

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LIFE.

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## Who Will Be The Winners in the Group Contests?

In the preliminary contests in the schools and in the group contests there will be many boys and girls sorely disappointed because they are not chosen as winners by judges of the contests. It is for these that I am writing this because I can not talk to each one face to face.

In the first place, I would have each contestant ask himself this question: "Why am I in this contest?" It may be that in entering the contest you had in mind one or more of the following reasons: A desire to win out over your schoolmates; a pride in your school that made you willing to undertake this additional work that it might be represented worthily at group commencement; a willingness to help your teacher do things worth while in your school; an earnest endeavor to please kinsfolk and friends by your winning. If any or all of these were your reasons for entering the contest, you are to be commended for them; yet there is a far more important phase of the worth-whileness of these contests so far as you are individually concerned, and it is of this phase that I want to talk with you.

All of the above enumerated reasons for your entering the contest have to a greater or lesser degree the fact that you must be declared a winner for their fulfillment. Now, this message has nothing to say to those who may be declared winners; but it is for the real winners in all the contests. I am wondering if in the contest you have found that you are stronger or weaker than you knew before; if you have been developing a spirit of stick-to-it-ness in spite of discouragements that you have not felt before; if you have deemed loyalty to your school and community as things more to be desired than personal ease; if you have worked with a spirit that would recognize true worth in any and all contestants; if you have developed self reliance and strength; if you are conscious of work well done because you have done your best. If you have done any or all of these things you are a true winner regardless of any decision handed out by any set of judges.

Let me help you true winners to see that strength is of slow growth and comes only through constant exercise of the faculties which produce it. This is true of both mind and body. Then what value has a medal or a decision by any set of judges compared with the real strength of mind and of character you may have gained in this contest?

Finally, it is up to you whether or not you will be a winner. You may win the judges' decision and yet not be a true winner, and you may be considered a loser and yet be the greatest of all the winners. Which are you going to be?

And now just one word in behalf of the judges. Please do not judge the judges harshly or criticize them unwisely because they may not give the decision as you would like it given. Remember that they do not know anything of conditions that make one contestant more deserving than another. They can only decide upon the one whom they consider as best suited to represent the group in final contests. This they will decide from the contest alone—else who would not decide always in favor of the one whom he knew had tried hardest?

Let every one try to make judged losers who may be true winners realize that there can be no such thing as failure for the one who has done his best work.

ELIZABETH KELLY.  
Smithfield, N. C., March 27, 1917.

## Proposed Regulations Governing Spelling Matches.

(County Commencement, 1916-1917.)

In the Spelling Matches throughout the county at this commencement, there may be two teams from each school—the Elementary Team and the High School Team. The Elementary Team shall consist of three members selected as follows:

- One pupil from the Third, Fourth, or Fifth Grade.
  - One pupil from the Sixth Grade.
  - One pupil from the Seventh Grade.
- The High School Team shall consist of three members selected as follows:

- One pupil from the Eighth Grade.
- One pupil from the Ninth Grade.
- One pupil from the Tenth and Eleventh Grades.

The manner of selecting these representatives from the grades is to be left to the judgment of the teacher, though it is recommended that a series of elimination contests be held, so

as to benefit as many pupils as possible.

The list of words for the actual matches shall be chosen by some school man of standing. For the Elementary Match the words are to be selected from the sections for grades Five and Six of "A Spelling Book" by Foust and Griffin. For the High School Match the list is to be selected from the "Essentials in Spelling for High Schools" by Williams, Griffin, and Chase, published by Alfred Williams & Co., of Raleigh—price 25 cents. Each of these lists is to contain three hundred words, divided into groups of three each. In making out these lists it is required that a carbon copy be included so that the scorers may aid the one giving out the words to detect errors.

The contest shall consist of two periods of actual spelling with an intermission of five minutes to allow the contestants to confer with each other and their teacher. The actual spelling time in each half shall be ten minutes, care being taken that the team which spelled the first word shall not spell the last word. In the event of a tie, however, the contestants shall spell on until one side shall have missed two more words than the other, the words being given out from the same list as long as it lasts, and commencing at the top in case there are not a sufficient number of words. Should it happen that it becomes necessary to begin at the top of the list of words, the man giving out the words should omit the first word if it should by any chance be the same word given to the same child as in the beginning of the match.

