

14 Girls, 6 Boys Ready for Spelling Finals

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Fourteen girls and six boys will be on the stage in the Grand Finals of the Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest at Parrish Junior High School, Wednesday night, March 24.

These 20 comprise the top contestants from each of the 10 semi-finals held within the last two weeks at Dallas, Keizer, School for the Blind, Turner, Dayton, Woodburn, Independence, Mill City, Greenwood and Mt. Angel. Of the 20, 14 are in the 8th grade, six in the 7th.

Eighty schools were entered in the contest which involved well over 3,000 7th and 8th grade pupils in Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Linn Counties. Winners in the semi-finals received Webster's New Collegiate Dictionaries. The top three spellers in the Grand Finals will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 government bonds, respectively.

All 20 of the Grand Finalists, with their teachers, will be guests of the sponsors at a dinner at Parrish Junior High immediately preceding the March 24 event.

The 20, in alphabetical order, with their teachers, are:

Vondra Anderson, 13, 8th grade, Parrish Junior High (Roberta Rogers).

Judy Baker, 13, 8th, Leslie Junior High (Mary Ann Foley).

MaryAnn Cain, 12, 7th, Turner (Norma Goddard).

Kennie Ruth Carlson, 13, 8th, Brush College (Raleigh Carothers).

Dewey Cummins III, 13, 8th, Pe-dee (Vernon Haefler).

Mary Freeman, 13, 8th, Bethal School (Russell Tuma).

Charlie Kauble, 12, 7th, Williams, Curtis Benefield).

Lonnie Kilmer, 12, 7th, Ballston School (Minnie B. Smith).

Loree King, 12, 7th, Victor Point (Dorothy Carpenter).

Pauline Kuenzi, 14, 8th, Willard (Emma Schreder).

Yvonne Lofton, 13, 8th, Dayton (Vance Noble).

Sharon McKimmey, 13, 8th, Hazel Green (Darrel D. Brown).

James Oberg, 13, 7th, St. Paul (Frances Draper).

Claudette Olson, 13, 8th, Stayton (Eulalia L. Macbeth).

Karen Overross, 12, 7th, Evergreen (Odella J. Park).

Frank (Tom) Thomas, 13, 8th, Cloverdale (Mildred Meunier).

Robert Richardson, 12, 8th, Valsetz (Ralph A. Miller).

Marion Rogers, 14, 8th, Eldridge (Theresa Dehler).

David Vanderhoff, 13, 8th, Greenwood (Gertrude Gragg).

Cara Lee Whitten, 12, 8th, Detroit (Albert W. Warby).

The Grand Finals are open to the public without charge or collection of any kind. They will be broadcast direct from the stage by Radio Station KSLM.

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Big Crop of Phone Booths Sprouting

By WAYNE OLIVER

NEW YORK — The telephone, which has flowered indoors since Alexander Graham Bell invented it, now is sprouting in the wide open spaces.

Outdoor telephone booths are springing up along superhighways, in parks, on public squares and other places where a lot of people pass by or congregate. American Telephone & Telegraph Co. reports its Bell System companies now have about 50,000 in operation compared with 6,000 in 1945, with the number increasing fast.

Because of the growing popularity of the outdoor telephone, A T & T's Bell laboratories recently designed a standard booth that now is being mass produced.

The booth has removable side panels which come in transparent safety glass or red, blue or green aluminum.

Color can make a difference, as the New York Telephone Co. found when a painter who was supposed to put a conservative maroon finish on a booth in a subway station decided to do it in brilliant chinese red. The painter wasn't in the dog house long. That particular booth trebled its take of coins.

The outdoor booth, including the highway booth, isn't particularly new but only since the end of World War II has it started to take hold in a big way. The New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., for instance, installed its first highway booth in 1938 on U. S. Route 1.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., also a Bell company, has been particularly active in the outdoor telephone field in the past two or three years. It has found from surveys that outdoor booths are attracting added usage rather than diverting calls from other telephones. And being available 24 hours a day, they are in use at hours when most indoor public telephones are behind locked doors.

There are many around the country in what appear to be unusual locations but whose usage indicate they are well situated — such as at zoos, near bus stops, and on beaches.

Companies have found that in spotting outdoor booths for both motorists and pedestrians, the most congested spots are not always the best. The most important consideration seems to be that they are in spots where it is convenient to stop.

State Library Development On Agenda

Plans for library development in Oregon and the importance of books to the public will be discussed at a meeting, open to the public, slated for the conference room of the Oregon State Library Wednesday, March 17. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., Ainsley Whitman, Salem, president of the Oregon Library Association, which is sponsoring the development program, has announced.

Miss Eloise Ebert of the Oregon State library will preside. Library boards and library friends in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties are especially invited to attend.

Those who will discuss the panel questions include Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, Mrs. Pauline Howard of Reed College, Miss Ebert and Whitman.

Similar meetings have been held in Portland, Tillamook, Oregon City and Corvallis, and Whitman reports, they have all been well attended, which he said he hoped would also be the story at the next Wednesday's meeting in Salem.

