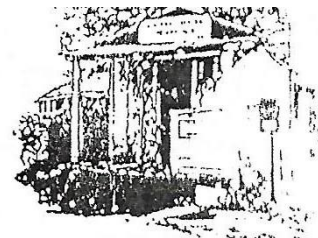


The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom
As for hidden treasures...
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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A Beautiful Day for a Neighbor

Fred Rogers described himself as “a husband ... a father ... a minister ... a neighbor.”

It was somewhat of a surprise after college graduation in 1951 when Fred Rogers moved to New York City to do an apprenticeship at NBC in this new thing called television. Not long after the move, he wrote Joanne and proposed marriage. She said, “Yes ... yes!”

Rogers got into television not because he loved it but because he hated what was being broadcast. He thought, “There’s got to be some way of using this fabulous instrument to nurture those who would watch and listen.” In the mornings, he would stop by St. Patrick’s Cathedral to pray on his way to NBC.

The show that became “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” began in 1962 as a 15-minute show for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. It was “Misterogers” all one word.

Rogers father heard about plans for a new educational TV station in Pittsburgh. It was going to produce and promote television programs for children as an expression of caring for the children of the whole country.

Sesame Street was a children’s show which focused on cognitive learning and preparing pre-school age children for school. Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood focused on a child’s psyche and feelings and promoting a sense of moral and ethical reasoning.

Fred Rogers felt that children needed to know that feelings are “mention-able” and they are “manageable.”

Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood first aired in 1968 and ran through 2001. At its peak there were 1.8 million neighborhood televisions tuned in to be Fred Rogers’ neighbor.

Television neighbors would see him come in from the neighborhood ... open his closet door ... remove his blazer ... hang it on a hanger ... put on his zip up cardigan sweater ... sit on his bench and one-by-one slip off his dress shoes ... put on and tie his navy canvas sneakers.

Moving slowly, he was smiling and singing:
*It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?*

... Won’t you be my neighbor?”

On his television show, “in a reassuring tone and leisurely cadence” – and yes, his wife said that he really did talk that slowly at all times because he wanted to be sure that he was understood – he tackled difficult topics such as death of a family pet, sibling rivalry, addition of a newborn into the family, moving, enrolling in a new school or divorce.

The show first aired in 1968, the year of the assassination of Robert Kennedy. One week after Kennedy’s death Mr. Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, looked into the camera and the eyes of over a million children and talked about this tragedy.

What television viewers didn’t see was that every morning before leaving home, Fred Rogers read his Bible and prayed. At the studio before each episode he prayed, “Let some word that is heard be Thine.”

He said that with every person we encounter we can either be an “accuser” pulling them down or an “advocate” lifting them up.

Who did Fred Rogers say is your neighbor? The person you are with at that moment.

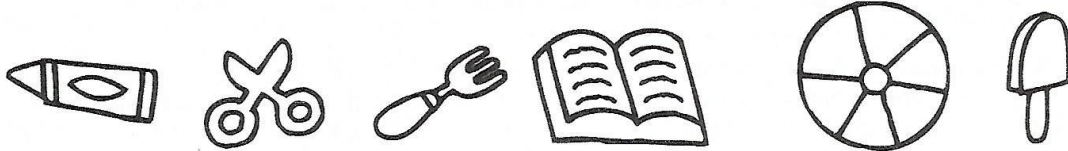
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 26

Draw a ○ around the people who are showing God's love by being kind. Then find and color the hidden objects in the picture.



Find these other hidden objects in the picture:



Look Here:
Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
(Luke 10:27)

Your neighbor is anyone that you are with.
A good neighbor treats others with kindness.

The Acmar Community Quilt

The upcoming 2020 U.S. Census reminds us of the importance of being counted! The census will provide valuable information to the government that will impact future state and federal resources and representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.



