

CROWN CRIER



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PRODUCTION PONDERERS . . . by Beth Cline

There's been a lot of activity around the Production area lately. CROWN pushed out the door (huh, Mary) 247K. That beat the previous record of 173K. It took a lot of effort on everyone's part--let's give ourselves a pat on the back. . . . PAT!!!

The Production Office gets a lot of work done in spite of all the sound effects from the next office. We won't mention any names in the event that Ross Swinehart might be embarrassed.

The Computer Room just made a drastic change. Their special "loved one" made its way out the door last week. Someone said Ken went with it. But in its place Ken brought back one that does a lot more talking (just what he needs!). CROWN now has a new computer to welcome. This computer is a lot faster, so we'll have to work faster to keep up.

On November 1, the Production Office went to Shakey's for lunch. The meal was enjoyed by everyone--in fact, Mary enjoyed it so much that she wanted to share it with someone else. Mary carried out chicken and pizza between two plates in spite of Glen's trying to tell the waitress that he just saw a "foodlifter." Mary really took food back to the plant for Steve P.

Next month I'll return with more fun-packed exciting news from Production! So long folks!!!

Life is fragile--handle with prayer.

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Messages from the Machine Shop

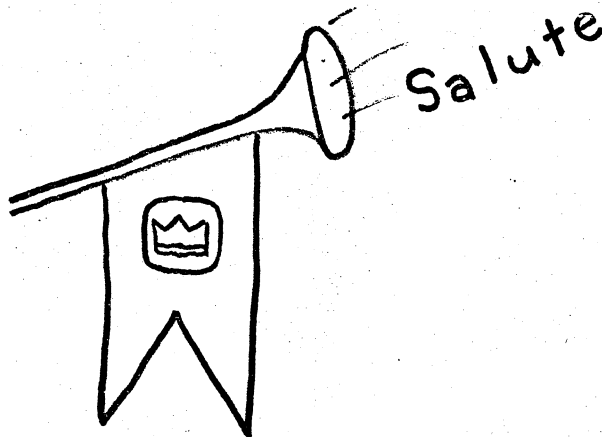
As this issue of the CROWN Crier goes to press the big news in the machine shop is "Liz", a new NC strippit. Everyone is anxiously waiting to see her in operation.

We also have a couple of new employees--Jerry Martin and David Zimmerman. Steve Meyers has returned after a couple of months leave.

John Branch is back with us and feeling fine after a brief sick leave.

- Gene Gevaert

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John Miller is the subject of our salute this month. The DC-300A line especially wants to say a special thank-you for the many times he's taken time to get band-aids and patch up "wounds." (Crier editor has also been grateful for this service in the past!)

We appreciate too his many helpful suggestions for keeping us healthy and happy. Thanks, John!!

Credit

Purchasing

Line #1

Line #4

Stockroom

Line #3

Set Com

Board room

Modules

Is YOUR department "where it's at"?

If so,
Let us know

We'll give the others the facts.

Set Rec

Line #5

Sales



In other words, if you have something of interest that should be in the CROWN Crier, we'll be happy to use it.

Machine Shop

Engineering

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Incoming Inspection

Line #2

Accounting

Shipping

Service

A DOG STORY

I haven't told you, have I, about my two dogs. The dogs, Hopeful and Loser, came to me about the time I realized that I would need to train a dog for sheep herding.

Hopeful came from a family of sheep dogs that was owned by an Indian friend of mine Soaring Eagle. Soaring Eagle was a good trainer and Hopeful's mother was one of the best dogs around. Loser was owned by Soaring Eagle's brother-in-law, and he had been badly mistreated. Even his mother didn't show him his rightful amount of affection.

I tell you, I loved those two dogs right off the bat. They were both so cute and helpless. They would lie on my lap, and I would pet them. At first they were afraid to get down in the dirt, and when I would put them down, Loser would scurry for cover. Hopeful would always stay close to me for protection. At first they didn't want to be put down, but I did anyway because I had plans for those dogs. Of course, they didn't understand what I was doing because, you see, they don't realize a man's thinking is higher than a dog's.

