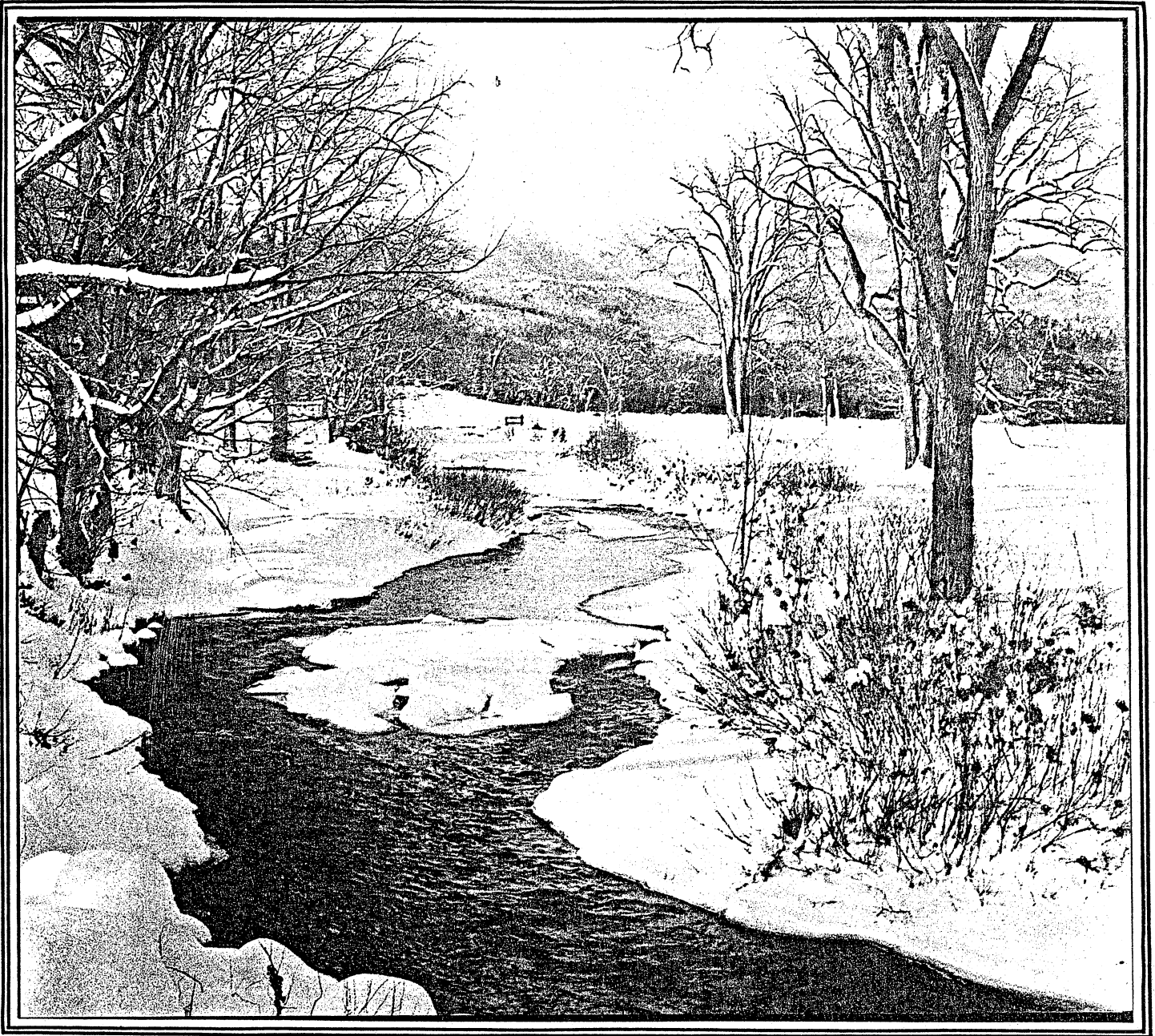


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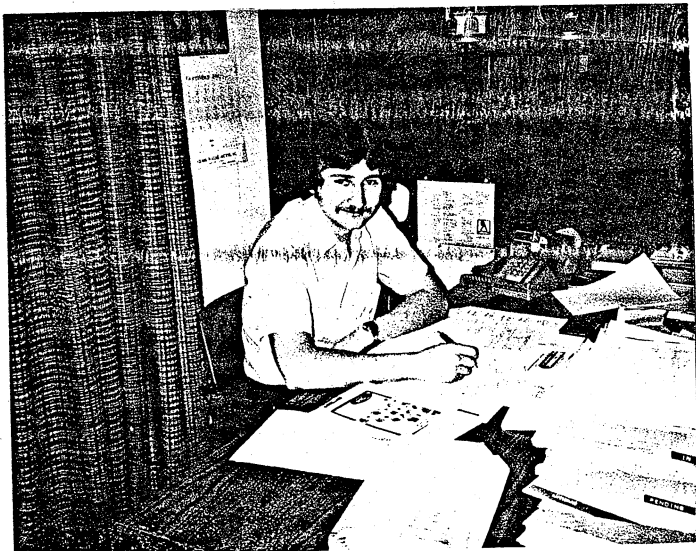


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Guest Editorial



As time marches on and another year passes, we see the quality of life in our society continue to depreciate. What's happening to all the technological advances that are supposed to be improving the human race?

