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Sept. 1-4

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September 7, 7:00 p.m.
Potluck followed by meeting

Club Primitive Shoot - Sept. 17

Club Paper Shoot - Oct. 1

Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot
October 14-15 @ Ft. Melchert

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
CSMLA State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	September 1-4	bracketed shoot; fun for all
NO PAPER SHOOT	ON SEPTEMBER	3; LABOR DAY	HOLIDAY
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	Sept.7; 7:00 p.m.	potluck supper & meeting
Muzzle Loading Hunting Season (deer/elk/moose)	Statewide	Sept. 9-17	Good luck to all our hunters as they pursue their game.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Sept. 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	October 1	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	October 5	who knows what will transpire.
Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot	Ft. Melchert	October 14-15	camping Friday evening; potluck on Saturday night, auction
Regular Club Meeting and annual craft fair	American Legion	Nov. 2; 7:00 p.m.	bring your crafts of any kind and plenty of money to buy them up.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	TIME ENDS	NOVEMBER 5	CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	November 5	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	November 19	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	December 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting and ornament exchange	American Legion	Dec. 7; 7:00 p.m.	bring a wrapped ornament and your favorite finger foods.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	December 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting & Wild Game Potluck	American Legion	Jan. 4, 2018	bring your favorite "wild game" dish & utensils
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 7, 2018	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
CSML Annual Board Meeting	Joy's House	January 9, 2018 7:00 p.m.	set annual calendar, discuss shoot & flyer, discussions
Regular Club Meeting & White Elephant Gifts	American Legion	February 1 7:00 p.m.	regular meeting followed by white elephant gift exchange
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 4	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 18	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 1, 7:00 p.m.	Come see what happens!!!

For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 442-0150 after 9:00 a.m. on shoot day to be sure shoot is on!!!
Schedule is subject to change at any time and is based on information available at time of publication. On-line check csmlinc.org

PAST THINGS

The August meeting was conducted but since I did not make it and no one has reported anything, I cannot share what may have happened. I guess all of us who missed this meeting will just have to chalk it up to history.

I have heard that the Paper Grainger Camp Out was a success and the election of officers was conducted there. Seems as though the crowd is better at this event. However, I am told that the election train runs as well and as fast and maybe even louder in the higher elevation as it does down in the city. There are only two changes (well maybe one and a half) to the current slate of officers. We have yet to make contact with Susan Weed to see if she wants to continue as Secretary. The great news is that **Jock Harmon** volunteered to be the Assistant Primitive Exec and we took him on as fast as we could. Thanks Jock for stepping up to help us out. You are a rock star in our eyes.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our most heartfelt condolences to Bob and Gayle Emmons on the loss of their son Martin. This upstanding and outstanding young man's leaving is such a huge loss for all of us. Please keep the Emmons families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time..

When was the last time you heard the phrase "in a family way"? It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about the stork visits and "being in a family way" or simply "expecting".

August Primitive Pistol Match August 6, 2017

by: Ken West

The weather and the shooting were as good as it gets. A match filled with high drama! The shooters were:

Al Bartok	15 gongs
Mary Beth Zaborowski	14 gongs
Jim Murray	11 gongs
Ken West	10 gongs
Ted Beaupre	9 gongs

This was a good warm-up for the paper shoot at the August Grainger's Camp Out!



Grainger's Paper Camp Out

Compiled from a conversation with Joy Hicks.

So far, no official report has been received on the August Paper Grainger Camp Out. In a conversation with Joy, here's some things I learned about. If you disagree or want to add something more, please send the information to the Editor and we'll be more than happy to add or correct whatever needs to be done.

There were about 20 competitors in the shooting part of the August Grainger's. Richard Stites was there but he did not shoot. He was busy helping his granddaughter Isabelle. Pat Harmon came with Jock and she watched and encouraged all the shooters.

The Saturday evening potluck was attended by about 25 folks. Lots of food and good times. The election train was run and didn't fall off the tracks (as usual).

