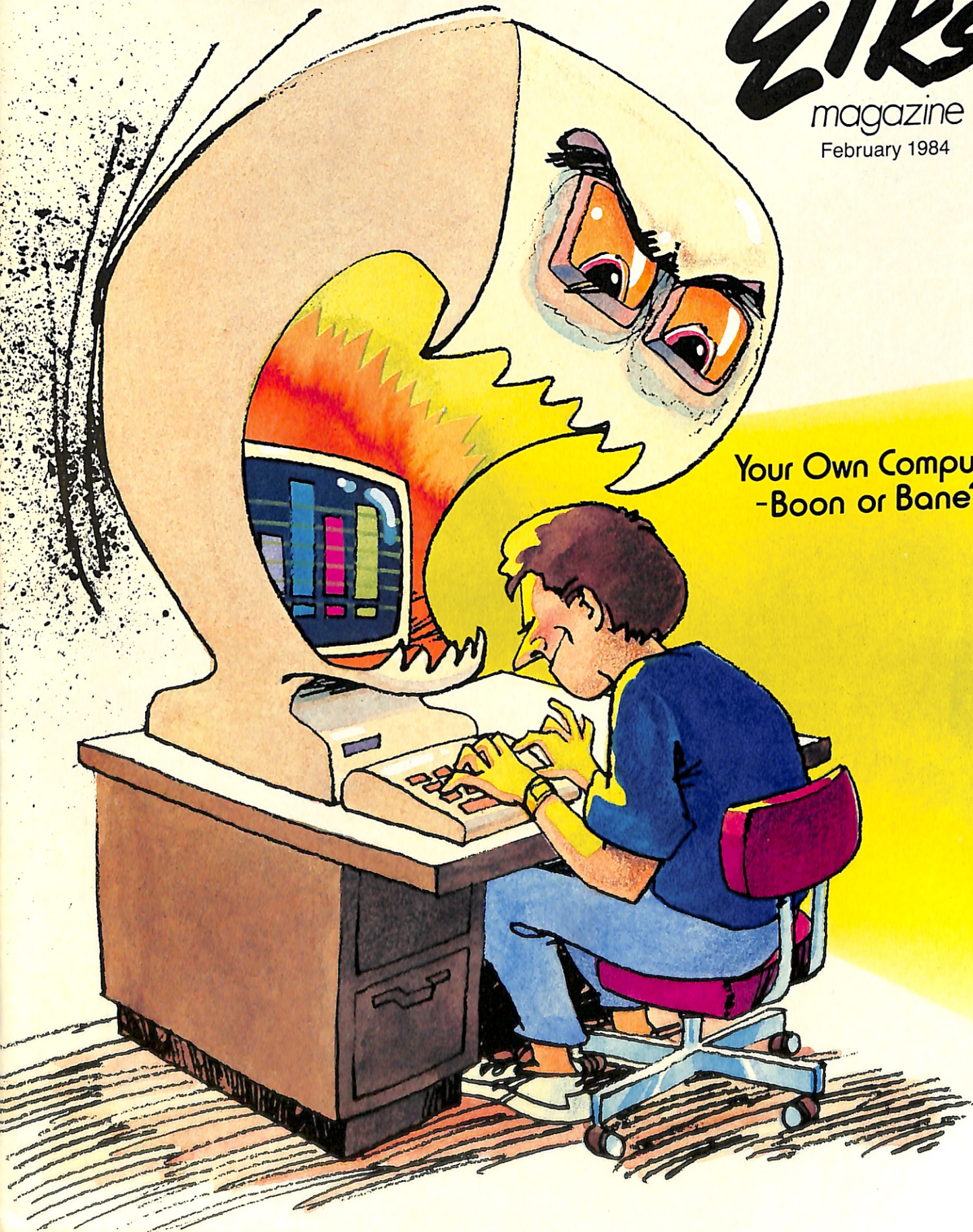


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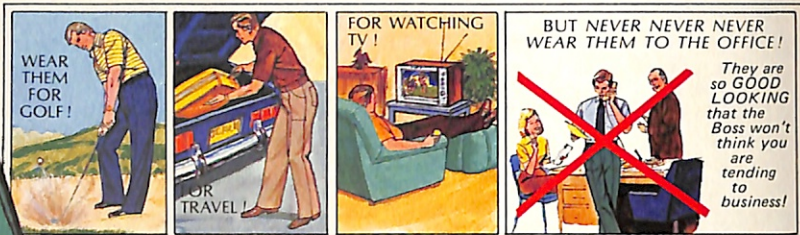


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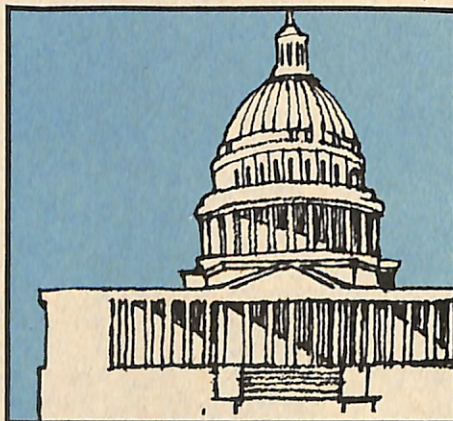
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Your Own Computer



boon or bane?

by John A. Libertine

"There are three kinds of people out there."

I was browsing through the magazine rack at a local computer store and couldn't help overhearing a salesman who was obviously breaking in "the new man." He continued: "The first one is completely ignoring computers. Don't worry about him. You won't see his kind in here. The second is frightened to death of them. But he'll keep coming in like a teenager to scary movies. The third guy isn't afraid at all. Watch him. He's so gung-ho to try everything that he'll demolish every keyboard in sight and half our disks if you let him."

Never underestimate the astuteness of a salesman. This one has pegged the whole personal computer revolution in less than a hundred words. To begin with, his use of the masculine gender is neither accidental nor chauvinistic. The overwhelming majority of people interested in computers is male. I'll leave it to others to explain this, but it is a simple, observable fact.

His placement of customers in three niches is right on target. You can probably put yourself and most of your friends into one of these slots easily. Yet the simple truth is that if you have any interest in a computer, you'd be far better off if you were a combination of all three.

Ideally, you should have just a touch of "fear"; enough to respect the things. It will also help to have enough confidence so a machine won't intimidate you. And while I don't think you can ignore computers, it won't hurt to have an objective "I can take them or leave them" attitude. Buying one should be a fairly long and logical process. Too often it turns out to be an impulse purchase made for all the wrong reasons.

If this is so, then what are the right reasons? And how do you go through this process? What I hope to give you here is a compilation of my own personal trials, frustrations and ultimate joys plus the consensus of the so-called experts and, perhaps most important, a distillation of the typical experiences of real people who have been through it all.

From the start I'm going to make the assumption you have some interest in computers (doesn't everyone today?)

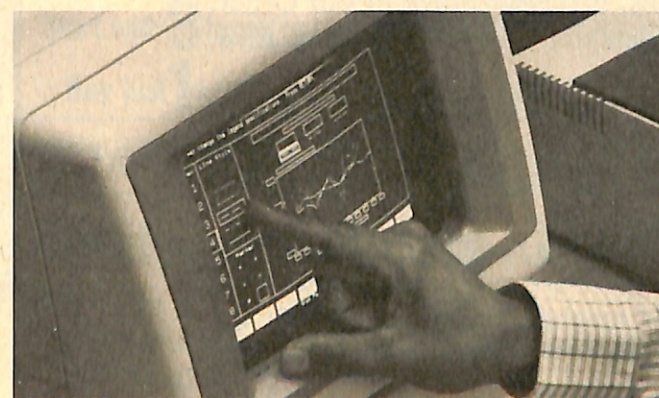
for either personal or business use. If you're typical, you are confused. Why shouldn't you be? There are (depending on whose count you care to believe) somewhere between 150 and 300 different computers to choose from! And that doesn't include "Models" and other variations. Sometimes it looks like all of them are advertising in the same paper or magazine at the same time. No wonder we're all confused. After reading about "bits and bytes" or "RAM and ROM" or "CBASIC and COBOL", it's a wonder anybody bothers to buy one at all.

Don't let anyone kid you. This jargon is being used for the same reasons as is the slang of pop culture or the legalese of government forms. If you take my advice to go slow, all this gobbledygook will begin to make sense after a time. Yes, you have to become educated about computers just as you must learn the languages

of auto mechanics or carpentry if you intend to do anything in those areas.

So, step one is to get educated. How? Start by reading everything in sight about computers. Go to a computer store and look through the magazines. Buy a couple that look as though they speak your language. Be careful. Some are written for electronic engineers only! While you're there listen to a sales pitch. Then go to another, and another store and do it all over and over again. Don't take any one person's opinion. Listen, read, learn. Do read the ads. Send away for literature. Attend some of the free seminars offered by stores or manufacturers in your area. You could even take an evening course at your local high school or extension college.

In your travels from store to store, ask about local computer clubs. They are located almost everywhere, town or city. Most welcome visitors and the



Many systems incorporate innovations that make their computers more "user-friendly" to the novice. The touch-screen shown can make giving the computer instructions as easy as pointing your finger. Photo courtesy of Hewlett-Packard.

dues are very modest. Here's where you can get the low-down on possible problems and the facts on software that will never be heard from a salesman or in an ad! Some of these clubs are set up for specific computer brands (The Apple Club, Atari Club, etc.) and others by user interests (CP/M Clubs, Visicalc Clubs, Word Processing Clubs, etc.) A really large club (The Boston Computer Society, for example) is a combination. The full club covers all of these and there are "sub-clubs" covering both computer and user interests. The Boston club is one of the oldest and largest in the country. It lists a calendar of events which includes at least three or four meetings a week. Some user groups (The Osborne Group is typical) meet at least twice a month. By all means, visit if not join one or two of these in your area.

There is one other source you can tap. If a friend or relative has a computer, by all means pick his brain. After all, he's already gone through it all. Just one caution. Chances are (assuming he's happy with his model) you are going to be given a sales talk on why you should buy the exact same machine. Maybe he's right, but maybe he isn't. Let him try to convince you, but keep an open mind. It is possible that he will suggest ideas and uses you never dreamed of.

In short, the idea is to expose yourself to all the information available.

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7 Hints for choosing your computer

- Learn as much as you can about computers and their potential uses:**
 - To determine the feasibility of owning a computer.
 - To insure you will not be disappointed later to find your computer inadequate for your intended or developing interests.
 - Take courses at local schools/clubs, etc....
 - Read magazine, and newspaper articles, intended to assist you in making these determinations.
- Define your area of interests; devise a plan based on your interests, ie:**
 - Home use, for pleasure, for an educational experience.
 - Business/professional use.
- Talk to people about their experiences, try to find a group of people with similar interests, they will usually be glad to share their accomplishments and personal anecdotes; keep an open mind.**
 - Join a club; attend meetings.
 - Attend conventions; exhibits, ask questions.
 - Try to discuss your plans with novices, established hobbyists and professionals if you can to get a cross-section of views.
 - Pay as much attention to software as you do hardware.
- Develop a budget; costs can easily get out of hand in this field. Budget the following:**
 - Initial computer purchase.
 - Software purchase.
 - Training costs.
 - Add-ons.
 - Expendables such as floppy disks, paper.
 - For business use, a maintenance contract.
- Narrow down your choices, take your time, shop for the best value; compare manufacturers and retailers for:**
 - Assistance offered by the retailer to learn the operation of your new computer.
 - Support offered by the retailer and manufacturer to assist in solving problems after the purchase.
 - Software availability.
 - Expandability.
- Get demonstrations of the software under consideration on the machine you are planning to buy; don't assume it will do what you want.**
 - Is it easy to learn?
 - Is it easy to use?
 - Are the instructions clear and concise?
 - Is there a troubleshooting guide in case of difficulty?
 - Can the capacities of the software and hardware adapt to your growth needs?
 - Will the computer hardware support your volume of data?
- Before taking your selection home, insist on having your salesman plug it in to verify its proper operation. If you will need to interconnect cables, ask to be shown how its done; take notes. You'll avoid much frustration and even possible damage to your purchase.**

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Pride and Reflection

February has a great deal of historical interest to us as Elks. It is, of course, the month known as the Birthday of Presidents; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were born in February and our current President, Ronald Reagan, also first saw the light of day in February. Of great interest to us, as Elks, is the birthdate of our Order. The date of February 16, 1868, saw the beginnings of the Order of Elks. We should proudly reflect on the fact.

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In reading the reports of the District Deputies that have come in from across the land, it is apparent to me that there are more than a few lodges that project a very poor image in their neighborhoods because of the dilapidated condition of their buildings. In many cases a simple cleanup of house and grounds would help a lot. In other situations it will take a real effort to rehabilitate the properties.

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn



RONALD J. DUNN, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the 1963-64 lodge year, died at his home in Oneida, New York on the morning of December 6, 1983. He was born February 22, 1903, in State Bridge, New York and was educated in the public schools of the City of Oneida, New York.

He received his B A degree from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts in 1925 and his LL B from Fordham University School of Law in 1928. He commenced his practice of law in the City of Oneida, New York in the same year and was subsequently elected to serve as Oneida City Judge for three terms. In addition he served as a clerk of Madison County, New York Surrogate Court. He had the reputation as one of the most capable trial lawyers in central New York State. He and his son, Peter M. Dunn, were partners in the Dunn and Dunn law firm of Oneida, New York. He was a member and Past President of the Madison, New York, County Bar Association and also New York State and American Bar Association.

He was the recipient of the Oneida, New York Rotary Club's Roses to the Living Award, the Man of the Year Award from the Oneida New York Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oneida Public Library, the Board of Governors of the Yahnundasis Golf Club in Utica, New York; the Oneida Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors of the Oneida Valley National Bank.

During his illustrious lifetime, he exhibited continuous devotion to his beloved family, his legal profession and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The many attributes he possessed, among which were his high ideals of service and unique qualities of leadership, were recognized immediately by his fellow lodge members following his initiation in 1929 into Oneida, New York Lodge 767. Accordingly, he was elevated by his lodge through all the subordinate stations and became Exalted Ruler in 1936. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1941 by the then Grand Exalted Ruler John McClelland. He was elected President of the New York State Elks Association in 1945 and served as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight in 1947 and again in 1951. In 1953 he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees and became Chairman of that body in 1957. He was Justice of the Grand Forum from 1960 until 1963, which office he resigned when he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco, California in 1963.

He became Chairman of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee in 1967. Poor health caused him to resign this position in 1977 when he was once again honored by being named Chairman Emeritus of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee. From 1969 until his death, he served with distinction as a member of the Elks National Service Commission.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn is survived by his wife, the former Helen L. Williams, whom he married in Canastota, New York on December 28, 1935; a son, Peter M. Dunn; a daughter Ann (Mrs. Donald Morey) and eight grandchildren. Services were held December 9, 1983 at St. Patrick's Church, Oneida, New York. Past Grand Chaplain Francis A. White was the homilist.

