

# CRITER

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## i love dandelions

"Psst. I love dandelions." This must be whispered quietly and quickly. I do not dare to proclaim this in public. I would be ostracized by friends and neighbors.

My neighbors are usually gentle folk who tend their flower beds, plant gardens, and socialize over the back fence, but every spring these same neighbors undergo a frightening metamorphosis. They shed their gentle, unassuming exteriors and become ruthless attackers. They advance armed with knives, shovels, picks, and poisons. They bribe small, defenseless children to help them; they use extreme methods of eradication. Neighbors who won't join the war are shunned and talked about in most uncomplimentary terms.

Who is this terrible foe? A small yellow flower. I cannot understand why people spend days digging at dandelions. I spend days planting seeds that never sprout, plants that don't produce, annuals that end, perennials that poop. Yet, every spring--without fail--hundreds of these lovely dandelions appear without any preplanning, planting, or pruning. These bright yellow buttons (the Chinese call them "yellow-flowered-earth-nails") promise sunny, summer days ahead.

I'm not the only one who likes dandelions. Pioneer women, homesick for their eastern homes, planted tiny plots of dandelions on the rolling prairies of the West. Gophers, prairie dogs, pheasants, goldfinches, and sparrows eat dandelion seeds. Rabbits, chipmunks, deer, and porcupines eat the plants. Indians and early settlers ate the greens as vegetables and used them to make medicines. They roasted the roots to make a coffee-like beverage.

Dandelions are definitely good to eat,

and who am I to criticize free food? Young leaves, cut before the bud develops, can be used in salads or as greens. Farmers around Vineland, New Jersey, even grow them as a cash crop. Have you tried dandelion wine?

Children love to blow the fluffy seed heads (they don't realize the germination rate is often ninety percent, even if the neighbors do). Kids make yards and yards of dandelion chains from the hollow stems, and how can you tell if a friend likes butter if you don't hold a dandelion under his chin? And what mother's heart doesn't melt when a toddler sticks out a chubby handful of dandelions and says "I love you."

You can even send a message to your beloved by whispering into the dandelion puffball. When you blow all the seeds away at once, the message will be carried to your loved one. If only one seed remains, that means your lover is thinking of you.

Dandelions are not as useless as my neighbors seem to think. I just smugly smile and go about my business as they carry on their war, for I know (and so do they--deep in their hearts) that they can't win. Dandelion tap roots can extend more than three feet into the earth, bringing up enriching minerals to help the soil. New plants start if any root is left.

"Wage war," I say, "but the dandelion will live forever, and it is about time for them to stand up and be counted!"

Carol Hammond  
IDEALS, MOTHER'S DAY, 1987

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NOTE: This was a hold-over from the May CRIER which was not published due to priority busyness--a typical May problem! Let's look ahead to the good things that June holds in store! LM

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**vital statistics**



**HAROLD GREELEY**

November 26 Manchester, NH  
Accounting Dept. Cost Accountant  
Harold and wife, Bonnie, live in Mishawaka. Harold has 5 step-sons.

Currently Harold is isolating costs for each Crown product to help in improving product profitability. His FIRST JOB was cost accountant for Honeywell in Manchester, NH, but he finds working at Crown, the BEST JOB IN THE WORLD.

The Bible is Harold's FAVORITE BOOK, but "IF HE'S LEARNED ANYTHING IN LIFE, IT'S, to listen to what people have to say. People are the most important earthly resource that we have." However, THE ONE THING HE CAN'T STAND IN PEOPLE, is not being real!

"Webster" and "The Cosby Show" are TV FAVORITES. He likes spectator sports and bowling, softball, and golf. His FAVORITE MEMORY is pitching hay on the farm. IF HE WERE GOING TO THE MOON, HE'D TAKE "plenty to eat"! He likes anything edible, but EVERY NEW YEARS HE RESOLVES "to eat less". NOBODY KNOWS "he won't"! Harold says that his WEAKNESS IS OVEREATING AND LACK OF EXERCISE!

**baby face**



**personnel paraphernalia**

EDITOR'S NOTE: After talking to Brahma Nand and writing the following article, we read about the military coup in Fiji. Since that time the military and political factions have come to some agreements towards forming a new government but the situation is unstable. We will be posting some news clippings on the bulletin board.

