

The Little Busy Bees :: :: Their Own Page

ATTENTION, BUSY BEES!

It is time for the election of a new king and queen for the Children's page. During the last four months Arthur Mason, our Fremont Bee, has ruled as king and leader of the Red side, and Camilla Edholm has ruled as queen and leader of the Blue side. The time has arrived for the Busy Bees to choose a king and queen for the coming four months.

Three times a year the Busy Bees elect a king and queen to lead them for the succeeding four months. The king leads the boys and girls of the Red side and the queen leads the boys and girls of the Blue side.

The number of prize winners on the Red and Blue sides is also counted at this time. The side which has won most prizes in the last four months is announced at the same time that the election of king and queen is announced.

So, Busy Bees, choose your king and queen for the New Year. For your choice of king name the boy whose letters to the Children's page you have enjoyed most; for queen name the girl whose stories you have liked best. Each Bee is entitled to one vote for king and one vote for queen. Each boy and girl who reads the Children's page, as well as each Busy Bee who writes for the page, is entitled to vote. Mail your votes to the Children's page editor, sending them either with your letters or on a separate paper.

Votes for king and queen are due December 27. Announcement of the election will be made December 31. Begin right away to send your votes.

A number of Busy Bee prize winners of the last four months have not named whether they are on the Red or the Blue side. The editor would like to have these Bees write and tell the side they are on in order that he may estimate which side has won most prizes. Those who have not said which side they are on are Mark A. Oakes, Morton Blum, Ralph Kerr, Edith Carlson and Frank Curran, who wins the second prize today. Geraldine Croft and Richard Flockier are new Bees today, who do not name the side they are on.

The New Bees today:
 Red Side—Arthur L. Loshbaugh, Worthington Williams, Arthur Espegren, Esther Zalkovitch, Etta Faier and Eleanor Kurtz.
 Blue Side—Marie Cotton, Louvesta Lawless, William H. Campen, Lura Pratt and Maurice Wells.

Little Stories by Little Folk

I Am a Swimmer.
 By Ernest Robinson, Lead B. D. Red Side.

I am a swimmer.
 When we left the ranch we went to Hot Springs, S. D., to live, and my father worked in the Evans plunge bath and that gave me and my sisters and brother a good chance to learn to swim.
 There is no man, woman or child that can beat me swimming in this country. I can swim the side stroke, the sailor stroke, the side stroke, the over-hand stroke, and I can swim on my back, and float. I can swim fifty feet under water and I can swim 300 feet on top of the water. I can go to the bottom of the pool and lie on the bottom, and the water is so clear that I can dive seven feet and pick up a nickel.
 The pool in the plunge bath is fifty feet long.

The water is 60 degrees. There is a warm spring in the head of the pool and also little springs come up from all over the bottom of the pool. The pool has a gravel bottom. The water has many minerals in it and will cure many diseases.
 The plunge bath is owned by three people of Hot Springs.
 Hoping to see my story in the paper, I remain a Bee of the hive.

Shot a Porcupine.
 By Frank Curran, 624 Farnam Street.
 To the Editor of the Busy Bees:
 I will tell you a story of a porcupine that I killed in Wyoming.
 It was an awfully big one. My big dog sheep tried to bite it, but I sent him away because I was afraid he would get his mouth full of quills.
 Then I took my gun off from my saddle and shot five times at him, hitting him each time. He kept turning around and hissing at me like a cat does.
 He was pretty near his hole when I hit him in the head.
 After he was dead I took some of his quills back to the ranch to show the folks.
 I will write some more stories of the things that I have killed.

My Christmas in Texas.
 By Geraldine Croft, La Verne, Minn.
 I went down south in October. It was as warm there as it is here in July.
 On Christmas day we took our dinner out in the brush. It was really too warm near the camp fire. We ate our dinner; then sat in the coolest place we could find and ate candy and nuts.
 My uncle told stories and jokes. I had a little baby cousin there. We romped and played on the green grass. My two older cousins and I played pum-pump-pul-away, and we also went out to find some wild flowers.
 After we showed them our flowers we came home and were as happy as happy could be for we had enjoyed our Christmas very much.
 A new Busy Bee, Geraldine Croft.

My Happiest Christmas.
 By Maurice Wells, Aged 8 Years, 615 Park Avenue, Omaha.
 I will never forget the last Christmas I spent in a country town. There were very few real poor people there, but the day before Christmas we heard of a family that lived at the edge of the town. That Christmas morning I found that Santa Claus had remembered me so well that mother said: "Why don't you give some of your presents to those poor children?"
 So we took Old Pat, the horse, and drove out there. I had a few toys, some candy, nuts and fruit.
 When we got there we found the mother with a sick baby on her lap. There were two children playing on the floor who were very much pleased when they saw what I had for them and I was happy, too.

