

# The Busy Bees

# Their Own Page

## Omaha "Indians" Gather for Their Big Powwow and Feast

Tomorrow is Labor Day and then comes Tuesday, the first day of the new school year. Each one of the Busy Bees begins the year with a clean slate and equal chance to make good in their education by means of the wonderful public school system that has been achieved in this great good country. It is in the power of each boy and girl to show his or her appreciation of the wonderful opportunities afforded them by making the most of each moment and not wasting any time in loitering or neglecting their lessons.

A smiling teacher will greet you as you enter the class room Tuesday morning. Make it your determination so to act that the smile will never wear off. She is there to guide and direct your lessons for the coming year and you may always depend upon her readiness to help you.

The boys will have a hard time to concentrate on school work after a summer spent in the open but lessons too are part of the day's work and must not be shirked.

Belated votes for the Busy Bee King and Queen were for Guy Ford Shenk and Lydia Bender.

The editor received a story of "Bright Eyes", a pet squirrel. The letter was post-marked Lincoln Neb., but there was no name or address anywhere upon it. The letter will not be printed until the name of the writer is received.

This week, first prize is awarded to Mollie Corenman of the Red side; second prize to Dorothy Williams of the Blue side; and honorable mention to Russell Shugart of the Blue side.

Mrs. Paul A. Thernanson, president of the Sororo club, gave a wonderful birthday party Monday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Meria's seventh birthday. At least the West Farnam street youngsters who attended the party voted it the best they had ever enjoyed. The invitations read:

"Laughing Water Thernanson will call the tribes together to participate in a costume party Monday at 1:30 o'clock. If Red Cloud, Big Chief Hlamov's son, or Red Cloud, Big Chief White Shield enough for his beautiful daughter, Rainbow, there will be a mock Indian wedding, and the Merry-making dance and feast will take place at 5 p. m."

Each little guest was requested to come in Indian attire and when he arrived, was escorted to the Indian tepees which were placed upon the lawn. Here the pipe of peace was smoked and the girls spent part of the afternoon making bead-work, while the boys practiced with their bows and arrows. Then the mock Indian marriage was celebrated with Rainbow (Katherine Enriken) as the bride, and Red Cloud (Bruce Cochran) as the groom. After the ceremony all of the little Indians took part in the Merry-making dance.

When the feast was spread the room was darkened and only red lights were burned. The center-piece for the table was a miniature pond surrounded by grasses and trees, with little ducks swimming in the pond and many animals on the shore. Each place was marked by a tepee lighted by a single tiny red electric light, and the favors were birch canoes filled with candies.

Mrs. Thernanson's mother lives on a ranch in South Dakota and employs only Indians, so that Mrs. Thernanson became interested in them. The hostess also invited the mothers of the children to come to the party. Those present at the gathering of the tribes were:

- INDIAN MAIDENS:  
 Laughing Water.....Meria Thernanson  
 Nakomis.....Mildred Collins  
 Rainbow.....Katherine Enriken  
 Red Bird.....Frances Gafford  
 Blue Bell.....Lona Florine  
 Silver Bell.....Lona Florine
- INDIAN BRAVES:  
 Chief White Shield.....Armand Goggin  
 Laughs at the Sky.....Robert Cochran  
 Red Cloud.....Bruce Cochran  
 Chief Hlamov.....Thomas McCague  
 Leaping Crow.....Melvin Shafer  
 Big Thunder.....Edward Thompson  
 Yellow Cloud.....Clark Silkeit  
 Lightning Rod.....Ward Lindley  
 Hawk Eye.....Dick Harris  
 Red Horse.....Clement Merz  
 Good Bird.....Teddy Lawrence



Sitting, left to right: Lois Goodrich, Mildred Collins, Arline Bancroft, Frances Gafford, Meria Thernanson, Dorothy McCague, Clement Merz, Robert Cochran. Standing, left to right: Katherine Enriken, Lona Florine, Katherine Day, Lorraine Bancroft, Armand Goggin, Melvin Shafer, Edward Thompson, Teddy Lawrence, Ward Lindley, Dick Harris, Thomas McCague, Lona Florine, Bruce Cochran, Clark Silkeit.

### Little Stories by Little Folk

(First Prize.)

#### War.

By Mollie Corenman, 805 South Seventh St., Omaha, Red Side.

War is one of the most terrible things on earth. I don't believe there has been any greater war than the one which is raging now in Europe.

What is the use of war? Why do so many young lives have to go to the grave so early? Why does this terrible war have to be and so much blood shed for nothing?

Last Sunday, I think it was, I read a paragraph in the Bee that the czar of Russia was calling for help from "my beloved Jews." He promises them a great many things, but I think that, although he promises them now, after the war he will forget all these promises and not let them have anything. And the whole many young Jewish men are joining the army believing that the czar really means what he says. The czar of Russia is nothing but a cruel tyrant to the people in Russia, especially to the Jews.

In Germany it is all different. In Germany the people are all patriots and they would all gladly fight for their beloved country any time they are called on. I really don't see the difference if they have one city more or one city less. But, of course, they know better than I do and as they won't listen to what President Wilson says, they certainly won't listen to what I say. But I hope, oh, so much, that this awful war will stop soon.

(Second Prize.)

