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An 8th Grade class: Salina , KS – 1895

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### **From the Editor . . .**

It's a hard thing to decide priorities when there are so many wonderful offerings in the local Mensa community. I am not enough of an early-riser to have been enjoyable company, or to have properly enjoyed, the wind farm tour. I have heard that it was a good time for all who attended.

I did go to Nelson, BC with Bill Sawatzki and Milly in Bill car because he was nice enough to drive. Thank you Bill. We met up with 2 more Mensans from the States; Bill and Revo – both very entertaining gentlemen, as are most Mensans, eh? The 5 Canadian Mensans were also very enjoyable company. Lunch at Max & Irma's restaurant off the main street was tasty, well presented and served, and well received. After lunch, Berthe gave a walking tour of the Nelson downtown to those of us who wanted it. The day was good, the weather was good, the conversation was jovial and good. It was just a great way to spend a Saturday.

Berthe insisted that they will come down stateside to do the same thing on our turf if they ever receive a formal invitation. Bill S. insisted that they have an invitation to come and verbally invited her to come right there in front of my eyes – but I think it needs to be a formal invitation. I think there is still time for this summer if anyone would like to plan something, or help to plan something.

Oh, as a side note, it took those of us in Bills car about all of 1 minute to answer the necessary questions to get into Canada, and about 10 or 15 minutes to get back into the States. Most of the delay of getting into the States seemed to be the necessary wait while he checked out passports information in the computer. Some United States citizens did not fare so well at the Border crossing, but the details of that story are for a different orator!

As always, the chili and desserts at the business meeting were spectacular. Thank you for the tasties Milly. At the business meeting we decided to work more diligently at getting a copy of the monthly newsletter onto the national website for any registered member to download. That will be the version like the printed version, only a version of digital composition – version. There will also be made available a version that is pared down and not containing any personal information. This version will be put onto our local website. [ewni.us.mensa.org](http://ewni.us.mensa.org)

**James**

**Errors in the Last newsletter:** Evidently this is more of an omission than an error: Lynn's Birth Day was not included.

Lynn's birth date had been suppressed in the listing from National, but she would like us all to know and share her celebration belatedly.

Happy Birthday Lynn Cranehahn-Frazier 7-28-2011

### **From Milly**

July was a very interesting month for me. First there was the AG in Portland. That was so much fun. then we had the business meeting for July. We discussed what to do about the first Friday's of the month. We decided on a pot luck dinner at my house. This will be an opportunity for something our young members can attend with their families. All children are welcome. Most of our Friday get-together's are in a lounge someplace and that prevents our young members from attending. This is a "bring your own beverage and a dish to share" affair. We can visit or play games or what ever our membership would like to do. It should be fun. Something a little different than our usual Friday's The first Pot Luck will be on SEPTEMBER 2nd, at 5:30.

On the 23rd of this month 5 of our members went to Nelson BC, Canada and met with 5 of the Canadian Mensa members for lunch. We all had a great time. We left at 8:30 am and returned home at 5:30pm so it was a full day of fun and chatter. We try to do this once a year, so if you don't have a passport, This gives you a year, until next summer, to get one so you can go with us next year. The more members we have to share the gas, the less it cost's each of us.

Next years AG will also be in the western part of the country. The 2012 AG will be in Reno. It's from July 4th to the 8th. Sounds like it's going to be another good one, So I'll start saving funds for it now and maybe by next July, I'll have enough saved up to attend.

Your Loc Sec.,

Milly Treherne

### **Here are upcoming Friday plans:**

**1st Friday in August:** Mike Jones, Mensa member and owner of Mizuna's Restaurant downtown has again invited us to have our TGIF at his place, but we will again meet on Thursday. He has asked for a headcount a few days in advance, so you will **need to RSVP**. Meet at ----- **at 5:30 on Thursday, 8/4.**  
Sherry

## AUGUST PUZZLE

Here's an easy one for the summer doldrums:

In a sequence, every term after the second term is twice the sum of the two preceding terms. The seventh term of the sequence is **8**, and the ninth term is **24**. What is the eleventh term of the sequence?

Send your answer directly to me. There are three ways you can do this:

**E-mail:** this is best - -----@comcast.net.

**Regular mail:** -----, Spokane, WA 99217

**Phone call:** 509 487-7366 (leave a message if I don't answer)

You will be judged on your speed, correctness, and **clarity of explanation** of your reasoning. The winner will get one of the coveted **ATTABOYS**.