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• I was pleased to note in the acceptance speech of GER Kenneth V. Cantoli (September issue) that the Elks will focus their assistance in the area of drug awareness.

I would like you to know that for the past two years the local Lodge, No. 1557, New Smyrna Beach, FL, has been of great assistance in supporting our local United Parents group. This support takes the form of financial aid to purchase educational materials designed to heighten community awareness of the growing problem of drug abuse.

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Ellen Weller, President

United Parents of Southeast Volusia
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article needed to make us better Elks and better people.

Keep up the good job that the magazine is doing for us.

James E. Galen
Ephrata, PA

• You are to be commended for the objective attitude with which the subject of massive seismic disaster was treated in your recent (October) article, "Waiting for the Big One."

Though many Californians feel that the subject has been much belabored, it is refreshing to see it handled without sensationalism and untoward sarcasm. Many residents in the path of "The Big One" are forced to remain by fixed incomes, career considerations or family ties. These folks naturally resent being characterized as members of some sort of suicidal lunatic fringe, as they all-too-often are described in the popular press.

Congratulations on your sensitive, responsible approach to a problem that affects many thousands of ordinary, hard-working individuals.

Alfred Korda
San Clemente, CA

• Your magazine is improving; especially good in the September issue was the article on the Civilian Conservation Corps.

My congratulations to your staff and to Mr. Duhse for this outstanding piece of historical nostalgia.

Samuel M. Adler
Edison, NJ

• Bravo to John Behrens for his October column, "Phone Customers Not Saved by the Bell."

For too long, Ma Bell has been so much a part of the American landscape that most people think they cannot cope without her.

With divestiture imminent, it's vital that all business people study telephone alternatives. By relating his personal telephone buying experiences and offering outside predictions, Behrens has helped demystify A T & T. There *is* life after Ma Bell disappears—a life, Behrens reveals, that is more economical for consumers.

Moreover, by explaining the possible consequences of remaining a Bell System customer after January, Behrens has touched on critical points which every telephone user should consider before deciding whether to lease or purchase telephones.

The business community should consider Behrens' sage advice carefully.

Ellen Portnoy Ablove
Utica, NY

• I would like to congratulate the staff of *The Elks Magazine* on the splendid Civilian Conservation Corps article that appeared in the September issue.

Being a member of that organization during the depression, I can testify that it taught us many things—to live together, work together, and, most important, it taught us the value of brotherly love. These worthy principles for all to live by.

Thanks for the memories!

Edward F. Sheehan, Jr.
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• Thank you for the fine story, "Inside the Elks National Foundation" (November, 1983). I found the article most informative; it is, I feel, the type of

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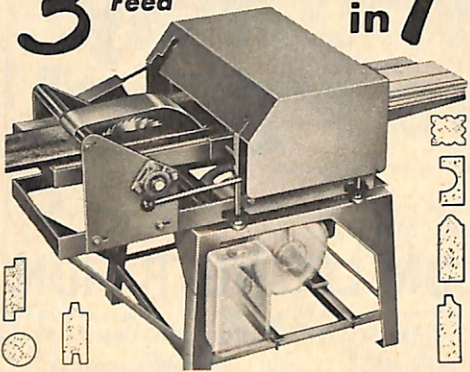
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by Grace W. Weinstein

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Here's a rundown of some current equity conversion plans. Bear in mind, as you read, that not all are available everywhere.

Reverse Annuity Mortgage

The opposite of a conventional mortgage loan, the reverse annuity mortgage is a loan paid to the homeowner in monthly increments, the amount determined by the amount of home equity borrowed against, the interest rate, and the length of the loan. The loan amount is typically from 60 to 80 percent of the appraised value of the property (and this, as other equity conversion methods, is appropriate only when there is little or no debt already outstanding on the house). The length of the loan is typically five to ten years (a potential problem if an elderly homeowner outlives the loan). Some programs are publicly-sponsored, designed for people with lower incomes; other, private programs, have no income restrictions.

Under a program of the San Francisco Development Fund, reverse annuity mortgages are offered to people over 62 years old, living in owner-occupied single family homes or condominiums, with low to moderate income. Here's an example of how this program works, provided by the Special Committee on Aging of the U.S. Senate: A reverse mortgage loan of \$120,000, at a fixed rate of 14 percent for a 10-year term, plus a 1 percent loan origination fee and other charges, would yield a monthly income of \$463. If an initial disbursement of \$5,000 is made to make repairs on the house, the monthly income would be \$386. After 10 years the loan must be repaid or renegotiated.

Under a brand new program offered

by American Homestead Mortgage Corporation of New Jersey, homeowners over 65 can mortgage their homes and receive monthly payments until they sell the house or die; the loan can then be repaid with proceeds from the sale of the house. Borrowers can add to their monthly income by pledging a percentage of the property's appreciation to American Homestead along with the mortgage amount. For example: a 75-year-old man, pledging 50 percent of appreciation, would receive \$108 each month on a \$70,000 house mortgaged at 12.5 percent. With a 100 percent pledge, he could receive \$210.

Sale/leaseback

Under this method of tapping home equity, an investor purchases the house and grants the seller either life tenancy or a more limited tenancy in exchange for a specified rental payment. The investors receive the tax benefits of ownership. And the seller, who can receive payment in a lump sum, in equal monthly payments based upon an annuity purchased by the investor, or in monthly mortgage payments from which the monthly rent is deducted, may be able to claim the one-time capital gains deduction of up to \$125,000 on the sale that is available to the homeowners over the age of 55.

A contract must spell out the seller's right to continued occupancy, the rent schedule, and responsibility for the future maintenance and care of the property. Under a program offered by the Fouratt Plan of California the lease establishes a lifetime right of occupancy. The investor/buyer is responsible for major repairs and maintenance, property taxes, and insurance. Here's an example of how such a plan might work: A 79-year-old widow sells her house, appraised at \$80,000, to an investor for \$63,200. She receives a 10 percent downpayment of \$6,320 and a 12-year promissory note for the \$56,880 balance. She receives a monthly payment of \$679 from the investor, including interest at 10 percent, from which she pays rent of \$285 back to the investor, leaving \$394 as her net income. The buyer purchased an annuity which will

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PRODUCTIVITY CONCERNS ALL OF US

A number of stories in the daily media and from my own experiences as a business and public relations consultant cause me to reluctantly agree with an article in *USA TODAY* that said America's "biggest obstacle to progress in productivity is management that simply doesn't know what to do."

The newspaper reported on a survey of 700 industrial engineers which found 63.5 percent think managers, supervisors and owners don't know how to improve the quality or quantity of goods and services.

In fact, managers and workers believe that Japan will overtake the U.S. within a decade, the article claimed.

To me, that's a self-fulfilling prophecy. Say it enough, blame the other side enough and squabble continually about it and it's bound to occur.

Personally, I don't agree with the premise nor do I believe it will necessarily happen. At the same time, I don't feel I'm either naive or a partisan optimist. But what is most disturbing is that a number of Americans are willing to accept such a prediction.

I've been to Japan; I've met and interviewed Japanese industrial leaders and respect their resolve and ambition. It was the late 1950s, Mitsubishi wasn't a household word here, neither was Nissan or Toshiba. But Coca-Cola, RCA, General Motors, Ford and a host of others were well-recognized in the Asian countries I visited. They still are.

American know-how and technology haven't been eroded. American workers—blue and white collar—appear to have less motivation today than during previous decades.

The *USA TODAY* piece offers some evidence. The survey noted that nearly half of the engineers queried said they are "not very enthusiastic and optimistic" about their workplace. But a number of these engineers offered a solution to the problem that sounds logical. Sixty-three percent said personal recognition would boost morale and most experts I've talked to believe morale is a major factor in productivity. Personal recognition, it's interesting to note, ranked higher than monetary rewards in the survey.

But engineers aren't the only group to provide such a view. At a Northeastern

private college where the salary schedule is below the state college level as well as some other private institutions, the faculty were surveyed about their concerns.

More than half of the faculty replied and again the answer was not what might be expected; a demand for higher salaries. The number one concern of the faculty? The quality of students' performance in their classrooms. The salary scale was ninth on their list of priorities!

Both surveys and a number of others which have appeared in recent years should tell management that when it comes to productivity, their employees—whether professional, skilled or production workers—have sound answers and are eager to help. And they should be praised, not scorned or intimidated for trying to create better products or services, and, obviously, better places in which to live and work.

Management has as much listening and learning to do as any employee in the plant. Furthermore, owners need to monitor middle management carefully as they implement policy and create internal and external relations for the company.

I've found that some employees in family businesses lose enthusiasm rapidly when they discover that the family has no intention of rewarding them with promotion. Perhaps it's a relative who steps into the position upon death or retirement, perhaps it's a family member who is promoted above others to take the founder's position. The message to employees is clear; hard work won't improve your status or responsibility in the company. You may be given more money—good people are hard to find—but personal recognition may have come elsewhere.

Corporations can dampen the enthusiasm and the productivity of hard-working employees just as easily.

Several years ago, a business executive acquaintance told me how he finally walked out of a management position after discovering how several others had been promoted at his expense. "I was being paid well but each new vice president had used my internal memoranda—my ideas and information—as if it was

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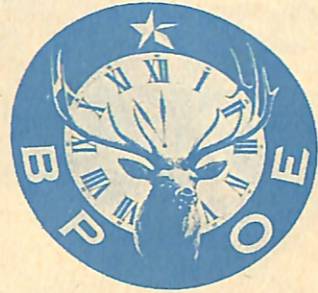
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NEWS OF THE LODGES



ANGOLA, IN. The Elks of Angola, IN, took the Little League team which they sponsor to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. After a day at the museum, the Elks then took their boys and girls to see a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Baltimore Orioles.

WINTER HAVEN, FL. Lodge recently hosted 14 children and five adults from the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla, FL. The guests were given lunch in the lodge dining room and then taken to the Florida Cypress Gardens for an afternoon of fun at the bird show, the animal pens, and the water ski show.

BIRMINGHAM, AL. The Alabama Elks Association sponsored its first float ever in the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade. The float committee, chaired by Pat Kelley of Fairfield, AL, Lodge, decided on the main theme "As long as there are veterans in our hospitals, the Elks will never forget them."

Committeemen Clarence Leftwich, Neil Palmer, John Penn, and Richard Waters, all of Roebuck (Birmingham) Lodge, added this year's Elks slogan "Charity—Cornerstone of Elkdom" to the float.

Leading an entourage of Elks and their families aboard the float was Roebuck ER Pat McGuire. Inspired by the Elks Rose Parade Float, Alabama Elks plan to make this float an annual event.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Lady Elks of Hagerstown, MD, Lodge dedicated a tree on the lodge grounds to the late PER Arthur Chambers, Jr., who founded the Lady Elks in 1966. This group now numbers several hundred active members.

From left are Mary Della-Toffalo, president of the Lady Elks; Vergie Dean, charter member and first president of the group; and Barbara Chambers, widow of PER Arthur Chambers, Jr.

PARAMUS, NJ. Recently, Paramus, NJ, Lodge and the Dayton's Raiders Auto Club held their Sixth Annual Charity Rod and Custom Car Show.

The show was held at Paramus Lodge, with 154 hot rods, street machines, vans, four-wheel-drive vehicles, bikes, and trucks on display and in competition for trophies as being the best in their vehicle classes.

As a special added attraction, this year's show featured the "General Lee" from the TV show "The Dukes of Hazzard."

The proceeds of this charity show are donated to Elks Camp Moore, a summer camp for handicapped children funded and directed by New Jersey Elks. Eighteen guests of Camp Moore attended the show.

Birmingham, AL.



Hagerstown, MD.



This year's show netted \$4,500, bringing the six-year total to more than \$22,000. Over 100 members and their families work to make the show a success.

BAKER, OR. The Baker Elks Drum and Bugle Corps, known throughout Oregon for its parade and concert appearances, promotes Elkdom and Americanism through its music at its many performances each year.

The highlight of the year for the corps is attending the Oregon State Elks Convention in May. The group also performs at the Annual Hobo Dinner at Pendleton, OR, Lodge and at many other community events.

In 1969, the corps played at the in-



Hillside, NJ.



Orlando, FL.

stallation of then-GER Frank Hise at the Dallas national convention.

HILLSIDE, NJ. The Americanism Committee of Hillside, NJ, Lodge presented a flag to the Second-Year Brownies Girl Scout Troop 822 of Saybrook and St. Catherine's Schools. Elks in photo are ER George Helock and Chm. David Pearse.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Hillside Lodge in as many years has been presenting flags to youth groups and religious and charitable organizations in the community.

WESTBROOK, CT. The annual fall meeting of the Connecticut Elks PER Association at Westbrook Lodge Sunday, September 11, had special patriotic significance. Some 235 persons attended.

As part of the day's activities at this affair, the association's Americanism Committee conducts a service for the fitting disposal of unserviceable American flags. Most of the flags are gathered and saved through the year by the state's Elks lodges.

On the Friday preceding the meeting, when President Reagan announced that Sunday, September 11, would be a National Day of Mourning for the 269 persons who died on the ill-fated Korean Air Lines Flight 007, it was decided by the committee to dedicate the flag disposal program to that memory.

Almost 200 unserviceable American flags were honorably destroyed at the ceremony. The Connecticut PER Association is proud to have been one of the few organizations in the state which conducted a public ceremony dedicated to the memory of Flight 007 on that day.

NORWOOD, MA. Lodge held a mortgage-burning ceremony to celebrate the paying off of a \$750,000 mortgage that the lodge had obtained to build a new lodge home three years ago.

ER Wolfred Morganstern was joined by many state officers and 300 Brothers and their guests for the ceremony.

PENDLETON, OR. Lodge was very pleased when its float won second place in the Civic Division of the Dress Up Parade that starts off the Annual Pendleton Roundup.

The float, depicting a cowboy on a bucking elk, was titled "Riding Hard," and showed the benevolent work of the Elks. Showing involvement in the Meadowood Springs Speech Camp, the Elks Eye Clinic, the "Hoop Shoot," scholarship programs, and youth activities, the float told the message that Pendleton Lodge is truly "Riding Hard for Elkdom."

ORLANDO, FL. Lodge held its "Miss BPOE 1984 Scholarship Pageant." This is a recognized preliminary pageant for the "Miss Florida/Miss America Pageants."

The winner of the title "Miss BPOE 1984" was Dorothy Renee McLeod, pictured with ER John Beutel. She won a \$500 scholarship donated by Orlando Lodge. Miss McLeod will represent the lodge in June in the "Miss Florida Pageant."

The major beneficiary of the Orlando pageant was the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital.

