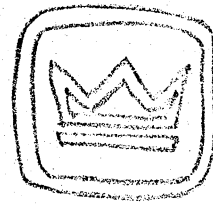


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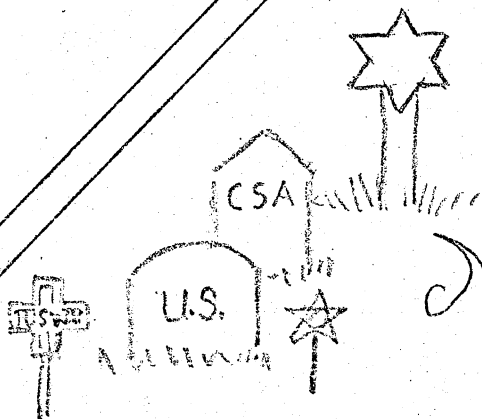


# CRITER

Issue 36

May 30, 1975

*Mother's  
Day*



*Memorial  
Day*

FROM OUT ON THE LINE. . . .

"Howdy, Homer!"

"Yup, it looks like spring has sprung for good with no chance of gettin' any more snow, wouldn't ya say? Seen lots of people out with their 10-speeds, cycles 'n' softballs . . . ."

"Yeah, Lizzie, drove by Irma Shank's place just the other day 'n' saw her out plowin' up the ground for that corn. Can ya imagine that, Lizzie? Little Irma Shank. . . .!"

"Yup, Homer, a guy sure can tell when winter is over just by lookin' at Vic Thorne. He isn't wearin' his scarf, jacket and hat while makin' those D-60's. . . ."

"Hey, Lizzie! Did ya hear whose comin' back to work at CROWN? Page and Cheryl Ong. Ya remeber them? They left way back in August as newlyweds, but now they're just oldyweds. And, Lizzie, did ya hear the wedding bells a ringin' not too long ago? Yep, Vicki Wakeman went and got hitched to Gary Norrod. . . ."

"Yup, Homer, I heard 'em ringin'. Course ya know too that Jim Wortinger will soon be makin' them ring again. If I'm not mistaken it's to happen in June. By the way, Homer, Cheryl Floyd told me the other day that she's gonna be a mother sometime in the month of November. Wouldn't that be excitin', Homer, if she had quintuplets? Oh, but don't tell her I said that!"

"Hey, and how about the women's bowlin' team placin' better than the men's

bowling team. Course I can't say much about that, Homer, being that there's gonna be a match between the two teams in July!"

"Have you talked to Steve Peer lately, Homer? Course he doesn't come in too loud and clear bein' he has a frog in this throat. He's had it for some-time now. Looks like it just might stay for the summer."

"Well, listen, Homer, it was right nice talkin' to ya a short spell, but I'd best be gettin' back to my chores."

"See ya later, Lizzie!"

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#### Production Ponders

Production got the new serial number control system going. We will have better control of shipments going out, better control of units within a batch. When a batch is completed, Sales and Service will receive current information. Everyone is hopeful that everything will run smoothly.

A number of other systems will be going on the computer. It takes long, hard work from Glen and Ken to set these up. Our department salutes them! Salute!!

See ya next time!

-----Beth Yoder

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Born once, die twice;  
Born twice, die once.



Crown

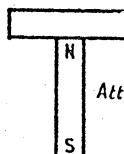
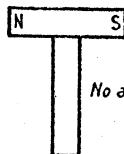
## Issue 35's Problems Answers

from the desk of:

GERALD STANLEY

Date

A14/S



E1/S

$$a = 3$$

$$b = 12$$

$$c = 4$$

1	6	7	6
2	4	4	9
9	6	1	0
6	9	1	0

## 10. Liars Again

Suppose  $S_3$  is true, so that all R's statements are true.

Since  $R_1$  is true,  $\therefore J_2$  is false.

Since  $R_2$  is true,  $\therefore J_3$  is false.

Since  $R_4$  is true,  $\therefore J_1$  and  $J_4$  are true.

