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---Somewhere in the hills of Arkansas - I love the scenery. *J. S. -- Arkansas*

---I would live in the USA. I have visited many places throughout the world several times and there is not a country on this earth, including Europe that is better than the USA. *D. B.--Texas*

---I grew up in a small north-Louisiana town called Minden, married and moved away. I've always loved Minden, with its quaint brick streets through the downtown area, and I recently bought an old home there (93 years old!) and have finally completed some extensive remodeling and updating. Right now, it's a second home where I spend time as often as I'm able, but I'll eventually make a permanent move back. *E. L. --Alabama*

---Western North Carolina in the summer and Eastern North Carolina in the winter -- I love the mountains and the seashore! *C. W. --Arkansas*

---Right here in the good ole United States of America . The “why” is obvious --- FREEDOM!

C. F.--Arkansas

---The USA. I enjoy the freedom, especially the freedom to worship. *J. H.—Arkansas*

---America is the only place I would want to live. *J. F. --Arkansas*

3. Describe a job you once had that was unusual.

---The job I held for the last 15 years that I was employed was a bit unusual in that I taught children with a medical reason for not being in school. I taught all ages that the school system served from infant stimulation through whatever students were studying in high school. Sometimes I had to study harder than the students! I taught them in their homes and in hospitals. Sometimes I had the help of younger siblings and the family pets. Since the students were constantly changing, life was never dull. *B. T. -- Texas*

---Teaching morals and ethics in what we would call middle school in Murmansk, Russia. Murmansk is the largest city in the world above the Arctic Circle. *D. B.-- Texas*

---Although I don't consider any of my jobs that unusual, I've had some exceptionally interesting ones. In my last job (which lasted over 30 years) as manager of a large utility, one of my major functions was in public relations. Much of my time was involved in keeping in close contact with elected officials, attending meetings and dinners, and escorting many of them to the annual Senior Bowl football game, as well as the huge outdoor dinner preceding it. *E. L. --Alabama*

---Cooking hamburgers in the back of a general store in rural Arkansas. *C. W. -- Arkansas*

---Being the chaperone to Sophia Loren in Dallas for a week back in 1984. *C. F. --Arkansas*

4. What do you think was the greatest invention up to the present time? Why?

---The greatest invention has to be the microwave oven! What a time-saver. I've owned at least one continuously since 1968. *B. T. -- Texas*

---Electricity - without it there are so many things that we wouldn't have now. *J. S. -- Arkansas*

---Running water **Why?** To answer this question all one has to do is think about what the situation would be is there were no running water. About every thing else we could manage, but in our society try getting through a day without running water. *D. B. -- Texas*

---There are too many inventions from which to choose, but I'd select the computer and internet since that invention has shrunk the world so that anyone with a computer can be talking to someone on the other side of the world at any time. *E. L. – Alabama*

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---Thank God for this man who discovered electricity! And, I'd ask him how he determined how he could harness that force and make it into light. Thank goodness, our eyesight was saved from having to read by candlelight. Oh, thank you, Mr. Edison, from a night owl who cannot STAND not having light for reading, electricity for that infernal television, and for helping connect me to friends all over this world simply by having an electric outlet (and a phone outlet) for this infernal computin' contraption! *E. L.—Alabama*

---The greatest invention up to the present time is the printed word – and what was entailed with making that possible, i.e., the development of language to be able to communicate ideas, the invention of symbols to represent sounds of words, the machine which could print multiple copies of ideas. With the printed word we can communicate with people near and far. Otherwise, we could only communicate with people on a one-to-one basis while being eyeball-to-eyeball. Because of the printed word, we can share ideas, emotions, stories, histories, etc., etc. with anyone who will read what has been printed. The internet could not have been conceived without first the printing press. Without the internet, you and I might never have met. *M. S -- Oklahoma*

---Television -- it has probably influenced more people from all walks of life than any other single invention. *C. W.--Arkansas*

---Probably the computer, however, air conditioning is the most comfortable. *C. F.—Arkansas*

---Television because it opened up the world to everyone. Don't get me wrong. I don't approve of all the programming, but I think the good material outweighs the bad. *J. F.--Arkansas*

5. If you could live your life over, what changes would you make?

---There were times in my past when if I could have done things differently, I would have, but as I look back on the whole picture, I don't think I would have changed anything for it has been a good life. I had wonderful, loving parents who wanted the best for me. I had the opportunity to obtain an excellent education and to work in a field that I enjoyed with people that I liked. I have children that I am proud of and some terrific grandchildren. I have a good retirement and am able to travel and see a lot of the world. No, I wouldn't change a thing--God knows what he's doing. *B. T. --Texas*

---Can't think of anything I would change. *J. S. -- Arkansas*

---That is a hard question for me, because I have been blessed beyond measure thus far in my life. I suppose I would have sought more formal education earlier in life than I did, but in view of what I have been able to do, I am not even sure of that. *D. B. -- Texas*

---Not a blessed thing! I keep the good, the bad, and the ugly! *E. L. --Alabama*

---I'd work harder at being healthy when I was younger. *C. W.--Arkansas*

---I would have asserted myself at a younger age so that I could have been more involved in the things that are important to me. *C. F.--Arkansas*

---I would be more understanding of people who have different views and be more patient with my siblings and parents. *J. F.--Arkansas*

6. Do you think the United States has already reached its peak, or do you think our best days are yet to come? Explain why you feel the way you do.

