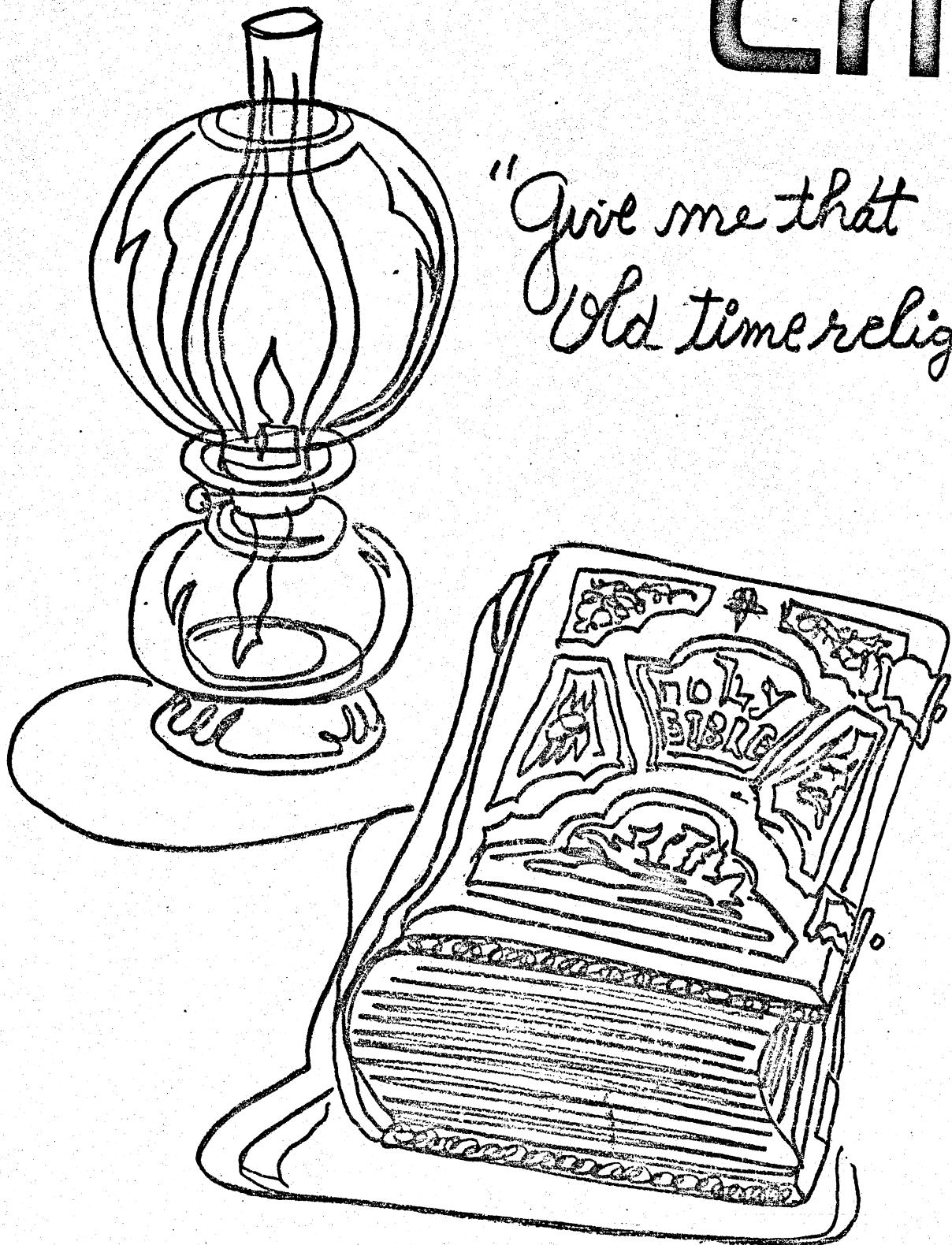


CROWN CRIER



*"Give me that
Old time religion"*



Following is an excerpt from EDN (January 5, 1975) describing a recent contest entered by Gerald Stanley of our own Engineering Department and telling of his accomplishments therein:

EDN JANUARY 5, 1975

Contest winners create designs capable of becoming standard IC's

Monochip creations show a degree of creativity that could advance the state-of-the-art. The 'best and the brightest' are described.

Hans R. Camenzind, Interdesign

With the monochip, the creation of a custom IC has become a straightforward task, no more difficult than designing an ordinary transistor circuit or a pc board. Interdesign's monochip method enables the designer to shrink the entire prototype cycle to less than three weeks—compared to at least six months for an ordinary custom IC.