Since  $J_4$  is true,  $\therefore S_3$  is false.

But this is contrary to hypothesis.  $\therefore S_3$  cannot be true.

$\therefore$  not all R's statements are true, and not all S's statements are true ( $S_3$  false).

$\therefore$  all J's statements must be true (one person made 4 true statements.)

$\therefore$  from  $J_4$  all S's statements are untrue, and from looking at R's statements we see that they too are all false.

K6/S

The volume of the containers are as the cube of their radii. If  $d$  is the diameter of the smallest and the thickness of the wall is  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit, the diameters of the containers are  $d, d+1, d+2, d+3$  and

$$d^3 + (d+1)^3 + (d+2)^3 = (d+3)^3$$

$$\text{giving } d^3 - 6d - 9 = 0$$

$$\text{therefore } d = 3.$$

$$\text{Since } 3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 = 6^3.$$

If the walls are all made 1" thick, then the containers are 6", 8", 10" and 12".



J/7

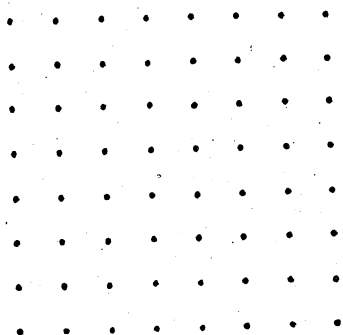
There is something strange going on and we can't get to the bottom of it. Suppose we go out and collect some conkers and arrive back with a bagful. Surely it is an even chance whether we have an even number or an odd number? And if we take a handful out of the bag and there was an even number in the bag it is an even chance whether we get an odd or an even number. But if there was an odd number in the bag the chances are more in favour of getting an odd number in the handful because there is one more way of choosing an odd number than an even number. So on the whole the chances are slightly in favour of getting an odd number in the handful. How can this be if the handful is chosen at random like the original bagful?

G/9

PUT IT OUT  
WILL

Can you cut a chess board so that it forms the statement above?

G/2



We show a rectangle of dots that can be made into a very simple game. It may be of any convenient size but, in order to avoid drawn games, the number of dots in any row or any column is made even.

Two players play alternately, a move consisting of joining two adjacent dots horizontally or vertically with a straight line. The object is to complete as many squares as possible, and each time a player completes a square he initials it and has another move. The player who completes the greatest number of squares wins.

- Which player should always win, first or second?
- How should he play to win?

## 84. Our Factory at Suez

I am proud to say that at the time of the Suez crisis our friends responded with typical alacrity and patriotism to the call of the United Nations and moved swiftly out to help salvage the Canal.

It will be remembered that their names are Alf, Bert, Charlie, Duggie, Ernie, Fred and George and that their jobs used to be, not necessarily respectively, Door-Opener, Door-Shutter, Door-Knob-Polisher, Sweeper-Upper, Bottle-Washer, Welfare Officer and Worker. (Their jobs just before the Suez crisis were not necessarily the same as in any other example.)

They are nothing if not adaptable and they realised that new conditions called for new tasks. Their new jobs were, again not necessarily respectively:

P.R.O.U.N. (Public Relations Officer United Nations)

P.E. (Propaganda Executive)

G.D.O. (Garbage-Disposal Officer)

W.D.L. (Wreck-Detection Lieutenant)

W.D. (Water-Diviner (in case they can't find the canal))

Frogman

N.B.W. (New Bottle-Washer (as this is one thing they can't do without))

They gave a collective interview in Suez to the Press of the World. They were prepared to divulge what their old jobs were but for Security reasons their names and their new jobs can only be discovered by the use of reason.

They say:

DOOR-OPENER: My name is George.

- DOOR-SHUTTER:
1. Alf is the P.E.
  2. Ernie is not the G.D.O.
  3. Fred is the N.B.W.

WELFARE OFFICER: The G.D.O. used to have one of the door jobs.

- DOOR-KNOB-POLISHER:
1. Bert was not the old B.W.
  2. The W.D.L. is the old Door-Opener.