---I hope our country has not peaked. I do not agree with many of the government programs, but when you read of the problems of the past that the country has endured and overcome, I think it

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will continue to muddle along. Thanks to the fact that so many people have to get together on any single topic and they don't seem to be able to do that, not a great deal of damage gets done!
B. T. --Texas

---I feel we have already peaked. Until we get our country back to God I don't think we can continue.
J. S. -- Arkansas

---I think in what really matters it has reached its peak and is in a state of decline. When the morality of a nation breaks down, as has been happening in the USA for a long time; when the home begins to break down as has been happening for a long time, too; and when people become more materialistic, as has happened in the USA, before a country can continue to better itself, it must return to the basics of morality and the foundation of the home. The foundation for morals and the home is God and the Bible, no matter how backward that may sound to modern ears. With the development of pluralism, everything being relative, that truth is not objective and humanly attainable, along with the growth of agnosticism, atheism, materialism, secularism and a general attitude of "let me do my own thing", everything that made this country into what it was is in decay. The answer to all sorts of ills is going to be found in returning to God as it is set out in the Bible in general and the New Testament in particular.
D. B.--- Texas

---Our best days, I fear, are behind us. Look at our choices for president of this country now! That tells a sad tale! And, of all things, we must 'Press 1 for English'!!!
E. L.--Alabama

---The United States has a long way to go before she reaches her "peak". I am reminded of our studies in World History as I contemplate my answer. The Roman Empire was every bit as glorious and firmly established in "worldly prominence" as our beloved country is today. Our nation is, in its present state, "going strong"; however, I, along with countless others, have often heard/read about the way history *repeats itself*! Rome was destroyed, little by little as a result of political turmoil, greed "at the top", lack of concern for natural resources, moral decay, and many other factors. I can't help but witness, on a daily basis, many of the same, exact faults occurring every day in the U.S. as in the destruction of the Roman Empire! It didn't happen overnight! Rome was a forward-thinking, technologically-advanced, materially rich, militarily advanced nation and world power....a power that no other nation could even come close to defeating, in armed conflict or political strength! When Rome spoke, people all over the world listened and, in most cases, heeded what was said! Unfortunately, for the Roman Empire, and (my opinion) any other national power that found itself literally *too* big to cope with its own size and strength (ignoring history's past mistakes), it imploded upon itself, crumbling from within....vulnerable to the unavoidable total destruction by the remaining world super powers! I have a real fear concerning the future of our children and their children's children! I'm afraid we are headed toward one of the most destructive situations for any nation to survive: Anarchy! I pray for our beloved nation's deliverance from such a disaster but I fear too much has occurred already; ie, all-time high fuel prices, a failing economy, commodity price speculation/manipulation and subsequent profit-taking, un-fettered illegal immigration, continuing racial strife, an *obvious* decay of morals (movies, books, internet, crime rates, etc), failing churches of ALL denominations, and a real national apathy toward the well-being of fellow Americans. While the list could go on and on, I think I've pretty much hit upon the most sensitive and crucial points, upon which a successful country must build and maintain itself! We, as a nation of diverse and unique peoples, are at a crossroad. I recall reading about a warning put in place thousands of years ago: (I won't attempt to quote, as I don't dare add-to or take-away from the Holy Scriptures!) The promise that our Father in Heaven made to us upon His destruction of the world