Somehow we survived 1980, even with all the problems it threw at us. But before you breathe a sigh of relief, a look into 1981 shows that it will probably be more of the same.

By studying history you see that the human race has never learned from its past experiences. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had all the prosperity, beauty, comfort, and enjoyment they could ever need. But after awhile it wasn't enough and a lust for more destroyed all they had and produced the first sin.

Since that time, mankind has lived in a continuous cycle. Starting with wealth and prosperity and developing an unquenchable thirst for more and more. Finally a crisis occurs which destroys man's faith in material goods. Man finally repents and faith in God is reborn along with a spirit of cooperation and a helping attitude. When men work together with God's blessings, many great things can be accomplished. Soon the crisis is resolved and man is rewarded with growth and a prosperous time. Then all too soon the cycle is repeated.

God has led this nation from a small pioneer settlement to the wealthiest nation in the world. Our response has been to turn our backs on him.

God gave man a desire for success and prosperity and never meant it to be wrong. But He did warn us of the result if it became god of our lives. Proverbs 11:28 says, "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

This is a good time for each person to examine themselves and determine the priorities they want for 1981.

Let's learn a lesson from history.

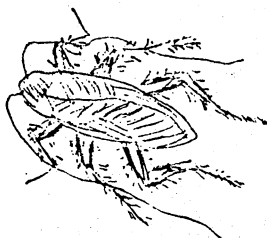
Enos Yoder

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE RESOLUTIONLESS

1. Keep me from thinking I must have something to say on every subject on every occasion.
2. Keep me from trying to straighten out everybody's problems while ignoring my own.
3. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.
4. Keep my lips free from recital of endless and tedious details.
5. Seal my lips from reciting aches and pains. I don't feel better afterward and those who listen must feel worse.
6. I ask not for the grace to enjoy the tales of others, but only for the patience to hear them with equanimity.
7. Teach me the marvelous lesson of knowing that, occasionally, I may be mistaken.
8. And let me learn to see good things in unlikely places and unexpected talents in good people, and give me the grace to say so.

dere editur

how ar you this holiday sesun
 im abot ten ounces heavier
 but im doing ok
 id lik to thank max and whuever
 else fer the turkee evryone received
 its one of mi favorites
 i didnt know who to follo home
 for christmas
 so i called up mi old friend bernie
 he came over and we had a cozee
 dinner for to from all thos crumbs
 left in preskils offis
 i enjoyed teling bernie about all
 the changes that have taken plase
 sinse he left
 and all thos babis that are coming
 hop evryone has a safe holiday
 mi resolushion for 1981 is to mak
 it the best year i hav evur had
 and may it be the same for you



sybil



This month's Spotlight focuses on Gale Balmer.

Gale heard of CROWN through Mrs. Moore's brother, Bob Clyde, who was Gale's high school classmate.

Gale started at CROWN on August 19, 1974, working for maintenance and security. For the last four years he has been an inspector for Incoming Inspection. There he inspects fabricated products from Plant 2, as well as parts from outside vendors. He works closely with Quality Assurance to uphold CROWN's standards of excellence and says his ultimate goal at CROWN is to be able to serve CROWN to the best of his ability in his capacity as an inspector.

Outside interests and hobbies are many for Gale. He enjoys fine art, painting, drawing and especially decorating Easter eggs in Ukrainian Style. He has been awarded several ribbons for his art work. Gale has over 80 tapes of classical, semi-classical, ragtime, jazz and Dixieland music. He enjoys taking movies of his travels especially when traveling to visit relatives in Switzerland. He's been studying the Spanish and German languages. He enjoys reading history, non-fiction, sea stories and, of course, his Bible. In the summer his time is spent with swimming and sailing and in the winter he ice skates.

Gale lives between Goshen and Elkhart with his wife and two sons and has the dubious distinction of being the only retired serviceman at CROWN. He survived 25 years in the U.S. Navy through three wars.

Gale enjoys the Christian fellowship at CROWN with his fellow co-workers. He also appreciates the opportunity to participate in assembly and contribute to the CROWN Crier from time to time.

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we enjoy working with Gale also and enjoy the many talents and hobbies that he can share with us.

Did You Know . . .