In the meantime, Brahma's family has had to cancel reservations and plans, because of the scarcity of food and danger in traveling in and out of Fiji. They are working on alternative plans, not the least of which is how to get the groom out of Fiji to another location for the wedding.

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**BRAHMA** and **SAROJANI NAND** and their family are making plans for the wedding of one of their beautiful daughters, Irene Vineeta Nand and Shailendra Sautam Pratap, in Suva, Fiji Islands, June 20, 1987. Irene is a Supervisor at G.L. Perry and her husband-to-be is with Westpac Banks in Fiji. The wedding will take place at the Suva St. Gospel Chapel with a reception for 400 guests at the Suva Civic Center.

Getting together for the first time in many years, the family will include daughter, Shirley Veena, and sons, Vishwa, (U.S. Navy) with his wife and baby daughter coming from Hawaii, Peter, from Guam, and Robert, (U.S. Army) from Ft. Carson, Colorado. There will also be relatives and friends from New Zealand and Australia.

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Please note the CRIER erred in reporting Brahma's new granddaughter was born to his daughter. She was born to his son, Vishwa, and his wife in Hawaii.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ED WEIDENHAFT who has been promoted to Corporate Controller.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL AND CHIP ESTEP on the birth ERICA NICOLE. She was born April 26, 1987, and weighed 91bs. and 14 oz. and was 23" long.

Father, Chip, took this in his stride and proceeded to pass the APICS (American Production and Inventory Control Society) MRP exam, as did AARON CARPENTER. Congratulations to both of them on achieving this first step towards APICS Certification.

CARLA LANCASTER AND BEV LAWS also passed their first certification exam, "Capacity Management". BECKY STUBER finished certification requirements (passing 4 out of 5 exams) with this exam. CPIM will soon be a part of her name! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Birth announcements make up the rest of the personnel news this month:

### MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- \*BRENDA ROBERTS AND NEW SON, BRANDON LEE, born May 15.
- \*PAMM AND JOE JANOWIAK AND SON, CODY, May 19.
- \*GREG AND BERTIE EBY AND DAUGHTER, KATIE MARIE, May 17.
- \*SUSANNA AND ART GILLISON AND DAUGHTER, DANIELLE RENEE, May 22.
- \*STEVE AND CARRIE BUTZ AND DAUGHTER, KELLI DIANE.
- \*TIM AND SUE BOCK AND SON, DANIEL MERRIL, June 4.

## sports shorts

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RUNNERS (THE WHOLE 10K!) OF THE GREAT RACE ON MEMORIAL DAY:

CARLA LANCASTER  
BEV LAWS  
DAVE MC LAUGHLIN  
RON RAY  
STEVE SCHOLFIELD

ARNOLD SMELTZER  
STEVE PEER  
LARRY JOHN  
TOM SNEDDON

CHUCK GIBSON ran 13.6 miles!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CROWN LADIES BOWLING TEAMS! #1 in the Astro-Nuts League, which has been bowling since Sept., 1986, is CROWN:(L TO R) TRUDY SZERENCSE, ROBERTA HUGHS, CHERYL CROW, CAPTAIN, MARY MILLER, LOIS ROBERTS.



#2 TEAM IS THE CROWN JEWELS:  
GENEVA MILLER, DORIS HOWARD(Sub), NIKKI GEYER, CARMELENE NOFFSINGER, CHERYL DEAK, AND CAPTAIN, NORMA MILLER.



The Crown Womens softball team is having a winning streak - 5 & 0! COACH KIM CURRY told us in assembly, how far they have come as a team. He is proud and we are proud, of both team and Coach!

The Men's Fast Pitch team took 1 out of 3 in the Memorial Weekend Tourney. They are playing in the B League this year and have taken 1 out of 3 in the League.

Schedules are posted on the Bulletin Board. It's a fun time for fans and fans boost the teams! Be there!!

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PING PONG WINNERS:  
GREGG NEFF - Men's Singles A



LEFT-RIGHT, AARON CARPENTER, DEB RYMAN - Mixed Doubles; MARY MILLER, CAROLYN LANDIS - Women's Doubles; TERRY BIRD, ERNIE BIRD - Men's Doubles.



AARON CARPENTER was also Men's Singles B winner and DEB RYMAN, Women's Singles winner.

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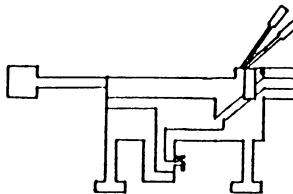
Do you recognize this bird? If not, watch the ping pong area for a clue.



