

## Dear friends,

I have been employed by Vital Signs Ministries, the Christian organization that Claire and I founded back in 1983, for 37 years now. But before that I worked several other jobs. For instance, I did a little teaching of American History; I operated a large silkscreen press to make panels for billboards; I worked on a crew hanging drywall in new subdivisions; and I sold clothes in a shopping center store. But of all the jobs I ever had before Vital Signs Ministries, there is one that clearly stands out as my favorite and that was working at Banner Tire in south Denver.

Banner Tire was a terrific place for a young fellow to get his first experience of “real” working, (that is, besides household chores, lawn work, and neighborhood jobs) because there I learned several skills and was exposed to people of varied races and ages and occupations. But it also gave me the positive influence of great mentors, most notably my own dad, who managed the operation. Banner was a lot of things – a Conoco filling station, tire store, three-bay garage, tow trucks, and a bulk plant with gasoline that we redistributed to other gas stations and even some of the ranches east of Denver. It was a happening place.



My contributions were modest. Pumping gas. Changing oil and tires. Lube jobs. Driving the truck to get auto parts and tires. Selling oil, STP, headlamps, and filters. And, of course, sweeping up. It was my first “grownup job” and I had the time of my life. Best of all, working at Banner Tire allowed me to see my dad in a whole different light. As the Dad at home, he was a super guy. But as the Dad at work, I was able to appreciate even more his knowledge and craftsmanship, his work ethic and habits, his remarkable friendliness and social skills, and the deep affection and admiration he won from customers, colleagues, and neighborhood folks.

I was sometimes called “Little Al” in my days at Banner Tire because I began my job there wearing Dad’s old Conoco shirt with “Al” emblazoned above the pocket. But I was pleased that even after I started wearing my own uniform shirts, the name tended to stick with some of the people who dropped in. I can honestly tell you that I never bore a more honorable title. The photo I print at the left dates from about that time and you can see my Dad and me standing next to my first car, a ’53 Chevy. Both this photo and my telling you about Banner Tire brings back some of the sweetest memories of my life. Therefore, I hope they stimulate a few memories of your own regarding YOUR parents, siblings, homes, and first jobs. And, oh yes, speaking of memories...here’s **Installment #12** in our series of “When Swing Was King” activity packets.

*Denny & Claire Hartford*

## Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) Lawrence Welk's instrument:
  - A) Trombone
  - B) Accordion
  - C) Trumpet
  - D) Ukulele
  
- 2) WWII's Battle of the Bulge was fought where?
  - A) Guadalcanal
  - B) Iwo Jima
  - C) Western Europe
  - D) Soviet Union
  
- 3) "The Road to Morocco" was sung in a film of the same name by what popular pair of entertainers?
  - A) Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis
  - B) Gene Kelly & Judy Garland
  - C) Debbie Reynolds & Doris Day
  - D) Bing Crosby & Bob Hope
  
- 4) Which of these was **NOT** a U.S. space program of the 1960s?
  - A) Starfleet Command
  - B) Mercury
  - C) Gemini
  - D) Apollo
  
- 5) "There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's..."
  - A) Prudential Insurance
  - B) Gallo Wine
  - C) MasterCard
  - D) Your local library
  
- 6) Can you finish this line from the song "Apple Blossom Time?" It goes, "One day in May, I'll come and say..."
  - A) "I know it's time, Dear, for me to finally stay."
  - B) "Happy the bride that the sun shines on today."
  - C) "I'm moving out, babe, to a beach house on the bay."
  - D) "Our love is over and so I'm on my way."
  
- 7) What state has these towns: Odessa, Brownsville, Longview, Wichita Falls, and Port Arthur?
  - A) Texas
  - B) Oklahoma
  - C) Kansas
  - D) Florida
  
- 8) The friend and partner of Sherlock Holmes was also the fellow who wrote up Holmes' various cases. He was:
  - A) Sgt. Ralph Rafferty
  - B) Capt. Arthur Hastings
  - C) Archie Goodwin
  - D) Dr. John Watson
  
- 9) Driving down Pikes Peak poses a particular problem which is addressed by these warning signs posted all the way down the mountain?
  - A) "Beware the Chipmunks"
  - B) "Hot Brakes Fail"
  - C) "Careful: Altitude Affects Tires"
  - D) "Outside Mirrors Likely to Fog"
  
- 10) "The Brown Bomber" was:
  - A) The B-24 Liberator
  - B) NFL legend Jim Brown
  - C) Heavyweight boxer Joe Louis
  - D) The Browning Automatic Rifle

11) Which President promised America a program he called "The New Deal"?

