

# The Busy Bees :- Their Own Page

**W**ALTER PRESTON, Jr., writes to the editor of the Busy Bee page, asking whether it is permissible to reproduce a story from memory after you have heard or read it before. The editor will publish stories that have been told before, provided that you tell them over in your own words, and that they are interesting enough. You must be careful, however, not to cling too closely to the text of the story as you have read it or it has been told to you, else the story will not be printed, but will be thrown into the waste paper basket. The encouragement of original stories is the aim of this page. Some of the Busy Bees are becoming rather lax in their spelling. You must remember that the children's page editor is not a puzzle editor and can scarcely be expected to know that "seapeared" is meant for "shepherd" and "wheatear" for "weather." Other words which were misspelled this week were "chifonear" for "chiffonier," "blue" for "blew" and "wich" for "which."

You must learn to consult the dictionary whenever you are in doubt as to the spelling or meaning of any word. And after having looked up a word, be sure that you do not forget it and have to look it up again. Learn to retain the spelling of unusual words in your memory.

This week, first prize was awarded to Gell Baldwin; second prize to Dorothy Stewart, and honorable mention to Beulah Christiansen, all of the Blue Side.

## ONE OF THE PRETTY LITTLE BUSY BEES.



Geraldine Swartz

Pittsburgh. It is on Fifth avenue and Grand street. It is twenty stories high and when built was finished in marble. The export trade is growing rapidly. Pittsburgh's system of parks was originated in 1850. Highland park is one of the most picturesque parks in that country. Coal and coke are sent from Pittsburgh to New York and Chicago.

## Public School Roll of Honor CHILDREN RECEIVING THE HIGHEST MARK IN MORE THAN HALF THEIR SUBJECTS LAST WEEK.

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| <b>MONMOUTH.</b><br>Eighth B. Anna Unfiled, Edna Grant, Gladys Hansen, Edward Kuppik, Lillian Laux, Kay Nieman, Merle Swanson, Katherine Tennant, Winifred Travis, Fred Wright.<br>Ninth A. Elmer Cusick, Ruth Johnson, Una Jerusalem, Eva Flynn, Doris Newhouse, Gertrude Reacher, Oscar Giger, Mildred Hunsate, Clara Robel, Beulah Baker, Harry Bloom, Elsie Erickson, Mary Elizabeth Graham, Esther Houser, Hazel Leke, Lillian Nelson, George Falesner, Stella Peterson, Vernon Swanson.<br>Seventh A. Helen Morrison, Leslie Smith.<br>Eighth A. Edna Cane, Edward Gibson, Edith Peterson, Cora Miller, Pearl Smith, Dorothy Turpin, Conrad Walditch, Edward Radway.<br>Fifth A. Helen Hoffmeyer, Ruth Lettel, Marvin Reischneider, Ruth Lettel.<br>Fourth B. Leonard Caldwell.<br>Fifth A. Daniel Hagin, Arthur Johnson. | <b>MONMOUTH.</b><br>Sixth B. Gate Blascob, Signe Lindberg, Marie Snyder, Sadie O'Neill, Orpha Travis.<br>Fourth B. Clarence Erickson, Vivian Harley, Ralph Martin, Robert Winter, Mildred Ganta, William Laux, Margaret Robertson, Florence Gilbert.<br>Fourth B. Edwin Boland, Fred Brewer, Nora Hamilton, Stancel Keise, Nora Rager, Rebecca Anderson, Lona Burton, George Conkling, John Gibson, Harry Hunter, Cecilia Lee, Cecelia Winscot.<br>Third B. John Beebe, Dwight Davis, Clara Goodrich, Grace Hall, Charles Horton, Paul Miller, Bruce Meredith, Hazel Smith, Hildred Smith, Paul Head, Fredric Laux, Hildred Starner, Leone Warner.<br>Fourth B. Helen Morrison, Leslie Smith.<br>Eighth A. Edna Cane, Edward Gibson, Edith Peterson, Cora Miller, Pearl Smith, Dorothy Turpin, Conrad Walditch, Edward Radway.<br>Fifth A. Helen Hoffmeyer, Ruth Lettel, Marvin Reischneider, Ruth Lettel.<br>Fourth B. Leonard Caldwell.<br>Fifth A. Daniel Hagin, Arthur Johnson. | <b>EDWARD ROSEWATER.</b><br>Seventh A. Lena Strangler, Barton Kuhns, Margaret Muir, Olga Paulsen.<br>Sixth B. Harriet Babka, Alta Gray, Mary Filip, Willie Kotera, Mamie Fecha, Emily Prenost, Helen Skupa, Joseph Stuhldier.<br>Fifth A. Matilda Churnoph, Edward Gray, Charles Moore, Dorothy Bowman, Helen Knipper, Myrtle Hedgren, Franka Smith, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecelia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson. | <b>CENTRAL.</b><br>Eighth B. Reginald Fernald, Miriam Hutt, Barton Kuhns, Margaret Muir, Olga Paulsen.<br>Seventh B. Jean Argeringer, Ruth Ball, Juanita Edmondson, Margaret Hill, Ruth Oppenheim, Charles Stedking, Harold True, Rose White, Inez Williams.<br>Fifth A. Matilda Churnoph, Edward Gray, Charles Moore, Dorothy Bowman, Helen Knipper, Myrtle Hedgren, Franka Smith, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson.<br>Fourth B. Adolph Hill, Edith Erskine, Emma Riechle, Louisa Phlips, Paul Goldstein, Henrietta Kohn, Cecilia Hudson. |
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## CHARMING 1914 DEBUTANTES

