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Christmas

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NEW TEACHER

Mrs. Susan Nanney is the new teacher in the elementary art department. Married only four months, she attended Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, but she is a native of the state of Washington.

Her hobbies are water color painting, swimming, and reading. Her preference in music is rock and roll, and soul. Her favorite foods are all the fattening foods, especially pizza. She has taught for three years in Jackson, Missouri, she likes our system fine, but it is ~~smaller~~ smaller than what she is used to. The students, she says, are a lot different in the fact that they're not smart alexks like the kids in the big schools.

MOLESKONES

Look who's now 40 years old--Mickey Mouse! If that makes you feel like standing in the Social Security line, consider that little Orphan Annie is 44, Blondie 38, Dick Tracy 37, Li'l Abner 33, Superman 30, ----and even Charlie Brown is 18.

A LESS COMMERCIALIZED CHRISTMAS

by Donna Chaney

Christmas has been so commercialized that instead of remembering it as the day Christ was born, the children's thoughts are on what Santa Claus will bring them. If we were more concerned about teaching the small child the real meaning of Christmas, I think, when they were older, it would be more meaningful to them.

Instead of seeing the Nativity scene in the store windows, we see Christmas trees, decorations, and big fat Santa Clauses.

I'm not saying we should completely cut-out all the decorations, but we should be more careful about our attitude to Christmas. While we are decorating the Christmas tree or watching Santa throw bubble gum and candy from a firetruck, we should stop and remember that this holiday is supposed to be celebrated as the coming of Christ.



CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

By: Everett Barnhart, Jr. Counselor

A correspondence course may be right for you. But take care. Finding a home study course that won't waste your time and your dollars--and that you'll stay with--is tricky.

Those students who choose carefully and don't expect more than a correspondence course can deliver will be perfectly happy with their experience. Many others will drop out long before they get their money's worth. A number will be gypped by fast-talking salesmen or fly-by-night diploma mills that sell nothing but worthless pieces of paper.

Many states require little more than that a profit-making school pay the fee for a business license.

Unethical operators have long been a thorn in the side of the good schools, who charge a fair price and don't promise more than they can supply. But some customers make it easy for the crooks, who sell worthless diplomas, guarantee placement in high-paying jobs or deliver shoddy, outdated course materials.

How can you spot the phonies? To begin with, no reputable correspondence school will imply that you're guaranteed a job of any kind when you finish the course. Also, no correspondence school can qualify you to be a doctor, a nurse or a lawyer. None can teach in a few months what it takes resident schools years to teach.

Here's a sampling of the tricks some home study schools use to rope in customers who don't take the time and trouble to check their claims.

FALSE ADVERTISING. One of the most popular come-ons is an advertisement in the help-wanted section of a newspaper that promises you a lucrative job if you are willing to learn a particular trade. When you answer the ad, the school sends a salesman to your home. It's his job to talk you into signing up for a course that will "qualify" you for the type of job that was advertised.

FAKE ACCREDITATION. Sometimes phony schools will claim that they are "accredited" by a particular agency that actually exists solely for the purpose of accrediting the school.

OVERBLOWN JOB PROMISES. All schools, including the good ones, want you to think their courses are valuable, so they like to paint a rosy picture of job opportunities for graduates. The job market doesn't always warrant the claims they make.

DISTORTED PAY CLAIMS. Schools sometimes give a misleading idea of how much the graduates of their courses will earn in the glamorous jobs that await them. Though it may be quite true that many computer programmers, for instance, earn from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year, no good correspondence school graduate is going to start at anywhere near those figures.

If you have doubts about a school or its courses, check on complaints with the Better Business Bureau. Ask the salesman for the names and addresses of some former students and get in touch with them. If the school is on the up-and-up, its salesman will supply the names gladly. For a vocational course, check with local employers to see whether the course you're thinking of taking is recognized by them as evidence of legitimate and useful study.

WHAT ACCREDITATION MEANS. If a school is accredited by the National Home Study Council, most of the preliminary checking has been done for you. Before accrediting a school, the council sends an inspection team to evaluate its courses, its faculty, advertising, financial stability, business practices and other aspects of its operation. The council repeats this going over every five years. Meanwhile, it requires yearly reports from members and investigates complaints about them. Schools can lose accreditation if they don't live up to standards.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES cont.

The NHSC publishes a directory of accredited schools. You can get a copy free by writing to National Home Study Council, 1601 Eighteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Some schools tack the phrase "approved for veterans" on to their advertising, and to many people this implies approval by the VA. In fact, however, the Veterans Administration doesn't "approve" any home study schools. It is not equipped to evaluate them and has to rely on approval by state agencies to determine eligible schools.

SALES TACTICS. Readers of magazines and newspapers who send coupons to schools for "more information" are often surprised to find salesmen knocking on their doors a few days later. Many schools use this perfectly legal tactic to follow up sales leads, though prospects get no hint of it from their ads. Some schools require their representatives to telephone ahead for an appointment, some don't.