The first thing I had to do was get them to trust me, so I fed them right on time each day and I kept them out of danger so they could see I had their best interests at heart.

The next thing they had to learn was to obey. Here's where I hit my first snag. First, I took Hopeful and set him down, walked about 20 feet away, then called him. At first he didn't respond, but finally after about half an hour he came to me. Of course, I was overjoyed. I petted him and fed him treats and played with him about an hour. We had a really good time--I was really proud of that dog!

Loser was different. I called him about two hours that first day before I gave up. He really wanted to come but something inside said that he would have to give up his freedom if he came. Of course, I tried on many other days to get Loser to obey but he never would.

It broke my heart but I didn't dare reward him when he didn't obey. There was only one way he could have the companionship of a man--but he just wouldn't do it.

As time went on I spent more and more time with Hopeful. I had to do this because the training needed to be done according to the plan that I set up. Hopeful was a joy and as he learned the different jobs of a sheepdog, you

A Dog Story (cont.)

could tell he enjoyed doing his master's bidding. With time he was able to learn my commands faster and became a really great sheep dog, famous and respected throughout the area.

Hopeful did my bidding for years, and in his old age he used to lie in the sun and wag his tail; and I would pet him, and he had perfect happiness.

Loser, well, he got kind of mean as he grew older. He always took everything I offered and sometimes I would pet him--but he never really seemed to appreciate it. Jim Hunter the trapper told me he shot him one day while Loser was trying to kill his chickens. He said Loser painfully pulled himself out into the woods --probably died there. Wonder why he did that--he didn't need the food. Seems a waste.

----Mac

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SET REC News by Kingsley Becker

Since this is the first Set Rec News column, let me bring you up to date on the department. Set Rec is where every Friday afternoon you can stop by and witness one of the most exciting drive belt fights you have ever seen. The reason we do this is to pre-stretch the belt so it will help to make lower WOW on the machines!

"WOW!" When we feel they have stretched enough or when a tour comes through, a cease-fire is called and the belts are returned to the WOW & Time Bench.

Set Rec is where you never see a machine sitting right-side-up. The reason they are upside-down is to make sure all the loose parts have dropped out before the machine is packed and shipped. This system works very well.

Now for some news: Set Rec has two new employees. They are John Landa and Dave Troup. Dave is working on the machine set-up bench and has picked up right where Tom S. left off. . . . John has been doing the prep and packing most of the time and also changing scratched panels and converting electronics for four-channel use. Enos Yoder who is attending I.T.T. in Fort Wayne has been coming in on Saturday to help out at position seven.

A special salute to Jim Bontrager and Mike Anderson. Both have received their Amateur Radio licenses and are presently active on the Novice bands. Also John Bachman and I have received our Advanced Class licenses and are trying to get something going on Amateur Slow Scan TV.

Set Rec News (cont.)

That's about it from Set Rec. Check your insurance policy and stop by sometime!!

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Howard: How do you avoid falling hair?

Ken: Jump out of the way.

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Scene at Sales. . .

The Sales Department has taken on a new look. The salesman have all relocated themselves, except for one--Ken is set in his groove. Jim Beattie has moved the farthest. He moved down to the next clan of offices. People still seem to find him, though. Mike Stoll moved two doors to the south. As for Howard, he came back to find his office across the room. Lou Murphy is now occupying Howard's old office. (You might be surprised how much quieter a move of about 7 feet has made the whole department.)

We have a new employee in our department. She is a newcomer to this area and also a newlywed. Her name is Cathy Gunter and she adds a cheery glow to the department. She is in the office by Gloria and "Maggie." I'm sure Gloria was happy to have another companion besides "Maggie." Welcome to CROWN, Cathy!!

I'm sure the weather has hit everyone and affected their health, but Sales

seems to be hit rather hard. Lately, it's been more common to have someone gone than to have everyone there. Sooner or later, though, we will conquer!

That is about it for the Scene at Sales. See you next month! Bye!

--Donna Martin

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SET COM News

by Bob Kollar

In the time since the last edition of the CROWN Crier we have had a few additions to the Set Com area.