Several Young Omaha Girls to Make Formal Bow in Society.

## MANY LARGE JUNE WEDDINGS

Out-of-Town Guests Arriving for the Webster-Beeson Wedding Tuesday Evening at All Saints' Church.

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at home after July 27 at 2311 Bristol street. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mauer, Minden, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simon, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brandes, Hancock, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, Granta, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Horkachik, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Leach, Miss Beasts Leach, Harlan, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Feyerstein, Waterloo, Ia.

## Oratory Department Dinner.

Miss Lillian Pich of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Nelson were honor guests at a dinner party given Saturday evening at Carter Lake club by the oratory department of the Omaha Woman's club. After dinner a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Samuel Hees, sr., an honorary member of the department, who was unable to attend the party, was read. There were speeches and a repetition of the songs sung at the department's minstrel show at the Auditorium. Mrs. Hees also sent flowers from her garden for the table decorations. The evening was spent in dancing. Covers were laid for Misses Lillian Pich, Lorena Leeka, Melissa Snowball, Masara Nathaniel Reed, E. L. Pula; Mesdames E. Oehrie, O. Y. King, S. A. Collins, R. N. Neely, C. C. Ryan, F. N. High, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Syfert, Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. McAvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Darr, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clay, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lord, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Williams.

## House Dancing Party.

A dancing party was given at the home of Kenneth and Edward Lowe Friday evening in honor of Laurence Gowney of Kansas City, Mo. Those present were: Mesdames—Tussell East, Hilbert Tierney, William Adams, Marshall O'Neil, Edward O'Neil, Laurence Gowney, Kenneth Lowe. Misses—Margaret Hoffman, Esther Connolly, Dorothy Fleming, Gene Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blakely returned Friday from a five months' automobile tour of the southern states, principally Florida.

## Entertains at Luncheon.

Mrs. John A. McShane gave a luncheon Saturday at her home, when the guests were: Mesdames—Henry Wyman, Charles Stewart, Council Bluffs; L. P. Crofoot, James McKenna, M. T. Barlow.

## Columbian Entertainment.

The Columbian Circle will entertain at a high five party at their hall, Twenty-second and Locust streets, Friday afternoon. Ten prizes will be given.

## Miss Moore Chosen Sponsor.

Miss Avilda Moore is sponsor for Captain Ray E. Fee, quartermaster's department, military school of the University of Nebraska. Announcement of sponsors were made last Friday, following the annual competitive drill and ceremonies.

## Entertains with Music and Games.

Mr. and Mrs. George Friday entertained at their home Friday evening. Music was given by an Italian string orchestra and games were played. Those present were: Mesdames—Margaret O'Malley, Philomena Powers, Mildred Powers, Alice Walters, Marie O'Malley, Mrs. A. O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Slink, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. George Powers.

## Plays Past.

Mrs. L. C. Rasmussen entertained the faculty of the Omaha High School of Commerce at her home Saturday afternoon.

## Return from School.

Mr. John G. Hanighan, Jr., is expected to return from Cornell university June 22, as home from two weeks' visit in Mississippi with an uncle of Captain Stone's. They will return to Omaha before sailing for Honolulu.