The officers of the contest shall consist of: (a) A captain for each side. The duty of the captain is to do all of the talking that may be necessary. All other contestants must be voiceless. (b) A time-keeper and scorer. It shall be the duty of the time-keeper and scorer for each side at the same time keep a strict account of the time; they shall also be furnished with a copy of list of words by the person who is to call out the words and shall call his attention to any errors that he may either make or overlook. They shall also score together, checking upon each other. When a pupil misses a word, one tally mark shall be placed against his team. That team shall be declared winner that has the fewer marks. (c) A person to call out words. These shall be called out in the exact order in which they are printed on the paper. A copy of this shall be placed in the hands of the scorer who shall see that the order is followed.

## Special Regulations Concerning the Details of the Match.

1. A word shall be counted missed: (a) When the speller shall have spelled it through to the end. (b) When the speller shall have nearly completed the spelling and is made aware of an error by some indications from the audience. (c) When a capital letter is omitted. (d) When a hyphen is left out. (e) When in any way the word is spelled by the pupil and changed from the word that was called by the man who is giving out the words: i. e. if the word is "trusting" and the pupil spells "trusted" it shall be counted an error, provided the speller did not first pronounce the word—in which case was the duty of the person giving out words to see that the word to be spelled was properly understood.

2. The man giving out the words shall indicate to the audience by some motion of the hand, when a word is missed. He is to be the sole judge, but is subject to have his decision changed when it can be shown that a certain spelling is sanctioned by Webster, Worcester, or the Standard Dictionary.

3. A word when missed shall not be passed.

4. Any rules not covered by these regulations can easily be agreed upon before the beginning of the actual contest.

## Board of Education To Meet.

The Board of Education will meet in regular session, Monday, April 2nd. All who have matters pertaining to schools may present them on the above date.

W. G. WILSON, Chairman.  
L. T. ROYALL, Secretary.

## To Preach at Little Creek.

Elder W. A. Simpkins, of Raleigh, will preach at Little Creek Primitive Baptist church, the first Sunday in April at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. J. BATTEN.

Your own property is concerned when your neighbor's house is on fire.—Horace.

## RED CROSS STEAMER IS TORPEDED BY U-BOAT

London, March 27.—The British hospital ship Asturias was torpedoed without warning, it was officially announced today. Thirty-one persons were killed and 12 are missing.

The statement says: "The hospital ship Asturias, while steaming with all navigating lights and with all proper distinguishing Red Cross signs visibly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 20. The following casualties occurred: Military dead, 11; missing, three, including one female staff nurse; injured, 17. Crew dead, 20, with nine missing, including one stewardess; crew injured, 22. "The torpedoing of this hospital ship is included in the list of achievements claimed by U-boats as reported in a German wireless message yesterday."

## STATE NEWS.

Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent, who "has seen more modern warfare than any other American writer," according to Roosevelt, will lecture at the University of North Carolina on April 5th.

The number of students new enlisted for military training at the University of North Carolina has already passed the 500 mark and bids fair to be even larger. This means that nearly half the student body is now taking the two-hour a week drill, and in addition students in the medical school have organized a medical corps. Four companies, so far have been formed, with approximately 128 men each. They will be officered by those students of the University who have already had military training elsewhere. Many have had Plattsburg training and others have spent several years in military schools. Bill Folger is at present acting as ranking student officer. Coach T. J. Campbell and Prof. P. H. Winston, who is a West Point graduate, are advisory officers.

A meeting of a number of representative farmers of Mecklenburg County was held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce at Charlotte Saturday morning, when the advisability of selecting one breed of dairy cattle as a standard for the county was discussed. Those present at the meeting decided that the great number of scrub cattle raised in the county was a loss.

Only 40 years ago the Japanese went to battle clad from head to foot in armor, and wearing hideous masks to frighten the enemy.

The Civic league of Columbia, S. C., is conducting a vigorous campaign to rid the city of unsightly billboards and tradesmen's signs.

## FOUR BOOKS OF VALUE.

We have on hand a few books of great value which we are pricing down very low. Here are some \$1.00 and \$1.25 books going at 50 cents:

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## AT HERALD OFFICE



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## 25 Cent Books At Special Prices

For the Next Few Days We Will Sell Any Book in the List Below for 20 Cents; Any 3 Books for 50 Cents; Any 7 Books for \$1.00.

