

BUSY LITTLE BEES THEIR OWN PAGE

SEVERAL children have written to the editor of the Children's page, saying they would like to become one of the Busy Bees and write stories. All the children have to do is to send in their stories, addressed "Children's Page," Omaha Bee. The little writer should also write name, age and address on the story. The boys and girls may join either the Blue side or the Red side, whichever they prefer.

Some of the Busy Bees have written and asked to have the pictures printed of the new king and queen of the Busy Bees. If any of the Busy Bees will send in their pictures they will be printed on the page and returned to the owners.

Prizes were awarded this week to Alberta June Outhouse of Loup City on the Blue side, and to Martha Morton of Nebraska City on the Blue side. Honorable mention was given to Russell Myers of Omaha on the Red side.

Any of the Busy Bees may send cards to anyone whose name is on the Postcard Exchange, which now includes:

- Jan De Long, Alingworth, Neb.
- Irene McCoy, Barnston, Neb.
- Lillian Martin, Beaver City, Neb.
- Mabel Witt, Bennington, Neb.
- Anna Gottsch, Bennington, Neb.
- Minnie Gottsch, Bennington, Neb.
- Agnes Dampke, Benson, Neb.
- Marie Gallagher, Benkelman, Neb. (Box 12)
- Ella May, Central City, Neb.
- Vera Cheney, Creighton, Neb.
- Louis Hahn, David City, Neb.
- Edna Fredrick, DeWitt, Neb.
- Aida Bennett, Egan, Neb.
- Eunice Buda, Falls City, Neb.
- Edith Hood, Fremont, Neb.
- Maude Lundberg, Fremont, Neb.
- Edna Cappe, Gibson, Neb.
- Marguerite Bartholomew, Gothenburg, Neb.
- Anna Voss, 67 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Lydla Roth, 605 West Koenig street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Ella Voss, 497 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Irene Crawford, 115 West Eighth street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Jessie Costello, 400 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Faustine Schenck, 412 West Fourth street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Margina Murphy, 425 East Ninth street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Hugh Rutt, Leshara, Neb.
- Hester E. Rutt, Leshara, Neb.
- Alice Tempie, Lexington, Neb.
- Ruth Tempie, Lexington, Neb.
- Edythe Kretz, Lexington, Neb.
- Marjorie Tempie, Lexington, Neb.
- Alice Grammeyer, 145 C St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Marian Hamilton, 202 L St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Elsie Hamilton, 202 L St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Doris Disher, 202 L St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Rudie Disher, 202 L St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Charlotte Boggs, 27 South Fifteenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Mildred Jensen, 78 East Second street, Fremont, Neb.
- Helen Johnson, 34 North Seventeenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Althea Myers, 24 North Sixteenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Louise Stiles, Lyons, Neb.
- Estelle McDonald, Lyons, Neb.
- Milton Selzer, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Harry Crawford, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Harvey Crawford, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Pauline Hassen, Norfolk, Neb.
- Helen Reynolds, Norfolk, Neb.
- Edna Hadden, 400 S. Norfolk, Neb.
- Emma Marguardi, Fifth street and Madison avenue, Norfolk, Neb.
- Gertrude M. Jones, North Loup, Neb.
- William Davis, 321 West Third street, North Platte, Neb.
- Louise Kaabe, 302 North Nineteenth avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Francis Johnson, 223 North Twenty-fifth avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Marguerite Johnson, 223 North Twenty-fifth avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Emile Brown, 223 Boulevard, Omaha, Neb.