## Personal Mention.

Max Zratter of this city called today from New York for London. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Redick will build this summer at the corner of Thirty-eighth and Davenport.

## CLASS DAY PROGRAM AT WINDSOR SCHOOL FRIDAY

At the Windsor school Friday the following class day program will be given in the afternoon: Song—There's Music in the Air..... Quotation from Shiloh of Cleveland is a Soldier..... George Goodland..... Piano Solo—Old Black Joe..... Charles Gunbel Ethel Grant..... Quotations from Shakespeare..... Song—The Little Soldier..... Their Recitation—A Legend of Bregeus..... Mabel Etchison..... Trio—The June Bug..... Edward Holst Vera Pedersen, Bernice Peake, Dorothy Quarrel Between Brutus and Cassius..... Shakespeare..... Ralph Sutton and Will Nicholson..... Piano Solo—Old Black Joe..... Henri Kokalski March..... Marion Cable..... Song—Stars of the Summer Night.....

## TWO WOMEN ARE ASKING THE COURT FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Annie Peterson of South Omaha, mother of nine children, ranging in age from 3 to 20 years, has brought suit for divorce against Andrew Peterson. Cruelty, drunkenness and bad language are the alleged grounds.

## FROM STANLEY HALL, MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN ATTENDING SCHOOL, TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH HER MOTHER. BEFORE COMING HOME, MISS KETNER WAS A GUEST AT A HOUSE PARTY ON LAKE MINNETONKA.

## In Honor of Visitor.

Mrs. J. B. McPherson entertained at a Kensington Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. E. C. Lynch of Valentine. Games were played and prizes won by Mrs. S. H. Smith and Mrs. Howard Farrell. Those present were: Mesdames—Charles Kaufman, Kate Willis, J. C. Vanden, M. E. Smith, B. C. Lynch, F. H. Smith, C. Bean, Leo Wilson, E. E. Rail, Angela Weninghoff, T. Evans, J. H. Friedel, J. T. Slater, Howard Farrell, Earl Kaufman, Van B. Lady, C. Conran, O. A. Gantner.

## At Prairie Park Club.

A dancing party was given in honor of Miss Anna Marie Johnson Wednesday evening at Prairie Park club house. Those present were: Mesdames—Naomi King, Zerkow Binder, Frances Stolinski, Adelaide Albright, Lola Pikel, Lillian Carlson, Frank Schuler, Maurice Weninghoff, Ethel Albright, Anna Marie Johnson, Minnie Voss, Margaret Thomas, Nora Hall, Chicago, Myrtle Johnson, Alvin Bohrens, Isabel Trail, Mesdames—Walter Barre, Merton Carlson, Dick Morton, Harry Larsen, Emil Weninghoff, Frank Schuler, George Thorp, Carl Goetz, Ben Stevens, Joe Goetz, Harry Cook, George Cook, Chester Clark, Robert Gibson, L. L. Murphy.

## Misses—

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## Little Stories by Little Folk

### (First Prize) The Cocoon.

Gell Baldwin, Aged 11 Years, Herman, Neb. Blue Side. One day when my father was trimming the mulberry trees he found a cocoon. He put it in the garden fence where it would not fall out. One day when he was working in the garden I asked him if I could have it and he said yes. I took it in the house and put it in the south window. Last night mamma and papa went to the Eastern Star meeting. When they got home they heard a noise under the chiffonier and they went to see what it was. They found that the butterfly had hatched. It is very large and pretty. Its body is striped with red and white. Its wings are black, white, yellow, tan and brown.

### (Second Prize) Life of a Wren.

Dorothy Stewart, Age 9 Years, Tecumseh, Neb. Blue Side. This is the first time I have written to the page. I will try to do better next time I write. Last summer my father made a wren house. First he nailed the lid on. Then he made a hole which was to represent a door. Then he nailed a board to the bottom of the box and let a little piece of the board stick out in front. When it began to get warm and the birds from the south began to come back, a wren came and saw the box and stopped to examine it. When she saw the box was safe she brought sticks and began to build a nest. When the nest was done she laid some eggs. In three weeks there were four babies. One day when she went to get some food for her babies she was hit with a rock. She could hardly see but she tried, in pain. Pretty soon she got to the post then she tried to fly but could not.

