

The Busy Bees :: :: Their Own Page

A UNIQUE system of model government is a feature of Miss Rose Grodinsky's Fourth grade room at the Cass school. Here a small-sized city is conducted under the caption, "A Busy City."

Periodically the citizens elect a mayor or monitor from among their midst and accord him or her very high honors. The code of laws include these specifications, "Be Busy" and "Don't Whisper."

It would be quite apropos for the Busy Bees, especially, to adopt the slogan, "Be Busy," and thus live up to their name, indeed. A great deal of the actions for which children afterwards express regret comes as a result of time ill-spent or at any rate not well employed; so always have some useful work or helpful play in which to be engaged.

Perhaps it was on account of the holiday vacation that Busy Bees were a little lax in their spelling last week. Among the words misspelled were "colledge" instead of "college," "verrys" instead of "varies," "religois" instead of "religious" and "neather" instead of "neither." These are all words that are commonly used and Busy Bees should master their spelling.

This week first prize was awarded to Kathryn Waechter, second prize to Mildred Johnson and honorable mention to Howard Mattox, all of the Blue Side.

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 pointed articles 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 first page.
- First and second prizes of books will be given for the best two contributions to this page each week.
- Address all communications to CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Twin Sisters Who Won the Twin Dolls



Alice and Stella Pflug

He opened the door and married the princess the next day; then they lived happily ever after.

I hope Mr. Wastebasket is on a Christmas vacation.

Mina's Gift.
By Lucy Conner, Aged 12 Years, Dannebrog, Neb. Blue Side.
Mina was a little girl, 11 years old. She lived in Germany. She went to Sunday school every Sunday. She always saved her Sunday school papers.
One day as she was walking through the woods taking dinner to her father she met her friend, Anna.
"Oh, Mina, have you heard about the princess?"
"No," answered Mina. "What is it?"
"The princess has broken her leg and will have to stay in bed a month."
Mina then thought of all her Sunday school papers. She slipped home and took fifty Sunday school papers to the palace. She gave them to a servant and told her to give them to the princess.
A month later Mina and her mother were sitting in their little log cabin knitting, when there was a knock at the door. Mina went to the door, and there was the princess.
"Are you the little girl that brought these papers to me?" she asked.
"Yes," answered Mina.
"I've come to thank you for them. I read them every day. It made the time go so fast."
The princess sat down for a long time. When she heard how poor they were she told Mina's father to come to the palace the next day and he could have work as a gardener. After that Mina went to see the princess every day.

Stella Pflug and Alice Pflug are twin sisters aged 9, and Stella was the winner in the contest for The Bee's twin dolls last week. So Stella generously has given one of the twin dolls to sister Alice.

Stella and Alice live on a farm between South Omaha and Ralston. Their address is R. F. D. No. 4, South Omaha. Though they are only 9 years old, both help their father on the farm, even rendering assistance in the alfalfa fields. So father, who believes in reciprocity, helped Stella to win The Bee's twins. He spent two days in Omaha and South Omaha collecting pictures for Stella, so that she could win the dolls.

Stella and Alice declare that the new twins will be a regular part of the Pflug household and even though they can't go out and work in the alfalfa fields Stella and Alice promise to do just a bit more than their share of the work to make up for it.

'Little Stories by Little Folk

(First Prize.)
A Good Idea.
By Kathryn Waechter, Aged 10 Years, East Point, Neb. Blue Side.
Here comes the mail man! How you scramble to be the first one to get the Omaha Bee. Today is Monday. Yesterday was Sunday and the mail man didn't come, so you are in a hurry to get the Sunday paper. As soon as it is in your hands you turn to the Children's page. Oh, how you like that page! How you like to hunt for the paper dolls so you may send in and maybe get a doll. Think of the poor child. She never gets a doll. Couldn't you cut out the paper dolls, and give them to her to send in? If she couldn't write, you might write for her. You don't know how glad she would be to get a doll. I think you might try this plan.

