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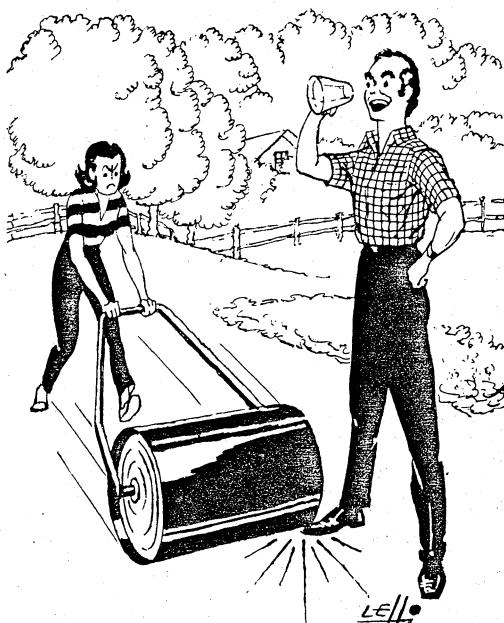


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April



"Sweetie, would you back off my new safety shoe?"

## Editorial

There are various ways of obtaining material for a "publication" like the CRIER. Aside from pure, unadulterated violence, almost all these methods are used by an editor at one time or another. If there is something missing from this CRIER that you anticipated seeing, it is because either the editor didn't know you wanted it or someone didn't cough up the information.

Sincere appreciation to the two or three people who handed their material in on time. Thanks to those who were only a day late. Some sort of thanks to those who, after being reminded, hounded, etc., finally turned in something. What can be said to those from whom nothing could be begged, borrowed, or stolen?

All copy is not only edited, but typed, laid out, typed again, and proofread at least twice. Then it must be copied, collated, and stapled before it can be distributed.

So what does it all prove? Only that to have a regular publication come to you when you expect it, material should reach the editor when it is expected. Your co-operation is solicited in helping to get the CRIER out on time. Thanks a million!

M.H.

Why must society invent bigger and better locks as people become more civilized?

DUM 1: "I'm looking for a job."

DUM 2: "You're hired."

DUM 1: "How much are you going to pay me?"

DUM 2: "I'll pay you what you're worth."

DUM 1: "I quit. Them wages are too low."

### BLESS MY COMPETITORS

My competitors, bless 'em, do a great deal for me.

When they are efficient, I must find ways to improve my service . . . and I do.

When they try to take business away, I must keep on my toes . . . and I do.

So bless my competitors, for they have been good for me.

# Executive Comment

The past few months at Crown have been very encouraging to me as I have witnessed a small corporation governed by internal creativity experience limitations and perplexities that directly affected that creativeness. Instead of dominating the creative thrust, the personnel turned adversity into challenge and sought an answer rather than overdefining the problem. A couple of examples are the energy crisis and the marketing department reorganization. Both of these situations could have spelled disaster to the creative attitude of the people involved. But such was not the case. It would have been easy to blame "someone else" for the problem and spend a lot of costly time on building an execution stand. In the case of the energy problem, almost immediately ideas were tried and cold hands (and other parts) endured and production went on. In the case of the marketing reorganization, responsibility lines were shared. Unselfish efforts, above and beyond the call of duty, manifested themselves again and again, until a very dedicated "team" emerged, which our reps and dealers are now realizing.

Who was the mastermind of these successes? Who was the thrust behind these strengths? Anyone who wanted to be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem. This to me is the witness of a Christ-backed life.

--Glen Ryman

HOLIDAYS FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR are listed below. On these days the plant will be closed.

8 April 1977 ..... Good Friday  
30 May 1977 ..... Memorial Day  
4 July 1977 ..... 4th of July  
5 September 1977 ..... Labor Day  
24 November 1977 ..... Thanksgiving Day  
25 November 1977 ..... (Not Paid)  
26 December 1977 ..... Christmas Day  
2 January 1978 ..... New Year's Day

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor:

It severely disappoints me that there are people at Crown who find it necessary to cheat their fellow employees by not paying for the food and drink which they consume. It is a real shame when our "honor system" of concessions has to go because the honor has disappeared.

