

18th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **18th Scripps National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, District of Columbia on May 26, 1942, by the E.W. Scripps Company. There was no National Spelling Bee after this competition until 1946 due to World War II.

The winner was 11-year-old Richard Earnhart of El Paso, Texas, correctly spelling the word *sacrilegious*. Second place went to 15-year-old Margaret Montgomery of Iowa, followed by Hazel M. LaPrade of Massachusetts, who misspelled "paucity".^{[3][4][2]}

Earnhart was the first 11-year-old to win the bee since Frank Neuhauser won the 1st bee in 1925.^[5]

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16th Scripps National Spelling Bee



National Press Building

Date	May 26, 1942
Location	Auditorium of the National Press Building, Washington, D.C. ^[1]
Winner	Richard Earnhart
Age	11
Residence	El Paso, Texas
Sponsor	<i>El Paso Herald-Post</i>
Sponsor location	El Paso, Texas
Winning word	sacrilegious
No. of contestants	26 ^[2]
Preceded by	17th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	19th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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