The most recent addition joined us on November 2 at 3:59 P.M. As you may have guessed--it's Dennis Carroll's new baby boy Dennis Allen Carroll Jr. He weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches long with lots of black hair. Indirectly, he will undoubtedly affect production from time to time.

Our other addition is Terry Gaskill who joined us just in time to get missed by the last addition of the Crier. He lives in Edwardsburg and is very interested in astronomy.

If you haven't been in our area lately you should come for a visit--we have changed many things around and we do look a bit different. Even though Dennis Badke isn't new to Set Com, he's been back from time to time to work on the M600.

That's about it for Set Com. . . .

SET COM "Funnies". . .

What does a ham have in common with
a fire-brewed D-150?

They have both been smoked!

What did the man say when he sat
down on a wicker chair and got
stuck in some gum left there?

"That's a sticky wicket!"

What kind of cat is red and occasion-
ally makes a mess?

Catsup!

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TAX TIPS, ETC.

by Ross Swinehart

Social Security Base

Beginning January 1, 1975, the Social Security Wage base, or the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, will increase from \$13,200 per year to \$14,100. Since the Social Security tax rate will remain at 5.85%, this means that the maximum employee's Social Security tax in 1975 will be \$824.85-- an increase of \$52.65.

Proposed 5% Tax Surcharge for 1975

Though billed as excluding low income taxpayers, the Surcharge actually applies to single taxpayers with taxable incomes over \$5450 and to families (regardless of size) with taxable incomes over \$10,000.

Married taxpayers with taxable incomes of over \$10,000 would compute their tax in the regular manner, then subtract \$1820--a constant figure which represents the joint return rate on a \$10,000 taxable income. (The constant for single taxpayers would be \$994.50.) Five percent of the resulting amount is the surcharge.

If you can time income and/or deductions, you can make the most of the tax increase. Accelerate income into 1974 to be taxed at the lower rate. Hold off incurring deductible expenses until 1975. The deduction will be worth more.

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The primary functions of prayer and faith do not involve our trying to get God to move into action; they are means to get us ready to let Him through.

HAM REPORTS
by Don Florea

The Ham Radio Club is now in the process of formation. Howard King was appointed temporary president of the club until the club constitution and by-laws have been written and approved. Also Don Florea was appointed vice-president (probably because of his many vices) and Bob Kollar was put in charge of secretary-treasurer duties.

In the beginning days of club organization, election of temporary officers is a must. After all, how can you have full term officers when you have no club, purpose or stated term. In the days to come, the constitution and by-laws must be drawn up and presented to those interested in forming a club. Once the rules and regulations are approved, the constitution and an application for a station license must be sent to the FCC for approval. The result of this effort will be in the formation of CROWN's Amateur Radio club called ____?_____.

One thing that I did not mention is that our club must have a name. Not only for the purpose of the constitution, but also for simplification and direct address of conversation. At this point, I would like it to be known that a search is on the way for a club name. The person who submits the winning name will receive a surprise box (contents of which may range anywhere from a burned-out picture tube with your name and a special inscription on the front to a dinner in Auckland.) Contest rules are as follows:

1. Contest starts with this issue.
2. All employees of CROWN may participate.
3. Contest ends December 12, 1974 at midnight.
4. The club name will be selected by a called meeting of those interested in Amateur Radio.
5. A prize will be given out the following week in chapel.
6. All entries should be mailed or given to Don Florea, Line #3.

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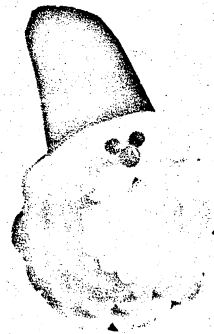
State of the Art.by Dave Stuber

Well, it looks like there are at least fifteen more new faces around again this month.