Sincerely,  
Murray Young

"Letters to the Editor" will be featured according to material available. Your comments on any topic are acceptable as long as they are within the policies of the CRIER as stated in the editorial of the March 1977 issue. In addition, all submissions to this column must be signed.

--ed.

**ONE LITTLE MISTEAK**  
—April Fool

"Yes, we know we make errors. Hardly an issue goes by without some sort of printing mistake. However, before bawling us out too severely, please consider all the chances for mistakes. For instance, by interchanging letters in a sentence like "To be or not to be", more than 2,700,000 errors are possible.

"Aren't you sorry you got so mad over one little mistake? After all, we print the bestest publica-  
tion in the world... just ask us."

After a storm of criticism arises, a certain printing errors in a certain publication, the editor repiled in print:

Members of the engineering department are interested in discovering the whereabouts of their MICROTREK magazine. It disappeared from the engineering library without being signed out and no one has been able to locate it. If you have it, would you please return it or sign for it. If you do not have it but have seen it within the last several weeks, please see Ned Kiser or call extension 238. Thanks.

*Cooperation is doing with a smile what you have to do anyway.*

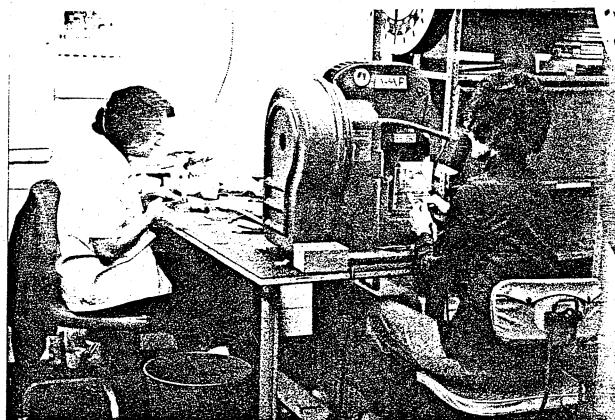
# FLOODLIGHT

## INCOMING INSPECTION

The incoming inspection department started at plant 2 right after our fire. John Bachman took an assortment of jobs that no one else wanted.

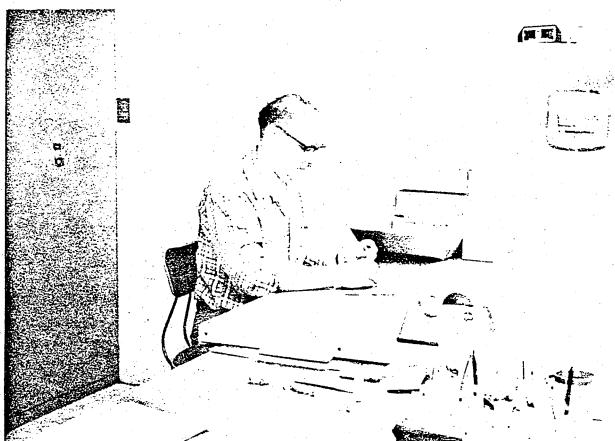
John no sooner got the thing going than he moved out and Mac took over. Besides Mac, Sylvia Miller, Bertha Kane, Eric Lattrez, and Goldie Straw held down the fort.

That was the smallest number of employees. It has grown to a high of 19 persons. We are a couple of people down from that now because of our production slowdown.



At work in the wire cut room; Thelma Freel and Bertha Kane

The name incoming inspection really doesn't tell it like it is. Only Clarence Miller, Gale Balmer, and Jean Stryker do incoming inspection work. Dale Parrott works on modules.



Gale Balmer examining end pieces

We have three quality control technicians who coordinate problems through the plant engineering, service, purchasing, etc. Clifford Clark specializes in the final inspection part of the quality control program. Mike Weldy works on mechanical type problems, and Marc Miller handles electrical.

Ruth Overhulser is the wire-cut coordinator. She has three basic areas: Cheryl Roth and Sylvia Miller on hand-stripping cables, Thelma Freel on the wire-cut machine, and Bertha Kane on amp-locks.