(Second Prize.)
My Tom Cat.
By Mildred Johnson, Aged 10 Years, 124 Lake Street, Omaha, Neb. Blue Side.
About two or three years ago I got a big Tom cat. He was the nicest cat I ever had. Just like a baby. I put doll dresses on him and would wheel him in my doll buggy. When he would not go to sleep that way, then I would have to rock him to sleep and then he would go to sleep. I did not care for dolls at all when I had that cat to play with. I thought the world of him. One time he strayed off with some other cats and never came back again and I thought I could never forget him. Afterwards I thought dolls were the only things.

ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST OF THE BUSY BEES.



Barton Curry

(Honorable Mention.)
A Hunting Trip.
By Howard P. Matton, Aged 9 Years, 834 South Fortieth Street, South Omaha, Blue Side.
During our Christmas vacation my brother and I went hunting. We went down the Missouri river. We tramped about in the woods, but did not get any rabbits. We saw a lot of Gophers living in tents.
Then we took a car home.
On our way home we saw five bears tied on a hayrack that were being taken to a show house in South Omaha.

The White Rat.
By Vera McKay, Aged 12 Years, Council Bluffs, Ia., R. F. D. No. 2, Blue Side.
Lucius lived in what he thought a very dull place. He said there was "never anything going on." But one day a man with a dozen white rats came to the hotel. As the rats were trained to do all sorts of tricks, he soon had all the boys in the village around him.
The rats took turns in walking a tight rope, pulling each other around in a little cart, and swimming in a small box, swing attached to two tiny poles. One rat would always fall from the swing and pretend to be hurt, and then another rat would go for the doctor. The rat who took the part of the doctor was the largest of the dozen.
He would look in the mouth of the rat, which had fallen from the swing, and then give him a pill. The rats were all for sale, and Lucius wanted to buy one. His mother would not consent for a long time. She said she did not like the idea of having a rat in the house. Lucius begged so hard that she at last said he might have one.
At first Lucius took very good care of the rat, and was careful to feed it and to look every night to see if it was fastened in its cage. But after a little while he grew tired of it, and one morning when he went to the cage the rat was gone. He looked for it all over the house, but could not find it. "I don't care," he said to his sister. "I was getting enough of that rat anyhow." Just then he heard his mother give a loud cry. He ran to the room where she was and found her with the bird cage in her hands. The canary lay dead on the floor of the cage. Its head eaten off and in the seed cup lay Mr. Rat, sound asleep. How sorry Lucius was then that he had forgotten to fasten the rat in its box! The next day he sold it to a boy friend; but, as his sister said, that did not bring back the canary.

A Kind Thought.
By Esther Sims, Aged 12 Years, Bradshaw, Neb. Blue Side.
"Hello," said Helen Butler to Agnes Smith. "Where are you going?" said Agnes. "I have to go downtown for mamma," said Helen. "Maybe I can go with you," said Agnes, "as soon as I go and ask mamma." "Oh, ask her if you can come over to my house," said Helen.
"Mamma," said Agnes, "can I go over to Helen's house?" Yes, you may go," said her mother.
Then the two girls went downtown and then went to Helen's. Then they began to talk about a little girl in their class at school. They had heard her say her birthday was coming in a few days and she wished her papa had enough money to buy a doll for her. "Her folks are very poor," said Agnes. "I'll tell you what let's do," said Helen. "Let's get a doll for her and make some clothes for it." "All right we will," said Agnes.
A week later they had the doll fixed and gave it to Rosell, which was the girl's name. She was very, very happy and thanked the girls many times.

My Angora Kitten.
By Roland Freilman, Aged 9 Years, 1615 North Thirty-second Street, Omaha, Red Side.
Last summer a woman gave me an Angora kitten. At first she was afraid and got in the corner, but she was soon

A Christmas Birthday.
By Mary E. Grevson, Aged 13 Years, West Point, Neb. Blue Side.
I will tell you when my birthday was. It was the 24th of December, the day before Christmas. On my birthday I had no party, as we were too busy fixing Christmas presents and preparing for Santa.