PALO ALTO, CA. Four clowns from Palo Alto, CA, Lodge participated in the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Unfortunately, they did not appear on the TV show, but they did entertain for six hours outside the studio at the curb site for the money drop. Donations came from people in all walks of life.

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Videotaped Highlights of Honolulu Convention and USS Arizona Memorial Service

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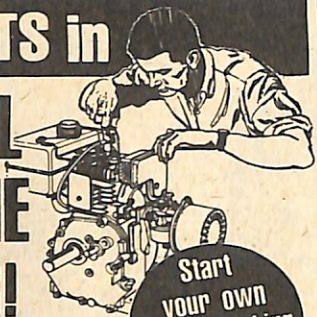
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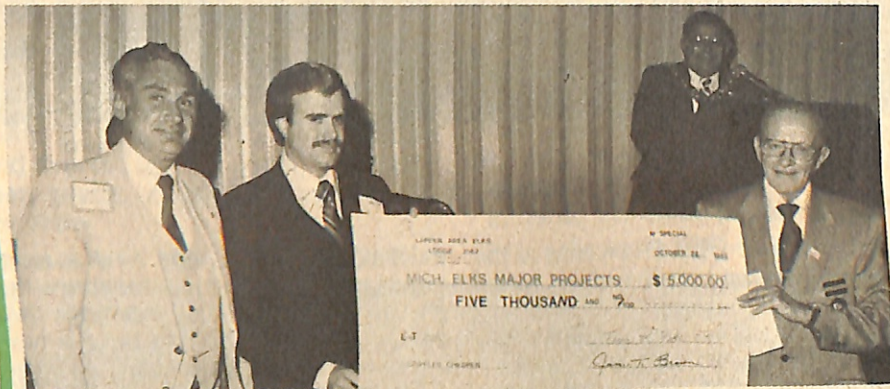
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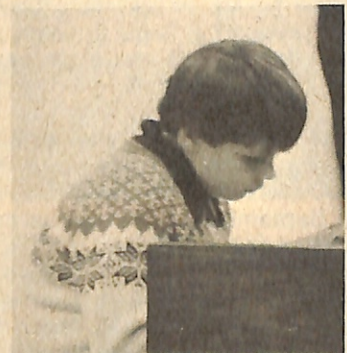
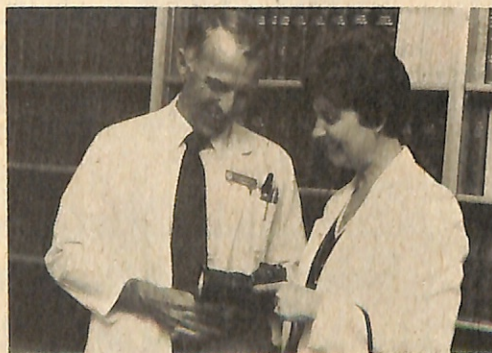


Added Support for Michigan Major Projects



Michigan Elks efforts on behalf of those in need of physical, speech and special therapy, wheelchairs, orthodontia and diabetic care received a boost in the shape of a \$5,000.00 check recently presented by PER James T. Brown and ER Terry R. Fike of Lapeer, MI, lodge (left). Accepting on behalf of the Michigan Elks is Major Projects Director, Milton McKay; SP Alan Tappenden looks on from the rostrum.

Oregon Elks Children's Eye Care Clinic



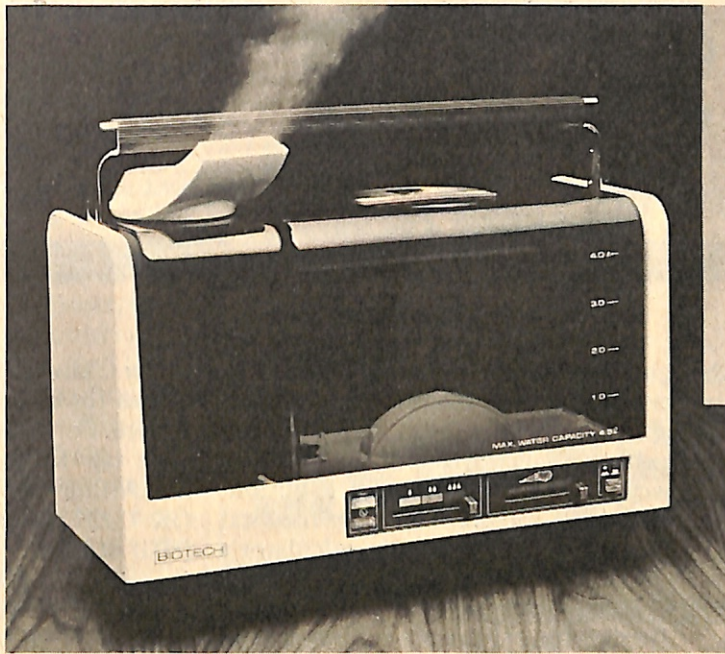
\$23,710.80 was donated to the Elks Children's Eye Clinic in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon State Elks Association Mid-year Convention held in Salem, Oregon. This donation will go far in helping the 3,000 visually impaired children who are treated at the clinic each year.

A generous donation was made to the Department of Ophthalmology at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, OR, by the Milwaukie, OR, lodge. Mrs. Carol Wold, First Vice President of the Milwaukie Elkettes, presents an external macro camera to Dr. Frederick T. Fraunfelder, Chairman of the Department.

This camera photographs the external structures of the eye at high magnifications. It will be used to help diagnose eye disease in many of the 13,000 children, adults and veterans who are treated at the Department of Ophthalmology and the Elks Children's Eye Clinic each year.

As an example of the tremendous work that is accomplished through the Oregon Elks donations, Dan Leiper, a 16 year old boy from the Oregon School for the Blind in Salem, held a recital on the floor of the convention. Dan mesmerized the assembled Elks and their ladies with his beautiful voice and skilled piano renditions.

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by Jerry Hulse

This is the month we set aside each year for our special tips guide for Elks who travel. In this article you'll discover items ranging from renting a villa in Greece to doing Portugal on the cheap. These plus notes on customs, passports and a variety of other useful hints to make your vacation planning easier. All of us wish you happy traveling in 1984.

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etc. It's even cheaper down along the Algarve: \$84 at the Aparthotel Alvor. Contact your travel agent or Jet Exchange, 14613 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90605. Meanwhile, winter rates on the Algarve at the slick Luz Bay Club run about \$10 a day in the off-season. This is a villa resort in the little fishing village of Praia da Luz. A beach, three swimming pools, three restaurants, tennis courts, a children's playground. Golf and riding nearby. The address: Praia da Luz, 8600 Lagos, Algarve, Portugal.

London/Paris by Train

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Colorado

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During Veterans Remembrance Month, Glen Burnie, MD, Lodge hosted disabled veterans from the Fort Howard Medical Center and Baltimore City Hospital to a dinner-dance at the lodge. In photo are (from left) James Kelfer, co-chm. of the lodge National Service Committee; veteran Andy Kuryla; and Fred Stoddart, committee chm.



Madison, NJ, Lodge presented two color TV sets to the VA Medical Center at Lyons, NJ. The sets were donated by lodge's National Service Committee. Standing from left are Chm. Carl Will, PER Richard Fisher, Paul Scappetto, and David McGowan. Accepting for the center is James Green (foreground), assistant director of volunteer services.



A microwave oven was donated to the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla, WA, by Milton-Freewater, OR, Lodge. Disabled veterans will be taught to cook with the oven, easing their food preparation tasks at home. From left are veteran Ralph Freeze; ER Mike Lusk; lodge National Service Chm. Artis Moore; Robert Stephenson, hospital chief of volunteer services; and District National Service Chm. Harold Rhodes, first ER of Milton-Freewater Lodge.



Guilderland, NY, Lodge presented 300 square feet of finished leather for use at the Albany, NY, VA Medical Center. From left are Dr. Rose Capurso, Coordinator, Day Treatment Center; ER Edward Counterline; Barbara Carey, Chief, Occupational Therapy; and John Zahnleuter, lodge National Service Chm.

TUCSON EAST, AZ. During the past year, the Elks of Tucson East, AZ, Lodge and their ladies donated the following items and services valued at \$20,243 to the Tucson VA Medical Center: 14,470 paperback books, 3,301 magazines, 39 jigsaw puzzles, five pairs of crutches, and \$150 for the Christmas party.

HUNTINGTON, WV, Lodge donated \$365 to the Huntington VA Medical Center. The money was for the purchase of a color TV set for a patient room in the new wing of the center.

NATICK, MA, Lodge presented a plaque to Ms. Colleen Hughes, newscaster for WKOX, Framingham, in recognition of her assistance with publicity that resulted in a donation of \$20,000 worth of books. These books were collected from listeners in the Natick-Framingham area and were given to the Jamaica Plain Veterans Hospital in Boston.

LANCASTER, OH. During the past year, the National Service Committee of Lancaster, OH, Lodge has collected and distributed more than 8,000 pounds of material to the patients of the Veteran's Hospital in Chillicothe, OH. This total included clothing, reading material, playing cards, games, and a variety of other donations.

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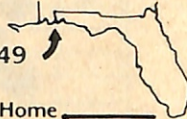
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New Mexico Elks always give a big boost to Elks Patriotism Week. This year it is scheduled for Feb. 20-26.

It's not unusual for mayors of New Mexico cities and the governor of the state to proclaim "Elks Patriotism Week."

Grand Exalted Ruler Kenneth V. Cantoli has placed new emphasis on the program to stamp out drug abuse.

According to statistics given by the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, over one-third of all children in America have used illegal drugs. One in 16 high school seniors smokes mari-

juana daily, averaging three and a half cigarettes or "joints" per day.

In his acceptance speech, GER Cantoli outlined the need for Elks to become aware of the extent of the drug problem in our society and to support and participate in a nationwide program against the ever-increasing use of illegal drugs by our school children.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities brochure provides guidelines for this program. In addition a Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Manual has been prepared to assist each Exalted Ruler in implementing the program.

State Drug Awareness Chairmen have been appointed in each state and in some instances, District Drug Awareness Chairmen have been named.

Your lodge should also have appointed a Drug Awareness Chairman. If you'd like to help stamp out this problem with our youth, see your Exalted Ruler.

Georgia Elks are "proud as punch" of their major project, the Elks Aidmore Children's Home at Conyers.

Total contributions this past year reached \$121,366. Lodge contributions reached a 10-year high of \$73,955. Not

only that but the Georgia Elks Ladies hit the second highest amount ever contributed to Aidmore by the gals—\$47,411.

Georgia Elks put it this way—"Remember your ABC's: Aidmore Benefits Children."

While we are on the subject of major projects here's an unusual situation. Back in 1969, 9-year-old Thomas Hernandez was the poster child for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project—aiding handicapped children.

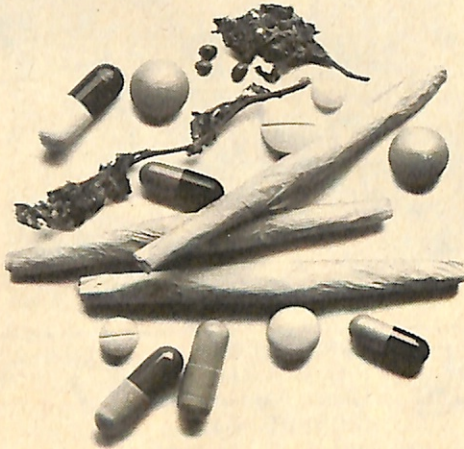
Today Tom is an Elk. He was initiated into Montebello, Calif., Elks Lodge No. 2051.

Law Enforcement Nights have been successful events in many lodges. They provide an opportunity for Elks to show their appreciation for the job Law Enforcement officers do in the community.

For instance, when Bellefontaine, Ohio, Lodge No. 132 recognized the officers in their county, the featured speaker was none other than the commander of the Ohio Highway Patrol, Col. Jack Welsh.

Perhaps your lodge will want to make such a program an annual event.

Get involved with drugs before your children do.



Sooner or later, someone's going to offer to turn your children on. It could be their best friends. And chances are, you won't be anywhere in sight.

So what can you do?

Obviously, the time to talk to your children about drugs is before they have to make a decision on their own.

Which means you have to learn something about drugs.

Learn the dangers. And learn to recognize the signs of drug use. Listlessness in your child. Sudden drop in school grades. Temper flare-ups and staying out late a lot.

Learn about peer pressure on a twelve-year-old. Then show them you understand how important their friends are to them. But also tell them that real friends won't insist they do drugs.

Check your own personal habits. You can't tell a child about the dangers of drugs with booze on your breath.

But it's through love and understanding that you can be the most effective. Threatening to tear their arms off just won't work.

You can get a lot more ideas from the booklet, "Parents: What You Can Do About Drug Abuse." Write: Get Involved, P.O. Box 1706, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Remember, it doesn't always happen to someone else's kids.

After all, there are over 35 million drug users in America.

And they're all someone's children.

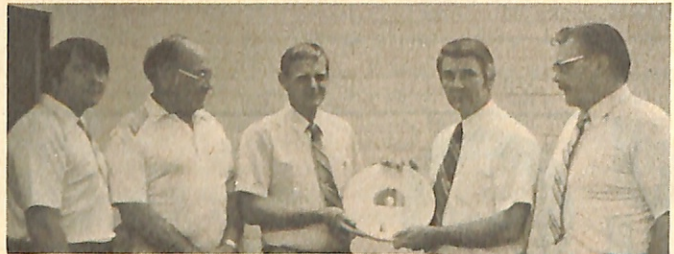
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Drug Awareness Education Program



In a ceremony arranged by Huntsville, AL, Lodge, Mike Gillespie, chm. of the Madison County Commission, and Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis signed a joint proclamation declaring "Elks Drug Awareness Education Week." Present for the signing ceremony were (standing, from left) Dr. Richard Chapman, county superintendent of schools; Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, city superintendent of schools, ER Joe Mercier, and lodge officers Harold Pizitz and Tom Smith. Huntsville Lodge has established a toll-free number for citizens to anonymously report drug pushers to investigative authorities.



Bullhead City, AZ, Lodge donated a film for the Drug Awareness Education Program at the Bullhead City junior high and intermediate schools. ER Jodie West (left), Youth Activities Chm. Chuck Koop, and Subchm. Chuck Bier presented the film "Epidemic! Kids, Drugs, and Alcohol" to School Superintendent Doug Lutz and Junior High School Principal Ray Stevens.

SANTA BARBARA, CA, Lodge sponsored two presentations of the Twelfth Night Repertory Company's performance of "Use and Abuse" at the Juvenile Hall in Santa Barbara.

Performed by a group of professional actors, the presentation provides a way for teenagers to give thoughtful examination to the decisions they are making regarding drug and alcohol use.

