

The latest from Denny & Claire,



January has been a very full month for us so far and we still have a few important tasks ahead of us before February rolls around. For instance, we will be taking off tomorrow for a weekend in Wichita and then on Monday we will drive down to Hillsboro where Denny has a speaking engagement at Tabor College.

But previous to all that our January has included the last of our Christmas season dinner parties, writing several articles for our blog, personal correspondence, church activities, creating more of these activity packets, participation in the Walk for Life in Lincoln (the photos here show Claire at the Vital Signs Ministries literature table and Denny addressing the crowd at the Capitol), and being honored by a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Nebraskans Embracing Life dinner.



But here's another item that we are very excited about. A couple of days ago, Claire and I presented the first "When Swing Was King" show since these quarantines began way back last February! Now, we did have some limitations -- a shorter program, the numbers in the audience was regulated, and we observed the rules about masks and distance which we all know so well nowadays. Nevertheless, we were back! And, just like before, we had photos from back in the day and the terrific music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Helen Forest, and more. At least one other senior facility is opening up for "When Swing Was King" next month. So, we are thanking the Lord for this development even as we're praying to quickly get back to our regular rota of 12 shows every month. We hope you're praying for the same thing.

Please know, however, that until we can return to that schedule (or pretty close to it), we will continue to create and send over to you these activity pages. So, here's #45 in the series. Have fun!

Multiple Choice Questions

1) Finish this song and movie title,
Moon Over _____.

- A) *Marrakech*
- B) *Miami*
- C) *Mississippi*
- D) *Montgomery*

2) Brandy is made from distilled...

- A) Vodka
- B) Apples
- C) Raisins
- D) Wine

3) "Minnie the Moocher" was the theme song for this fellow...

- A) Cab Calloway
- B) Harry James
- C) Spike Jones
- D) Kay Kayser

4) True or False -- In 1930, publisher Edward Stratemeyer created the character of amateur detective Trixie Belden as a female counterpart to his Hardy Boys series. _____

5) The big band led by Guy Lombardo was also called...

- A) The Orange Blossoms
- B) The Rhythm Boys
- C) The Royal Canadians
- D) The Thundering Herd

6) The U.S. military school that is located in Annapolis, Maryland is...

- A) Naval Academy
- B) Coast Guard Academy
- C) Air Force Academy
- D) Maryland Institute of Arms

7) Who is the third in this biblical trio: Shadrach, Meshach and...

- A) Jeremiah
- B) Lot
- C) Methuselah
- D) Abednego

8) True or False – The address of the White House is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. _____

9) "Divorced, Beheaded, Died. Divorced, Beheaded, Survived." is a little rhyme that British school kids often use to help them remember the fate of...

- A) The 6 kings before Cromwell
- B) Henry VIII's wives
- C) Jack the Ripper's victims
- D) Richard II's cabinet ministers

10) Who played Elliot Ness on the TV series *The Untouchables*?

- A) Rod Taylor
- B) Jeff Chandler
- C) Robert Stack
- D) Vic Morrow

11) According to this song (Frankie Laine had a #1 hit with it in 1949), who is it that "got nothin' to do but roll around heaven all day"?

- A) "My Baby's Rainbow"
- B) "The Devil Moon"
- C) "That Lucky Old Sun"
- D) "Stupid Cupid"

12) In 1970, this actress made this infamous photo op during a visit to North Vietnam while the U.S. was at war with that country. That actress was...



- A) Adrienne Barbeau
- B) Jane Fonda
- C) Catherine Deneuve
- D) Lee Remick

13) The song “Ciribiribin” was the theme song for what big band musician?

- A) Harry James
- B) Ted Heath
- C) Al Hirt
- D) Artie Shaw

14) In baseball, what is the position between 1st and 2nd base?

- A) Catcher
- B) 3rd baseman
- C) Shortstop
- D) Middle fielder

15) What relation was Franklin D. Roosevelt to Theodore Roosevelt?

