

County Spelling Contest

Results Show County School Pupils Are Below All Others

The results of the county spelling contest given to the public this week by County School Superintendent L. W. Rakes show clearly that the school children of Sherman county are not receiving the benefits that they should from the money being freely given by the county taxpayers for educational purposes in Sherman county.

The purpose of the contest between lodge and club organizations on the one hand and the pupils of the high schools and eight grades on the other was to ascertain to some extent the efficiency in spelling ability of people who are out of school and who are

occupied in the different occupations as compared with the efficiency of Sherman county school children. The contest shows that all the organizations participating in the contest can outspell the school children. Papers of all the eight grades show many to have earned 100%; that the lowest was 31%, and the average for all to be 85.6%. The different organizations have many with a rank of 100%, the lowest is 40%, and the average is 86.4%. This showing may have been different if the schools at Kent had sent in a report of the contest held in that school.

Below is printed a summary showing the standing of each organization taking the tests, the highest and lowest percentage marked on individual papers, the number who rank perfect, and the average for each group:

Name of Organization	Highest	Lowest	No.	100%	Average
Moro Commercial Club	100	40	5		82.2
Moro Women's Club	100	45	5		90.4
Grass Valley Women's Club	100	93	2		97.6
Eighth Grade (County)	100	31			85.6
Rufus Freshmen	93	60	0		72.6
Wasco Freshmen	98	45	0		87.1
Moro Freshmen	100	60	1		84.4
Grass Valley High	99	52	0		85.5
Rufus Sophomores	66	59	0		60.8
Wasco Sophomores	100	68	1		91.3
Moro Sophomores	100	82	1		90.1
Rufus Juniors	100	79	1		86.4
Wasco Juniors	85	77	0		81
Rufus Seniors	100	82	2		92.3
Wasco Seniors	96	55	0		77.1
Taylor Lodge Wasco					

* Total not tabulated. † Grades not segregated.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, on the 31st day of December, 1927, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 2,500,000.00
Total premium income for the year	\$ 44,006,601.87
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	13,831,863.11
Income from other sources received during the year	5,911,859.53
Total income	\$ 63,550,324.51
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 20,231,734.90
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	5,973,126.14
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	1,000,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	6,875,250.21
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	1,490,868.92
Amount of all other expenditures	4,817,119.31
Total disbursements	\$ 40,398,969.48
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 14,282,165.48
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	2,992,336.60
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	178,581,571.87
Premium notes and policy loans	30,964,482.69
Cash in banks and on hand	2,189,589.37
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	4,194,133.33
Interest and rents due and accrued	9,536,283.37
Other assets (net)	\$ 411,896.88
Total admitted assets	\$264,454,398.55
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves	\$219,239,784.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid	1,854,176.68
All other liabilities	25,422,314.86
Surplus derived from participating policies	15,261,624.80
Surplus derived from non-participating policies	644,719.71
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$2,500,000	\$261,954,589.55
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 185,844.18
Premiums and dividends returned during the year	32,736.80
Losses and claims paid during the year	57,941.09

John D. Shaw, President. R. Frederick Rust, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: Herman A. Ziehlke, Portland, Ore.

Boosts License Fee Costs

Auto Registration Bills Poorly Drawn Defeat Intended Purpose

That the initiative measures being sponsored by George Bylander and H. H. Stallard, collectively and individually, purporting to establish a flat automobile registration fee of \$3 per year, would in reality serve to increase the present license schedule by \$3 per year on all makes of cars, rather than provide the relief represented by the sponsors, is the opinion of prominent attorneys, who have made a study of the measure.

Both the Bylander bill and the Stallard bill, the measures being identical in their wording throughout, in addition to setting up a new annual license fee of a flat \$3 per year for all makes and weights of pleasure automobiles, it is pointed out, reenact the present schedule of fees, thereby increasing the load the automobile will have to bear by just the amount of the new \$3 fee.

While it is generally admitted that the intent of the authors of the measures was good, the bills are poorly drawn and so clumsily constructed as to defeat entirely the purpose for which they have been conceived, it is explained, neither bill being properly marked to indicate what is new matter or what is intended to be repealed in the law which it is intended to amend or repeal by the bill.

Joe Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, although declaring that he had not yet had occasion to examine the original measures as filed with the secretary of state, admitted that such would be the effect of the proposed new measures unless proper provision had been made for amendment of the existing law.

