ONE MORE CHARADE CROSSWORD

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Editor's Note: In the August 1970, August 1971, August 1983 and May 1984 issues of Word Ways, Ernst Theimer introduced the charade crossword to readers. The first two paragraphs below, explaining the nature of this puzzle, are repeated from the 1971 article.

Of all crossword puzzles, I find the charade crossword the most enjoyable. In this type of crossword, the clues do not directly define the word to be found. The word is buried as a charade in a sentence; for example, the word outing is contained in the seventh, eighth and ninth words of the sentence "It costs money to keep a runabout in gas, every young man soon learns." If this sentence were presented as the clue, the solution would be relatively simple. Instead, the word is removed from the sentence, and a new clue sentence (or set of sentences) is formed using the remaining letters in the same order: for example, "It costs money to keep a run, a base very young man soon learns (6)." The integer at the end of the sentence indicates the number of letters removed. The reader now has the much more challenging task of deducing the word from its absence instead of its presence. The more normal-sounding the new sequence, the more difficult the solution.

Proper construction requires that the word to be determined by the reader must fit inside a word of the clue, not between two words. Also, it is desirable that the word be a true charade in the original sentence, that is, tied at each end. Thus, the out of outing becomes a part of the word runabout, and the g becomes a part of gas. Naturally, these requirements add to the difficulty of construction.

In the puzzle below, there are three proper names (Horizontal 20; Vertical 2, 4) and five less-than-common words (Horizontal 2, 24; Vertical 7, 8, 29).

The answer to the puzzle given on the following two facing pages can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue. All answers are given in original puzzle-clue form and the expanded form that results when the answer word is inserted in the proper place.
ACROSS

3. For my grand panel antic, island shad served ass tops on his polar expeditions.
9. The horseshoe player examined the unused area, and find in gas par epithet ended to its repair.
10. When the troller stopped his boat, hisss pot led to the bottom of the lake.
12. I feel so a pop eras certain just so long before becoming boring.
13. I can tell youth at last "Wad every little money in the market"
15. Give the pure yearly in the voyage and he will take care of you.
17. The fake diamonds look sore. A land, Chile, velvet pillows.
20. When the fliers return their mason, the carrier deck first.
22. It is upsetting to the squeamish to watch any on elections in a craniotomy.
24. A deer runs swiftly, but an imp's faster still.
25. Most westerns about law mane a run fights.
30. "A Constantinople should understand me ansa firm foot support" said the podiatrist.
31. The mayor commended the firemen and police for curing the fiscal crisis.
32. Outdoor me ninth is a red Indian summer hiking.
33. Tapes are made easy to reclaim, for it would not be worth the efforts pa sing the mother wise.
34. The graph paper had heavy horizon. Tallin, 'es a swell as fin ethical ones.
35. Anglers see king flood, and reel to Barnegat Bay.

DOWN

1. At candle ma sandals Omar dissolve gift problems with appropriate cards.
2. To speak of an omen twill rightly, confuse people.
3. My son wants to be a doctor, but I feel he, Will, ran down in gaga rage.
4. When Muhammed alit, he grew as champion. Most fans admired him.
5. The girls' suits were so tight they could not putt. Heel ass went skinny-dipping.
6. A lie which is sold I soften. Regret Ted later.
7. The man was off ere D.A. betray Ethel, Ike, done. He had already chosen.
8. I trust only my sloop "Sow". He nab oar. D.A. not Herb out on a life jacket.
11. When the hero of the Roman cellist supreme knew this was vital to the plot.
14. The decorator when asked about fireplace lintels said he had not heard of the morsels.
16. The chess player ran low on tire, don his last move.
18. I like sweets be standstill. I do not con side raging ere much
ass tops on
and find
to the bottom
becoming bor-
"the market" I'll take care
pillows.

inch.

on elections

"foot support"
curing the

not be worth
a swell as

with appro-

, ran down
ians admired
it. Heel ass
none. He had
not Herb out
now this was
said he had

of a dessert.

21. Powdered sand is offered fraudulently in a canasta lain is
land soft, he pacific.

22. There's to four merger principal sat this poor sedition the
other hands aid no.

23. Draw in gale, them aid served the drunkard's ass. He had
been instructed.

24. The Indians from their wick ice. 1 vet, he settler, scar a
van approaching.

25. At little league practise pa rent scow and then to watch.

26. Event he no win teg, rated scion sofa namer. 1 can save mem-
ber who ravaged his domains.