Incoming inspection has the biggest number of them, so I guess I'll start there. First off, Cheryl Dolby is new

to the department but not new to CROWN. She was transferred there from Purchasing. Marcia Balding is now Marcia Gall. Shari Dennison, Larry's sister, is working back in the silkscreen room, coating the washers for output transistors. Trudy Horn and Sue Clavaenilio are

LADIES



Goodies

for the

Holidays

GOOD -- QUICK -- EASY -- FUDGE

1 sm. pkg choc. bits, 1 sm pkg. butterscotch bits,
1 can Condensed Eagle Brand, 1 c. nuts
Melt bits and milk, stir until mixed well; cool in
refrigerator; put part of nuts in bottom of greased
pan, pour fudge on top, place rest of nuts on top and
keep refrigerated.

LAYERED LETTUCE SALAD

1 head lettuce (broken up in pieces)
1 C diced celery
4 eggs, hard cooked & sliced
1 - 10oz. pkg frozen peas, uncooked
1/2 C green pepper, diced
1 sweet onion (small)
8 slices bacon, fried, drained, diced
2 C Mayonnaise, 2 T. sugar
4 oz. cheddar cheese

BUTTER BALLS

1 C butter 1 t. vanilla
4 T powd. sugar 2 C sifted flour
1 C nuts
Cream butter, add sugar and beat till
light; add vanilla, flour and beat well.
Fold in nuts; shape balls on ungreased pan;
350° - 15-18 min. roll in powd. sugar
while hot.

Layer ingredients in a 9 x 12 dish
Add sugar to mayonnaise and put on
top; sprinkle with cheese over top.

Cover, and refrigerate 8-12 hours
before serving.

DANISH PUFF:

1/2 C oleo(softened	1 C water
1 C flour	1/2 C soft oleo
2 T water	1 C flour
	1 t almond extract
	3 eggs, beaten

Place 1 c flour in bowl; cut in 1 stick
oleo. Sprinkle 2 T water, mix til it forms
large ball. Divide in two.

Spread each one on same cookie sheet to
form strips about 3" x 12"--about 2" apart
Set aside.

Place water & oleo in small saucepan, bring
to boil(rolling). Remove from heat and stir
in C flour & t of almond. Return to low
heat and stir quickly til it forms ball.
Spread half of mixture on each strip on
cookie sheet. Bake at 350. for 55 min.
or til golden brown on top.

Let cool completely and frost with glaze. Mix 2T soft butter & 1-1/4 C
pwd. sugar & 2 T warm water in small bowl & spread on
coffee cake. Sprinkle with 1/2-1C nuts.

It's better 2nd or 3rd day.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear Lord, we come on this Thanksgiving Day....with grateful hearts and glad...
we thank Thee for the air we've breathed...and for the bread we've had... and
while we thank Thee for the gifts...from soil and sun and rain...we thank Thee,
too, for things unknown...which spared us bitter pain...and for the oppositions
that...have made us better men...through which we've wrought high victory...
again and yet again...but most of all for Thine own love...in gratitude we pray...
and ask, through Christ, Thou help us keep....THANKSGIVING every day!

State of the Art (cont.)....

helping on the inspection end,
and Victoria Wakeman is giving Mary
and Sandy a hand in Modules.

Over in the Stockroom is my brother,
Eric Stuber, better known as Finley.

Line #2 has Linda Vest helping out.
Lavetta Randall has been transferred
to Line #3 from Line #1. Kenny

O'Connor is also working on Line #3.

Line #4 has gained Betty Collins,
wife of Jack and mother of Marcus.

Ruth Ann Hershberger is also new
to Line #4.

Line #5 has two new people--Juanita
Parrot and Greg Kline.

John Landa and David Troup are the
two new guys in Set Rec.

Pam Blough is the new girl in Purcha-
sing. Dawn Nichols in the computer
room changed her name to Dawn Yoder.

And last, but not least, is Cathy
Gunter, the new girl in Sales.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

for December 12, 1974 at 6:30 P.M.

That's the evening of the CROWN
Christmas Party this year given
by management to the employees.

Bring yourself and your spouse

(or a friend) to the Jimtown

United Methodist Church that

Thursday evening for a delicious

meal and an interesting program,

as well as lots of good fellowship!

CREDIT COMMENTS from Barb

Accounting made it! We finally made
our way into the CROWN Crier.

