Awards in The Tribune's Junior Educational Contest

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NE thousand, nine hundred and would discover why they were not in eighty-five words wins the first the key list. prize in The Tribune's Junior In every list there would also be a Sducational Contest. Few imagined it few errors in spelling. Letters would vas possible to secure that number of be transposed or omitted, and these vords out of the letters in "Scranton would be ruled out. fribune," and it will be a great sur- Then there were those who wilfully orise to several hundred of those who changed the spelling of words to make intered the contest. The full list of them have the right letters. As an incorrect words is published herewith, stance, there were a few lists where lowever, and those who participated in such words as "country" and "county" the contest are at liberty to look them were spelled "countrie" and "countle. over with the greatest care.

graphs of the two brothers who head "e's," the last "e" was dropped, the list of winning contestants. Wil- "Plurals formed by adding 's' and

one of The Tribune's show windows this were correct these were admitted. pons and the original of the first page robin," and as these are clearly separ-

An Enthusiastic Contest.

The contest, which closed Saturday words, evening aroused the most intense entand some of the older folks, too) of The Successful Northeastern Pennsylvania. Lists of words formed out of the letters in "Scranton Tribune" were sent in from every section of the city and from S. Rodriguez, is a brother of Charles tion of the state. Letters and packages came in by the armful through the postoffice and were brought in by the contestants themselves or sent in by parents or other relatives. In some years would send in their lists by tweet the only one word beyounger brothers, preferring not to meet the Contest Editor themselves.

In the majority of cases the rules of the contest seemed to be clearly understood, but there were many amusing incidents. Some little chaps would bring in a list of from five to twenty words expecting to take a prize home with them right away. A few such lists came by mail with full instructions as to the mailing of the watch. But all were good natured and those who failed to get in among the first twentysix we are sure will join with The Tribune in good wishes for the more for-

Why Webster's International Dictionary Was Used.

Beside the lists sent in by the successful contestants, whose names appear in the accompanying table, there were many very* long lists of words received which failed to have more than 1,752 words, the lowest on the honor role. they were corrected. Some of these had as many as 2,000 words, and no doubt the majority of them were found in some dictionary, probably the Standard, but they were not in "Webster's International Dictionary" of 1898. It was absolutely necessary to choose

some one book to judge the contest by, and The Tribune selected the one that would be found in the majority of homes. If some one book had not been chosen it would have been the task of a lifetime to have ascertained if the words on the various lists were admissable. There are probably half a dozen different dictionaries on the market, and where a word was in question, if no one book had been selected, it would have been necessary to look that word up in each book. Under such circumstances it would have taken two or three weeks to have verified each list.

How the Lists Were Verified.

verified. If the contestant had a word many that were in Webster's were which was not on the key list, that omitted. word was looked up and if found correct was inserted in the key list. This Many Very plan was followed right through until the end, and as a result many words Neat Lists, were added to the editor's list. Every list that had more than 1,752 words, the lowest in the table of winners, was examined with the greatest care. It was lists, but the majority were most creda tremendous task, but it has been itable. Many were typewritten, while completed, and the successful contest- others were written beautifully. A numants can be congratulated that their work has stood the test. Only those who have been over the dictionary once to get out the words can appreciate what it means to go over it hundreds

The Contest Editor knows a great deal more about the English language doubt the same thing can be said for the contestants.

Educational

Advantages.

The Tribune has been complimented many times on the educational advantage of the contest. Fathers and mothers vho have brought in lists have remarked: "Here is my boy's list of words, and whether he wins anything r not it has done him a lot of good. He has had the proper combinations of letters more firmly fixed in his mind, and it has taught him the value of writing carefully."

Others have spoken of how their children had been led to look up the meaning of words which were new to them while still others claim that they have learned to operate the typewriter with greater accuracy and speed.

There may be a few who have overlooked these advantages and when they find that their boy or girl has failed to secure a prize, when their list was longer than the others, will wonder how they could have failed. In any event it will be interesting to know just why many of the words were ruled out.

Interpretation

of the Rules.

A great many lists lost more than a hundred words through using wrong letters or using a letter more than once paper. when it occurred but once in "Scranton Tribune." This was a very natural the boys and girls who worked hard to of each hundred were kept separate. error and the editor was led to look up secure one of the Christmas gifts As soon as the contest was decided, it many words in the dictionary before he offered by The Tribune, and if they was only necessary to go over those.

ver with the greatest care.

