

Who will Spell their Way to Victory?

£50 Radio Set and other Handsome Prizes

Entries Close July 19

INTEREST in our £100 Spelling Bee continues to grow, and entries are coming in both from city and country. In the case of our country friends, their letters show possibly some little misunderstanding as to the position. It will be necessary for all entrants to attend in person in Wellington. There is no possibility of carrying out the competition and allowing the contestants to remain in the country. Some entries have been received from country correspondents which indicate that they think this can be done. That is wrong. Any who have entered on that misconception may apply for the refund of their entrance fee. Close consideration was given to the possibility of making it of national and country scope, but no way could be seen of exercising the necessary supervision, so that it is necessarily confined to personal entry and attendance in Wellington on the part of competitors.

THE conditions have been fully outlined in early issues, but at this stage it will be advisable to summarise them. The competition will be conducted in seven sections, this being intended to give equality of chance as far as possible. These seven sections are:—

- (1) University or college students.
- (2) Teachers and lawyers.
- (3) Secretaries and stenographers.
- (4) Pressmen and advertising men.
- (5) Professors, ministers and educationalists.
- (6) General section—men.
- (7) General section—women.

These sections will be broadly interpreted, as they are designed for convenience and approximate equality.

Entrants in each of these sections will be advised by us of the time and place of their sectional trials. These will be held probably in 2YA studio, and will be of a semi-private character, i.e., not open to the general public. From each section three place-winners will be selected, and they must attend the final contest.

Some country correspondents have enquired as to the period of time elapsing between the sectional trials and the final night. It is impossible to determine that point until all entries are in and the magnitude of our task is revealed. Effort will be made, however, to meet the convenience of entrants who wish to come from the country, and arrangements be made as far as possible to have their sectional trials close to the final. Country competitors, however, must appreciate our difficulties, but we will give an assurance that, as far as possible, we will make arrangements to meet their convenience.

THE prizes to be awarded are on the following basis: Each of the three survivors of the seven sections will receive an order for One Guinea, to be spent in radio or electrical apparatus. In the event of some sections not being filled, the right is reserved to allocate more prizes to a stronger section, this being guided by the principles of equity. The bigger prizes are:—

First, an Order for £50, to be spent on a radio set or apparatus from approved advertisers in the "Radio Record."

Second, an Order for £20, to be spent in the purchase of electrical apparatus or equipment from advertisers in the Electrical Home Journal section, or by consent, from radio advertisers; and,

Third, an Order for £5 worth of radio or electrical apparatus.

The judge of the contest will be Mr. J. Norrie, librarian of the Wellington Municipal Library. The following detail rules will apply:—

(1) Entries, accompanied by entrance fee of 1/-, will be received either at the office of the "Radio Record," Third Floor, "Dominion" Building, Wakefield Street, Wellington, up to noon on Saturday, July 19, or by post until the evening clearance that day of Box 1032, Wellington, or at the "Radio Record" stall in the Radio Exhibition, till the closing time of the Exhibition on Saturday, July 19.

(2) Competitors must be prepared to attend their sectional trials, at the time and place to be advised, individually. Three place-winners, or such other number as may be determined in each section, must attend the final night promptly at the time of advice.

(3) In the actual contest, the decision of the judge, Mr. J. Norrie, in all matters shall be final and binding. Two failures, or such number as may be determined, will disqualify. The standard books of reference for spelling are Chambers' 20th Century and Nuttall's Standard Dictionaries. After the list of words which has been published in the "Radio Record" has been used, the judge shall have the option of giving any words from either of the dictionaries mentioned, but will endeavour, as far as possible, to avoid highly technical and scientific terms.

(4) The sectional trials will be semi-private. The final night will be open to public attendance and will be broadcast.

No. 5 List of Words.

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| mandatory | nihilistic | obsequies |
| manoeuvre | nibility | obsession |
| manufactural | niminy-piminy | obsolescent |
| matricidal | nitrogenous | obvolute |
| maverick | nocturnal | occasionalism |
| measurable | nominator | occiput |
| mechanician | non-combatant | occupation |
| mediacy | non-communicant | occurrence |
| medicator | nonage | oceanography |
| meerschau | nonagenarian | oleander |
| memorative | nonchalance | olfactory |
| mephitic | nonpareil | oligarchic |
| meridional | notably | Olympiad |
| meridian | notarially | omissible |
| metabolism | noticeably | opaquely |
| metalline | notifiable | optician |
| metalliferous | notoriety | oracular |
| metallurgist | novelette | oriflamme |
| metamorphosis (sing.) | novennial | ortolan |
| metamorphoses (plu.) | noxiousness | ostentatious |
| meteorologist | nuance | ostracise |
| meticulous | nubile | oxalate |
| mineralogist | nuciform | oxidable |
| mimetic | nucleus | oxygenate |
| misdemeanour | nuclear | |
| mistral | nugatory | pabulum |
| mitigable | nullification | pabular |
| modulator | nullity | pacifiable |
| molasses | numerability | pacan |
| molecule | numerate | padrone |
| momentary | numerically | palatable |
| monopolistic | numismatic | palatinate |
| multifarious | nuncio | palladium |
| | nurturer | palladian |
| naïad | nutmeggy | palliasse |
| narcissuses | nutrient | palliatory |
| necessitate | nutritive | pampas |
| negatory | | pancreas |
| neglectable | obduracy | pandemonium |
| negotiability | obediential | pauegyrically |
| negroid | obeisance | pannikin |
| neurology | obesity | pannose |
| neurosis | obfuscate | panniered |
| neutraliser | obeseness | panoplist |
| niblick | objurgatory | parallelogram |
| nickelliferous | obligatory | parallelly |
| niccolite | obliquity | paralytic |
| nickel | obliterate | parliamentarian |
| niggardly | obloquy | participial |
| nightmarish | oboist | parturient |

ENTRY FORM FOR "RADIO RECORD" SPELLING BEE.

(Closing date: July 19.)

FIRST PRIZE: Order for £50, and Valuable Supplementary Prizes.

(ENTRANCE FEE: 1/-.)

To "RADIO RECORD,"

P.O. Box 1032, Wellington;

Or Third Floor, "Dominion" Building,
Wakefield Street, Wellington.

Please receive my entry in Section..... (specifying No. of Section) for your Monster Spelling Bee. Entry fee of 1/- enclosed. I will abide by the rules laid down and accept all decisions of the Judge, Mr. J. Norrie, of the Wellington Public Library, as final.

NAME.....

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