In addition to this apparent inconsistency in the proposed measure, it is also held by attorneys, who have examined the Stallard-Bylander bills, that enactment of either of the measures into law would exempt motor busses from the payment of the annual license fee now collected on this class of vehicles, leaving only the \$4 per year per passenger-seating capacity charge, which they would have to pay.

While it is believed that the sponsors of the measures might be able to amend their bills so as to put them in proper form, this would involve the circulation of an entirely new set of petitions, as signatures obtained to petitions now in circulation could not be transferred to any new measures which it might be found necessary to draft in order to correct errors existing in the measures as they now stand.

Rufus Local News Notes

Reported By Opal Addington April 2, 1928

Mr. Curtis Thompson is now working for Mr. Francis Medler.

Mrs. Dora Rayburn died last Wednesday at her home in Portland.

Our town has again been visited by many local showers this week.

Mr. Bud Coats is still suffering from illness, but is getting along very nicely.

Mr. Davis and family were visitors in Portland, and Hillsboro over the weekend.

Mr. Anderson who is working for Mr. Morris was a visitor in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. Rose Kemp and Mr. Howard Hill were visitors in Portland over the weekend.

A balgame was played here yesterday by the Cello Indians and the town team.

T. E. Hulery and family from Condon were visiting in their home town yesterday.

Mr. Rakes was a visitor in Rufus Sunday, he was also sporting a new Oldsmobile sport coupe.

Several of our town people were visitors in The Dalles last Thursday to attend to business matters.

Miss Lois Fowle and Emma Starling were recent visitors in The Dalles. Also Mr. and Mrs. Davis and son.

A Young People's program and Easter exercises will be given in the church next Sunday evening at 7:30.

Some of the people here attended the Junior Prom given at Wasco Friday night. Everyone had enjoyable time.

The telephone gang has laid off all of the Rufus men who were working with them as they have hardly enough work to supply their own crew.

Several of The Dalles people attended church here Sunday. Among these were Mr. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Anderson, and Lorrey Smith.

Train No. 26 was again nearly wrecked Saturday evening, by two persons who are yet unknown.

It was said that they were caught trying to spike the rails and was spied by some fellow on the track, and when seen both fled to a green dodge sedan near by, making their escape. It happened near Hood River.

SCHOOL NEWS

R. H. S. The school has obtained a new vaulting pole.

R. H. S. The grade rooms are busy with their spelling words today.

R. H. S. Several of the high school went to the Junior Prom last Friday night.

R. H. S. The boys are still practicing and waiting impatiently for the field meet.

R. H. S. The school boys ball team expect to play Arlington tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

R. H. S. Almost every one is practicing poems and speeches for the speaking contest to be held the evening of the 16th.

R. H. S. The Country Gentleman steeplechase was here last week and started a contest to obtain subscriptions for the paper. The school was divided into teams, the Wildcats and Bearcats. The losing side has to put on a play at assembly time in honor of the winning

side. The Bearcats are now ahead. The contest closes Tuesday, at 1 o'clock.

R. H. S. We have been requested by Mr. Rakes to furnish some entertainment at the county typing contest.

R. H. S. Pearl Addington has received her diploma in writing; making her 100% in writing on her eighth grade diploma.

R. H. S. Mr. Davis went to see the Underwood people about the condition of our typewriters, while in Portland recently.

R. H. S. The high school pupils are very busy this week, working on their note books for the local fair which is to be held here the 16th of this month.

R. H. S. A student body meeting was held Friday afternoon. A committee was appointed to clean up the basement. All the school was appointed to clean up the school grounds.

R. H. S. A school meeting is to be held here next Saturday night to discuss the building of the new school house. Mr. Rakes will be here with the plans for the new school house.

In effect, the value of farm products cannot be exchanged for all the present-day farmers require or desire. The value of farm products must be increased or the value of manufactured products decreased before the values may be equalized.

No. 88 Synopsis of the Annual Statement of THE CENTRAL MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	None
Total premium income for the year	\$ 2,549,675.27
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	121,462.67
Income from other sources received during the year	934.00
Total income	\$ 2,672,071.94
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 980,239.74
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	564,636.91
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	42,358.28
Amount of all other expenditures	839,728.92
Total disbursements	\$ 2,421,017.85
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 48,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	2,647,865.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	362,150.00
Cash in banks and on hand	147,693.21
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1927	269,102.99
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses	1,099.50
Interest and rents due and accrued	32,667.71
Total admitted assets	\$ 3,509,238.51
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	232,581.58
Amount of unearned premium	1,535,551.46
Due for commission and brokerage	None
All other liabilities	86,592.10
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$ None	\$ 1,804,725.09
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 11,573.02
Losses paid during the year	824.01
Losses incurred during the year	855.95

THE CENTRAL MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

H. V. Olney, President. C. A. L. Purmort, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: Insurance Commissioner of State of Oregon.