- SWEEPER-UPPER:
1. My name is Duggie.
  2. George is the G.D.O.

- BOTTLE-WASHER:
1. The P.E. used to be the Sweeper-Upper.

2. Charlie is the Frogman.

- WORKER:
1. I am the G.D.O.

2. Charlie used to be the Door-Opener.

Any remark of which the subject comes after the speaker in the alphabet is true; if the subject comes before the speaker it is false, e.g. if Charlie makes a remark about Ernie it is true, if about Bert it is false.

Remarks about themselves are always made in the first person.

Anything that the Water-Diviner, Frogman, New Bottle-Washer say about themselves is true. Anything that anybody else says about themselves is false.

Find all their names and their new occupations.

## CROWN Sports

While the awards were being passed out in chapel last week, a modest team captain forgot to mention his own achievement for the bowling year. Tom Szerencse was given the award for highest game with handicap at the bowling banquet. Tom's game was a sparkling 264!

Rain has slowed some outdoor sports to a walk but looking around the yard at break one could see Dick and Ray pitching a few shoes, Larry and Wally playing a little catch and Cheryl and Marcia throwing a frisbe.

I was also surprised the other day when I stepped out the back door into a line of jogging ladies. I still haven't found out what was going on. They were puffing too hard to talk.

The reason softball hasn't been mentioned too much lately is because the team has been left standing at the post. The boys have dropped to 0 - 2 in losing to the Elkhart Jaycee's and St. Joe Valley Bank.

Be good sports and have good sports.

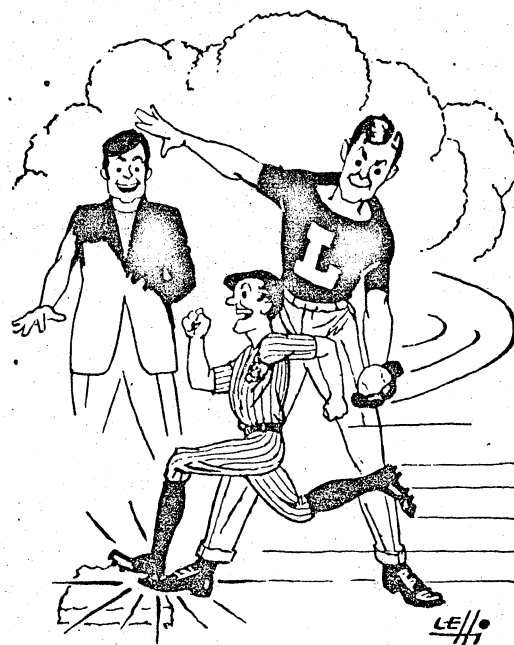
John Bachman

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To handle yourself, use your head;  
to handle others, use your heart.

When day is done, you may frequently  
find out not much else is.

Life is a struggle, not a warfare.



"SAFE! And so am I in safety shoes."

## Scene at Sales

In the past month, Sales has had a little more action than usual. After we get all our salesmen back from traveling, the office is liable to seem a bit crowded. If one of them is here, the other one is gone. Howard visited some of our southern states, but is back now. Ken also visited with our reps Forristal/Young.

Dolores Lechlitter has had a birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DOLORES!!! She has now passed from the teenage stage and moved up to the big 20! We must respect our elders.

This next part is a little late, but then . . . better late than never. We have a part-timer in our department-- Susan Yoder. I think she is related to Ken Yoder in the computer room

## Scene at Sales (cont.)

because they seem to hang around each other a lot.

We also had a few of our salesmen gone for the AES show in California. Mike Stoll and Jim Beattie were gone. We know that they were at the show most

of the time because neither of them came back with a California tan. We aren't checking up on you or anything, Jim and Mike--just asking the usual questions.

That is about all Sales has for the month. See everyone next time!

Donna Martin

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## YOUR 1975 TAX REDUCTION ACT CALENDAR

The Tax Reduction Act covers a number of topics that will affect or influence a wide range of people from corporate presidents to low-income wage earners. To help facilitate location of the varied subject matter and dates, each topic has been assigned a title, and under each title dates arranged in chronological order. *Note:* Throughout, we've assumed individuals are on a calendar year basis. Fiscal year individuals should re-check dates.

