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Computing At Home



BY CLEO FRANKLIN

The home computer (Microcomputer) has come a long way from the days of just keeping track of phone numbers and recipes. Microcomputer has far more useful task in today's home. Some good examples include but not limited to the following.

Wordprocessing: The use of a computer to write letters.

Database: A method of keeping records organized for easy retrieval and manipulation.

Spreadsheet: A easy way to calculate math functions and organize numerical data.

Games: Games can be fun to play at the same time educational. Several of the Television game shows can be played on your home computer also you can learn to fly, learn to play a new sport or just play your old favorite.

Desktop Publishing: Make Posters, Flyers, invitations, etc. This capability will limit the number of trips you make to the print shop.

Telecommunications: A Modem is a device that is used so that your Microcomputer can talk to other computers. The Multnomah County Library has a on-line card catalog so that you

can research material from your home computer as if you were in the library. You can also check the availability of books and reserve books. Their is also several other on-line services unrelated to the library that include educational services, business services, banking, shopping and other services.

Telecommuting is a new revolution as a result of the microcomputer. Telecommuting is working at home for an employer using your own microcomputer. Just think of it, working at your leisure in the pleasure of your own home. Your computer can include a Fax Card that goes inside your computer so that you can send and receive documents. Its like having your own office in your home.

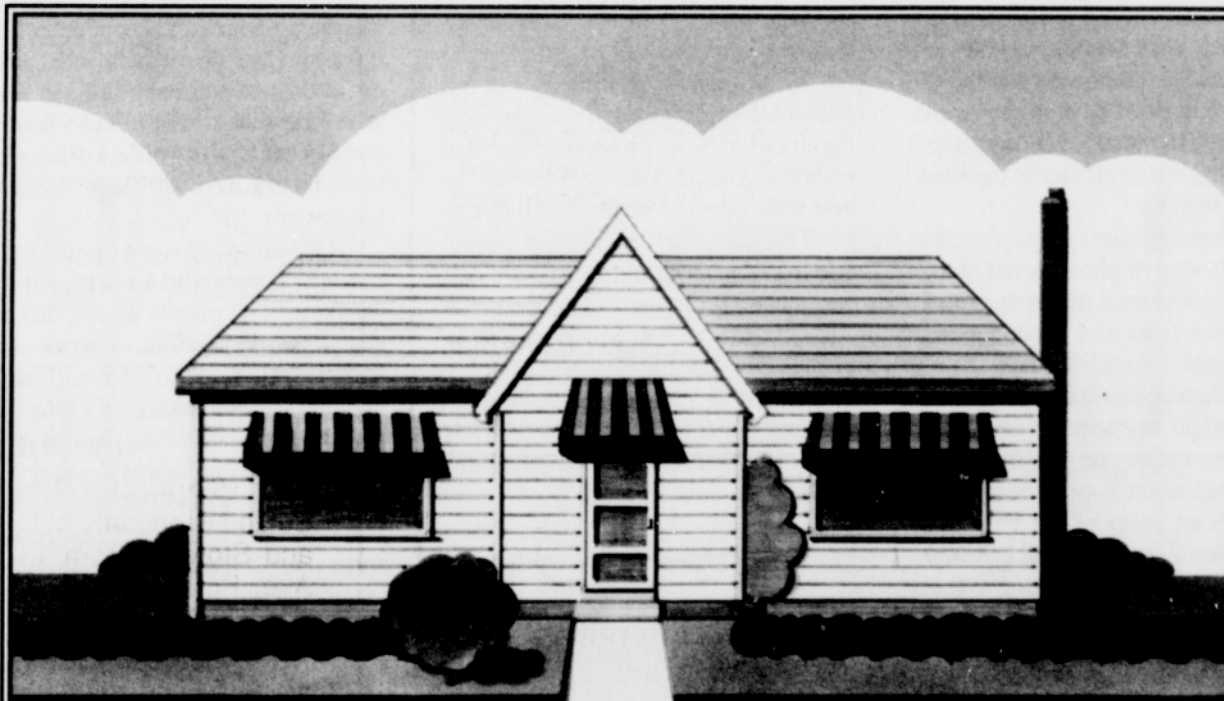
Home Electronics: Microcomputer can turn on and off lights, appliances, answer the phone and take messages, make calls in an emergency, monitor alarms, control what you eat of if you eat its all in the programming.

Microcomputers can be fun, educational and very rewarding care should be taken when purchasing a computer new or used. Also it is important to know about the proper maintenance. **HAPPY COMPUTING.**



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