Though the EDN/Interdesign Contest was created for neophyte designers, the winners showed a sophistication beyond normal competency. None of the contestants were IC design experts, nor had any of them ever designed an IC before.

A very distinguished panel of design experts was assembled for the difficult task of judging. Jerry Graeme of Burr-Brown, Paul Brokaw of Analog Devices, Durward Priebe of Hewlett Packard and

Jim Ball of Interdesign rated the designs on:

- Ingenuity—how ingenious a product is it?
- Interest—will it interest the readers of EDN?
- Technology—how does the design fit IC technology?
- Application—how is the monochip used?

Introducing the Grand Prize Winner

Doug Curtis entered the contest to achieve one of his life-long goals. He hopes to build a music synthesizer and his winning design was a radical, yet inexpensive, building block for it.

A music and speech major in college, Doug presently is unemployed by his own choice. Spending most of his youth in Europe, he recently toured America.

Rank	Winner	Design	Prize
1	Douglas Curtis	Linear/Log Mult.	H.P. 65 Calculator
2	Allan Hamilton	Op Amp	Tekelec Digital Voltmeter
3	Gerald Stanley	VU Meter	•
4	Benjamin Glass	Combination Lock	•
5	Robert Brown & Steve Hall	Switching Regulator	•
6	Robert Howell	Control Circuit	DTS 1300 Voicecaster
7	Donald Lancaster	Keyboard Encoder	•
8	Thomas Marker	PLL/Frequency Generator	•
9	Charles Croskey	VCO	•
10	Fred Kiko	Voltage Reference	•
11	Brent Andreasen	A/D Converter	•
12	Winston Clark	Quad Level Translator	•
13	Frederick Hauer	Transmitter Control Circuit	Volt Clock
14	Alan Faris	Programmable Gate	•
15	Franklin Ramsey	Sweep Generator	•
16	C. Balmer	PDM Demodulator	•
17	Harvey Morgan	Bandwidth Compressor	•
18	Robert Calkins	Sample and Hold Amp.	•
19	William Maserang	Pulse-Position Modulator	•
20	Bruce Cohen	Video Amplifier	•
21	J.M. Rochelle	Transmitter	•
22	Ewan MacPherson	Logarithmic Transimpedance	•
23	Joseph Tobin	Clear Channel Detector	•
24	Arthur Berg	Pulse Width Converter	•
25	Don Leonard	Quad One-Shot	•

LED's come into "VU"

Gerald R. Stanley

The age of the mechanical audio "VU" meter is destined to close. No longer must we tolerate the sluggish and fragile nature of an analog meter movement—not when responsive, reliable and inexpensive LED's are available. The Monochip technique greatly simplified the sequential display driver I created.

My design, a compact low-power display for a 7-element LED, uses a 15V regulated supply with LED's arranged in an ordered row and illuminated sequentially.

The LED drivers (Fig. 5) are all small npn devices with both collector terminals joined for minimum saturation resistance. However driver seven, a Darlington-coupled large npn device, does not fit this category. The availability of this device

Past problems, new solutions

This design eliminates common complaints about professional equipment:

- VU meters that do not indicate peak levels.
- Bulky VU meters that do not allow close placement in systems having a large number of channels. (In some systems, 16 or more channels must be within an operator's field of view.)
- Visibility of a black moving pointer that is too low to be sensible to an operator engrossed in the auditioning of a performance.

became apparent during layout and I seized it. A higher current (> 20 mA) output can be taken from the device, power supply permitting, if you desire to increase the visibility of the excessive audio level condition. □

