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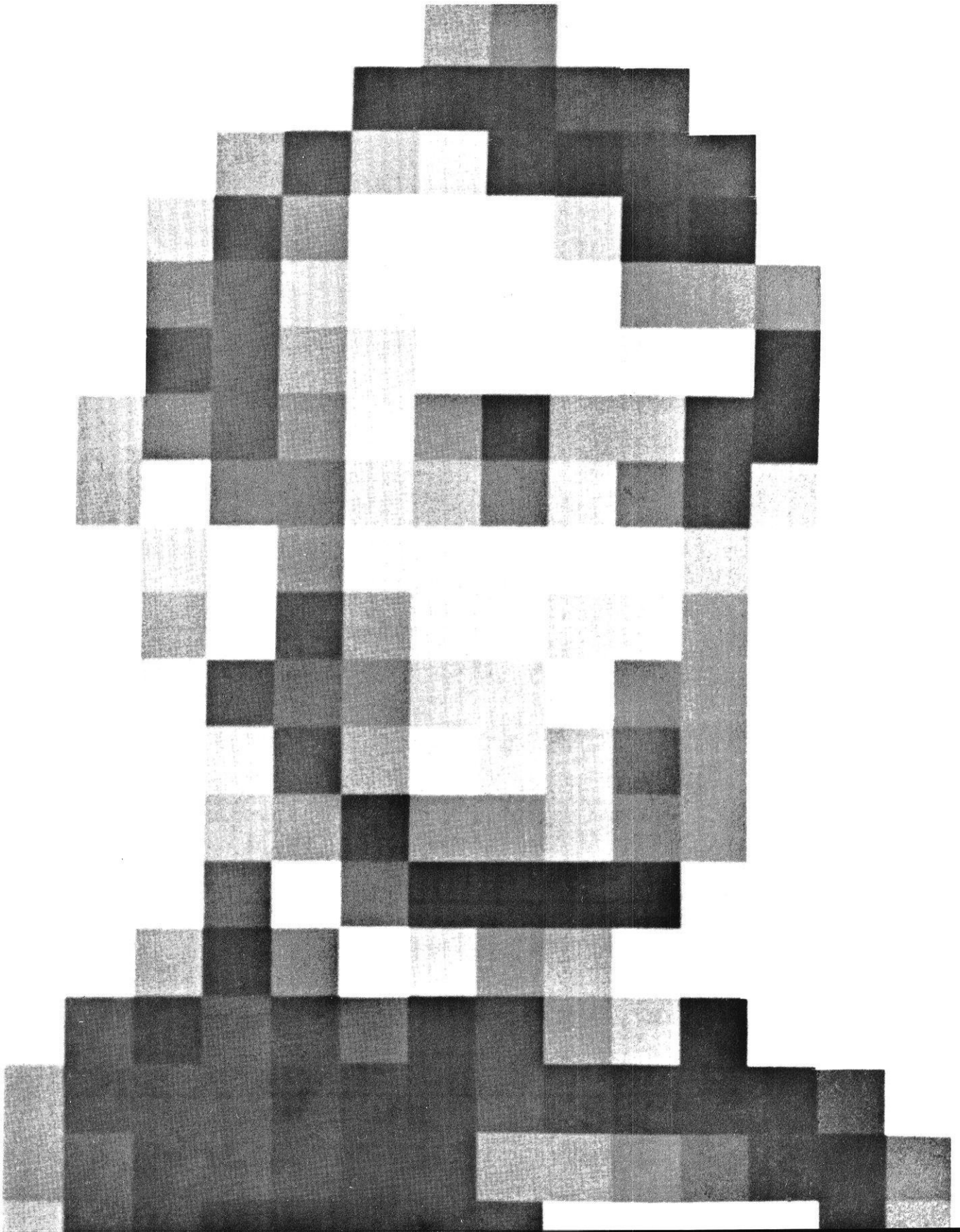
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# “They encourage us to look for original solutions to problems. This sparks inventiveness.”

Bill Greiner, Western Electric

Bill Greiner's problem: shaving 10-14 seconds off one operation in the manufacture of integrated circuits, while reducing error factor below .001 inch.

Bill is a staff member at Western Electric's Engineering Research Center, working primarily with the handling and testing of integrated circuits.

Bill came to Western Electric in 1968 after receiving his MS from MIT. He earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering at Yale.

“My work here has given me a better appreciation of the problems in manufacturing,” said Bill. His automatic TV system for the alignment of integrated circuits is a good example.

At one phase of the manufacturing process, operators must correct alignment of integrated circuits by hand—a job that took up to fifteen seconds, and was accurate to only .001 inch in x and y, and to one degree in rotary.

What Bill did, essentially, was design and build a small dedicated computer that completely automates the process. An operator can push a button to align the integrated circuits automatically. A TV camera enlarges the image in silhouette form, scans the pattern, and feeds the voltage signal into Bill's computer. The computer calculates the position measurements and triggers a stepping table to correct the alignment.

The correction time is reduced to one second, the error factor to .00025 inch in x and y, and ½ degree in rotary.

Bill finds the challenge of electronics and logic design extremely stimulating. “We're not channeled: we have a chance to get

involved in a variety of fields.”

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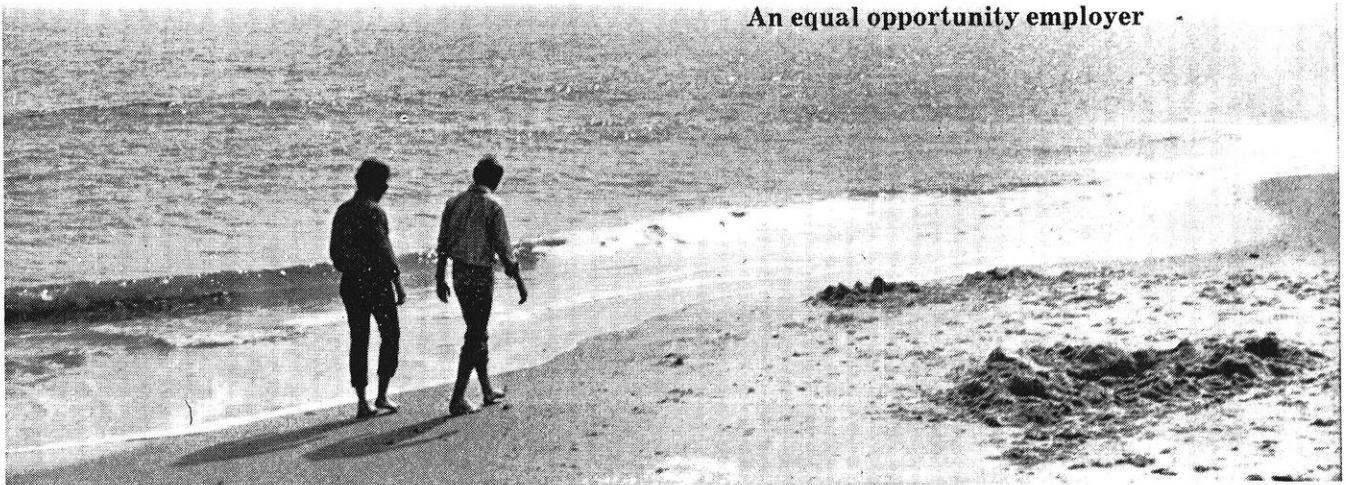
Who can say? All I know is I'm busy doing something worthwhile. I'm moving. I'm helping to make things happen.

