

University of Md. Receives Kellogg Grant For Museum Exhibit

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland has received from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation a grant of \$987,864 to design, develop, and construct a museum exhibit titled "The Search for Life: Agricultural Science in the Twentieth Century."

The exhibit will be designed to show American consumers how agricultural research benefits their pocketbooks at the grocer's checkout, their health, and their lifestyles.

It will occupy approximately 3,300 square feet and is scheduled to open in 1987, the centennial year of the Hatch Act in which Congress set up the network of federally-funded, state-run agricultural experiment stations in the United States.

Initially, the exhibit will travel to American cities. After 1987, it will be permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

In addition to the University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station — the university's agricultural research component — the project team for the exhibit will include scientists from other universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, staff of the Smithsonian Institution, and the New York design studio of Peter Wexler.

"The primary focus of this exhibit is on the biochemical revolution, the contribution that science makes to agriculture and, through agriculture, to American well-being," says Dr. Raymond J. Miller, vice president of agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland.

Adds designer Peter Wexler: "In this biochemical revolution, genetics, growth, and disease control are the principal subjects in a story of how agricultural scientists are coming to understand life in terms of evolution against stress."

The exhibit will be divided into three sections, based on a historical transition: the first section will show visitors the tools and research of scientists at the turn of this century; the second section will focus on the period

1940-1970 during which researchers Crick and Watson set the scientific world on its heels with their portrayal of the double-helix strands of DNA, the genetic message carrier of life; the third and final section deals with the period 1970

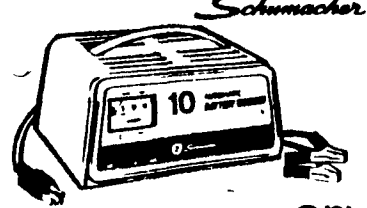
and beyond, with an emphasis on genetic engineering.

"When visitors exit the exhibit, they will see dwarf trees, computers at work, and other tools of modern agricultural research," says Dr. G. T. Sharrer, curator of the Smithsonian's division of

agriculture and natural resources. "They will see the work of Nobel laureates in agricultural science. And, if they ask what the food source of the twenty-first century will be, they will know that it will be discovered through research," Sharrer adds.



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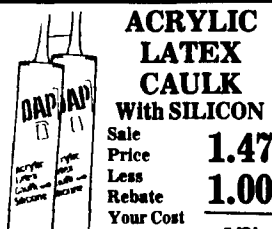
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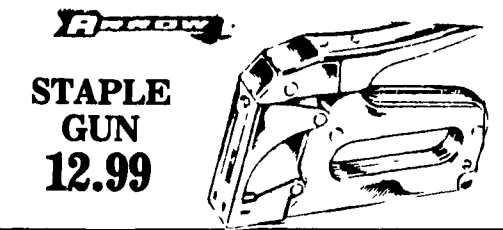
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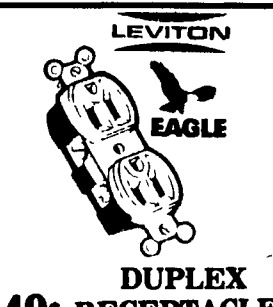
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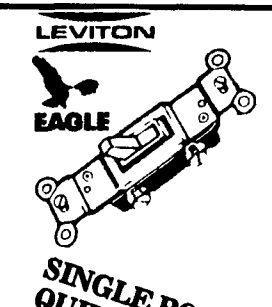
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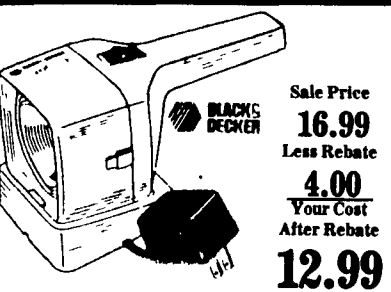
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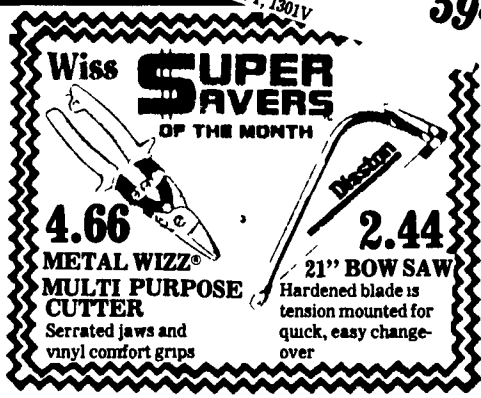
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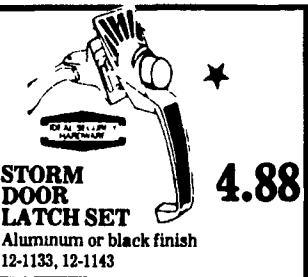
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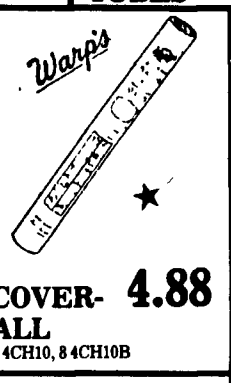
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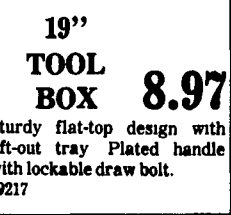
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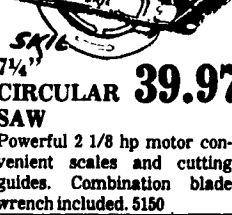
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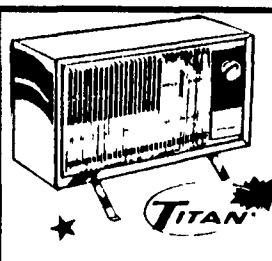
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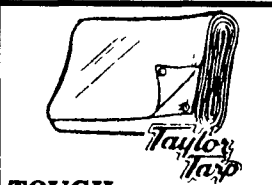
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