Through the use of a narrative format interspersed with flashback vignettes and original music and dance, the story follows the experience of three teenage friends. Issues such as peer pressure, self-esteem, and societal expectations are sensitively portrayed. The show concludes with the friends discovering the constructive alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse.

According to officials at Juvenile Hall, the presentations had a very positive im-

pact on the young people being held at the hall. The sponsorship of this program by Santa Barbara Lodge was greatly appreciated.

STILLWATER, MN, Lodge hosted a party for chemically dependent youth. The theme of the party was "Being Straight Is Great." Lodge members were pleased with the turnout and plan to host more parties for the group.

Secy. John Pomerville presented one-year sobriety pins to two of the young people.

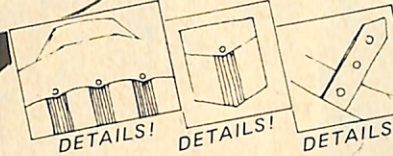
LYNDHURST, NJ. In conjunction with the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Education Program, Lyndhurst, NJ, Lodge won the thanks of police officials for purchasing the tape "The Drug Abuse Test" that will aid in fight against drug use.

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Washington State

If camping isn't your thing, the tourist people in Washington State suggest vacationing in a country inn. Some rustic, others modern. One thing they share is solitude. Kalaloch Lodge is on a bluff overlooking a beach strewn with driftwood. Inland from the ocean, other vacationers cozy-up at Lake Quinault Lodge in the Olympic National Forest. Features a huge fireplace, canoes, rowboats, a dining room overlooking the lake. For other seclusion there's the Capt. Whidbey Inn on Whidbey Island and Hotel de Haro that once hosted Teddy Roosevelt on San Juan Island. In Port Townsend, a collection of gingerbread mansions provide other shelter for vacationers. And in

Mt. Rainier National Park, Paradise Inn (beamed ceiling, stone fireplace, Indian decorations) takes summer guests. For information on these and other inns/lodges, write to the Washington State Tourism Division, 101 General Administrative Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

The Grand Tetons

If you're the outdoor type, you'll be able to check in at Colter Bay Village in Wyoming's Grand Tetons beginning May 27 for only \$12.50 a night. That's the rate for two persons at the Colter Bay tent village. These are canvas cabins, already set up. Regular cabins will cost you \$27 and up and rates at Jackson Lake Lodge start at \$53 for a double. A bus meets all airline arrivals. Details from the Grand Teton Lodge CO., Box 250, Moran, WY 83013.

Maps, Guides

A map of Vermont (pinpoints covered bridges, campgrounds, fishing spots, hiking trails, golf courses, crafts centers, etc.) is free by writing to the Vermont Travel Division, Vacation Kit, 134 State St., Montpelier, Vt. 05602. Other hotels, motels, resorts are listed in a guide published by the New York State

Hotel & Motel Assn., 40 West 38th St., New York 10018. Meanwhile, a Nevada guide (Las Vegas, Reno/Tahoe, fishing, camping, parks, water sports) is available from the Nevada Department of Tourism, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710.

Handicapped

C-V Ranch/Old West Tours of Jackson, WY, has produced a special program for the handicapped. An opportunity to ride, swim, join a float trip, overnight campout. These are one-week vacations. Each handicapped guest is assigned a counselor. The program is offered in June, July. Rate: \$850, including three meals daily, accommodations, activities. Contact C-V Ranch/Old West Tours, P.O. Box 3322, Jackson, WY 83001, or telephone (800) 443-6846.

Senior Citizens

Here is one for the over-50 set: Veteran traveler Bob Dunn has compiled a list of "101 Tips for Mature Travelers." Tells about medical documents, prescriptions, insurance, credit cards, packing, motoring, jet travel, shopping and dozens of other topics. Copies are free. Write to (Continued on page 27)

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Dunn c/o Grand Circle Travel, 555 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022.

New Mexico

You can obtain an updated road map of New Mexico by calling toll-free (800) 545-2040. Attractions include the Bisti badlands, Hawikuh ruins, the Apache Kid grave site, White Sands, Ernie Pyle's home, Sitting Bull Falls, the Butterfield Trail, state parks, wildlife refuges, lakes. More than 200 camping and picnicking areas are featured. If you fail to get through by telephone, write for your free copy to New Mexico Tourism and Travel, Room 751, Bataan Memorial Building, Santa Fe, NM 87503 or the New Mexico State Highway Department, 1120 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87503.

Roman Holiday

If you're going to Italy, buy yourself a Rome Pass. Costs \$3.60. Good for unlimited subway, bus travel for three days in the Eternal City. Contact CIT Tours, 666 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10019. For an extra \$2.15 you can get a combination pass that gives you entry to museums plus the bus/subway travel. ■

Business

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their own and taken credit for it. I was frustrated at first but finally I got up the nerve to take my case to the company president. He listened and then abruptly told me that I obviously wasn't much of a team player. Such complaints should have been handled through my superiors, not his office. The problem was, of course, each of my superiors were the very people taking my ideas," he said.

His reward came several jobs later when an energetic young vice-president became president, spotted his ambition and rewarded it.

Some time ago while advising a client about consulting his employees concerning a major decision he had made on reorganizing the company, I was stunned by his comment. I asked how he was going to inform his workers. "They don't need to know until it happens," he said with a quick smile and a wink. "The less they know the less they have to think about."

I thought he was kidding but I politely pointed out that if we took his premise seriously it could cause difficulties and create bad management/employee relations in the near future. Problems, I was well aware, that could be disruptive to the company, the community and the employees. ■

He dropped his smile quickly and snarled, "What are you doing? Are you joining them?" he hissed pointing to a group of secretaries and staff members in the outer office. "They're paid well, they will do what they're told."

What is needed?

Managers who understand their tasks well, who respect their workers and encourage their participation in a well-defined structure that is constantly looking for ways to reward creative effort and hard work.

A wounded Marine who was a member of the U.S. peace-keeping force in Lebanon said it best when he greeted his commanding officer after he was so severely injured by the recent Beirut bomb blast he couldn't talk.

It takes dedication to be a Marine and the Corps relies on a mutual respect between its officers and men. A Marine learns what is expected of him and also the respect of all who wear the Corps' colors.

His words to the commandant of the Marine Corps have a lot of meaning in so many ways today. Perhaps the words of the young Rome, NY Marine could be the beginning of a better relationship between employees and managers.

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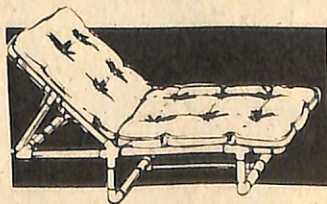
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Do you need my shop drawings?

No, you don't need my shop drawings unless you want to save hundreds of hours of trial and error work and thousands of dollars that I had to spend before I finally

found the right design and measurements and tricks to the manufacturing of P.V.C. pipe furniture. I only wish that when I started, I could have bought these shop drawings and I would have gladly paid \$100 for just one of them.

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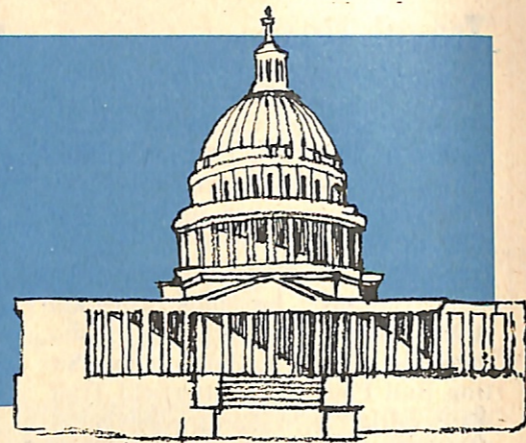
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KENNETH V. CANTOLI IN WASHINGTON

Drug Awareness Program Praised by Congressmen



"We believe drug abuse poses today's greatest threat to our country's most precious resource: its youth," said Grand Exalted Ruler Kenneth V. Cantoli to members of Congress in announcing the new national drug abuse education program on November 9, 1983.

Cantoli sought congressional endorsement of the program at a reception for the 91 members of Congress who are Elks. Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D-NJ) and Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-NJ) hosted the event held in the House Judiciary Committee chambers.

Cantoli outlined plans for the long-term drug awareness program. These plans, previously detailed in *The Elks Magazine*, include the appointment and training of drug awareness chairmen in every state, and training seminars for all 2270 lodges, where members will be responsible for implementation in their local communities.

The national program funded through the Grand Lodge will include public service announcements to be distributed to radio and television stations throughout the country, and a six-part radio and newspaper series on the hazards of drug abuse among young people. For the first six months, the Elks National Foundation has allocated funds to begin the national effort, Cantoli told the congressmen. A full transcript of GER Cantoli's remarks to the congressmen follows.

Cantoli's remarks were made a part of the Congressional Record by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), who commended the Elks "for their outstanding leadership on this critical problem."

Urging endorsement of the program, Cantoli stated that, "The Elks are committed, leader by leader, lodge by lodge, member by member, to eradicating the use of harmful drugs among our children. The minds and bodies of our young people are at risk. Our moral fiber and national character are at stake."

Among the congressmen attending the reception was the Elks' newest member, Rep. Sam Stratton (D-NY). Congressman Stratton was initiated into Schenectady Lodge No. 480 the night before. GER Cantoli and PGER Robert Yothers signed Rep. Stratton's membership card at the reception.



Rep. Peter Rodino, Jr. (D-NJ) and Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-NJ) display plaques presented to them by GER Cantoli for their efforts in enlisting Congressional endorsement of the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program.

Congressmen Rodino and Rinaldo were presented plaques by Cantoli for their efforts in enlisting Congressional support of the program. Rep. Rodino is a member of Newark Elks Lodge No. 21; Rep. Rinaldo is a member of Camden Elks Lodge No. 293.

Transcript of Remarks by GER Kenneth V. Cantoli To Members of Congress

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., and Matthew J. Rinaldo for arranging this event. You are most gracious hosts, gentlemen.

And I would like to thank all of you for spending this time with us. We are very proud of the strong representation our Order has in the Senate and House of Representatives. Over 80 of your colleagues in Congress are members of this great family of Elkdom.

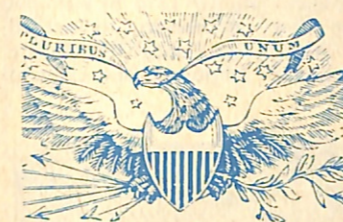
As members, you are all well aware of

the Order's contributions to this country over the past 115 years. In excess of \$430 million dollars has been given to worthy causes, agencies and services since the Order was founded in 1867. Each year national, state and local programs conducted by our 1.6 million members in the United States, focus on special projects that need assistance.

- Last year we were once again among the leaders in educational support with over \$1.7 million dollars contributed in scholarships for worthy, needy students.
- In that same year, we contributed over \$5.6 million dollars to youth programs.
- The handicapped and needy received an additional \$9.4 million dollars from the Elks last year.
- In all, our charitable contributions for 1982 exceeded \$25 million dollars, and that does not include the millions of volunteer hours contributed by our members.



Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ) in his office with GER Kenneth V. Cantoli, PGER Homer Huhn and PGER Robert Yothers.



PGER Robert Yothers discusses the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program with Rep. Guy Vander Jagt (R-MI).



GER Kenneth V. Cantoli and Sen. Quentin Burdick (D-ND) at Elks in Congress reception.

Congressman Clarence Miller (R-OH) signs his Elk membership card in the presence of PGER Homer Huhn, PGER Robert Yothers, and GER Kenneth V. Cantoli.



Rep. Sam Stratton (D-NY) looks on as GER Cantoli signs his membership card. Stratton represents the Albany-Schenectady area in Congress and is third-ranking member of the Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Procurement and Military Nuclear Systems.

This year we are embarking on a new program—one that could prove to be the most important in the history of our Order. Last year the Elks conducted a national survey of mayors to determine the greatest areas of need for volunteer help in our nation's communities. In response to the findings of that survey, the Elks are undertaking a national drug awareness education program. We view this program as a long-term commitment in addition to the yearly special projects and other volunteer works of the Order.

Drug awareness chairmen have been named in every state and training seminars are being conducted now for those chairmen. They will duplicate that seminar for all of our 2270 lodges in the country, where members will be responsible for implementing the drug awareness education program in their local communities.

The Grand Lodge will produce Public Service Announcements that will be distributed to radio and television stations throughout the country. It will also be sponsoring a six-part radio series and a six-part newspaper series on the hazards of drug abuse among our young people. For the first six months, the Elks Foundation has allocated almost one quarter of a million dollars to begin this program.

We believe drug abuse poses today's greatest threat to our country's most precious resource: its youth. Drug abuse destroys the potentials of tomorrow's leaders before those potentials can develop. If this trend is not reversed our citizens will be severely hampered in their ability to find and elect men and women of your caliber and talents to lead our country in the future. Our businesses and industries will be restricted in finding and developing teams of executives, managers and employees.

Our educational institutions will suffer—in fact we are seeing the effects already in high schools. Students, suffering from the effects of short term memory loss as a result of getting high on drugs, have literally lost vital portions of their formal education. Facts, figures, insights and experiences are irretrievably gone; pushed out of recall by mind-dulling drugs.

We simply cannot allow this trend to continue. The Elks are committed, leader by leader, lodge by lodge, member by member, to eradicating the use of harmful drugs among our children. We greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to combat this insidious chemical intrusion in our society. The minds and bodies of our young people are at risk. Our moral fiber and national character is at stake. We urge your endorsement and assistance in this national effort."

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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BREHAM, TX. The Texas Elks State Association held its Fall Conference at Brenham. Visiting dignitaries included (from left) PGER Robert Yothers; Past GL Committeeman Olley Anderson; Ed Junkin, ER of the Elks National Home Lodge and a member of Austin, TX, Lodge; and PGER and State Sponsor Willis McDonald.



SYLVANIA, OH. The Ohio Elks Association granted the Toledo Society for the Handicapped (headquartered in Sylvania, OH) \$3,000 in aid for persons with cerebral palsy. The grant sent 23 persons to Regional Cerebral Palsy Games in Ypsilanti, MI, and 13 to the National CP Games in Fort Worth, TX. The check was presented to Richard Gundon (center), director of the society, by Irv Cohen (right), state Major Projects Chm., and Bob Nunemaker, Northwest District Fund Raising Chm.



BELLEFONTAINE, OH, Lodge held a Recognition Dinner for all Logan County law enforcement officers. Five officers and one dispatcher received Outstanding Achievement Awards. Seated from left are John Sullivan, Randy Rhodes, Gloria Dugan and Co-chm. Charlie Anderson. Standing are ER Ronald Wisse, Allan Haerr, Dean Trimble, Jeff Cooper, and Co-chm. John Gippert.