- A) Fifth cousin
- B) Nephew
- C) Great grandson
- D) There was no blood relation

16) True or False – Since 1952 the advertising mascot for Chicken of the Sea tuna has been a seahorse. _____

17) The two girl singers were simply called Dawn. Who was the male singer who was the act’s real star?

- A) John Davidson
- B) Erik Estrada
- C) Tony Orlando
- D) Dino Dimucci

18) True or False – Using ultrasound a preborn baby’s heartbeat can be heard just 6 weeks after conception. _____

19) Way back in the flapper era, actor and crooner Rudy Vallee led a band called the...

- A) Bronx Bombshells
- B) Casa Loma Orchestra
- C) Hotsy Totsy Boys
- D) Connecticut Yankees

20) Which of the following is **NOT** a book in the New Testament?

- A) 3rd John
- B) 1st Simeon
- C) The Book of Acts
- D) 2nd Corinthians

21) Finish this song line, “I’ll take Manhattan, the Bronx, and...

- A) ...that alone will do.”
- B) ...another borough too.”
- C) ...Harlem’s subways too.”
- D) ...Staten Island too.”

22) "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." Those lines comes from the poem "Trees" written by...

- A) Joyce Kilmer
- B) Walt Whitman
- C) Rudyard Kipling
- D) Alfred Lord Tennyson

23) True or False -- On the popular radio show, the Shadow's love interest was Dale Arden. _____

24) Who defeated Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815?

- A) Charlemagne
- B) King Henry V
- C) Duke of Wellington
- D) Oliver Cromwell

25) This big band was nicknamed the "Band of Renown" and appeared on almost every television show and USO tour Bob Hope ever did.

- A) Woody Herman
- B) Les Brown
- C) Hugh Downs
- D) Bob Crosby

26) What do Isaac Watts, John Newton, Fanny Crosby, and Ira Sankey all have in common?

- A) Pioneer scientists
- B) 19th Century novelists
- C) Christian hymn writers
- D) English landscape painters

27) Which of the following Nebraska towns is closest to Julesburg, Colorado?

- A) Sidney
- B) Imperial
- C) Lodgepole
- D) Big Springs

28) True or False -- The term "gold record" started as a publicity gimmick in 1942 when RCA spray painted a copy of Glenn Miller's "Chattanooga Choo Choo" after it had sold over a million records. _____

29) Which of these actresses was **NOT** at one time married to singer Dick Haymes?

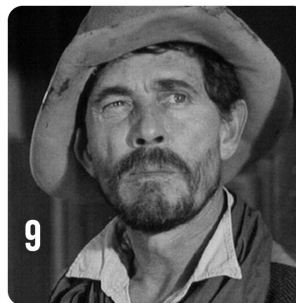
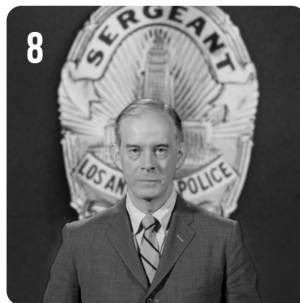
- A) Joanne Dru
- B) Bette Davis
- C) Rita Hayworth
- D) Fran Jeffries

30) Those catchy Paul Masson wine commercials (1978 to 1981) featured Orson Welles saying,...

- A) "We will sell no wine before it's time."
- B) "Talk is good when wine is fine."
- C) "Everything we know is everything you taste."
- D) "It's going to be a beautiful evening."

More TV Sidekicks

(Can you name the actors, the characters they played, and the shows they appeared in? Answers on page 9.)



1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

10) Bonus question: Which of the above was the son of a sheriff, quarterback of his high school team, WWII veteran, medical student, lead vocalist with the Tommy Dorsey band after Frank Sinatra left, and lead singer with the Sons of the Pioneers.

From the Cast of “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World”



1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

10) Bonus question: Which of the above was the owner of racehorses (including a Kentucky Derby entrant) and worked as a horse trainer at the Hollywood Park track in the last years of his life.

Points to Ponder...

