

# CROWDER

DECEMBER 1986

## THE BOSSES' CHRISTMAS SURPRISES

It was Friday, Dec. 19, 1986 and all lines were in full swing - even Line 6. When what to BARB STOCK (Line 6 Supr.) should appear but a fat jolly Santa and his elf quite dear. We hear Barb was both embarrassed and pleased, but more pleased than embarrassed, with her gift.

DEB SELNER's friends played the roles!



But Santa did not stop there; he patiently listened to CRAIG HUNTER's (Line 4/5 Supr.) and PAUL BARNA's (Coordinator) pleas for presents.



RUTH OVERHULSER (Module Coordinator) They love to catch her with her mouth open!

Paul looks a might uncomfortable, but happy!



There's much that could be said about bosses but these are just a few observations contributed by concerned employees.

"What is a boss?" It's a person who's late when you're early and early when you're late!

"What bugs the boss?" According to Accountemps, here are the things they dislike most in the following order:

- Dishonesty and lying.
- Irresponsibility, goofing off and attending to personal business on company time.
- Arrogance and ego problems.
- Not following instructions or ignoring them.
- Complaining to fellow employees.
- Lack of commitment or dedication.
- Lack of motivation, laziness.

All those who make New Year's resolutions, take note!

## SOME GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person.

A lasting gift to a child is the gift of a parent's listening ear - and heart.

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## personnel paraphernalia

**DON AND KIM BILLER** are the parents of a bouncing baby boy, born Dec. 7. WELCOME, TYLER LOWELL!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1987 officers of the Employee Committee:

MARY MILLER	- President
JEFF BENDER	- Vice President
CAROL LAWS	- Secretary
DAVE JUDAY	- Treasurer
SUE RAMSBY	- Social/Hospitality Chr.

A BIG THANK YOU to **CHIP ESTEP** and **RANDY SECOR**, who have put forth a lot of effort on some well-organized projects and have served us well!

**JIM BEATTIE** never knows what to expect in his gum machine when he returns from his travels. He didn't expect these!



**ART MATTOX** was the proud owner of a turkey carcass adorned with a white ribbon, after Thanksgiving. The verse read something like, "When the stomach growls, The Service Man howls. Here's something to gnaw on!" It was rumored the giver was someone who works in the Lit Room.

## new employee profile

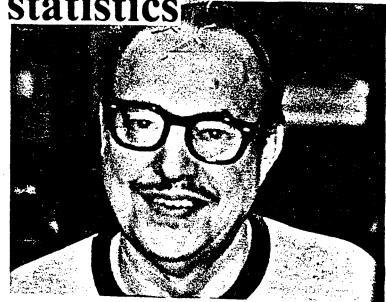


**DIANNE YODER**

BORN: Oct. 2 HOME: Osceola  
Accounts Payable Clerk and Payroll Assistant

Dianne has three children who swim on the YMCA Swim Team, which takes care of her leisure time!

## vital statistics



**GALE BALMER**

BORN: 7/13, Elkhart; QA Incoming Parts Inspector; Wife: Merrylynn in Modules Sons: Dan and Kent.

Gale is an expert at decorating Ukrainian Easter Eggs and is busy preparing for Easter demonstrations and lectures. He is also interested in history, travel, art, foreign languages and collecting military band records and traveling.

FIRST JOB: Sold magazines door-to-door.

FAVORITE BOOK: Bible

FAVORITE PERFORMER: Leonard Nimoy

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Star Trek; Muppet Show

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Learning to skate and swim

PERSONAL HEROES: Jesus; St. Paul; St. Peter; Geo. Washington; Abe Lincoln

EVERY NEW YEAR'S I RESOLVE: To visit colonial cemetaries to make tombstone rubbings.

MY WEAKNESS IS: Stopping at cemetaries and battlefields when traveling.

BEST JOB IN THE WORLD: QA Inspector

THE WORST TIME OF MY LIFE: When I missed a military flight to Europe during the Falkland Island crisis.

THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE: When I visited relatives in Switzerland.

IF I'VE LEARNED ANYTHING IN LIFE: IT'S: We are here to glorify God.