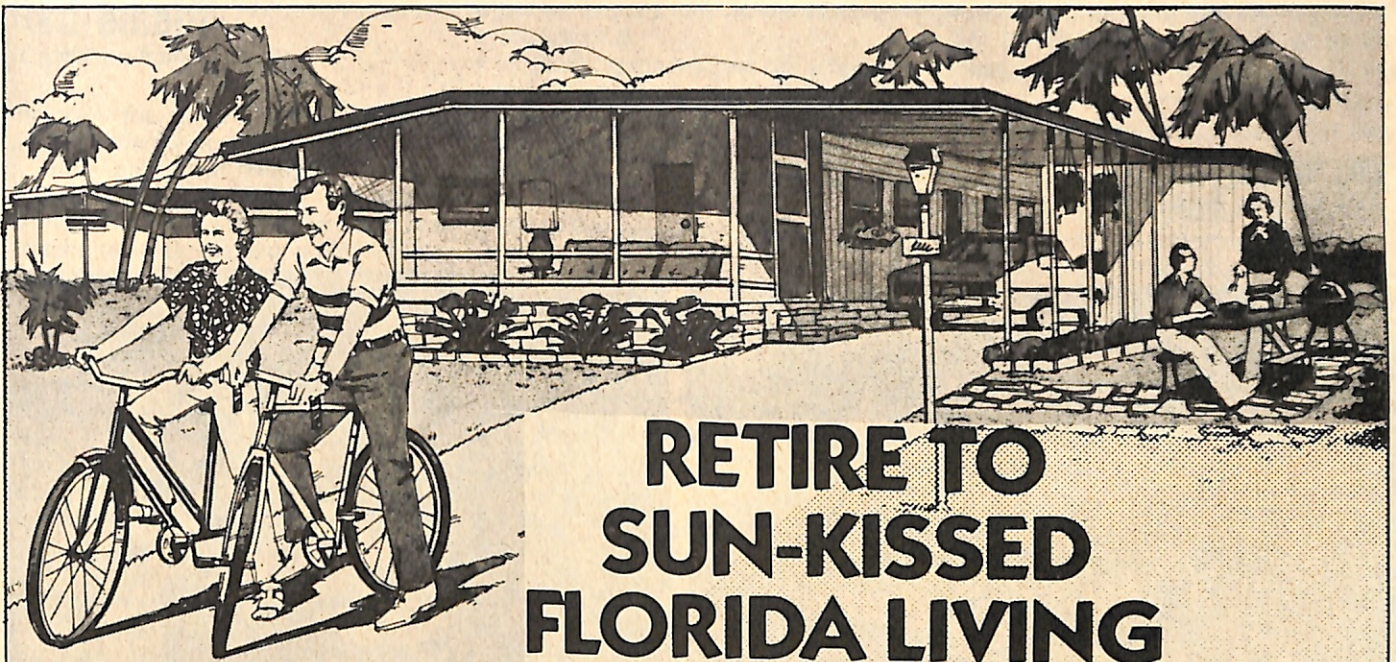


KEARNEY, NE. The Americanism Committee of Kearney, NE, Lodge installed an "Honor Our Flag" billboard on a highway near the city. The committee also placed cards supporting the same cause in approximately 75 businesses in the community. Pictured with the billboard are ER Ted Trambly (left) and PER James Dobberstein, chm. of the Americanism Committee.



TEXARKANA, AR, Lodge observed its 85th anniversary with a banquet and dance. Taking part in the ceremonies were (from left) MC Les Eugene Abrahamson; Texarkana, TX, Mayor Durwood Sanger; ER Bobby Long; and Texarkana, AR, Mayor Bobby Ferguson. ER Long held a proclamation signed by the mayors of both cities.

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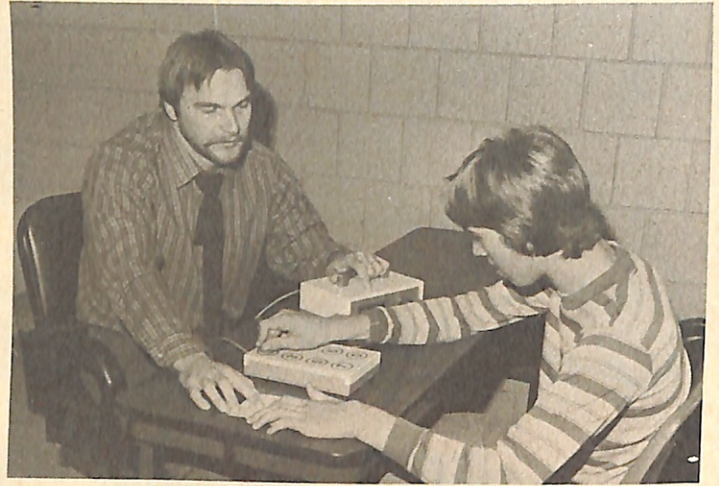
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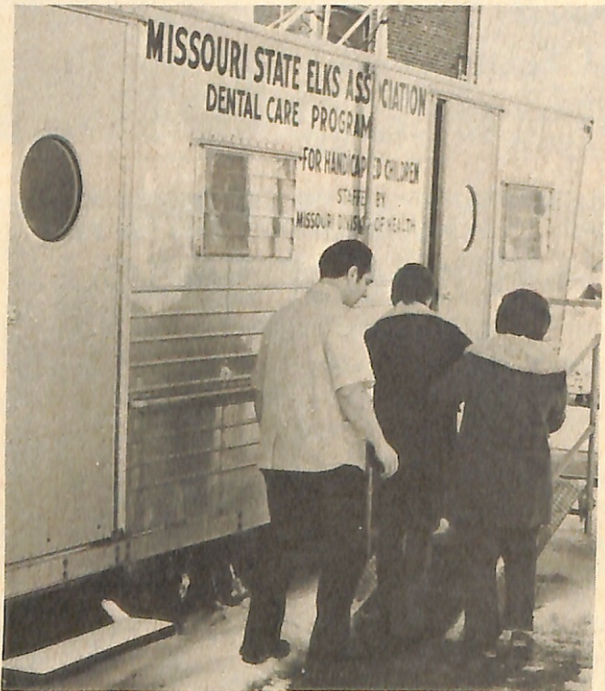
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In left photo, speech/language pathologist Hilton McDonald (left) is shown "talking" with Hattie Gibson, using the 144-symbol communication board. In right photo, Mr. McDonald demonstrates use of the eight-symbol numerical board for Paul Hogue. This project is funded in part by the Elks National Foundation.



The Major Project of the Missouri Elks Association is the providing dental care for handicapped and mentally retarded children and adults. The program is operated by the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, Inc. The dental students and instructors who perform the dentistry come from the Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis and the University of Missouri—Kansas City Dental School. Missouri Elks have seven mobile dental units. Each is staffed with two dental students

and one instructor. These units were purchased and equipped at a cost to the Missouri Elks of \$225,000. There are also permanent facilities in both St. Louis and Kansas City. During the 1981-82 lodge year, dental care worth \$525,000 was provided for 1,200 children and adults.

The photo at left shows one of the mobile dental care units. The photo at right shows a patient receiving dental care. This project is funded in part by the Elks National Foundation.

Retirement

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maintain the \$679 monthly payment after the loan is paid off.

There are other methods of equity conversion. In *split equity* the elderly homeowner retains title to the house and lifetime tenancy; the sponsoring agency—usually a public body—makes payments to the homeowner in exchange for taking title to the property at the homeowner's death. With a *deferred payment loan* elderly homeowners can draw upon home equity to maintain and repair their homes, while deferring payment of all principal and interest on the loan either for a specified term or until the house is sold.

Is home equity conversion a good thing? It can provide needed income, but it also contains some risks. Here are some guidelines suggested by the Senate Special Committee on Aging:

- Equity conversion provides more money when the value of the home is greater, but even the equity in a modest home can provide some welcome extra cash. Equity conversion, however, is practical only when the home is not encumbered by existing debt.
- Equity conversion plans which guarantee lifetime income payments are most appropriate for homeowners over the age of 75. For people in their sixties

a lifetime annuity may be too expensive to be practical.

- High mortgage interest rates have an adverse effect on income amounts under reverse annuity arrangements. Such mortgages may provide more money, and be more readily available, when rates are lower.

- If you are interested in equity conversion, be sure to compare several different plans and their costs in interest plus fees and commissions. Under some plans you may receive less than full market value for your property, and may not receive the benefit of subsequent appreciation.

- Look at the financial stability of the lender before you make a commitment; you don't want a lender who may default on monthly payments.

- Consider the effect that inflation may have on the spending value of your monthly payments. Ask to see the amount of income which would result under various payment schedules and interest rates.

- If variable interest rates are employed, be sure you understand the impact of any rate change on both payments and loan balance.

- Find out if there are any prepayment penalties or penalties for revoking the agreement. Find out, too, the tax status of payments under the agreement.

Equity conversion, especially because it comes in so many shapes and forms,

is extremely complicated. It's very important to obtain full disclosure of all the related facts and figures—all of the above, plus the schedule of payments and any adjustments of interest or payment level, your equity position over time, the amount and terms of any annuity, and so on. It's also very important to discuss the plan thoroughly with your attorney and with any heirs, to be sure that your rights and interests are fully protected and that the consequences of the plan in terms of repayment of the loan, eventual ownership, and disposal of the property are fully understood by all parties concerned.

More details on equity conversion in general are available in a Senate Special Committee on Aging publication called *Turning Home Equity Into Income For Older Homeowners*; it is available for \$3 from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 235L, Pueblo, CO 81009. More information is also available from:

- National Center for Home Equity Conversion, 110 East Main St., Rm 1010, Madison, WI 53703.
- American Homestead, 724 Signal Light Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057.
- Fouratt Senior Equity Plan, the Fouratt Corp., P.O. Box K, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.
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Adventures in Woodheating...or "the glow of the hearth and the ache of the back"

by Gordon A. Reims

It all started abruptly one chilly October day when my visiting son gestured at the woods behind our house, and remarked "why not set up that old woodstove for a few days—no need to turn on the oil burner yet!"

It seemed a better idea the more we talked about it. In fact, it didn't take more than five minutes for us to get around to saving an entire winter's oil supply. The wood fire would spread a warm glow throughout our small house with ease—and just look at the natural wood supply at hand! Providing wood would be like cooking the proverbial duck soup!

Other people in our area were heating with wood; no reason why we couldn't do the same. In the back of my mind, of course, I realized that our neighbors had stoves in place, with stacks of seasoned cordwood piled to shed ceilings. We, on the other hand, had nothing more than—well, mentally surveying our burnable possessions, I could only recall one broken axe handle, a few sticks we'd used to support garden plants, and the sagging end of an unused barn shelf. In the room where we sat there

was also a broken yardstick in the corner. But no harm, I supposed, in setting up the stove and building a quick fire—just to see how things went.

The wood stove in question was one of those rectangular affairs, cloaked in a tan metal cabinet to make it look reasonably presentable. It rested in a small out-building about 60-yards from the house and weighed as much as a miser's safe.

Pushing, sliding, grunting, and hoarsely shouting at each other, we managed to get the stove onto a dolly, across the lawn, and into the house. Using a few stovepipes on hand we then managed to connect the stove to a wall chimney opening; an operation not as easy as it seemed. It may be logical to assume that one 45° angle joint at top and another at bottom will cause the section between to fit smoothly but it's not necessarily so. Pieces of tin don't seem to know the rules of common geometry. It took much pounding and bending to finally secure the piping in place, but eventually we were ready for our first fire. We had, of course, converted a previously inviting study area into some-

thing resembling the winter workshop of a crazed Ozark woodsman.

The broken yardstick and some twigs from the lawn served as kindling, along with two empty farm egg cartons. Then a jog to the barn for the old axe handle and the broken shelf end. I also scooped up two fallen dead branches from our old apple tree—and pulled up two garden stakes for good measure. The fire roared nicely, and warmth radiated through the downstairs rooms just as we'd envisioned; we gave out victory shouts.

But the euphoria lasted all of ten minutes, and then we were in sudden, desperate need of more axe handles, additional broken shelves, and a new supply of fallen apple branches. The situation prompted sober thought; there was, after all, an entire winter ahead. Would we have to buy axes wholesale and break them? I had visions of tearing down attic shelving and dismantling the barn board by board.

Not wishing to give up too soon, I made a tentative foray into the woods, not realizing it was the first of at least 100 such expeditions. The

first pickings were easy: broken branches, felled by recent storms, were scattered about and I eagerly hauled them in. Just 15 minutes' walk brought in what seemed a day's stove supply.

But our stove had evolved into a ravenous monster. Though I fed it length after length, it demanded more. I reluctantly realized that I would have to devote a full hour each morning to gathering and sawing just one day's wood supply.

Telling myself that I'd still be better off than the poor souls who spent winter mornings commuting on icy roads in traffic, I armed myself with a hand saw the next morning and began my regular hikes up the hill. Yes, most people went into the woods with gasoline-powered chain saws, but we had an *electric* chain saw—and its 14-foot cord would not reach too far into the woods and up the hill. It was therefore necessary to secure wood first by whatever means, and then drag it down to be chain-sawed into stove lengths.

Aside from discovering that much good firewood is embraced in tangles of vine, or is out of reach overhead, one learns many frustrating things as a novice woodsman. All those branches lying handy on the ground, for instance; in crisp sub-freezing air they look temptingly easy to pick up and drag homeward. But when you get some of them down into your warm cellar, and they thaw, you discover what waterlogged, rotting, worm-eaten messes you've hauled in.

Once you leave your path, various ills present themselves. Twigs you don't even see snap viciously at your face, and some you do see have an uncanny ability to wait until you think you're safe, and then zap you with fiendish, flesh-cutting accuracy.

Our hill has some enormous raspberry brambles: satanic plants with evil, preternatural cunning and razor-sharp claws the size of boat hooks. They were undoubtedly nurtured by Fu Manchu. They reach determinedly for bare skin, and if you manage to duck they'll resort to teamwork. One branch will rake the back of your hand while another yanks off your cap and a third snags itself in your hair—digging into the scalp, of course, as you try to get away.

Working in the woods keeps you basically warm, but when it's really cold you discover that the gloves you found comfortable in town will allow

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But Seriously...

If you're thinking of heating with wood and want a bit of serious comment or advice:

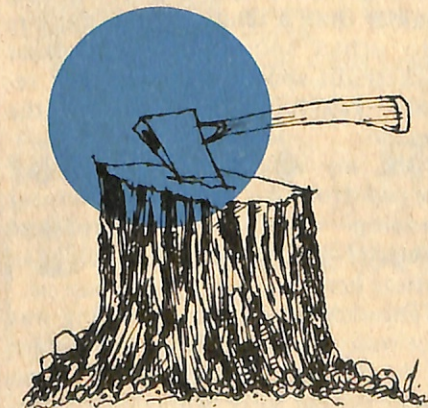
1. Stove set-up and safety: Stove should sit on a metal apron about two feet out from wall. Peak fire danger is where stovepipe goes through wall into chimney (or to outdoors). Pipe gets extremely hot and must be well insulated where it meets wall. Logs usually burn at a sedate heat level; fast-blazing light wood is more dangerous.