#### Bob.

By Dorothy Williams, Aged 11 Years, 1119 North Twenty-first Street, Omaha, Blue Side.

Bob is a dog, part bull and part terrier. He was 5 years old in May. We have had him since he was 6 weeks old. He is a regular "neighborhood dog." I will tell you of one of his experiences.

There was a family that lived near our house who had three small children. Bob was very fond of them and they were very fond of him. One day their parents decided to move. They moved about ten blocks away. Bob didn't know what to make of it, but one day he found out where they had moved. He almost talked, he was so glad. After that he went up very frequently. One night he went up about 10 o'clock, and the mother had to come downstairs and let him in. We call him the "dog tramp."

(Honorable Mention.)

#### Accompanies Father.

By Russell Shugart, 346 J Street, Lincoln, Neb., Blue Side.

My papa is a traveling man and every summer since I was 3 years old he has taken me for a trip with him. Last week he took me for a trip one week long. We left home Monday morning.

A circus was here that day, but the train papa wanted us to go on went so early I did not get to see the parade. We went first to Beatrice, then to Wymore and then to Falls City. I went with papa when he went to sell things to his customers. Some of them said I was the best "traveling man" that came to their town. My papa sells soda fountains and silver and glassware. After we were through at Falls City papa took me to Rulo to see the Missouri river and the big bridge. It is eighty feet from the bridge to the top of the water. We walked out on the bridge a long way, but not half way. We saw a ferryboat take three pairs of horses and buggies across the river.

There was a carnival in Rulo, right in the street, and teams could not get through. We came home on a night train, but when we got started I went to sleep. When I woke up we had reached Lincoln. We went home in a cab because the street cars had stopped. Mamma and my little sister Ina were glad to see us, but Ina did not know I came home until Sunday morning. Mamma gave us some supper and I soon went to bed again. This is my first letter. I hope it gets in.

#### New Busy Bee.

By Lorene Yoder, Aged 12 Years, 657 Burdette St., Omaha, Neb., Blue Side.

I would very much like to become a

#### 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 100 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.

Busy Bee. I would like to be on the Red side. I enjoy reading the stories on the Busy Bee page very much. I have two sisters and one brother. I hope to see my letter in print next Sunday.

#### To the Boys.

By Morton Blum, Aged 15 Years, 609 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, Ia., Red Side.

Wendell Phillips gave a speech July 23, 1883, in Music Hall, Boston. The speech was follows:

"Boys, in revolutionary days, they talked of the Boston revolution."

"But what did Boston do? It sent Hancock to Philadelphia to write his name on the 'Declaration of Independence,' a letter large enough almost for the king to read on the other side of the ocean."

"Now, boys, this is my lesson to you today: You cannot be as good as your fathers unless you are better. You have your fathers' example—the opportunities

and advantages they have accumulated—and to be only as good is not enough. You must be better. You must copy into the spirit of your fathers, and not their imperfections."

"There was an old Boston merchant years ago who wanted a set of china in Peking. You know that Boston men sixty years ago looked at both sides of a cent before they spent it, and if they earned 12 cents they would save 11. He could not spare a whole plate, so he sent a cracked one, and when he received the set there was a crack in every piece. The Chinese had imitated the pattern exactly."

"Now, boys, do not imitate us. Be better than we are, or there will be a great many cracks. We have invented a telegraph, but what of that? I expect, if I live forty years, to see a telegraph that will send messages without wires, both ways at the same time. You are bound

to go ahead of us. The old London physician said the way to be well was to live on spicence, and earn it. We cannot give education under the law of necessity; we can't give you that. Underneath you is the ever watchful hand of city culture and wealth. All the motive you can give is the name you bear. Bear it nobly."

#### The Runaways.

By Bernard Carroll, Palmer, Neb., Red Side.

It has been a long time since I wrote to you so I will write now.

Once there lived two boys who were 8 and 12 years old. One day the older was telling the younger boy what fun it would be to run away, so they finally agreed upon a plan to run away. That night when all was quiet, they slipped out and down the road. Soon a storm came up. They were much afraid and got under a

tree. All at once they heard a noise and saw something coming. "It's a bear," said the older boy, so they ran as fast as they could. Soon they came to a house. They ran in and looked around. It was their own house. Their father asked them where they had been and they said, "We don't know ourselves." "Well," said the older boy, "I guess we had better not run away again." I don't think they had better, either, do you?

#### Wheat.

By Leland Christiansen, Aged 7 Years, Bradshaw, Neb., Blue Side.

This is the first time I have ever written to you.

Wheat is one of the main grains around here. It is one of the small grains. We have quite a lot of wheat and other grains such as corn and oats. We have a silo which we fill with corn fodder. The wheat is very useful for living

things. It is used for making flour and then into bread. I like to play in the wheat when it is in the bin.

The chickens like the wheat very much. They get wheat and corn for meals.

I have a half dozen chickens that are growing nicely.

I hope my letter escapes Mr. Waste-basket.

#### Pick Grapes.

By Mabel Anna Ewen, Aged 11, Lexington, Neb.

We went to the country Sunday and stayed for dinner at my cousin's house. She just has one baby and it is very cute. On the way home we stopped and picked grapes. We got a big basketful.

Here is a riddle: Which is the most-six dozen, or a half dozen dozen? It is the same.

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