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### New Home Credit

March 13, 1975 . . . . 5% credit up to \$2,000 for newly constructed homes acquired and occupied after Mar. 12, 1975 and before Jan. 1, 1977. Taxpayers building their own homes only: get credit based on proportionate work completed between this date and Jan. 1, 1977.  
March 26, 1975 . . . . Construction on new principal residence must have begun before this date.  
Dec. 31, 1975 . . . . Taxpayers not building own home: last day to enter into binding contract. (Check replacement home time extensions)

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### Child Care & Dependent Care

March 30, 1975 . . . . Test for full deduction raised from \$18,000 to \$35,000 (for tax years beginning on or after this date).

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### Individuals 1974 Tax Rebates

May, 1975 . . . . . Individuals start getting automatic rebate up to 10%, on '74 income tax (maximum \$200; minimum \$100).

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### One Shot Tax Credit for '75

Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . Individuals may claim a \$30 credit for each personal exemption (no *extra* exemption for over 65 or blindness) on '75 returns.

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### Standard Deduction

Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . Another one-year break: Standard deduction increases: to 16% of adjusted gross income (AGI) (from 15%) maximum \$2,600 for marrieds filing jointly and surviving spouses; \$2,300 for singles; and \$1,300 marrieds filing separately.  
Jan. 1, 1976 . . . . . Old 15% standard deduction rules reinstated.

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### New Withholding Tables

May 1, 1975 . . . . . Start using new withholding tables; more take home pay from this date until Dec. 31, 1975.

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### Tax-Free Replacement Home

Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . Homeowners now have 18 months to acquire replacement residence and get tax-free break. If replacement is newly constructed new time limit is 24 months (if construction begins within 18 months after sale of former residence). (Check time requirements for new house tax credit).

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### Refundable Credit

Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . For 1975 only, low income taxpayers with dependents get a refundable credit of 10% for earned income. Credit reduced by \$1 for every \$10 over \$4,000 AGI.

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### Employers of Welfare Recipients get Credit

March 30, 1975 . . . . Business and nonbusiness employers of previous welfare recipients will get a 20% credit (on salaries paid) if hired after this date (nonbusiness employers limit \$1,000).  
June 30, 1976 . . . . Last day to hire to get credit.

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### Corporate Taxes

Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . Corporate surtax exemption increased to \$50,000 for tax year ending after Dec. 31, 1974 only.  
Jan. 1, 1975 . . . . . Normal tax rate is dropped to 20% on the first \$25,000 of net income, 22% to the second \$25,000, 48% total normal and surtax rate continues to apply above \$50,000.



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### Service--with a Smile (?)

In the past month the Service Dept. was blessed with a week-long exposure to service station technicians from several areas of the U.S. During the week of April 21 to 25 two different Service Schools were held. The schools taught theory and practical experience in tape decks, led by Jim Clymer; and amplifiers, led by Dave McLaughlin. Also involved in certain teaching areas were Dennis Badke, Jack Collins, Dale Kauffman, and John Haines. A hectic part of that week for John Haines was probably at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday when the first school was to leave and the second school was to arrive! It was a great week for all involved despite all the technical difficulties, time squeezes and exhaustion.

Recently Barb Hoeflinger was moved "from the front door to the back door", as she says. She is now working with Rachel E. in the Parts Dept. for five hours and

and in the Sales Dept. for three hours. We would welcome Barb to Service, but we hardly have the time, since she is leaving CROWN May 30. We wish her God's blessings on her new job.

Speaking of changes, my time schedule now includes at least 2½ hours per day to work in the Technical Services area under Jim C. I'll be working on board layouts, manuals, etc. which always seem to need updating.

There'll be more next issue--if I haven't melted from the heat outside or frozen from the cold air inside!!