Gardner Bailey  
NEW Puzzle Editor

## Happy Birthday

1	Michael Miller	Moscow, ID
3	Eugene Guyon	Billings, MT
3	Irene Anrode	Spokane
9	Charles Reeves	Sandpoint, ID
9	Jessie Lang	Spokane
10	Norma Lally	Spokane
16	James VanderMeer	Spokane
16	Jinnie Lawson	Spokane
19	Sharane Schacht	Spokane
24	C Abramson	Missoula, MT
25	Mark Zygmund	Billings, MT
25	Matthew Labrum	Pullman, WA
26	Larry Nicholson	Deer Park, WA
29	Mildred Hamilton	Spokane
29	Sherry Murray	Spokane

## Happy Mensaversary

37 years	Gene Gudmundson	White Sulphur Springs, MT
32 years	Robert Probasco	Spokane
20 years	Alan Knudsen	Missoula, MT
19 years	Michael Andrews	Moscow, ID
14 years	Jeff Shepherd	Spokane
13 years	David Armstrong	Butte, MT
8 years	Theodore Phelps	Coeur d'Alene, ID
7 years	Mark Dickson	Billings, MT
6 years	Derek Smith	Harrison, ID
5 years	Elnora Wildermuth	Spokane
5 years	Denise Lockridge	Missoula, MT
3 years	Laura Winston	Stevensville, MT
2 years	Spencer Reh	Missoula, MT
2 years	John Nash	Manhattan, MT
2 years	Benjamin Power	Dillon, MT

**So where are you planning to enjoy the apocalypse?** The end of time has been prophesied for next year, and it's never too early to reserve a good spot – at the End of Time AG, that is! The 2012 Annual Gathering will be held July 4-8 in Reno, Nev., and the early-bird registration rate of \$85 is only available through 11:59 p.m., central time, on December 31. Impending doom notwithstanding, Reno is well into its urban renaissance and offers a wide variety of fun to be had during the five days of the AG.

As an added attraction, the Mensa Foundation is sponsoring a one-day-only Colloquium to take place the day before the AG begins! Colloquium 2012.2: "Social and Video Games" will be held July 3, 2012, at the Silver Legacy Reno, also home to AG12. This interactive, all-day event will feature internationally recognized researchers and game developers speaking on a variety of topics related to electronic games.

Get more information about AG12 and register online today at [www.ag.us.mensa.org](http://www.ag.us.mensa.org)! And add your \$69 Colloquium registration at the same time!

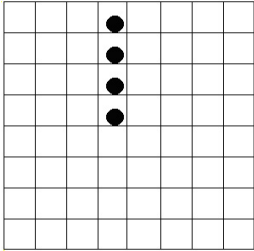
We'll see you there!

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## JULY PUZZLE ANSWER

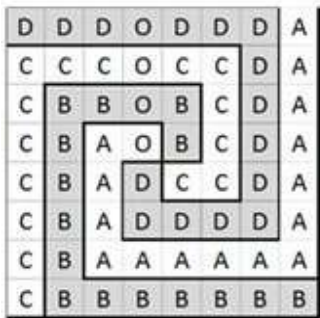
To recap:

Divide this checkerboard along the edges of the squares to get four congruent pieces, each containing one of the circles.



I received answers from Ralph Otteson and Donna Williams, in that order. Here is Donna's answer:

*"Here ya go! The congruent parts are labeled A, B, C and D. "*



I think that for getting the right answer and displaying it so well graphically she definitely deserves an

**ATTAGIRL, Donna**

## [ReEd received this from an email forwarded by Beetle] LEXIPHILES

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen the mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

### AUGUST:

**4 Thur FIRST THURSDAY** – This is the First Friday, moved to the Thursday before it. **MIZUNA’S REASTAURANT, 5:30 PM, 214 N. HOWARD.** **RSVP to MIZUNA** if you plan to go. Mention Mensa.

**9 Tue MISSOULA - “Second Tuesday”** at **SEAN KELLY’S BAR AND GRILL**, 130 West Pine. Join the **trivia contest** (we play as “The Owls”) or just visit. Call Mariana at (406) 360-4740.

**12 Fri SECOND FRIDAY** – After work, **5:30** at the **China Dragon Lounge**, corner of Division and Queen, directly north of Northtown Mall in Spokane. Call **Milly** or **Beetle** for information and/or directions.

### NO SPOKANE MEETING THIS MONTH

**26 Fri TGITFF - RIPPLES ON THE RIVER - 5:30.** This is the west end of the bar in the Red Lion River Inn. It’s just north of the river, on the east side of Division St. Outside seating when the weather is warm.