A Visit to Jackson Park.
 By William Campen, Aged 14 Years, 541 South Twenty-sixth Street, Omaha.
 While visiting my uncle in Chicago last summer he took me out to Jackson park. The selected day was bright, clear and hot.
 A narrow, grass bound path led from the street car to a lagoon nearby. Following this path through the shade of trees and around beautiful flower beds we reached a boathouse guarding the beach entrance to the lagoon. Here we hired a boat and were soon floating on the pale blue water. On its shores were happy children playing in the sand under the shade of the overhanging branches. Near and there a willow bent its form gracefully over the water.
 I did not think the first thing I noticed

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.

very much reading the little stories and would be glad to write some myself. I would like to be on the Blue side. Yours, William H. Campen, Aged 14 Years, 541 South Twenty-sixth Street, Omaha.

The Sun Will Shine Again.
 By Arthur Espegren, 615 North Twenty-sixth Street, South Omaha.

A newboy, thinly clad and drenched to the skin by the soaking rain, stood shivering in a doorway on a cold day in November. First one bare foot and then the other was lifted from the pavement for a moment and placed against his leg to get a little warmth. Every few minutes his shrill cry could be heard as he shouted, "Morning papers! Morning papers!"
 A gentleman, well protected by oilcloth and umbrella in passing stopped to buy a paper, and noticing the boy's plight, said: "This kind of weather is pretty hard on you my lad."
 Looking up with a cheery smile, he replied, "I don't mind this much mister. The sun will shine again."

Joins the Blue Side.
 Dear Editor: I wish to join the Busy Bees. I am 9 years old and wish to join the Blue Side.

I have often read the stories written by the Busy Bees and I thought I would like to be a Busy Bee, too.
 Perhaps the readers would like to know about our Christmas tree at school. We are going to have a Christmas tree at school.
 The second grade and first grade are going to come in our room. We are going to have recitations and singing. The teachers have promised us a tree, and we can put presents on for each other. I go to the Hawthorne school and am in the third grade.
 I wish the Busy Bees a Merry Xmas.
 MARIE COTTON.

Toy Town.
 By Dorothy Williams, Aged 9 Years, 1119 North Twenty-first Street, Omaha Blue Side.

I have been downtown to Brandels' store and have seen the enormous stack of toys. How the little eyes of the children gaze upon them with wonder. How happy are the hearts of children. Each tells Santa Claus what he wants, he sends it to the wireline. Childhood comes back to the old. I feel very sorry for the children who are sick in the hospitals and can not see the beautiful toys as we do.

A New Busy Bee.
 Dear Editor: This is my first story ever written to The Bee and I hope it will be in print.
 I am 11 years old and I'm in the Fifth B.

I will be 12 December 15. I go to the Pacific school.
 I wish to be on the Red Side. I am sending you a story named, "A Christmas Surprise."
 My address is 412 South Tenth street.
 Your Busy Bee,
 ESTHER ZALKOVITCH.

A New Busy Bee.
 Dear Editor: This is the first time I have written to you. My birthday comes on July 12. I go to the Pacific school and am in the Fifth B.

I wish to be on the Red Side. I am sending you a story, "The Christian's Kind Offering." I hope it will escape the waste basket this time. I remain, Your Busy Bee,
 ETTA FAIER.

Wants to Join Red Side.
 Dear Editor: I read the Busy Bee page every Sunday. I like it very well. I would like to join the Red Side. I am going to write you a story about skating. Wish you would accept me as a Busy

THE BEE'S JUNIOR BIRTHDAY BOOK This is the Day We Celebrate



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SUNDAY, December 17, 1911.