### (Honorable Mention) Last Day of School.

Beulah Christiansen, Age 12 Years, Bradshaw, Neb. Blue Side. Our school was out the twenty-third of May. We had a big dinner in the school house. There was a large crowd there. The teacher took the picture of all of us. The pupils collected enough money to get a present for Mr. Tindall, our teacher. We bought her a picture. It was "Daniel and the Lions." It was very pretty, and she was greatly surprised. In the afternoon the young people went to a pasture and played ball. There were quite a few went to watch them play. One side made 20 scores and the other made 16 scores. We all went home very happy.

### The Tame Cow.

By Viola Poppeh, Venus, Neb., Oak View Ranch, Red Side. "Aw, I bet you're afraid," exclaimed a boy of 14 years. "No, I'm not," declared the girl. These two children had moved to the country, where their father had bought a section of land. Their father bought a cow and it now stood in the yard gazing at the children with wide-open eyes. "Fraidy-cat, fraidy-cat" said the boy. "Well, I'll ride her now if you think I'm afraid." And putting the action to her words, the girl scrambled over the gate and stood in the yard with the cow. "Whoa, Bossy," she said, as she advanced toward the cow and held out her hand. It seemed to the girl that the cow was glaring at her and that she was ready to run. She laid her hand on the cow's nose, but to her surprise found that the cow only sniffed at her hand. "Why, she isn't very wild," she exclaimed in a surprised tone. After petting the cow awhile, she stepped back to the cow's side. The cow jumped aside and shook her head. "Oh, I'm afraid," the girl said, as she turned and looked at her brother. "Aw, Sis, you're afraid—" he began, but stopped for "Sis had turned resolutely toward the cow. "Whoa, Bossy." The girl jumped and found herself on the cow and holding on for dear life. The cow stood still. "Sis" looked at her brother and he looked at her and then they both burst out laughing. "Why," exclaimed Sis, "it's a tame cow."

### New Busy Bee.

By Roselle Klein, Six Hickory Street, Omaha, Neb. Blue Side. I am a new writer and I am in the Fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Cottrell. I hope to find my letter in print, and not thrown to Mr. Waste Basket.

### John's Reward.

By Mary Goldenstein, Aged 9 Years, Glenville, Neb. Red Side. "John," said Mrs. Brown, "will you go to the store for me?" "Oh, mamma! I'm having such a nice time with Rover. I don't want to go." As he glanced up at his mother and saw her pale cheeks, he felt very bad. He knew that she had to work very hard to keep them well and strong. "I'll go, mamma," he said. "I want you to buy some thread," said his mother, "and some coal." John took his wagon and, putting the coal can in it, he started off. As he went on, an old woman who was sitting on the porch, called out to him, "John, will you get my milk from Mr. Dean's?" "Yes, madam," said John. He brought the milk to Mrs. Gates for

## RULES FOR YOUNG WRITERS

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only and number the pages.
2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3. Short and snappy. Stories will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.
4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
5. Write your name, age and address at the top of the page. First and second prizes of books will be given for the best two contributions this page each week. Address all communications to CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

## Life of a Bird.

Ida A. Quinn, Elkhorn, Neb. Blue Side. I am a book. I am old and worn out now, but at one time I was a pretty new book. I lay on a counter in a store and one day a stylishly dressed little girl asked the clerk how much I would cost. He said, "The price of that book is—let me see—\$1.25." "All right," replied Helen. "I will buy this book." Oh, how happy I felt. Helen took from her silver purse a shiny new dollar and then a 5-cent piece. The clerk wrapped me up and Helen carried me home. The next day she gave me to a poor girl. It rained last night and I was out in it and today am old and worn out. I really am not old but I feel like it. I hope the story of my life escapes Mr. Wastebasket.

## Picking Plums.

William Avon Barrett, Age 10 Years, Si-moon, Cherry County, Neb. Red Side. It was vacation time when Harry and Allan Brown and their sisters, Martha and Edna went to pick some plums on the Snake river. They saddled their ponies and started off. When they reached the plum patch they found there was no fence to tie the horses to, so they turned them loose. They did not take the lunch basket off of the horses. Then they started to pick plums. The horses got tired of waiting and started home on the run without the children seeing them. After a while Martha looked up and said, "Oh, the horses are gone and how are we going to get home?" After a long wait they saw their father coming with the horses again. They got on the horses and then started home. The children said they will never turn the horses loose again, and they did not. I hope I see my story in print and I hope to receive a prize.