Sunday's potluck breakfast was marvelous.

and the food was great. There were pancakes and eggs-to-order prepared by Ted Beaupre and his sou chef Isabella.

The weather for the weekend was gorgeous and there was NO rain. Got a little warm but the higher elevation made it tolerable. Everyone there seemed to have a wonderful time and we were glad that they all came.

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CAMP ALEXANDER BOY SCOUT SHOOT

So on August a group of CSML members met at Camp Alexander near Divide and put on a shooting event for the Boy Scouts. While there were only about 29 boys there, those that were came and most stayed. Those that didn't stay kept coming back with their parents every chance they got. The club magazine went through lots of powder and balls, but the smiles on the faces of the boys made it all worthwhile. The group handed out lots of tri-fold with our club information to both the boys and their parents. Seems as though there were lots of fathers very interested in what we do.

Those of our group who came and helped were **Randy Ruyle, Tom Gabor, John Gloyd, Gwen Blanchard, Tony Hecker, Doug Davis, Ken West, and Joy Hicks.**

When it was discovered that the BSA budget had been exceeded and they would not be able to provide lunch for our group, Gwen and Joy put their heads together and came up with a hamburger fry right there on site and fed our group. (Our motto is always improve, improvise, and overcome.)

The group noted that "we did it!" The weather was pretty warm but Doug put up his tarps for a while until the wind became an issue and tore one down. The lucky thing was it was near the end and we just folded it up and put it away. Thanks to all of you who helped with this very important event for our youth.

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CSMLA STATE SHOOT

Don't forget that this weekend (Labor Day) is the annual CSMLA State Shoot at Ft. Lupton. This is a bracketed shoot so that you can shoot with others of the same skill level. It is a great way to support the State Muzzle Loading Association and have a good time shooting. Lots of our crew are part of the hosting group and will be there so plan now to come and join them.

Those of you who will be hunting this year with your muzzle loader need to remember to provide Joy with details and pictures if you have them, of your success stories. Those of you who may not be successful need to plan to share your stories at the January, 2018 meeting where the George Bennett Tall Tale Trophy will be awarded. We always have some wonderful stories to hear. Good luck to all of you and aim straight!!!

Ancient wisdom says that when you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount. However, we often try many other strategies to avoid change or killing a bad project, including the following:

- 1) Changing riders.
- 2) Buying a stronger whip.
- 3) Falling back on "This is the way we've always ridden".
- 4) Appointing a committee to study the horse.
- 5) Arranging a visit to other sites to see how they ride dead horses.
- 6) Increasing the standards for riding dead horses.
- 7) Appointing a group to revive the dead horse.
- 8) Creating a training session to improve riding skills.
- 9) Comparing the state of dead horses in today's environment.
- 10) Changing the requirements so that the horse no longer meets the standard of dead.

- 11) Hiring an external consultant to show how a dead horse can be ridden.
- 12) Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.
- 13) Increasing funding to improve the horse's performance.
- 14) Declaring that no horse is too dead to beat.
- 15) Doing a study to see if outsourcing will reduce the cost of riding a dead horse.
- 16) Buying a computer program to enhance dead horse performance.
- 17) Declaring a dead horse less costly than a live one.
- 18) Forming a workgroup to find uses for dead horses.
- 19) Changing performance requirements for the horse.
- 20) Looking up the dead horse's bottom to confirm its condition.

The formula can be applied to many things other than a dead horse :)



ANNUAL BIRD & BUFFALO SHOOT

Rapidly approaching is the annual bird and buffalo shoot at Ft. Melchert on October 14 and 15. This is our club shoot for all who want to come and shoot long distance, paper, gongs, pistols, and shotgun. We provide prizes for all the categories and lots of fun for all.

Camping at Ft. Melchert is available beginning on Friday afternoon . It is dry camping so be sure to bring plenty of water and sundries you may need or want. We're fairly sure that it will be warm so plan to have plenty of drinking water on hand as you shoot and walk back and forth.