- A) John Quincy Adams
- B) Andrew Jackson
- C) Woodrow Wilson
- D) Franklin D. Roosevelt

12) A Number 1 hit in 1947 recorded by Count Basie's band was an unusual number featuring jazzy music behind a comic conversation. Its title was "Open the Door..."

- A) Richard."
- B) and let me in."
- C) dear Mother."
- D) and throw that dirty cat out."

13) What was "Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, on a sesame seed bun?"

- A) Burger King's "Whopper"
- B) Arby's "Double Size"
- C) Subway's "Philadelphia Special"
- D) McDonald's "Big Mac"

14) Which singer had these hits: "Wichita Lineman," "Gentle On My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," and "Rhinstone Cowboy?"

- A) B.J. Thomas
- B) Glen Campbell
- C) Roy Clark
- D) Elvis Presley

15) "Sometimes I wonder why I spend the lonely night dreaming of a song." That's the opening lyric from the song:

- A) "Stardust"
- B) "Long Ago and Far Away"
- C) "Heart and Soul"
- D) "Dream Dancing"

16) What actor starred in these films: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Lillies of the Field*, and *To Sir, with Love*?

- A) Clint Eastwood
- B) Paul Newman
- C) Sidney Poitier
- D) Gene Hackman

17) "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." That's the beginning of:

- A) The U.S. Constitution
- B) Washington's Farewell Address
- C) Jefferson's Inauguration Speech
- D) Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

18) What beer is touted as being "Brewed with Pure Rocky Mountain Spring Water?"

- A) Heineken
- B) Miller
- C) Coors
- D) Pabst Blue Ribbon

19) Which of these actors was **NOT** known for making cowboy movies?

- A) Cary Grant
- B) Randolph Scott
- C) Audie Murphy
- D) Ward Bond

20) Wheaties Cereal was billed as:

- A) "The Choice of Doctors"
- B) "The Breakfast of Champions"
- C) "A Teen's Favorite Treat"
- D) "The Pick of the Pack"

21) "Couple of jiggers of moonlight and add a star. Pour in the blue of a June night and one guitar." That's the opening of what great Glenn Miller hit?

- A) "Rum and Coca Cola"
- B) "Hernando's Hideaway"
- C) "Moonlight Cocktail"
- D) "I'll Buy That Dream"

22) Which coffee proclaimed it was "Good to the last drop?"

- A) Maxwell House
- B) Folgers Top Blend
- C) Sanka
- D) Chase & Sanborn

23) Which sultry actress delivered this famous line, "Why don't you come up and see me sometime?"

- A) Greta Garbo
- B) Claudette Colbert
- C) Marilyn Monroe
- D) Mae West

24) When Red Robin Hood said, "Grandma, what big teeth you have," who was she really talking to?

- A) Rumpelstiltskin
- B) The big, bad wolf
- C) The evil queen
- D) The Wicked Witch of the East

25) In what game show would a toy duck resembling Groucho Marx drop down whenever a contestant said the "secret word?"

- A) *To Tell the Truth*
- B) *I've Got A Secret*
- C) *You Bet Your Life*
- D) *What's My Line?*

26) Finish this slogan, "Winston tastes good..."

- A) ...you better believe it."
- B) ...like a cigarette should."
- C) ...knock on wood."
- D) ...much better than Kools could."

27) Who sang the 1946 hit song "Five Minutes More"?

- A) Frank Sinatra
- B) Dinah Shore
- C) Hank Williams
- D) Eddie Howard

28) What insurance company told their customers, "You're in good hands?"

- A) Aetna
- B) Allstate
- C) Prudential
- D) State Farm

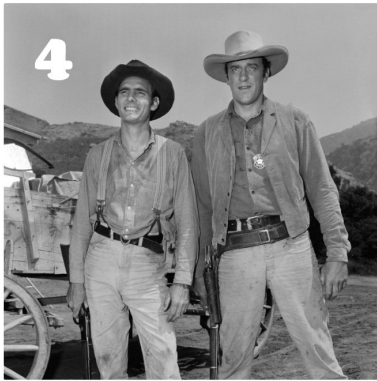
29) What was the name of Dorothy's dog in *The Wizard of Oz*?

- A) Billy Joe
- B) Spike
- C) Lamb Chop
- D) Toto

30) *E pluribus unum* means...