Sometimes where a word had a final
The Tribune shows also the photo"e" that would make it contain two

llam T. S. and Charles W. Rodriguez, 'es' not allowed." This rule was viond also publishes a full list of the for- lated in many cases. It was necessary tenate twenty-six boys and girls who to make such a rule as otherwise every succeeded in getting nearest to the top, noun and verb in the dictionary would This list also shows the age of each have had added to it an "s." All other and the number of words their lists plurals are given in the dictionary imcontained before and after correction. mediately after the noun, as "Country There is a very interesting display in pl. countries," and where the letters

morning. Piled up in one end are the "Words" only were admitted. Under lists of words sent in by the nearly this interpretation suffixes and prefixes seven hundred contestants, while in the were not allowed, as they are not other is the pile of coupons sent in by "words" but only parts of words. Com-the estimators. One has but a faint pound words were admitted, as a comiden of the magnitude of the contest pound word is "a word." In some inuntil they have seen this display. In stances the dictionary defines combina-the window are also the winning cou-tions of two or more words, as "sea of William Rodriguez's manuscript, a are words and could in no case be conreproduction of which is shown in reduced form herewith.

sidered "a word," they were not addited form herewith.

sidered "A," "I" and "O" were addited. mitted, as they are clearly words. Contractions, such as "ain't," not admitted, as they are not complete

Contestants. The winning contestant, William T. scores of towns throughout this sec- Rodriguez (who secured first place in The Tribune's 1900 Educational Contest), and is a bright little fellow of 11 years. His brother, Charles, had four more words in the list he sent in, but accidentally misspelled a few and is in

about 300 words. L. F. Davis, who is in third place, with 1,983 words, lost but 200 words,

The Tribune's Christmas Gifts to Children.

1.	Solid Gold Watch 8	\$22.00
2.		6.50
3.	Solid Silver Watch.	6.50
4.	Solid Silver Watch.	6.50
5.	Solid Silver Watch.	6.50
6.	Writing Desk	3.50
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00.00	Board	3.50
8.	Girl's Oak Sleigh,	(308/20
	"Snow Queen"	3.25
9.	Bagatelle Board	3.00
10.	Magic Lantern	2.25
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	bia"	2.00
12.	Brush and Comb Set	1.75
13.	Girl's Skates	1.75
14.	Boy's Knife	1.50
15.	Boy's Knife Boy's Sled, "Win-	
	ner"	1.50
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200.000	Gloves, (2 pairs)	1.45
17.	Rugby Foot Ball	1.25
18.	Girl's Knife	1.00
19.	Boy's Skates	1.00
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21.	Double Nine Dom-	20,855
	inoes	1.00
22.	Checker Board and	
	Checkers	1.00
23.	Progressive Words.	.75
24.	Hop Scotch	.50
25.	Numerica	.25
26.	Pillow Dex	.25
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and is only two words below the winning number Gertrude Kilpatrick, of Carbondale,

lost but a little over 100 words, and had one of the cleanest lists received, as there was hardly a list with less than that number of wrong words.

Dolly Filley and Lathrop Bevan had The Contest Editor's first duty was to the longest original lists, in the table go through the dictionary very care- of winners, but it was evident that fully and make out what was termed they bad used some other dictionary a "key list." This served as a founda- than Webster's, as their lists contion for comparison with the longer tained about a thousand words that lists as they came in. Every word was could not be found in that book, and

It would be impossible to give the names of all that sent in very neat ber were handed in flat, without even

CHARLES W. RODRIGUEZ.

the Contest Editor. Some were tied

with delicate ribbons, red, pink, blue,

Then there were those which were not

so neat. They came rolled, which was

against the printed rules; they came written on both sides of the paper,

were some in which the words were not

numbered, or were not in alphabetical

order, then there were some written on

paper of all sorts and sizes, some writ-

ten on paper bags, and even on wall-

But the majority were creditable to

yellow and green.

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1.	William T. S. Rodriguez428 Webster avenue	11	394 2294	1985
	Charles W. Rodriguez 428 Webster avenue		278 2298	1984
3.	L. F. Davis	15	208 2199	1983
4.	Gertrude Kilpatrick 122 Wyoming street, Carbondale	14	94 2100	1974
	Marguerite MaloneForest City			1973
6.	Willie Toy	12	85 2199	1954
	Raymond C. Hodges1310 Mulberry street		284 2152	1940
	Angie B. Shennan1634 Sanderson avenue			1938
	Dolly Filley		636 2851	1931
	Beatrice Parsons		336 2060	1923
	Edward Fadden		148 2148	1917
	Mildred Rogers922 Delaware street		113 2001	1910
	Robert L. SpencerBloomsburg		160 2010	1885
	Carl H. Costen		449 2010	1861
	Henry Naher		403 2072	1846
	Esther F. Hopewell1757 Sanderson avenue		171 1920	1832
	Louis C. Chandler804 Adams avenue		578 1900	1822
	Carrie Harloe		231 1923	1809
	Joseph McNulty			1809
	Helen Compton			1799
	Lathrop Bevan		594 2920	1790
22.	Madeline R. Walker124 Washington street, Carbondale	13	516 2361	1781
	Florence Stone			1780
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	Bart Cusick			1762
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THE TWENTY-SIX SUCCESSFUL CONTESTANTS.

ailed in this they have had at least a very profitable pastime.

