

## The latest from Denny & Claire,



Being hunkered down by all the quarantines and lockdowns and closed places of business recently reminded me of one winter in my Colorado childhood when I was chomping at the bit to get outside after a snowstorm followed by several days of freezing cold.

As often happens on the Front Range, a dramatic swing in temperatures can occur within hours and, in this case, once the sun came out, the dry snow began to melt and Mom agreed to let me venture out into the backyard for a little while. Of course, I'm sure she didn't give me permission to go outside without a coat (and in a short-sleeve shirt, no less!) but I did just that and still survived. Score another point for a boy's adventurous spirit.

But I must confess that this photograph does present a mystery to me. No, the mystery is not why I'm sitting on the clothesline pole reading my *Boy's Life* magazine. For whatever crazy kid reason, I did that with some frequency. And not only my magazine but, from the local library, books by Robert Louis Stevenson, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Jules Verne. Or maybe *Kon-Tiki*, the Raffles stories, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *Johnny Tremain*, *Robin Hood*, or *Sink the Bismarck*.

No, the real mystery is I can't figure out who would have taken the picture. Certainly not Mom. Like I said, she wouldn't have abided me being, what she would undoubtedly called, half-dressed. And my older sister? No way; she didn't have much to do with me in those days...except that it seemed like she considered it an important goal of her life to snitch on me when I was doing something wrong. The other kids were way too young to work the camera. So, I can't really imagine...

Hey, wait a second! I think I've figured it out. What better way to make sure I "got what was coming to me" than for my older sister to not merely rat me out, but to present photographic evidence to make her testimony airtight? No, you know what? Let's not go there. In fact, Linda and I have become friends in our adult lives so I think I'm going to choose to think that she was having a good day and decided to actually help out her kid brother by serving as a co-conspirator in the stunt.

Yeah, that's the ticket. Think as positive as you can about your family and friends. That's always a healthy thing to do. And speaking of friends, here's activity packet #44 for all of our dear "When Swing Was King" friends. Happy winter. But remember; don't go climbing poles outside. Well, at least until you put a coat on!

## Multiple Choice Questions

1) With the election of 1960, who became the American Vice-President?

- A) Adlai Stevenson
- B) Lyndon Johnson
- C) Gerald Ford
- D) Alben Barkley

2) In the Bing Crosby song "Swinging on a Star," which of these animals is **NOT** mentioned?

- A) Mule
- B) Pig
- C) Turkey
- D) Fish

3) The primary purpose of 1969's Apollo 11 mission (Commander Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins) was to...

- A) Build a temporary space station
- B) Successfully orbit the earth
- C) Repair the Hubble space telescope
- D) Land astronauts on the moon

4) True or False -- "Coal Miner's Daughter" was a song (and movie) telling the true story of country music legend Loretta Lynn. \_\_\_\_\_

5) The lead singer of the soul/rock group The Miracles was:

- A) Smokey Robinson
- B) Diana Ross
- C) Little Anthony
- D) Gary Puckett

6) Where do you find the engine in a Volkswagen Beetle?

- A) Under the hood
- B) Under the front seats
- C) Under the trunk
- D) Under the rear seats

7) About those sports records that people believe will never be beaten, the 100 points (by a single player!) in a pro basketball game is the most probable. Who set that record in 1962?

- A) Wilt Chamberlain
- B) John Havlicek
- C) Bill Russell
- D) Bob Cousy

8) True or False -- The Roman emperor who blamed the Christians for the fires that burned part of Rome (though, for political reasons, he probably started it himself) was Julius Caesar. \_\_\_\_\_

9) Which of these is true about the original Mr. Potato Head toy?

- A) He had a beard.
- B) It required a real potato.
- C) It cost about \$20.
- D) It was never advertised on TV.

10) Which of these was **NOT** a regular character on the original Star Trek TV series?

- A) Mr. Spock
- B) Dr. Leonard McCoy
- C) Chief Engineer Montgomery Scott
- D) Lt. Commander Data



11) Beginning in 1951, this little fellow was part of Alka-Seltzer advertising. What's his name?

- A) Seltzy
- B) Little Red
- C) Speedy
- D) Tiny Tab

12) Who wrote the classic stories of the ancient world, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*?