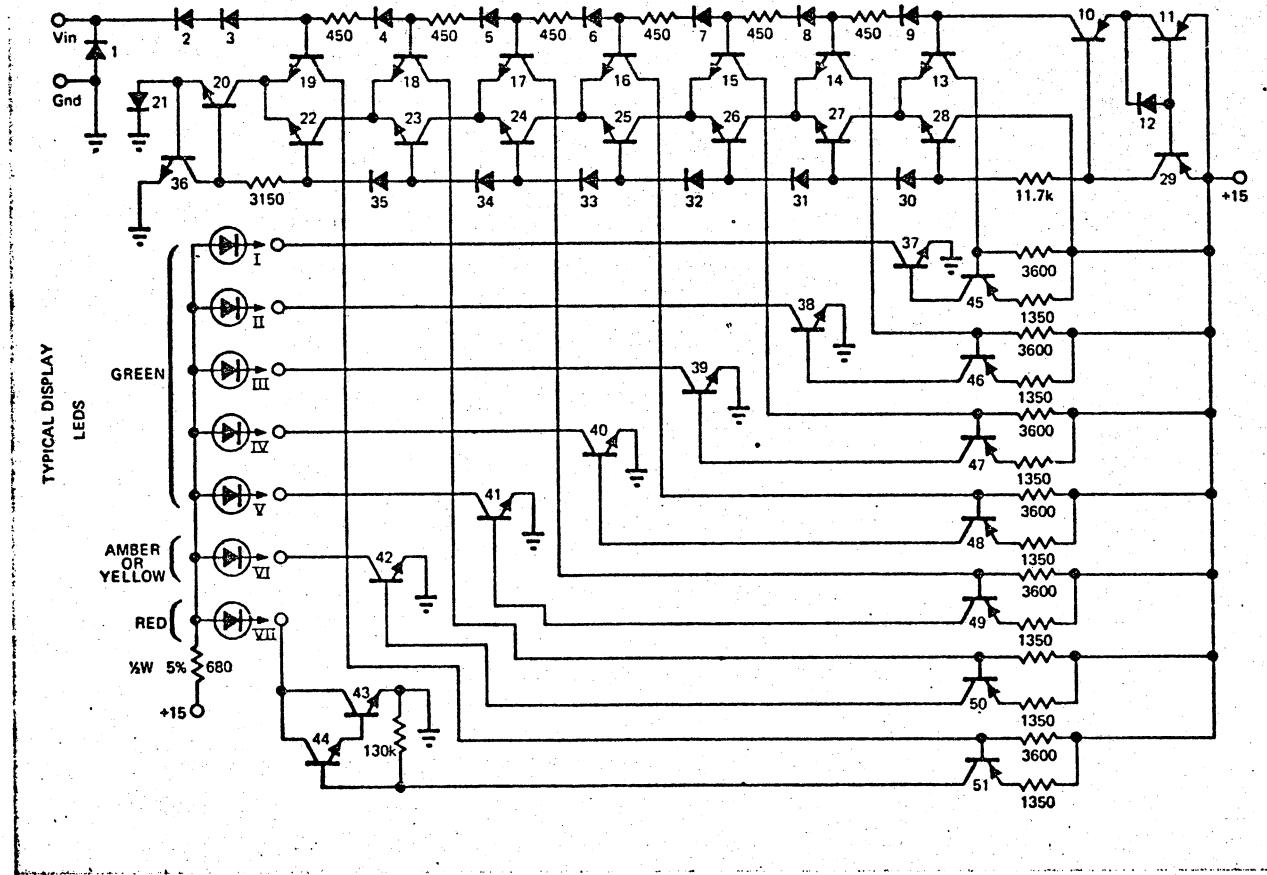


Fig. 5—A natural candidate for integration: The necessary matching and temperature tracking of the differential pairs (Q₁₃ to Q₁₉ and Q₂₂ to Q₂₈) and biasing elements (Q₂ to Q₉) are provided inherently on the Monochip. Current is diverted gradually from Q₂₈ to Q₂₂ causing each stage to turn on in succession. In this manner, a 'Jacob's ladder' display is provided.

CREDIT COMMENTS

from Barb

Well, 1975 is here and came in a different way for each one of us.

Down with the Christmas tree and tree ornaments to be packed away for another year, and the tree--probably just dumped on the trash. This time of year can be a let down after the holidays--the hustle and bustle of baking goodies, buying gifts for our loved ones, etc.--but for us here at CROWN who know Jesus Christ we have the finest promise of all--salvation and the knowledge that Jesus doesn't change with the Christmas tree and ornaments. His love is always there and He loves us regardless of who or what we are--and sometimes that's saying quite a mouthful! Jesus--what a precious name and what a dear friend. He's my very best friend--how about you?

You can bank on the fact that the new year will bring more changes--you just get used to one and somebody finds another change to make--they can drive you up a wall! Right, Kate??!!

By the way, Kate, we did miss you
that "decade" you were gone. It
just weren't the same!

The office has quieted down a lot since the holidays. It seems as though when there were goodies to eat everyone's business took twice as long. Of course, it does take a few more minutes to gulp down some cookies now and then!

Happy anniversary to Cindy--we've had

to put up with her for 2 years now!
How'd we ever do it?!

We're just going to get used to the quiet down here and you know who will pop back into our place and noise shall fill the halls again! Watch out, world, she'll be noisier than ever! Right, Lou!!