Name

AWARDING THE PRIZES.

How the Gifts Are to Be Presented to the Successful Boys and Girls.

The most important part of the whole contest is yet to come. The boys and girls are all waiting to learn how they are to r ceive the prizes they have won. The Tribune would like to have as many as possible of the twenty-six young people, whose names are printed in the table on this page, come to The Tribune office at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, and each will be given an opportunity to select the gift they would most prefer on the list published herewith. The figures in the table show just what The Tribune paid for each present and they are published in the order of their value, but this does not mean that Robert L. Spencer, the boy in thirteenth place, must take the girl's skates, nor that Esther H. Hopewell. who is sixteenth, must have the set of boxing gloves, just because that is the

William Rodriguez will have the first choice, and it is quite natural that he should choose the gold watch, but he can have anything else on the list instead of that if he wishes. It is expected, however, that the first five will take the watches, and if Miss Gertrude Kilpatrick, of Carbondale, and Miss Marguerite Malone, of Forest City, are unable to get to The Tribune office this afternoon, silver watches will be sent

Next comes Willie Toy, in sixth place, and he will have his choice of any of the other gifts. He can have the writing desk, the game board, or anything else if he prefers. After he has made his selection, Raymond C. Hodges will have his choice, and the others in the order in which their names appear in the list of successful contestants.

Robert L. Spencer, who is in thirteenth place, is too far from Scranton to be able to get here this afternoon, and the Contest Editor, who was a boy once himself, will make a selection for him of a gift that would be most suitable for a boy of thirteen years.

There are three other winning couestants who are out of town-Misses 'arrie Harlow and Florence Stone, of to get to Scranton in time this afternoon, the most suitable gift of the greatest value will be set aside for them when their turn to select arrives. The Tribune would be glad to wait

until its out-of-town friends could get to Scranton, but it seems advisable to give out the presents this afternoon One Thousand Nine Hundred and so that the boys and girls can have their Christmas gifts on Christmas.

FORTUNATE ESTIMATORS

Those Who Came Nearest to the Number of Correct Words in the

While lists of words were coming in by the hundred, coupon estimates were abuse being poured on the Contest Editor's desk by the thousands. Hundreds of

Winning List.

WILLIAM J. S. RODRIGUEZ.

cording to numbers.

came in in every mail, until it was nec-

essary to assign two men to the task

of sorting and classifying them ac-

Soon after the contest opened it was

found that the winner would have over

aside. It was also ascertained that it

would be impossible to get more than

between these two figures were care-

fully numbered in the order in which they came in, and sorted so that those is

2,300, so that those above that num-ber fared the same fate. All coupons

being folded, and these were a joy to letters, filled full of the little blanks.

written on both sides of the paper, 1,500 words, and accordingly all esti-which was also against the rules: there mates below that number were thrown

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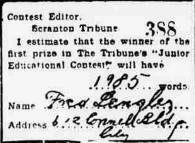
who had estimated within the limits of I banister It was found that eight had estinated the correct number, and they will be awarded the prize money in the order in which their est mat's were

received. Their names, the number of

words estimated, and also the number

showing the order in which they were received, are shown below: Fred Lengler, 612 Connell bldg... 388 1985 \$5.00 Mildred Replogle, 809 Sunset ave. 1300 1985 2.00 ens, Nicholson..1887 1985 1.00 Bessie M. Stephens, Nicholson .. 2679 1985 Zell Grewer, 110 Grand View ave.2841 Chas. Rodriguez, 428 Webster av.2937 1985 Roy Whitman, 383 S. Hyde Park ave2947 1985 Stanton, 117 Spring street...3003 1985 Vm. Rodriguez 428 Webster av.2894 1984 All but one of the successful esti-

mators named the correct figure, and the other came within one of it. There were quite a number of others who estimated 1.984 and 1.986, but they did ben



The Winning Coupon.

not get their estimates to the Contest Editor until later. Another fact worthy of mention is that the two most successful wordbuilders were also two of the most accurate estimators.

Those whose names are given in the above list are invited to call at The Tribune business office at any time most convenient to themselves and secure the sums set opposite their names. The Hawley, and Miss Madeline R. Walk- two ladles residing in Nicholson will er, of Carbondale. If they are unable have checks forwarded to them today.

THE WINNING LIST OF WORDS

Eighty-Five.

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