Since many home study salesmen are paid by commission, some go to great lengths to get prospects to sign up quickly. Be suspicious if a salesman says you have to sign your application immediately for any of these reasons:

Only a limited number of persons from your area can be accepted for the course you want and the quota is almost full.

Applications can be considered for only a short while longer and must be received at the school by a specified date.

The school is offering a "scholarship" to a few qualified persons who get their applications in right away.

The form you're filling out is only an application and you can always change your mind later on. (In many cases the application, when accepted, becomes your enrolment contract.)

REFUND POLICY. According to NHSC standards, every accredited school must have an established cancellation and refund policy that, beginning this September, 1971 will be printed on the enrolment contract. Here's how a student can drop a course and the maximum he can be required to pay, according to the standards:

To cancel, you notify the school--not the salesman--in writing. Schools can require a registered letter if they say so in their contracts. If you cancel within three days of enrolling, you can be charged a registration fee of 10% of the price of the course, up to \$50. If you wait longer than three days but less than 180, you can be charged the higher of two costs--the pro-rated cost of lessons completed or \$50 plus 15% to 50% of the price of the course, depending on when you cancel. After 180 days you can be required to pay the full price of the course.

For a course that costs, say \$500, dropping out early can be expensive. Suppose you decide a week after signing up that you really don't think you'll be able to complete the course, so you notify the school that you're canceling. Odds are you won't have received any lessons by then, so you'd owe the school its \$50 registration fee plus 15% of \$500. Your total bill: \$125. And you won't have a thing to show for it.

BEFORE YOU SIGN UP. Choosing a correspondence course means having to find your way through a barrage of advertising claims, sales pitches and pretty brochures. Before facing that, settle some basic questions for yourself.

1. Will you stick it out? Remember, this is home study. No one stands over you to make sure you finish the lessons. The dropout rate is high, and as mentioned earlier, dropping out is expensive. Of course, there are advantages to home study, too. You can work at your own pace and you don't have to worry about competing with anyone for grades. Furthermore, you can hold down one job while you learn another.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES cont.

2. Can you afford it? Prices range from less than a hundred dollars to more than a thousand, with technical courses generally at the top part of the scale. Many schools will let you pay in installments, and some accredited schools participate in the Guaranteed Student Loan program. Veterans can get benefits for some courses under the GI bill. But you'll have to decide how much is too much for the type of course you want.

3. Is correspondence a good way to study your subject? Some very complex courses can be taught effectively through the mails, but not all of them. Some academic subjects, for instance, are often learned best when the student has access to laboratories or discussion groups or can get instant feedback from his teachers. And you can't learn such skills as tractor or heavy truck operation without actual experience. Many schools recognize this and offer periods of resident instruction for such courses.

You know the subject you want to study. The problem is picking the school that teaches it best. You should investigate several. Talk to their salesmen, study their contracts carefully and don't sign any of them right away. If the school isn't a member of the National Home Study Council, ask the salesman why. If possible, take a look at some of the materials you'll be using in the course. Are they up-to-date and easy to understand? Is the course too far above or below the level you're prepared to handle? If you're training for a job, will there be any of those jobs when you finish and is a correspondence school diploma a good bet for landing one?

The Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook, available at the Counselor's office can help you decide whether correspondence study is suitable training for a particular kind of work and whether a school's claims as to job opportunities and pay are in line with the facts. The nearest office of your state employment service can also give you information and advice.

With the right answers to your questions, you can be among the millions of students who have found home study a convenient, effective way to learn.

AUTHORITY

An Editorial by Steve Stratman

Authority is something that everyone needs. But in this school, it seems that a majority of both teachers and students do not show the proper respect for authority. Who is at fault? I do not know. It is probably the lack of respect shown in the home, community, and school that causes this lack of respect. It may even be the fault of authority. Authority must earn our respect. Just because someone holds an important position means that we must respect the person, but we must respect the position. Some say that authority is unnecessary, that it dictates. But even the most loosely organized societies designate some person or group of people to exercise authority. People who revolt against authority say that they cannot be free individuals with authority hampering their activities, but this is nonsense. I believe that freedom is not the absence of authority, for authority helps us attain freedom. It enables us to learn from yesterday's mistakes. I feel that we, as Americans, should respect the flag, the office of President, law enforcement officers, and educators. We must respect these for what they stand for, not the individuals who hold these positions, for they must earn our respect and trust. When we are taught to respect authority, then we will learn to accept, understand, and practice authority.

WAR

by Father Emil Swiatek, S.T.L.
taken from the weekly magazine
HI-TIME

On August 6, 1945, a single American plane flew over the city of Hiroshima and dropped a single bomb. Within minutes, approximately 75 thousand men, women and children of all ages were dead.

On that day, a whole new concept of warfare was introduced. Every man born during the past 25 years has lived in the shadows of nuclear arms. The possibility that the world could explode into a huge ball of flame, destroyed by man's carelessness or his lust for total world domination, is becoming a nightmare.