- Helen Goodrich, 400 Nicholas St., Omaha, Neb.
- Mary Brown, 223 Boulevard, Omaha, Neb.
- Eva Hendes, 400 Nicholas street, Omaha, Neb.
- Lillian Wirt, 428 Cass street, Omaha, Neb.
- Laweta Poff, 215 Franklin street, Omaha, Neb.
- Janita Jones, 270 7th street, Omaha, Neb.
- Bassett Ruf, 1214 Binney street, Omaha, Neb.
- Meyer Cohn, 546 Georgia avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Ada Morris, 242 Franklin street, Omaha, Neb.
- Mary Jensen, 223 East 12th street, Omaha, Neb.
- Orrin Fisher, 1210 S. Eleventh St., Omaha, Neb.
- Mildred Erickson, 208 Howard St., Omaha, Neb.
- Emma Erickson, 208 Howard St., Omaha, Neb.
- Gail Howard, 422 Capitol avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Helen Houck, 1625 Lathrop street, Omaha, Neb.
- Emmanuel Goodrich, 409 Nicholas, Omaha, Neb.
- Maurice Johnson, 127 Locust St., Omaha, Neb.
- Leon Carson, 1124 North Fourteenth, Omaha, Neb.
- Virginia Howard, 422 Capitol avenue, Omaha, Neb.
- Eliah Fisher, 1210 South Eleventh, Omaha, Neb.
- Mildred Jensen, 207 Leavenworth, Omaha, Neb.
- Edna Fisher, 207 Chicago street, Omaha, Neb.
- Mabel Sheffield, 404 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Walter Johnson, 246 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Emma Carruthers, 221 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Leonora Denton, The Albion, Tenth and Pacific streets, Omaha, Neb.
- Hammond O'Neil, Neb.
- Molly L. Daniels, Ord, Neb.
- Zola Beddoe, Orleans, Neb.
- Agnes Robinson, 208 S. 10th, Omaha, Neb.
- Marie Fleming, Cecilia, Neb.
- Lotta Woods, Pawnee City, Neb.
- Earl Perkins, Redding, Neb.
- Edna Fisher, 207 Chicago street, Omaha, Neb.
- Lena Peterson, 211 Locust St., E. Omaha, Neb.
- Ina Carney, Sutton, Clay county, Nebraska, Neb.
- Clara Miller, Tulsa, Neb.
- Mildred F. Jones, North Loup, Neb.
- Alta Wilken, West, Neb.
- Leo Beckord, Wern, Neb.
- Mae Grunke, West Point, Neb.
- Elsie Stansy, Wilber, Neb.
- Frederick Wars, Winfield, Neb.
- Pauline Parks, York, Neb.
- Edna Behling, York, Neb.
- Mary Frederick, York, Neb.
- Carrie B. Bartlett, Fontanella, Ia.
- Irene Reynolds, Little Sioux, Ia.
- Agnes Robinson, 208 S. 10th, Omaha, Neb.
- Katherine Moor, Malvern, Ia.
- Ruth Robertson, Manilla, Ia.
- Mildred Robertson, Manilla, Ia.
- Margaret M. Withrow, Thurman, Ia.
- Bertha McCreary, D. & F. Box 2, Missouri Valley, Ia.
- Henry L. Workinger, care Sterling Remedy company, Atch, Ia.
- Adelina Berry, Monarch, Wyo. Box 22
- Fred Serry, Monarch, Wyo.
- Pearl Barron, Monarch, Wyo.
- John Barron, Monarch, Wyo.
- Edith Amund, Sheridan, Wyo.
- Pauline Smith, 208 S. 10th, Omaha, Neb.
- Fred Sheldy, 208 Third street, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mary McIntosh, Sidney, Neb.
- Ned Dietrich, Sidney, Neb.
- Eunice Wright, 223 North Logan street, Fremont, Neb.
- Carl Simpson, Wilber, Neb.
- Phyllis Haag, 62 West Seventeenth street, York, Neb.



Little Stories by little folks

(Honorably Mention.)

A Boy's Dream

By Russell Myers, Aged 11 Years, 219 South Thirty-second Street, Omaha, Red Side.

Once a boy was out in a forest breaking up birds' and squirrels' nests. He was looking up in a tree and saw a squirrel sitting on a branch by her nest. So he said to himself, "She must have some little squirrels."

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Children to Save the Forest Trees

By John Daver, Kent, O.

Health of a Tree.

GOOD Morning Class, In Photo No. 2, Fat, you see, is making a morning call on his Yankee friend. The Indians made "wigwams" by sticking poles in the ground and placing bark against them to keep out the wind and storms, and a rugged, hardy race they were, breathing the pure air that God had bestowed so abundantly. But to make a wigwam of the bole, or trunk of a noble tree suggests that there is something wrong.