Ruth Overhulser, Cheryl Roth, Steve Mill-saps, Sylvia Miller; wire stripping

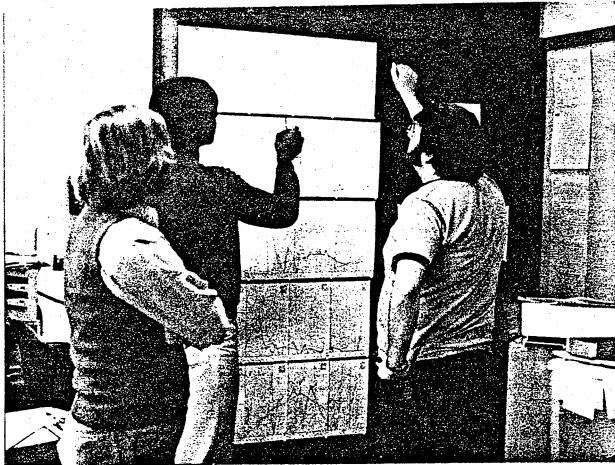
We also take care of line scrap and try to keep the scrap parts store in reasonable order.

Several things will affect our production in the future. One is that the silk-screen, eyelet, pem-setter part of the department will be turned over to the fab department's control. Other changes include various product changes that will be coming soon. Our challenges have not ended.

--Richard McCreary



Dale Parrott and Jim Abbott inspecting the circuit boards built by contractors outside the plant



Looking over the graphs indicating the number of good units Crown is producing: Mike Weldy, Clifford Clark, Marc Miller

## Crier Echoes

From Issue No. 3, July, 1971, comes this selection entitled "Electronic Love."

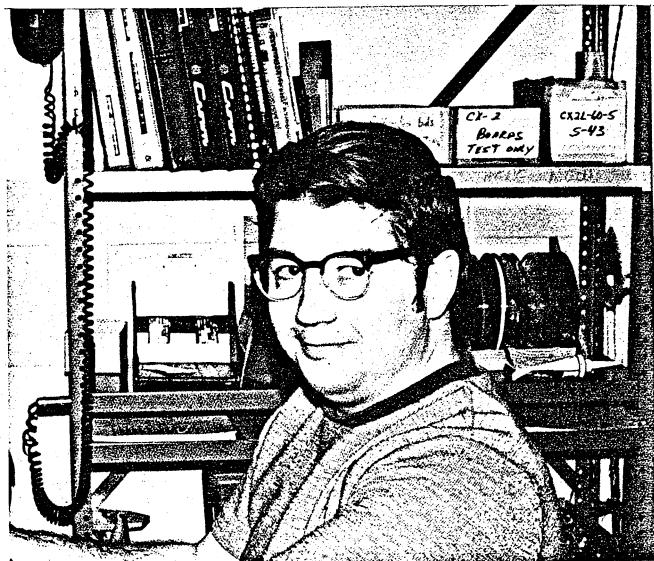
If she wants a date ..... Meter  
If she comes to call ..... Receiver  
If she wants an escort ..... Conductor  
If she's cheating ..... Detector  
If she's fat ..... Condenser  
If she's thin ..... Feeder  
If she's extravagant ..... Limiter  
If she's in error ..... Rectifier  
If she's ugly ..... Transformer  
If her hands are cold ..... Heater  
If she fumes and sputters ..... Insulator  
If she's bossy ..... Resistor  
If she's slow ..... Accelerator  
If she's bored ..... Exciter  
If she refuses ..... Rejector  
If her sister's better ..... Switcher

### REMEMBER WHEN??

**BROTHER SPEEDERS**  
LET'S  
REHEARSE  
ALL TOGETHER  
"GOOD MORNING, NURSE!"  
BURMA-SHAVE

**AT INTERSECTIONS**  
LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT IT'S  
HARD TO PLAY  
BURMA-SHAVE

## SPOTLIGHT



Lee Hochstetler

Our SPOTLIGHT this month shines on Lee Hochstetler who is a final inspector in our Set Rec Department. Lee has worked at Crown since October of 1969. He had applied for work six years before that, but not hearing anything, went to work at Conn. When Conn sold out he was laid off and just happened to hear about an opening at Crown from an employment agency.