-----Sandy Haab

Garbage In, Garbage Out  
by Murray Young

A special appreciation have I  
For those who faithfully stand by  
And work late at night  
That CROWN's future may be bright.

Now of one in particular I  
Think as I write,  
Who plays with his toys  
With all of his might:

There's ringing and blinking and  
Buzzing like bees  
And tapping like a woodpecker  
Right out of his tree.

And then when he has it,  
With eyes all aglow,  
He checks all his cards  
To ensure the right flow.

In safety he leads  
Though in thought more than deed:  
For an accident did strike  
When his thumb he did smite.

His manifold talents now  
Would I praise,  
For often he works in a  
Mechanical maze.

But with better logic than looks  
And more knowledge than books,  
To him do I fly  
When my problems multiply.

So while you're at CROWN  
Where nice people abound  
-----remember-----  
You'll never be far  
From the man who's in love  
With his new NCR.

# Will You Live To Be 100?



Although no one can say for certain what our life expectancy will be, studies have shown that key factors play a significant role in determining longevity.

How long will you live? Take the test below; the results may surprise you.

BY JUDITH BENTLEY

1. Enter your life expectancy according to the chart on page 41:  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

Add your present age:

\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## HEREDITY

2. If your father or mother has lived past 70, add 1 year for every 5-year period per individual.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
3. If a parent, grandparent, brother or sister died of atherosclerosis (heart attack, angina, or stroke) before the age of 50, subtract 4 years; before the age of 60, subtract 2 years.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
4. If you or one of your parents or grandparents has had diabetes mellitus, thyroid disorders, breast cancer (if you're a woman), cancer of the digestive system, or a strong allergic tendency (asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema), subtract 3 years for each incidence.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## WEIGHT AND DIET

5. Find the top limit for your sex, height, and frame in the weight table for adults over 25 (see p. 41). For every 10 percent that you exceed the limit, subtract 13 percent of your original life expectancy (check back to question 1) if you're male and 10 percent if you're female. (If you don't know your frame size, place the thumb and forefinger of one hand around the wrist of the other. If the gap between the two measures more than 1/4 inch, your frame is large; if they just meet, you have a medium frame; if they overlap, a small frame.)  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

6. Are you a light or moderate drinker (no more than one to two drinks a day)? Add 2 years. Heavy drinker? Subtract 8 years. Teetotaler? Subtract 1 year.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## LIFESTYLE

7. If you smoke two or more packs of cigarettes a day, subtract 8 years; one to two packs, subtract 4 years; one half to one pack, subtract 2 years; nonsmokers, add 2.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
8. Have you lived most of your life in the West North Central section of the U.S. (North or South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri)? Add 1 year. If you've lived mostly in the Middle Atlantic states (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), subtract 1.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
9. If you exercise moderately two or three times a week (that means taking long walks, jogging, bike riding, swimming, and so forth), add 3 years. (Be honest; standing up on a crowded bus doesn't count.)  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
10. If you sleep more than nine hours a night, subtract 4 years; more than ten, subtract 6 years.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
11. Are you married? Add 3 years. Single? Subtract a year for every unwedded decade after age 25.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
12. Is your personality reasoned and pragmatic? Add 1 to 3 years. If you are aggressive, intense, and competitive, subtract 1 to 5 years. (Subtract more if you're male; less if you're female.)  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
13. If you use seat belts regularly and drive at the 55 mph speed limit, add 1 year. If you own a snowmo-

bile, subtract 6 months.

\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS

14. If you've had less than a high-school education, subtract 2 years; if you've had four years of education beyond high school, add 1 year; five or more years, add 3.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
15. If your job is sedentary (editor, clerk, secretary), subtract 3 years; if it's active (mail deliverer, construction worker, dancer), add 3.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
16. Does your job involve regular long-distance flying? Subtract 1 year.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
17. Are you wealthy (annual income \$40,000 or more)? Subtract 2.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## MENTAL HEALTH

18. If you're over 60 and still working, add 2 years; over 65, add 3.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
19. Are you basically happy? Add 1-2 years. Dissatisfied? Subtract 1-3.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
20. Have you had psychoanalysis? Add 1 year.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

## HEALTH HABITS

21. Women over 30 who have annual Pap smears and breast examinations, add 2 years; if you check your breasts monthly, add 2 more.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
22. If you're over 40 and have a proctoscopic exam every two years, add 2.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
23. If you keep the thermostat in your home at 68° F., or sleep in a cold room, add 2 years.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
24. If you read **FAMILY HEALTH**, add 2.  
\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.
- Life Expectancy: \_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos.