- A) Euripides
- B) Homer
- C) Virgil
- D) Dante

13) Though this country singer was never in prison, he made live performances at Folsom Prison and San Quentin into two of his most successful albums.

- A) Johnny Cash
- B) George Jones
- C) Merle Haggard
- D) Waylon Jennings

14) Annette Funicello was associated with what children's TV show?

- A) *Sesame Street*
- B) *Captain Kangaroo*
- C) *The Howdy Doody Show*
- D) *The Mickey Mouse Club*

15) True or False -- The longest unbeaten streak for a heavyweight boxer (49-0) was set by Joe Louis.

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16) By a long ways, the most successful Mattel doll of all time is...

- A) Chatty Cathy
- B) Barbie
- C) G.I. Joe
- D) Cabbage Patch Kid

17) True or False -- Before Hollywood success, Fred Astaire was teamed with his sister Adele in vaudeville and Broadway. And he was usually considered the less talented of the two.

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18) In what country would you find the cities of Bloemfontein, Pretoria, Cape Town, and Johannesburg?

- A) South Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Germany
- D) New Zealand

19) Whose family was saved by God despite the universal flood unleashed on the world?

- A) Moses
- B) Abraham
- C) Noah
- D) Joshua

20) What do we usually hear as being measured by a Richter Scale?

- A) Atmospheric pressure
- B) Tides
- C) Wind chill factor
- D) Earthquakes

21) Mark Twain's characters of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn hail from what state?

- A) Alabama
- B) Mississippi
- C) Missouri
- D) Ohio

22) True or False -- The longest one-syllable word in English is "screeched." (It means to make a harsh, high-pitched sound.) \_\_\_\_\_

23) Tiger Woods is first on the PGA Tour's all-time money list. Who is second on that list?

- A) Jack Nicklaus
- B) Phil Mickelson
- C) Arnold Palmer
- D) Lee Trevino

24) "The White Cliffs of Dover" was a WWII hit for a British singer called "The Forces' Sweetheart." She was...

- A) Anne Shelton
- B) Jo Stafford
- C) Marlene Dietrich
- D) Vera Lynn

25) The "Messiah" is an English-language oratorio composed in 1741 by this German-born composer.

- A) George Frideric Handel
- B) Johann Sebastian Bach
- C) Richard Wagner
- D) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

26) The Naval Ammunition Depot located near this Nebraska city was the largest ammunition plant in the whole country.

- A) Hastings
- B) Lincoln
- C) Scottsbluff
- D) Burwell

27) True or False -- After the Catholic Church, the largest Christian group in the U.S. is the Baptists. \_\_\_\_\_

28) J.R.R. Tolkien's fabulously popular *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy was preceded by this book which actually began the story:

- A) *The Secret Garden*
- B) *That Hideous Strength*
- C) *The Hobbit*
- D) *The Never-ending Story*

29) Only one month after WW II's Battle of the Coral Sea, this event proved to be the turning point in the Pacific campaign.

- A) Landing at Iwo Jima
- B) Hirohito's plane shot down
- C) Patton crosses the Rhine
- D) Battle of Midway

30) In the years 1969-1972, Nebraska's football team had a consecutive win streak of 32 games. But that's only 8 in the Top Ten list. At 47 straight wins, who is #1?

- A) Alabama
- B) Oklahoma
- C) Ohio State
- D) Notre Dame

## Can You Name These TV Sidekicks?

(The actors, their characters they played, and the shows they appeared in are with all the other answers on page 9.)



1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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8) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

9) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

10) Bonus question: Which of the above turned down a congressional appointment to the United States Naval Academy to become an actor with a small stock theater company?

## Can You Name These Actresses from Early TV?



1) \_\_\_\_\_

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8) \_\_\_\_\_

9) \_\_\_\_\_

10) Bonus question: Which of the above was a very successful child singer who had her own radio show, made numerous records, and was featured in a number of Paramount films?