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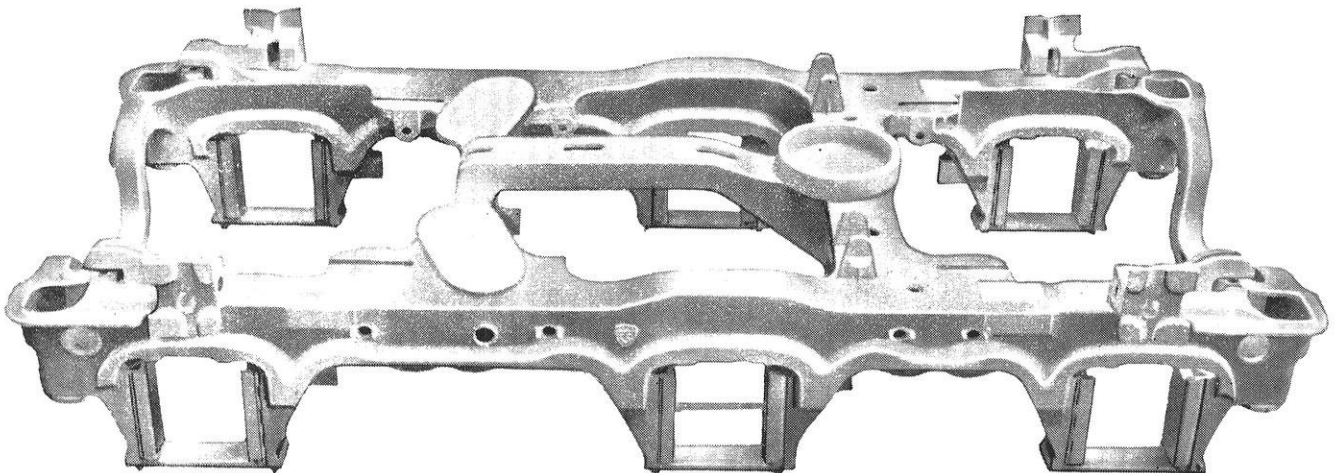
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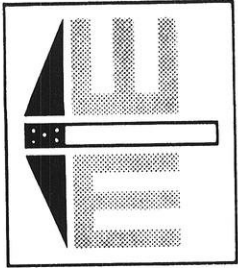


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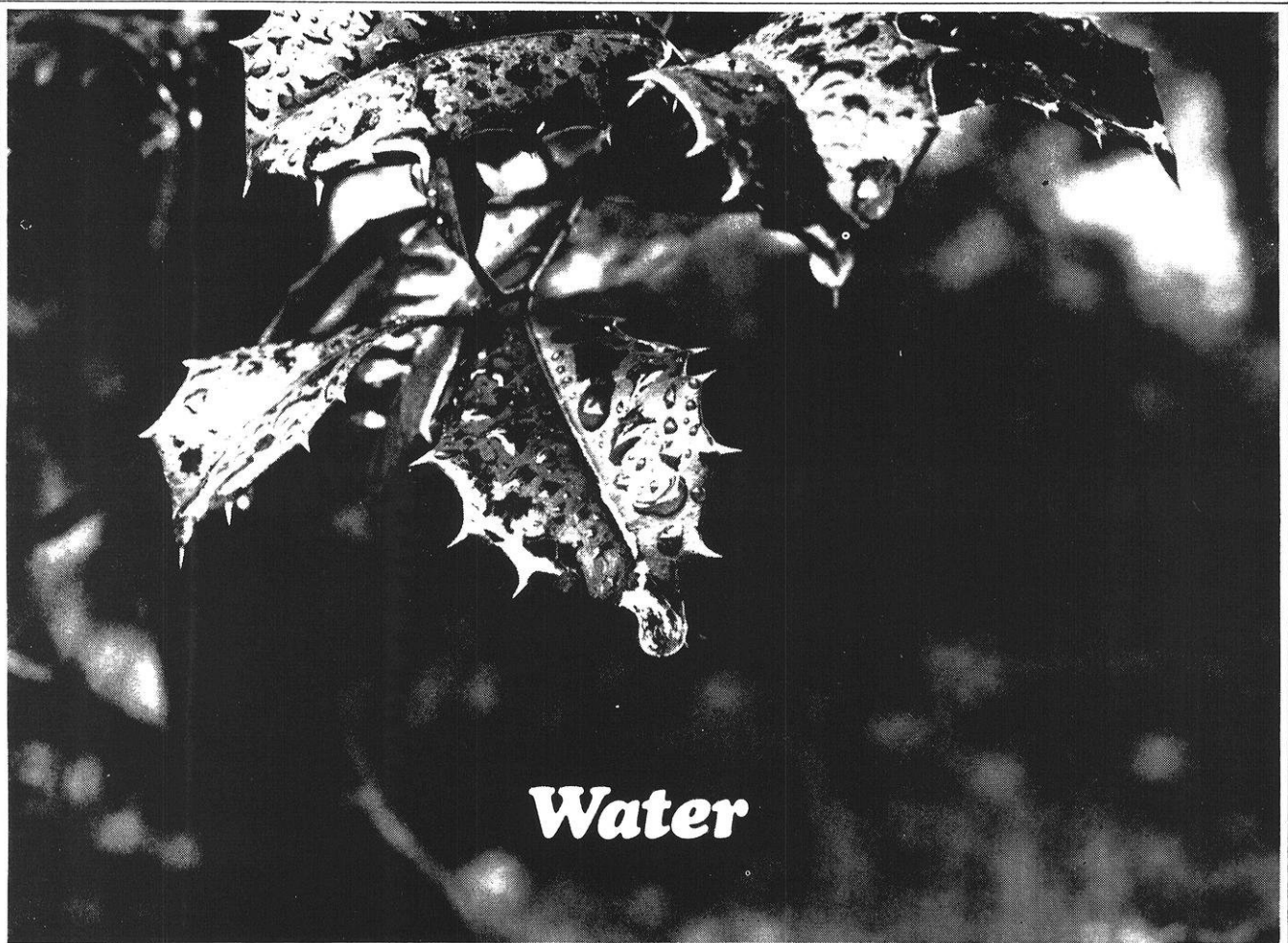
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# A Derivation of Man's Demise

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His Cartesian perception  
By a function defined;  
To external values  
Voluntarily blind.