To find out how well you did—and why—turn the page.



that their internal biological clocks become accustomed to the routine. Relaxing bedtime stories will help lull them to sleep.

#### Accidents

Accidents of all kinds still represent the third largest cause of death in the United States. Traffic fatalities declined initially as a result of the 55 mph limit, but drivers seem to be picking up speed. (Deaths were down 20-25 percent in the spring of 1974 but only about 15 percent by last fall.) At least one life-insurance company considers owning a snowmobile a hazard.

Begin whatever activity you choose slowly, until you gradually develop greater strength and endurance. Make exercise a family affair. Join the local YMCA; they provide a full roster of activities for all age groups. If the high school in your district has a pool, find out about family rates and swim for an hour or two every week. Send for "An Introduction to Physical Fitness," a simple three-part exercise program for adults. It's \$1.50 from the Government Printing Office.

#### Smoking

The scare facts are in: paste them on

into quitting.

When it comes to smoking, it seems that children are often more influenced by their peers than by their parents. Arrange for the school or church to show films produced by the American Cancer Society, such as "Huff and Puff" (in which the wolf doesn't have enough breath to blow the house down) for your 8- to 13-year-olds, and "Where There's Smoke" for the 10- to 16-year-olds. Group discussions after these films are usually more helpful than parental lectures.

continued on page 52

## Find Your Height and Weight . . .

## . . . and Your Life Expectancy

Year of Birth*	Male		Female	
	66 years, 11 months		74 years, 1 month	
1967 to present	62	" 2 "	69	" 5 "
1962-66	57	" 4 "	64	" 6 "
1957-61	52	" 6 "	59	" 7 "
1952-56	48	" "	54	" 10 "
1947-51	43	" 6 "	49	" 11 "
1942-46	38	" 8 "	45	" 2 "
1937-41	34	" 5 "	40	" 6 "
1932-36	30	" "	35	" 11 "
1927-31	25	" 8 "	31	" 6 "
1922-26	21	" 10 "	27	" 2 "
1917-21	18	" 1 "	23	" "
1912-16	14	" 11 "	19	" 1 "
1907-11	12	" 1 "	15	" 6 "
1902-06	9	" 8 "	12	" 1 "
1897-1901	7	" 8 "	9	" 4 "
1892-96	6	" 2 "	6	" 8 "
1887-91				

\*COURTESY METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

## Weight in Pounds (In Indoor Clothing)\*

Height (In Shoes)	Men		
	Small Frame	Medium Frame	Large Frame
5' 2"	112-120	118-129	126-141
3"	115-123	121-133	129-144
4"	118-126	124-136	132-148
5"	121-129	127-139	135-152
6"	124-133	130-143	138-156
7"	128-137	134-147	142-161
8"	132-141	138-152	147-166
9"	136-145	142-156	151-170
10"	140-150	146-160	155-174
11"	144-154	150-165	159-179
6' 0"	148-158	154-170	164-184
1"	152-162	158-175	168-189
2"	156-167	162-180	173-194
3"	160-171	167-185	178-199
4"	164-175	172-190	182-204
Women			
4' 10"	92-98	96-107	104-119
11"	94-101	98-110	106-122
5' 0"	96-104	101-113	109-125
1"	99-107	104-116	112-128
2"	102-110	107-119	115-131
3"	105-113	110-122	118-134
4"	108-116	113-126	121-138
5"	111-119	116-130	125-142
6"	114-123	120-135	129-146
7"	118-127	124-139	133-150
8"	122-131	128-143	137-154
9"	126-135	132-147	141-158
10"	130-140	136-151	145-163
11"	134-144	140-155	149-168
6' 0"	138-148	144-159	153-173

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!!! It's Coming--THE 5TH ANNUAL CROWN CAMPOUT !!!