**A LOST CHAPTER FROM HERODOTUS**  
From GOD IN THE DOCK by C.S. Lewis

(This concerns the people of the island of Niatirb, "Who surpass all the men of whom we know in patience and endurance when they use the following customs".)

**In the middle of winter when fogs and rains most abound they have a great festival which they call Exmas, and for fifty days they prepare for it in the fashion I shall describe. First of all, every citizen is obliged to send to each of his friends and relations a square piece of hard paper stamped with a picture, which in their speech is called an Exmas-card. But the pictures represent birds sitting on branches, or trees with a dark green prickly leaf, or else men in such garments as the Niatirbians believe that their ancestors wore two hundred years ago. And the Niatirbians are unwilling to say what these pictures have to do with the festival, guarding (as I suppose) some sacred mystery. And because all men must send these cards the market-place is filled with the crowd of those buying them, so that there is great labor and weariness.**

**But having bought as many as they suppose to be sufficient, they return to their houses and find there the like cards which others have sent to them. And when they find cards from any to whom they also have sent cards, they throw them away and give thanks to the gods that this labor at least is over for another year. But when they find cards from any to whom they have not sent, then they beat their breasts and wail and utter curses against the sender, and they put on their boots again and go out into the fog and rain and buy a card for him also. And let this account suffice about Exmas-cards.**

**They also send gifts to one another, suffering the same things about the gifts as the cards, or even worse. And the sellers of gifts no less than the**

**Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.**

purchasers become pale and weary because of the crowds and the fog, so that any man who came into a Niatirbian city at this season would think some great calamity had fallen on Niatirb. This fifty days of preparation is called in their barbarian speech the Exmas Rush.

**But when the day of the festival comes, most of the citizens, being exhausted with the Rush, lie in bed till noon. But in the evening they eat five times as much supper as usual and become intoxicated. On the day after Exmas they are very grave, being internally disorderd by the supper and the drinking and reckoning how much they have spent on gifts and on the wine.**

**Such, then, are their customs about the Exmas. But the few among the Niatirbians have also a festival, separate and to themselves, called Crissmas, which is on the same day as Exmas. And those who keep Crissmas, doing the opposite to the majority of the Niatirbians, rise early on that day with shining faces and go before sunrise to certain temples where they partake of a sacred feast. And in most of the temples they set out images of a fair woman with a new-born Child on her knees and certain animals and shepherds adoring the Child. (The reason of these images is given in a certain sacred story which I know but do not repeat.)**

**But what Hecataeus says, that Exmas and Crissmas are the same, is not credible. For first, the pictures which are stamped on the Exmas-cards have nothing to do with the sacred story which the priests tell about Crissmas. And, secondly, the most part of the Niatirbians, not believing the religion of the few, nevertheless send the gifts and cards and participate in the Rush and drink. But it is not likely that men, even being barbarians, should suffer so many and great things in honor of a god they do not believe in. And now, enough about Niatirb. (Edited)**

**Let kindness come with every gift, and good desire with every greeting. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts.**

**- Robert Lewis Stevenson**

## customer comments



Seasons greetings came to Customer Service with this and other photos from Cecilia and Eddie Acemyn who service Crown equipment at "Eddie's Electronics Service" in LA. With soldering iron in hand son Chris uses his own insertion techniques on the circuit board at hand. Nothing like starting them young!

### Some quotable quotes:

"I am returning your \$5.00 check which was issued as a refund on \$5.00 I sent with a recent info request. After 13 years of virtually trouble-free service and pleasure from my DC-300, IC-150, and CX-824, I am a lifetime Crown supporter. Your no-nonsense literature meets the same quality standards as your equipment, so it is a pleasure to pay for it."

- Dave Blair, Rome, NY

"I received the Sound Grabber.. May I say again I am so pleased I could replace the old one. Your claims regarding this item are far too modest. Prior to finding your microphones I had invested many hundreds of dollars searching for a microphone of this quality.

I have been a sound buff since retirement. With your microphones and a Marantz portable cassette recorder I have made professional sounding tapes."

