

Dear friends,



This is a big day for Claire and me because 1) we are sending Number 36 in our ongoing series of “Anti-Boredom” Packets to the various facilities where (once upon a time, pre-virus) we presented live “When Swing Was King” shows and 2) we are also posting Number 36 on our website so that people around the country can join in the nostalgia, mental exercise, and fun and 3) we are nearing completion of our first poetry readings that we will be sending

along to you via video. Oh yes, there’s one more reason it’s a big day for us – *it’s our 49th anniversary!*

That’s right; 49 years ago, Claire and I were married in the Council Bluffs Courthouse. Our plans had been for a more elaborate church wedding but I had received a job offer in Pennsylvania and I believed I had to take it before it went to somebody else. I suggested to Claire that I could go, secure things, and come back for the wedding in a few weeks. She smiled and said, “No, I’m coming with you. Let’s get the license and get it done.”

She was right, of course, and though Claire wasn’t bedecked in a traditional wedding dress and there were only 4 of our friends standing with us at the ceremony performed by a judge, the important things were present -- a deep love for one another and a solid commitment to our Christian faith.

That building, by the way, is long gone. And the job back east never panned out. But I’m delighted to affirm that our marriage is still standing. Indeed, we are more in love than ever. Thank You, Lord. And yes, a prayer that things stay that way would be greatly appreciated. And now...we hope you enjoy #36 in our series.



Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) TIME Magazine's "Man of the Year" for 1938 was...
 - A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - B) Will Rogers
 - C) Adolf Hitler
 - D) Charles Lindbergh
- 2) The famous comic routine known as "Who's on first?" starred...
 - A) Abbott & Costello
 - B) The Three Stooges
 - C) Laurel & Hardy
 - D) The Marx Brothers
- 3) Roy Acuff's version of this train song sold over 10 million copies.
 - A) "The Wreck of the Old 97"
 - B) "Chattanooga Choo Choo"
 - C) "Orange Blossom Special"
 - D) "Wabash Cannonball"
- 4) True or False -- While serving as an ambulance driver for the Red Cross in WWI, Ernest Hemingway was wounded and awarded Italy's Silver Medal of Bravery. _____
- 5) In what city did TV news producer Mary Richards work in the 1970s series *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*?
 - A) Atlanta
 - B) Minneapolis
 - C) Denver
 - D) New York City
- 6) Frank Lloyd Wright was one of America's most distinguished men in this field...
 - A) Architecture
 - B) Sculpture
 - C) Automotive engineering
 - D) Symphony conducting
- 7) The breakup of the McGuire Sisters as a music act is often linked to the "close friendship" Phyllis had with...
 - A) Chicago mayor Richard Daley
 - B) Actor Richard Burton
 - C) Bodybuilder Charles Atlas
 - D) Chicago gangster Sam Giancana
- 8) True or False -- Julie Andrews' single Oscar award was for her performance in *The Sound of Music*.

- 9) "Yoakumberries" only grow on a tree found in Mammy and Pappy's front yard in Dogpatch U.S.A. From what comic strip comes this fact?
 - A) "Pogo"
 - B) "Li'l Abner"
 - C) "Katzenjameer Kids"
 - D) "Little Lulu"
- 10) The star of the 1938 swashbuckling hit movie *The Adventures of Robin Hood* was...
 - A) Douglas Fairbanks Jr.
 - B) Tyrone Power
 - C) Errol Flynn
 - D) Basil Rathbone

11) The song that begins, “Oh, the shark, babe, has such teeth, dear. And he shows them pearly white” is...

- A) “Baby Shark”
- B) “How Deep Is the Ocean”
- C) “Somewhere Beyond the Sea”
- D) “Mack The Knife”

12) “Thanks for the Memory” was originally sung in a film by Shirley Ross and this fellow (for whom it eventually became his theme song):

- A) Bob Hope
- B) Perry Como
- C) Andy Williams
- D) Gene Kelly

13) The first miracle Jesus performed (recorded in the 2nd chapter of John) was in Cana when He...

- A) Healed a lame man
- B) Turned water into wine
- C) Fed the 5,000
- D) Walked upon the Sea of Galilee



14) The structure at left is an example of what a kid might make using...

- A) Tinker Toys
- B) Legos
- C) Lincoln Logs
- D) Alphabet Blocks

15) True or False -- “How to Win Friends and Influence People” was a huge bestseller written by Dale Carnegie. _____

16) Which of the following is **NOT** a brand of farm tractor?

- A) Allis Chalmers.
- B) Pioneer Seed
- C) John Deere.
- D) Massey Ferguson

17) True or False -- Kleenex was invented and originally advertised as a cold cream remover. But it was “re-branded” after most customers simply used it for blowing their nose.

18) Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd were most associated with which of these entertainers?

- A) Danny Kaye
- B) Soupy Sales
- C) Edger Bergen
- D) Captain Kangaroo

19) What musical instrument was Pete Fountain famous for?

- A) Violin
- B) Trumpet
- C) Accordion
- D) Clarinet

20) The company formed during the Civil War by Caleb Chase and James Solomon Sanborn concerned what product?

- A) Coffee
- B) Firearm ammunition
- C) Candy bars
- D) Camouflage clothing

21) What gesture did Carol Burnett do at the end of every episode of *The Carol Burnett Show*?

- A) Bow in all directions
- B) Make the sign of the cross
- C) Tug at her ear
- D) Wave at the stagehands

22) True or False -- - The first Super Bowl was in January 1967 between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The winner (35 to 10) was the Green Bay team.