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"He sure makes a fuss over one little decimal point."

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It's a good idea to tune your instrument with prayer before the concert of the day begins.

--Our Daily Bread

Engineering Terry Toons

Well, with Christmas over, the Engineering department is scheduled to get back to work, but I don't think we'll make it. Our department says thanks to all that brought in the holiday foods on Christmas eve. They were quite "enlightening" (as the belts slip a notch!)

Stuber just went running out of the plant like he sat on a tack! Wonder what's up? (He says his wife's expecting, but no one believes him.)

It's also that time of the year when old employees return to "ruin" the holidays for everyone. John Groves, Ned Kiser and Jim Marks came back to help the crew. Jim has a longer break and will be with us for all of January.

Given up to the new year is Brad White, who left for "P.P. Purdue" as he would say. For Christmas Brad got a SR-50 calculator.

Strange I couldn't get him to let me use it while he was gone!?!?

Back from vacation is Vern Searer. He said he was going to move down to Texas and open up a ship building company. I guess he's not as fond of rain as he used to be.

Before I close for this month, I would like to say thanks to Terry Baldwin for shoveling snow and keeping clean. I see him out making paths before

regular hours.

OK, enough is enough! See you next month with the results of the Stuber boy, girl; or 1, 2 or 3 contest.

Later 'gator!

Tom Szerencse

The Scene at Sales

There have been quite a few things happening in the Sales department.

First of all, a praise note that Lou Murphy has been recovering real well. We praise the Lord for being with her through her surgery. We need to continue to pray for her rapid recovery.

You know how you picture a person when you hear their voice on the telephone-- well, don't believe everything you hear. Some of the reps' voices didn't quite seem to fit their appearances. Sales girls had fun serving them while they were here. . . . and putting voices with faces. One fun way to blow a little time!!

During the past few weeks we have changed some help in our department. Ann Edel worked for two weeks and then Kay Hoffman worked for two weeks. After a week of reminiscing, we got some work done.

A new star is born! Did you ever imagine that a secretary who watches a typewriter do all her typing for her could play a marimba?! Gloria, you are

really good! I'm waiting for the day when Gloria brings her marimba in and watches it while it plays by itself. We'll see you next month.

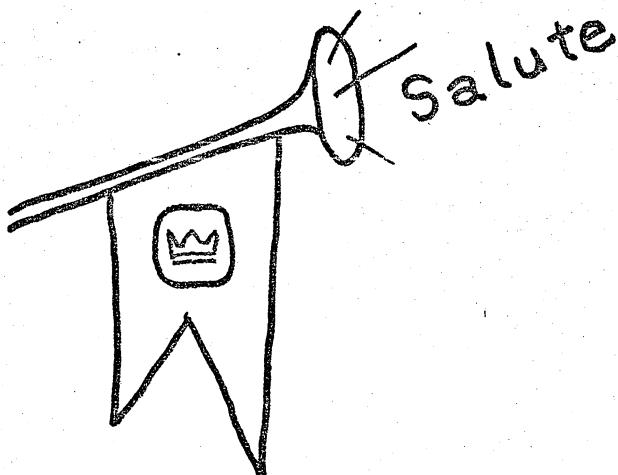
Donna Martin

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DID YOU KNOW THAT. . .

On his last trip visit with our dealers and reps, Jim Beattie was overheard to say to the waitresses at breakfast one morning, "Ruffle you hair, burn the toast and holler at me--I'm homesick" ? ? ? ?

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We have a hard-working "little" secretary here at CROWN who it seems almost gets lost in the "hub-bub" at times---maybe because of size?!?!? To you, Gloria Baloy, we offer our salute this month! Gloria works for Ron but also has many other duties that keep her busy out in the factory area. We certainly admire the determination she puts forth keeping such an important aspect of our business in order. THANKS, Gloria!!!

Between the "Lines" by Marcia Putz

As each individual looks back on this past year, just being an employee at CROWN, he must think to himself how much God loves us and watches over us. There should never be a blue or sad moment when we think of the many answered prayers and blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

Steve and Naomi Peer have so much to thank the Lord for. What a beautiful experience it was when everyone united their hearts in prayer for Kenny. Such assurance we all had that God would heal him.

Tom Brock has slowly--but surely--gotten back on his feet again. To see him up and around is such a testimony.

God has been with Dale Nafziger. He is progressing but still most definitely needs our prayers.

We can all be thankful for our jobs. When so many prominent businesses have gone out of business or have laid many workers off, CROWN has kept putting out the amplifiers. This is an act of God!