Lee was married in October, 1964, to Barbara Kauffman. They moved to Elkhart from Nappanee at that time and have been attending the Belmont Mennonite Church since then. They have two daughters - Lori is 8 and Heather 4.

Lee's outside interests include tinkering with electronics, fishing, and reading, and he likes to sing.

His goal at Crown (which is very noteworthy) is to do the best he can to insure a well-functioning product. He likes to identify with the customer - to please him - as the customer is the end result. Quite a goal.

Oh yes, Lee has another noteworthy accomplishment too. He holds the record at Crown for rolling up and wrapping power cords. He does it in 12 seconds flat! Congratulations.

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT CROWN CRIER  
WILL BE DUE ON APRIL 20. --ed.

## Employee News

Richard Putz (Line 3) and wife are new parents. Sara Rachel was born on March 8. They have one other child at home, Joshua. . . . Don (Set Com) and Mary Ellen Florea are proud parents of their first, Andrew Paul. He was born on March 21st . . . Ned Kiser (Engineering) is almost an "old married man" -- he'll be going west to get his baby, this time it looks like for good mentions Terry Gaskill (Engineering). He also said, "Ned went West to bite the dust. His fatal day is April 2nd. Ned, all I can say is the S.S.S. (Society of Single Swingers) will miss you." . . . Lorrie Swalm's (Purchasing) husband graduated from Bethel College at the first of the year. His major was Biblical Literature . . . Lorrie's sister, Tina Smith (formerly of Stock), is working at I.L.C. She's welcome back at CROWN anytime to sing for us! . . . Lynne Brewton (Shipping Expeditor) is accepting any and all names sent to her for consideration as baby names -- preferably male. . . Laura Shreiner (formerly of Modules) has accepted the position of Accounts Payable Secretary. The post was vacated when Penny Howie left to have her first. Best wishes, Penny! . . Mike Stoll (Sales) was inducted (no not in the Army -- he's too tall) as President of the Elkhart Symphony in February.

. I thought I saw Jim Clymer (Tech Service) carrying in a guitar last week -- at least a guitar case -- I guess he could of been concealing a gun -- I really didn't think the production of manuals had been that slow lately . . . Sally Peffley (Credit) has a new car (and a lifetime commitment to CROWN). It's a new 1977 LTD Jim Romine (Service) bought a "new to him" car after denting his old car. Maybe I should say after someone else dented his car. . Tom Szerencse spent a while on his roof a couple of weeks ago. I guess he was repairing his basketball hoop support when a strong wind came along and blew his ladder over . . . Rich Hooten (Tech Service) and wife are expecting in October . Ken Woodcox (Sales) has a license for Interior Decorating -- if you saw his room you'd know why he has a license and not a fulltime job doing it. He did recently remodel his home and has some gorgeous pictures proving it . . . . That's all for this month. If you were looking for

your name and newsworthy event and didn't find it -- maybe it's because you didn't send the news to me. I only received one piece of news from an employee. The rest of the news I had to beg, borrow, and steal for. Please help make the Employee News Column about more employees, and send your news to me, Jan Smith.



**"I'd rather not eat that. I prefer the intravenous feedings."**

From a gravestone in Prescott, Mass.:

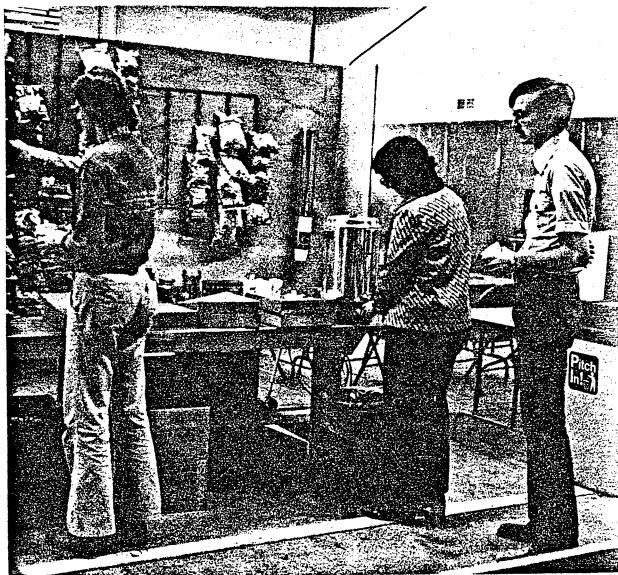
Here lies the body of  
Obadiah Wilkinson  
And his wife, Ruth  
Their warfare is accomplished.