Saturday night will be a potluck supper at around 6:00 p.m. so plan to bring some good food to share with all. You'll also need to bring your eating utensils, serving utensils, and drink. Once the food has been consumed, then we'll have the awarding of prizes followed by one of the most fun auctions that

you will ever attend. This also means that you can clean out your closets, garages, and wherever else you hide that stuff that you no longer need or want and bring it to the auction. The only rule is that if you bring it and it does not sell, you **MUST** take it back with you. Nothing is to be left at Ft. Melchert. Oh, you might as well bring lots of money to buy all the "treasures" that will be there. It's a good way to begin your holiday shopping and get some fantastic deals!!!

While we have not yet finalized all the details, I am sure that the witches will provide chili and the fixin's for lunch on Saturday. I've been saving lots of jars so that we can fill them for sale at the auction on Saturday night. From preliminary pricing, I'm sure we'll keep the same \$5.00 all you can eat price tag. (However, don't hold me to this as you all know everything is going up or the taxes will change and it will cost you some more.)

If everything holds true to fashion, we'll be having a potluck breakfast on Sunday morning. There are usually all kinds of desserts that are left over and someone always has pancake mix and the rest is furnished by those in attendance. Plan to come and join us for this wonderful time.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to other events that the club has scheduled.....

November's meeting on November 2 is our annual craft fair. All tables are free and we do not limit what you put on those tables. It is also perfectly acceptable to have a swap/sell table of things you no longer need. Again, this is a good way to find things to begin your holiday shopping and to find unique one-of-a-kind items for your own collections.

December's meeting is the annual Christmas Ornament Exchange. Begin looking now for that unique or interesting ornament to bring and share. Wrap your ornament and participate in the swap. Everyone who brings a wrapped ornament will take home a new one for their tree. We also bring our favorite finger foods to share while we play.

January's meeting is the annual Big Game Trophy awards and the George Bennett Tall Tale Trophy award. Those who have taken animals (deer, elk, antelope) with a muzzle loader are entered in the competition if you provide the information to Joy. You then get your name added to the trophy and get the opportunity to display it in your home for a year. We also have a wild game potluck this night so figure out what your "wild" game is and bring your favorite dish to share. Again, you'll need to bring your own utensils but the food will be great and you'll have a good time.

February's meeting is the annual white elephant gift exchange. This is where that really rare or unique gift that you just don't know what to do with can be passed off (re-gifted) to someone else. This is always fun and you just never know what will become the most hotly contested item on the table. Wrap your white elephant and come join in the fun.

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The Origins of James Lakenan, Gunsmith and Business Partner of Jacob Hawken

By: Richard A. Hayden

All men ever born in this world, save One, have had on earthly father and mother and a childhood critical to the path they will follow in life. James Lakenan, the friend and business partner of Jacob Hawken, creator of the Hawken rifle, Charles E. Hanson, Jr., reported the findings of Giles Cromwell who claimed that James Lakenan was among those "recruited" from New England by John Clarke to come to the new armory in Richmond, Virginia. His account then notes the extensive Lakeman family living at that time in Essex County, Massachusetts, mostly in the town of Ipswich, as the likely progenitor of James Lakenan with the family of James Lakeman listed on the 1790 US census representing "the best possibility". Certainly if James of Richmond, Virginia did come from New England, the Massachusetts Lakeman family would be a logical starting point for further research. But no connection between Lakeman of New England and Lakenan of

Virginia, either direct or circumstantial, has yet been found or reported.