Dont't forget to circle June 20,21 & 22 on your calendar for CROWN Camping at Twin Mills, 2 miles west of Howe on State Road 120.

There will be lots of fun with swimming, boating, canoeing, fishing, miniature golf, games for the kids, hayrides, a FREE breakfast and many other activities.

Schedule of main events:

Friday evening - campfire

Saturday morning - free pancake breakfast  
afternoon - volleyball, games for children

evening - gigantic beef stew, campfire, hayride for the kids

Sunday - 11:00 worship service, featuring music and inspiration for young and old

1:00 carry-in dinner  
(Bring your own hot dogs and buns and a covered dish.)

Food for Thought. . . . .

causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you

When the Good Lord was creating Mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order?"

"She has to be completely washable, but not plastic.

"Have 180 movable parts...all replaceable.

"Run on black coffee and leftovers.

"Have a lap that disappears when she stands up.

"A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair.

"And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are

kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front



so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick ... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ... and can get a 9-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imag-

ine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

--Erma Bombeck

# "Women's Page"

(Kate)

"A SMILE IS A CURVE THAT CAN SET A LOT OF THINGS STRAIGHT."

## The Family Picnic

Gladys Harp

Oh bake some pies and cookies, Mom,  
And make a salad, too,  
And fry some chicken golden brown ...  
Enough for quite a few.  
Get out the picnic basket  
And set the things aright,  
For we're going to have a picnic soon  
If it doesn't rain tonight.

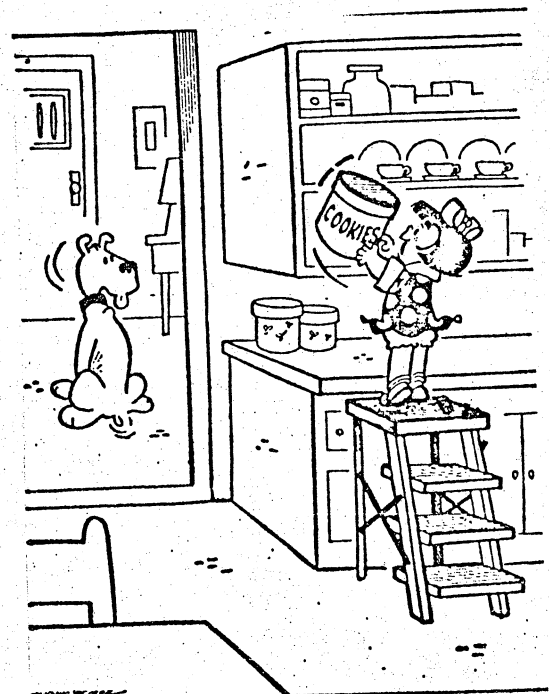
*We'll find a spot beneath the trees  
Where sumac won't abound,  
A place that's cool and shady  
Where the folks can gather round.  
We'll spread a blanket on the grass  
And set the food thereon,  
And everyone will eat and eat  
Until the food is gone.*

We'll stroll among the leafy trees,  
And gather fragrant flowers,  
And pick up rocks to bring back home  
As swiftly pass the hours.  
And Dad will take a fishing pole  
And Mom will take a book ...  
And each will have a pleasant time  
Beside the gurgling brook.

*Oh, it's nice to leave the bustling noise  
Of city ways behind  
And find a quiet country place  
To clear a cluttered mind.  
And though the day may pass too soon,  
And even should it pour ...  
There's nothing like a picnic  
To unite a family more.*



"GIVE YOUR FAMILY A TREAT BY  
GOING ON A PICNIC WITH  
THEM. "



"The fellow who coined the phrase 'What goes  
up must come down' never heard of prices."

"If you see Mom coming, bark three times!"