

JUNIOR HIGH PUPILS WRITE FOR CONTEST

Local Bookstores Offer Prizes For Essays Dealing With Readings

Because three local bookstores have offered appropriate books for the best papers on the subject "The Book I Liked Best this Year," pupils of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades at Parrish and Leslie junior high schools are utilizing their English classes to prepare their papers, reports Miss L. May Rauch, supervisor of English in the junior high schools. The awards are offered by The Atlas, The Commercial and Patton's book stores and will consist of first and second prize for each of the three grades. Teachers will select the best papers from each class and these will be in the hands of the final judges May 16. Judges, as yet unselected, will be in no way connected with the public schools, which, Miss Rauch says, it is hoped will stimulate pupils to write papers of interest to the general public, rather than stereotyped book reports.

In connection with the contest, a survey has been made in the English classes of the two schools to ascertain the number of books read that were not required in the class discussion. From the survey the teachers learned much of interest concerning the pupils' reading habits. The contest itself is expected to further stimulate reading among the junior high students.

Here are a few facts the survey brought to light:

Since last September, 13,250 books have been read by the pupils of Parrish and Leslie.

This is an average of nearly 10 books per pupil, but considering that only books of which the students could recall the names were counted in the 13,250, the figures come considerably under covering the real reading.


A number of students have read 75 or 80 books in the period; others read barely two or three required by teachers in "outside" reading. One girl reports at least 200 titles she has read. Commenting upon what appears incredulous Miss Rauch said of the girl who had read 200 books: "The school librarian and her teachers consider this possible, as they have observed what an inveterate reader she is."

The number of books reported upon to English teachers for reading credit was 3,983, an average of three per pupil.

Students, asked in the survey to state the kinds of books they like best, named almost every type. There was little difference between the preference of boys and girls. Books of adventure and action were the most popular; other were partial to books of mystery, of the sea, of the olden day, of discovery and invention, of animal life and of history. One girl favored "scary" books like those of Dickens.

Circuit Judges Assigned Work in Portland Courts

Five circuit court judges from different parts of the state have been assigned by Chief Justice Randolf of the state supreme court to go to Multnomah county and assist in disposing of the



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congestion of litigation in the courts there. Judges J. U. Campbell of Clackamas county and J. W. Knowles of Union county, will go to Portland May 7, while Judge Alger Fee of Umatilla county, will report there later in the month. Judges T. E. J. Duffy of Deschutes county and Dalton Biggs of Malheur county will serve in Portland during the month of June.

THE EVANGELICAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the ministers and laymen of the Evangelical church in Oregon and western Washington will meet in Portland May 2-6. The meeting is to be held in the East Side church, of which Rev. C. P. Gates is the pastor. About 100 ministers and delegates will attend. Bishop L. H. Seager, D. D., will be present to preside over the sessions and at the ordination services of ministers. One of the main items of interest will be the election of a superintendent for the Salem district. Rev. G. L. Lovell, of this city, has served in this capacity for the past eight years. Besides Mr. Lovell, others who will attend from Salem are Rev. F. B. Culver of the First church and Rev. G. E. Erskine of the Chemeketa Street church. J. F. Ulrich and O. O. Straebaugh will represent these churches respectively.

There are about 58 churches on the Salem district, most of which have had a prosperous year. Three new churches have been organized and there will be a large gain in membership to report. The appointments of ministers will likely be read on Sunday afternoon or evening.

Four Marriage Licenses Issued Here on Saturday

Marriage licenses were Saturday issued from the office of the Marion county clerk to four couples, as follows: Arthur James Conklin, 22, Gates, and Bernice L. Mason, 19, Mill City.

Ralph C. Morrison, 34, Oakland, and Lena Dolores Christiansen, 27, Salem.

Albert C. Roberts, 30, Portland, and Lauretta A. Lovegreen, 24, Portland.

Elroy F. McDole, 24, Junction City, and Myrtle R. Brownlee, 23, Salem.

Four From Salem Take Part in U. O. Vaudeville

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 30. (Special.)—"Dream Follies," this year's junior vaudeville was presented Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, in the Eugene Hellig theater with a swirl of color and elaborateness in settings and cast. Fifty-three students took part in the show which was under the direc-

Litchfield President W. U. Students; Smullin Editor

Kenneth Litchfield, Portland, was elected president of the Willamette university student body for the coming year and William Smullin, Hood River, elected Collegian editor, in the student body election held Friday. These two offices are the highest which can be attained on the campus. Litchfield was the only candidate for president. He has been active in both college athletics and political affairs, having already served as president of his class, chairman of the Blue Key organization and second vice president of the associated students last year. In athletics, he has earned three stripes in both tennis and basketball, having been elected captain of both teams. He is a junior in law, and a member of Delta Theta Phi, national honorary legal fraternity. He is also a member of the Alpha Psi Delta fraternity on the campus. His home is in Portland.

Smullin was opposed for his office by Paul Geddes of Roseburg, but won by a large majority. He has also been prominent in campus activities and has done much work on the Collegian. During his first year he was advertising solicitor and during his second advertising manager and in the past year served as business manager for the publication. Hugh McGilvra is the retiring editor, who has done much during the past year to raise the standards of the college paper. It is now equal to any college paper on the coast. Smullin is a member of Sigma Tau fraternity. He has served as president of his class and of the Willamette "Cubs." He is also a member of the Collegian "C" club.

Jean White, Portland, member of Beta Chi sorority, defeated Georgia Fairbanks and Beulah Launer for the office of first vice president. Miss White is a member of the Collegian advertising staff, vice president of the junior class, president of the Women's athletic association, member of the Collegian "C" club and was social secretary of the campus YWCA. She is a graduate of Washington high school.

George Poor, Hillsboro, defeat- tion of Billy O'Bryant, Portland. Three Salem students, Nancy Thielsen, Kenneth Allen and Edward Fisher, supported the cast with vocal leads, and Phyllis Van Kimmell, also of Salem, was a member of the pony chorus.

JAPS GUARD CITY

TOKYO, April 30. (AP)—A detachment of Japanese troops guarding Japanese owned coal mines at Toshihan in Shantung, China, has been hurried to Chowtsun, 50 miles east of Tsinan, on receipt of reports that the city was being plundered. Sixty of the 80 Japanese residents of Chowtsun have fled from the place.

MR. HOOVER FILES

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Apr. 30. (AP)—Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, tonight filed a certificate with the West Virginia secretary of state, announcing his candidacy for the republican nomination as president.

SALEM TYPISTS 2ND

LESS THAN ONE WORD A MINUTE BELOW EUGENE

Salem high school's typing team came home from Corvallis Saturday evening with second honors in the state typing contest held on the O. S. C. campus. An average speed of 61.01 words per minute was made by Salem, just .35 below that of Eugene, winner with 61.36 for the event. Ashland won third place.

The most accurate team and individual accuracy honors went to Corvallis, with a team error average of 5.6 words, and individual record of but one error. Although none of the Salem students placed in individual honors in either the novice or amateur class, their work was good. Gretchen Oehler, second year student, made the highest record in the local team, 66.2 words per minute. Barbara Moberg, entered in the amateur event also, averaged 65.5 words.

In the novice class for first year students, Dorothy McCracken was high point typist for Salem, with

58.56. Grace Rose was runner-up, averaging 53.46. Ruth Thatcher of Ashland won individual honors in the novice class, typing 61.16 words per minute, using an Underwood. Her record will entitle her to enter the international contest at Sacramento this fall.

AWARDS APPROVED WASHINGTON, April 30. (AP)—The house finally approv-



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