### GET MARRIED, LIVE LONGER

Statistics continue to indicate that marriage adds years to life. In the 35-44 age group, for example, married men's death rate is 3 per 1000. For those who are unmarried, it is 7.3 per 1000. For married women, the mortality rate is 2; for those single, it is 3.9.

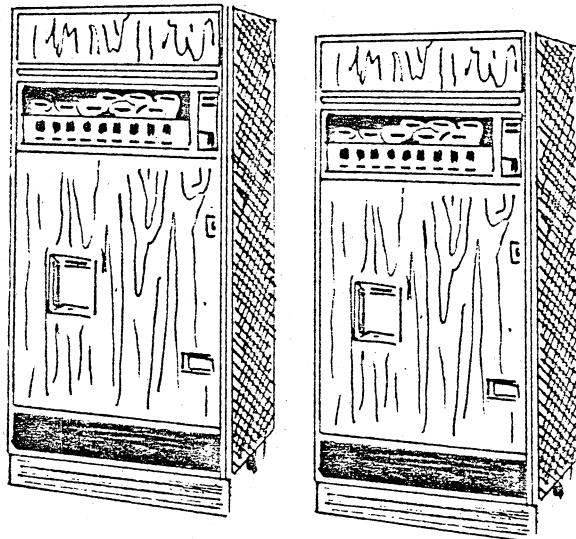
Singles are therefore advised to consider marriage or at least stop reading statistics.

EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE



BEFORE

About the time this issue of the CRIER comes out, the scene shown above will become history. Vending machines will be installed to replace the open concession stand presently in use.



AFTER

An Indiana state law forbids anyone to lead young ladies astray while teaching them to roller skate.

From Cockeyed Americana  
Compiled by Dick Hyman

The Employee Committee met on 16 March and discussed several matters of business.

ARA will be installing the vending machines on 1 April, so there will be some changes in the layout of the employee area. We will be keeping the pop concession for the time being and implementing some inventory controls so we can accurately track the sales.

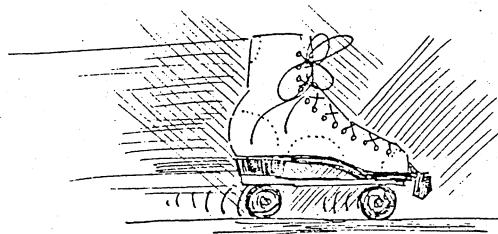
The possibility of an ice cream concession was discussed and will be considered in more detail at a future meeting.

Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

--Dale Kauffman

DON'T MISS

THE  
CROWN  
ROLLER SKATING  
DERBY



THURSDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 PM

HOLIDAY ROLLER RINK

MISHAWAKA ROAD

ADMISSION: \$1.00

SKATE RENTAL: \$.50

Everyone is invited. Bring all your friends. Come for an evening of fun and recreation.

## Swap Shop

FOR SALE: White six-year baby crib complete with mattress, \$35.00. Lee Hochstetler, Set Rec, Ext. 261.

WANTED: Information about voice teacher in Elkhart area. Ext. 286.

FOR SALE: Two Horn speakers and one Paymaster check protector. Lois Roberts in the stockroom, Ext. 266.

FOR SALE: Toaster oven, used once (\$20); Shetland floorpolisher and attachments (\$25); baby bottle sterilizer (\$5); Renault R-12 wheels (\$12 pair); golf bag (\$5). See Eric on Line 4.

FOR SALE: Tetramin Fish Food at 1/3 of the retail store prices. Also corner filters for your tank. Other tips and tidbits are also available. Verne E. Searer, Ext. 235 or 293-6983.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW of good advanced piano instructors in Elkhart/Goshen/Wakarusa/Nappanee area. Need names, addresses, and phone numbers for a high school student. Call Maretta, Ext. 280.

WANTED: Used color television. Call Ext. 286 or 293-9625.

