

Beehive Picture Puzzle Contest

Winners Are Announced

After painstaking and laborious checking of the answers sent in to the beehive picture puzzle contest, The Herald begs to announce the winners as follows:

The Winners.

1st prize, \$50.00, Miss Mary Aldrich Wyman, Bamberg. Words on list 180, score 143.

2nd prize, \$18.00, Mrs. B. S. Land, Bamberg. Words on list 150, score 138.

3rd prize, \$2.00, Miss Ruth Gregg, Summerville. Words on list 140, score 128.

4th and 5th prizes (tied), Mrs. Haskell J. Hiers, Ehrhardt, \$12.50. Words on list 167, score 126. Houston Carnes, Bamberg, \$1.25. Words on list 140, score 126.

6th prize, \$5.00, Mrs. G. C. Padgett, Bamberg. Words on list 138, score 125.

Miss Wyman's list was qualified with three one year subscriptions, and she, therefore, receives the major prize.

Mrs. Land qualified her list with one one-year subscription, and she receives \$18.00. Had she qualified for the fourth class, she would have received \$35.00.

Miss Gregg, winner of third prize, failed to qualify her list at all, and therefore, receives only \$2.00, instead of \$25.00.

Mrs. Hiers and Houston Carnes tied for the fourth and fifth prizes. Mrs. Hiers qualified her list with three subscriptions, and is therefore entitled to one-half of the maximum prizes for the fourth and fifth places. The two prizes being a maximum of \$25.00, she is awarded \$12.50. Houston Carnes, a bright little boy of Bamberg, failed to qualify his list with any subscriptions, and therefore receives one-half of the combined value of the fourth and fifth prizes in the "no subscription" class. The two being \$2.50 combined, he gets a check for \$1.25.

Mrs. Padgett, winner of the sixth prize, receives a check for \$5.00, having qualified for the maximum prize by sending in three subscriptions.

Honorable Mention.

Some excellent lists were received and should have mention, although not prize winners. Those receiving a score of 120 or over are given below:

J. G. Hightower, Denmark; words 159, score 124.

Mrs. W. E. Stokes, Gainesville, Fla.; words 127; score 124.

Francis Miles Cleckley, Bamberg; words 198; score 123.

Mrs. J. H. Hutto, Bamberg; words 152; score 123.

John Schwarting, Bamberg; words 130; score 122.

Miss Gene Price, Bamberg; words 224; score 121.

Miss Medrue Free, Bamberg; words 176; score 121.

Miss Margaret Free, Bamberg; words 153; score 121.

Miss Vera Pearson, Bamberg; words 152; score 121.

Mrs. J. T. Herndon, Bamberg; words 161; score 120.

D. Graham Copeland, New Orleans, La.; words 243; score 120.

Miss Annie Rhoad, Branchville; words 130; score 120.

Miss Annie Isabel Bamberg, Bamberg; words 145; score 120.

Special attention is called to the following rules:

4. Only English words found in the dictionary can be used. Obsolete and foreign meaning words will not be counted.

5. The same object can be named but once. This does not preclude the naming of an object which is a part of another object.

6. Only such compound words which by long usage have become and in the dictionary are given as one word can be used. Hyphenated words and words that appear in the dictionary as two words are not to be considered.

7. The word may be given in the singular or plural form, but if the one is used the other cannot be.

11. In arriving at this decision the judges will allow one point for each correct word, which must be numbered, 1, 2, 3, and so on to the end of the list. A margin of 15 incorrect words will be granted to each contestant to allow for a possible legitimate difference of opinion; but each incorrect word above that number will count one against.

12. If two contestants tie for the first place the first and second prizes will be divided between the two pro rata according to their class. The next highest will receive the third prize, etc.

The contest closed on June 20th. June 27th was the last day on which contestants could qualify their answers for one of the larger prizes by

sending or handing in one, two or three subscriptions, or the equivalent in one subscription, to The Herald.

The contest brought forth a great volume of answers. There were so many that days of work were required to classify and check them. The Herald had no idea the amount of work that would be required when the contest began. In fact, The Herald knew nothing more about the picture puzzle than did any of its readers. The puzzle was furnished us by a concern in Minnesota. The Herald merely purchasing the right to use it. Certain requirements

were made along with the sale of the picture, one of which the contest must be closed on June 20th, and another of which was that the master list was not to be furnished until the day of closing, and then must not be opened until the contest had closed. In view of these conditions, The Herald, nor any one connected with it, could not possibly have made any suggestion other than laid down in the rules, if we had been disposed to have done so, which we were not, of course.

The Herald has enjoyed this contest. This newspaper is the first weekly paper in the state to use such a picture puzzle, and one of the two first papers, daily or weekly, to use a contest of this sort. It is something new and novel; interesting and instructive. Careful study and thought were the only requirements for winning.

In checking over the numerous lists submitted The Herald finds that the greatest fault was the failure of contestants to read and observe the rules carefully. Naturally a contest of this kind, open to everybody, subscribers and non-subscribers, qualified or unqualified, meant that some strict rules must be laid down and enforced. These rules were printed in every issue of the paper, and in all circulars sent out.

One of these rules was that no compound words must be used, nor could two words be used in describing one object. This rule was broken quite often, and resulted in a good many penalties.

Another rule was that one point was to be counted for each correct word, and after allowing fifteen incorrect words for any honest difference of opinion concerning any objects, a contestant was to be penalized one point for each additional incorrect word.