Nuclear warfare leaves no man in solitude. There is always a fear that we may be treated as pawns on a huge chessboard, that our desire for life may be set aside in favor of the mushroom cloud. Death in total war is useless. Nuclear war knows no limitations. In nuclear warfare, the holocaust will not stop at destruction of a predetermined area or a certain number of people. Some men may not care; others may see this war as glorious; still others ask why.

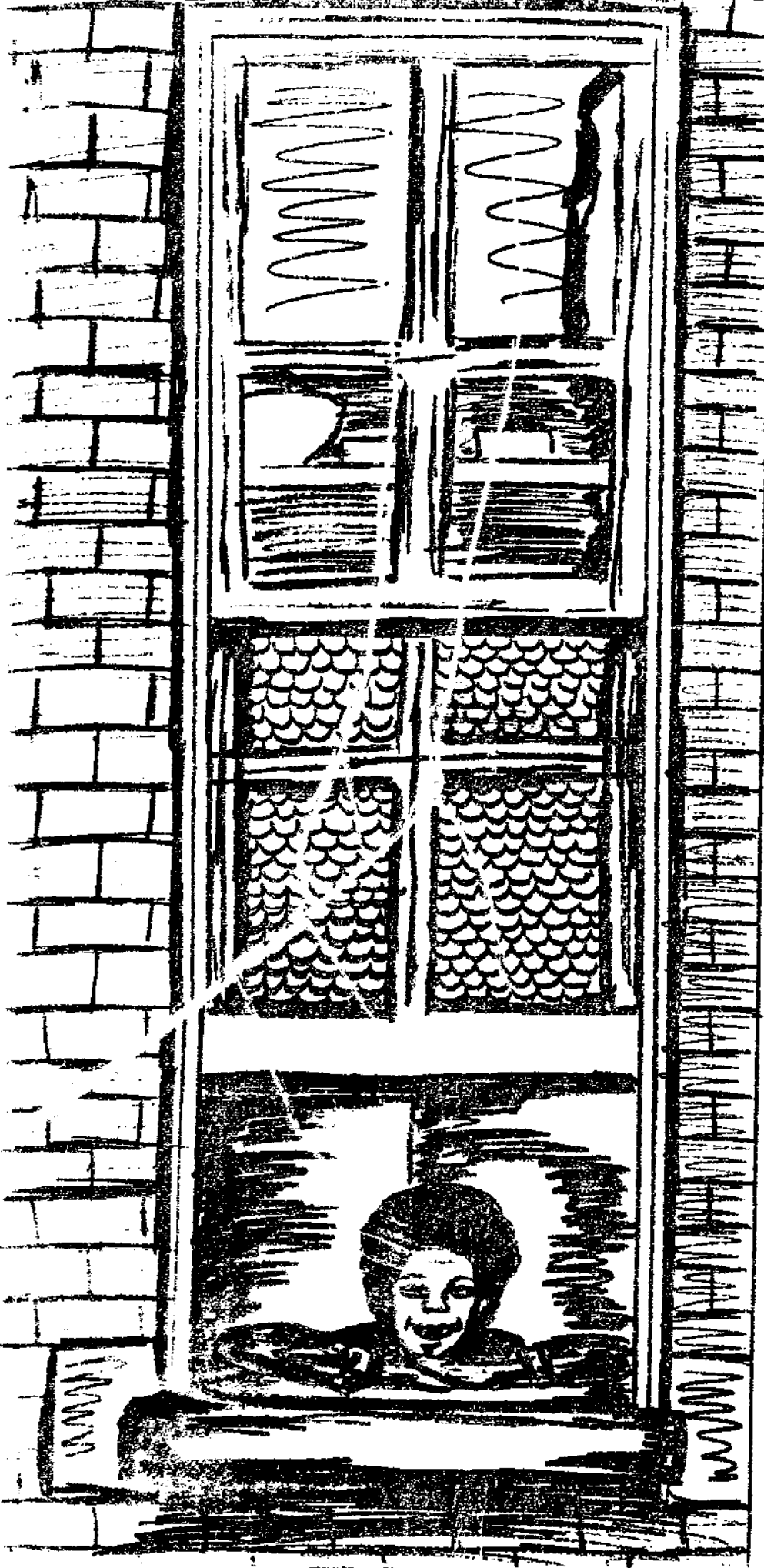
The American Civil War general, William Sherman, is famous for saying, "War is hell!" The full content of Sherman's statement is even more forceful:

I am sick and tired of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot or heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded, who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!

Is it not possible to give just one definition of war. Political scientists, sociologists, moralists, economists, the man in the street may all have different definitions of war. Many situations can lead to war: disputes over national boundaries, civil disharmony, exploitations of other nations, the rise of dictatorships. But is war necessary? Must armed conflict always determine the victor, the stronger man, the better nation? Must war be equated with manliness and courage?