The CROWN insurance policy covers \$75 per year in laboratory and x-ray benefits. If any of your doctor calls, or an accident, result in laboratory of x-ray charges, these will be paid to a limit of \$75. If the bills go over the \$75, the lab and x-ray bills will then fall into the major medical clause where, once you have met your \$100 deductible, 80 per cent of the bills will be paid.

In the last two issues I covered items that can be applied to the \$100 deductible. This is another way to reach your deductible amount if it hasn't been met already.

The only items not covered under the x-ray and lab benefits are pre-marital examinations and x-ray therapy.

-- Sally Peffley

Kalorie Korner

Dijon Mustard Chicken (Elegant but easy!)

4 chicken breasts, skinned, boned, and
flattened slightly with a mallet
4 tblsp. butter
2 tsp. oil
Dijon mustard (1/2 to 3/4 of a small jar)
1/2 lb. finely chopped mushrooms
1 medium onion, chopped
1 1/2 cups whipping cream

Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Cut each breast into 3 or 4 pieces. Brown chicken in butter and oil. Drain on paper towel and spread each piece generously on both sides with mustard. Put chicken pieces in a casserole dish.

In pan with remaining butter and oil, saute mushrooms and onion. Add cream and heat through. Do not boil. Pour sauce over chicken and bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until chicken is tender. Serve over rice.

Orange Rolls (No kneading!)

1/4 cup warm water
1 pkg. dry yeast
3/4 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
3 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
4 cups flour

Dissolve yeast in warm water and set aside. Scald milk and pour in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and cool slightly. Add salt and sugar. Beat eggs and add to milk mixture. Add dissolved yeast mixture. Add 2 cups of the flour and beat on electric mixer for a few minutes. Cover and let rise for 2 hours. Add the remaining 2 cups of flour and cover again and let rise for 2 hours. At this point refrigerate dough for several hours or overnight to make handling easier.

Roll 1/2 of dough into a 12" x 9" rectangle and spread with 1/2 of filling. Roll and cut into 12-1" slices. Place each slice into a muffin cup that has been greased well with shortening. Repeat with remaining 1/2 of dough and filling. Let rise, uncovered, for 2-2 1/2 hours and bake at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes.

Filling: Mix together 1/2 cup soft butter, 1/2 cup sugar and the grated rind of 1 large orange. (A butter, cinnamon, and sugar filling can also be used)

Baby Face



Take his cap and that's your first clue.
Take his bibs and that's clue number two.
The clues are as handy as he is for us.

Guess who?

Floodlight

Ruth Sala began working at CROWN on October 22, 1968, and remembers some of the changes CROWN has gone through over the years.

At the beginning of Ruth's employment everyone worked in one large room except for the Engineers, Techs and the Machine Shop employees. CROWN averaged about 40 employees and jumped as high as 80 during the summer when students returned. Whether an order was for a 700 recorder or an amplifier it was worked on by everyone.

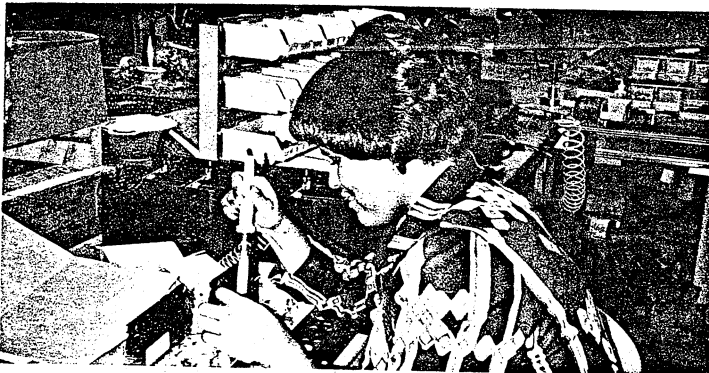
In 1972 the company built a west wing addition. It became the amplifier line. Ruth claims she is the only survivor from the original DC line. They made all the amps -- D-40's, D-60's, and DC-300's. The DC-300 became so popular that the line could not keep up with the other amplifiers, so other lines were created. Ruth remembers when the line was proud to make ten in a week. They now do 60 to 80.

Although the workers on Line 1 are very versatile, most of them only work two or three positions. Ruth does several jobs including inspecting heatsinks, inserting thermostats, wafers, output boards, etc. She also tightens the nuts and tests the units. After this procedure the unit is sent to Peggy Curry's position.



Ruth Sala

Peggy Curry has worked at CROWN for four years. She began on the night shift, which she enjoyed and misses very much. Peggy took a volunteer lay-off about a year ago and when she was called back, she took a position on Line 1. Peggy worked at the very beginning of the line, but now does a variety of different jobs. She enjoys the people she works with on Line 1.