Nevertheless, a critical key to solving the problem was offered in the account by Cromwell and Hanson, i.e, the spelling of the surname. Although normally of little importance in genealogical research, where context, not spelling, takes center stage, in this case the difference between "Lakeman" and "Lakenan" become highly consequential. The remainder of Cromwell and Hanson's account, sketching the life of James Lakenan from his work in the Richmond, Virginia armory around 1802 to 1818, to his later work with Hawken and death in St. Louis, Missouri on or around 25 August 1825, was mostly spot on. Included therein were the seeds needed to show that James Lakenan was not from New England, but from Virginia. The St. Louis probate records for James Lakenan cited by Cromwell and Hanson were especially useful in this regard since many of these documents read back to his former life and residence in Virginia. Further research there has shown that James was, in fact, the son of an indentured servant named Daniel Lakenan who arrived in Fredericksburg, Virginia, from London, England, aboard the snow "Planter" at 6PM on Tuesday, 10 May 1774, and settled with his wife Mary Caruthers in Stafford County, Virginia until his death around the year 1822. Additionally, the two "Lakemans," i.e. John and Daniel, noted by Cromwell and Hanson as working with James Lakenan at the Richmond armory were indeed brothers of James, but signed their names consistently as "Lakenan," not "Lakeman," as did their father Daniel.

Brother John Lakenan, born by his own admission in Falmouth, Virginia in 1780, appeared by name near his father Daniel on the 1800 tax list of Stafford County, Virginia, and would shortly follow James to Richmond. Brother Daniel Lakenan, born around the year 1782, would soon follow as well. All three young men as well as their brothers Jesse and Allen, appear to have had metal and wood-working skills they may have acquired during their teen years at the Rappahannock Forge, a large manufacturer of arms during the last quarter of the Eighteenth Century. The forge, also called Hunter's Iron Works, was located in Falmouth, across the river from Fredericksburg, Virginia only about six miles or so

from their father's home.

Until the War of 1812, the lives of James, John, and Daniel Lakenan centered strongly upon their work at the Richmond armory and the circle of friends and associates employed there. John was the first to wed, taking as his bride, Elizabeth Morris who he married by bond dated 10 May 1805. Elizabeth was a daughter of William Morris who died intestate in Richmond around or before the year 1811 leaving issue seven children, i.e., William Jr.; John P.; Joshua, Joseph; Sally (married Nash); Patsy; and Austin, and a grandchild, Maria Lakenan. Maria was the daughter of Elizabeth who was herself deceased sometime before 4 June 1812 when her husband John Lakenan joined the US army for two consecutive five-year enlistments. The St. Louis estate papers of James Lakenan make clear, however, that James, not John Lakenan, was made the guardian in 1811 of John's niece Patsy Morris and nephew Austin Morris for reasons yet unknown since James, unlike John, was not related to them by blood. The death of William Morris' son William, Jr., around the year 1816 further complicated the settlement of William's estate. William, Jr., was married by then, leaving a widow Marsha and an infant son about three or four months old who also died shortly afterwards. Excepting the dower due the widow Marsha, the estate of William, Jr., comprising about 76 acres of land in Henrico County, then descended to his brothers and sisters or their issue. Austin Morris had also died by then as an infant without issue, leaving James Lakenan the guardian of only Patsy Morris until his replacement by Samuel Evertz after James Left Richmond in 1818. Evertz had worked with James at the Richmond armory and served with Daniel Lakenan in 1811 as security for the guardian bond entrusting Patsy and Austin Morris to James' care.

James Lakenan was married in Richmond around the year 1807 to Elizabeth Page Shields, the daughter of James and Martha (Vaughn) Shields of York County, Virginia, a rather well-connected and well-to-do family. Her great-grandfather, James, was once the proprietor of Shield's Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia. Her uncle, Matthew W. Shields, worked briefly at the Richmond armory stocking muskets, a particular skill of James Lakenan. Elizabeth bore her husband three children, i.e.,

Amanda (died in childhood), Martha Ann, and James S., before her own death on Saturday, 18 July 1812, from injuries sustained in the Richmond Theater fire of 26 December 1811, the same fire that claimed the life of Virginia's governor, George Smith. Elizabeth was likely pregnant with James S. at the time of the fire. Upon the death of his wife, James now had at least two children of his own to care for, in addition to Patsy Morris, his ward Austin Morris having died in January of 1812.