And: Consider a Prince,  
A leader of the people,  
Superficially righteous,  
Accidentally evil,  
Who retains what he has  
And gets what he can  
By lying, and playing on  
The passions of man.

Let: The former display  
The technical skill  
That enables the latter  
To efficiently kill.

Let: Man's ethics be smothered  
By his mechanical flair  
To make death and carnage  
Long-distance affairs.

Let: Those who protest  
And in agony view  
This hideous strength  
Remain weak and few.

Mankind will die  
Leaving nothing behind  
But an epitaph of Fossils  
To tell future minds:

Then: "Here lies a species  
That failed to arrive  
At the level of morality  
It required to survive.

1)Anon.; Cornell Univ., Jan. 1971.



# TO THE UNDERGRADUATE

BY C. L. DEAN

*(This Article Was Written in 1905; Read It and See How/If Engineering Education Has Changed)*

When I consented to write an article for the WISCONSIN ENGINEER, I did not anticipate the difficulty I have experienced in choosing a proper subject. But of the number of things that a graduate might write about, I decided that some practical advice to the undergraduate would perhaps be as acceptable as anything. In treating of the work of under-graduates, one is dealing with a delicate subject for I may say something that will conflict with the ideas and practice of men engaged in teaching the theory and practice of engineering work. I may also criticise some parts of the present engineering education, but these criticisms refer to the education in general, and apply to no particular institution of learning, for all have faults in common.

But from whatever criticism I may offer, I do not mean to discourage the young man who is desirous of becoming an engineer, and of availing himself of the opportunity to obtain an engineering education. For any young man, intending to become an engineer, would make a serious mistake if he did not avail himself of the advantages of an engineering school, and such a mistake would greatly influence his future success as an engineer. But years of practice have shown that some parts of our present engineering education could be much improved, and upon these parts I may offer some criticisms.

But however great the advantages of an engineering education may be, the importance of that education should not be overestimated. If the student believes that it is thymost important of an engineer's qualifications, and that it alone will insure success, the sooner he abolishes that idea the better. Many a graduate has gone out with the idea that his education was the only necessary qualification for an

engineer, but he found that in order to use his education to advantage, several years of practical experience were necessary.

The education he has secured will be of little use to him, unless he has the ability to use it. In many cases our higher education has this fault: It makes the student overestimate the importance of his college education, and it makes him think that it is the most important of an engineer's qualifications, and that it alone will insure his success. As previously stated, it is his ability to use his education that brings him success, and his ability to use it, depends upon whether it has been supplemented by several years of practical experience.

I would say that the qualifications necessary for an engineer were good common sense and judgement, education, experience and confidence. Practical experience is a supplement to education, for it gives that which an education cannot give, gives the engineer confidence in himself, and commands the confidence of those who may employ him. Without this confidence the young engineer cannot expect to be placed in positions of trust and responsibility. I might take a practical example, and as such, mention the special railway apprentice. Why is it that so few of our many college graduates take up this work? Simply because they will have to spend three or four years gaining their practical experience after graduating, and this the most of our graduates refuse to do. If men are to be educated in the railway profession, or any other branch of engineering, they must be taught that several years of practical experience are necessary in addition to their theoretical training. At the present time men graduate in the engineering profession, just as they do in medicine and law. But what conclusion do you

come to when you compare the graduate in law and medicine with the graduate in engineering? Have you ever stopped to think that there are greater difficulties encountered in making a special educational course applicable to the engineering profession than to any other? When a young man graduates in law or medicine, he has learned enough of his profession to begin work in a tentative fashion; he is able to make a decent living from what he has learned. A young man graduating from the engineering courses is not likely to be acceptable for any position except a low one, which few of our college graduates would care to accept. So much of success in engineering work depends upon practical experience, that special training must necessarily be of little use unless experience in doing actual work is added to it.

A young doctor or lawyer may walk on the edge of starvation for the first year or two, but he is not required to do uncongenial labor. A graduate in the principles of engineering science, in spite of the high title he may receive from a university, must begin work as an apprentice, and his education in many cases tends to unfit him for the hard work to be done. The tendency for higher education is to fit men for being officers rather than workmen, and the training tends to make them think that experience in the ranks is unnecessary. Special college training will make a man more useful in engineering work, if he goes through the same practical experience as all successful engineers have to undergo; but unless he is willing to do this, his education will be of little use to him.

Graduates of engineering schools are rapidly coming to the front in engineering work at the present day, but those who are succeeding are the men who are not afraid to don overalls and

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learn the details of the trade after they have graduated from college. Most of our engineering graduates refuse to do this, and they drop into minor positions, as draftsmen and clerks, and are rarely qualified for the higher positions.

Within a short time many of you will have completed your education and as you look back, you may ask yourself this question: What have I accomplished during my four years' course? The answer to this question can best be given by the graduate himself, for he alone knows whether he has applied himself earnestly enough to warrant the confidence necessarily due the successful engineer. As to the future, you may ask yourself this question: What position am I capable of filling, and what salary should accompany that position? The answer to this question depends upon what your employer thinks you ought to know, and what your services are worth, more than upon what the graduate thinks he knows, and what his services are worth. You will find the men in charge of our large manufacturing plants, or men in charge of any work that pertains to engineering, divided into two classes, which we may call, the college-bred man, who has had the advantages of a college education, and the self-made man, who has not had any educational advantages, but has gained his position by hard work and costly experiments. The college-bred man has had the same advantages that you have, consequently he has had very little difficulty in understanding the college man when he applies for a position. He knows how to manage the graduate, and under his management you will stand a better chance for advancement than under the self-made man. When you apply for a position under the self-made man, the first question he asks is: What practical experience have you had, and where was it obtained? In the majority of cases the graduate has obtained his practical experience at some university, and is immediately told that if he wants to begin work at the bottom and work up, he can do so by starting in as a special apprentice, and gain sufficient practical knowledge to make his advancement profitable to himself and his employer. This is due to the fact that the self-made man has gained his position by hard work, or in the manner just mentioned, and it is very hard to convince such men that other methods may be employed to reach the desired end. He does not un-

derstand, that the college man, due to his special training, can learn more readily, and hence his promotion is more rapid. But in the end the methods used by the self-made man are that best for the young engineer in beginning his career.