Peggy Curry

Sylvia Miller has been working at CROWN for 14 years. She divides her time between Lines 1 and 5 and enjoys everyone she works with.



Sylvia Miller

Toni Volheim's final wire position consists of the wiring of the boards. Toni enjoys her coordinator work. She claims it keeps her quite busy, but enjoys it just the same. She especially likes the girls on Line 1.

Away from CROWN, Toni spends most of her time with her two year old, Jamie.



Toni Volheim

Linda O'Neal has worked at CROWN for seven years. She began on Line 4, then was moved to Line 1. Her main job is chassis wire and helps out wherever needed. Linda enjoys her job at CROWN and considers it a privilege to work here.



Linda O'Neal

Ann Maggert is Line 1's supervisor. Although Ann has only been at CROWN five months, she is thankful to be here and looks forward to many, many years with CROWN.



Ann Maggert

On the Other Hand



"The Pumpkin Vine" -- the name will deceive you, this is not a vegetable. In days of old a railroad became necessary to the economic welfare of Shippshewanna, Middlebury, Goshen and other places near and far. The train transported people, goods, and rumors hither and yon. It went hither on Mondays, Wednesdays and odd Thursdays. All other days it went yon.

Someone charged with unknown inspiration named this railroad The Pumpkin Vine. As far as I can tell, the reason for this name has been lost with the passage of time. Lots of things are. It could have been called the Pumpkin Seed, or the Pumpkin Pie, or the Blueberry Express, but instead the name Pumpkin Vine became attached to the hardware.

In due time the need for such transport waned, and the Pumpkin Vine lost its usefulness. The schedule grew less frequent, the rails began to loosen and rattle and tilt, and the stone ballast disappeared from around the decaying ties. Trees and bushes grew over the right-of-way. Progress had dispatched a roaring, smoking, whistle-blowing relic to the discard pile. But wait.

There arose persons with vision and money (a vision without money is like an Arab without an oil well) who understood that noise and soot and whistles could be fun. These were people no longer satisfied with trains that would fit under their Christmas trees. A little persistence, a little money, a little time, a little more money, and viola' -- the Pumpkin Vine once more rumbled the rusty tracks hither and yon. So much for history.

On a chilly Saturday in October, my family and I accompanied a bunch of fellow trainees (a trainer is the person who drives the train; the trainee is the passenger) for the experience of a steam-driven ride on the old/new Pumpkin Vine. The trip covered the rails from Middlebury to Shippshewanna non-stop. After an hour and a half of stop, it went back.

The engine, which was not original PV rolling stock, but which came from the same good old days, had been freshly painted a shiny black. It belched steam and leaked water and growled happily. It also sat backwards on the tracks, aiming toward Goshen instead of Shippshewanna. I took this to be a minor oversight, but later found out the engine would back all the way to our destination, and then would move to the other end of the train and pull it back. Not much room to turn around, I guess. The cars had been reclaimed from a day when railroads provided convenient transportation, rattling, semi-comfort, and a few touches of grandeur. The lights overhead looked as if they had once added some class, as well as illumination.

None of them worked anymore. I suppose everything gets to be that way. Look at Congress, working all these years with all its lights out. The seats were shiny and worn, the floor was dirty and worn, and the walls were peeling and worn. The windows were either dirty or missing. It was charming.

We all sat down, and after a while it began to appear that we would be going somewhere soon. Several lusty bellows from the steam whistle rolled across the landscape and we were underway. The train gathered speed very slowly. "Gathering speed" is not really the right term. The Pumpkin Vine labored its way up to a sort of rolling stop and hung there. The wretched condition of the rails and roadbed forced the top speed to match that of a five-year-old called into the house for a nap. Cows have never before impressed me with their natural speed. On this trip I saw cows frightened by the Pumpkin Vine whistle outdistance the train by half a pasture length between fences.

Occasionally, spent steam would blow through the missing windows and fill the car with fog. It smelled like the inside of a very old coffee pot.

At road crossings the whistle blew and scattered the livestock in all directions. A pickup truck showed up at each crossing to insure that none of the locals or their livestock were camping on the tracks. Given the level of the whistle and the speed of the train, a normally functioning person would have had to put forth a magnificent effort to get himself run over.

An hour and a half of this effort got us to Shippshewanna (something less than 10 miles). The day had grown windy and raw, and most of the trainees jumped off the train to look for any promising warmth or food or both.

Evidently Shippshewanna had not been organized for a visit of this size. When I got off the train, downtown Shippshewanna stretched as far as my eye could see. Then I put on my glasses and noticed that from where I stood I could have thrown a Big Mac all the way out the other end of town.

We toured around for awhile, looking at the local sights. There did not seem to be as many as we expected, and we supposed some of them had left town for the weekend. Tiring of this, we participated in a line. Participating in a line was required before participating in a lunch.