Consider the concept of war from these angles: family instability, economic repression, loss of life, purposelessness, wholesale destruction, hunger, hate. Somehow the great theories of war don't take into consideration the individual consequences of war. War is hell because its terrible consequences far outweigh any good which might result.

War is hell! Retaliation to violence is not the way to solve world problems. Peace is the way, the only way. To achieve peace, Christians must learn to respect all men. All men must recognize and accept one another as brothers with a common destiny. Peace will exist only where men cooperate with each other in the fellowship of love.



I gaze steadily
at outskirts of city life,
moving continually,
and never enduring quite
We breathe,
yet not to live,
We look,
but not to see.
Orange brown buildings,
streaked with suddy tears,
battered by the storm of life;
serving their purpose,
but
what else?
Crumpled brick faces
existing daily
in dull facades
SHOUT!
break through ducts
and search
for the horizon;
life is running,
JUMP!
Stained windows
open wide
and let sunshine sear
on your blackened sills.

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TOURNAMENT IN VIENNA

The Ozark Mid-Missouri Conference (OMC) Tournament was played in Vienna, November 29 through December 4, and was highlighted by several close games and good individual performances.

Eugene and St. Elizabeth tangled Monday night to start off the tournament, with St. Elizabeth barely edging Eugene 55-53. Also on Monday night New Bloomfield beat Blair Oaks, 69-59, and Russellville slipped by Linn 53-48.

Vienna started the action Tuesday night by losing to the Chamois Pirates 48-43. The game was close all the way, with Vienna pulling to within one point of the Pirates several times. Tommy Williams turned in an 18-point performance for Vienna, with Paul Stonner pumping in 20 for Chamois. In the other games played Tuesday night, first seeded Juscumbia dumped St. Elizabeth 76-53, and third seeded Fatima buried New Bloomfield 86-40.

In Wednesday night's action, St. Elizabeth won over Blair Oaks 49-36, and Eugene tripped up New Bloomfield 72-60.

On Thursday night, Linn beat St. Elizabeth 63-47, earning the right to play in the consolation game. Vienna set up their meeting with Linn for consolation by smashing Eugene, 51-27, the lowest number of points scored by any team in the tournament. Eugene could not crack the Eagles' iron defense, scoring only 10 points in the first three quarters. The Eagles were paced by Roger Bullock's 16 points.

In the semi-finals on Friday night, Juscumbia defeated Russellville 73-50, mainly on the tournament-high 27-point performance of Randy Graves. In the other contest of the evening, Fatima rolled to its second easy victory by triumphing over Chamois 80-56.

The finals on Saturday night matched Vienna vs. Linn for Consolation, Chamois vs. Russellville for third place, and Fatima vs. Juscumbia for the Championship.

Tournament (cont.)

Vienna dropped their contest to Linn, 62-42. The third quarter was the Eagles' sore spot as they were outscored by 12 points. The Eagles placed only one man in double figures, Roger Bullock with 12. The Wildcats were paced by Mike Woods' 15. Vienna's record now goes to 4 wins and 5 losses.

Chamois grabbed third place by knocking off Russellville, 62-42. Rod Frey turned in a 19-point performance for the victors.

In the Championship game, Juscumbia came out on top with a hard-fought victory over Fatima, 69-64. The game was close all the way, with the Lions pulling away slightly at the end. Juscumbia was paced by Monty Graves' 17 points, with the Comets' Jerry Thoenen leading all scorers with 19 points. This win was Juscumbia's ninth of the season against no losses.

The trophies were presented after the game, with Juscumbia receiving first, Fatima second, Chamois third, and Linn Consolation. In addition, Russellville received the Sportsmanship award, and Rod Frey of Chamois received the free throw percentage award, with an average of 81.25% at the charity line. The highest scorer of the tournament was St. Elizabeth's Gary Hake, who averaged 19 points a game in four games.

JOKE

Recently, I got a ride to a club meeting with another member. She was a little late picking me up, and as she drives rather slowly, I saw that we were not going to get there on time. "Jane, we're never going to make it if you don't speed up," I said.

"Well," she replied, continuing at her leisurely pace, "I'd rather have people say, 'Jane's always late,' than, doesn't she look natural?"

VIENNA DROUDES WITH LINN

The Vienna Junior High and Freshmen basketball teams traveled to Linn Monday night, December 6.

The Junior High team beat Linn's Junior High decisively in a low-scoring 27-15 game. Vienna sewed the game up in the first quarter by jumping out to a 15-0 lead. John Schulte and Jeff Murphy were Vienna's leading scorers, each gathering eight points.

Vienna's Freshmen team absorbed a crushing loss, 55-35. The Eagles were never in the game, and were down 25-11 at the half. The Eagles were paced by Mark Junstall's 14 points, while Linn's Jim Mantle turned in a 23-point performance.

JUNIOR HIGH EAGLES FLUNDER

On December 9, the Eagles traveled to Eugene to play the Eugene Eagles.

