

£100 Spelling Bee Inspires Formation of Spelling Clubs

Wave of Interest and Keeness Grows

Entries Close July 19

CORRESPONDENCE received from various quarters, and personal reports, show that popular attention has been arrested by our Monster Spelling Bee. As a letter from a correspondent (published below) shows, in some districts spelling clubs are being formed with a social purpose. Although, as the old Scotchman said, the drawback of a dictionary was that "the subject changed so frequently," the charm of checking up on existing knowledge and discovering new things is so great that, once caught in the lure of "new things," it is difficult to leave off. The benefit of a social evening is that there is the added excitement of discovering the weaknesses of others' knowledge.

IT has been represented to us by one or two intending competitors that they would appreciate the entrance fee being reduced to 1/-. As it is our prime object to create interest in the contest, we are happy to accede to this request, so that the entrance fee henceforth is 1/-. and those who have already entered will be refunded the money overpaid.

ANOTHER point raised by intending competitors has reference to the publicity of the proceedings in the early stages. It is not intended that the preliminary stages necessary to discover those to enter the final shall be conducted publicly. A limited number of friends of competitors may wish to attend, and that will be permitted, but organisation will not be undertaken to provide for large public attendance at the preliminary trials. The public will be given the opportunity of attending the final contest, when the champions of the seven main divisions will appear. Parts of the eliminating trials may be broadcast, thus adding to the interest of the event.

BELOW we give extracts from the letter of a Lower Hutt correspondent. Other communications from country districts show that the idea has caught on, and has inspired the development of local contests. It is certain that, on the evening of the final, listeners all over the country will have their list of words culled from the "Radio Record" before them, and keenly check up on the efforts of the contestants.

"I THINK your spelling idea is simply splendid," writes a Lower Hutt correspondent, "and already you've provided us with an amusing and interesting occupation for the evenings this winter. I wish you could have seen a party of us—half a dozen of either sex—enjoying ourselves with a good, old-fashioned spelling bee one night last week. There were roars of laughter when we caught three of the girls out on 'clandestine,' 'romantic,' and 'embraceable,' but they got one back on us when they handled the 'big book.' Two of us were caught out on 'alcoholic,' and 'one, metaphorically speaking, went down under 'inebriation.' When we got on to 'trick' words the fun was fast and furious.

"Anyway, the outcome of the evening was that we found the idea such a change that we've decided to have a couple more 'private sittings' before your great night, and there'll be a baker's dozen of us lining up before your judge when that comes round. And we'll be well primed, too, with words only, of course.

"Seriously, your competition is an excellent idea, and if others try out our 'spelling bee party' scheme they'll find it full of fun, and they'll be surprised, too, at what they will learn. Then they can line up against us 'Hutt Howlers' in August, and we'll give them a run for their money."

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- (5) Professors, ministers and educationalists. (6) General section—men.
- (7) General section—women.

No. 2 List of Words

collaborator
confluence
conglutinate
connoisseur
consanguinity
convolvulus
curvilinear
cyclorama

defalcate
demisemiquaver
debilitate
decalitre
deciduous
decimation
decipherable
declension
decorous
decorator
dedicatorial
deductible
defeasance
defeasible
defecate
defectibility
defoliate
deforestation
degeneracy
dehydrate
deistically
deleterious
delineator
demurrage
demurrer
dengue
denominative
dentigerous
denudation
deodoriser
deponent
deposable
depository
derivate
derogatoriness
derringer
deshabille
deterrent
devitrify

dialectal
dietetics
dietary
digitalis
dirigible
disputative
driveller

ebullient
electrolysis
emanation
embellisher
embryologist
emeritus
emollescence
empiricism
empyrean
enamellist
encomium
entablature
enumerator
ephemeral
epicureanism
epigrammatist
episcopalianism
epistolary
eradicate
erasable
erysipelas
escheator
escutcheon
espallier
espionage
etherealisation
ethereally
ethicist
ethnologically
etiolation
etymologist
eucharistic
evanesce
exaggerator
exchangeability
excisable
exclusory
excescence
exculpatory
excusatory

execrable
executory
exemplary
exercisable
exhalable
exhaustible
exhibitory
exhortative
existent
exorcist
exoticism
expatriatory
expiatory
expletory
expository
expurgatorial
extemporaneous
extraditable
extraneous
extortioner
extenuatory
factorial
fallacious
fallibility
falsetto
fanfaronade
fatalistic
feasibility
fenestral
ferriferous
fertiliser
fiduciary
fiendish
figural
filamentary
financier
finality
flabbergast
flaccidity
flagellator
flamboyant
flannelette
flexibility
fluidity
focuses
follicular
forensic
fortuitousness

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