In regard to the young engineer's salary, many people have the erroneous idea that a college graduate should draw a large salary immediately upon graduation, and this thought is entertained by many of our graduates. In other words, they seem to think that a college man ought to be paid according to what he knows. They forget the fact that a man's salary depends not upon his great amount of knowledge, but upon the practical application of the same. A schoolmate of mine once made the statement, "That if he did not receive fifteen hundred dollars for his first year's work after graduating, he would consider his four years of college wasted." He received a much smaller amount to start with, and if you were to ask him now about the matter, he will not tell you that his four years' of college training was a waste of time. This same idea prevails among the undergraduates of all our institutions, and the sooner we instruct them differently, the better it will be for all concerned.

When the student enters college he is told that in order to become an engineer a knowledge of French or German is necessary. The plea generally made for the study of the modern languages in our engineering schools is, that many of the best engineering works are in those languages. But you will find that there is very little in either language that will be of any practical value to you as engineers. If an article or treatise of merit does appear in French or German, it is soon translated into English, and there are already more good books on engineering in the English language than you can find time to read. And finally, not one student in fifty learns a modern language with sufficient thoroughness to translate correctly a technical article. The study of the dead language clings to our institutions too rigidly. Most of the time spent by engineering students in the study of languages is totally wasted. In the first place, only enough is learned to pass the examinations, and if it should be well learned, there is no use for it. My experience has been that the time devoted to studying French and German, or any other language except English, could

be used to better advantage in studying something more practical. Men who are today engaged in the teaching of engineering and who have made it their life work, will strongly advocate the study of languages for the engineer, while our most prominent engineers who have been engaged in actual practice for 20 or 30 years, and many of them are college men, say that the time spent in the study of languages is totally wasted, and should be replaced by something of a more practical nature. It is for you to decide who is the better judge in this matter, those who are teaching in our engineering schools, or the men who are in actual practice and have to apply their education in a practical manner. For my part I cannot help but agree with the engineer in practice.

Instead of spending valuable time on these languages, why not give the students instructions in English, and make them masters of their own language? Of the large number of graduates, how many of them can spell correctly? How many of them can write a good business letter? Very few have had the right training along this line, and you would have ample proof of it if you were to look over a few examination papers or examine some of the applications for work sent in by college graduates. In the study of English for engineers, why not do away with the present methods, throw out the fad of studying old writers, their poetry and novels? It is engineering papers, books and specifications that the engineering students are likely to write after graduating, and not poetry and novels. In writing specifications the engineer cannot get too much practice during his college course. He should be taught to write and express himself clearly and emphatically. As examples, why not take up the works of some prominent engineer, selecting those written in good English, and study them. Our examples should necessarily be the work of some American engineer.

In addition to this I would suggest that the undergraduate make good use of the debating societies which are well founded in our institutions. The training received from debating, writing and reading papers will be of more value to you than you suppose. You will appreciate this fact when you have to put up a good talk to get your first contract.

There are many other things that

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# NDT\*

## \*(NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING)

Although it existed in many recognized forms for years, nondestructive testing was formalized into a science under the impetus of World War II. The demand for quality and safety in aircraft and many other products, complex and simple, resulted in a steady growth. More recently, with the nation's aerospace and oceanographic programs, this growth in NDT has been astounding.

NDT has burgeoned because it had to. The engineers, scientists and technicians in nondestructive testing have no choice — they have to be good and make good. This is a materials age and the increasingly exquisite demands technology makes on materials, both common and exotic, can only be met if their performance can be assured by testing nondestructively. The discipline has been hustling for more than a quarter of a century and the men within it find they now must hustle more than ever.

### Some Definitions

First, a few definitions. To say that nondestructive testing is testing without destroying is an oversimplification but a true one, even if it does use the words of the term in defining it. NDT can be as simple as egg candling or as complex as checking on man-made meteors by flash radiography to test the durability of space suits.

Harold S. Berger, a physicist at Argonne National Laboratory, describes a nondestructive test as "an examination of an object." The purpose of the test may be to detect internal or external flaws, to measure thickness, to determine material structure or composition, or to measure or detect any of the object's or the material's properties.

Warren McGonnagle and Ford Park give this estimation in **International Science and Technology**:

"nondestructive testing is the use of

physical methods for evaluating materials without impairing their usefulness. It plays an important role in a number of industrial manufacturing areas: flaw detection, process improvement, control and monitoring, measurement of mechanical properties, as well as changes in them."

These definitions were framed five or six years ago and, although they are exact and explain what NDT is, they are already showing their age. Nondestructive testing is going farther in many directions: back to assessing the quality of the raw materials and ores from which objects are made (the latter definition only hints at this); far, far forward to predict incipient failure — that is detecting the gradual disarrangement of molecules in time to predict failure of a part in so many hours or days. It has had to thrust itself boldly by necessity into the field of design, where it is just now making itself felt.

If there is nondestructive testing, there also must be destructive testing, but this is a mode that because of cost and uncertainty of results is in decline as NDT undergoes furious growth. For example, a destructive test on castings may saw up and break up every 10th or 100th casting. The reasoning goes that if these are without serious flaw so are the other 9 or 99. But it is doubtful if NASA would be willing to fire a rocket or a commercial airline would be willing to send up a plane if either contained a component so tested.

World War II saw a spurt in the use of more sophisticated materials and metals. The thrust into space saw an even greater surge to exotic — and extremely expensive — materials. As the cost of basic material grew, the cost of destructive testing became prohibitive. So, at great expense you either had nothing left at the end of your test, or

you weren't sure of the reliability of the items you had not tested. It is easy to see why NDT was thrust to the center of the stage and told to be good, to be very, very good.

### Many Methods of NDT

Mr. Berger points out that in spite of the many different kinds of nondestructive tests, all methods have five basic elements in common:

1. A source of energy is needed which provides some probing medium that can be used to inspect the item under test.
2. The probing medium must change as a result of discontinuities or variations within the object being tested.
3. A detector capable of revealing the changes in the probing medium is required.
4. A means of indicating or recording the signals from the detector is necessary.
5. A method of interpreting these indications must be provided.

