

The Busy Bees

:- Their Own Page

WHAT does "November" call up, Busy Bees? Why, visions of Thanksgiving day, stuffed turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and all the rest of the goodies of that season, of course.

This is the time when in all schoolrooms will be recounted the tales of the origin of Thanksgiving day observance, together with stories of the early Pilgrims who settled our country and to whom we are so much indebted, those hardy folk who fled to avoid religious persecution.

Miss Ruth Harris, who teaches the fifth grade in the schools at Beaver Crossing, has sent in a group of Thanksgiving stories written by members of her class, all of whom are enthusiastic Busy Bees. The stories are most timely and we are glad to print them. Other Busy Bees should encourage their classmates to take an interest in the Busy Bee page and their teachers, too, for that matter.

Daisy Whitlock of the Red Side won the prize story this week. Edda Corner of the Blue Side and Kenneth Rumsey of the Red Side won honorable mention.

Little Stories by Little Folk

Cranberry Sauce.

By Daisy Whitlock, Beaver Crossing, Neb., Red Side.

I grew in a bog in the eastern part of this country. My mother was a blossom as large as a strawberry vine. At first I was a bud and then I became a blossom and soon I became a green ball and the sun turned me a dark red color. Some days after that I was picked off and dropped into a cup. After a day or so I found myself packed into a large barrel and the lid was nailed on, and it was very dark inside. We did not know what happened next, but I think we took a long trip, because we were rolled and tumbled around. That lasted for days. Then after that the lid was off and we saw a man dip a cup into the barrel and I was with some of my friends. Then we were put into a sack and were carried somewhere. Soon after that I was on the stove in a pan cooking. Some hours later we were in a pretty china dish. Then a little girl took a spoon and took me out. Then she ate me for Thanksgiving dinner. She said I tasted good. This was the end of my story.

(Honorable Mention.)

The Invitation.

By Edda Corner, Aged 11 Years, 210 Valley Street, Omaha, Blue Side.

On Monday morning Grace exclaimed, "Oh, mother, may I go to Mrs. Walter's valentine party?"

"Yes," answered mother, "and you may write a note to her telling that you are pleased with her kind invitation."

"Mother, must I write? May I not run over and tell her I'll surely be there?" said Grace.

"No!" answered mother, "every written invitation must have a written answer and the answer should be returned as soon as possible so the person giving the party may know just about how many guests to expect."

"Get your pencil and a piece of paper and I will help you write the note."

"You said your invitation read as the paper were a messenger telling you what Mrs. Walter wanted. Write your letter so it will seem like a messenger to Mrs. Walter."

This is the letter:

"Miss Grace Brook accepts with pleasure Mrs. Walter's kind invitation for next Saturday evening."

"Now copy your letter in ink and mail it."

Grace said she had a very nice time.

(Honorable Mention.)

Little Jack's Wish.

By Kenneth Rumsey, Box 8, Beaver Crossing, Neb., Red Side.

"I wish I had a great big turkey to take on Thanksgiving day. I'll kill him if he isn't too big. And feather him, too, I would. And take him in and bake him, too. And when he's baked I'd put him on the table. Then I'd go and get some pumpkins and make some pumpkin pie. I'd set the table nice and fine, then call the folks to dine. I eat the legs and wish-bone, too, and all my wishes would come true, and fill my stomach clean plump full. Then I'd go and take a nap and let my dinner settle."

(Honorable Mention.)

Thanksgiving Day.

By Josephine Ritchie, Beaver Crossing, Neb., Red Side.

In long ago times when this country was first settled the Pilgrims on November 25, would give thanks to God, because he had sent rain and sunshine so that their crops could grow. On November 25 the Pilgrims gave a great feast. The Pilgrims invited the Indians to the feast. They made a very large table. Then they put a table cloth on the table. The Pilgrims had fruits, bread, different kinds of meat and other good things to eat. When all the people were there the Indian poured some popcorn out on the table.

Two of the Real Busy Bees



Frederick and Arthur Olson

table. The people gave thanks to God in this way. They called this day Thanksgiving.

The Squirrels.

By Helen Zepplin, Aged 11 Years, West Point, Neb., Blue Side.

One bright morning when we were walking to school we saw some squirrels at the end of our grove. We watched them and they disappeared among the trees.

Then we crept closely up to the grove to watch them. They picked up nuts. Then we thought it was getting late, so we hurried off to school.

When we got to school we were in plenty of time. Then I thought to myself, "Why didn't we stay and gather a pile of nuts for them?" That evening when we came home we walked quickly.