2. Soot build-up can lead to chimney fires, but if you burn seasoned dry natural wood (no creosoted railroad ties or painted hatracks), and if you go easy on pine and fruitwood, you should have no problem. Since our one chimney cleanout three years ago, we've had no trouble. Do clean your stovepiping at least once a year.

3. Wood selection. If you buy wood, get seasoned hardwood split logs that can be delivered dry. Rain-dampened logs, once stacked, can take weeks to dry. If you cut your own, give live wood a year to season—especially pine. If you seek wood to be burned immediately, as we did, don't pick up branches that have been long on the ground. Select dead branches and trees that are in the air, and favor those that are bare of bark (moisture settles under bark).

4. When wood-gathering, watch your eyes. Semi-visible branches can snap back dangerously.

5. Don't envision a jaunt into winter woods as a primitive chore. It's a pleasant, cheery break from the winter dulls, and it's certainly healthy if you don't overdo. I'm a senior citizen and I survived it, enjoyed it (despite the problems) and heartily recommend it.



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It's a Beautiful Day Not to Ski, Robert Redford

by Richard Evans

Skiing is an unnatural act.

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It's just not fun to fall down, and anybody who says different has obviously done it once too often.



I base these admittedly opinionated and bitter statements on my first skiing experience, suffered during a recent vacation trip to Utah.

Skiing was my wife's idea, bless her soul. I was content to confine my snow play to sending the kids hurtling down hills on inner tubes, but Susanne insisted.

"C'mon, you're a good athlete, you'll pick it up in no time," she assured me.

I wasn't assured. Somehow, while growing up in a poor neighborhood of a big city, I never got around to learning all those middle-class balance activities like ice skating, water-skiing or snow-skiing. I tried roller-skating once, when I was 10, and promptly landed so hard on my

"... Headlines flashed before my eyes: 'Redford Hospitalized by Crazy Skier' "

left buttock that I still have problems finding pants that fit right in the seat. Ever since that painful day I've had a fear of any venture that requires trusting my uprightness to anything shakier than a tennis shoe. I'm more into urban sports, like softball or basketball; sports where my feet remain reassuringly close to the ground.

But, my wife loves to ski—a fact she hid from me until well after our wedding vows were spoken—and since we were on vacation I decided to humor her.

The day we picked for skiing was gloriously sunny. By the time we got to the Sundance Ski Resort it was so warm people were whooshing down the white stuff in shorts and t-shirts.

Of course, I didn't notice the people at first. I was too busy feeling out

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of place while trying to park our battered, canary yellow station wagon amidst all those Porsches, 280-Zs and Corvettes.

After parking I did notice the people, and I almost didn't get out of the car. I was wearing about six layers of clothing, including long johns, and I knew that everyone who saw me



would recognize me as a rookie and a buffoon.

"Do we have to do this?" I asked Susanne.

"Oh, knock it off, sissy," she said, sympathetically. "We're already here. You've got to at least try."

"What do you mean, 'at least try'?" I thought you said I'd be a natural at this?" She just laughed and helped me shed the first sweater.

Four sweaters later we were ready to rent skis. That was easy. It filled me with confidence to be in the capable hands of the friendly, and attractive, rental attendant. She could have rented me anything.

Coping with the lift pass was tougher. They sold me a metal gizmo that looked like it should hook on my belt, and a piece of paper with adhesive on one side. I knew it should be easy, but the pressure of not wanting to look like a boob completely blocked my mental processes and I tore the pass to shreds trying to attach it to me. I made Susanne trade the pieces in for a new one while I cowered around the corner.

Just then four smirking, sun-tanned ski patrol types walked by carrying a stretcher full of one groaning skier. The victim held one arm over his eyes and twitched a lot.

Susanne assured me, again, that accidents only happen to skiers who get cocky and try to be hot dogs. Again, I wasn't assured.

I became more confident when I managed to get on the lift without incident, although the lift attendant did burst out laughing, to my extreme embarrassment, when she saw the way I had attached my lift pass.

I fell off the other end of the lift. I understand that's a common occurrence for beginners, but that's little consolation when you're trying to stand up and people keep getting off and whizzing past you making witty comments like, "That's only the first time, buddy."

I started down the hill. I fell. I got up. I fell. I got up again. I fell again. I had gone 15 feet.

The first time I fell, it was mildly amusing. The second time, it was less amusing. By the third time, my comments caused a mother passing in the lift above my head to hold her hands over her child's ears and shout "Shame on you!"

I muttered something about a possible relationship between my skis and her person.

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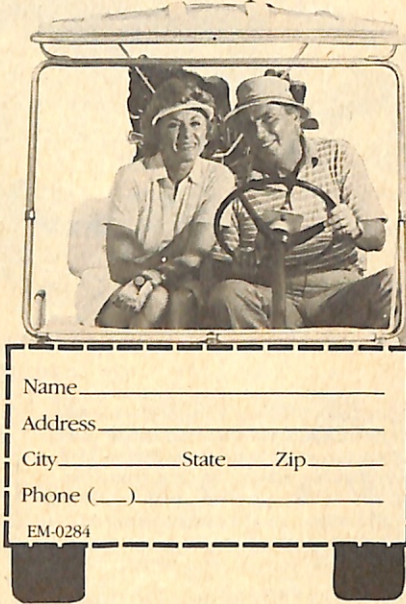
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About two dozen falls later I was at the top of a steep slope, in sight of the lift, and decided to rest. Besides, I'd fallen again and was too tired from picking myself up innumerable times to do it again.

Women and little kids kept asking if I needed help. I didn't mind the women so much, but it griped me beyond words to have some freckle-faced six-year-old hotshot whiz to a stop next to me and say, "Want me to help you, mister?"

"You want to live to be seven, punk?" I thought, picturing in my mind how nice my ski poles would look jutting out of the brat's ears.

Eventually I worked up the energy to stand and attack the last slope. I tried to snow-plow, but ended up traveling well over the speed of sound, waiting for the sonic boom that would mercifully knock me down.

I knew I was doomed if I didn't stop, so I flung myself sideways. You can't do that when you are traveling down. The next I knew I was rolling, my mind irrelevantly mulling over how a person with six-foot boards attached to his feet can roll.

Again I rested. When my buttocks started to go numb I removed the cursed skis, hefted them over my shoulder, and marched resolutely down the slope, determined to not ski again that day and never attempt that reckless activity until I had received some professional instruction.

On the way down I heard a lot of female giggling and looked up, ready to assault anyone who might be laughing at me. They weren't. They were all staring at Robert Redford, owner of Sundance.

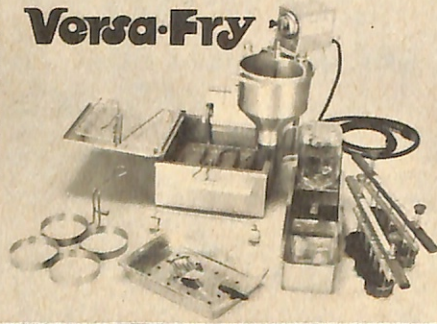
He was walking right toward me, and suddenly all my frustration welled into anger directed at him. Headlines flashed before my eyes: "Redford Hospitalized by Crazy Skier" and "Actor Needs Plastic Surgery After Attack."

I didn't do it, of course, but did get some consolation when he walked past me and I realized he is much shorter than he looks on film.

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Your Own Computer . . . Boon or Bane?

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But don't expose your wallet or credit cards yet. You are not ready to buy. You are probably not even ready to decide if you should buy.

If you do all this for a reasonable period of time (at least weeks if not months) some things will begin to register. You will notice that there are three broad categories of personal computers. The first is devoted essentially to games. Now, while zapping green Martians may be fun, these glorified pinball machines are not true computers since they can do only one thing. (In the jargon, they are "dedicated" units.) For this reason, we can ignore this type altogether.

The second broad group consists of inexpensive models that either look like rather large calculators or are basically keyboards that hook up to your TV or a special separately-purchased "monitor". A monitor is nothing more than a TV but it lacks channel selectors, antennas, and other things that make it possible to pull in a program. No matter, in this crazy world, they will cost more than a TV! (See, you're not only learning some of the language but a few facts of life.) Those in the third group have a keyboard, plus a monitor (separate or attached) and something called "disk drives". You can also spot them by their price tags which start at well over a thousand bucks and go up...way up.

As so often is true in today's world, there is an unfortunate inescapable correlation between "what you pay and what you get". You cannot expect to spend \$400 and get everything a \$4000 unit has to offer. On the other hand, the less expensive one may be all you want or need. We now come to the key question: *What are you going to use it for?* If you know the answer to this already, you are in a minority. You are about to be let in on a little secret. Until you have and use a computer, you will never know the real answer to this question. As with so many things in life, you have to experience it to really understand it.

There are two broad reasons why people buy a computer: for home or business use. For home use, some

people want to become "computer literate," or they want their children to have this benefit. Other reasons often mentioned are to "balance the checkbook" or "keep track of my record (or cooking recipes, etc.) collection." Let me simply say these latter are *not* good reasons to buy. You can do any of these things more quickly and easily with a \$10 calculator and a handful of file cards. Don't misunderstand. If you have a computer, you should try to do these things, but do it for practice and educational reasons, not practical. On the other hand, simply teaching yourself or your family to use a computer could be one of the wisest investments you can make.

For business use, the answer is simple. There is hardly any business that cannot do some things better, more quickly and less expensively with a computer. Unfortunately, business buyers tend to look for a machine that they can put in front of a secretary and expect her to be a whiz in a week or so. It doesn't work that way! Someone has to *learn* how to run it! My advice is that the first person to do so should be the owner or manager of the business. If you fail to do this, you could find yourself at the complete mercy of whoever knows how to run the "magic machine." Once you computerize your business, you have crossed the Rubicon.

There are innovations that can help make various systems more "user friendly" and much easier with which to gain proficiency. "Menu-driven" systems, for example, enable the new user to select the most efficient programs easily; "Touch Screens" and "Mouse Cursors" allow the new user to give certain systems commands without mastering some of the more esoteric signs of "computerese;" "Help Screens" give the user instructions describing program tasks and how to initiate these tasks. Even raw beginners can get a solid understanding once they put their "hands-on" this kind of hardware. There is no turning back. You had very well better be able to control the situation!

This shouldn't stop you. Learning the operation of a computer should be a challenge. After all, you did have to study and learn many things (some by long experience) before you became a competent businessman, didn't you? In retrospect, wasn't it

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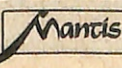
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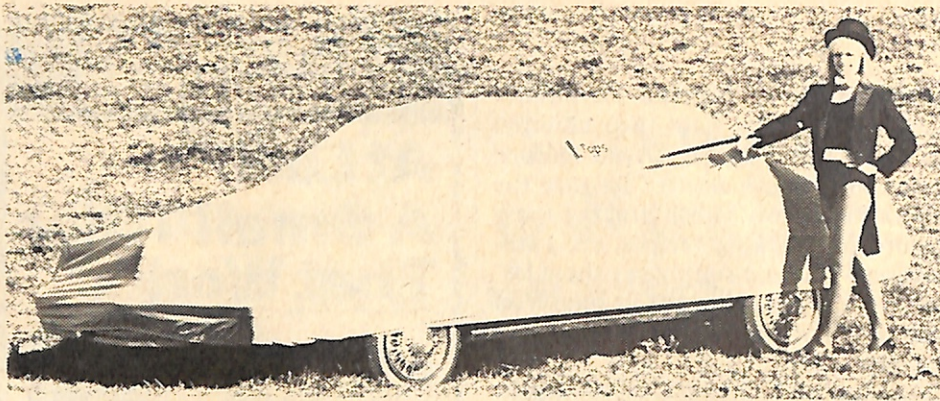
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well worth the effort? If, however, you have any qualms about spending the time and effort (more than you can imagine at first) to learn, then my advice is to forget it. You can get into some nasty situations if you leave it to somebody else.

If I haven't discouraged you by now, what's the next step? Go back and read my advice about shopping for a computer. The real key is to take your time. Whether for home or business use, you are talking an expenditure of both time and money. The more time you spend in the attempt to turn this "expenditure" into an "investment" the greater will be your return.

If you take this road, let me give you a few tips. For business use, check out service. Computers are (really!) machines. They break down and they wear out. Let that happen when your payroll is half done and you have a problem. Be sure you can get someone down fast! That means in-house service. Expensive? You bet. Necessary? Absolutely.

Buy your business computer from a manufacturer or a store that specializes in business systems. If you see a bunch of outer space games in the store, walk out. Not only do they not know your needs, it's almost a sure bet they have little or no back-up service. For a real business computer, you are talking a minimum investment of \$4000 and you can go up... way up!

For any real business applications, you must have at least one storage medium (disk drive) that is removable, for the sake of back-up of data program files. For most small businesses, two drives are absolutely essential: the removable (floppy disk) drive and a second disk drive. The choice of the second system, either floppy or hard disk must be determined before purchase, based on the user's individual need.

It is not hard to change a disk now and then; in fact, it can save the user literally hundreds of dollars. But, if it is determined that your business is large enough to require the much more extensive data storage capabilities of the hard disk drive, it should be considered at the outset. Although it is no great effort to add a hard disk system later, it does require a substantial financial expenditure; consideration must be given to this matter when the system is purchased to avoid the additional expense of

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subsequently adding a hard disk drive to a system comprised of dual floppy disks.

Every business user must also buy a printer. The home user will probably want to add one if he doesn't get it with his computer. Choose your printer as carefully as you pick a computer. There are many kinds available. You can probably forget the state-of-the-art stuff (laser printers) unless your father is an oil sheik. At the other extreme, stay away from "thermal" printers. These are very cheap toys which use a special heat-sensitive paper. The output is gosh-awful and most don't hold up to even minimal use.

That leaves two kinds that are worth investigating. The most common, and less expensive, is the "dot-matrix" type. This produces printing that looks "typically computerish". If you look at each letter closely, it is made up of fine individual dots. The primary advantages of this type are cost (lower) and print speed (much faster). The disadvantage is appearance.

The other kind of printer is technically called "full impact" but more commonly "letter quality". This produced results comparable to a top quality electronic typewriter. Some of them (at the low end of the price scale) use IBM "balls". The better ones use a "daisywheel" (they are about 3" in diameter and the type is at the end of long "petals"—hence the name.)

Dual-speed dot-matrix printers are now available. These, at a lower speed, will produce near correspondence quality output, at top speed they produce "computerish" but readable results.

