Counting Our Blessings – Funnies

**When you are unhappy about getting older and yearn to return to your youth, think about algebra. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**During a first-of-the-month banking transaction, I asked the bank teller to give me my cash in dimes, quarters and dollar bills. “The coins are for my 13-year-old son’s lunch and bus money,” I said. “And he likes his allowance all in ones.” “It gets worse,” the woman behind me in line interjected. “My son wants his all in twenties.” *(Donna Fastle, in Reader's Digest)***

**Report is you need a $5 permit to go barefoot in Austin, Texas. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The little boy says to his father: “The batteries in my calculator went dead before I could finish counting my blessings.” *(The Clergy Journal cartoon)***

**Doctor says to patient who has just stood on the weight scale: “You counted your blessings instead of your calories on Thanksgiving, didn’t you Mrs. Blair?” (The Luther Witness cartoon)**

**Grandma: “You sure like to take advantage of me, don’t you, Muffin? I’m nothing but a cat couch to you, aren’t I?” Grandpa: “Count your blessings. All I am is a cat scratching post.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**What I’m looking for is a blessing that’s not in disguise. *(Kitty O’Neill Collins)***

***“*A lot of people complain about their dumb boss,” says Joey Adams. “What they don't realize is that they'd be out of a job if their dumb boss were any smarter.” (Reader's Digest)**

**According to a study by Ball State, Americans who shop on an empty stomach spend more. It’s just a theory – they weren’t able to find Americans with empty stomachs. *(Jay Leno, 2004)***

**Two expectant fathers were nervously pacing the floor of the maternity ward waiting room. One said, “What tough luck. This is happening during my vacation.” The other said, “What are you complaining about? I'm on my honeymoon.” (Joe Griffith, in Speaker's Library of Business, p. 278)**

**It was half time at my son Todd’s high-school football game, and I was in the bleachers with my camcorder, angry that I had missed the most important play of the first half. Todd had caught a pass and, eluding a defender, raced down the sideline for a 75-yard touchdown. Unfortunately, I had just stopped recording the game. Another spectator carrying a camcorder approached me. “How’s the picture-taking?” he asked. “Okay,” I answered, “but I blew the big play. That was my son who caught the touchdown pass, and I missed it on camera.” “Don’t feel bad,” he said. “I got the picture, and my son was defending against him.” *(Don Lewis, in Reader’s* *Digest)***

**Oh for the good old days, when we all lived so comfortably in the trees. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Man: “Merle, I have an idea.” Merle: “What is it?” Man: “Well, it’s probably not a very good one.” Merle: “Then why bring it up in the first place?” Man: “I was just happy to have one at all.” (Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)**

**“Say, Bill,” a man said to his pal, “how do you like your new job?” “It's the worst job I ever had.” “How long have you been there?” “About three months.” “Why don't you quit?” “No way. This is the first time in 20 years that I've looked forward to going home.” (Jim Young, in Reader's Digest)**

**Dad: “Reading your old journal, eh?” Mom: “Yeah, back from when Zoe was little. It makes me feel encouraged about having a new baby.” Dad reads from the journal: “Zoe is colicky. Another sleepless night.” Dad: “What’s encouraging about that?” Mom: “That I still had the energy to write.” *(Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scot, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Two mice were launched in a Cape Canaveral missile. First mouse: “I'm scared. This space travel is dangerous, you know.” Second mouse: “Yeah, but it sure beats cancer research.” (Parts Pups)

If you've ever wished that your parents had given you a better handle, take comfort from the following actual names: Ure A. Pigg of Portland, Oregon, Ima Hogg of Houston, Texas, Serious Misconduct of Welwyn, England, General Error of Pueblo, Colorado, Safety First of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor and Honor Roll of Birmingham, Alabama, E. Pluribus Eubanks of San Francisco, California, and Harry “Bum” Messenger of Idaho Falls, Idaho. *(Valmarie Carson, in Tidbits)***

**Mother to teen-age daughter: “The bad news is, we're moving to a different city. The good news is, your new school is full of boys who didn't see you get sick in the cafeteria last month.” (*Randy Glasbergen, in Funny Times)***

**The plants I had ordered from a catalogue were delivered in sad shape. However, the planting guide that accompanied them cheered me up: “Many plants may appear lifeless and wilted on arrival. You’d droop, too, if you spent a few days boxed up traveling from our nursery to your doorstep.” *(L. Jean Myers, in Reader’s Digest)***

**“So you think you've got problems!” a man said to his co-worker. “I lent a guy $4000 for plastic surgery, and now I don't know what he looks like!” *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

***“*Dear, Mr. Foshee: Congratulations. Your daughter Jennifer's essay ‘Why I Like Summer Camp’ won second place in our contest. She will receive a beautiful photograph album. You may be interested to know that the first prize, a Shetland pony, went to . . ..” *(John Foshee, in Reader's Digest)***

**Russian school teacher: “Who were the first human beings?” Pupil: “Adam and Eve.” Teacher: “And what nationality were they?” Pupil: “Russian, of course.” Teacher: “And how do you know they were Russian?” Pupil: “Easy. They had no roof over their heads, no clothes to wear and only one apple between them -- and they called it Paradise.” (Mrs. A. Mayer, in National Examiner Montreal)**

**The Butterfield Overland Express Company, subsidized by the U.S. government to the tune of $600,000 per year, made the stagecoach trip from St. Louis to San Francisco in 25 days, covered 2,812 miles, and helped to settle the West. If you rode in the stagecoach, the trip didn’t settle your stomach. (Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia , p. 252)**

**After hiking for several days through rain and mud in Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons, we decided to stop at a ranger station before going any farther. Information helpful to trail users was chalked on a blackboard. We walked over to read it and burst out laughing. Listed under “General Weather Conditions” was the simple statement: “You should have been here last week! *(Janet Mody, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Peculiar ancient wedding customs:**

**Middle Ages -- eggs thrown at bride and groom**

**England -- shoes thrown at groom**

**Germany -- coin baked in wedding cake**

## France -- couple arrived at church in chains

## Rome -- bride threw nuts at rejected suitors. *(World Features Syndicate)*

## At the cafeteria, several co-workers and I were discussing the particularly harsh Vermont winter we were experiencing. “I'm so tired of winter,” one woman said, “that I can't wait to get my first mosquito bite.” *(Leo N. Gavin, in Reader's Digest)*