

# CROWN CRIER

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## special contribution

### THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Excerpts from an article by Ernest V. Liddle, INTEREST Magazine. Complete article posted on the Crown Bulletin Board.

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The center of Christmas is the exalted, reigning Christ. Although He came in a cradle and died on the cross, the Christ of Christmas is the Christ with the crown. He has left the roles of His earthly ministry, even though they were necessary to His humiliation. He is now the ever-living and ever-abiding Christ of glory.

The concern of Christmas goes deeper than the spirit of the season. It transcends the happiness, the merriment and the exchanging of gifts. The primary concern of Christmas is much more. As Paul writes, "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Our chief concern this Christmas should be the same as the participants in the first Christmas events. We, too, should worship, praise and glorify the Lord, centering our attention and thoughts on Him.

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Knowing without doing is like plowing without sowing.

## baby faces



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## BBS now on-line

A new service is now available for Crown employees. The Crown Link Electronic Bulletin System is now available. Just as a regular Bulletin Board is a convenient method to share information, the Crown Link exists for the same purpose. With 400+ employees, numerous reps, dealers, vendors, customers, etc. communication is always a difficult task. The Crown Link BBS will help with some of this communication.

Presently the Bulletin Board has "conferences" for Crown employees, Crown Reps, Crown products, Sysgen users, a Technical Conference, a "For Sale" Conference, and Electronic Message Conference and a conference for MacIntosh users. Each conference has information specific to that area of interest.

For example, the Crown Employee Conference has messages congratulating people on the birth of children, Employee Committee election results, the last few CROWN CRIERS, Employee Computer Purchase Policy, etc. This conference is accessible to Crown Employees only.

In the main section of the BBS there are many good "Public Domain" (or "shareware") programs that are available to down load. Many files involve learning about computers. Other files available are such things as communication programs, a tax estimator, loan calculator, picture of the Statue of Liberty, Spanish tutorial, the entire Bible, games and humor. There are approximately 200 files presently and more being added on a regular basis. Most files are for IBM compatible personal computers.

The most recent addition to the BBS is a conference for Apple MacIntosh users. Files for MAC users are being added to this conference.

Feel free to access the BBS. All you need is access to a personal computer (or terminal) a modem and a telephone line. One advantage to an Electronic Bulletin Board is that it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number to call is 875-8430.

The future direction of the BBS will be determined by input from the users. If you have a thought about how the BBS can better serve Crown employees and associates, leave the comment on the BBS or see me.

- Steve Peer, Ext. 285

## vital statistics



SHARON ARNOLD came to Crown three years ago to work in Modules where she now runs the wave-solder machine.

She and her husband of 28 years live in Osceola where they are working on finishing their basement and remodeling their bathroom. They have two children, a son, Robert, who is 27 and a daughter, Jerris, who is 24.

Sharon was born in Sisston, South Dakota on May 10, 1944. Her favorite childhood memory is visiting her favorite aunt's farm in South Dakota.

She recalls the best time of her life being their Hawaiian vacation. If she could go anywhere in the world she would enjoy any South Pacific Island or even seeing more of the United States.

Sharon enjoys sewing, crossword puzzles, fishing, and watching her favorite television programs, Cosby, Oprah, and Newhart. She says the best movies she has ever seen are "Love Story" and "Mask".

Her favorite season of the year is Spring. She likes seeing the trees get new leaves and watching the flowers bloom. "Everything seems fresh and new!"

If she's learned anything in life, it's that life is full of ups and downs, and she believes that without the downs we wouldn't appreciate the ups! She also feels that the best advice that anyone could give would be to start each day with a positive attitude.

Sharon's weakness is food in general; she just can't refuse sweets.

A personal hero of hers is an aunt who is a very special lady--"A very loving and sweet person!", Sharon says.

When asked what she considers to be the perfect age, Sharon replied, "I haven't found it yet, but I feel every year has new hopes and dreams." When asked what she thought the best job in the world would be, she replied that she wasn't sure, that she hadn't found that yet either.

A favorite color of Sharon's is red and the thing she dislikes most in people is dishonesty.

## personnel paraphernalia



**PAMM JANOWIAK**, Supervisor of the Design/Drafting Group in Crown Engineering, was elected Vice President of the Racal-Redac Users Group at their September Conference in San Diego, CA.

She has served as Secretary on the Board of Directors since 1986 and carried major responsibility in planning this year's 3-day conference. Pamm also presented a workshop on the specifics of design concerns for the design workstation of the type Crown uses.

Redac is the manufacturer of the computer-aided design (CAD) equipment used in Crown Engineering to design circuit boards. Pamm is Systems Operation Manager of the Redac printed circuit board CAD system, as well as the Mechanical CAD system.

**MEL SMITH**, Fab night shift, celebrated 15 years of Crown employment November 19. His wife and children brought in cake, ice cream and punch for the night crew in honor of the occasion. Congratulations, Mel!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD PARENTS OF...

**JASMINE NICOLE CHANDLER (KIM CHANDLER)**, Information Systems Computer Programmer) born Oct. 20 and weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.. (Picture on door of Programming Office!)

**CORA ANNIE SMELTZER (ARNOLD SMELTZER)**, Specialty Technician), 6 lbs. 14 oz..

**SAMANTHA LOUISE WIGENT (ALAN & LINDA WIGENT)**, born Fri., Nov. 20, 11:29 PM; 6 lbs. 9 oz, 19" long.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL LAWS, on her promotion to Marketing Dept. Secretary and to SHERRY BLACKWOOD, new Lit Room assistant.

