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More Great News!!!

If your group would like to exchange newstetlers or other information, we are certain to send ours. Here's whats happening in Little Rock.

Thanks Dick Wallace

If you happened to see page 14A of the Arkansas Gazette last Thursday, you'll have a good idea of the beans I am about to spill. If not, then read on!

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managerial shakeup and rearrangement of the pecking order, especially, I feel, in the marketing division. This has brought about what a few of us in the group speculate to be a new pricing policy to move the expansion box and the cards, etc., as a package deal(as evidenced by the Skaggs ad in the last two weeks)i.e., the (1)expansion box, (2)32K card, (3)disk controller card, and (4)disk drive in one package price of \$ 399. Skaggs also was giving a Multiplan module or TI-Writer module with the \$399 price. If you got one, what a deal! If not, now the best of two alternatives available are (1) buy an expansion box for \$ 39.95, and I did not, DID NOT, stutter, OR (2) buy the package above without the modules being thrown in for \$ 450. I already have bought my box (the last one at the Third & Main OTASCO-NLR) but you can still place an order with any OTASCO store, maybe even the Fourth & Scott (Little Rock) (as soon as they find out about the new price, and it's not \$ 199.95) by SEPTEMBER 10TH, and if they are out take a raincheck!

OK! So much for the box, or package deals, which may come and go again. You really can't make anything but a heavy-duty TV stand for your monitor out of the expansion box, so here's some things to put in it.

1) RS-232 card, is the communications card to control a printer or a modem(for computer to computer talk) now only \$ 79.95(New York supplier)

2) P-Code card, to write in the languages of PASCAL or PILOT \$ 77.95(NY)

3) 32K Memory expansion card(or 128K card for a little more cost) On \$\$\$ your guess is as good as mine, but I speculate around \$ 150 by itself.

4) Disk Controller card, to control a disk drive(up to 3 disk drives) for disk-based software. This may go by itself for about \$ 120-140 range.

5) Disk Drive, is the actual device to insert the disk software into. Price may be something around \$ 190-225 range.

PUBLIC NOTICE





Dear Customer,

Due to a dramatic price reduction from Texas Instruments, we are now able to offer the Peripheral Expansion box on page 3 of our current September "Bargain Book" catalog for \$39.97 (not \$199.97 as shown). Apply this with similar reductions on Texas Instruments hardware and you can now have a complete Disk Drive Memory System including:

Peripheral Expansion Box
 Disk Drive

TI computer now is the time to buy . . . at OTASCO! FOR MORE DETAILS SEE YOUR LOCAL OTASCO STORE.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Thursday, September 1, 1983

ADVANTAGE CLUB IS COMING TO TOWNIII

Texas Instruments' Advantage Club will be premiering in Little Rock & Fort Smith sometime in September. We have been in touch with TI, but with all thats been going on down there they may not have it all arranged yet. Perhaps by the date of the next meeting (September 19th) we'll have the final word on when, where and who. Stand by for further word on the free computer course you are entitled to, no matter when you got your 4A. Until then, read up on the courses offered in the club in the Summer 83 Home Computer Newsletter, that is, if you get one.

Special note to Robert Reis: Call Don at Publishers Bookshop about a publication dealing with the command to change letters to numbers. I think that was what you wanted, right?

ENCLOSED HARDWARE-SOFTWARE QUESTIONNAIRE

As you can see by now, we have a couple of extra sheets attached which could be very handy in determining which members(of which there are only about seven paid members) could be useful to others who have similar hardware or software experience. This is to be a request only situation, since I am certain there will be someonewho is not enthused enough to share or is protective of what they think they have, so if you want to share mail it or bring it in to the next meeting. And if you have any questions or comments, bring those too. Many thanks to Darlene Galloway for concecting these forms. They look great!

WE NEED A LIBRARIAN FOR SOFTWARE

Planning ahead(that is what we're supposed to do, right!) for a software library, the first thing we need is a person to organize into categories, all of the programs we have so far. Anyone interested will most likely become the most popular person in the group, but the plan is to handle dissemination of programs, copying, etc., at the meetings or by mail.

MILLER GRAPHICS' SPRITE BOOK

Miller Graphics' "SMART PROGRAMMING GUIDE FOR SPRITES" is available with a \$ 2 savings at only \$ 5.50 for those who would like one. Craig Miller sent us a good deal on this publication and I expect nothing but the top programs coming out of his company. Order at the next meeting. We will need about 6 orders to get this good price, otherwise it will be \$ 6.00 each.

BUY, SELL OR TRADE

Whatever you have, someone probably wants, so bring your list of hard-ware, software or related items to our September 19th meeting (that also includes wish-lists) and we'll see who has what. Until then, here are two items available: Steve Pagstad has a speech synthesizer and Don McMillan has an Expansion Box. Darlene Galloway has a drafting table.