

# 3rd Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **3rd National Spelling Bee** was held at the National Museum in Washington, D.C. on June 23, 1927, hosted by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Scripps-Howard would not sponsor the Bee until 1941.

The winner was 13-year-old Dean Lucas of West Salem, Ohio (some sources say nearby Congress, Ohio, where he attended school), with the word *abrogate*.<sup>[3]</sup> Ralph Keenan, 13, of Waukon, Iowa placed second (misspelling "abrogate" as "abregate"), and Minerva Ressler, 12, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania was third.<sup>[1][4][5]</sup> It was Lucas' second appearance at the bee.<sup>[6]</sup>

There were 17 contestants this year, 13 girls and 4 boys, between ages 10 and 15, and the bee lasted three hours.<sup>[1]</sup> The first place prize was \$1000, with \$500 for second, and \$250 for third.<sup>[1]</sup>

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<b>Date</b>	June 23, 1927
<b>Location</b>	National Museum, Washington, D.C.
<b>Winner</b>	Dean Lucas
<b>Age</b>	13
<b>Residence</b>	West Salem, Ohio
<b>Sponsor</b>	<i>Akron Beacon Journal</i>
<b>Sponsor location</b>	Akron, Ohio
<b>No. of contestants</b>	17 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Pronouncer</b>	George S. Wills <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Preceded by</b>	2nd Scripps National Spelling Bee
<b>Followed by</b>	4th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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