PHILA. PUPILS LEAD U. S. IN SPELLING

Test Among 54,000 in Lower Grades Shows Average of 86 Per Cent

ORDINARY WORDS ARE USED

Pupils in the public schools of Philadelphia set the pace for good spelling in the schools of the United States. This was shown by results announced yesterday.

A very large percentage of the children do not put their "e's" before their "i's" when they belong behind. Most of them also know when a y instead of an i should be used.

The test was made among approximately 54,000 children of the lower grades, and showed that they spelled 86 per cent of the words correctly. An average of 84 per cent was made by children who entered the test in schools in other parts of the country.

Twenty words of ordinary usage were given to each class. About 15,000 passed a perfect test.

The best spelling was in the sixth grade, where the average mark was 91.5 per cent. The lowest average class was the eighth grade. That fact is explained by Dr. Armand V. Gerson, associate superintendent, as being caused by two factors.

"Spelling," he said, "is not taught as a separate subject in the highest grade. Also the present course in English has only been used for three years. Its effects have not reached the present eighth grade. When the children of that grade learned spelling they were given the lessons and were then supposed to be taught at home. Under the new course they are instructed by the teachers.

"The tests given justify the belief that instruction in this important subject is being adequately handled. The test has been a scientific measurement of the results of the work and the system as a whole is ahead of the average for the country and in certain grades very far ahead, indeed."

The words chosen were not unusually difficult. For instance, only 48 per cent of the eighth grade spelled "probably" correctly and a large number failed on "necessary." The words "material" and "colonies" were most often spelled correctly. In the sixth grade 95 per cent were correct in spelling "enclose," while many failed on "relative." In the fourth grade "extra" proved the stumbling block.

U. S. DEVELOPING BEAUTY

Fashions, Shoes and Buildings Show It, Pastor Says

"The outstanding developments of the American people during the last several years are their appreciation of beauty and the development of things beautiful."

This is the opinion of the Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, rector of the Church of the Saviour, who spoke before the American Guild of Organists in St. Stephen's Church last night. The meeting celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the guild.

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THREE BIG ROAD PROJECTS START

Work Begun to Finish Concreting Easton Highway. To Cost $400,000

TRAFFIC RULES OUTLINED

Work was started this week on three big projects which mean betterment of the main motoring roadways entering Philadelphia from the north.

The Old York road is closed in to "through traffic" from Susquehanna avenue, Abington, north to Willow Grove pending completion of the state contract calling for the concreting of that historic highway. The work from City line to Folly Farms, Abington, was completed early last winter. Under present plans contractors hope to have concrete laid to Welsh road, Willow Grove, and the road open to traffic the latter part of May and to finish the contract one mile further north early in the summer, thus giving an asphalt-concrete highway for an unbroken stretch of fourteen miles northward from City Hall—over Broad street to Oak Lane and thence over the Old York road.

A New Jersey firm started preliminary work yesterday on the concreting of the Easton highway from the line dividing Montgomery and Bucks counties northward to Doylestown, a distance of 36,700 feet, at a cost in excess of $400,000.

The Easton highway—until recently known as the Doylestown and Willow Grove pike—is already concreted over the distance between Willow Grove and the County line, with the exception of a short strip at the north end. This contract, like that on the Old York road, was started in 1920, but work was suspended during the winter months, by the Ambler-Davis Co. It is now again under way.

With completion of the two Easton highway contracts Philadelphia motorists will have main highways of real boulevard construction and on the direct route to either New York or the Delaware Water Gap for an unbroken twenty-six-mile stretch northward from City Hall. When completed the work will represent a total state expenditure of more than $1,000,000.

Suburban police departments are outlining traffic rules in anticipation of the heavy motor traffic which will be handled over both the Old York road and the Germantown and Willow Grove pike south of Willow Grove during the summer months.

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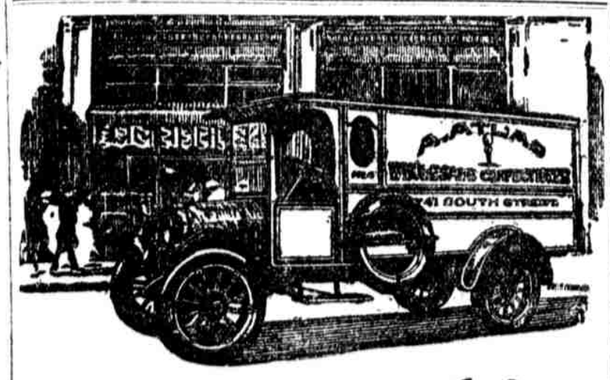

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