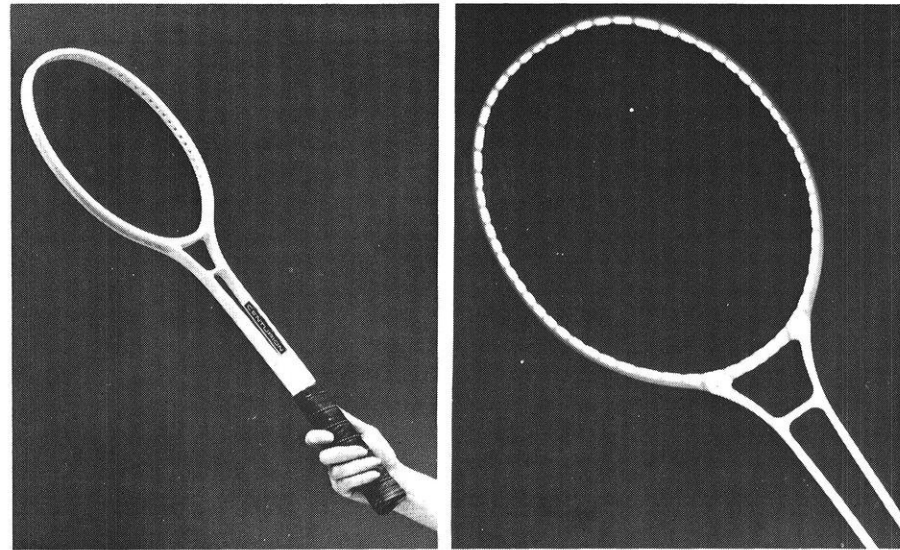
The basic form of inspection is visual and the basic tool is the human eye, a versatile instrument capable of discerning gross flaws and capable, too, of reading indications from film or instruments which the eye cannot see. These instruments depend on various forms of energy to wrest the secrets hidden in materials and objects, among them: penetrating electromagnetic radiation, sound, ultrasound, chemicals, electricity, magnetic forces, light and heat, or temperature changes.

These energies have been harnessed into formal modalities, each of which fulfill Mr. Berger's five points. Following are brief descriptions of NDT regularly used in industry today (Researchers are constantly devising new techniques in the laboratory to meet new testing problems and a few of these advanced methods will be touched on later):

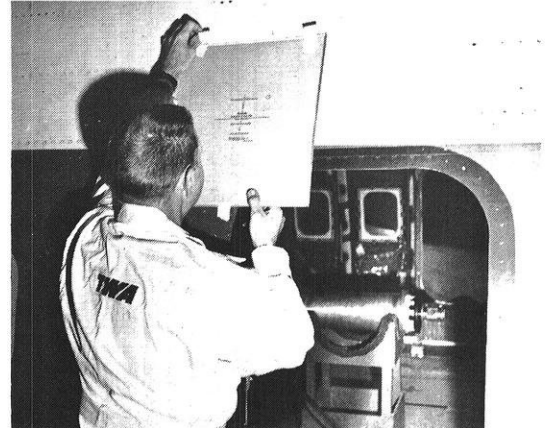
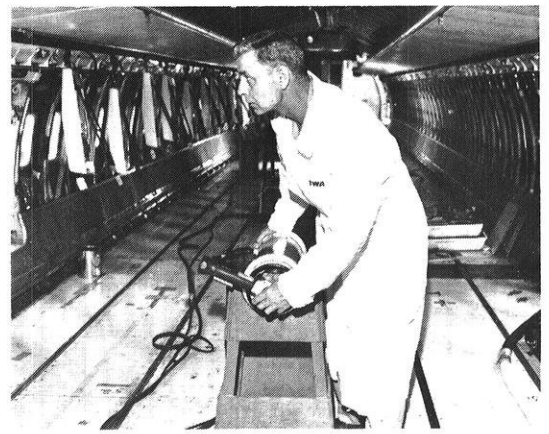
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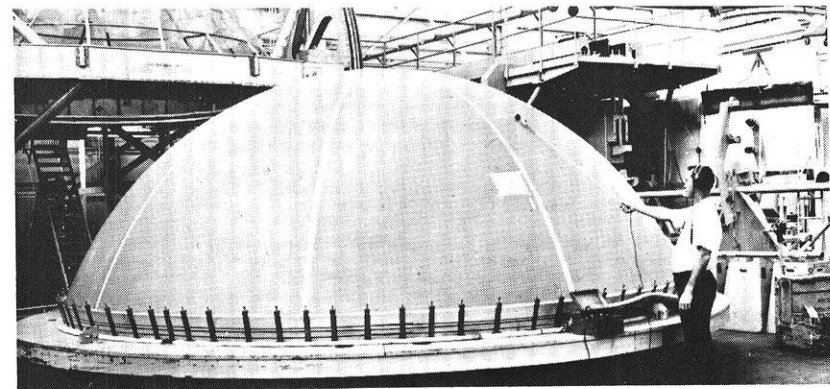
# NDT — Pictorial



AT LEFT is the Centurion, the new, one-piece, magnesium alloy tennis racket designed and nondestructively tested by aerospace methods. At right is a radiograph (x-ray) of the racket showing its sturdy, single-unit construction.

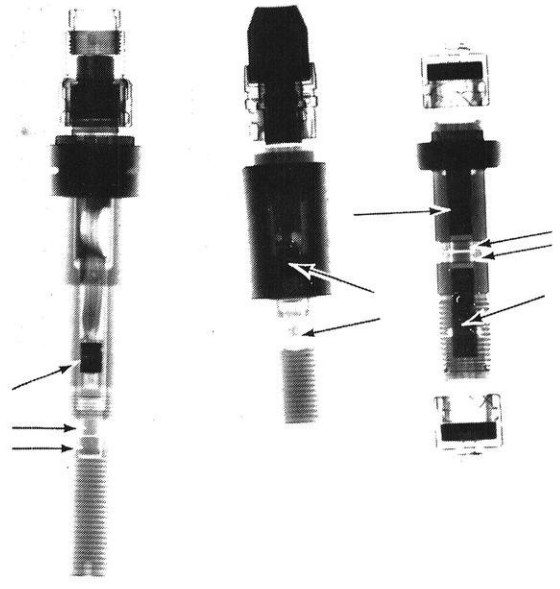


INSIDE OUT — Top: An x-ray machine is set up inside a TWA Boeing 707 cabin to "shoot" 14" by 17" films of emergency exit framing. Bottom: Film is placed at the emergency exit framing outside the cabin on the fuselage skin surface. Note x-ray machine inside cabin.



SONIC "GROWLER" SEARCHES FOR VOIDS IN BONDING — The common bulkhead of Saturn stage S-IVB which is 22-feet in diameter, is subjected to a nondestructive test using a sonic "growler" developed by McDonnell Douglas to search out voids in the bonding.

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	LEAKAGE FIELD PICKUP																		LEAKAGE FIELD PICKUP																	
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**Radiography** Penetrating electromagnetic radiation, the most firmly established and popular form of NDT, employs x-rays or gamma rays to penetrate an object or material to detect any flaws within it. After the exposure, development of the film and interpretation, the radiograph can be permanently stored as a record of the test.

Radiography can be classified by its sources: x-rays are produced by machines, in other words are manmade; gamma rays are produced by radioactive material, such as cobalt-60. X-radiation and gamma radiation are short-wavelength electromagnetic rays capable of passing through relatively large thicknesses of material.