## Points to Ponder...

“You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.” (Dale Carnegie)

“Being a king, emperor, or president is mighty small potatoes compared to being a mother.” (Billy Sunday)

“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.” (Psalm 86:5)

“A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do.” (Bob Dylan)

“A prisoner of war is a man who tries to kill you and fails, and then asks you not to kill him.” (Winston Churchill)

“All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner.”  
(Red Skelton)

“Do a little more than you’re paid to. Give a little more than you have to. Try a little harder than you want to. Aim a little higher than you think possible, and give a lot of thanks to God for health, family, and friends.”  
(Art Linkletter)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”  
(John 3:16)

“We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we’re in a time when there are no heroes? They just don’t know where to look.”  
(President Ronald Reagan)

“When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.” (G.K. Chesterton)

## What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “Sometimes I wonder how I spend the lonely night dreaming of a song...
- 2) “And all the monkeys aren’t in the zoo. Every day you meet quite a few...
- 3) “You always hurt the one you love, the one you shouldn’t hurt at all...
- 4) “It’s now or never. Come, hold me tight. Kiss me, my darling; be mine tonight...
- 5) “I’ll be seeing you in all the old familiar places that this heart of mine embraces all day through...
- 6) “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved...
- 7) “A B C D E F G H, I got a gal in Kalamazoo. Don’t wanna’ boast...
- 8) “You’ve got to accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative...
- 9) “Missed the Saturday dance. Heard they crowded the floor...
- 10) “Keep rollin’, rollin’, rollin.’ Though the streams are swollen, keep them dogies rollin.’ Rawhide! Through rain and wind and weather; hell bent for leather, wishin’ my gal was by my side...



## The Answers! Multiple Choice

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) D
- 4) True
- 5) A
- 6) C
- 7) A
- 8) False -- Nero
- 9) B
- 10) D
- 11) C
- 12) B
- 13) A
- 14) D
- 15) False –  
Rocky Marciano
- 16) B
- 17) True
- 18) A
- 19) C
- 20) D
- 21) C
- 22) True
- 23) B
- 24) D
- 25) A
- 26) A
- 27) True
- 28) C
- 29) D
- 30) B

### TV Sidekicks:

- 1) Don Knotts as Barney Fife (*Andy Griffith Show*)
- 2) Ken Osmond as Eddie Haskell (*Leave It to Beaver*)

- 3) Hugh Brannum as Mr. Green Jeans (*Captain Kangaroo*)
- 4) Bob Denver as Maynard G. Krebs (*Dobie Gillis*)
- 5) Jay Silverheels as Tonto (*The Lone Ranger*)
- 6) Jack Larson as Jimmy Olsen (*Superman*)
- 7) Milburn Stone as Doc Adams (*Gunsmoke*)
- 8) Bruce Lee as Kato (*Green Hornet*)
- 9) William Hopper as Paul Drake (*Perry Mason*)
- 10) 7 – Milburn Stone

### Actresses from Early TV:

- 1) Rose Marie as Sally Rogers (*Dick van Dyke Show*)
- 2) Tina Louis as Ginger Grant (*Gilligan's Island*)
- 3) Vivian Vance as Ethel Mertz (*I Love Lucy*)
- 4) Annette Funicello as herself (*Mickey Mouse Club*)
- 5) Diana Rigg as Emma Peel (*The Avengers*)
- 6) Eve Arden as Connie Brooks (*Our Miss Brooks*)
- 7) Jane Jetson (*The Jetsons*)
- 8) June Lockhart as Ruth Martin (*Lassie*)
- 9) Barbara Billingsley as June Cleaver (*Leave It to Beaver*)
- 10) 1 – Rose Marie

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- 1) "...The melody haunts my reverie and I am once again with you."
- 2) "...So you see it's all up to you. You can be better than you are. You could be swingin' on a star."
- 3) "...You always take the sweetest rose and crush it till the petals fall."
- 4) "...Tomorrow will be too late. It's now or never. My love won't wait."
- 5) "...In that small cafe, the park across the way, the children's carousel, the chestnut trees, the wishing well."
- 6) "...How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."
- 7) "...But I know she's the toast of Kalamazoo-zoo-zoo-zoo-zoo-zoo."
- 8) "...Latch on to the affirmative. Don't mess with Mister In-Between."
- 9) "...Couldn't bear it without you. Don't get around much anymore."
- 10) "...All the things I'm missin', good vittles, love and kissin' are waiting at the end of my ride."