BABY FACES: SHIRLEY HAVN & SON MIKE

CONGRATULATIONS TO CINDY SWALD, KEN BONTRAGER, and ROD SCHROCK, new Employee Committee members. After extensive campaigning (super productions, actually), the new members are resting on their laurels until they take office in January, 1988.

BEST WISHES TO GALE BALMER, who will be retiring from his 13 1/2 year job as QA Inspector at the end of the year. We will miss Gale's quiet ways and his sharing of his artistic gift of Ukrainian Pysanka, decorating eggshells.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO:  
**THE CROWN CHRISTMAS DINNER**, at 6:30 PM, Monday, December 7, at the Century Center in South Bend. Parking is free for Crown employees and guests. This evening of beautiful people and decorations, music, entertainment, good food (Chicken Cordon Bleu and Stuffed Flounder), and door prizes is always a treat.

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA** will be set-up early the week of December 7. Help decorating is very welcome. Donations of mittens and scarves for needy families are requested to decorate the tree again this year, in addition to the traditional decorations.

**SHOPPING TRIPS TO CHICAGO WATER TOWER AND WOODFIELD MALLS**, Saturday, Dec. 12. Busses will leave promptly at 7:00 am so be here to find a seat at 6:45 or so.

**HEARTY THANK YOU'S TO CROWN MANAGEMENT** for delicious and plentiful turkey and ham for our Thanksgiving holidays.

**DON'T FORGET THE CROWN AUCTION, WED.-FRI., DEC. 9-11!** According to Auctioneer Don Florea, there is something for everyone!

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## customer comments

You are very kind to send a new microphone! When I returned the old one, it was simply to have it checked over as to what caused the malfunction. I really appreciate and thank you for the new mic. It is working perfectly and picking up all the lies that people tell when testifying.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Eugene Hinton, C.S.R.  
Official Court Reporter  
19th Judicial Circuit  
Waukegan, IL

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## on the other hand

### SECRETS OF THE BALLOT R. David McLaughlin

For pure, high-spirited chicanery, it is hard to beat an election, or its aftermath.

"I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to my opponent, who waged the cleanest campaign imaginable to a person of his limited character. How this horse-thieving molester of the weak and helpless managed to avoid a jail cell for six months in a row is beyond my grasp, but somehow he did and I am profoundly grateful for his valiant efforts to keep the campaign on a higher level than I for one expected. This creature, whose kindness and generosity can scarcely be seen by the naked eye, has raised the art of tossing manure to new standards of accuracy."

Thus the jubilant winner offers the back of his newly elected hand to the humiliated loser.

Elections must be taken personally by the participants - they are personal. Minor flaws in the individuals on the ballot become towering character defects under the magnifying influence of a political campaign. Tiny, barely noticeable good deeds become magnificent flights of high moral purpose in these conditions.

It is hard for you and me, who ponder the tv ads and newspaper articles, to sort through the heaps of political scrap and barrels of hot-winded bragging to find the bits of truth we need in order to vote with confidence.

My son asked me why voting was supposed to be done in secret. Being the serious type of parent who tries to explain things he does not understand to his children, I began describing the desire of the founders of our country to keep anyone from trying unfairly to influence voters while they were voting. When voting, a person was supposed to be alone with his conscience, his ballot, and his dice, I said.

Partway through this overly detailed attempt to put thoughts in the Founding Fathers' minds, I suddenly caught on to their true purpose as they insisted on a secret ballot. They knew all about political campaigns and how to dress up a crippled mule and sell him as a horse. So they just wanted each of us to have a fair chance of escaping the embarrassment of voting in public for any of the rascals on the ballot.

## kalorie korner

### GOLDEN FRUITCAKE

1 1/2 C. butter                      3 1/2 C. flour  
2 C. sugar                          1/2 tsp. salt  
6 eggs, separated              2 C. golden raisins  
1 C. milk                          1/2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1 C. chopped, dried apricots  
1 tsp. Brandy extract  
1/2 C. chopped, candied orange peel  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 C. coarsely chopped walnuts  
**BEAT** butter until light and creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until smooth. Beat egg yolks together lightly and add. Combine milk, brandy, and vanilla. Mix flour and salt together. Alternately add milk mix and flour mix to butter mix. Fold in fruit and nuts. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until stiff but not dry. Fold in fruit and nuts. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until stiff but not dry. Fold whites into batter gently but thoroughly. Pour mixture into 2 buttered and floured 6 C. molds or pans. Bake at 275° for 2 1/2 hrs. or until tests done. Cool. Unmold.

### TOFFEE SQUARES

1 C. butter or margarine              2 C. flour  
1 C. packed brown sugar              1/4 tsp. salt  
1 egg yolk                          3-4 milk chocolate bars  
1 tsp. vanilla                      1/2 C. chopped nuts  
**HEAT** oven to 350°. Mix butter, sugar, egg yolk and vanilla. Stir in flour and salt until dough is well blended. Spread in a 13 X 9 pan and bake 25-30 minutes. Crust will be soft. Remove from oven. Immediately place separated squares of chocolate on top. Let stand until soft; spread evenly over entire surface. Sprinkle with nuts. Cut in

small squares while warm.

### SEE'S FUDGE

#### PUT IN BOWL:

1 1/2 c. chocolate chips  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 C. butter  
1 C. walnuts, chopped (opt.)

#### MELT IN TOP OF DOUBLE BOILER:

1 Tbsp. water  
10 marshmallows  
**BRING TO BOIL** and boil slowly for 8 minutes:  
2 C. sugar  
1/2 C. evaporated milk  
**ADD** this to melted marshmallows; then add chocolate chip mixture. Beat to desired consistency; pour into a buttered pan. Cut in squares.