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with a flood....The next time the world is totally destroyed, it will be accomplished by the use of FIRE. I don't fear for just the United States; rather, I fear for the entire world! My reasons for such fear are pretty obvious: The world has gotten itself in pretty much the same fix as it was when Noah was instructed to construct the ark! Look around. One can't rent a movie without checking the "filth level" first! One can't provide proper medical care for his/her family, due to having to make a choice between buying fuel or staying home, hoping for a home-cure! We must lock our possessions and ourselves away every day/night, for fear that someone will become desperate to the point of committing robbery and/or homicide in an attempt to obtain enough goods to sell for a drug fix! Our Congress (state & federal) can't seem to reach an agreement on anything, due to non-partisan/partisan politics! Our nation's elderly, veterans, women & children, and handicapped cannot obtain even a decent level of care...due to the cannibalization of one federal program in order to keep another afloat! Churches all over America are being forced to shut down, due to low congregation numbers. This, to me, is indicative of the moral decay mentioned earlier! Our young people, though not so much different than their predecessors, simply don't have a desire or ambition to learn the "where the rubber meets the road" information we were so matter-of-factly provided: Geography, History, English Grammar, etc. They want to spend much of their time playing their computer games, surfing the internet, texting on their phones, etc. There's not a whole lot wrong with their wanting to do those things but, when they take up the time that could be spent on learning the pitfalls of our ancestors....the mistakes *they* made, the location and social make-up of other countries, the mind-set of our world counterparts, the ambitions and goals of our enemies, our children will be at the mercy of what ever fiendish and merciless actions those enemies will most certainly take against them! Finally, I want to sound-off over the actions of our leaders in Washington. I spent twenty-plus years in the U.S. Army and during those years I saw and "rubbed shoulders" with a variety of people from other countries. I tried to empathize with most of them, looking at the world "through their eyes". I can honestly and sincerely say, I'd never for a moment consider leaving our wonderful, free country! I can say with equal passion, I am sorely disappointed with our elected officials, from the local, all the way to the presidency! We are a world power! We have resources with which to stave off the current fuel crisis! We are strong enough to call for and initiate the exploration and extraction of whatever amount of oil required to satisfy America's fuel needs! We can, and should put an end to illegal immigration. Our country has long been involved in the legal acceptance of those who desire a fresh new start in the "Land of the Free"! Remember Ellis Island? We are a powerful nation! We are, at this very moment, involved in the rebuilding of an oil-rich, terrorist-rich country in the same area where God created man! There is no rationale for our country to be in the current situation! We simply MUST fill the voids in our social structure: Put GOD/PRAYER back in the classroom! Put GOD/PRAYER back in Congress! Put GOD/PRAYER back in our country's welfare and social programs! And finally: Return GOD/PRAYER to our family-structure! With God's help, we'll pull out of this quagmire and move forward once again! My heart of heart tells me He is simply waiting for us to ask for His help! *J. H.--Arkansas*

---I am afraid we may be going downhill from here. It seems to me life is becoming quite difficult for a lot of people because of our current economy, lack of confidence in our government, and those characteristics I mentioned in my answer to Question 1 seem to be a thing of the past for many. Perhaps this is just a slump from which we will recover -- I hope so. *C. W. - Arkansas*

---I hope not, but it all depends on the political leaders we choose in the upcoming election. If we

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make the wrong choices as a nation, it could set us back 100 years. *C. F. --Arkansas*

---I feel that we have peaked. People, especially people in politics and corporations, have become so greedy for power and money that they have sold out our country. We are so quickly leaving God and the Bible, and without the Bible as a guide, anything goes. There is no moral standard by which to live; people make and live by their own rules. We have rapidly become a society dependent upon the government; too many people expect entitlements. We are losing our middle class that has been the backbone of our society. We are headed toward a two-class society---the rich and the poor like most other countries. We seem to be going backward while many other countries are booming and blooming at our expense. *J. H.—Arkansas*

---I think our best days are ahead if we choose to make them great. In my opinion, I think this is the best, most wonderful, and safest place and be able to express our opinions and views and worship as we please. *J. F.--Arkansas*

7. If you could spend 30 minutes with a famous person, living or dead, who would it be? What would you ask him or her?

---Dolly Madison would be the famous person I would choose to spend time with. I would like to know how she went about saving the contents of the White House when the British were going to burn it. How did she go about selecting which things were the most important and how she managed to transport those things to a safe place. *B. T. --Texas*

---Since I love genealogy it would be any of my ancestors so I could ask more genealogy questions. *J. S. -- Arkansas*

---President John Adams. I would like to know his opinion of what we have done with his country and his ideas. Are we doing a good job or have we distorted his ideas and values? *B. B. -Arkansas*

---Jesus Christ. I would ask Him what is there about me that is worth Him leaving heaven, coming to earth, living a sinless life, suffering and dying that terrible death on the cross? Then I would say to Him, "Lord, you can finish explaining my answer to me when we are under no time constraints." *D. B. -- Texas*

---Margaret Mitchell. I'd like to just talk with her about her inspiration for the novel *Gone With the Wind*. *C. W.--Arkansas*

---Ronald Reagan. I would ask him what we can do to bring this nation back together and why people can't see that it is only a matter of time before the Muslims will attack us again right here in the USA if we don't stop them abroad. *C. F.—Arkansas*

---Elvis Presley. I would ask him to sing "*In The Garden*". *J. F.—Arkansas*

Bits of Wit and Wisdom

Teacher: "What tense is 'I am beautiful.'?"