- A) "Never again"
- B) "Prepare yourself"
- C) "Out of many, one"
- D) "Do unto others"

## Do You Remember These TV Shows? (Set 1)



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## Do You Remember These TV Shows? (Set 2)

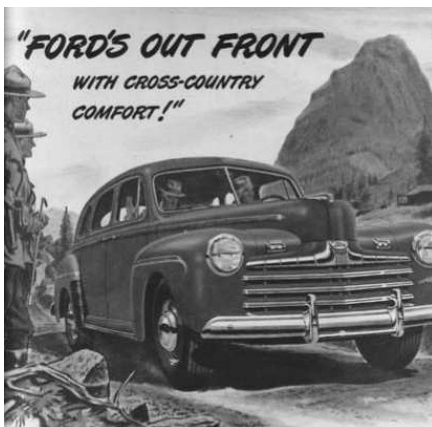


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## What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "Your silvery beams will bring love's dreams..."
- 2) "Let me ride through the wide open country that I love..."
- 3) "For no one else gave me a thrill. With all your faults, I love you still..."
- 4) "Happy days are here again; the skies above are clear again ..."
- 5) "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning..."
- 6) "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Jack Frost nipping at your nose..."
- 7) "Everybody's been knowing to a wedding they're going..."
- 8) "Toot, toot, Tootsie, good-bye..."
- 9) "Though April showers may come your way..."
- 10) "Blue moon, you knew just what I was there for..."





## Fill in the Blank Questions

- 1) The famous shootout in Tombstone, Arizona Territory which involved Wyatt Earp, Wyatt's two brothers, and "Doc" Holiday is known as...
- 2) Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, Sheriff Deadeye, Cauliflower McPugg, and San Fernando Red were a few of the characters created by this beloved comedian...
- 3) At his retirement at Yankee Stadium on July 4, 1939, what baseball hero said this, "Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."
- 4) What was the name of the favorite treat consisting of candy-coated popcorn, peanuts, and a prize in each box?
- 5) Clark Kent, the "mild-mannered reporter for the Daily Planet" was, in reality...
- 6) The Hollywood movie of this popular Broadway musical starred Gene Kelly, Van Johnson, and Cyd Charisse. It concerned a Scottish village that only appeared every hundred years. That movie was...
- 7) The Old Testament describes the last of the judges of Israel, a man to whom God gave immense physical strength but who was betrayed by the seductress Delilah. What was his name?
- 8) Before Mary Tyler Moore had her own TV show (beginning in 1970), in what series did she appear as a regular?
- 9) In the 1960s, the slogan for this business was "Look for the Golden Arches."
- 10) Where did Fats Domino "find his thrill?"



## The Answers!

### Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) D
- 4) A
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- 7) A
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- 27) A
- 28) B
- 29) D
- 30) C

### Do You Remember These Items? (Set 1)

- 1) *Lassie*
- 2) *Leave It To Beaver*
- 3) *The Lone Ranger*
- 4) *Gunsmoke*
- 5) *Ozzie & Harriet*
- 6) *I Love Lucy*
- 7) *The Donna Reed Show*
- 8) *The Honeymooners*
- 9) *Rin Tin Tin*

### Do You Remember These Items? (Set 2)

- 1) *Maverick*
- 2) *Captain Kangaroo*
- 3) *The Roy Rogers Show*
- 4) *Dragnet*
- 5) *The Cisco Kid*
- 6) *Make Room for Daddy*
- 7) *Howdy Doody*
- 8) *Highway Patrol*
- 9) *Hopalong Cassidy*

### What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "We'll be cuddlin' soon by the silvery moon."
- 2) "Don't fence me in."
- 3) "It had to be you, wonderful you. It had to be you."
- 4) "So let's sing a song of cheer again. Happy days are here again."

5) "No one could be sweeter than my sweetie when I meet her in the morning."

6) "Yuletide carols being sung by a choir and folks dressed up like Eskimos."

7) "And for weeks they've been sewing, every Susie and Sal."

8) "Toot, toot, Tootsie, don't cry."

9) "They bring the flowers that bloom in May."

10) "You heard me saying a prayer for, someone I really could care for."

### Fill in the Blank Questions

- 1) The Gunfight at the O.K Corral
- 2) Red Skelton
- 3) Lou Gehrig
- 4) Cracker Jack
- 5) Superman
- 6) *Brigadoon*
- 7) Samson
- 8) *Dick Van Dyke Show*
- 9) McDonald's
- 10) Blueberry Hill