Hey, GRI! When is accounting going
to get credit for the 11-1 shipments?
After all, SS spent all of Friday
pushing orders through while CW, BH
and KM spent all of Monday typing
115 invoices and 70 backorders!

This is such an interesting place to
work--if you're observant, you learn
all kinds of things every day--like. . .

One day Agnes G. was in such a hurry
to get to work that she wore 2 differ-
ent earrings. The funny thing about
it was that no one noticed it until
11:00 A.M.

Happy belated birthday to Carol W.,
October 23. Carol finds herself
another year older--or younger--which
is it Carol?

Better watch out for that S.S.--she
uses her adding machine to make tele-
phone calls! WOW! They must make
beautiful music (#####) together!

Will someone please find a small table
for the accounting office? Someday
Gale is going to throw the reports
away because they are sitting on top
of the wastebasket. But then again,
that gives Gale something to talk about!
Strange noises coming from Credit--
Someone sure let everyone know that
someone took her rubber-bands! We
heard her all the way down to the sales
office!

And last but not least. . .CW, we

Credit Comments (cont.)

thought, was kind of--you know--?!
Now we know for a fact what her problem is--the IBM man was in to check her typewriter out and found she had lost her screw! What cha say, CW. . .like writer, like typewriter?

And now for the scoop on Gale! Did you know that this guy retired from the Navy with 27 years in! Imagine that--that shore is a lot floors to scrub! But on the other hand, Gale is doing lots of studying these days boning up on his German. I hear he has a great aunt overseas that he hopes to visit someday. . .and she speaks fluent German--so Good Luck, Gale!

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## SPORTS. . . . .by John Bachman

Bowling news is not good news (at least for the men). The ladies have started their move up through the pack and are presently in 11th place. The men have had dismal going and are presently in 6th place and are falling fast.

On the local scene, sports have moved inside for the winter and Kingsley Becker's hook shot into his waste basket is improving rapidly. Seems he's ahead of schedule this season and is looking for a record year of trash.

Ping-pong is once again making its surge. Before a sell-out crowd in the employee arena last Friday, Jim Beattie in a highly contested match

beat Cliff Clark 21-19. It was reported that Set Rec even had a pep session for Cliff before the contest. Also in ping-pong news, Dave Stuber was routed by Enos Yoder on Saturday. Dave has not been available for comment.

A Basketball Classic is in the planning. Set Rec has challenged Set Com, Engineering and Assembly to a match of basketball skill. The tourney founders have not heard a word since the proposal.

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! Goodies Galore !

So might have someone commented had they walked into the Chapel/Employee Area at noon last Friday November 15! That was the day of the annual CROWN Thanksgiving carry-in dinner. The entire plant enjoyed 7 turkeys that together weighed over 90 pounds and over 150 other side dishes such as salads, desserts, etc., etc., etc. It was a delightful time chatting and sharing together as one big family.

Many thanks go to the Employee Committee and a few others that helped arrange the meal for us. They are

tables: Dave Stuber & Ray Stevens
(appropriately our production engineers)
dinner: Nancy Brock, Nina Pease,
June Culp, Lois Clem, Bernita Struble and Mary Gangwer
(all from the production area)
turkey carvers: Don Eger, John Bachman and Jim Beattie, representing Engineering, Set Rec and Sales.

Thanks to these people and to each of you who shared in any way toward making the time more pleasant.



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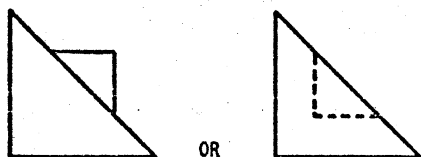
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Answers to Issue 29's Problems

C1/S

The third projection looks thus:—



OR

A24/S

The following formula gives the minutes past twelve to which the hour hand points when the minute hand is exactly thirty minutes ahead.

$$\text{Minutes past twelve } y = \frac{30}{11} [(n-1)2 + 1]$$

where n is the next hour.

Example. At what time between 4 and 5 will the hands be opposite each other? ($n=5$)

$$\therefore y = \frac{30}{11} \times 9 = \frac{270}{11} + 24\frac{6}{11}$$

i.e. the hour hand will be $24\frac{6}{11}$ minutes past 4.

