

Jigsaw Puzzles Provide A Relaxing And Challenging Family Activity

Jigsaw puzzles to those who work them can be summed up in a word: relaxation. They can be worked at a leisurely pace a few pieces at a time or with concentrated effort by the family on a wintery day in front of the fire. They also provide a challenge and feeling of accomplishment when finished.



A recent survey of puzzle enthusiasts found these common threads—and others—to be the basis for the enduring appeal of puzzle-working. Families reported that puzzles drew them together for hours of shared enjoyment while providing a challenge. Some said they reserved puzzle time only for weekends so the entire family might participate; others reserved a special table where the current challenge is left to be worked out a few pieces at a time.

There is a divergence of opinion on what makes puzzles appealing. Some fans prefer puzzles with a high degree of difficulty, containing intricate patterns, a predominance of a single color or shapes that fit anywhere. At the opposite end are people who prefer traditional nature scenes and pieces with distinctive shapes that fit only in the right spot.

The survey found that puzzle lovers love variety. Some, shown specific Whitman puzzles, said they would choose a challenging V.I.P.™ puzzle (reproduction of fresh raspberries with a red background). This is a visually intricate optical teaser featuring identical sized hexagonal pieces. The monochrome composition presents a challenge, some of the survey group said. Others expressed preference for Guild™ puzzles of traditional panoramas and scenes of nature. For puzzle-solvers who want challenge without weeks of frustration in seeking a solution, puzzles with an intermediate degree of difficulty, such as Whitman's Sandpiper™ puzzles, were preferred. These de-

JOHNSTON VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. John McGaughey and Barbie of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. David McGaughey of Dallas visited Saturday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnston.

luxu puzzles present superior photography of subjects—a collection of antique boxes, an ice cream ensemble, toy collection, house of jewels, a young ballerina or a bowl of strawberries.

Aside from the relaxing nature of solving puzzles, parents found them a valuable tool in helping youngsters learn some basic skills. One mother said her child experienced problems with hand-to-eye coordination and puzzles provided practice; another said her son was easily bored and the challenge of puzzle-solving captured his attention.

Many of those surveyed found puzzles to be the right gift for relatives and friends, appealing to special interests, such as gardening, painting, photography and traveling. For shut-ins or hospital stays, puzzles can help pass idle hours.

Inexpensively priced, puzzles also can make perfect gifts, each chosen for the individual taste and interest of the recipient. From simple to complex, countryside to art deco, puzzles provide hours of fun, relaxation and challenge. As a gift of thoughtfulness, puzzles can be saved and preserved as a wall hanging or keepsake of a hard-won accomplishment.

FROM NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Wyndoll Stephens of Farmington, N.M., and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Stephens of Eunice, N.M., students at Hobbs, have been recent guests in the home of Wyndoll's mother, Ozelle Stephens, his sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guinn, and Mrs. Wyndoll Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hester in Rochester.

Other guests of Ozelle's were her daughter, Wynelle Roberts of Tulia and Wynelle's daughter, Merri Roberts of Amarillo.

PLANTING FESCUE IN YOUR YARD

By David L. Tunmire

Fescue is a popular grass for the home yard with large shade trees. The most widely used variety Kentucky 31 is a tall-growing perennial bunch grass. It provides a coarse turf that is moderately shade-tolerant and drought resistant.

J.T. Cypert of Knox City talked to me about planting tall fescue in his yard. I told him it was an ideal selection for his situation because he has several large shade trees in his yard. I also suggested that he try one of the new varieties of fescue available.

Many seed companies have been working with fescue varieties to develop a variety that maintained its shade tolerants and drought resistant but did not grow as course of turf as tall fescue. These new varieties are released under a variety of names and are hard to locate.

J.T. is going to try out an experimental variety call "Maverick" developed by Pickseed West, Inc. It is not on the market yet. We are interested in seeing how it does in this area.

The site will be seeded very soon. J.T. will be using a rate of 7 pounds per 1000 square feet. He has already retolled his yard twice in preparation of planting.

As soon as a stand is established, interested persons are encouraged to examine the site and visit with J.T. about the grass.

Fertilizing Pecan Trees

The first of March is a good time to fertilize pecan trees. Oscar Mangis of Knox City and I talked about the reasons for fertilizing now, recently.

Applying fertilizer now allows time for the nitrogen to get into soil solution and to become active. Grasses are much more efficient in the

up-take up nutrients than pecan trees.

Ammonium nitrate (33-0-0) can be applied at a rate of 3 pounds per inch diameter of the tree trunk. The fertilizer should be distributed under the drip line on top of the ground so the next rain can take the fertilizer into the root zone of the tree. Nitrogen moves readily in the soil with the soil moisture, and it is not necessary to place the fertilizer into holes under the tree.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, handicap, religion or national origin.

Letter To The Editor

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Young Farmers Sale Draws Good Turnout

The Brazos Valley Young Farmers have reported that the consignment sale held this past Saturday at the Farmers Grain Co-op yard in Munday was a "huge success." Chapter president Dale Bloxham reported the gross receipts from the sale at \$133,333.00 with the Young Farmers to receive a percentage of that amount.

methods to the young farmers of Knox County. The percentage of the sale proceeds received by the chapter will be used in various upcoming chapter projects within Knox County. An ad expressing thanks to all who helped to make the sale a success appears elsewhere in this week's News.

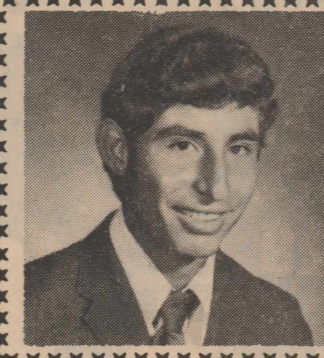
Attracting from 150 to 200 persons, the day-long sale featured the auction of farm equipment that was consigned by 46 different consignees and two other area farmers who were liquidating their equipment. The majority of the equipment on the lot was sold.

The local chapter of the Brazos Valley Young Farmers has 15 members in Knox County and is very active in promoting farming and different farming

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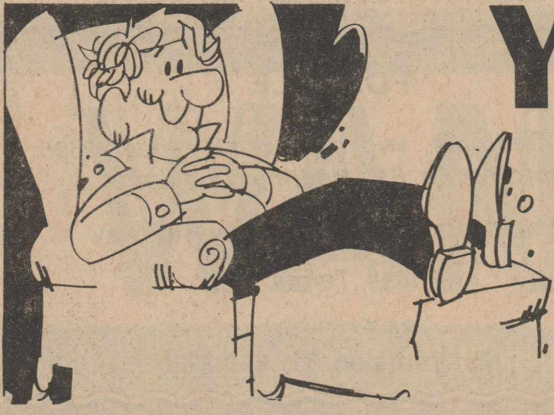
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