

Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: Wooden it be nice ...

Quote: *Once upon a time there was ...*

"A king!" my little readers will say immediately.

No, children, you are mistaken. Once upon a time there was a piece of wood.

- A. PUPPET ... A marionette ... like the titular character in the story featured in this puzzle before becoming a "real boy"
- B. IMMEDIATELY ... Right this instant!
- C. NEMESSES ... Persistent, personal foes
- D. OWNER ... One holding the title
- E. CRICKET ... Jiminy who sang to this puzzle's hero: "And always let your conscience be your guide."
- F. CATERER ... Category won by Nelson's in Wakarusa in the "Michiana Best of the Best" competition
- G. HYMNS ... Hawpach native (Topeka, Indiana, today) E. R. Latta wrote 1600+ of them back in the day
- H. IOWA, IA ... Midwestern state and its postal abbreviation
- I. OUTFIELDER ... One who catches fly balls
- J. COTTONTAIL ... "Here comes Peter ____, Hoppin' down the bunny trail, Hippy hoppity, Easter's on its way."
- K. CRANES ... Sandhill ____, birds making a comeback at Boot Lake Nature Preserve in Elkhart County
- L. OAHU ... Waikiki's home
- M. LYING ... The five morals presented in the book this puzzle is themed on:
1.Obey your parents 2.Go to school 3.Avoid bad company 4. _____
has consequences 5.Virtue leads to reward
- N. LEMONADE ... Drink of choice at a kid's sidewalk stand on a summer day
- O. OKLAHOMA ... State with a panhandle
- P. DISNEY ... Movie-maker who put this old Italian tale on the big screen
- Q. I WE ... Individualist's favorite word, followed by communitarian's
- R. AWE ... Wonder

Acrostic: *'Pinocchio' C. Collodia*