Contestants will note that the submission of the biggest lists of words, did not suffice to win prizes. Some of the lists submitted contained above 400 words. In view of the fact that there are only 216 words on the master list prepared by the artist, it was necessary to impose a penalty for all incorrect words. Therefore if a contestant submitted, say, 400 words, and had named correctly every object in the picture, there would have been 184 incorrect words on the list. Allowing the margin of 15 words for difference of opinion, the penalty imposed would have been 169 points. The list began with 216 points for correct words, but deducting the penalty would leave a score of 47.

Take, now, another list of, say, 150 words. On checking the list, it was found that 130 words were correct and 20 wrong. Deducting the 15 words, above referred to, from the list leaves a penalty of 5 points. Therefore, the score would be 125. This list, with 150 words, made a far better score than did the list of 400 words, even though the larger list contained all of the correct words. But the larger list was encumbered with too many incorrect words.

The fairness of this rule is apparent. Any contestant could have taken a standard dictionary and copied down all the words beginning with "B" and thereby would have been bound to name all of the objects in the picture. This rule was for the protection of the careful contestant.

Some peculiar aspects of this contest were seen in checking. For instance the church building in the picture received various names. Quite a number called it "Bethel," one called it "Bethlehem," and several decided it was a Baptist church, although there was nothing in the picture to indicate that it had a name at all, or that it was a Baptist or Methodist church.

There was one thing all contestants giving a name at all were agreed upon: That the automobile, whose front is shown in the picture, was a "Buick." Trade names were not, of course, included. In fact, Fords, Chevrolets, and many other cars have fronts identically like the one shown.

One excellent list of 243 words

was submitted, and contained 174 correct words, but, unfortunately, the list was encumbered with 69 incorrect words, and therefore had to be penalized 54 points, reducing the score below those of the six winners. Another list of 168 correct words had to be penalized 44 points, reducing the score to 124, missing a prize but one point.

Repetition of words counted against many of the contestants. With but few exceptions, all lists had words repeated. Some few contained two words describing the same object.

Again The Herald wishes to thank its friends for the interest taken in the contest. We trust each one received entertainment from the hunting of the objects and the correct naming of them. The prizes are awarded cheerfully, and we only regret that we are unable to give a prize to every contestant.

Checks will be mailed out to all winners in the next day or two. It will be unnecessary for any winner to call for the same:

The Master List.

For the information of contestants we publish below the master list of "b" words as furnished us by the artist who drew the picture, and which was used exclusively in checking lists of words:

- B
- baby or babe
- back
- backband
- backboard
- backstrap
- backstop
- badge
- badger or badgen
- bag
- baggage
- bagpipe
- bagpiper
- ball
- bait
- balcony
- bale
- ball or baseball
- balloon
- baluster or banister
- balustrade
- bamboo
- banana
- band
- bandage
- bandanna
- bandbox
- banjo
- banjoist
- bank or bank-side
- banner
- bantams
- bars
- barb
- bare
- barge or bargeboard
- bark
- barley
- barn
- barnyard
- barometer
- barrel
- barrow
- base or basis
- basement
- basin
- basket
- bassoon
- bassoonist
- bat
- bathers
- battery
- bay
- bayonet
- beach
- beak or beak-iron
- beam or balk
- beads
- beard
- bearing
- beast or brute
- beater
- bed or bedstead
- bedpost
- bee
- beehive or beehive
- beeway
- beet or beetroot
- beetle or bug
- being
- belfry
- bell
- belle
- bellows
- belly
- bellyband
- belt or banda
- bench
- bencher
- bent
- berries
- bevel
- bib
- bibcock or bibb
- bicycle
- bicyclist
- biddy
- bight
- bilge or bouge
- or bulge
- bill
- billboard
- billet
- billy
- binder
- biped
- biplane
- birch
- bird
- birdman
- bit
- bitstock
- black or blacky
- or blackamoor
- blacksmith
- blade
- blanket
- blaze
- blinds
- blinker or blinder
- block
- bloom or blossom or blow
- blouse
- blower
- bluffs
- boards
- boat
- boatman
- bob or bobber
- bodice
- bookkin
- body
- boiler
- bole
- boll
- bolt
- bolthead
- bolster
- bone
- bonnet
- book
- boomerang
- boot
- bootleg
- hore
- border
- bosom or breast
- basket or bosquet
- bottle
- bottom
- bouquet
- bow (of boat)
- bowknot or bow
- boulder
- bowl
- bough or bough
- branch
- box
- boy
- brace or bracer
- bracket
- braid
- brake
- brand or burn
- branchlet
- brat
- brawn
- breastband
- breastplate
- breastpin or brooch
- breastrail
- breech
- breeches
- breeching
- brick
- brickwork
- bridge
- bride
- brim
- brink
- bride (bonnet string)
- bristle
- broadaxe
- broidery
- brood
- brook or beck
- broom
- broomstick
- brow
- brush
- bubbles
- buck
- buckboard
- bucket
- buckle
- bud or burgeon
- buffet
- buggy
- bugle
- building
- bulb
- bulk
- bulldog
- bullet
- bullhead or barge
- bullwhack
- bullrushes
- bump or bunch
- or blemish
- bumper
- bundle
- bung
- bungalow
- buoy
- bur or burr
- burdock
- bureau
- burn
- burner
- burial or burr-knot
- burro
- bush
- bust
- butts
- butterfly
- button
- buttonhole

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