

CROSS NUMBER PUZZLE.

Clues

Across

1 six

5 three

6 two

8 three

9 five.

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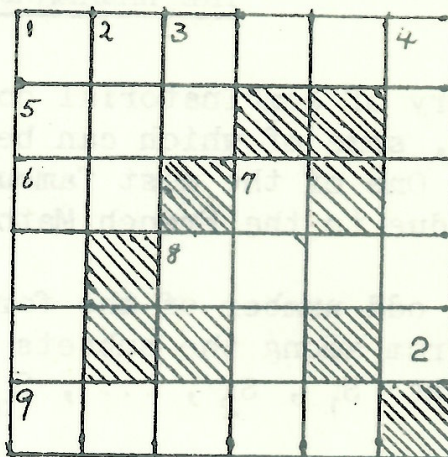
1 four

2 seven

3 six

4 three

7 seven.



Solution Next Issue.

Each answer is the recurring block of digits in the "decimal" expansion of a rational number  $\frac{a}{p}$ , using  $S$  as the base of the number system.

The clue gives the value of  $S$ , and  $p$  is always a prime number less than 50.

For example, if the clue for a six digit answer was "three", a possible answer would be

$$010212 \quad \text{since} \quad \frac{1}{7} = (\overline{.010212})_3 .$$

The only other possible answers would be 021201, 102120, 120102, 201021, and 212010, obtained by expressing  $\frac{2}{7}$ ,  $\frac{3}{7}$ ,  $\frac{4}{7}$ ,  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{6}{7}$  as decimals using 3 as base. See the article "Decimal Expansions of Rational Numbers" and in particular, the answer of Q5.