We should all be praying that the Lord can continue to provide orders in this next year as He did in the past.

Praise the Lord !

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Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.

--George Bernard Shaw



When a knot has four strings passing to it there need not be a loose end in the knot.

If a knot has three strings entering it there must be at least one end in the knot.

On the parcel there are eight knots with three strings to them. Therefore there must be at least eight ends and hence at least four pieces of string.

94. Pongle and Quongle Play Football

Two diagrams will help — one giving scores in each match as they are found, the other giving information, as found, about the teams to which P, Q, R, etc. belong.

Thus:

	A	B	C	D	E	Total goals for	Total goals against
A	X						
B		X				w	3-1
C			X				
D		l		X		9	
E					X		

	A	B	C	D	E
P					
Q		x	x		
R					
S		x	x		
T	x	x			

(i) Q, S, T all say, 'score in B v. D was 3-1'. If Q, S or T a member of B or D remark false. But Q, S, T cannot all be members of B or D. ∴ in at least one case own team not mentioned. ∴ remark true, ∴ neither Q, S nor T a member of B or D. And B beat D 3-1.

(This information has been marked in diagram. Other information should be inserted as found.)

(ii) Q(2) true, since Q not member of D.

(iii) Consider S(2) and T(2) (which say the same thing). S must be A, C or E; and T must be A, C or E. ∴ one of them must be C or E. ∴ S(2) and T(2) false; ∴ C beat E. And S and T between them must be C and E; ∴ no one else is C or E.

(iv) ∴ by elimination Q is A.

(v) ∴ P(1) true (P not a member of either A or C).

(vi) T(3) true (T not a member of B).

(vii) P(2) true (P not a member of C), ∴ C drew against B and D.

(viii) R(1) true (R not a member of C).

(ix) Consider R(2). We know this is false (B v. C a draw). ∴ R a member of B or C. But not C (see (viii)), ∴ B.

(x) By elimination P a member of D.

(xi) S(3) true (S not a member of A or B).

(xii) Total against B was 2 goals. Since 1 scored by A, and 1 by D, ∴ none by C or E. ∴ B v. C was 0-0.

(xiii) R(3) true, since R not a member of C or D. ∴ score in C v. D was 3-3. And since C scored 7 goals altogether, ∴ C scored 4 against E.

(xiv) P(3) true (P not a member of E).

(xv) S(4) false (we know C v. D was 3-3).

∴ S a member of C or D. We know not D, ∴ C. ∴ T a member of E.

(xvi) Q(3) true (Q not a member of B or C). ∴ B scored 8 goals. ∴ B v. E was 3-0.

(xvii) P(4) true, ∴ A v. D was 2-0.

(xviii) Since D scored 9 altogether, ∴ D v. E was 5-0.

(xix) T(4) true, ∴ D v. A was 0-0.

(xx) R(4) true, ∴ A v. E was 1-0.

Therefore membership of teams, results and scores are: P in D, Q in A, R in B, S in C, T in E.

	A	B	C	D	E
A	X		l	w	d
B	w	X	d	w	w
C	l	d	X	d	w
D	d	l	d	X	w
E	l	l	l	l	X

J5/S

Given r different things with an equal chance of occurrence, what is the probability that in n trials we shall get one each of the r things?

Consider the favourable cases. The total number r^n contains all these and the cases with $(r-1)$ objects. Subtract these to get

$r^n - \binom{r}{1} (r-1)^n$. But this subtracts too much, namely $\binom{r}{2}$ of the

cases with $(r-2)$. Add these to get $r^n - \binom{r}{1} (r-1)^n + \binom{r}{2} (r-2)^n$.

This adds too many cases with $r-3$ objects and so on.

Hence we get the general formula:—

$$P = \frac{1}{r^n} \left\{ r^n - \binom{r}{1} (r-1)^n + \binom{r}{2} (r-2)^n - \binom{r}{3} (r-3)^n \dots \pm \binom{r}{r-1} (1)^n \right\}$$

The above formula may be established by the difference equation:—

$$u_{n,r+1} = \binom{n}{1} u_{1,r} + \binom{n}{2} u_{2,r} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} u_{n,r}$$

$$\text{or } \beta^{-1}(1 + \alpha^{-1})^n = 1 \quad \text{where } \beta u_r = u_{r+1}$$

$$\alpha u_n = u_{n+1}$$

In this case $r=6$ and by trial when:—

$$n=12 \quad P=0.438$$

$$n=13 \quad P=0.514$$

Hence the landlord had nine dice.