Attack by Indians.
By Edith Van Fleet, Aged 9 Years, Plattsmouth, Neb. Red Side.
Mrs. Allison had died only a short time before her family moved to Kentucky. Mr. Allison hired a girl to keep house for him. She was only 15 years of age, but was very intelligent and also very brave. The place where they lived was near thick woods. They lived in a two-room log house, which was always very tidy inside. The savages still roamed about in Ken-

Trip to Amherst.
By Fred Peterson, Aged 8 Years, First Street and Second Avenue Kearney, Neb. Red Side.
I went to Amherst last summer. We stayed in the house and looked at the pictures, and in the afternoon we went to the telephone office and in the evening we picked the corn for the next day. The next day they picked the cabbage to sell, and then my sister and I took it downtown to sell.

Clock and Chair Talk.
By Alice Fay, 2335 Plakney Street, Omaha, Blue Side.
"Last night everything was still except the noise of two little mice," said the clock to a chair. "They had just come from the pantry with their claws full of cheese. The little mouse said, 'What is that big thing in the hall? Let's go home, I'm afraid.' 'Pooh!' said the big mouse; don't be afraid; that is only the old clock. Come, and I will show you that I am not afraid." So then the mice came running toward me.

The Three Doors.
By Ida Gottschalk, Aged 12 Years, 122 South Thirty-eighth Avenue, Omaha, Blue Side.
Once upon a time there was a wicked witch and a princess. One day the princess did a kind deed, so the witch then locked her in a room. When she was leaving she said: "The one who opens this door shall marry you." Then she put a lion in one room that would kill anyone who entered. Behind another door were some poisonous insects that would sting anyone to death.

Council Bluffs Contributes to Scotch Parade
James received a present of an Indian suit from a relative in Council Bluffs. So on one of the flag days James donned his Indian suit, and marched proudly behind the pipers in the parade. His presence attracted the attention of all and was in a large way responsible for the extent of the 1913 collection taken that day and inspired many such comments as "This is surely a representation of our Indian army," as one officer aptly put it. Marching in the parade with the young Indian Scout was Miss Isabel Hill, one of the Red Cross nurses.

PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWS, DECLARES RABBI COHN.
In his address Friday night before the Temple Israel congregation Rabbi Cohn referred to "an existing prejudice against the Jew." In this behalf he dwelt upon the Leo Frank case in comparison with those of Bayliss and Drotfus.
"There are people in France and America who will believe anything about a Jew," declared the rabbi, adding that an anti-semitic feeling surrounded the Frank case, and that the accused man was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of Mary Fagan, in Atlanta, Ga., in April, 1913, without being given a fair trial.

KEEPS GIRL'S CLOTHES AS SECURITY FOR LOAN
Bleed Barnes, arrested by Officer Thrasher on a charge of having detained a girl at the State hotel, by appropriating her clothes, and threatening to keep them until she delivered a certain amount of money, fell in a fit while being questioned by Judge Foster.
Barnes later explained that he had loaned the girl \$10, and had taken the clothing as security. Wanting to return to his home at Fairbury he attempted to secure his loan and was arrested while trying to do so. He was discharged.

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Farmers' Institute at Elkhorn Two Days by University Men
A farmers' institute will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at Elkhorn, Neb., under the auspices of the University of Nebraska extension service. Members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture will address the assemblies, and the program for both days will be as follows:
FIRST DAY.
8 p. m.—"Hog Cholera Vaccination," Dr. D. C. Hanawalt, United States Department of Animal Industry, O'Donnell, state farm, Lincoln.
8:30 p. m.—"Care and Management of Live Stock," Mr. O'Donnell, "Diseases of Hogs," Dr. Hanawalt.
SECOND DAY.
8 p. m.—Cooking demonstration, meatless dishes, Aural Scott, Lincoln, Neb.
8:30 p. m.—Address by Harry B. Fischer, Mayor James C. Dublin and other prominent speakers; songs by Kaul's quartet of South Omaha. Vocal music and readings by talent from Waterloo, Elkhorn, Spring Grove and Valley.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Benjamin Hill Smith was indicted by the December, 1913, grand jury of Monroe county, New York state, on the charge of having withheld \$5,000 worth of bonds belonging to the estate of the late Harriet P. Newcomb, whose confidential agent he had been. Mrs. Newcomb died in September, 1913, at her home here, leaving an estate ostensibly of only a few hundred dollars.
Smith is said to have written to friends that he intended to enlist in the Canadian contingent and go to fight in Europe.