Name and Address:	School:	Year:
Helen Altschluder, 3215 Leavenworth St.	Franklin	1904
Ethel Adler, 2250 Pierce St.	Mason	1901
Emma B. Baxter, 2637 Blondo St.	Long	1903
Meyer Beber, 1842 North Twenty-second St.	Kellom	1899
Edith Bosen, 2028 Castellar St.	Castellar	1904
Mary Bourlier, 3938 Gold St.	Windsor	1899
Winifred Brandt, 3552 Jackson St.	Columbian	1900
Francis Bullock, 923 Homer St.	Edw. Rosewater	1903
Alexander Duncan, 720 North Thirtieth St.	Webster	1897
Clarence Erickson, 3473 Grand Ave.	Monmouth Park	1901
Marion Fenwick, 3308 North Twenty-fourth St.	Lothrop	1897
Helen J. Fowler, 1507 William St.	Comenius	1901
Jack Grogen, 1945 South Twenty-eighth St.	Dupont	1904
Walter Hixenbaugh, 628 South Nineteenth St.	High	1894
Harry Isaacson, 112 South Forty-fourth St.	Saunders	1898
Anton W. Jensen, 977 South Fifty-first St.	Beals	1901
Clyde R. Jensen, 3024 North Twenty-fourth St.	Lothrop	1899
Howard Jourdan, 1701 Vinton St.	Castellar	1900
Florence Kelly, 2427 Erskine St.	Lake	1895
Max Kilne, 1215 Chicago St.	Cass	1899
Earl H. Knudson, 1603 North Thirty-third St.	Franklin	1899
Emil Kroupa, 4113 South Ninth St.	Edw. Rosewater	1901
Helen Kunes, 1704 South Eighteenth St.	Comenius	1903
Flora Lindberg, 3520 Charles St.	Franklin	1903
Floyd Lindberg, 3520 Charles St.	Franklin	1903
Henry R. Moody, 1115 South Twenty-seventh St.	Saunders	1899
George Muehlecke, 1457 South Seventeenth St.	German Lutheran	1898
Hazel Nielson, 3213 Sherman Ave.	Lothrop	1904
Margaret Pflinger, 2420 Hamilton St.	Kellom	1900
Louisa Rase, 424 North Thirty-fourth St.	Saunders	1899
Leora Rentfrow, 5400 North Twenty-fourth St.	Saratoga	1902
Benjamin Retynski, 1932 South Twenty-ninth St.	Dupont	1897
Nathan M. Robinson, 518 North Twentieth St.	Central	1900
Vita Rocco, 824 South Twenty-eighth St.	Farnam	1896
Thelma J. Smith, 4107 Izard St.	Saunders	1898
Elizabeth H. Sowell, 4539 Boulevard Ave.	Clifton Hill	1902

Bee. Yours truly, Arthur L. Loshbaugh, Aged 11 Years, 604 West Nineteenth and Olive Streets, Columbia, Neb.

Reads the Children's Page.
 Dear Editor: I, being very interested in the children's page, would like to join the Blue Side. I read the Children's page every week.
 I am in the fifth B at the Clifton Hill school. Hoping to see my letter in print, I will remain a faithful Busy Bee. Louvesta Lawless, Aged 11 Years, 452 Lake Street, Omaha.

Likes Children's Page.
 Dear Editor: How do you join the Busy Bees? Write and tell me and I will join the Busy Bees. Busy Bee page every Sunday and I like it, too. Very truly yours, Richard Foglietti, 120 West First Street, Grand Island, Neb.

Joins the Reds.
 Dear Editor: I am a new Busy Bee and would like to join your page. I would like to join the Reds.
 I am sending a story named, "The Sun Will Shine Again." Arthur Espegren, 615 North Twenty-sixth South Omaha.

Joins the Busy Bees.
 Dear Editor: I have been reading the Busy Bee page and like it very much. I am 10 years of age and am in the Fourth grade at school. I should like to

join the Reds. I am writing a story to you, and I hope it will be published.
 ELEANOR KURTZ.

A New Busy Bee.
 Dear Editor: I have been reading your page lately and would like to join the Blue Side. I send you a Christmas story. Yours truly,
 MAURICE WELLS.

Another Busy Bee.
 Dear Editor: I want to join the Busy Bees. I want to be on the Red Side. I am 8 years old.
 WORTHINGTON WILLIAMS,
 119 North Twenty-first street, Omaha.

An Autumn Ballad.
 By Ruth Rhodes, Aged 10 Years, Lander, Wyo. Red Side.
 The leaves of spring were falling fast,
 As Winter blew his hoary blast,
 "Oh, don't," the maiden cried at last,
 "I beg, I pray, oh, Winter!"

Old Winter heeded not her call,
 As with his hoary blast he summoned fall:
 "Get out of that tree or I'll make you crawl,
 You little old feathered flicker."
 "And you, you woodpecker, and all the
 Of you feathered creatures who build your
 nest
 In the trees whose leaves are the very
 Go to south or I'll make you whimper!"

"Oh, Winter! listen to my plea."
 The maiden sang, quite minus glee;
 "Oh, don't you see? oh, don't you see?
 The way way you're changing the
 weather!"

"You'll make the ground quite white with
 snow,
 And people will a-sleighing go;
 But just the same, oh, don't you know
 To Nature, it'll mean disaster!"

Old Winter's voice was gruff for sure—
 "Oh, don't you know, fair maiden, pure,
 That it will make the world grander,
 Very fine and beautiful!"

"And then, again, fair maiden, true,
 Sweet Summer will come back to you,
 And bring with it its morning dew,
 And then you will be happy."

"I thank you for your knowledge quite,"
 The maiden sang. But ere that night
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 With snow and in abundance.

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