FOR SALE: Boman Astrosonix 8-track in-dash car stereo tape player with AM/FM radio. Becky Copeland, Ext. 251.

FOR SALE: Robyn DG-30 23 channel, 5 watt CB with rear mount Signal Kicker antenna. Like new. \$125.00. See Margaret Eaton or call Ext. 0.

FOR SALE: One pair tennis shoes, Ward's "Skips", size 8½, like new. \$4.00. Also one pair work shoes, ankle high, worn once, size 7½, \$6.00. Contact Sandy Haab, Ext. 205.

FOR SALE: 1974 CB750-4 Honda. 8" extension, 4 into 2 straight pipes, King/Queen seats, Harley 16" rear rim, chromed front and rear fenders, very clean. \$1700.00. See Margaret Eaton or call Ext. 0.

The CRIER editor is interested in knowing the effectiveness of the "Swap Shop" column. If you have purchased or sold any item, or if you have secured information through this column, please let me know. Thank you!

--ed.

## Ham Hobnobs

FCC is thinking of dropping novice class license in lieu of new technician privileges. ARRL is raising dues as of April 1. Plan to attend the Dayton Hamvention April 29 and 30. Crown repeater is still not up to snuff. Don Miller, the 9th region director, can be worked on 3.910 KHz evenings.

Howard King recently acquired a new two meter rig. Haven't worked him on it yet, though. Saw Kingsley WB9MCU and Jim WB9PQA at Bridgeton hamfest in Michigan. I picked up an HW 12A that I am running mobile now. By now, Dale, WB9TEO is in sunny Florida with his new bride. Clarence W9LZX has a tower up at his new lake home. Should be hearing more of him soon. Don't know how the two meter activity has been lately. The stereo bug has bitten and not too active.

Richard Putz called a meeting of the Crown ham club recently. Only six members were present. Nothing decided as of last report. Hope it goes on, as we need to get together and discuss things on the eyeball level every so often, but we can't do it without you. We need your support to get the club on its feet. Lots of possibilities here for all.

Well here is our second article for the Crier. It's harder than I first thought. I asked around for some material, but no one came up with anything so I'll play it by ear. Not too much new to report. My amateur activity has slacked off a lot lately. Can't ham it up and listen to the stereo at the same time. I loaned my two meter mobile rig to a new tech so not on from the car now. Have been having a lot of fun on 75 mobile. Talk to the Lonesome Polecats down south about every morning, with good reports. Hit the Indiana traffic net on the way back home. The local club has turned out about ten new novices this spring. I still would like to see the hams at CROWN start a two meter net once a week. Also hope to hear the Crown repeater active. Ruth Overhulser's husband is working hard at getting his novice license. He also joined the Michiana Amateur Radio Club. We need more hams, as our number is dwindling badly. Can't think of too much more for this go round, so will say numbers to you and see you all next issue??

73s/88s

Jim K9KTB

## On the Other Hand...

It was in fact an outstanding day to be around. The snow had melted, a cool spring breeze blew in place of February's iced air, and the general populace had begun planning the move from rec room to patio. Nothing like it.

Except that while I waited for assembly to begin a few bits of conversation drifted in with the smothering gloom of an East Chicago haze.

"Phil has terminal something-or-other, and now Terri doesn't know whether to go through with the divorce."

"I really never liked her much anyway. She's been trying to impress Bill while Christie's at work."

"She chases anything in pants except her husband!"

"But that's only been since the twins were run over by the train. She blamed Phil for that and has never been able to forgive him."

Although Terri was a stranger to me, she was obviously having to struggle with a staggering load of conflict and grief. This would surely be mentioned in assembly.

It went on.

"Her mother likes Phil. She doesn't want Terri to have Jerri and Merri when he's gone, so she's trying to have her committed."

"Andrea's not too fond of her either. She wants to have the marriage annulled so she can marry Phil and take over the kids before he's gone."

"Howard doesn't know that yet. He's considered himself engaged to Andrea since Candy fell into the cement truck and got poured into the McHatton's new pool."

"But Howard's coaching Jerri's little league team, so he's bound to find out soon. He spends a lot of extra time with Jerri, trying to help him play secondbase without wetting his pants."