SHAMU THE  
KILLER QUAIL

## new machinery news

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The Cow  
(As seen by an  
automation engineer)

A cow is a completely automated milk-manufacturing machine. It is encased in untanned leather and mounted on four vertical, movable supports, one at each corner. The front end of the machine, or input, contains the cutting and grinding mechanism, utilizing a unique feedback device. Here also are the headlights, air inlet, exhaust, a bumper and a foghorn. At the rear, the machine carries the milk-dispensing equipment as well as a built-in flyswatter and insect repellent. The central portion houses a hydrochemical conversion unit. Briefly, this consists of four fermentation and storage tanks connected in series by an intricate network of flexible plumbing. This assembly also contains the central heating plant complete with automatic temperature controls, pumping station and main ventilating system. The waste disposal apparatus is located to the rear of this central section. Cows are available, fully assembled, in an assortment of sizes and colors. Production output ranges from two to twenty tons per year. In brief, the main external visible features of the cow are: two lookers, two hookers, four stander-uppers, four hanger-downers, and a swishy-wishy. There is a similar machine known as a bull. It gives no milk, but has other uses.

—W. E. Scheer

## new employee profiles

SCOTT ROBBINS (4/13) lives in Mishawaka and applied at Crown at Helen Blackwood's suggestion. He is a Technician for the Service Dept. His AMBITIONS/GOALS are to better himself in electronics and obtain an Associates and eventually a BS in Engineering. Scott's HOBBIESTS/INTERESTS are sporting activities, jogging, and skiing, and spending time with his new wife. He is active in the Grace Baptist Church in South Bend.



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**JOE MCMURPHY** has joined the team of HCJB as Acting Project Director. Joe's first assignment with HCJB was the development of the 500kw transmitter built here at Crown in 1978-80. He returns here with a newly acquired MS in Business Administration from California State University at Hayward, earned while on an extended furlough. His undergraduate degree is in Engineering from California Polytechnic State Univ. in San Luis Obispo.



A missionary interested Joe in missions while he attended a summer camp. He met his wife, Patsy, while attending Vennard Bible College. A friend at Cal Poly suggested missionary radio to him and it was Inter-Cristo which introduced him to a list of 10 possible opportunities. Patsy and Joe both felt led to HCJB and that was what they pursued.

They served from June of 1981 until July of 1985 in Ecuador. He began with the Quito Design Group and two years later served as Design Coordinator of the 500kw transmitter in Pifo.

They will spend two weeks in June in Ecuador, where they will take care of some personal business and also consult with HCJB Headquarters on the Elkhart project. This will be an opportunity for their 5 year old adopted daughter, Karen Joy, to visit her homeland. She is now a naturalized U.S. citizen and a "joy" to them.

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### *Ain't It the Truth!*

"Nothing cures insomnia like the realization that it's time to get up." —A. Jones

"If you think today's kids don't know the value of money, try giving one a nickel." —Uncle Dudley

"Formula for a successful vacation: take half as many clothes as you think you'll need and twice as much money." —K. Motherway

**ROSS BRADY** (11/4) is a Mechanical Engineer in the Engineering Dept. His AMBITIONS/GOALS include making a significant contribution at Crown and improving his computer knowledge. Ross lives in North Liberty and CAME TO CROWN seeking new opportunity in an electronics firm. His HOBBIES/INTERESTS are woodworking, art collecting, fishing, and remodeling and ping pong is a favorite ACTIVITY.

