

THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Rules for Young Writers. 1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.

2. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.

3. Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.

4. Address all communications to Uncle Jed, Bulletin Office.

5. Whatever you say—Be true! Straightforwardly act. Be honest—in fact. No body else but you.

6. The Begie's Valentine. There's a valentine dream for you tonight.

7. I brought from the Bogie-man; He's the kindest fellow you ever did see.

8. And he carries a little white fan. He threw a valentine into the air.

9. It was edged with fringe and lace; Quoth he: "That's for the little fat face."

10. Who screamed at sight of my face? The Bogie-man was enraptured in smiles.

11. As he waved that little white fan; "Now take this valentine home," said he.

12. "And run as fast as you can!"

13. The Story Book. The story book that mother reads, The one we love the best.

14. It tells about the birds, That have a cunning nest.

15. It tells about the chickens, too, And how they do to sleep.

16. They fly so high upon a perch, And there they dare not peep.

17. It talks about the butterflies, How everything must rest.

18. And so God made a night, you see, Because he knew "—Wee Wisdom.

19. Uncle Jed's Talk to Wide-Awakes. A popular American rhymist recently writing of cheerfulness said: "Go down among the croaking boys and slame them with your cheerful noise!"

20. It makes all the difference in the world to you and those about you what kind of a noise you make in this world.

21. It is not mentioned that Abraham Lincoln or George Washington ever snarled and grumbled, or said I can't or I won't.

22. Abraham Lincoln once walked several miles to correct a little mistake, and George Washington when compelled to keep a diary began so many of the days "Bright and fair" that it looked as if the sun was shining every day.

23. The fact was every day seemed so good to George Washington when he was a boy that he didn't think it was necessary to watch the sky every day to see whether the sky was clear or overcast, since every day to his mind seemed "bright and fair."

24. Since God makes every day, and all he does is perfect, every day he makes is full of energy and promise, so it ought to be "bright and fair" in the minds of his children.

25. If we all, like Washington, felt that every day was "bright and fair" we should not be grumbling quite so much about the weather.

26. The careers of Washington and Lincoln shine with honesty, and as boys and men they were true and that is what produces greatness in men and in women.

27. Letters of Acknowledgment. Joseph Mirtl of West Willington: I have received the book Tom Swift and His Electric Runabout and thank you very much for it.

28. I have read it and it was very interesting. Tom Swift and His Wizard Camera and Tom Swift and His Caves of Ice. I think the Tom Swift books are fine.

29. Grace Burrill of Stafford Springs: Thank you very much for the prize book Camp Fire Girls Across the Sea. This is the first book I have won.

30. Mildred Weaver of Mansfield Depot: Thank you for the nice prize book Ruth Fielding at Snow Camp.

31. Winifred Briggs of Jewett City: Many thanks for my prize book entitled The Camp Fire Girls in the Outside World. I have read it almost through and find it very interesting.

32. Paul Maurice of Versailles: I thank you very much for the prize book you sent me.

33. I have read it through and found it very interesting.

34. Frank E. Crooks of Norwich: I thank you very much for the prize book, From the Boy's Reporter. It is very interesting, and I hope to write again soon.

35. The Winners of Prize Books. 1—Freida Ratkoveks of Norwich, Three Little Women at Work.

2—Willie Pelikan of West Willington, Dearie Dot and the Dog.

3—Joseph T. Mirtl of West Willington, Beckers and His Chum.

4—John O'Neil of Norwich, A Regular Tomboy.

5—Margaret McGrath of Bourville, Ruth Fielding at Silver Ranch.

6—Ralph Taylor of Lebanon, Ruth Fielding at Snow Camp.

7—Frank Pardy of Norwich, Jack's Runaway.

8—Alice Gorman of Versailles, Camp Fire Girls at Sunrise Ranch.

9—Winners of books lying in the city may call at The Bulletin business office for them at any hour after 10 a. m. on Thursday.

36. Stories Written by Wide-Awakes. The Chickadee. I am a little bird and my name is Chickadee.

37. I am about five inches in length. My back is sandy gray, head, neck and throat shining black.

38. My breast is white, sides and belly buff. I am a citizen of the eastern United States.

39. I build my home in a rotten tree or stump. I catch flies and dig with my bill to get the worms from the bark of trees.

40. When the winter comes and the trees are covered with snow and ice, I find my way to the food I need.

41. I am very thankful, and when I come around your house perhaps you may know me by my "Chickadee, Chickadee!"

42. MARY BYRDE. Mansfield Four Corners. Abraham Lincoln.

43. Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin county (now Larue county) Feb. 12, 1809.

44. When he was seven years old his family moved to the backwoods of Indiana. He spent most of his boyhood life in hard labor.

45. Until he reached manhood he continued this life and during this entire period he attended school for only one year.

46. At nineteen he worked on a flatboat that went to New Orleans.

47. He was the age of twenty-one when he moved to Illinois. For a number of years he was variously engaged as flat-boatman, clerk, surveyor, postmaster and river pilot.

48. He studied law, and served as a captain in the Black Hawk war.

49. He was too poor to buy the books he studied with, so he borrowed them from a neighboring lawyer, reading them in the night and returning them in the morning.

50. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834 and elected to congress in 1846 and elected president of the United States in 1861.

51. Lincoln was one of the great men of modern times. He possessed a rare vein of wit, was kind-hearted, wise, patient and honest.

52. No ruler of people has ever lived with more wisdom, or a loftier sense of responsibility than Abraham Lincoln.

53. Amid the general rejoicings over the election of the president, the country was shocked on the evening of April 14, 1865, by the news that President Lincoln had been assassinated.

54. He had been assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, who entered the box from the rear and fired a pistol ball into the president's head.

55. The unconscious president was carried to a house across the street where he lay for several hours.

56. Booth was run down in Virginia and shot April 25, 1865, while resisting arrest.

57. FRANK PARDY, Age 15. Norwich. Manhood of Abraham Lincoln.

58. Abraham Lincoln was a tall and awkward looking man at the age of 21.

59. He had little or no money, and one of the first things he did was to split rails to pay for enough brown jeans to cover his dirty work clothes.

60. He took whatever employment was offered him. He worked as a farm-hand, as a rail-splitter and as a clerk in a country store.

61. Once late in the evening, a woman came to buy a pound of tea. Lincoln weighed it out correctly, as he thought, and gave it to her.

62. The woman who paid for the tea was a neighbor of his. He had just gained for himself a wide reputation for ability, sound sense and honesty of purpose.

63. Later Lincoln was invited to make a speech in two cities, 1831 and 1832.

64. The president's flag is the coat of arms of the United States.

65. The largest flag in the United States is in a very large log cabin. It has only three stripes.

66. The fourth stripe was open and there was no floor. Abraham's bed was in the loft.

67. It was made of dry logs which he had to chop himself. He would be surprised at all the work he could do when he was ten years old.

68. He did not go to school long for his father needed him to help him. But Abe was eager to learn.

69. His mother taught him to read on a wooden shovel with a piece of charcoal for a pencil. He liked to read.

70. Some of the books he liked to read were Aesop's Fables, The Life of Washington, and the Bible.

71. His mother died when he was only seven years old.

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