It was all a whole lot more than I could handle at that hour. I almost ran back to my office. The assembly proceedings could be heard over the PA system, and I could shut the door if it got overwhelming.

I waited for the announcement, cautiously sipping a bottle of Mountain Dew and barely tasting a chocolate-iced devil's food donut (which, by the way, Jerry, we were out of twice the other week!). No-

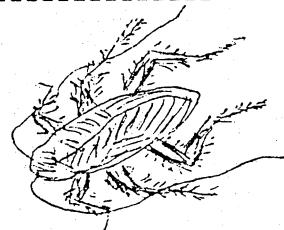
thing came. Assembly was going by fast and that announcement would soak up some time. Maybe it would only be mentioned one tragedy at a time in a daily installment like a soap opera. A soap opera?... Ah...!

The truth arrived like a 2:00 AM freight! I had overheard a soap opera rehash - "All My Mother's Fathers" or something similar. The old routine where Frindly Shallohart hands the tin-plated shaft to Smethwick Stronghead and splits with the milkperson. I had been emotionally swindled, sucked in because I knew neither the names nor the plot.

The rest of my Mountain Dew went down smoothly.

The day hadn't changed. The sun and the breeze and the hints of new grass were as encouraging and renewing as they had seemed earlier. I wondered if Jerri would consider playing second base for Crown....

archy



dere editor i want to call to yur atenshun a new broshur that apered in the lit room about the new eq 2 it is pozitivly the best leeflet i ever tasted  
unfortunatly i almost got cawt by one of the girls i think i herd som body call her kriss  
she was running that masheen that puts papers in order wants she stomped her fut becawse it didnt work rite and that time i reely jumped  
but back to the broshur the cullers wer so delectibul and added extra flavor and i hily recomend it to one and all

archy

# Puzzle of the Month

## EQUATIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Nicaragua, a country that must be a mathematicians' paradise, not long ago issued ten postage stamps bearing LAS 10 FORMULAS MATHEMATICAS QUE CAMBIARON LA FAZ DE LA TERRA (The 10 mathematical formulas that changed the face of the world). Here are the formulas along with their definitions. How many can you match?

(a)  $1 + 1 = 2$

(b)  $f = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$

(c)  $E = mc^2$

(d)  $e^{1nN} = N$

(e)  $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$

(f)  $S = k \log W$

(g)  $V = V_e \ln \frac{m_0}{m_1}$

(h)  $\lambda = h/mv$

(i)  $V^2 E = \frac{Ku}{c^2} \frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta t^2}$

(j)  $F_1 x_1 = F_2 X_2$

(1) Einstein's formula for the conversion of matter to energy.

(2) Pythagoras' formula for the relationship of the two sides and hypotenuse of a right triangle.

(3) Konstantin Tsiolkovskii's equation giving the changing speed of a rocket as it burns the weight of its fuel.

(4) The formula for tallying of possessions or exchange.

(5) Sir Isaac Newton's formula for gravitation.

(6) John Napier's logarithm formula, which provided a multiplication and division method simply by adding or subtracting the logarithms of numbers.

(7) Ludwig Boltzmann's equation for the behavior of gases.

(8) Archimedes' formula for the lever.

(9) Louis de Broglie's equation for light as a form of energy.

(10) James Clerk Maxwell's formula equating electricity and magnetism.

## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

### 8. Vests and Vocations

A diagram will help:

	car-	baker	hunter	walker	helio-	brown	cerise	trope	white
Mr Baker	x				x				
Mr Carpenter	✓	x	x	x		x			
Mr Hunter	x		x	x			x		
Mr Walker	x			x				x	
brown	x		x						
cerise		x							
heliotrope			x						
white				x					

1. Mark in, as shown, the facts that Mr Baker is not the baker and does not wear a brown shirt, etc.

2. Mark in also, as shown, the facts given that Mr Hunter is not the walker, that the hunter did not wear a brown shirt, and that Mr Carpenter was the baker. (Note that from this last, positive, information we can deduce, as shown, that Mr Carpenter is not the hunter or the walker, and that the baker is not Mr Hunter, or Mr Walker.)