23) What did Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard have in common?

- A) They were Mayflower pioneers
- B) They were wives of Henry VIII who were executed
- C) They co-starred in *High Sierra*
- D) They were sisters of Eleanor Roosevelt

24) Who holds the record (by far) for the most films with the leading role?

- A) W.C. Fields
- B) Clark Gable
- C) Audie Murphy
- D) John Wayne

25) A male donkey and a female horse produce what animal?

- A) A mule
- B) A pony
- C) A calabrese
- D) A donkey

26) What novel written by Civil War General Lew Wallace became a Hollywood epic in 1959 starring Charlton Heston?

- A) *The Agony & the Ecstasy*
- B) *The Ten Commandments*
- C) *I, Claudius*
- D) *Ben-Hur*

27) Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop were known as...

- A) The Rat Pack
- B) The Fab Five
- C) The Vegas Vaqueros
- D) The Rodeo Drive Gang

28) In 1951, what major league star not only had a 56-game hitting streak, but he didn't strike out the entire season!

- A) Jackie Robinson
- B) Ted Williams
- C) Joe DiMaggio
- D) Mickey Mantle

29) True or False -- Before Billy Sunday became a famous evangelist, he was a White House chef.

30) *Father Knows Best* and *Marcus Welby, M.D.* both starred...

- A) Brian Keith
- B) Robert Young
- C) Bill Bixby
- D) William Conrad

Can you match the photos of these stars from the silent film era to the names listed below?



* Douglas Fairbanks

* Buster Keaton

* Charlie Chaplin

* Clara Bow

* Greta Garbo

* William S. Hart

* Harold Lloyd

* Myrna Loy

* Rudolph Valentino

10) Which 3 of the above were **NOT** born in the U.S.?

Can you name these classic monster movies?



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10) The stars of 2 of these movies were related as father and son. Who were they?

Points to Ponder

“Age is strictly a case of mind over matter.
If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” (Jack Benny)

“You can never cross the ocean until you have
the courage to lose sight of the shore.” (Christopher Columbus)

“Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on
him, and to let him know that you trust him.” (Booker T. Washington)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“A good laugh overcomes more difficulties and dissipates more dark
clouds than any other one thing.” (Laura Ingalls Wilder)

“The battles that count aren’t the ones for gold medals.
The struggles within yourself -- the invisible battles
inside all of us -- that’s where it’s at.” (Jesse Owens)

“The Bible will always be full of things you cannot understand,
as long as you will not live according to those you **can** understand.”
(Billy Sunday)

“I celebrate a victory when I start walking off the field. By the time
I get to the locker room, I’m done.” (Tom Osborne)

“A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.” (Unknown)

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this
world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
(John 16:33)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “Third boxcar, midnight train. Destination? Bangor, Maine. Old worn out suit and shoes, I don’t pay no union dues. I smoke old stogies I have found, short but not too big around...
- 2) “I got rhythm. I got music. I got my gal...
- 3) “You’re nobody ‘til somebody loves you. You’re nobody ‘til somebody cares. You may be king, you may possess the world and it’s gold...
- 4) “Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need...
- 5) “That certain night, the night we met, there was magic abroad in the air. There were angels dining at the Ritz...
- 6) “Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way...
- 7) “Now I’ve got heartaches by the number, troubles by the score. Every day you love me less, each day I love you more...
- 8) “All or nothing at all. Half a love just never appealed to me...
- 9) “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name. Let angels prostrate fall...
- 10) “Just what makes that little old ant think he’ll move that rubber tree plant. Anyone knows an ant, can’t move a rubber tree plant...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

- 1) C
- 2) A
- 3) D
- 4) True
- 5) B
- 6) A
- 7) D
- 8) False – She won for her role in *Mary Poppins*.
- 9) B
- 10) C
- 11) D
- 12) A
- 13) B
- 14) C
- 15) True
- 16) B
- 17) True
- 18) C
- 19) D
- 20) A
- 21) C
- 22) True
- 23) B
- 24) D
- 25) A
- 26) D
- 27) A
- 28) C
- 29) False – He was a pro baseball player.
- 30) B

Do you know these stars from the silent film era?

- 1) Harold Lloyd
- 2) William S. Hart
- 3) Myrna Loy
- 4) Buster Keaton
- 5) Rudolph Valentino
- 6) Douglas Fairbanks
- 7) Greta Garbo
- 8) Charlie Chaplin
- 9) Clara Bow
- 10) 5, 7, 8. Valentino, Italy/ Garbo, Sweden/ Chaplin, England

Can you name these classic monster movies?

- 1) *Bride of Frankenstein*
- 2) *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*
- 3) *The Wolf Man*
- 4) *Phantom of the Opera*
- 5) *Frankenstein*
- 6) *King Kong*
- 7) *Godzilla*
- 8) *The Invisible Man*
- 9) *Dracula*
- 10) 3, Lon Chaney Jr. and 4, Lon Chaney Sr.

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "...I'm a man of means by no means. King of the road.
- 2) "...Who could ask for anything more?"

3) "...But gold won't bring you happiness when you're growing old."

4) "...Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."

5) "...And a nightingale sang in Berkeley Square."

6) "...Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh."

7) "...Yes, I've got heartaches by the number, a love that I can't win. But the day that I stop counting, that's the day my world will end."

8) "...If your heart never could yield to me, then I'd rather have nothing at all."

9) "...Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

10) "...But he's got high hopes. He's got high hopes. He's got high apple-pie in the sky hopes."