Wigwam in a Tree.

Every house should have a little microscope; pieces of wood should be taken and examined. Children, save your pennies and buy a microscope. Take a twig or larger branch, cut slantingly across it. You will be surprised to see that it is a mass of little cells. As you grow older and study this work of nature you will be astonished and delighted to see that it is much like a sponge.

Away down below the surface of the soil are billions of little working roots. The first, active roots are called, "hair-roots"; they are so small that it takes a microscope to see them. These faithful little or-



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ganisms (if not dried up, drownered smothered) work continuously, gathering up moisture. They send the water back into the roots, and thence it passes through the small roots into the main lateral roots and then into the trunk of the tree, then up, and up clear to the tips of the twigs. The curious and beautiful arrangement is, the little cells have small openings from one to the other. So, onward and upward the water passes, leaving particles of mineral substances, finally filling up the cells and making the "heartwood" of the center of the trunk and larger branches.

It is on account of these open cells that when trees are cut to pieces by a "tree butcher," or wounds are inflicted by any other cause, that the fungus starts in those injured spots, which, if not checked, will totally destroy the branches or trunk of a tree, as you see here in photo 3.

Some nine years ago I published a crude little book, calling it "The Tree Doctor," giving to the world the principles of "Tree Surgery." What is accomplished by recognizing tree life can be seen in photo 10. See how grandly nature is building anew. In a few years this huge wound will be healed. But what we want of you, children, is not so much to make tree surgeons of you, but to teach you how to prevent the tree from becoming sick.

Sometimes the soldiers could be trucked by the blood. Three thousand men were unable for duty, Washington said, "because they were barefooted and naked." One day, when one of the Quakers was in the woods he saw Washington playing. "When he went home he said to his wife, 'George Washington will succeed.' Next was the battle of Monmouth. Washington won out. Washington was elected president. He held office eight years, from 1789 to 1797, and refused the other elections. He died December 14, 1799. His death caused universal mourning.

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So the party was all arranged for Billy and Freddy and Flora and Nellie. Flora made a nice party, too, to sit round Nellie's table, and she had a nice big party for you, on your birthday, which comes on the 18th of June. Then we'll have a picnic in the woods. Won't that be lovely?

"Nellie clasped her hands in glee. "A picnic, mamma! Oh, how I wish the 18th of June would come next week—or maybe this week."

Mamma laughed and kissed her "baby." Then she said: "While granny and I prepared the luncheon for the party this afternoon, you may invite your cousins, Billy and Freddie, and your cousins, Katherine and Flora."

"All right, mamma," said Nellie, and she ran into the broad hall and jumped up on a stool under the telephone. "Give me one, three, nine, central," she called to "central." Then in another half minute she was saying: "Hello, is this Aunt Grace? Well, I want to talk to Cousin Freddie and Cousin Billy, please."

Of course, Aunt Grace had Billy answer the phone at once, and he cried out so loudly that even Nellie's mamma could hear him, and she was in the library. "Will Fred ask me to come to a tea party at your house at three? What time is that? We'll be there half an hour before three. Oh, won't we have fun? What are you going to have to eat? I hope grandma bakes a cream cake. Ah, oh, Nellie, have some—Hello, there, central, don't get on the wire—Hello, is that you, Nellie?"

"Yes, Billy, it is I on the wire," came Nellie's reply. "What is it you want?"

"Dill pickles and chicken sandwiches," called out Billy. Then, having expressed his wants, Billy had nothing more to say except "good-bye," and rang off.

Then Nellie called up Katherine and Flora and the latter answered the phone, after the housemaid told her it was "Miss Nellie" who was wishing to speak with her. Yes, Flora would be awfully glad to attend the tea party, but Katherine could not come, for she had been very naughty that morning and mamma had forbidden her to go out all afternoon. But maybe mamma wouldn't object to her Flora—carrying home some goodies to Katherine. And, of course, Nellie was very sorry that Katherine should have been so naughty on the very day of her tea party. But since she had "gone and acted ugly," why,

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