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”
(C.S. Lewis)

“I am of certain convinced that the greatest heroes are those who do their duty in the daily grind of domestic affairs whilst the world whirls as a maddening top.” (Florence Nightingale)

“Security is mostly a superstition.
Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.” (Helen Keller)

“The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him,
and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give
thanks to Him in song.” (Psalm 28:7)

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails
to always reach my destination.” (Jimmy Dean)

“I destroy my enemies when I make them my friends.” (Abraham Lincoln)

“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony
given at the proper time.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

“Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn’t know you left open.”
(John Barrymore)

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment,
until it becomes a memory.” (Dr. Seuss)

“Spread love everywhere you go.” (Mother Teresa)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

1) “There’s a bright golden haze on the meadow; there’s a bright golden haze on the meadow. The corn is as high as an elephant’s eye...

2) “Don’t throw bouquets at me. Don’t please my folks too much. Don’t laugh at my jokes too much...

3) “Oklahoma! Where the wind comes sweepin’ down the plain and the wavin’ wheat can sure smell sweet when the wind comes right behind the rain. Oklahoma! Every night my honey lamb and I...

4) “In the still of the night once again I hold you tight. Though you’re gone, your love lives on when moonlight beams. And as long as my heart will beat...

5) “Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms. Leaning, leaning...

6) “It’s still the same old story -- a fight for love and glory; a case of do or die...

7) “You are the promised kiss of springtime that makes the lonely winter seem long...

8) “Shine on, shine on harvest moon up in the sky. I ain’t had no lovin’ since January, February, June, or July. Snow time ain’t no time...

9) “San Francisco, open your golden gate. You’ll let nobody wait outside your door...

10) “Heaven. I’m in heaven, and my heart beats so that I can hardly speak. And I seem to find the happiness I seek...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

- 1) B
- 2) D
- 3) A
- 4) False: It's Nancy Drew
- 5) C
- 6) A
- 7) D
- 8) True
- 9) B
- 10) C
- 11) D
- 12) B
- 13) A
- 14) C
- 15) A
- 16) False: It's a mermaid
- 17) C
- 18) True: Even earlier
- 19) D
- 20) B
- 21) D
- 22) A
- 23) False: It's Margo Lane
- 24) C
- 25) B
- 26) C
- 27) D
- 28) True
- 29) B
- 30) A

More TV Sidekicks:

- 1) William Frawley as Fred Mertz (*I Love Lucy*)
- 2) Dawn Wells as Mary Ann (*Gilligan's Island*)

- 3) Dennis Weaver as Chester (*Gunsmoke*)
- 4) Werner Klemperer as Colonel Klink (*Hogan's Heroes*)
- 5) Johnny Crawford as Mark McCain (*The Rifleman*)
- 6) Greg Morris as Barney Collier (*Mission Impossible*)
- 7) Agnes Moorhead as Endora (*Bewitched*)
- 8) Harry Morgan as Bill Gannon (*Dragnet*)
- 9) Ken Curtis as Festus Haggen (*Gunsmoke*)
- 10) 9 – Ken Curtis

Mad, Mad World Actors:

- 1) Milton Berle
- 2) Mickey Rooney
- 3) Sid Caesar
- 4) Edie Adams
- 5) Jonathan Winters
- 6) Buddy Hackett
- 7) Eddie "Rochester" Anderson
- 8) Jimmy Durante
- 9) Ethel Merman
- 10) 7 – Eddie Anderson

What Comes Next in this Song Lyric?

- 1) "...and it looks like it's climbing clear up to the sky."

2) "...People will say we're in love."

3) "...sit alone and talk and watch a hawk makin' lazy circles in the sky."

4) "...Lover, we'll always meet here in my deep purple dreams."

5) "...I'm leaning on the everlasting arms."

6) "...The world will always welcome lovers as time goes by."

7) "...You are the breathless hush of evening that trembles on the brink of a lovely song."

8) "...to sit outdoors and spoon. So shine on, shine on harvest moon for me 'n' my gal."

9) "...San Francisco, here is your wanderin' one saying I'll wander no more."

10) "...when we're out together dancing cheek to cheek."