No. 89 Synopsis of the Annual Statement of THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	None
Total premium income for the year	\$ 57,908,226.53
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	17,839,087.41
Income from other sources received during the year	5,935,519.45
Total income	\$ 81,682,832.39
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 25,975,147.94
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year including last year including last year	13,309,099.84
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	7,825,776.39
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	1,455,585.91
Amount of all other expenditures	5,032,872.87
Total disbursements	\$ 53,598,482.95
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 2,874,180.36
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	106,806,698.93
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	178,928,958.88
Premium notes and policy loans	60,511,706.40
Cash in banks and on hand	3,828,485.70
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	8,121,449.18
Interest and rents due and accrued	6,129,210.84
Other assets (net)	5,000.00
Total admitted assets	\$ 267,994,584.19
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves for losses unpaid	\$ 204,095,410.59
Gross claims for losses unpaid	1,929,209.73
Dividends to policyholders due at each year	80,687,754.93
Reserve for Mort. and asset fluctuation	58,719,104.41
All other liabilities	5,278,105.12
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$ None	\$ 267,994,584.19
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 411,634.94
Premiums and dividends returned during the year	75,587.85
Losses paid during the year	108,861.00

THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

William A. Law, President. Sydney A. Smith, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: Seth B. Thompson, 1208 American Bank Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

No. 90 Synopsis of the Annual Statement of THE MINNESOTA IMPLEMENT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	None
Total premium income for the year	\$ 2,901,564.74
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	106,929.31
Income from other sources received during the year	21,676.08
Total income	\$ 2,929,870.08
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$ 17,842.73
Dividends paid policyholders during the year	1,112,366.58
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	542,562.40
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	41,839.78
Amount of all other expenditures	260,088.38
Total disbursements	\$ 2,034,640.87
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 1,690,400.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	385,594.19
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	228,468.48
Cash in banks and on hand	91,977.87
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1927	486,387.55
Interest and rents due and accrued	32,185.07
Due from reinsurance on paid losses	16,013.92
Total admitted assets	\$ 2,943,126.97
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 194,482.98
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,727,895.17
Due for commission and brokerage	None
All other liabilities	130,191.05
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$ None	\$ 2,052,509.30
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 20,714.78
Losses paid during the year	2,565.88
Losses incurred during the year	2,565.88

MINNESOTA IMPLEMENT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

J. Lab, President. G. I. Buxton, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: H. H. Marlin.

Sweet Thoughts of Easter



Grown-ups and growing-ups will welcome Candy on Easter Day. Here are Cream Marshmallows dipped in rich chocolate and shaped into bunny eggs for the children. And for the older folks we have boxes of delicious assorted chocolate.

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MOVIE NOTES

"I only know I love you... Love Me and the World Is Mine."

Thus runs the theme of "Love Me and the World Is Mine," the spectacular Universal production which opens its engagement at Grass Valley Friday, April 6th, and at Wasco on Easter Sunday, April 8th. The title indicates the thread of the tender and touching romance which runs throughout the story.

It does not, however, indicate the tremendous sweep and surge of drama, the great pageant of European life, the dazzling scenes of gray, old Vienna before the war which combines with the intensely human love motif to make "Love Me and the World Is Mine" one of the finest pictures in the history of the screen.

Based on the Austrian novel, "The Affairs of Hannerl," by Rudolph Hanns Bartsch, the picture is incomparable in atmosphere and local color. Its striking scenes of the Bosnian—Herzegovinian regiments of the Austrian army, its many brilliant court scenes, its delightful sequence in the Prater—the Coney Island of Vienna—its multitude of street shots, where one can almost hear the bustle and hum of the crowds made the two hours spent in seeing it a never-to-be forgotten period.

The performances of the leading characters are uniformly excellent. Mary Philbin as the heroine and Norman Kerry as the romantic army officer are ideally matched. Betty Compson, as the Viennese demi-monde is a perfect character.