After his brother John joined the army, James appears to have entered into a business relationship with his brother Daniel, who worked at the Richmond armory as a blacksmith. Daniel was married in Richmond to Mary "Polly" Hughes, a daughter of Nathan and Mary Hughes, sometime before settlement in 1811 of the estate of Nathan Hughes, deceased. George Williamson, a master armorer at the Virginia armory from 1802 to 1821, was the administrator of Nathan's estate. The chancery suit generated by the settlement shows that two other daughters of Nathan, i.e. Sally and Nancy, had married, respectively, Reuben Throgmorton and Madison Williamson, co-workers of Daniel at the Richmond armory engaged, like Daniel, in the production of musket barrels and other forged items.

James and Daniel Lakenan purchased several tracts of land during their partnership. ON 19 March 1814, Pleasant and Polly Jordan sold to them jointly seventeen acres in Henrico County that once belonged to Pleasant's father. Two other deeds refer to 160-acre quarter-section tracts in Illinois awarded as bounty land to William Clarke and Morton Austin and sold by each, respectively, on 22 December 1817 and 28 May 1816 to James and Daniel Lakenan jointly. Both of these tracts appear in the St. Louis estate records of James Lakenan, two of six such tracts upon which his estate continued to pay taxes. Prior to leaving Richmond for St. Louis, James executed a power-of-attorney to his "brother Daniel Lakenan" on 9 May 1818 to attend to his affairs in Richmond. He also left in Richmond his youngest child, James S., in the care of James Yarrington, his deceased wife's brother-in-law. His daughter, Martha Ann, went to St. Louis with him, leaving Richmond by carriage on May 14 with five slaves, and arriving in St. Louis on July 14, 1818.

Other deeds illustrate the broader associations Lakenan had in Richmond with those with whom he worked. On 19 September 1816, Phoebe Ligon sold to James Lakenan, Elijah Brown, John Woodson, Azel French, and Thomas Southward a half-acre lot in Richmond on the south side of the Richmond Turnpike adjoining Thomas Rutherford, Dr. William Foushee's garden and James Boatwright's lumber house. All of the grantees worked at the Richmond armory as did all, save one, of the witnesses to the deed, i.e., William Richardson, John Hall, and John C. Porter. Other deeds show that James Lakenan owned property jointly with Matthew Woodson, an assistant master armorer at the Richmond armory from 1814 to 1821.

A search of the published and archival material available for the Richmond armory yielded no evidence of an association between James Lakenan and Jacob Hawken before Lakenan's removal to St. Louis. Unfortunately, records naming artisans and apprentices at the Rappahannock Forge are scarce to nonexistent, and only a circumstantial case can be made for the presence of the Lakenan brothers there. Given the timing of Hawken's early association with the Harper's Ferry armory, the partnership between Lakenan and Hawken probably began only after James' arrival in St. Louis.

The reasons for Lakenan's removal to St. Louis are not clear. Certainly, the tragic death of his wife Elizabeth six years earlier may have been a contributing factor. Perhaps also his career at the armory was not progressing as he might have hoped. After his discharge from the army, his brother John Lakenan became an established gunsmith in Baltimore in his own right, something that may have appealed to James also. Whatever the reason for James' move to St. Louis, his early success there was crowned by his marriage to his second wife, Sarah Gardner, in 1820. Sarah may have been the sister or even daughter of a William Gardner and his wife Sarah of nearby St. Ferdinand Township. William served as the administrator of James Lakenan's estate upon the death of James in 1825. Sarah Lakenan was herself deceased by 1825 since no mention is made of a widow in any of the numerous documents for the estate of her husband. Sarah bore her husband at least two children, namely, Joseph G. And Theodrick. Together with their half-brother, James S. Lakenan,

these children became the wards of their presumed uncle or grandfather William Gardner, Theodrick dying without issue before the estate was settled.