X-rays have wave lengths ranging from 1/10,000 to 1/10,000,000 that of visible light and it is this shortness of wavelength which permits them to penetrate material. They are produced when electrons traveling at high speed strike matter. In the usual type x-ray tube, an incandescent filament supplies the electrons at high speed to the anode, or target, usually tungsten. As the electrons are suddenly stopped at or near the target, x-rays are generated. Voltages now in use may run from 4 kilovolts for the highly specialized laboratory unit to 30,000 kilovolts which may be produced by betatrons and linear accelerators.

The betatron and linear accelerator do not need the high voltage input but presently can carry the useful x-ray energy level to 30 million electron volts. Since the advent of atomic energy, neutrons from nuclear reactors are being used for radiographic NDT. However, neutrons have different absorption characteristics than x-rays. For instance, heavy elements such as lead, bismuth and uranium are practically transparent to thermal neutrons whereas they absorb x-radiation strongly. Conversely, hydrogen, lithium, boron and other light elements strongly absorb thermal neutrons but allow x-rays to pass freely. It is easy with neutron radiography to record on film a candle and its flame through a lead brick, or to record the height of a column of water in a lead tube. The neutrons penetrate lead but are strongly absorbed by hydrogenous materials.

Gamma rays are similar in their characteristic to x-rays and are distinguished by their source, rather than by their nature. Radium has been in use for many years, but cobalt-60 and iridium-192, both radioisotopes, are the

most popular sources today. Others include thulium-170 and cesium-137. Recently researchers have been investigating the abilities of californium-252 as a radioactive source of neutrons, but it is a rare and expensive source, costing nearly \$1 billion per gram.

Flaw detection can be accomplished because radiation entering the specimen is absorbed less by the flaw than by the rest of the specimen. This shows up on the developed film as a dark area, revealing the presence, location and general shape of the flaw.

Fluoroscopy, image intensification, motion picture units and television chains have been adapted as sophisticated additions to radiography.

**Ultrasonics** — Sound waves ranging from 250,000 to 25 million cycles per second, far above those audible by the human ear, are employed in ultrasonic testing, the fastest-growing NDT modality. These electronically-produced sound waves are relatively weak and are not to be confused with those used in ultrasonic vibratory techniques such as machining, cleaning or deburring.

High frequency sound, like audible sound, does not transmit well through air and in testing, oil or a column of water is used as a couplant. Ultrasonic equipment has a sound transmitter, a receiver, an amplifying system for the received signal and a means for presenting the signal, usually an oscilloscope. Thus, along the way, sound energy is translated into electrical energy for display and interpretive purposes. The system is related to the sonar submarine detector system where the signal bounces off a submerged object and returns.

Ultrasonic flaw-detection equipment shows how thick a part is and if and where it has an internal flaw. It can accomplish this by any of three methods; pulse-echo, through-transmission and resonance.

The pulse-echo system employs a piezoelectric crystal which throbs like an ultrasonic drum when high frequency alternating current is applied to it. (Piezoelectric crystals expand from current in one direction and contract when polarity is reversed). The pulse-echo ultrasound striking an object registers a blip on the oscilloscope as it meets the surface and is reflected; a portion of the sound travels on through the object to the opposite surface and another blip is registered as the sound bounces back. The space between the two blips represents the thickness of material and can be calcu-

lated. A flaw anywhere in the sound's path will register another blip between the original two.

In through-transmission, two piezoelectric crystals are used one as a transmitter and the other as a receiver. The crystals are coupled to the part being inspected as in the pulse-echo method, with water or oil, and the results are read on an oscilloscope but in a different way because the information is different.

In the immersion method of ultrasonic testing, both the part and the crystal or crystals are submerged in liquid, usually water. This method adapts well to production in aircraft, aircraft turbine and missile industries where large part-runs are encountered and there is a demand for flexibility because of the many different types of parts.

**Penetrants** — Radiography and ultrasonics can detect internal flaws in material but various forms of the penetrant method are employed to reveal surface cracks. It is basically an old method going back to the "whiting" technique, which involved chalk dust and water, but has been refined and sophisticated so that it is a widely used and effective testing tool in industry today.

Penetrants are used to find surface defects in connection with welding, forging, grinding, fatigue, shrinking, etc. A part to be inspected is thoroughly cleaned and then painted, dipped or sprayed with a penetrating chemical. After a suitable time, during which the penetrant enters any defects, the penetrant is washed off or removed from the surface and a developer applied. The developer brings to the surface the penetrant entrapped in the defect. The part is then inspected.

There are two main types of penetrant inspection: (1) dye penetrant which contains a visible dye, usually red; the defects show up as red lines or dots against a white developer background; (2) fluorescent penetrant which fluoresces brilliantly under black light; defects appear as fluorescent lights or dots against a nonfluorescent background.

**Magnetic Particles** — This is only one of three NDT tests in use today which uses the principle of magnetics to detect flaws. Iron filings or particles are distributed evenly over the surface to be tested. These can be dry or in a carrying liquid. The particles are attracted to defects at or just beneath the surface because of the local vari-

ations in the magnetic field that such defects produce. In some cases, the particles are coated with fluorescent material and subjected to black light. Both direct and alternating currents are used for magnetizing, and the part is demagnetized after inspection.

**Eddy Currents** — This NDT method employs the principle of magnetic induction. When a coil carrying a high frequency alternating current is brought into the vicinity of an electrical conductor, eddy or induced currents are generated in the conductor. By Lenz's law, there is a magnetic field associated with the induced currents. Flaws, as well as variations in mechanical, chemical or physical properties, cause resistivity changes in the specimen. These affect the eddy currents and consequently, the magnetic field induced in the specimen. Detection and measurement of distortions in this magnetic field form the basis of the test.

Two general types of probe are employed in this test: the encircling coil which completely surrounds the specimen and interrogates a volume of material determined by the coil geometry; and the point probe, which interrogates only a volume of material beneath it that is essentially equal to its

cross section times a depth of penetration.

**Other Modalities** — Infrared and thermal NDT techniques, which depend upon heat as an indicator, are gaining increasing acceptance. Cholesteric crystals, which are in this category, are able to detect a change in temperature in less than one-fifth of a second and find flaws measuring less than one-thousandth of an inch. Acoustic emission, the measurement of sound (as differentiated from ultrasound), has had some fairly spectacular results in detecting incipient failure, that is sounding the alarm and predicting a material or a part will fail in the near future. Holography — lensless photography producing three-dimensional images — combined with laser interferometry is emerging as a widely applicable method. More new modalities and more sophisticated and refined variations of established modalities are appearing every year.

The foregoing only lightly touched on the various NDT methods and are far from being complete or in depth. For more complete and technical information.