(These facts are marked in. The reader is advised to mark in other facts as they are discovered.)

3. By elimination Mr Baker was the walker. ∴ by elimination Mr Walker was the hunter. ∴ by elimination Mr Hunter was the carpenter.

4. Since the walker was Mr Baker, who did not wear a brown shirt, ∴ the walker did not wear a brown shirt. Similarly Mr Baker did not wear a white shirt. By elimination the carpenter wore a brown shirt. ∴ Mr Hunter (who is the carpenter) wore a brown shirt.

5. ∴ by elimination Mr Carpenter wore a white shirt. ∴ the baker (Mr Carpenter) wore a white shirt.

6. ∴ by elimination the hunter wore a cerise shirt and by elimination the walker wore a heliotrope shirt, and rest follows easily.

∴ complete solution is:

Mr Baker is the walker and wore a heliotrope shirt; Mr Carpenter is the baker and wore a white shirt; Mr Hunter is the carpenter and wore a brown shirt; Mr Walker is the hunter and wore a cerise shirt.

**Never use tools  
or equipment with-  
out training and  
authorization**



Grand Canyon guide: "It took millions of years to carve out this." Tourist: "Oh, it was a government project!"

## Notes from All Over

Like everyone else, Purchasing is busy preparing for Inventory. Our biggest project right now is updating the Master Inventory Cost Report and correlating it with the buy cards and purchase orders. Bob and Murray have been working on the IC problem, resulting with Murray taking a trip to our transformer vendor in Goodland, Indiana . . . News from Plant 2 includes this little bit of horsing around: springlike weather brought out the horse-shoes on March 8th. A game between Ike Kulp and Gene Gevaert was played. Ike lost the game by a score of 15 to 8. The following day Ike and Pete Coleman teamed up against Gene and Mel Smith. Three quick games were played with the following score: 21-0, 21-5, 6-1; with Ike and Pete on the losing end. Maybe Ike will have better luck on his next time playing . . . Line 2 has been helping Line 4 by doing one of their batches of OCA's for them . . The past three or four weeks the Set Com night shift has been extremely exciting. It seems as if everytime we start producing, something goes wrong. Example: All of batch 13 and on of the D-60's had to be modified because of oscillation problems. A number of DCA on-off switches had to be replaced due to manufacturing assembly error. The ICA's are presently on a hold due to the need to find a cure for voltage regulation problems. The good that has come out of all this is time to cross-train personnel. Jeff Peare is presently learning how to do all the positions in the department.

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### IT'S THE LAW!

All over the country there are hundreds of cockeyed ordinances that clutter up the law books simply because legislators have not gotten around to repealing them. Here and in future issues of the CRIER we will include a few, just for the joy of laughing at them.

Do be careful in Denver, Colorado, where a law says that you must not step out of an airplane in the air unless there is an emergency.

Taking a bath in winter time is prohibited in Clinton, Indiana.

### DON'T RILE THE HORSES

Many carpoolers have learned that a set of rules early in the life of the carpool can help to make it successful. Agreements about smoking, what to do in case of tardiness, playing the radio, and other annoyances can reduce friction and help make the ride more pleasant for everyone.

More than 100 years ago a well known stagecoach company learned that such rules were necessary. The following rules of Wells, Fargo & Company might be adapted to your carpool, with slight modifications:

- If ladies are present, gentlemen are urged to forgo smoking cigars and pipes as the odor of same is repugnant to the Gentle Sex.
- Abstinence from liquor is requested, but if you must drink, share your bottle. To do otherwise makes you appear selfish and unneighborly.
- Gentlemen must refrain from the use of rough language in the presence of ladies and children.
- Don't snore loudly while sleeping or use your fellow passenger's shoulder for a pillow as friction may result.
- Firearms may be kept on your person for use in emergencies. Do not fire them for pleasure or shoot at wild animals as the sound riles the horses.
- In the event of runaway horses, remain calm. Leaping from the coach in panic will leave you injured, and at the mercy of the elements, hostile Indians, and hungry coyotes.
- Gents guilty of unchivalrous behavior toward lady passengers will be put off the stage. It's a long walk back. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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