**26 Fri -----NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-----**

**30 Tue CREASE AND POKE** September newsletter. Beetle’s house, 7 PM. Call first.

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### Upcoming First Friday plans:

#### This iterates what Milly had said in her notes:

At the July business meeting. We discussed what to do about the first Friday's of the month. We decided on a pot luck dinners at Milly’s house. This will be an opportunity for something our young members can attend with their families. All children are welcome. Most of our Friday get-together's are in a lounge someplace and that prevents our young members from attending. This is a "bring your own beverage and a dish to share" affair. We can visit or play games or what ever our membership would like to do. It should be fun. Something a little different than our usual Friday's The first Pot Luck will be on **SEPTEMBER 2nd, at 5:30.**

## SEPTEMBER

**2 Fri FIRST FRIDAY** – **Milly’s House, 5:30 PM** Potluck. Bring your own libation, and a dish to share.

**9 Fri SECOND FRIDAY** – **China Dragon Lounge, 5:30 PM**

**13 Tue MISSOULA Second Tuesday - at SEAN KELLY’S**

**14 Wed MONTHLY MEETING** – Date is tentative. Watch this space for details next month.

**23 Fri TGIF - 5:30 PM, RIPPLES ON THE RIVER.**

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### Welcome Back To:

Cheryl Westerman Spokane, WA  
Reinstating (lapsed >= 1 year)

Kim Westlund Post Falls, ID  
Ernest Flynn Billings, MT  
Jason Laws Spokane, WA  
James Sanders Liberty Lake, WA

**Renewing (lapsed < 1 year)**

### Goodbye To:

No One

**Moved out of group**

### Welcome To:

David Fister Desmet, ID

**New Member**

Eugene Guyon Billings, MT

**Moved into group**

[ReEd got this in a forwarded email from Barb Sharp]  
You think English is easy???

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row ...
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France . Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on..

English was invented by people not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why when the stars are out they are visible but when the lights are out they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

[ReEd got this forwarded in an email from Milly]  
1895 8th grade final exam

Take this test and pass it on to your more literate friends..

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895...

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina , Kansas , USA . It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina , and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

### **8th Grade Final Exam: Salina , KS - 1895**

#### **Grammar (Time, one hour)**

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of 'lie,' 'play,' and 'run.'
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
- 6 What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

#### **Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)**

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. For tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000.. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft.. Long at \$20 per metre?

8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

#### **U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)**

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton , Bell , Lincoln , Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

#### **Orthography (Time, one hour)**

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' .
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

### Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete.

### LEXIPHILES

From pg 8

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

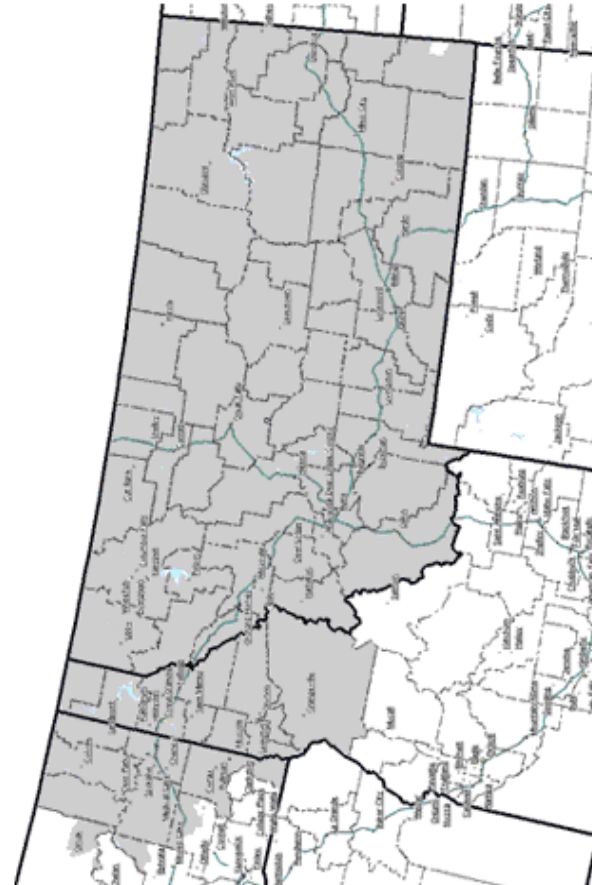
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

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