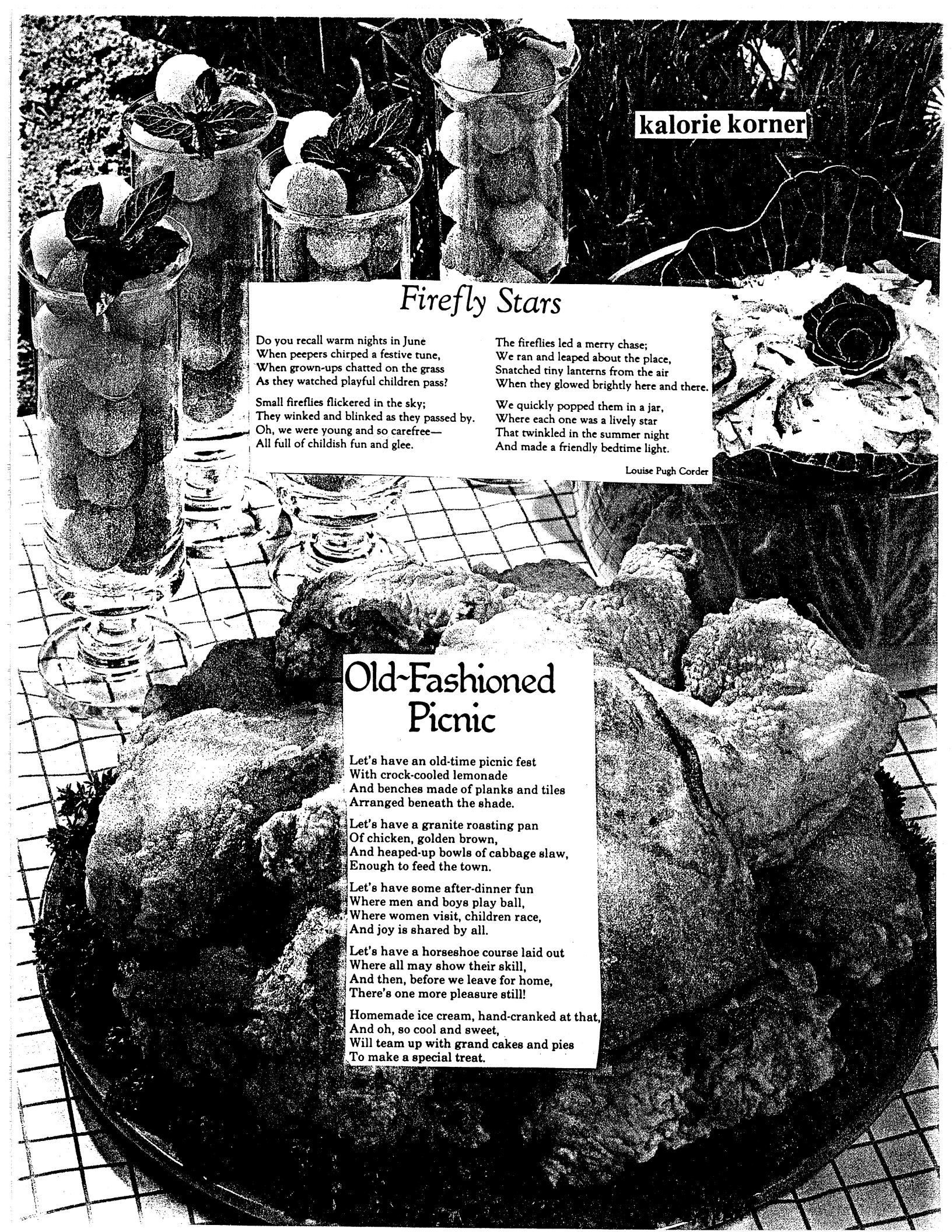


**ELDON JOHN CHADBURN (Skip)**, (6/3 - Happy Birthday, Skip!) lives in Elkhart and was referred to Crown by Don Peterson. His HOBBIES/INTERESTS are photography and woodworking. Skip would like to do "What the Lord would like me to do" in planning for future GOALS. Currently he is working as a QA Inspector.



**MARY CLARK**, (3/7) is an Assembler on Line 6. She lives in Elkhart and enjoys bowling and flowers. Her AMBITION is to live a good life!





## kalorie korner

### Firefly Stars

Do you recall warm nights in June  
When peepers chirped a festive tune,  
When grown-ups chatted on the grass  
As they watched playful children pass?

Small fireflies flickered in the sky;  
They winked and blinked as they passed by.  
Oh, we were young and so carefree—  
All full of childish fun and glee.

The fireflies led a merry chase;  
We ran and leaped about the place,  
Snatched tiny lanterns from the air  
When they glowed brightly here and there.

We quickly popped them in a jar,  
Where each one was a lively star  
That twinkled in the summer night  
And made a friendly bedtime light.

Louise Pugh Corder

### Old-Fashioned Picnic

Let's have an old-time picnic fest  
With crock-cooled lemonade  
And benches made of planks and tiles  
Arranged beneath the shade.