The formula may easily be derived from the following.

If x is distance moved by minute hand

y " " " " hour " then $x-y=30$.

First time the hands move round $x=12y$

Second " " " " " $x=12y-5$

Third " " " " " $x=12y-10$
etc.

A22/S

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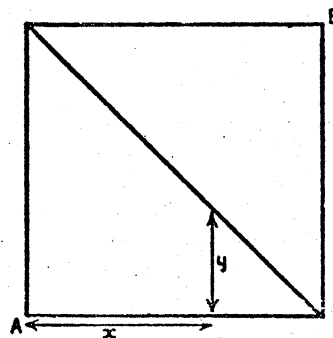
Billowy has all its letters in the correct order.

Baccalaureate has its consonants in the correct order.

A23/S

There was once an Australian millionaire who used to read to his small daughter from a book of fairy tales. Once on a visit to England she missed this so much that he used to ring her up from Australia and read a piece to her every night. Then he lost the book so she bought another copy in England to send to Australia and her mother enquired 'What did you choose Sunday to send that book that you like to be read to out of from down under off by for?'

J4/S



Suppose they meet at (x, y) . Then A has made x and y steps. B has made $(n-x)$ and $(n-y)$ steps.

$$\therefore 2n - (x+y) = x+y$$

$$\text{i.e. } x+y=n$$

i.e. they must meet on the diagonal shown.

Number of routes for A to (x, y) is $\binom{x+y}{x} = \binom{n}{x}$

Number of routes for B to (x, y) is $\binom{2n-x-y}{n-x} = \binom{n}{n-x} = \binom{n}{x}$

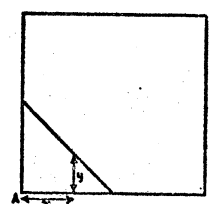
$$\therefore \text{Number of routes on which they meet} = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}^*$$

$$\text{Total number of routes} = \binom{2n}{n}^2$$

$$\text{Probability of meeting} = \frac{1}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{n! n!}{2n!}$$

In this case $n=8$.

$$\therefore \text{Probability} = \frac{1}{12870}$$



If B goes three times as fast as A , $3(x+y) = n-x+n-y$.

$$\text{i.e. } x+y = \frac{n}{2} = 4 \text{ (in this case)}$$

i.e. they must meet on line shown.

Number of routes on which they meet

$$= \binom{4}{0} \binom{12}{4} + \binom{4}{1} \binom{12}{5} + \binom{4}{2} \binom{12}{6} + \binom{4}{3} \binom{12}{7} + \binom{4}{4} \binom{12}{8}$$

$$\text{But } \binom{4}{0} = \binom{4}{4} \text{ and } \binom{4}{1} = \binom{4}{3} \text{ etc.}$$

\therefore Number

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + 8 \cdot \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}$$

$$= 990 + 6336 + 5544$$

$$= 12870$$

$$\text{Total number of routes} = \binom{2n}{n}^2 = (12870)^2$$

$$\therefore \text{Chance of meeting} = \frac{1}{12870}$$

* For $(1+t)^n$. $(1+t)^n = (1+t)^{2n}$. Expand both sides by the binomial theorem and equate coefficients of t^n .



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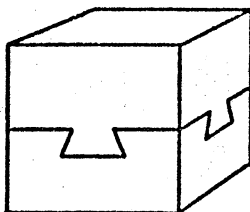
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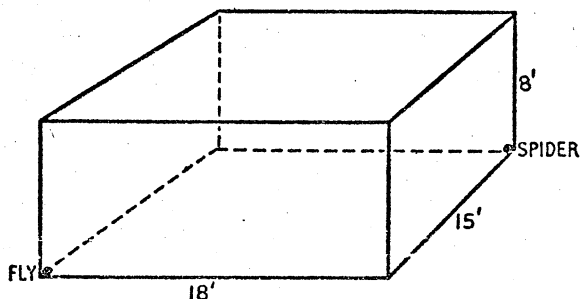
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C/11



We show an isometric view of two wood blocks that have been dove-tailed together. The other three faces look just the same as the three shown. How was the cube constructed?