Matrix printers start in the \$200 price range and some of these aren't bad for home use. For business, figure at least \$1000 for a medium quality unit that will stand up for a while. Letter quality machines start around \$600 and go to the \$5000 range. Again, except for home use, forget the low end. Figure on at least \$2000 for a real business machine. If you want a standard to compare, look at the Xerox (Diablo) 630. It is one of the best available and has just about everything you'll need.

If your primary use is for correspondence, reports, manuals and the like, go for a letter quality printer. For statistics or accounting, a matrix printer will do. It won't look as good,

but it will be adequate and, more important for this type work, it will print considerably faster. For those in need of both, consider the dual-speed dot matrix printer. Whichever type you decide upon, be sure it has a full 15" wide carriage. It will cost little if any more and provides much more flexibility. For business, be sure your printer will accept a "tractor" adapter which allows use of paper with sprocket holes along the sides. You need this for good register and form work.

When choosing a home computer,

do it like a businessman. In other words, shop for value. That doesn't always mean the lowest price. You should be sure of one thing: Buy a computer that can be upgraded. In other words, if you want to add on devices like a printer, disk drives, etc., be sure it can be done. Don't take anyone's word for this. Check it out.

Take nothing for granted. The people who are most happy with their home computers are those who have gradually added to their original in-
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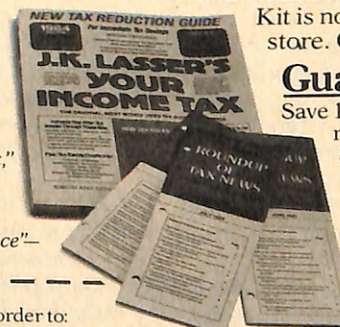
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Inside the Grand Lodge Computer Department

Staff Report

It can be said without fear of contradiction that the advent of the computer age has revolutionized many facets of American life. Not only have computers come to the fore in business and industry, they are making themselves felt in ways that were undreamed of only a few short years ago.

Recognizing the many advantages of computerization in January of 1981, the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee created a new Computer Department within the Order. Rudy R. Wicht, a computer professional with ten years of related experience, was named to supervise the selection, acquisition, installation and utilization of a sophisticated computer system.

Wicht's assessment of the Order's immediate computer needs, combined with an eye toward adaptability and expandability for future needs eventually narrowed the choice of a computer system down to the Hewlett-Packard 3000, Series 40. The system is made up of four disk drive units with 1.6 gigabytes (1.6 billion bytes) of memory storage, a main computer unit featuring an additional 1.5 megabytes (1.5 million bytes) of memory storage, a high-speed tape drive, and two line-printers.

Other factors influencing this choice of system were its high rate of productivity, its track record of reliability and the high level of customer support offered by the manufacturer. Further, the system has proven itself to be cost-effective; requiring only a small staff working as a professional team to keep it running efficiently and at peak productivity.

The computer performs literally dozens of important functions but its primary areas of involvement may be sketched by identifying the departments utilizing the system and by giving a brief description of the functions being utilized.

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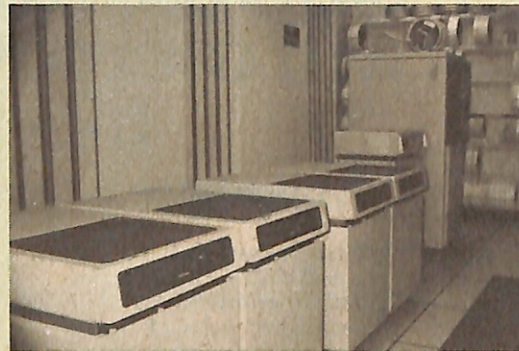
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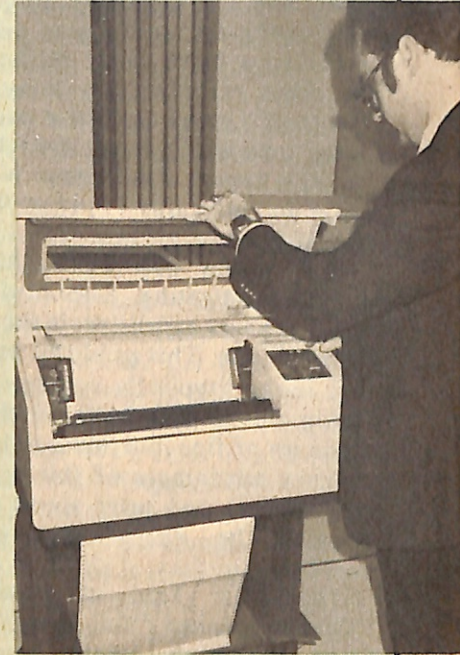
- General Accounting, Financial

The Hewlett-Packard 2624-B CRT terminal in use. The system can accept input from up to 32 of these units; 18 are in current use.

Rudy R. Wicht supervises the operations of the Grand Lodge Computer Department. A professional with 10-years of computer experience, Rudy has plans for expanded applications for his system.



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members; changes of address may also be included. The cooperation of each lodge secretary is imperative to keep the roster up to date and accurate.)

Although the system is busy now, Supervisor Wicht, working with Department Heads and Supervisors, are jointly formulating proposals for even further streamlining of many existing manual and antiquated computer systems. These proposals will achieve faster and more efficient recall of records, timely and more accurate reports and speedier handling of subscribers' change of address requests.

In short, from the tabulation of an individual lodge's membership roster to the formulation of multi-million dollar charitable projections, the Grand Lodge Computer Department functions at peak efficiency due in large part to the cooperation, assistance and direct involvement of such department heads as Grand Secretary Stanley F. Kocur, ENF Director James C. Varenhorst and *Elks Magazine* Publisher/General Manager John R. Ryan. These men, their staff members and supervisors provide invaluable input aimed at achieving even better service to the Order in the future. *HHG.*

vestment. Some of them end up with a system that could be used in business. You may not want to go that far, but you should have the option. One way to assure this is not to fall for the "toys" on the market being sold as computers. You definitely should have a "typewriter-like" keyboard. You will quickly outgrow the "calculator button" and "membrane" kinds.

Not everyone will agree with me on this, but I would say anything less than \$750 rock-bottom minimum is not going to give you the future potential you may very well want in a few months.

One final caution. Don't buy a computer which uses magnetic tape cassettes for storage. They will do nothing but give you aggravation and disappointments. For home use, you can start off with one floppy disk drive instead. Be certain you can add on a second one without any problems. That means you have to really study the literature because a salesman can honestly say "You can add a second drive anytime" without mentioning that it can be a major operation! You will probably be better off by buying the best you can afford right from the beginning.

You may also be puzzled about when to buy. Should you wait for prices to come down further? Wait for the Japanese to come up with something new? Wait for the next generation of computers? My advice is to buy when you know what you want and can afford it. No one can see into the future.

I honestly think a computer can be a boon, but it can too often be a disaster. To prevent the latter, learn all you can before you buy. Listen to everyone and compare ideas. Above all, take your time. Just following those three simple rules can eliminate 90% or more of your potential problems.

If you do all this, chances are you're going to end up with a good computer. Notice, I did not say "best." The simple truth is that even your second or third best choice can still be more than adequate. Don't try for perfection. Try for a logical, sensible choice.

You too can be a participant in the computer revolution. You can profit by it. You can learn by it. You will certainly find it a challenge. And, perhaps most important, you can have fun doing it!

Woodheating . . .

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your fingers to freeze after 20 minutes' work in the snowy outdoors. Yanking at stubborn branches will also wear holes in both gloves and hands a lot faster than will carrying a briefcase.

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There are menaces other than plant

life. For instance, you may be mistaken for a deer. One late November day I wandered into the woods without the red cap I usually wear. Glancing westward I suddenly saw a distant touch of red through the trees. Must be a new boundary flag where two properties meet, I thought. I went on about my business.

Then, a few minutes later, I saw the bright cloth again, this time much closer. It startled me, because I'd been walking away from it rather than toward it. And then I saw that it was a man in red, stealthily approaching, rifle in hand, looking straight at me. He was on my neighbor's property, but he was a stranger.

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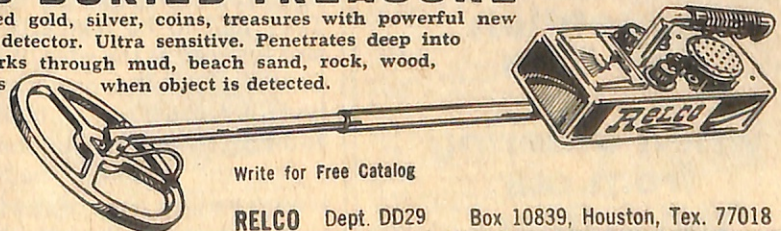
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Woodheating . . .

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called cheerfully, waving wildly in what I hoped was a very human manner. The bemused hunter just stared at me a bit and then melted away; I never saw him again.

Perhaps I needed a protective companion in the woods, and when a relative's dog paid us a visit I did have a companion, for a few days anyway. Oh yes, he was a real playful companion. The first time he saw me put down an armful of wood chunks he grasped two of them in his teeth and playfully raced back into the woods with them! A day or so later he ran off to visit a female dog on the other side of the hill, was captured by that dog's owner, and had to be retrieved at the dog pound. This ended my classic, bucolic man-dog hillside relationship.

Winter weather set in with snow and bitter cold; I added a ski mask to my woodcutter's clothing gear costume. The demon stove, redoubling its efforts, steadily ate away the modest wood surplus I'd been able to accumulate on the porch. I was losing ground. My wife understandably had visions of the kitchen sink freezing over. Keeping a sizeable kindling supply was becoming a problem too. We needed a lot of it. Fires burn out, I discovered, when you work at your desk, watch TV, or read a book, obviously in a snit for your not paying attention to them. Fire-starting newspaper was burned at a record clip also, and there were times when we upended waste baskets to obtain precious kindling paper.

By mid-winter the conversion of our study to a replica of a crazed Ozark woodchopper's hut was complete. Rough boxes filled to overflowing with various sizes of firewood ranged along the wall between stove and walnut serving table, pieces of twigs and bark regularly littered the carpeted floor. Ashes too helped reduce the civilized appearance of the room. They had to be regularly taken out and dumped at the edge of the woods. Sometimes, when one tripped, ashes had a tendency to fly about the room and proved difficult to eliminate.

But the absolute nadir of the season was the time of the big smoke. It had gradually become increas-

ingly difficult to get a good fire going without smoke backing into the room, and the fire would burn more slowly. When smoke gathered in the room, we had to open doors to clear it, thereby letting in the icy winds. It got so bad that even with the stove door tightly closed the smoke wisped out of seams in the stove piping! I glumly realized that we had a chimney problem.

When you take apart a big black pipe that sticks out into a room of your house, the procedure borders on the esoteric rather than merely mechanical. Huge globs and clouds of jet black soot have a tendency to come flying out all over the place. Go ahead, spread newspapers first, but, as you tug carefully at one pipe joint the joints two above come apart in a simultaneous burst and a violent explosion of clanging stovepipe and black soot ensues. The soot flies purposefully to every nearby surface. Try to dust it politely into a dustpan and it smears into a black slash on floor or table. In our case, we had generous amounts of soot everywhere, including on ourselves.

We finally got the room vacuumed and all the pipes cleaned and reassembled. It was not an easy job. What once has fitted need not necessarily fit again, we discovered.

Much to our dismay, the fire still would not draw properly, and we realized we had an *upper* chimney problem. We called in chimney cleaners, who immediately took apart our painstakingly assembled piping, and attacked the chimney with brushes from both ends—the roof and the wall opening. After about two hours they put everything back together and left with the cheerful news that some of their customers needed cleaning twice each winter.

The fire now burned cleanly again, but we soon discovered there were *other* kinds of chimney disorders.

Our basic chimney is built of concrete blocks, and stands outside the house, touching the wall. It rises about five feet above the roof of the ell in which our stove is located, and is then topped by an eight-foot extension of light stovepiping, anchored to house and ground by guy wires.

The main guy wire to the ground is the one I ran the wheelbarrow into.

Action was immediate; there was a twanging sound reminiscent of a bluegrass record being played backwards; the towering stovepipe extension teetered, swayed, and then came crashing

down loudly, first onto the roof and then off down into the yard, where it sprawled, dented, in the tangle of its wires.

Crawling out a window onto the roof in a chill breeze, my wife and I attempted to put the bulky thing back in place, but only succeeded in nearly falling off the roof ourselves. Fortunately, the fire drew satisfactorily without the extension, and we were able to await our son's assistance a few weeks later.

Then the electric chain saw gave up the ghost.

I could find nothing wrong with it within the scope of my own meager knowledge of electrical appliances, and so took it to a repair shop. It would only be a day or two, they assured me, and I felt I could certainly saw stove-length logs by hand for that short period. Next day I gathered smaller branches to make it easier, but the stove gleefully burned wood of this size much faster, so that two sawings a day proved necessary.

By the end of the first "day or two"—which stretched into a week—my shoulder was getting a bit sore and weary. "Just waiting for a part," they said as I sawed my way through a second solid week. And at some point in either the third or fourth week I confess to turning on electric baseboard heat on more than one occasion. The relative bliss of chain-sawing returned after the fourth week and was thoroughly welcomed.

The final weeks of winter actually went smoothly and reasonably fast, *late winter rains being the only problem. Rains are always the worst enemy—they soak every stick of wood so thoroughly that nothing you cut will burn until dried for hours or days. Some heavy March snow piled in, making boot-trudging a bit rough on the hillside, but it wasn't all bad. In deep snow there was a peaceful serenity and beauty on the hillside—and long views out into the valley that summer foliage always blocked.*

Satisfied that we'd done, did we say "never again?" Not quite. Next winter we did do it again, and have done so now for four consecutive winters—each time better prepared than the year before.

Admittedly, we now order an occasional load of logs, and turn on the electric baseboard heat when the weather gets rough, but we do continue to heat by wood fire—flowers now bloom where our oil tanks used to stand.

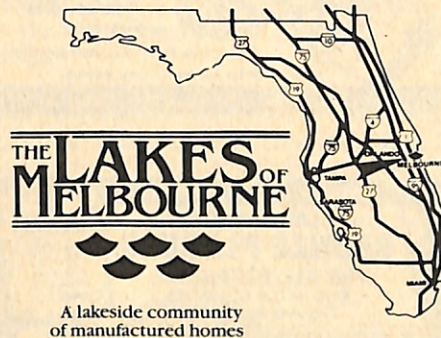
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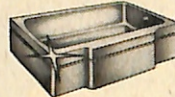
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TUCSON, AZ. During its Midyear Meeting in Tucson, the Arizona Elks Association Major Projects dedicated a trophy showcase and a heritage corner at the Elks Long Term Care Unit in Tucson.

Honored guests at the dedication were PGER Horace Wisely; SP Terry Rice; Harold Browne, state Major Projects Chm.; H. Berkeley Rourke, state National Foundation Chm.; and Arthur Hatton, state Americanism Chm.