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- The Boy Scouts as Forest Fire Fighters.
- The Boy Scouts for Home Protection.
- The Boy Scouts on the Roll of Honor.
- The Boy Scouts with the Red Cross.
- The Boy Scouts with the Motion Picture Players.
- The Boy Scouts of the Flying Squadron.
- The Boy Scouts of Pioneer Camp.
- The Boy Scouts of the Field Hospital.
- The Boy Scouts of Naval Reserve.
- The Boy Scouts for City Improvement.
- A Fool for Love.
- Wallingford, by Chester.
- Trolley Folly, by Phillips.
- The Motormaniacs, by Osborne.
- Chimes from a Jester's Bell.
- The Princess Elopes.
- Four in Family.
- The Fifth String, by Sousa.
- Eccentric Mr. Clark.
- A Girl From America, by Meade.
- Strong and Steady, by Alger.
- The Cornet of Horse, by Henty.
- Four Years of Fighting.
- Flower Fables, by Alcott.
- Camping Out, by Stephens.
- The Lamplighter, by Cummins.
- Pretty Polly Pemberton.
- Six Little Princesses.
- A Modern Cinderella, by Alcott.
- Bertha's Christmas Vision.
- Paul, the Pedler, by Alger.
- Aesop's Fables.
- Wood's Natural History.
- The Water Babies, by Kingsley.
- Greek Heroes, by Kingsley.
- Coming Back with the Spitball.
- Tom Turner's Legacy, by Alger.
- Poor Boys' Chances, by John Habberton.
- Tom Thatcher's Fortune, by Alger.
- The Automobile Girls Along the Hudson.
- The Automobile Girls in the Berkshires.
- The Young Editor.
- Frank's Campaign, by Alger.
- The Telegraph Boy, by Alger.
- Polly Perkins' Adventures.
- The Campfire Girls in the Outside World.
- My Days and Nights on the Battlefield.

## LIST NUMBER ONE OF 35-Cent Books.

- Any book in this list for 25c., or any four books for 90c.
- Campfires of the Wolf Patrol.
- Pathfinder; or the Missing Tenderfoot.
- Fast Nine; or a Challenge from Fairfield.
- Great Hike; or The Pride of the Khamki Troup.
- Endurance Test; or How Clear Grit Won the Day.
- Under Canvas; or The Hunt for the Cartaret Ghost.
- Elsie Dinsmore. (3 copies).
- Count of Monte Cristo.
- The Motor Maids by Rose, Shamrock and Thistle.
- Her Senator, by Gunter.
- Under Two Flags, by Onida.
- The Camp on the Big Sunflower.
- The Rivals of the Trail.
- The Strange Cabin on Catamount Island.
- Lost in the Great Dismal Swamp.
- Caught in a Forest Fire.
- Chums of the Campfire.
- The Chouans, by Balzac.
- A Tale of Two Cities.
- Hans Brinker; or the Silver Skates.
- Mr. Potter of Texas, by Gunter.
- Peck's Uncle Ike and the Red Headed Boy.
- The Schonberg-Cotta Family.
- The Speedwell Boys and Their Racing Auto.
- Larry Dexter and the Stolen Boy.
- Tales From Shakespeare.
- Helen's Babies, by Habberton.
- The Bobbsey Twins at the Seashore.
- The Bobbsey Twins at School.
- The Bobbsey Twins at Snow Lodge.
- The Bobbsey Twins at Meadow Brook.
- The Bobbsey Twins at Home.
- Dora Thorne, by Braeme.
- The First Violin.

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We have large quantities of these goods bought before the advance and can close them out for less than they can be bought from manufacturers today; and on every Saturday we will give Cash Coupons receipts that will entitle you to a handsome premium. We want to induce you to trade on Saturday as we have extra help.

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## Jarvis Narron

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I have a mighty big line of Worsted Poplin Lawn and Crepes, Flowered Lawns and Silks which will be greatly reduced.

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I have a big line of Ladies' Top Woollen Skirts and Wash Skirts; also a line of Ladies' Coat Suits for Summer wear.

I have a big line of Children's Dresses, Gingham and White. Also I have a good line of Laces, Hamburg and Waists and Middy Blouses.

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# Joseph Milad

CLAYTON, N. C.



I received a car load of Mules Saturday, the 24th. I will make a special price on these.  
Public invited to see them.

## W. M. SANDERS

Smithfield, N. C.