Student: "Past"

At home, Dad may be the Chief Executive,
but Mom is the Speaker of the House.

Next Assignment: In 1915, a company in Prescott, Arkansas produced a product called Parfay. If you would like to guess what it was, sent me your answer.

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In the last issue I asked you to identify the name of the soft drink with the slogan on the label—“America’s Finest Kola—Biggest Thirst Value Under The Sun”. Well, here is the answer—POP KOLA.

These were very popular when I was growing up. I remember them having lucky numbers under the cap. If you got one of those numbers—I think seven, and eleven,—you got another free drink.

I can remember getting them at George Henry’s service station in Bluff City from the cold drink box. They were usually ice cold and sometimes even had a little frozen ice in them.

Do you remember having “Peanuts and Coke” when you were growing up? I mean the southern tradition of buying a Coke, Pop Kola, Pepsi, or RC and a bag of salted peanuts. You would drink a little from the bottle and then pour some peanuts into the bottle using your thumb and forefinger as a funnel. When you took a swig, you got peanuts and Coke—a real southern delicacy. The trick was to get all the peanuts out of the bottle with the last swallow. You need a real Coke in a bottle—not Diet Coke.

The drink and the peanuts probably cost you less than twenty cents in those days. And you could bring the bottle back for a two cent refund. Drinks such as these were called by various names—coke, pop, or soda pop. My Aunt Myrtie called it “belly washer”.

Don Honea sent in this family story concerning an incident in the Bodcaw area of Nevada County about 1910-11.

CIRCUS LION ESCAPES

There was a report that a lion had escaped from a circus in the Camden area about a week earlier. Of course, this lion was purportedly seen in numerous locations in the surrounding area, including Bodcaw.

My grandfather had several horses and he wanted them moved from one pasture to another. They were initially located in a pasture some distance from the house and next to a peach orchard. My dad, being the young strapping lad that he was, was tasked with the job of moving the horses. He expressed his concern about the lion that might possibly be in the area but was assured that the reports were only rumors.

So, burdened with fear and trepidation and armed with a big stick and a pocket full of rocks, he started on the path to where the horses were pastured. He walked through the peach orchard to get to the fence enclosing the pasture. Of course, he envisioned that the lion could be lurking under every bush or tree in the vicinity. He got to the pasture fence and saw that the horses were gathered in a bunch over in a far corner. He went over the fence and started walking toward the horses. He had gone about 20 yards when the horses stopped grazing, threw up their heads, whirled towards him and came at a full gallop. In my dad’s mind, nothing could make those horses stampede like that but the sight and scent of that escaped lion.

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Knowing that the lion was right behind the horses, dad turned and made a dash for the fence. Over the fence he went back into the orchard and speeded to the tallest peach tree at hand. He jumped into the lower branches and started climbing. And climb he did - right out the top of the peach tree and tumbled to the ground. Scratched and bleeding, he reached into his pocket for the rocks he had carried, aiming to defend himself as best he could from the vicious and ravenous lion.

About that time, the horses arrived at the fence and stopped. With pointed ears, they calmly looked over the fence at him as if wondering if he had brought some goodies for them to eat. Standing, disgusted, he brushed himself off. Then, with the horses quietly following, he walked over to the other pasture gate and completed the transfer. It was several weeks before he could bring himself to relate to the family the full story of the escaped lion in the horse pasture.

THE WISDOM OF A WOMAN (from the 7-29-1910 issue of the Nevada County Picayune)

A wise woman once said there were three follies of men which always amused her. The first was climbing a tree to shake the fruit down, when if they would wait long enough, the fruit would fall itself. The second was going to war to kill each other, when if they only waited, they would die naturally, and the third was that they should run after women, when if they did not do so, the women would be sure to run after them.

E. N. Daniell and Son shoe shop in Prescott had this ad in the paper for their business

SOLE DOCTOR

It's the soles of people I keep in view,
For I'm the doctor of boot and shoe;
And I serve the living and not the dead,
With the best of leather, wax, and thread.

I can sew on a sole or nail it fast,
There's nothing snide about what I can do
Doubt not my statement
For my work proves it true.

I can give you a lift, too, in this life—
Not only you, but your family and wife.
A great many patients come to my door,
Worn out and run down, besides feeling
sore.

Though I don't use poulice, plaster, or pill,
I cure all sick shoes, no matter how ill.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED UNTIL IT RIPS, BURSTS, OR TEARS E. N. DANIELL AND SON

They call him "Jigsaw". Every time there's a problem, he goes to pieces.

Correction: In the article about the Possum Trot Line in the last issue, I mentioned Keith Carradine as being in the movie "Boxcar Bertha". It should have been David Carradine.