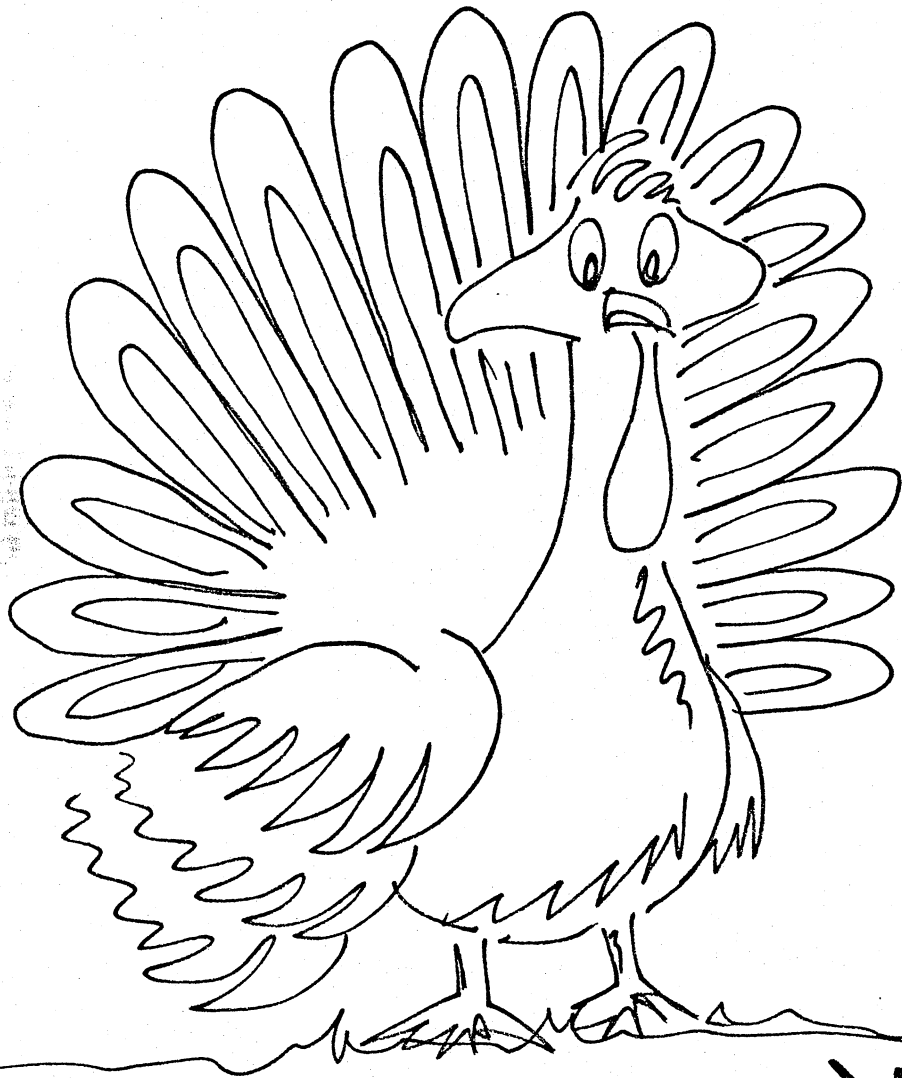
After the wait we obtained sandwiches and an ice cream which were almost entirely edible. The food merchants did about three months' business during the 90 minutes that the Pumpkin Vine was in town. Shippshewanna may grow to a sophisticated metropolitan community on the economic base of Pumpkin Vine tourist spending. It could one day rival Bristol or Topeka in economic might.

Eventually we re-trained and chuffed back into Middlebury. I could not resist the soft seats, the cozy warmth and the peaceful quiet -- they made me fall asleep.

Afterwards I thought about the trip with satisfaction. I had not ridden on many trains since college, and it still seemed like the decent way to travel. I had not been unnecessarily rushed, the schedule had been modestly accurate, the seats were roomy, and my luggage had not been lost. Air Wisconsin should study their methods. What would you think of the Pumpkin Vine Airline?

-- R. David McLaughlin

dear management:
thanks for the



Christmas ~~bird~~
turkey

H.I.S.

There is a song that goes:

"J O Y, J O Y, This is what it means Jesus first, yourself last and others in-between."

The motto is good and should be practiced. However, at this time of year the letters appear quite jumbled. During the Christmas season we would probably sing O Y J, O Y J or just O Y, O Y. We need to endeavor to put the letters in the right order and keep them that way.

Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own, through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault -- we who stand before Him covered with His love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to! Now all praise to God for His wonderful kindness to us and His favor that He has poured out upon us, because we belong to His dearly loved Son. So overflowing is His kindness towards us that He took away all our sins through the blood of His Son, by whom we are saved; and He has showered down upon us the richness of His grace -- for how well He understands us and knows what is best for us at all times. God has told us His secret reason for sending Christ, a plan He decided on in mercy long ago; and this was His purpose: that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are -- in Heaven or on Earth -- to be with Him in Christ, forever. Moreover, because of what Christ has done we have become GIFTS to God that He delights in, for as part of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago. God's purpose in this was that we should praise God and give glory to Him for doing these mighty things for us.

God has kept things in the proper order and He expects us to do likewise. During the year 1981 and years to come, let's put Jesus first, yourself last and others in-between. . .

-- H.I.S.

Employee Council Report

EMPLOYEE FUND

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| BALANCE at October 31, 1980 | \$ 447.38 |
| INCOME from ARA for November | 114.06 |
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| | 561.44 |

NOVEMBER EXPENSES:

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| Carry-In Supplies | 8.21 | |
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| Balance at October November 30, 1980 | \$ 553.23 |
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-- Marc Miller

New Employee Profile



NAME: Larry G. Anders

BIRTHDAY: March 29

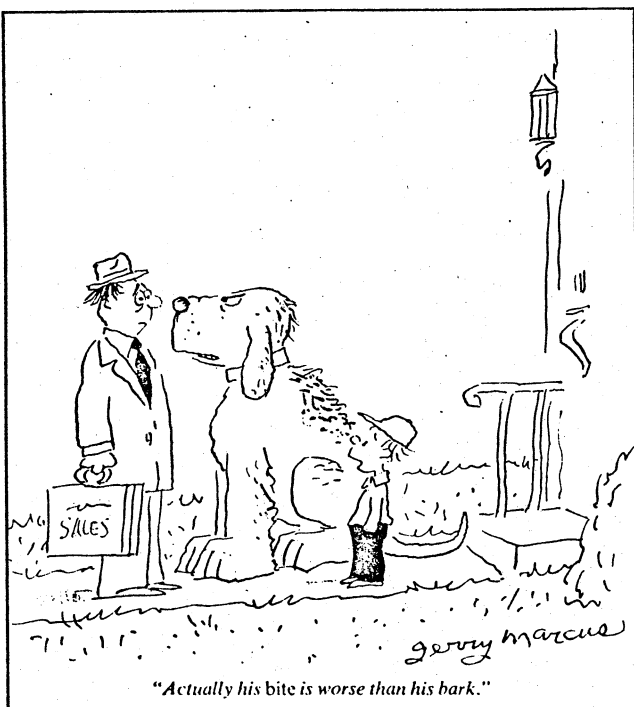
DEPARTMENT: Fabrication

POSITION: Machine Shop and Fabricator person

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Tennis, ping pong, bowling, chess, fishing, masons. I am also the Corps Treasurer of the Salvation Army Church.

AMBITION OR GOAL FOR THE FUTURE: To lead a full and fruitful life, doing so in a fashion that will be pleasing to God.

HEARD OF CROWN THROUGH: Prayer and a determination to work with a reputable and quality conscious firm.



"Actually his bite is worse than his bark."

For your safety and other's safety, please be sure and brush the snow off all your car windows, including the back window. And don't forget to check to make sure your headlights and back lights are visible by others. It doesn't hurt to get there safely.

A Special Contribution

. . . and that's an interesting thought

By now, I'm sure you're suspicious that I might be preparing to unload another perturbing thought about Christian unity. Rest at ease for this may be the last article on this subject and all can relax and go back to being divided, or perhaps united, whatever the case may be. Some may be provoked to thought while others are being greatly angered; in either case I'm probably accomplishing the desired end.

This time I would like to theorize that each divided group of Christians may be holding one or perhaps several important pieces of the truth and not the whole. To be a well balanced mature Christian it may be necessary to draw on the strong points of many different Christian divisions instead of staying dogmatically with one.

Before you become angry and incoherent, let me develop the theory a little further and add a guarded example from experience to perhaps convince you.

As one looks back on the start of many of the groups of Christians, now divided, one can see that they often began as divisions from all the others because one important doctrine was being overlooked. As these new groups began, they would stress first and foremost this missing doctrine. Of course these new groups also taught many of the same things as the groups they broke from, but there was this one point which was so VERY important. Quite often the one point IS important and should not be overlooked but in time this group may become imbalanced in this very area and force another break off to stress the other side. There is, therefore, a real sense in which each group stands for one or two specific important doctrines often at the expense of other important truths.

To discover what the dividing doctrine of a group is, one might simply try bringing the balance to various doctrines taught. At times I've found a group is very tolerant of questions on its fringe emphases. Should you, however, touch on their major dividing doctrine and try to bring a balance to it, sparks may fly. You see if one brings a balance to a dividing doctrine one might undermine the very reason for existing separate from other Christians and no one likes death, not even a "division". (I do not recommend this procedure because it is upsetting, contentious, worthless, and often very dangerous to your social health.)