In the first game, Vienna dropped a close one, 16-15. After holding Eugene scoreless in the first quarters, the home team rallied and tied the score at the end of the third quarter. In the fatal fourth quarter, the Eagles were outscored 5-4, and lost the game. Vienna was led by Charley Henderson's 6 points and Rocky Hayes' 5. John Morris led Eugene with 6.

In the second game, the Eagles were edged again, 25-21. The Eagles could not recover from a slow first half, as they were down 15-8 at the half. John Schulte led the losing cause with 6 points. Ron Schubert of Eugene scored 10 to lead the victorious Eugene Eagle.

On December 13, the Junior High Eagles hosted the Belle Tigers. The Eagles were plastered 27-11, as Belle outclassed Vienna in every department. The second quarter was Vienna's undoing as they were outscored 10-0. High scorers for Vienna was Charley Henderson with 5 points. Rick Vandelicht has 7 points to pace the Tigers.

(an account of the second game played that night will follow on the next page.)

by Father John Michael Murphy

Once

Improbably appearing
(He had made it a habit)
God was born in a barn.
In itself a miracle.

Then on to more improbability.
Like a puppy in a classroom,
He went on to make Himself
A host of friends--
And some enemies.

For awhile--
As happens still--
The enemies
Proved stronger.
Just for awhile.

But friends are sown
Like living grass
And will prevail.

We are His friends.
(He still exhibits the strangest taste!)
And this we celebrate.
We celebrate His taste.
We celebrate His birth.
We celebrate His springing
From a dusty grave, and singing
Out the message He was bringing
To a fouled and saddened earth.

We celebrate that death is dead,
That sin is strangled in its bed.

We celebrate
That we can live
And laugh and love
And learn to give.

He came and went
We rarely know
When He will come--
When He will go.

But some strong day
(He's made this clear)
He'll come to stay.
Meanwhile we wait.
We meet as friends.
We celebrate.

He comes and goes.
We feel Him pass
Among us warily
At the Mass.

And then we know
He comes to say:
"Live on and love
And wait the day
When I will come,
When I will stay,
When I will never
Go away."

This is the Christmas song we sing.
This is the word that we must bring.
This is what we anticipate.
This is why we celebrate.

WHAT IS POVERTY
by Emil Swiatek

Poverty is a mother knowing that her newborn infant will probably die before the year is over.
Poverty is a father lacking the self-respect to face his children because he cannot provide for his family.
Poverty is slums which breed not only physical disease but also despair.
Poverty is a brother watching his young sister die because there is no money for a doctor nor medicine.
Poverty is people who can neither read or write.

THE KUOS SOUND SURVEY
For the week of December 3, 1971

1. Family Affair... SLY & THE FAMILY STONE
2. Theme From 'Shaft'... ISAAC HAYES
3. Got To Be There... MICHAEL JACKSON
4. Baby I'M-A Want You... BREAD
5. All I Ever Need Is You... SONNY & CHER
6. An Old Fashioned Love Song... 3 DOG NIGHT
7. Two Divided By Love... GRASS ROOTS
8. Cherish... David Cassidy
9. The Desiderata... LES CRANE
10. Rock Steady... ARETHA FRANKLIN
11. Everybody's Everything... SANDYNA
12. Stones... NEIL DIAMOND
13. Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves... CHER
14. Imagine... JOHN LENNON
15. Peace Train... CAT STEVENS
16. Theme from 'SUMMER of '42'... PETER NERO
17. Wild Night... UAN MORRISON
18. Superstar... TEMPTATIONS
19. Brand New Key... MELANDE
20. Grandma's Hands... BILL WYNNERS
21. One Tin Soldier... COVEN
22. Easy Loving... FREDDIE HART
23. Have You Seen Her... CH9-LOVES
24. American Pie... DON McLEAN
25. It's A Cryin' Shame... GAYLE McCORMOCK
26. Behind Blue Eyes... WHO
27. Hey Girl / I Knew You When... Donny Osmond
28. Sunshine... BILL WYNNERS
29. I'm A Man / Questions 67 & 68... CHICAGO
30. You Are Everything... STYLISSTICS

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good little rascal all year I have tried my best to keep things as hot as possibly since you gave me the flamethorwer last X-MAS. And the do-it-yourself creature maker really gave me some real interesting times. And this year I demand to get the following toys: a do-it-yourself guillotine, a washbasket to have in case my friends lose theirheads over my little contraption, also I would like refills for my flamethorwer, a baby tarantual, and if it is possible, I would demand a do-it-yourself Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Kit.

I will leave under our tree a bunch of hot pepper cookies and some lukewarm seal milk imported from the west coast. And for your rein deer, I will leave some parsnip ends.