PARADISE, CA. In appreciation for being so well received by Paradise Lodge as well as by the community as a whole, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden Gate, stationed at Travis Air Force Base, CA, presented a plaque declaring Travis and Paradise to be "Sister Cities."

For the past three years, the 45-piece band has given concerts at the Elks Annual Labor Day Barbecues. The band is enthusiastically received, and the young professionals composing the band reflect that feeling by their stirring music and friendly attitude.

WESTWOOD, NJ, Lodge held a testimonial dinner for PER Richard Burton. He was honored for being a member of the lodge for 50 years.

SANTA MARIA, CA, Lodge held its Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Over 400 law enforcement officers and their wives, local government officials, and Elks attended.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to the five officers recognized as being the "Officer of the Year" in their respective departments.

SEWARD, AK. The Chamber of Commerce of Seward, AK, is most grateful to Seward Lodge for its hosting of a picnic July 17 for a delegation of 50 persons from Seward, NE.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the visit from Nebraska, but ran short on funds to host a planned picnic. The Seward Elks had planned their annual picnic for the same day and offered to include the Chamber of Commerce and the guests from Nebraska.

Over 200 persons turned out for the picnic on a beautiful Alaskan summer day. Plenty of food, drink, and games ensured everyone of a good time. The picnic was a tremendous success thanks to the Elks.

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Departed Brothers

Douglas Hedrick of Arlington-Fairfax, VA, Lodge presented a check for \$1,500 to Mrs. Joan Spencer and Mrs. Beverly Mefferd, co-chm. of the Haycock Elementary School PTA Play-Ground Committee. This was a donation toward the construction of a community playground.

BLOOMFIELD, NJ, Lodge, with the help of neighboring lodges and other community organizations, raised \$1,500 for the Christy Mossey Fund.

Christy, an 11-year-old, had her fingers nearly blown off July 8 when she mistook an M-80 firecracker for a candle. She had microsurgery done on her left hand and is receiving therapy three times a week. The medical expenses for the Mossey family have been enormous.

INVERNESS, FL, Lodge is proud of its "Candyman," Brother Frank Zess. He has placed 30 candy-donation boxes in various businesses in the area, with the proceeds going to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital.

Brother Zess travels 22 miles each day and has been doing this since October, 1981. To date, he has collected \$3,200 for the hospital.

ARCADIA, CA. Lord March of England presented a trophy to jockey Eddy Delahoussaye in recognition of his 3,000 career wins. The trophy was donated by Arcadia Lodge, and Brother Dick O'Shaughnessy took part in the presentation. Delahoussaye is best known for winning the 1982 and 1983 Kentucky Derbies.

MANASQUAN, NJ. The Fight Night Committee of Manasquan, NJ, Lodge held another successful amateur boxing fund-raiser.

One thousand attendees enjoyed the bouts, sanctioned by the New Jersey Amateur Boxing Association and held at the Sea Girt, NJ, Armory. The proceeds were assigned to the lodge's Crippled Children and Community Affairs funds.

SAN DIEGO, CA, Lodge held a "Law Enforcement Night" to honor the men and women who serve on the San Diego Police Force and the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

Officer Ron Shankle, regional chm. of the California Narcotics Officers Association, delivered an informative talk on Drug Abuse and how Elks can assist in the prevention of Drug Abuse.

GOVERNEUR, NY. Est. Lead. Kt. William Cooper was presented the 1983 "Good Citizen of the Year Award" by the community through the VFW. Brother Cooper was honored for his unselfish service to Gouverneur, Elkdom, and those in need.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Hunter B. Thacker of Lynchburg, VA, Lodge died recently. Brother Thacker served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District of Virginia in 1976-77.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY James A. MacMillan of Camden, NJ, Lodge died recently. Brother MacMillan served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South District of New Jersey in 1941-42.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY James L. Cinnamon, Sr. of Cynthiana, KY, Lodge died recently. Brother Cinnamon served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District of Kentucky in 1955-56.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Norris J. Hyatt of Havre, MT, Lodge died November 28, 1983. Brother Hyatt served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North District of Montana in 1974-75 and 1979-80.



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Thomas M. Hart of Scranton, PA, Lodge died recently. Brother Hart served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District of Pennsylvania in 1981-82.

PAST GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE-William I. O'Neill of Milwaukee, WI, Lodge died November 28, 1983. Brother O'Neill served as a member of the GL State Associations Committee in 1947-48 and as a member of the GL Lodge Activities Committee in 1948-49 and 1952-53. He was also a past district deputy and a past president of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY D.H. "Hank" Everman of Beaver Dam, WI, Lodge died October 20, 1983. Brother Everman served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of Wisconsin in 1962-63. He was also a past president of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY John D. Graham of Revere, MA, Lodge died recently. Brother Graham served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Metropolitan District of Massachusetts in 1982-83.

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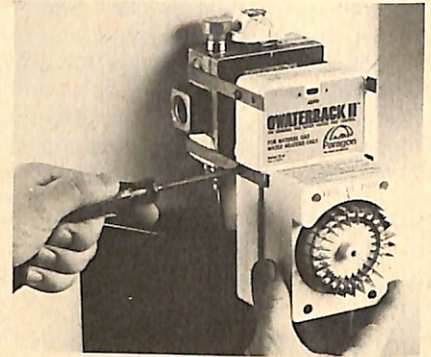
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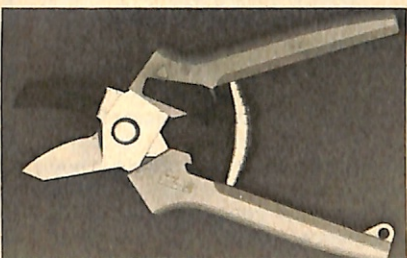
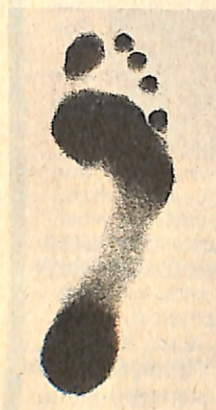
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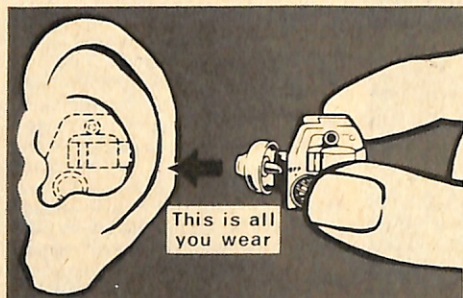
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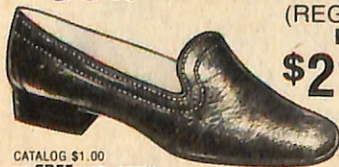
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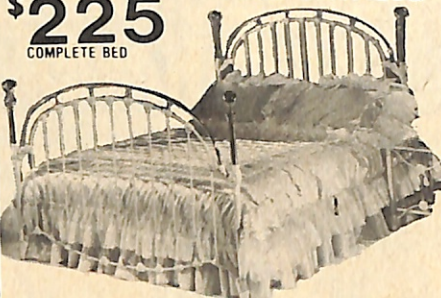
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If your obstetrician suggests routine sonograms during the course of your pregnancy, discuss the reasons before you agree. Sonograms—another name for ultrasound images—use sound wave technology to determine how the baby is developing with less risk to the mother and baby than X-rays or amniocentesis. But that doesn't mean that sonograms are perfectly safe.

To explain the different uses of ultrasound and what the possible risks might be, the Food and Drug Administration has reprinted an article from its magazine, *FDA Consumer*. For your free copy of *The Unknowns of Ultrasound*, write to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 609L, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

One of the uses of ultrasound is to determine whether or not you're pregnant, as early as the sixth or eighth week. And, it lets the doctor, and you, see the position, development and condition of the fetus. A sonogram can also tell you the age of the fetus, which is critical if a Caesarean section is required for delivery. After about the 20th week of pregnancy, ultrasound can detect pronounced physical abnormalities that occur in about 3 out of every 100 births. And, if a pregnancy is high-risk, ultrasound can help keep a close watch on the mother's and baby's condition.

However, since ultrasound is a form of radiation, no one can say for sure that ultrasound is harmless, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

While there are no obvious short-term effects on the fetus, according to a panel from the March of Dimes organization, there is concern about possible delayed reactions. The professional organization of radiologists, the American College of Radiology, suggests a conservative approach.

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So if your doctor suggests a sonogram during the course of your pregnancy, ask why it's necessary before you agree.

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An increasing number of health care practitioners, beauticians, and cosmetologists are claiming that they can perform facelifts using a low-powered or "cold" laser. Advertisements for laser facelifts usually claim that this is a revolutionary new method of removing wrinkles, and that it is a painless, less costly alternative to surgery. However, promoters of laser facelifts asked by the FTC to prove these claims have

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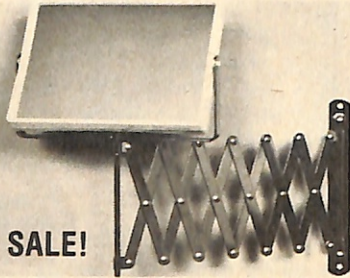
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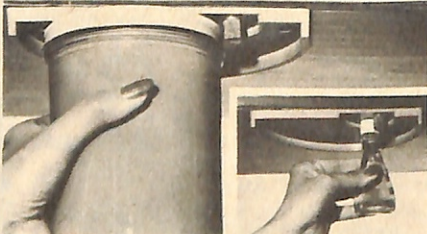
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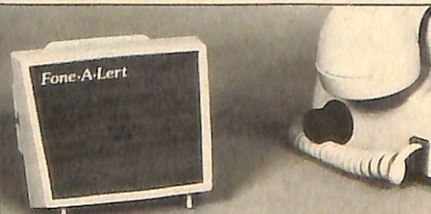
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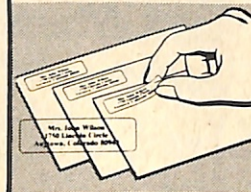


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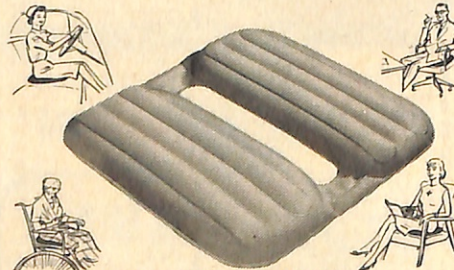
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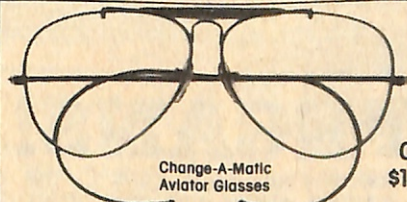
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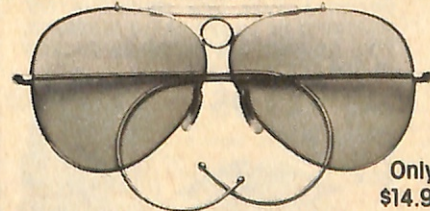
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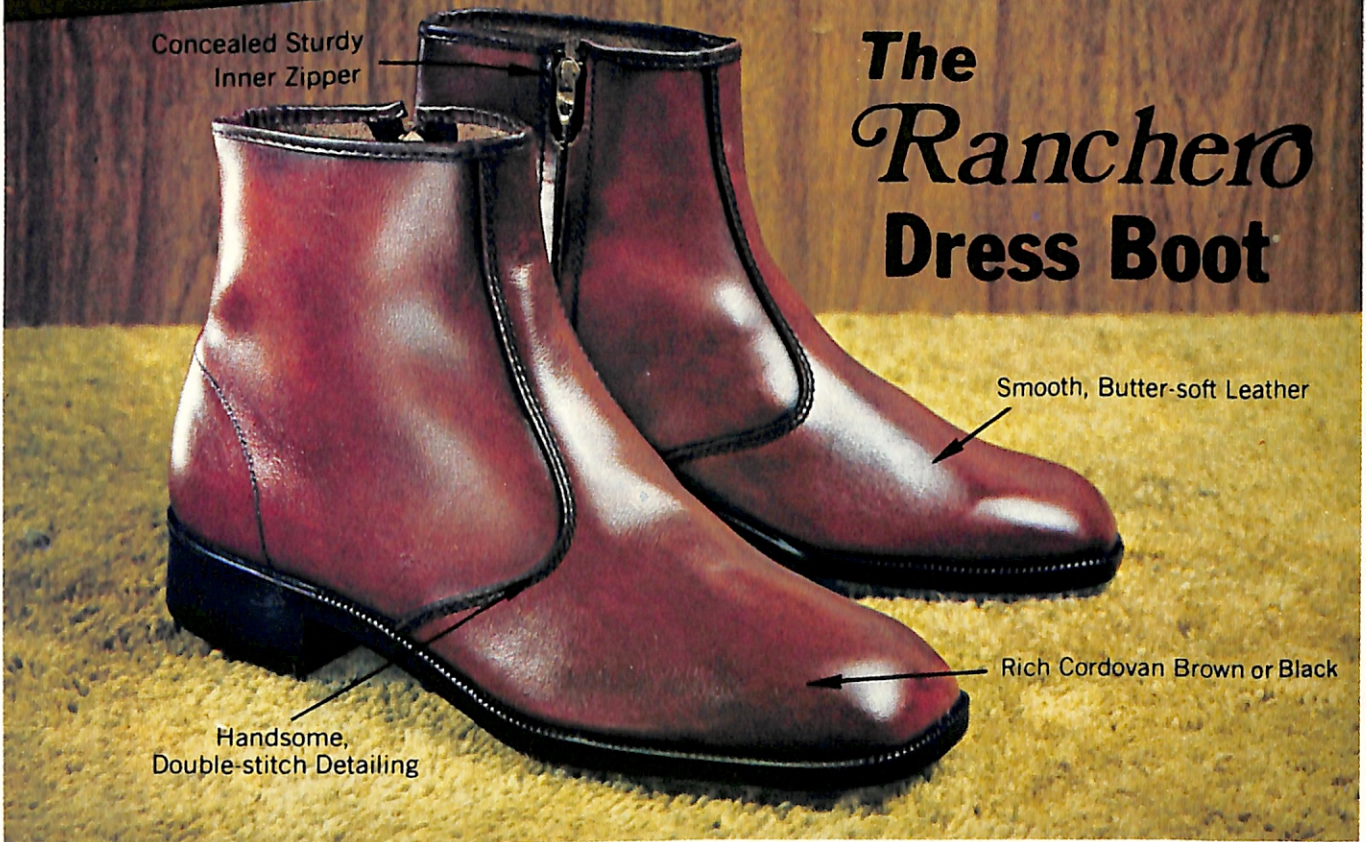
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