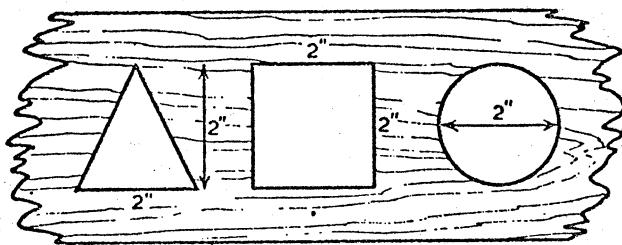


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from the desk of:

C/4

B/4



Holes of the above shapes were found in a plank of wood.

Can you from a 2 in. \times 2 in. \times 2 in. cube of wood make a shape (all in one piece) which will pass through each hole and completely fill it?

56. The World of Bonkers

In the World of Bonkers the ditty for remembering the numbers of days in their seven months runs as follows:

'Nineteen days hath Cucumber,
Strawberry too, and the number
of days there are in Tiddleywinks
is just the same as 'tis in Jinks,
which is seven whole days more
than the ten there are in Pinafore.
With the month of Collywobble
diary makers have some trouble;
thirteen days if year is even,
forty-four if odd. And Stephen
quite the least of Bonkers months,
in fact it's sometimes called the runt, as
you can easily understand,
since it hath but four days and
another two in years of Heaven
(that's if the year's date ends in seven).'

There are five days in each week — Joyday, Funday, Laughday,
Blissday and Workday, in that order.

In the year 17 a.b. (after bliss) the King of Bonkers went off
for his holiday on Funday, Strawberry 17th and returned,
just over 7 weeks later, on Blissday, Tiddleywinks 8th.

In the year 19 a.b. there were exactly 10 weeks from
Collywobble 41st to Pinafore 7th.

Collywobble is the first and most important month in the
year.

1. Find the order of the seven months of the Bonkers year.
2. In the year 21 a.b. Strawberry 13th was a Workday. What
day of the week was Collywobble 2nd?

A factory has ten machines, all making flywheels for racing cars. The correct weight for a flywheel is known. One machine starts to produce faulty (over- or underweight) parts.

How, in two weighings, can the faulty machine be found?

HAM Reports. . . .from Don Florea

Guess what? The Amateur Radio Club has almost become a reality. Without going into any details, our hats must go off to John Bachman for his work in drawing up a constitution. All that needs to be done now is for the constitution and by-laws to be approved and an election of officers to take place. With an approval of the constitution, our application for a club license can be sent in to the FCC, where we can receive legal recognition as a club. Once our license is received, we as a radio club can have a radio station with its own call sign, transmitter, repeater, etc.

As you may have remembered, a couple of issues ago, a contest to name the club was put forth. I would like to thank you (both of you) for your interest. I think special recognition should go to Bill Mullins of Dobbs/Stanford of Texas for his entry--"The Eighty Eights." As far as a name for the club, it has been decided that it will be held off until an official meeting of the club has been called. In this way, those interested in the club can decide what they would like to call it.

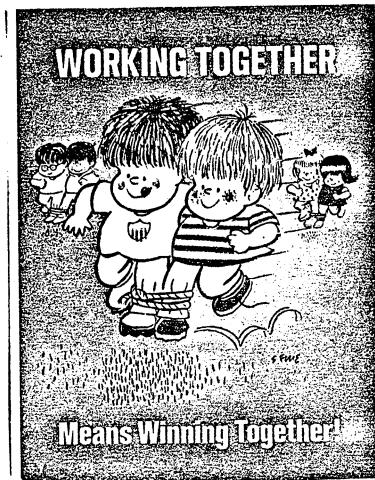
In another area of interest, Richard Putz has become another hard worker in the art of Amateur Radio by passing the Novice part of his code test.

Congratulations, Richard!

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Have you heard. . . .

that Woss and Chane are susceptible to fits of hilarious laughter !?!



CROWN Sports.

The men's bowling team has come to a slow standstill and another move could be fatal. I refer to the fact that they have fallen to second-to-last in the league standings--another move toward the bottom could put them in last place.

The ladies have remained about the same but I'm assured a move toward the top is coming. They are currently in 9th place and their substitutes are bowling in the 190's. I think I'd stay home and let the subs bowl.

Other winter sports such as ping-pong and yahtzee are still grinding on. The ping-pong needs balls and the yahtzee needs restraint. Not really--the girls have been very quiet lately and it appears that if Beth Cline wins one more game she will be assured all-conference status.

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