Yours truly
Mikie Long

NORTH POLE

by Bruce Dent

Dateline--1971. Kris Kringle, alias Santa Claus, alias Old Saint Nick announced today that automation is being introduced at the merry workshop. Kris says that it should increase production by one-half. All the elves are being trained at a technical school nearby for the new jobs which they will acquire. Many of the elves were weeded out as they protested the new housing projects which were to replace their huts and cottages. The reindeer were also out of a job as Santa Claus purchased a Boeing ~~747~~. There were many sad goodbyes as the elves watched Santa turn Rudolph out to pasture. Among the new features of the Kris Kringle Kristmas factory is double theft prevention against grinchies. Mr. Kringle estimated that the factory would be done by December 4, and that the elves would be ready to punch their time cards on december 5. This will allow time to run out enough toys for Christmas as '71. Speed is greatly increased by IBM Computer to read all Christmas lists. Santa says he does not expect very good accuracy from the computer as his technicians do not have all the bugs out of it yet. By 1973 Santa expects everything to be running at a record level. So if on Christmas Eve, you hear the roar of jet engines and a merry old voice saying, "Pilot to co-pilot, get rid of that hijacker." You will know that Santa is trying out his new idea-----Christmas Automation style.

DANCE!

The Morris County Teen-Town of Vienna will sponsor a dance on New Year's Eve, which is on Friday, December 31. Music will be by the Skonool-7. The dance will start at 9 p.m. and end at 2 a.m. It will be held at Memorial Park in Vienna. Admission will be \$1.50. The public is invited.

The following poem was printed with permission from Mr. Fred Chaney, to use his name

'Twas two days before Christmas
and all through the school
Struempfh's bar was all ready
and set to play pool.
The cue sticks were hung
and all chalked with care,
In hopes that the Bud truck
soon would be there.

The parents in town were all snug
in their beds
While the kids in Vienna had trips
that danced through their heads.

We were all lying around and about
half shot,
That there was a three mile line
waiting to go to the pot.
When out on the parking lot
there arose such a clatter
We hopped from our bar stools
to see what was the matter.
We flung open the door
and tore like a flash,
And there stood Fred Chaney
and kicked us all on our koo-koo!

When what to my wondering eyes
should appear,
Three cases of Pepsi and not
one can of beer

More rapid than eagles a
man named Fred Chaney came
He whistled and shouted
and called us foul names.
Run Bruce, run Roger, run Edd e
and Vic,
Run Steve, run Bill, run Mark
and Rick.
As dry leaves that before the
wild hurrican fly,
300 of us boys flung Fred
high in the sky.

So up to the courthouse us
coursers we flew,
Dragging nine barrels of Fid
and carrying Fred too.
His eyes were closed shut
we cheered so merry,
To see him pass out
like a big fat blackberry

His droll little mouth was drawn
up like an O,
And the smell of that stuff
turned him white as snow.
The stump of his cigarette
held tight in his teeth
And the smell of beer encircled
his head like a wreath.
After he came to, he was as
mad as spring wild fires.
To see his car sitting on
four flat tires.

He was tall and thin and meant
what he said
And the spite of the moment
it just couldn't be Fred.
A wink of his eye and a twist
of his head,
Soon gave me to know
I had something to dread.

He spoke not a word but sent
us straight to work,
And he said off with those shirts,
and the came off with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside
of his chin.
He flung open the door and
threw us all in the pen.
But I heard him exclaim
as he peeled out of sight
Merry Christmas to all
And to all a good night!

Dear Uncle Al,

Everytime I go out drinking I almost wreck my car. The more I drink the harder the car is to steer. It wants to weave all over the highway and into ditches and trees. I've taken it to several top mechanics, and they can't find anything wrong with it. What should I do?

signed C and I

Dear C and I,

This has happened to me and several of my friends numerous times also. Countless times I have swerved to miss a tree or ditch. This problem could be disastrous so I looked into it. It seems that when you load the alcohol into the car, the weight overloads the shocks and springs, causing the car to swerve and act strange. That must be the answer, for when I am not drinking, it doesn't swerve or weave strangely.

Dear Uncle Al,

Everytime I ask my parents to go somewhere they don't answer me. When I asked my Mom, she says, "Ask your Dad." When I ask him, he says, "Ask your Mom." I'm becoming a nervous wreck because of them. What should I do?

signed Nervous Wreck

Dear Nervous Wreck,

Next time you want to go someplace, stay over night with a friend, but don't tell them so. Call them up and tell them you are going to a ballgame, then hang up quickly. Stay gone for about a week and then come home. After you receive your beating, I am sure you will receive an answer to many questions about going places again. Of course it may not always be in the positive direction.

Dear Uncle Al,

I have this problem with my boyfriend. He is a nice guy and good looking, but he is a real country dude. He wears white socks and has a crew cut. He talks country and walks country. That's cool except I am a city girl, and I expect I am a city girl, and I expect something different.

Maybe Wrong Love

Dear Maybe Wrong Love,

It sounds to me that you date a real weed bending, sod busting dude. First thing to do is steal all his white socks. Then break his electric razor so he'll have to grow a beard. Third buy him a pair of tight levis bells and a choker. The levis will make him straighten up and the choker will make his voice higher and he will not sound as country. If this does not solve your problems, for heavens sake, don't write me again!

