

### Spelling Champ Comes Out Of Two-Room School Deep In McPherson County

(Editor's Note: A frequent complaint about today's educational system is that grammar schools, high schools and even colleges are turning out graduates who are exceedingly poor spellers. One student who is an exception to that criticism is a 14-year-old farm girl who yesterday won the national spelling bee. How did she become such a proficient speller? The following United Press International dispatch gives the answer.)

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Jolitta Schlehuber, 14, lives on a farm and attends a two-room country school near McPherson, Kan.

Yet she can spell words that would stump many a college graduate and probably quite a few doctors of philosophy.

Her spelling prowess carried her Thursday to the championship of the National Spelling Bee when she correctly spelled "propylaeum" and "syllepsis."

What was the secret of her success?

—Encouraging parents who played word games with her and showed her that spelling could be fun—even while drying the dishes.

—Rural school training by two teachers—there are only two at the 20-student school she attends—who stressed spelling for all their students but fed Jolitta's special interest with extracurricular spelling lists, rhyming dictionaries and other word books.

—An interest in reading that takes precedence over television. She watches TV only once or twice a week.

When Jolitta copped the national spelling championship Thursday, she walked away with a \$1,000 cash prize, a trophy cup and expense money for a weekend in New York.

Her mother, Mrs. Milton Schlehuber, a kindergarten teacher, was all smiles.

Mrs. Schlehuber said Jolitta became a "spelling bug" when her fourth-grade teacher, now retired, Mrs. James Knight of Knobnoster, Mo., gave the youngster her first real spelling list to "keep her busy."

But Mrs. Schlehuber had interested Jolitta in spelling even before that. When Jolitta was 6 and 7, she and her mother used to play "railroad spelling" to pass the time while doing household

chores together.

In railroad spelling, one spells a word and his opponent has to think of and spell another word that begins with the last letter of the previous word. The game becomes difficult when the previous word is one like "ox."

Jolitta's father also keeps his daughter in form by tossing difficult words at her to spell.

Jolitta said gleefully she couldn't wait to tell him that the word "triturate" came up in this year's bee. He had heard his dentist use it last winter (it means pulverize) and asked Jolitta then if she knew it. She didn't—then Jolitta said that "association" is one of her best helps in spelling. "Like exaggerate," she explained. "It has two g's so you exaggerate."

### Strike Holds Up Ship Departure

NEW YORK (AP)—A strike by 46 engineers held up the liner United States eight hours yesterday.

The liner, America's largest and carrying 1,776 Europe-bound passengers, was scheduled to sail at noon but the engineers refused to sign on until a list of grievances was settled.

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Ira B. Rhoades, drunk, \$25 or 12½ days.  
Frank J. Chisum, drunk, \$25 or 12½ days.  
Truman Thurman, drunk, \$25 forfeited.  
Luther C. Carey, drunk, \$25 forfeited.

**KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**  
Emal Edison O'Brian, no PUC permit, dismissed upon motion of district attorney.  
Johnnie Andrew Kiligo, violation basic rule, \$10 bail forfeited.  
Jerry Alois Rajnus Jr., parking on highway, \$5.  
James William Shelton, improper clearance lamps, \$7.50 bail forfeited.  
Arnold Brent Saxvis, no muffler, \$7.50 bail forfeited.  
Lloyd Gordon Bennett, failure to drive on right side, \$5.  
Boyd William Casper, violation basic rule, \$7.50.  
Vernon Melvin Young, failure to display license plates.  
Neal Adonias Palmer, violation basic rule, \$7.50.  
Daniel Edward Hoffman, improper muffler, \$5.  
Edgar Robert Palmer, violation basic rule, \$10.  
Robert John Dalley, failure to dim headlights, dismissed.  
Curtis Roy Smith, violation basic rule, \$7.50.  
Harley Edward Collins, violation basic rule, \$7.50.  
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