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## **UNDERGRADUATE (from page 7)**

might be said to help the undergraduate, but space and time will not permit my mentioning them at this time. But before closing let me impress upon you a few important facts. Get over that idea which still prevails to a certain extent in our institutions, that you must study just enough to pass your examinations. By following this practice you are the loser, not your instructor. Remember that your instructors are your friends after graduating as well as wherein college, and do not hesitate to apply to them for advice at any time. They can very often help you in starting right, and will willingly help you over any obstacles you may encounter. If you have an opportunity to take a post-graduate course, by all means take advantage of the opportunity, and you will not regret the time spent. I should advise going to some other good engineering school for your post-graduate work, in order that you may meet new instructors, and where your surroundings will be of a different nature than those you have become accustomed to during your four years' course. By all means become a good draftsman. Even if you

do not take up this part of the work as your profession, you will find constant use for it in any branch of engineering work. Spend your vacations in doing actual engineering work. Do not take into consideration the money value of this work, for it is the experience you are after. Remember that in England young men have to pay large sums just for the privilege of working for several years with prominent engineers. Our graduates are to be congratulated on the fact, that they are at least able to get their expense, and in most cases more when they start out.

To sum up some of the things previously mentioned: Do not over estimate your education, and think it is the highest qualification necessary to the engineer. Do not get the idea that practical experience in the ranks is not necessary, and remember that you can not expect to command a large salary til you have added several years of successful practical experience to your theoretical training. Keep in mind that you will have to deal with many and different men, and that you will have to study very carefully their ways, in order to gain your end. Keep in mind

what I have said about the study of modern languages, and determine for yourself whether the statements I have made are correct. Take special training in your English even at some sacrifice, and be able to write and express yourself clearly.

Let me advise you, above all things, to cultivate a liking for your occupation. You will find that the longer you are engaged in engineering work, the more interesting it becomes. While it becomes more interesting, your problems will become more difficult, but I know of no greater satisfaction than the successful carrying out of a difficult problem, whether it be in theory or actual construction.

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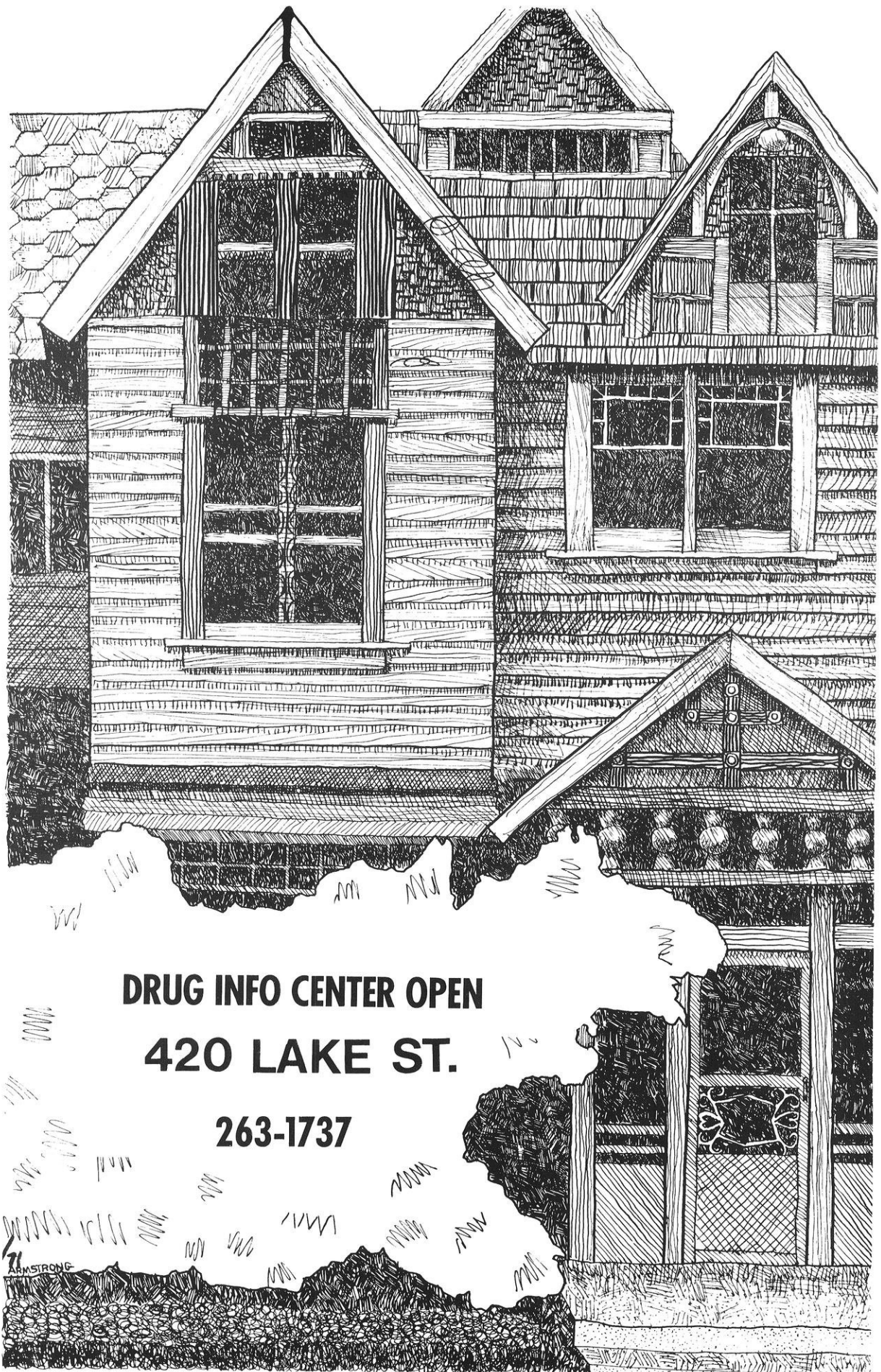
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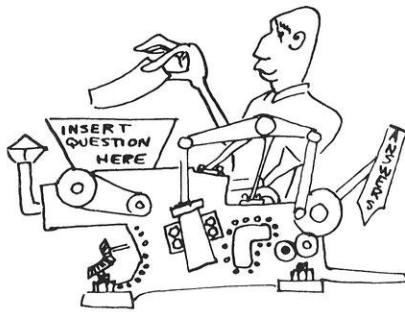