Dear Uncle Al,

Since you didn't tell me your locker number, how can I put it there? I will put my letter in the gossip box. Please tell me your locker number. I'm still in love with you even if you are 67 and can't see or hear a thing. Please help me.

Signed: Lovelorn

Dear Lovelorn,

Apparently you are in love. I didn't realize this at first, but if you can write me a letter after finding out I am 67 and bald, you must be in love. At my age I can't let a love like this pass unnoticed, and you certainly have gotten my curiosity aroused, but what shall we do my Lovelorn? I think I have a solution, we must make a midnight rendezvous at a place of your designation. Contact me by placing a message in my locker. (It's the pretty green one in the upper hall.)

Dear Uncle Al,

Help! I keep going to sleep in geography. What should I do if I snore?

Bored

Dear Bored,

The only solution I have is that the next time you feel one of your tiresome feelings coming, stand up and set down three times. Make sure the teacher sees you. The smart teacher will at once know what's wrong. He will at once grab your hand twirl you around and around. When he stops twirling, you will instantly collapse. Believe me, you will be too tired to snore.

Is it true that Bill Vogt took sex education lessons for three years? if so how come he still doesn't know anything?

What's this we hear about Tom Campbell almost running off the road on Highway V coming back from Brinktown? Is this true Tom, or were you too drunk to know?

Did some teacher catch Joe W chatting right in Class?

Is it true that Ray Tynes is alias Aqualung?

Tony seems to have taken a sudden interest in Music. But if he hasn't then why is he seen walking with Debby to the music room everyday after school? Huh??

What's this we hear about Danny Albertson meeting Pam Juergens at his house?

Did you hear what Rex Hollis said in family living class? He said, "Ramona, honey, is this yours?"

Susan N. and Denise L. from Cuba think the gossip box is neat-o-keeno-groovy-bosso-mod0 idea. Keep the faith 72.

Gossip (cont.)

Hey Tony! Aren't you kind of robbing the cradle a little too soon? Ask Debby. She should know.

Hey Alice Simpson! If you're so crazy about Tim B. why don't you buy yourself a pair of stilts and declare your love instead of constantly running off at the mouth about him??????????????

LITTLE GRENADINE'S CHRISTMAS
by Jerri Olajos

There stood Little Grenadine, helping her dad pick out their Christmas tree, in the thorniest patch of weeds in the whole county of Whipple Snap. Little Grenadine never had a choice of what tree she liked until this year. Her father let her pick out the tree and with much surprise, it was shaped beautifully. When they reached home, Little Grenadine was anxious to put the tree up. As her father carried the tree in, he felt something on his back. He felt another and another until he finally figured out that the tree was full of ants which were all on him. On the next search for a tree, her dad left Little Grenadine home, where she belonged in the first place.

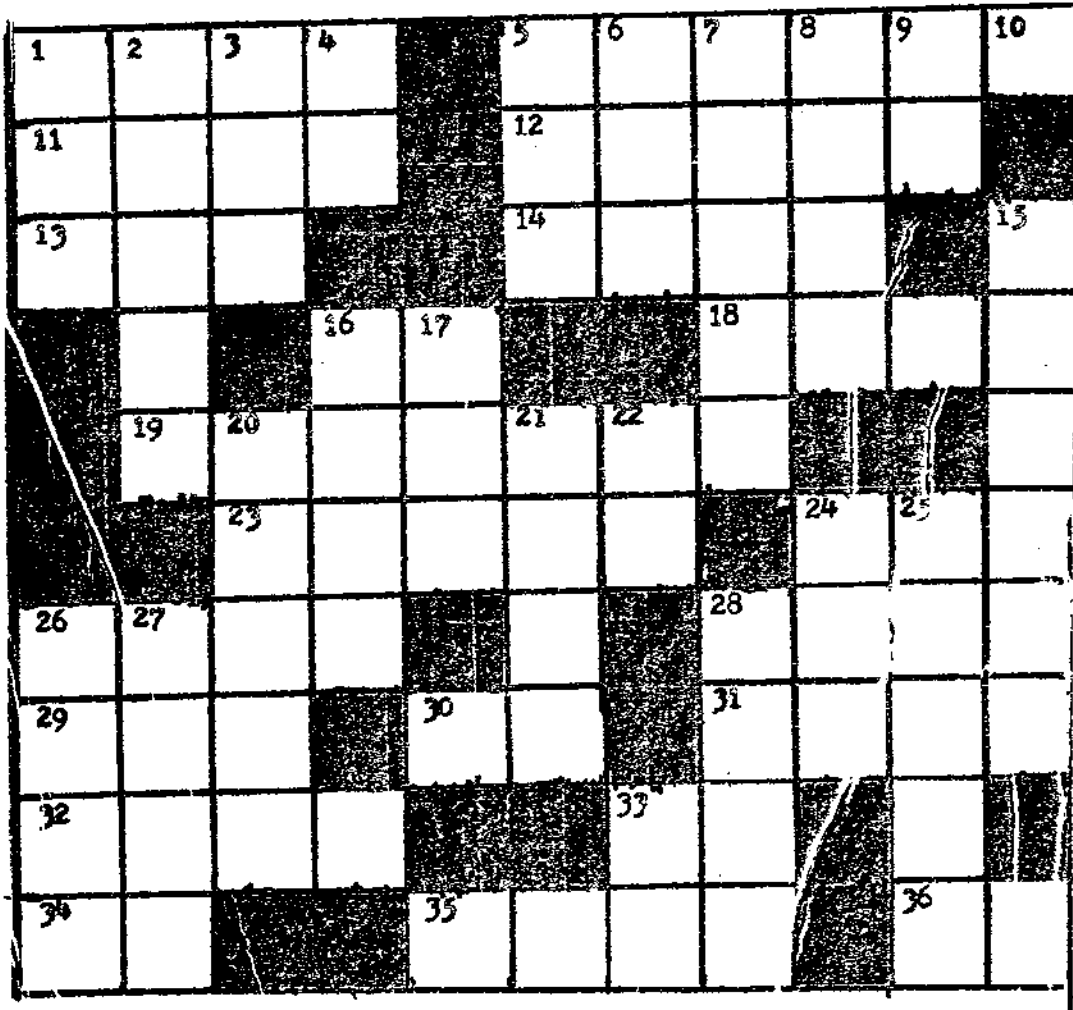
After all the decorations were on the tree and hanging nicely, it was time for supper.

