and Mrs. Emory A. James. Northwestern community center, pronouncer, Mrs. Christina Merviether; judges, Miss Hazel Henderson, Ray Crowe and Mrs. Ola 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 10, Shirley Jones, 13; Normal River, 13; Little Flower, 13; Norma Moffet, 14, and Alice Graham, 11; School 22; Raymond Clark, 11; St. John Neumann, 13; School 41; Theresa McCarty, 13; Bernard McCormick, 13, st.

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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 Mallett, and Patty Ball.

Comedy Scheduled At Emmaus Hall

Members of Emmaus Senior Womans' 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 Schwomeyer, Charlotte Riensche, Eunice Bosma, Dorothy Meyer, Mary Bosma, Donald Strietelmeier, 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 Armel will have charge of publicity and Evelyn Achill will conduct ticket sales.

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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 Jeanette 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 bridle path near 5400 South-eastern ave.

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

his husband's only picture of her.

COPPLE'S LAST PICTURE

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

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

Investigators today asked cooperation 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 she 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 was found.

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