C/5



We have drawn a sketch of a room with a spider on the floor in one corner. A fly settles at the diagonally opposite corner and the spider sets out to catch it. Not wishing to get trodden on, the spider takes the shortest route without walking on any part of the floor. If the room is 18 ft by 15 ft by 8 ft, how far does the spider have to walk?

HUH?!?

A duel was fought by James Shott and James Nott. Nott was shot by Shott was not. In this case it was better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Shott was shot, but Shott insists that he himself was not. It may be that the shot Shott shot, shot not Shott but Nott

Moral: Be sure you know the correct story to avoid spreading a rumor.

C/10

A farmer is cutting a field of oats with a machine which takes a 5 ft cut. The field he is cutting is circular and when he has been round it $11\frac{1}{2}$ times (starting from the perimeter) he calculates that he has cut half the area of the field. How large is the field?

D/2

Two identical trains, at the equator, are travelling round the world in opposite directions. Which will wear out its wheel treads first, assuming they start together, run at the same speed, and are on different tracks?

A farmer shopped around for a new car and became thoroughly disgusted with the pricing system, what with all the talk about optional equipment and "extras".

A few days later, the dealer who sold him the car arrived at the farm to buy a cow for his country place.

The farmer quickly sized up the situation and scribbled up the itemized bill:

Basic cow	\$300
Two-tone exterior	45
Extra stomach	75
Product storage compartment	60
Dispensing device (4 spigots @\$10 each)	40
Genuine cowhide upholstery	125
Automatic fly swatter	35
Dual horns	15
	<u>\$605</u>



Between the "Lines" by Marcia Putz

coming year. Then to look at this year's harvest and give thanks to the Lord--without Him none of it would have been possible. Also this is a day to be with family and friends."

Do not then be afraid of defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

II Corinthians 9:15

THANKS = GIVING

The dictionary says that, when used to designate the day, the word is written "thanksgiving," otherwise thanks-giving.

I am suggesting that we borrow from mathematics to make the word meaningful for the thanksgiving season.

THANKS = GIVING

Thanks, equals, giving

This emphasis is in order since this issue of NOW combines November and December. Giving is related to both thanksgiving and Christmas.

Why the emphasis upon

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It is possible, may I even say common, to SAY thanks without *being* thankful. It can be just a formality. We say to our children, when sending them off to a party, "Don't forget to *say*, thank you." How difficult it is to *teach them* to *BE* thankful. And, that may also be true of us as adults.

A problem common to Christmas is that of giving gifts. We sometimes do so because we feel it is expected. I suppose that is the reason for the common expression — the *exchange* of gifts. You will give me a gift and I'll give one to you. I'm certainly not suggesting that it is always so — but it's worth a thought.

True thankfulness always results in giving. Paul, writing to the Colossians tells them to communicate in hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in their hearts and then he says, "And Be Ye Thankful."

Having written this, I began to wonder how much good it can do. Am I writing it because of my senses of failure in being thankful. Why did I, in the preceding paragraph, insert the word "True" before thankfulness? Really, it is superfluous, isn't it? If I *am* thankful the use of "true" is unnecessary.

Having said that, I realize my responsibility to look into my own life to determine what influence the *writing* of these words will have on me. If I don't take time to consider my reasons for being thankful and, having done so, consider what I should *give* in return that would be sad indeed. This may also apply to you. Is it possible, that upon reading this you may remember someone who has made a significant contribution to your life for which you are thankful but may not have demonstrated your thankfulness? Is it possible that it may result in an expression of thanks that looks like this:

Thanks = a telephone call
Thanks = a letter
Thanks = a personal visit
Thanks = a tangible gift
Thanks = a long overdue compliment
Thanks = a deserved commendation

The above suggestions are basically simple but the value of such acts which spring from thankfulness are priceless. It would be interesting to hear from some who do act on these suggestions. Try it — you'll like it. If I write these words, and *you* read them but we fail to act out our thanks, can we then conclude that we probably are not thankful?

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What will we give at the season of thanksgiving and Christmas, better yet, what will we give every day?