

Computers - the latest in standard home appliances

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Will a computer be a standard appliance in the home within the next few years? This may be a definite possibility.

Home computers can be used in any number of ways. At the present time, most are probably purchased to aid in small

businesses operated from the home, but when owners find out just how much can be done by computer, its uses increase. A computer is an exact way of recording all household expenditures. Family bills can be recorded, solving the problem of where to store

a copy. Programs can be developed for almost any use desired.

One Dallas resident, Bill Stine, Wilkes College chemistry professor, uses a computer to aid in writing his latest book. The author of "Chemistry For The Consumer" Bill is working on a new book and finds "word processing" an excellent writing tool, allowing him to change, correct or delete in just a few seconds.

Children are fascinated with computers and seem to learn the procedure for using them very quickly. Computers are great learning aids but they are also fun. Radio Shack has a number of games such as "Haunted House" and "Quick Watson", a detective game, available, as well as such standard favorites as chess, pinball, football, checkers. A book titled "Computer Games" enables you to type in

your own games.

This fall, the Lake-Lehman School District is introducing a computer course in conjunction with the math program at the 6th grade level. According to Dr. M. David Preston, superintendent of schools, the purpose of this elementary program is not to transform students into programmers but rather to introduce them to what a computer can do. It also is to enable them to become familiar with the notion, concept and language of computers.

The school's two main goals in introducing this program are for students to learn computer literacy and for them to become familiar with the computer as an instructional tool, particularly in the areas of remedial and enrichment programs. Dr. Preston believes that computers can be a great teaching machine if used in conjunction with a good teacher.

In instituting this program, which was developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Dr. Preston noted that within five to six years it will be a necessity to be able to use a computer as a learning device. Lake-Lehman has had a computer program at the senior high level for the past two years.

Last year Dallas Senior High School instituted a program with a micro-computer which uses a basic program language. According to John Chapple, business teacher, 11th and 12th grade students are offered this as a separate business course. They do not need an in-depth math background to take the course. Because computers are frequently used in the business world and because many colleges now require some computer knowledge, Dallas decided to

include this computer course in their curriculum.

Advanced math students at Dallas can also take a Fortran Program course which is the only one of its kind offered in area schools. This course is taught by Mr. Augustine.

According to Chapple, the program has proved to be popular. Last year 48 students took the business computer course while this year 96 students have enrolled in it.

Are computers selling well? According to Sue Spaciano of Radio Shack, home computers are selling at a rate of 10-15 per month. Many are purchased by businessmen. Sue commented that many employers are now looking for people who have an understanding of a basic computer language. Radio Shack offers several models: a color computer, a Model III for business, a Model II for extreme use such as recording inventory and containing a memory space. If a larger system is available to an individual, which is the case with Bill Stine, who has access to the Wilkes College computer as a faculty member, terminals can be hooked into a phone line and programmed into the main system.

When asked about learning to operate a home computer, Sue explained that each Radio Shack computer comes with a very good manual. She also pointed out that a

host of books are available on the subject and that many of the area colleges offer mini courses on computer operation.

Does all this home computer information sound intriguing to you? If so, you can purchase one for between \$200 and \$4,000 for your home.



LEARNING—Kimberly Gritman, seated, and Sandy Newcomb, Dallas High School seniors, practice using one of the computers at the school under the supervision of faculty member John Chapple.

Deaths

Kratzer

Mrs. Myrtle J. Kratzer Mathers, 86 years, of 1345 Turner St., Allentown, Pa. died Sunday in her home. She was the widow of Frank Mathers and Raymond Kratzer. She pastored the Trucksville Free Methodist Church for four years in the early 50's.

Surviving are daughter, Mrs. Charlotte K. Thomas, with whom she resided; sons, Howard W. Kratzer, Bellevue, Wash.; Raymond Kratzer Jr., Sun River, Mont.; Rev.

Ernest S. Kratzer, Plattville, Wis.; stepsons, Frank, Richard, Robert

and David Mathers, all of Trucksville; brothers, Miles and Clyde, Allentown; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Strunk, Conover, N.C.; Mrs. Lenora Marks, Mrs.

Loretta Madden and Miss Blanche Eroh, Allentown; nine grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and 19 step-great grandchildren.

Millham

William P. Millham, 138

Shade Tree Road, Shavertown, died Sunday, Sept. 5 at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, the former Vi Coury; daughter, Mrs. Mildred Jones, Shavertown; sons, Billy and Brant, and daughter, Mary Pat, all at home; four grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Lorraine Stasek, Akron, O.; and brother, Frank Millham, Finley, O.

Funeral was Sept. 8 from the McLaughlin Funeral Home, 416 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, with Mass of Christian Burial in Gate of Heaven

Church. Interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Clark

Mrs. Stella E. Clark, Valley View Park, Dallas died Saturday, Sept. 11 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Earl Bob; daughter, Gail, at home; sister, Mrs. Sophie Bennick of Wilkes-Barre; and brothers Frank, Scranton and Stanley, Bowie, Md.

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The local college began its orientation program for the new students from the Northeastern United States on Saturday, Aug. 28. Students arrived on

the campus to register and set up room accommodations. The afternoon activities were comprised of general information sessions, student-staff interactions, a picnic and sports events.

Sunday's activities included a folk mass and special preparatory sessions on academic survival, library and

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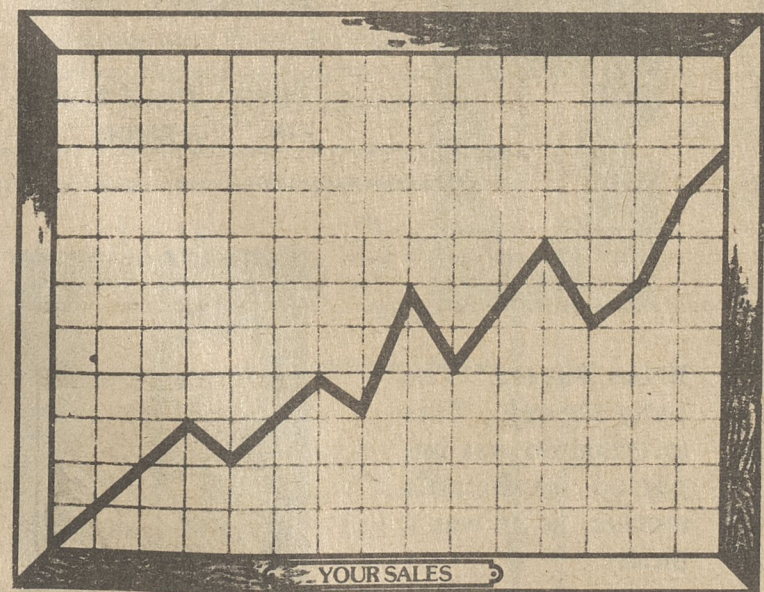
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