## Jennie Wren.

By Ida M. Crowe, Aged 10 Years, 43 West Twenty-eighth Street, Kearney, Neb. Blue Side. I am Miss Jennie Wren. The other day when I was hunting for a new home and talking to my mate, who was in a tree across the street, I

## The Great Stone Face.

By Fay Baldwin, Aged 11 Years, Herman, Neb. Red Side. "The Great Stone Face" was written by Nathaniel Hawthorne. We find the Great Stone Face in the White hills of New Hampshire. It was made by nature. It had a forehead 100 feet high, a nose like a bridge and lips so large that if he could have spoken his voice would have sounded like thunder. These mountains lived in log houses, some in forests and some in comfortable farm houses. Ernest and his mother sat in the doorway talking about the Great Stone Face. Ernest's mother told him that there would be someone that looked like the Great Stone Face. This story has been told from family to family. It had been told to the Indians by the mountain streams and among the tree tops that there would be someone that looked like the Great Stone Face. Ernest was born in a log hut. He would always mind his mother and helped her with many things even more by his loving heart. He grew up to be a quiet boy and sun-browned by the labor in the fields. About this time there was a story going around the country that there really was a man that looked like the Great Stone Face. His name was Mr. Gathergold. The reason why Mr. Gathergold got this name was because he was so rich. I hope my letter will be in print. It is to be continued.

## Plays Cowboy.

Willard Stewart, Age 10 Years, Tecumseh, Neb. Red Side. I like to be a cowboy. I have a pony. One day I was playing cowboy. We boys had a camp in the woods. We had messengers for the east, west, north and south. One day the south messenger arrived with a message. It read the other side was going to surround our camp. We captured them, then drew our pistols on them. At night we covered the fire with ashes, then went home. This is the first time I have written to the page. I hope to win the prize.

## About Pittsburgh.

By Mary Goldenstein, Aged 9 Years, Glenville, Neb. Red Side. Pittsburgh is noted for iron, steel and glassmaking. It is also the largest shipping point for coal. Pittsburgh is called "The Smoky City" because there are so many factories. As a manufacturing city it is best known. On Wall street there are very pretty buildings. Frick building is noted in

## Old Soldier's Story.

By Mildred F. Volat, Aged 12, Davenport, Neb., Red Side. Max sat on a fence looking anxiously down the street while he talked to a little black dog that lay on the grass watching some flies. "Sport, do you suppose they will come soon? We have been waiting here for about an hour and haven't seen anything of them yet." Just then they heard the sound of music and soon a little band of soldiers, followed by a large crowd of people, were seen approaching slowly. As they came nearer Max saw an old man limping painfully along bearing a large American flag, which had been torn by bullets of the enemy in the battle in which many had fallen. Even his father who had never returned might have given his life at that time also. The man was now just opposite, and as Max saw the sad look on his face he sprang down from his place on the fence, took the flag from his hands and marched proudly along by his side. The old man leaned heavily on Max's arm, but when they reached the cemetery he straightened up and wanted to take the flag from the boy's hands, and Max seeing that the old man wished to help carry it, let him take hold of it, but he carried most of the weight. As they reached the unknown grave, Max took from his pocket a tiny flag. The old soldier noticed it and asked him

## Goodbye to Busy Bees.

By Ethel Eleanor Barton, Aged 13 Years, Arlington, Neb. Dear Busy Bees: This is the last time I will ever write to you. I will be 14 years old this summer, but I shall not stop reading the stories. I am in the ninth grade. Our school is out May 25. I am sending a poem, which I wrote this spring about my grandmother, who died in the winter, and my aunt and uncle, who died when they were small. I will now say good bye to all the Busy Bees.

## The Panama Canal.

By Cora E. Bishop, Age 14 Years, Percival, Ia., Box 2, Blue Side. The Panama canal is being dug through the southern part of Central America. The use of it is to permit ships to pass to and from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic, although it will be useful in many other ways. They have many miles to go before it is completed. They say ships will be permitted to go clear through by the year, 1915. They are planning a Panama exposition when it is completed. I think it will be very nice, and lots of people will be there. I have been reading in the papers about the first warship which entered the canal at Gatun Locks, by the electric locomotives. It was a warship called Severn, and ran on coals on the walls of the locks.

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