## E-town/Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew report

The year-end report has been issued on the E-town and Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew. The report indicates

Membership has remained steady - there are now 38 active members and 21 auxilliary members:

The station on Greentree Road in Mount Joy Township was dedicated on September 10th. It was build almost entirely by the volunteer, part-time labor of the forest fire

The crew responded to 5

forest fire calls, 6 warden's calls (smoke chases, possible fires, etc.), and 6 public service calls (storm damage, downed trees, etc.), and the crew's special police officers spent 350 manhours and drove 3000 miles (in their own

vehicles) responding to emergency calls such as car accidents:

Two crew members spent two weeks fighting fires in California;

The total income of the Forest Fire Crew for 1977 was \$10,080, from donations, fund raising activity, and membership dues. The crew paid \$9,592;

The biggest expenditure was for the Greentree Station. Other expenses were vehicles, communications, tools, insurance, etc.

The crew is planning several activities for '78. On March 5th a spring training session is planned; the 10th anniversary banquet will be held on March 18th (for tickets call 653-2130).

Other activities planned are: hosting zone 7 Fire-

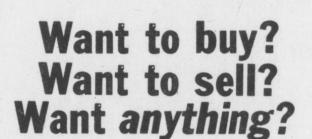
men's Association (March 21st); an auxilliary arts and crafts festival in Park City (April 7, 8); a fishing derby; a brush truck rodeo; the Woodsmen's Festival; a fall training session; and an open house at Greentree Station during the week of October 9, to which all area residents are invited.

The crew meets on the second Wednesday of each month. They welcome new membership applications from anyone interested in conservation and fire fight-

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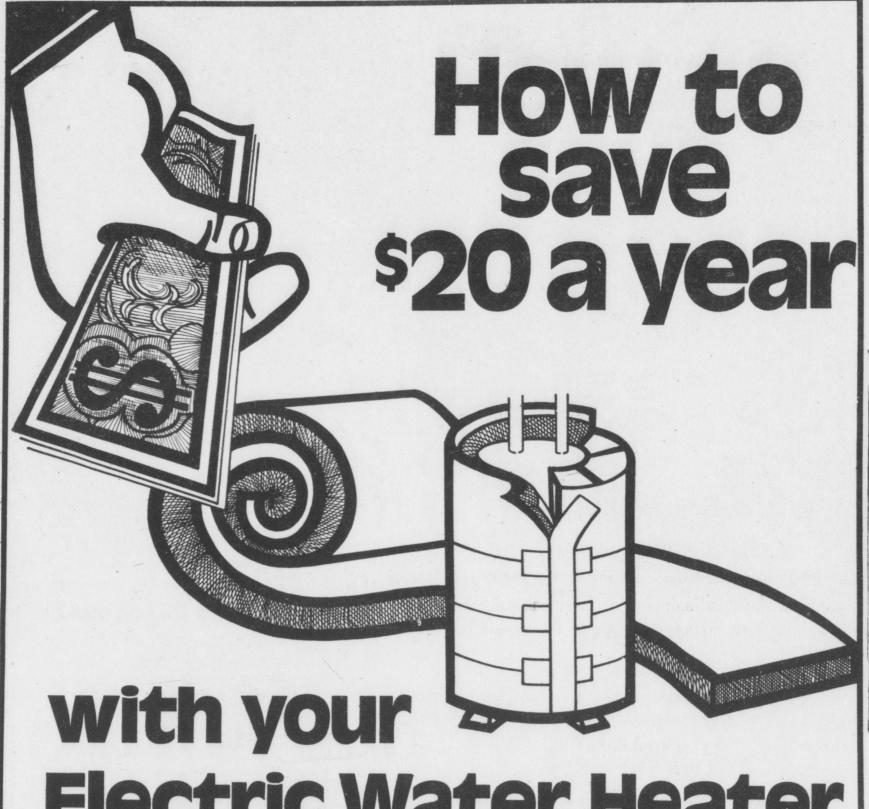
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