After the family enjoyed their supper, then were invited out to play old maid with very close neighbors. They hired the usual baby sitter for the night, whom Little Grenadine liked 'cause the sitter always stuck her nose in a book and didn't pay much attention to her. Little Grenadine had always wanted to know in advance what she would get for Christmas, and of course she had the moment she had been waiting for. First of all, she looked under her parent's bed, in their closet, and in the hall closet. But because she was careless, she knocked over a bottle of medicine. The baby sitter took enough time to take her nose from the book, How to Tell You're a Woman and ran down the hall to find only that Little Grenadine was red from a bottle of Merthiolate. The baby sitter cleaned Little Grenadine up and put her to bed. As Grenadine lay in bed, she noticed a shiny object that was reflecting the moon's gleam. She then got out of bed and walked quietly over to the sparkle. To her surprise she found the presents and started to shake all of them until she heard the voices of her parents. She put the packages back and ran to bed. She was so excited that Christmas was only two more days away. She fell asleep unwillingly.

It is now Christmas Eve and after their return from Midnight Mass, she heard a noise of some kind in the chimney. She walked over and looked up the hole and saw a figure slowly making its way down the chimney. She focused her eyes on the object, and all of a sudden the figure came down all covered with soot and so was Little Grenadine. After she found out that it was her father, she was angry that Santa Claus couldn't make it. So to make her happy again her parents let her open her presents. After an exhausting night, they all went to bed with thoughts of the next Christmas in their heads.



ROCKWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS:

- 1. _____ Butterfly
- 5. _____
- 11. "We've Got A Groovy _____ of Love"
- 12. Simon and Garfunkel song " _____ Come She Will"
- 13. Adams wife
- 14. Every out-of-work musician needs one _____
- 16. British group, The Tr-__gs
- 18. C and W singer, Johnny _____
- 19. Beatzle's hymn-like song (3 words)
- 23. Door's first hit, " _____ My Fire"
- 24. One of duo who sang, "Hold On, I'm Comin'"
- 26. Top forty
- 28. Girls name, also Rolling Stone song
- 29. Yoko _____
- 30. Former lead with The Impressions (initials)
- 31. Possessive form of 29 across
- 32. Gary Lewis song "This Diamond _____"
- 33. Late blues singer, sang with Big Brother and the Holding Company (initials)
- 34. Song by the Guess Who on the Canned Wheat album (initials)

- 35. Composer, Laura _____
 - 36. British rock guitarist (initials)
- DOWN:**
- 1. Tina Turner's husband
 - 2. Group in competition with another
 - 3. Three Dog Night's first big hit
 - 4. Sang "Cracklin' Rosie" (initials)
 - 5. _____ session
 - 6. Recent Kink's hit, "I Am an _____ Man"
 - 7. Singer _____ Slick
 - 8. _____ monster
 - 9. Electric Lucifer (initials)
 - 15. Singer of "Raindrops"
 - 16. _____ Redding
 - 17. Bard appearance
 - 20. British singer _____ John
 - 21. British group, big hit was "Gloria"
 - 22. Initials of singer in 15 down
 - 24. Creedence Clearwater Revival song "Fortunate _____"
 - 25. Unit of musical composition (2 words)
 - 26. Trumpet
 - 27. Picking up the improvisation (2 words)
 - 28. "I Got My _____ Workin'"
 - 33. Sang "Honeycomb" in late '50s (initials)