P-TA Chooses Nominating Committee

Members of the nominating committee for Salem High School P-TA were elected Thursday night and include Miss Mary Eyre, Mrs. George Hill, Mrs. Roy Lockenour, Mrs. Dennis Patch and Earl Saling. Officers will be elected at the April 13 P-TA meeting.

Four exchange students enrolled in Portland high schools spoke at the meeting.

They said they were impressed by the friendliness of Americans, the large number of cars, and the freedom in families and high school social life.

The students were Inge Teisman and Ellert Busch, both of Germany, Monique Van Damme, France, and Helge Lie, Norway.

Mental Health Session Called

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Oregon has been called by Gov. Paul Patterson for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the State House board of control room.

Twenty-three educational and state officials interested in mental health work have been invited and will head a report by Melvin Murphy, executive director of the MHAO, on the governors' conference on mental health last month at Detroit, Mich. Murphy was Patterson's special representative at the meeting.

Allen Purchases San Jose Station

Radio station KSJO in San Jose, Calif., has been sold to W. Gordon Allen of Salem and Louis E. Pett of Los Angeles, Allen announced Friday.

Purchase price of the station was listed at \$135,000. Former owner has construction permits for stations in Springfield and in Seattle, Wash.

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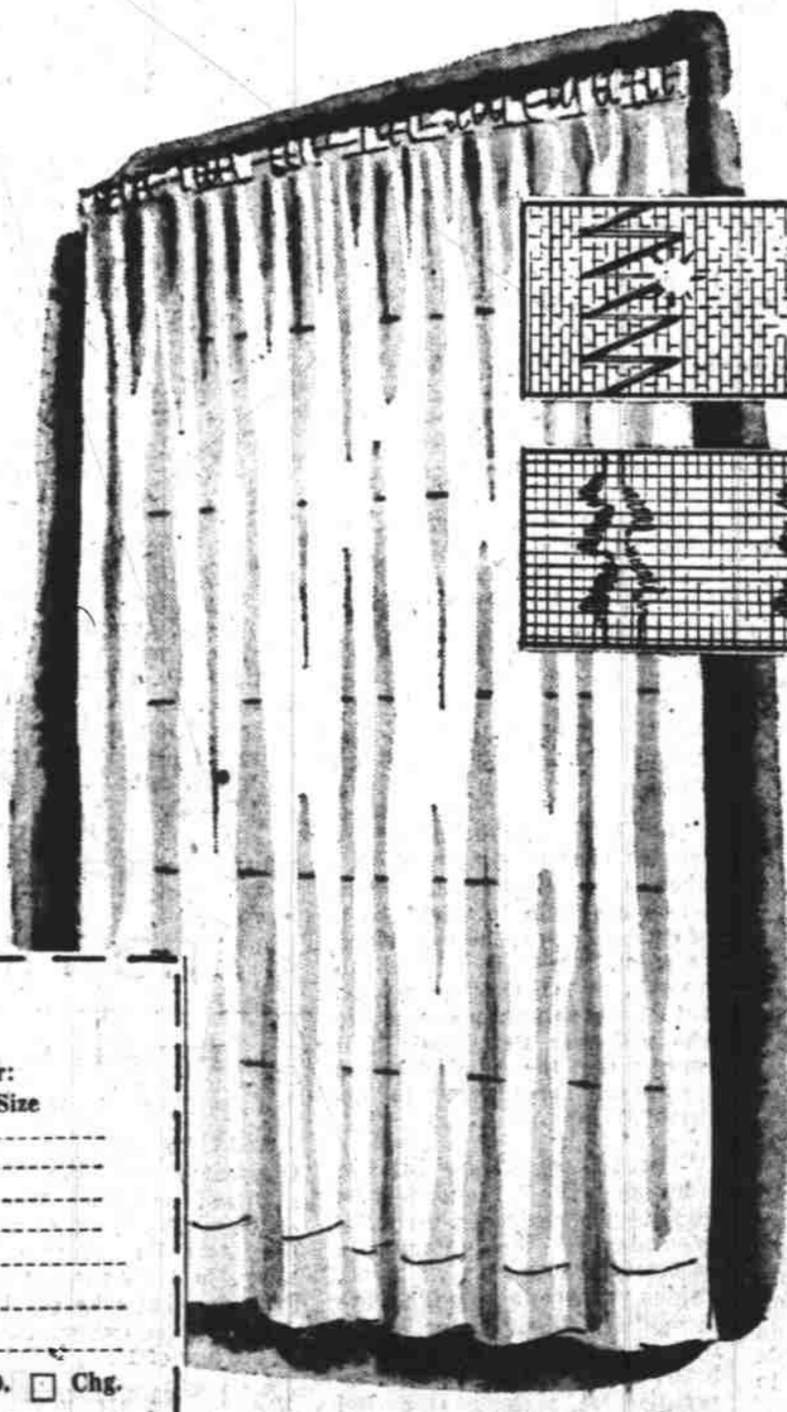
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