When we went into the grove they were there again. When they saw we had come in our hands they came running up to us and took them right out of our hands and chattered. This shows that animals appreciate kindness.

I appreciate that prize book very much and it has encouraged me to try to win another.

Adventurous Ride.

By Dolores Yetter, Aged 11 Years, Fullerton, Neb., Blue Side.

This is a true story of our recital at the church. We take music lessons and every year we have a recital. It happened the first time we ever had one. It was in the evening and that night the stars were not shining. My uncle lives half a mile north of us, and he hitched up the wagon and we went to town with them. There were five of them and five of us. My sister and I played a duet and my cousin played by herself. She has a sister, Doris, 10 years old, who does not take music lessons. But we got to town all right and had our recital. When we went home we had just got out of town when the harness broke. The horses began to run. Papa stopped them. We got up the hill and then they began to run again. We girls, mamma and my Aunt Lily got out, and then an automobile came and my brother ran up in a field of alfalfa and my sister had to run after him. There was a hill on the other side of the road and some coyotes began to yell, and we children screamed. We got in the wagon again and papa led the horses and my Aunt Lily and Doris, my cousin, sat in the back of the wagon with their feet hanging out. It was two miles and a half. We did not get home very late, but I think that it would be a good film for a picture show, don't you?

A Trip to the Mountains.

By Alice Elvira Crandell, Aged 12 Years, Chapman, Neb., Blue Side.

(PART II.)

Night came on very quickly. The two girls ate their supper in the diner, as directed by their parents, and when the porter finished fixing their berths retired. The next morning they were up early and at 7 o'clock had reached their destination.

What a welcoming they received, and after their things were taken into the

Thanksgiving Sport.

By Doris Davison, Beaver Crossing, Neb., Red Side.

It was Thanksgiving. The turkeys were walking about proudly. They did not know that they were to be eaten. But I think if they knew it they would run away. We wanted to eat them for dinner. So we did not say anything to them about it. We had company that day. There were some children there, too. So we were having lots of fun. It began to snow a little. We thought it would spoil our fun, but it didn't. Some one said, "Let's play fox and goose."

So we did. We got so tired we had to stop. We didn't notice how hard it was snowing. When we stopped playing, the ground was covered with snow. We went in the house and had our dinner. We certainly had our fun that day.

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pretty cottage where they were to stay, their cousins took them to the barn, where four sleek looking burros were tied, one for each child.

They had a delightful time those two short months, riding, driving, climbing mountains, taking walks, going on picnics, camping out, boating and swimming in the pretty lake near the cottage.

When the time came to go to the seashore they wanted to stay even though they had been seasick at first.

When they reached the quiet seashore they declared to their parents and the twins that they had never had a better time than on that trip to the mountains.

This one is Irvington Model, winner at all the summer shows this season and a promising candidate for the blue ribbon at the National show. He is only 18 1/2 hands high, or fifty-four inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady and the children will exhibit in the show under the name of the Hamilton Farms, Mr. Brady's country place at Gladstone, N. J. He will show some of the English hackneys imported by the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the earl of Limerick, and in Ireland is Lady Victoria, has a string of prize winning hunters in the show.

Stories of Nebraska History

By A. E. SHELDON

(By special permission of the author, The Bee will publish chapters from the History of Nebraska, by A. E. Sheldon, from week to week.)

Rock Bluffs Dinner Party

Rock Bluffs is a quiet little village in Cass county, one of the earliest settlements in the state. Its name will always be joined to an important event in Nebraska history, for on the counting of its vote depended whether Nebraska should come into the union a republican or a democratic state. And the counting of its vote was made to depend on the ballot box going to dinner.

At the election in June, 1868, the people of Nebraska voted upon the question whether Nebraska should become a state. At the same time they voted for state officers whom they would have provided it became a state. The republicans were in favor of making Nebraska a state at once and named David Butler of Pawnee county as candidate for governor. The democrats opposed making Nebraska a state at once, and named J. Sterling Morton of Otoe county as candidate for governor. The people were nearly evenly divided and there was great excitement.

There were no telephones and very few telegraph lines in Nebraska in those days. The settlements were scattered and it took a long time to find out how the people had voted. When the returns came in it was found that about 13,000 more had voted to have Nebraska become a state at once than had voted against it.

A legislature also voted for at this time, which was to choose two United States senators. In Rock Bluffs precinct there were 69 for votes for the democrats and 69 for the republicans.

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