But isn't division a good thing? Wasn't it good that zealous Christians divided away from those who were weak? Certainly if one is talking about zealous Christians dividing away from those who merely want to make money off Christians, or want to turn Christianity into a mere ritual for the purpose of selfish gain I would agree division is necessary. But in such a case we are talking about those who love Christ dividing from those who hate him. Even in that division there is still love, for we are to love even our enemies. However if we are talking about so called "more mature" Christians dividing away from "less mature" Christians for the purpose of having a "more mature" Christian gathering, I disagree. Such a division as this appears to be a selfish one. If one is truly mature, then he will be filled with God's love and will be eager to draw the "less mature" to a level of maturity with himself.

Let us look at it this way. One has to face

this problem of Christian division and somehow understand it. At least it seems important that we keep our thinking consistent.

To be fair I should relate the opposing theory to the one I'm presenting today. That theory reads like this: "We, here in this group (bearing such and such a name), are the only true Christians. Anyone desiring to be a Christian will join us, of course, and all those on the outside (calling themselves Christians) are deceived." This theory is very unpopular especially in our day, but we have failed to praise this theory for its one very good point. . . it is consistent and not hypocritical.

We, the divided Christians often sit in our own groups looking disgustedly at those groups (we call cults) who claim they are "it" and fail to give a logical reason to the world as to why we are all divided apart and yet bear the same name. To be consistent and thus silence the opposition we should (1) state that our group is in fact "it" and all others are outside God's will. (2) Be united with anyone else who is a Christian or (3) admit to the onlookers that we are weak and sick Christians and are not listening very well to our ONE commander. If we would do one of these three things our testimony would probably improve.

I once heard someone saying how we, as Americans, are so rich materially and spiritually. True, we Americans are rich materially, but let us put away boasting and admit we are weak spiritually. Abundance of wealth, education, teachings, and books are not equal to spiritual wealth in my opinion. Where there are great spiritual riches there is togetherness, love, sharing and not necessarily great libraries of knowledge. On the contrary, it appears the church thrives the best where it is persecuted and often void of books. For they must depend on hearing from their ONE commander. Such dependence on and hearing from the living Lord would obviously limit division.

Well, we have discussed how maybe we shouldn't have divided on the basis of getting a little more truth than our brother but since we have already divided, what now. If groups have divided over legitimate truths, then (disregarding the wrongness of their division) the truth they stress is no doubt important for the whole body of Christ. Each group tends to overlook the strong points of other groups simply because they are divided. It is this overlooking that I am trying to demolish in this article.

I promised earlier an example to back up my theory that each group may have a piece of the truth. (All names and doctrines have been changed to prevent you from discovering this group.)

There once was a man that we'll call Mr. Strongwil. Throughout his life Mr. Strongwil visited many church groups. He began to see a real lack in many if not most of these church groups for "bergonia", a very basic Christian doctrine. Through a series of circumstances he found himself starting a new group, first in his home and then later growing to be very large, even to the point of having many little sister fellowships under him all over the area for miles around.

He stressed week after week the all importance of "bergonia". So very important was this doctrine to him that he named his group, "Bergonia Assembly".

When Mr. Strongwil would teach the subject of "bergonia", he knew in the back of his mind that there was a balance to "bergonia" and that was "cronstato de bli". He always thought,

however, that the people had heard so much of "cronstaton de bli" that an over emphasis on "bergonia" was in order. It just so happened, however, that there came to "Bergonia Assembly" a group of young zealous men who had very little church background and; therefore, knew very little about "cronstaton de bli". These men were very zealous and so in time they began to teach also.

Now, Mr. Strongwil was getting old and losing his strength so he began to turn more and more of his responsibilities over to these zealous young men who were willing and ready to step in. When Mr. Strongwil heard these young men preach he was very pleased because they sounded just like him and stressed "bergonia" very much. What Mr. Strongwil did not realize was that these young zealous men, who sounded so good and stressed "bergonia" so much, did not have "cronstaton de bli" in the back of their head like he did. As time went on (often even without Mr. Strongwil's knowledge) these men began to stress "bergonia" at the demise of "cronstaton de bli". There were even times when these young men would mock "cronstaton de bli" and laugh at those who held to that doctrine.

In due time a small group of people arose amidst this group who were bold enough to say, "'Cronstaton de bli' is also important and for that matter we believe it is more important than 'bergonia'."

"What!" was the reply, sparks beginning to fly, "something more important than 'bergonia' here at 'Bergonia Assembly'?"

And so a new group is formed.

If such a pattern as the one I've observed above is true, in more cases than one, we can begin to see how it might be possible that each group has a piece of the truth.