Let's have a granite roasting pan  
Of chicken, golden brown,  
And heaped-up bowls of cabbage slaw,  
Enough to feed the town.

Let's have some after-dinner fun  
Where men and boys play ball,  
Where women visit, children race,  
And joy is shared by all.

Let's have a horseshoe course laid out  
Where all may show their skill,  
And then, before we leave for home,  
There's one more pleasure still!

Homemade ice cream, hand-cranked at that,  
And oh, so cool and sweet,  
Will team up with grand cakes and pies  
To make a special treat.

# Old-Fashioned Picnic

## Southern Fried Chicken

Makes 8 servings

- 1 cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 3½-pound chickens, cut into serving pieces
- Peanut oil

Combine flour, salt, pepper, milk, and eggs; mix well. Dip chicken pieces in batter; set aside. Pour oil into a heavy skillet to a depth of 1 inch. Heat oil over medium heat to 350°. Gently place chicken skin-side down in skillet. Turn pieces as chicken begins to brown. When all pieces are lightly browned, reduce heat and cover. Cook for 25 to 30 minutes. Uncover and cook 10 to 15 minutes more or until large pieces are easily pierced with a fork. Drain chicken on paper towels.

## Summer Fruit Pie

Makes 6 servings

- ¾ cup crushed graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons apple jelly
- 1 tablespoon water
- ½ cup grapes
- ½ cup blueberries
- ½ cup strawberries, halved
- 2 fresh peaches, sliced

Preheat oven to 350°. In a bowl, stir together graham crackers, margarine, and sugar until well blended. Press crumb mixture into an 8-inch pie pan. Bake for 10 minutes. In a small saucepan, combine jelly and water. Stir over low heat for 3 minutes. Arrange fruit over baked crust. Drizzle jelly mixture over fruit. Serve either chilled or at room temperature.

## Picnic Bean Pot

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 pound dried beans (kidney, Navy, lima, or a combination), picked over
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ pound bacon
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1-pound can tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- Dash Tabasco sauce
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Place beans in a large saucepan, cover generously with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cover. Simmer about 1 hour. In a small skillet, sauté onion and green pepper in oil for 5 minutes. Add with remaining ingredients to beans. Cover and simmer 1 hour more. Stir frequently. Add water, if needed, during cooking. This dish can be reheated over a grill or outdoor campfire before serving. May be prepared ahead and refrigerated. Reheat to serve.

## Coleslaw

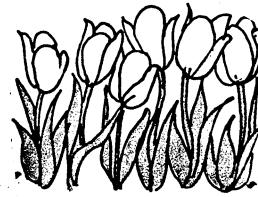
Makes 8 servings

- 1 large head cabbage, shredded
- 1 cup shredded red cabbage, optional
- 1 large carrot, grated, optional
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- Salt, pepper, and garlic powder

Combine cabbage, carrot, and onion in a large mixing bowl. Combine vinegar, sugar, and mayonnaise in a small bowl. Pour mayonnaise mixture over vegetables; toss. Season with salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

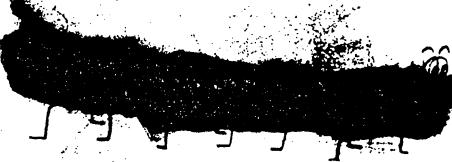
## chuckle bait

DON FLOREA received this polite request:



Don-

Apparently, Harry & Jason had someone take the grill-like cover off of the blue air conditioning unit in the <sup>last week</sup> LRU 7-WCT area. It does provide better circulation, but we are now being invaded by "dust critters!"



We're not sure if they are reproducing in the air conditioning unit, on top of light fixtures, or on top of the <sup>ceiling</sup> fans; but we would sure hate to have one of these cute things get caught in some hecit sink compound and be trapped inside of an MT FOREVER.

Please have someone from maintenance transplant these "critters" and their habitat to a safer and more appropriate area.



Thank you for your concern  
Bunda Mortimer

4-28-87

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WHEN PLANNING a vacation, you should be gone just long enough for the boss to miss you, and not long enough for him to discover how well he can get along without you.

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UPSET DINER to waiter: "You say you're the same waiter who took my order? Somehow I expected a much older man."

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THE BRIDE'S first dinner was over, and as she cleared the dishes from the table, she said to her husband, "What will I get, Darling, if I cook a dinner like that for you from now on?"

"Sooner or later," he said, "you'll get my life insurance."

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