- H. G. Allshouse, Phoenix, AZ

"In a time where 'flash and trash' are increasingly the norm, I have always felt that CROWN and a few others (e.g. McIntosh) were the last bastions of design competence, execution, performance, value and truth. May CROWN and others like you prosper in whichever way you choose to serve your identified markets."

- Robert L. Goodwin

"Our firm has been using your PCC and PZM-style microphones for sound reinforcement and theatre use for slightly over a year now with great results! Your products are well built and have withstood the rigors of touring sound where other products have failed."

- Peter D. Butt, Communications Facilities, Lexington Pk., MD

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### OLIVE DIP

1 8 oz. Pkg. Cream Cheese

3/4 Cup Mayonnaise

4 oz. Olives

Mix cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Fold in olives.

### CHINESE COOKIES

12 oz. Chocolate Chips

12 oz. Butterscotch Chips

1 Can Chow Mein Noodles

Melt chips and remove from heat. Add noodles; drop on wax paper; let harden.

From Jan Smith's husband Keith:

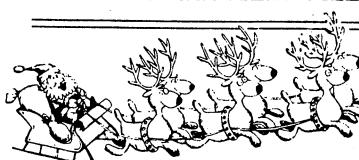
### MINI-REESES CUP COOKIES

1. Find the "chilled dough" section at grocery - Buy 1 roll Peanut Butter Cookie Dough.
2. Go home.
3. Divide dough into 36-40 walnut-sized portions.
4. Bake in tart pan for 10 min. at wrapper-designated temperature.
5. Take from oven - use hot pad.
6. Unwrap 2 Mini-Reeses Cups.
7. Eat one/put other into warm center of cookie.
8. Let cool COMPLETELY. Eat 3-4 Reeses.
9. Remove peanut-butter-cookie-w/Reeses-in-middle from pan.
10. Go to 4. and repeat till you run out of dough or Reeses.

Seen as a P.S. on a recent Memo from the Night Shift techs:

"How do you tell if someone has worked on the Amistar?"

Ans. - "He walks bent over and sends letters to RIPLEYS BELIEVE IT OR NOT!"



## editorial

Crown's annual Christmas dinner was once again an elegant affair at the Century Center in South Bend. Employees, spouses and friends, retirees, and Board Members enjoyed the colorful setting, good food and a chance to visit. Ron Eckberg, a Christian vocalist who sings in the style of John Denver, entertained with a selection of songs, accompanying himself on guitar and piano. The door prizes were grand and plentiful.

We extend a big "Thank you" to Crown for providing this occasion as a beautiful beginning to our Christmas season. Thank you, too to the Managers for their planning, Shelda Jensen for Coordinating the seating and reservations arrangements, Marcia Gall and Howard King for accompanying and leading our traditional carol singing, Sheryl Gingerich for the layout of the printed program, and a special "Thank you!" to the Printing House for printing the program.

Dale Kauffman and Don Peterson did a great job on the sound for the evening and Jim Beattie, Mary Miller, and Shelda assisted with the prizes.

All in all, a beautiful evening, much appreciated!

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What shall I wish you for Christmas,  
This season of joy and delight,  
The sound of carol songsters  
On a starlit Christmas night?

What can I wish you for Christmas?  
What is the thing you desire?  
Is it health, wealth, or happiness,  
Or the warmth of a Christmas fire?

What can I wish you for Christmas  
To give all the joy I am able--  
A merry time with good, true friends  
Around the fare of a Christmas table?

So much I would wish you for Christmas,  
Yet only my greetings I send,  
For all that I have to offer  
Is the sincere heart of a friend.

- Olive Miller, IDEALS

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**BABY FACE: Cynthia J. Hartigan**  
(Portrait displayed on Bulletin Board)

## MY FAVORITE TIME

The week after Christmas  
I like best of all;  
The rushing is over  
And friends come to call.

The fruitcake is ready,  
The cookies are made,  
And leisure for reading  
The cards on parade.

There's time for relaxing,  
Old dreams to recall,  
The week after Christmas  
I like best of all.