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Public School Roll of Honor

CHILDREN RECEIVING THE HIGHEST MARK-IN-MORE THAN HALF THEIR SUBJECTS LAST WEEK.

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| MASON.
Evelyn Carlson.
Lenora Olson.
Blair A.
Charles Mercurio.
Fifth B.
Mirvie Graham.
Antonio Mercurio.
Gladys Sipe.
Raymond Seamon.
Chris Palladino.
Fifth A.
Aurelia Gagini.
Bernice Duffy.
Bessie Handley.
Gerald Hittle.
Fanny Incontro.
Fourth B.
Dorothy Rosenthal.
Eddie Brodkey.
Gertrude Wright.
Joe Polino.
Helena Gifford.
Fourth A.
Sarah Bullock.
Ethel Pratt.
Fred Knight.
Mary Amato.
Helen Johnson.
Catherine Parker.
Rocco Mercurio.
Russell Ryan.
Howard Beers. | MASON.
Beatrice Cohn.
Samuel Gordon.
Gale Sean.
Fourth B.
Charles Buono.
Evelyn Dollal.
Mary Moran.
Rosalie Precoppio.
Beatrice Ruppricht.
Irene Zonine.
Third A.
Lorain Sipe.
Alberta Fennell.
Michael Lombardo.
Jesse Porter.
DAVID HILL.
Irene Robertson.
Sarah Smith.
Fourth A.
John McGrew.
Florence Neuf.
Carroll Orr.
Third A.
Gerald Martin.
Helen Johnson.
Lizabell Hardy.
Francis Poast.
Beatrice Dyrberg.
Russell Bridwell. | DAVID HILL.
Third B.
John Rinson.
Tennis Harder.
COLEMAN.
Eighth A.
Miriam Jansett.
Louis Behrdorf.
Gladys Mickle.
Josephine Plainer.
Eighth A.
Charles Abrams.
Marvin Bridges.
Camilla Edholm.
Grant Lantz.
Wilbur Olson.
Millard Rogers.
Jack Ruffell.
Maun Talmase.
Sixth B.
Gary Clark.
Emmie Kirchbraun.
Myrtle Pbye.
Fifth B.
Roy Sandberg.
Ida Smith.
Helen Hill.
Margaret White.
Third A.
Mildred Blidat.
Lillian Prutz.
Jane Sutcliffe.
Abilila Winniead. | COLEMAN.
William A.
William Beindorf.
Katharine Davis.
John Palmer.
Helen Rogers.
Nigel Taylor.
Clarence Turpin.
Fifth A.
Irina Bigelow.
Bertrand.
Gottschalk.
Tony Leermaker.
Helen Turpin.
Fourth B.
Dorothy Bright.
Ruth Charlesworth.
Ota Gottschalk.
Ruth Marshall.
Caroline Probsting.
Waldo Williams.
Fifth B.
Harvey Carberg.
Dorothy Ekstrom.
Margaret Addstone.
John Hoek.
Norma Mack.
Margaret White.
Margaret Shipner.
Dorothy Wass.
Fifth B.
Thyllis Smith.
Wilhelmina Clark. |
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Florence was won by Alice M. West, 48th and D Sts., So. Omaha, who collected 1,222 pictures. Alice is 8 years old and attends Windsor school, Third A grade.
It was certainly a pleasure to see her happy little face when she took Florence into her arms. She could hardly realize that she had won such a beautiful doll.

ELIZABETH

is to be given next, and she is one of the prettiest, sweetest dolls we ever saw. She has light hair and blue eyes, and is stylishly dressed in the very latest fashion. She has a blue dress, blue hat and blue shoes and stockings. The little girl that wins her will surely be delighted.

Elizabeth will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 10.

Elizabeth's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Elizabeth you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

You Can See Elizabeth at The Bee Office

The sled was won by Jas. V. Swoboda, 4205 E Street, South Omaha, who collected 1,234 pictures. James is 13 years old and attends Windsor school, Sixth A grade.

Boys' Skates Free

Barney & Berry, American Club, Nickel Plated, Tempered Welded Steel Blades. Sizes to fit.

This picture of one of the Skates will be in The Bee every day this week.
Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee office.
The Skates will be given free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 16.