Of the children born to James' first wife Elizabeth, only Martha Ann survived to marry and have children. Martha Ann was born 27 October 1809 in Richmond, Virginia and died 5 May 1905 in St. Louis, Missouri, the widow of William Belt Harwood who she had married on 14 December 1830. After her marriage, Harwood became the guardian of Martha Ann's brother, James S. Lakenan, during the remainder of his minority. During her minority, Martha Ann became the ward of Jacob Hawken who appears to have taken his obligations to her seriously. Patsy Morris, the surviving ward of James Lakenan, was quite another matter. It is only through Lakenan's estate papers that we learn of her displeasure with his guardianship before, as Patsy had put it, "he eloped to an unknown place in America" leaving her and her share of her father's estate in limbo in Richmond until resolved by Samuel Evertz, one of the sureties on Lakenan's guardian bond, as discussed above.

James Lakenan died a man rich in land, slaves, and exceptional gun-making skills. He was one of the founding fathers of St. Louis and served as one of the first corporate officers of that city. But his association with Jacob Hawken will probably be the one fact of his life that will be most remembered.

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This is a history test for those who don't mind seeing how much they really remember about what went on in their lives. Get paper and a pencil and number from 1 to 20. Write the letter of each answer and score at the end.

1. In the 1940s, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located?
 - a. On the floor shift knob.
 - b. On the floor board, to the left of the clutch.
 - c. Next to the horn
2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola bottle had holes in it. For what was it used?
 - a. Capture lightning bugs

- b. To sprinkle clothes before ironing.
c. Large salt shaker
3. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?
a. Cows got cold & wouldn't produce milk.
b. Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled.
c. Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top.
4. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?
a. Blackjack
b. Gin
c. Craps
5. What method did women use to look as if they were wearing stockings when none were available due to rationing during WWII?
a. Suntan
b. Leg painting
c. Wearing slacks
6. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear when you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?
a. Studebaker
b. Nash Metro
c. Tucker
7. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid?
a. Strips of dried peanut butter
b. Chocolate licorice bars
c. Wax coke-shaped bottled with colored sugar water inside
8. How was Butch wax used?
a. To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up
b. To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing
c. On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust
9. Before inline skates, how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?
a. With clamps, tightened by a skate key
b. Woven straps that crossed the foot
c. Long pieces of twine
10. As a kid, what was considered the best way to reach a decision?
a. Consider all the facts
b. Ask Mom
c. Eeny-meeny-miney-mo
11. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940's?
a. Smallpox
b. AIDS
c. Polio
12. "I'll be down to get you in a _____, Honey"
a. SUV
b. Taxi
c. Streetcar
13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pet pony?
a. Old Blue
b. Paint
c. Macaroni
14. What was a Duck-and-Cover drill?
a. Part of a game of hide and seek
b. What you did when your Mom called you in to do chores
c. Hiding under your desk and covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill
15. What was the name of the Indian Princess on the Howdy Doody show?
a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
b. Princess Sacajawea
c. Princess Moonshadow
16. What did all the really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?
a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, as this was believed to get you high
b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window
c. Wrote another pupil's name on the top, to avoid their failure
17. Why did your Mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?
a. To keep you out of mischief by licking the backs, which tasted like bubble gum
b. They could be put in special books and redeemed for various household items
c. They were given to the kids to be used as stick-on-tattoos
18. Praise the Lord, and pass the _____?
a. Meatballs
b. Dames
c. Ammunition
19. What was the name of the singing group that made the song "Cabdriver" a hit?
a. The Ink Spots
b. The Supremes
c. The Esquires
20. Who left his heart in San Francisco?
a. Tony Bennett
b. Xavier Cugat
c. George Gershwin

Answers: 1-B; 2-B; 3-C; 4-A; 5-B; 6-A; 7-C; 8-A; 9-A; 10-C; 11-C; 12-B; 13-C; 14-C; 15-A; 16-A; 17-B; 18-C; 19-A; 20-A

Scoring:

17-20 correct: You are older than dirt and obviously gifted with mental abilities. Now if you could only find your glasses. Definitely someone who should share your wisdom!

12-16 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but you are getting there.

0-11 correct: You are not old enough to share the wisdom of your experiences.



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