It is also interesting to look back at census information from past decades where you or some ancestor lived and worked. Acmar was never incorporated as a city or township, so the information was gathered based on the Electoral Precinct 26 of St. Clair County. The 1940 Census shows a population of 1,850 residents in the 26th Precinct. This area was sometimes referred to as "Acmar" for the 1930-1950 Census, but was reorganized and merged to be consolidated with Moody for the 1960 Census. The 1940 Census covering the Acmar may be a bit confusing for some genealogy work. Unlike our modern census that can be entered through mailing in forms provided by the government or even over the Internet, the 1940 Census was taken by "Enumerators" who went door to door to get the information. They asked the typical questions of who all lived in the home, their occupation, age, race, education and where they were born, and the information was handwritten on the form. Unfortunately for some modern folks interested in genealogy, much of the information on the forms may be unavailable or pretty much illegible based on the penmanship of the enumerator! And since the census was to be done in ink, mistakes were sometimes marked out or scribbled over making it almost impossible to read what the answer in a section might have been, so some answers may be subject to interpretation by the reader.

The 1940 Census has the Acmar community (or "village" as some sources might say) as being predominately "White", but there appears to be a higher percentage of "Negro" miners than white miners. There were many families, so the father was usually listed as "Head of Household", and wives were entered as "housekeepers." There were a few entries as "Maid", so it's not clear if "housekeeper" was an unpaid position and "maid" possibly a paying job.
























Place of birth for most of the people in Acmar at that time was Alabama, although there were many from Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina Texas, and Kentucky. There were a few people from northern states like Ohio and Michigan. Some were even immigrants from Scotland.

Looking at the "Highest Grade Completed" in the Education section, it's a little sad to see numbers like 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and even some "zeros". But this was a time when many people went to work to help their families or had little to no access to education. The Acmar School went through the sixth grade; so many people ended their education there. The local Moody Jr. High only went through the 9th grade, although they had the option of going on to St. Clair County High in Odenville, or Pell City High School, many students sort of dropped off the education radar in this area.

It is no surprise that most of the occupations listed were around the coal mining industry. Within that industry section, most workers were listed as "Coal Diggers, although some were noted as special jobs like Champer, Bradisher, Team driver, foreman, floating laborer, and supervisor. Some residents were listed as occupations that supported the mining community like "Teacher, Store Keeper, Seamstress, and Barber.

One interesting section in 1940 asked if the resident had a Social Security Number. Most answered "No", which may seem odd to us today. It's not clear why, but could possibly be due to the fact the Charles DeBardeleben insisted on the mining company communities being self-sufficient and not taking aid from the federal government, but that is purely speculation. Of course, much of a person's daily life in 1940 was not tied to their Social Security number like it is in modern times.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  CHURCH 9 am	2  Emily Sims	3 	4  MCA 3-5 pm Dava Walker 	5	6	7
8  CHURCH 9 am DAYLIGHT SAVING Clock Ahead 1 hr	9	10  BIBLE STUDY "Twisting the Truth" Byers Home 6:30 pm	11  BIBLE STUDY Church 10 a CHURCH SUPPER  6:30 pm	12	13	14  Ron Smith
15  CHURCH 9 am	16	17  BINGO Moody Sr. 10:30 am ST. PATRICK'S	18  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Carpenetti's  6:00 pm	19	20  FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21  Chloe Byrd
22  CHURCH 9 am	23  Melody June Lamphear	24	25	26  BINGO Leeds Sr. 10:00 am	27	28  Steven Lamphear
29  CHURCH MCA Offer. Debbie Bosworth Michael Wilson 	30	31  Barbara Shrum	MCA (Moody Challenged Adults) is a social service club. We will receive a special offering for them on Sunday, March 29.			

Mon., March 2
Tue., March 3
Wed., March 4
Thur., March 5
Fri., March 6
Sat., March 7

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Hebrews 13:1-3
Isaiah 40:28-31

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Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., March 9
Tue., March 10
Wed., March 11
Thur., March 12
Fri., March 13
Sat., March 14

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Matthew 28:16-20
1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Mon., March 23
Tue., March 24
Wed., March 25
Thur., March 26
Fri., March 27
Sat., March 28

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
James 1:19-27
Galatians 6:2-10

Mon., March 16
Tue., March 17
Wed., March 18
Thur., March 19
Fri., March 20
Sat., March 21

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Isaiah 41:10-13
Galatians 5:22-26

Mon., March 30
Tue., March 31
Wed., April 1
Thur., April 2
Fri., April 3
Sat., April 4

Zechariah 9:9
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 105:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:16-21