- Hilda Butler Farr, IDEALS

## A WINTER-BRIGHTENING IDEA

Did you receive a bulb (some people thought it was an onion!) from your friendly Midwest Commerce Bank this fall? Here is what you can do with it:

1. Select a container with good drainage and put some broken clay pieces or marbles over the drainage hole.
2. Fill it part way with soil mixture - light soil with weed-free garden dirt, peat, and sand.
3. Put bulb(s) on top of soil (don't press in), pointed end up. The tips should reach the top of the pot.
4. Pack the remaining soil around the bulb(s), leaving the tops visible.
5. Water thoroughly from top or set in water until top becomes moist.
6. Place in cool, dark spot for 8 to 10 weeks.
7. After 8 - 10 weeks, when roots have formed, bring the pot into a warm, dark spot. Water lightly until sprouts emerge. Gradually move the pot to a sunny area and water regularly to keep the potting soil slightly moist.
8. The flowers will bloom a few weeks after the pot is brought into a warm room, about 12 weeks altogether.



# Christmas Joy

Tuck some joy into each toy  
That you have Santa send.  
Ask God to bless each greeting card  
You mail out to a friend.

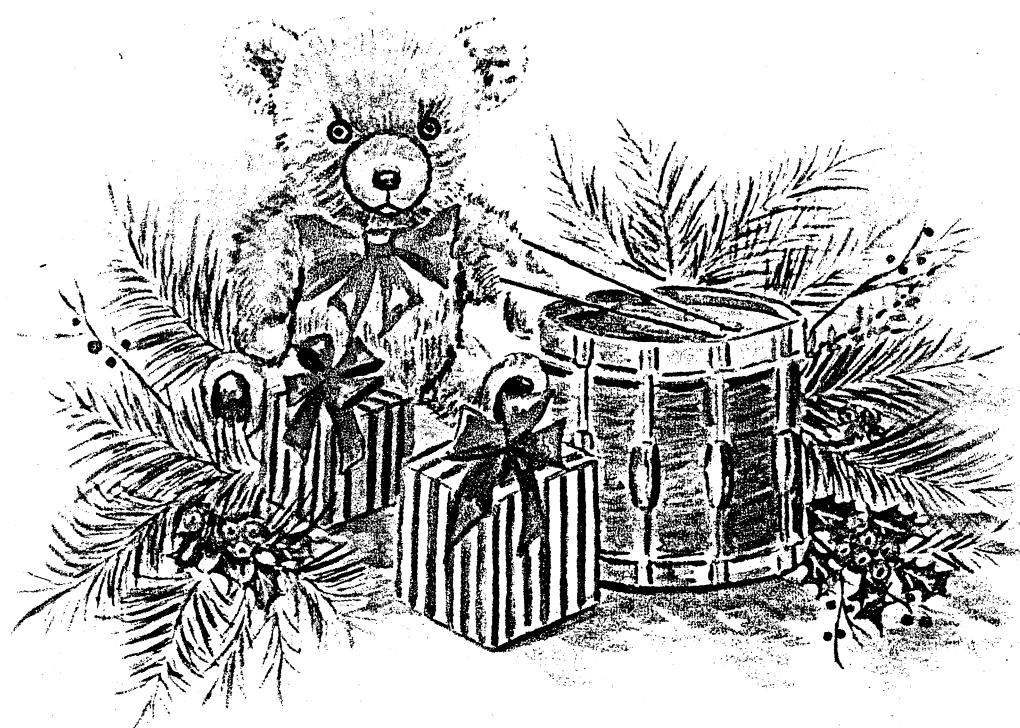
Shout Yuletide cheer into each ear  
As you greet passersby.  
Let your voice ring in a carol  
That echoes to the sky.

Be oh, so bold with silver and gold  
As you trim your Christmas tree.  
Put a shiny star way up high  
For everyone to see.

Have your feast but look to the east  
For the Star of Bethlehem.  
Wear a joyous smile and pause awhile  
To remember Jerusalem.

Remember Christ's birth upon the earth  
On this joyous Christmas Day.  
Thank God above for a Savior to love  
When you kneel down to pray.

Florence Weber



JOHN DRUCKENMILLER