Although one would perhaps not want to be a part of "Bergonia Assembly", one could take the doctrine of "bergonia" and apply it to his life because it was born out of a sincere seeing of a lack. And so with many other doctrines. The key doctrine of many groups is often good to look at with true humility to see if it is in fact stressing a lack in one's life.

In closing let me put forth a possible solution to the problem. As is my custom I present very radical and almost laughable solutions. I know these possible solutions will probably never be followed, but they might make someone mad enough to think.

Suppose all the Christians in Elkhart began a rotation program. Every Sunday so many Christians would be required to move to another type of church and perhaps stay for a couple of weeks or months and then move on to another. Perhaps whole halves of congregations could be rotated at once to avoid too much embarrassment over unfamiliar styles of worship and structure. In the course of a year or so all the Christians in Elkhart would have rotated through every other Christian group. During that time they would have met other Christians, heard and interacted with different viewpoints, and brought their own balancing viewpoints to others.

What if all Christian groups did work together and were willing to intermix? What if one pastor, while counseling a brother, suddenly would say, "My, my, Brother Jones, you seem to be very overbalanced in the area of 'bergonia'. I think it would be wise for you to leave us here at 'Bergonia Assembly' and go down the street to 'Crontation de bli Chapel'. There you would learn more of the important 'crontation de bli' doctrine and your zeal for 'bergonia' would certainly help bring a balance

to some of them." Maybe you disagree completely and think it's good we're all divided. Perhaps you'll agree with me that it's inconsistent calling ourselves followers of the same leader and yet being divided. Perhaps you could agree that we might at least be consistent before our critics . . . and that's an interesting thought.

-- Lynn Scholfield



Birthday and anniversary cards from the President of the United States are sent out to people who are 80-plus or married 50 years or longer. Send requests at least 30 days in advance, with the proper name, address and date, to: Greetings Office, Office of the President, White House, Washington, D.C., 20500.

Milestones

January Anniversaries

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| Don Eger | 17 years |
| Paul Gerard | 10 years |
| Dennis Badke | 10 years |
| Gene Gevaert | 7 years |
| Steve Scholfield | 7 years |
| Ken Bontrager | 5 years |
| Lynn Scholfield | 2 years |
| Earl Smith | 2 years |
| Martha Pritchard | 2 years |
| Wayne Royer | 1 year |
| Donald Olson | 1 year |
| Rich Baker | 1 year |

-- Arline Bontrager

Personnel Paraphernalia

RUTH ANN HERSHBERGER (Plant 2) came back from vacation with a diamond. Soon it will be wedding bells for her.

We are glad to have our regular switchboard operator (MARGARET EATON) back after a two week illness.

KATHRYN WILLIAMS (Line 4) will be on leave until April.

SHIRLEY SEARER, JIM BEATTIE, LAURA WEAVER, SHERYL GINGERICH, PHYLLIS GATES, PHIL HOFFMAN, JAN SMITH, HOWARD KING, SALLY PEFFLEY, DALE KAUFFMAN, ROSS SWINEHART, KIM CURRY, STEVE HAMILTON, ELINOR FULTZ, PEGGY SKIRVIN, LYNN WISE, etc., etc. were on vacation sometime during the holidays. LAURA went to Florida. KIM went to California. STEVE went to Texas. PHIL went to Kansas.

NANCY BROCK (Line 5) will visit her sister over New Year's.

RUTH SALA (Line 1) went to Chicago.

RACHEL EGER (Line 6) finally received her rabbit after 14 months.

KEN WOODCOX (Sales) received news that his daughter, Becky, and family will be arriving home in January from their Brazilian missionary work. Their first time home in five years.

Here's TRINA YODER (Lit Room) and a gift of a lifetime -- three lifesize credit cards (unusable, thank heavens).



MILLARD EGER (Maintenance) had a special Christmas. It was celebrated with 18 family members who came from all over the world.

-- Chris Deak

Answer Corner

This month's Baby Face is Ike Kulp.



Happy Birthday



- 1 Dave Troup, Dan Lutz
- 4 Mike Branch
- 5 Steve Hisey
- 6 Marcia Gall
- 7 Drew Frailey
- 8 Craig Schroeder
- 9 Deb Berndt
- 14 Verne Searer
- 15 Deb Granger
- 18 Diane Granger
- 20 Mary Ihnken, Doris Mock
- 22 Steve Myers
- 23 Ken Woodcox, Sandy Graber
- 25 Don Eger
- 27 Linda Paris
- 30 Ann Maggert
- 31 Dave Engstrom



How quickly pass the days and years.
Time never waits for man.

Unceasingly the minutes fly
To fill a waiting span.

How happy he who may look back,
With pleasure and content,

Upon the years forever gone
And feel they were well spent;

And still remember present time
Will only shortly last,

And then will be, however lived,
A memory of the past.