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abhenries	10 <sup>9</sup>	henries	centimeter-decives	1.020x10 <sup>-3</sup>	meter-kilograms	cubic yards	0.45	quarts (liq)
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abohms	10 <sup>15</sup>	microhms	centimeters of mercury	0.01316	atmospheres	Days	86,400	seconds
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abohms per cm cube	10 <sup>15</sup>	microhm per cm cube	centimeters of mercury	27.85	pounds per sq foot	degrees (angle)	60	minutes
abvolts	1.3x10 <sup>-15</sup>	ohms per mil foot	centimeters per second	0.1934	pounds per sq inch	degrees (angle)	0.1745	radians
abvolts	10 <sup>-15</sup>	statvolts	centimeters per second	1.369	foot per minute	degrees (angle)	3600	seconds
acres	43,560	square feet	centimeters per second	0.036	feet per second	degrees per second	0.01745	revolutions per min
acres	1.362x10 <sup>8</sup>	square meters	centimeters per second	0.02237	meters per hour	degrees per second	0.002778	revolutions per sec
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atmospheres	33.90	feet of water	cubic centimeters	2.11x10 <sup>-10</sup>	liters	ergs per second	4.426x10 <sup>-6</sup>	foot-pounds per min
atmospheres	10.133	kg per sq meter	cubic feet	0.02832	quarts (liq)	ergs per second	7.376x10 <sup>-8</sup>	foot-pounds per sec
atmospheres	14.70	pounds per sq inch	cubic feet	0.03701	quarts (dry)	ergs per second	1.331x10 <sup>-9</sup>	horsepower
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			cubic feet	7.481	gallons	Farads	10 <sup>6</sup>	microfarads
			cubic feet	28.32	liters	Farads	9x10 <sup>11</sup>	statfarads
			cubic feet	59.84	pints (liq)	fathoms	6	feet
			cubic feet	29.92	quarts (liq)	feet	30.48	centimeters
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			cubic inches	16.39	cubic feet	feet of water	0.826	inches of mercury
			cubic inches	5.787x10 <sup>-5</sup>	cubic meters	feet of water	304.8	kg per square ft-ft
			cubic inches	1.639x10 <sup>-5</sup>	cubic meters	feet water	32.14	pounds per sq ft
			cubic meters	2.418x10 <sup>-5</sup>	cubic yards	feet of water	0.4335	pounds per sq inch
			cubic meters	4.40x10 <sup>-3</sup>	gallons	feet per minute	0.5080	centimeters per sec
			cubic meters	1.639x10 <sup>-2</sup>	liters	feet per minute	0.01667	feet per sec
			cubic meters	0.00433	pints (liq)	feet per minute	0.01829	kilometers per hour
			cubic meters	0.01732	quarts (liq)	feet per minute	0.3048	meters per minute
			cubic meters	10 <sup>6</sup>	cubic centimeter	feet per minute	0.0136	miles per hour
			cubic meters	35.31	cubic feet	feet per second	30.48	centimeters per sec
			cubic meters	61.023	cubic inches	feet per second	1.097	kilometers per hour
			cubic meters	1.308	cubic yards			





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# S Z U L P Z E

(1.) A young man was once asked his age. He replied as follows: "My grandfather was sixty-five when I was born. Gramp's age when he died this year, on his birthday, was the square root of the year in which he was born added to the square root of a recent presidential election year." How old is this obnoxious young man?

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(2.) A railroad runs straight from Punkton to Junkville. Mainfield is on this line just half the the way between Punkton and Junkville. Hotberg is just as far from Punkton as it is from Mainfield and Mainfield is as far from Hotberg as it is from Junkville. If it is twenty miles from Punkton to Hotberg, how far is Hotberg from Junkville?

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(3.) A group of women bought a number of items at a bargain counter. All of the items sold for the same price and the total amount paid by the women was \$2.03, exclusive of the tax. If each item cost more than 10 cents, how many women were in the group and what did each item cost?

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(4) Here is a question from the ancient philosophers to test your ability in logic. If half of 5 were 3, what would be a third of ten be?

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(5) A number of chickens and horses are standing in a barn. The total number of heads and wings equals the number of feet. What percentage of the total number of animals are horses?

(6) A locomotive watering tank is to be located alongside a straight section of railroad and supplied with water from two wells located on the same side of the railroad and located respectively 1 mile and 3 miles from the track. The distance between lines drawn through the two wells perpendicular to the railroad is 3 miles. What is the minimum total length of pipe required to connect the two wells to separate inlets on the watering tank?

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Next to an open window are two baskets. One contains an infinite number of balls numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.; the other one is empty. At 11:00 o'clock I take the ten balls numbered 1 to 10 from the full basket and place them in the empty basket. At 11:30 I throw one of these balls out the window. At 11:45 I take balls 11 to 20 from the first basket and place them in the second. At 11:52:30 I throw another ball from the second basket out the window. If I continue in like manner, how many balls will there be in the second basket at 12:00?

- (a). 27
- (b). 9
- (c). 0
- (d). An infinite number
- (e). Any of the above
- (f). None of the above

## Answers:

(1) Only two recent years have similar square roots: 1849, whose square root is 43, and 1936, whose square root is 44. The sum of these roots is 87 which was gramp's age when he died. The young man is  $87 - 65$  or 22.

(2) Since Hotberg is equidistant from Punkton and Mainfield, and since Mainfield is also equidistant from all the towns, Hotberg, Punkton, and Mainfield make an equilateral triangle, whose angles are therefore 60 degrees. But this makes the triangle joining Hotberg, Junkville, and Mainfield is 120 degrees (180 degrees - 60 degrees), the other angles must be 30 degrees each. But this makes the triangle joining Hotberg, Punkton, and Junkville a right triangle, with its right angle at Hotberg. With the hypotenuse 40 miles and one side 20 miles, the other side must be about 34.6 miles.

(3) There must be 7 women, each paying 29c. This is because there are no numbers, other than 7 and 29, that will make 203 and since the price of each article is more than 10c, there cannot have been 29 women, each buying a 7c article.

(4) Set up the proportion  $5/2 : 10/3 x$  and solve for  $x$ . The argument is whatever factor causes  $1/2 \times 5$  to give the result 3 must also be introduced into the product  $1/3 \times 10$ . This factor is expressed by the ratio.

(5) Twenty-five per cent of the total number of animals are horses.

(6) The minimum total length of pipe required to connect the two wells to separate inlets on the watering tank is five miles. This is just an old maximum problem from first year calculus. Set up the expression for the total length, take the derivative, set it equal to zero, and solve for the unknown.

(7) No matter what lowest number you give me, I have thrown out that ball. Since there are no balls of lowest number left, there are no balls in the basket. The other answers may be proved by the interested, intelligent reader.

(8) The correct answer, of course, is (e). Absurd, you say. As an example, how can there be zero balls in the second basket? Note the following reasoning. If there are any balls left, one of them will carry a lowest number. You say, for example, the lowest number is 77. But the first time I threw out ball 1, the second time ball 2, and similarly the seventy-seventh time ball 77. No matter what lowest number you give me, I have thrown out that ball. Since there are no balls of lowest number left, there are no balls in the basket. The other answers may be proved by the interested, intelligent reader.

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