

K-TOWN 99'er

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AND

THE ATHENS COMPUTER CLUB

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JANUARY MEETING

The K-TOWN 99/4A Users Group will meet at the MLB (Mechanicsville, Lonsdale, Beaumont) Building on the second Thursday of the month. The date is January 12. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. The agenda will include a brief business session, a report on the Chicago TI-Fair, and Jack Garrison will treat us to another demonstration of PLUS!. PLUS! is a companion file for all TI compatible word processing programs. Jack will demo some files that time did not permit him to demonstrate at his demo in October.

Please remember that we must vacate the building by 9:30.

DISK OF THE MONTH

The DISK OF THE MONTH will be Steven McWatty's GRAPHIC LABEL MAKER. This is a fairware program and is used to enhance your labels with graphic designs. It is compatible with graphics designed with Dave Rose's Character Set and Graphics Design Package. As usual, the DOM is prepared by Mike Epperson and Mike will have this one and previous DOMS available for you at our monthly meeting.

KINDER KORNER-14

By Bob Duehler

KEEPING 'HALF-A-PROMISE'.

In Kinder Korner-13 I 'maybed' I'd do another thing on print controls, intermixing TI-Writer stuff. Note: A Maybe = A 'half-a-promise.' So, I'm keeping it!!

EMPHASIZE & DOUBLE STRIKE: These both do about the same thing. They darken the printing. But, hang tight! Details get sticky! Letters and numbers are formed by single dots suitably arranged to represent well the desired character.

GOLLY-GEE, I WISH I'D INVENTED THAT. I'd have lots more bucks in my assets. I'd have invited you all to REGAS' for steak and lobster! I'll still go, **DUTCH!**

Back to letters and numbers. The dots are formed when wee size pins in the print head are 'fired' like tiny bullets against the ribbon, thus making dots on the paper. There are nine of these wee pins mounted in a vertical column in the print head. Any number of them can be fired selectively as the print head moves in 'jerks' horizontally across the paper. A character may

be up to 5 dots (jerks) wide, like for M & W, and up to 9 dots high to accommodate the descenders (tails) like in g, j, & y. A sixth horizontal 'jerk' provides for spacing between characters. Any jerk should have been able to invent that! So why not I?

Now, Specifically To Emphasize: In this mode the selective pins in each column are fired two times, 1/2 of a dot apart horizontally. This added ink darkens and widens the elements of the character. The double firing occurs in one pass of the print head, and hence takes longer than would an ordinary pass, maybe twice as long. Print results of Emphasize are often described as "Near Letter Quality," meaning almost as good as Daisy Wheel printing. NOTE, though, Emphasize works only with PICA. Well, that's true for Gemini 10X. Let me know if you know this isn't a limitation of other printers.

Next, Double Strike Specifically: In this mode the print head makes one normal pass. Then a second pass is made with the print head offset one-half dot horizontally and the paper advanced one-half dot vertically. Each pass is made at regular speed, but this amounts to twice the time of one pass. Double Strike is about the equal

of Emphasize, and it works with PICA, ELITE, and COMPRESSED. In my book, it too is "Near Letter Quality."

COMBINING THINGS: Print controls may be combined thus to function together. So, in PICA Font, Emphasize & Double Strike will function together. The result is sure enough DARK PRINT! Even with my almost worn-out ribbon the ink tends to fill in the small spaces in letters like e and a. I wouldn't use them together normally BUT, for a dramatic one-line header in Double Wide it is a sure enough attention getter!

ELITE and COMPRESSED with Double Strike: These can be used with good effect. Why not check these out yourself? You're the Boss of your own stuff.

Goodies With Double Wide: This works with PICA, ELITE, COMPRESSED, and ITALICS; and combined with Double Strike gives some pleasing results. What do you think?

SUPERSCRIPT & SUBSCRIPT: These follow the same matrix patterns as standard characters but their print size is one-half as high. Well, that's what the book says, but I'm not sure how. Those nine tiny pins vertically that I've told you form conventional characters just can't be squeezed to half height. And I'll tell you why.

During my first print head cleaning job I took off the print head and looked. Those tiny pins poke through a wee, thin, non-squeasable plastic piece. It dropped off, and I dern near lost this little jewel in my ignorance of the print head construction. I was lucky to get it back in place.

So I'm guessing that an upper-more-than-half of these pins are maneuvered to form good Superscript and a lower-more-than-half do the same in Subscript. Check me on this if you can.

Double strike is automatically invoked in these modes. The double pass may be a surprise when only a single character is involved such as the power of a number. But at least this lets you know it happened. See later in this article for a fun trick with SUPER-OR SUBSCRIPT.

MORE ABOUT COMBINING: Do you remember that with instruction, 'Power On' PICA font is invoked. Then Emphasize needs only the ESC E directive which is CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, E. For Double Strike, substitute G for E. To turn these off, respectively use F and H.

The easy way to COMPRESSED and Double Strike is: CTRL U, SHIFT O, CNTRL U, CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, G. Easiest turn off is Power On: CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, SHIFT 2. This may be the first time I've been specific about how to 'Power On.' Sorry.

ELITE can only be invoked the hard way: CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, B, CTRL U, SHIFT A, CTRL U. To add Double Strike, this must be followed by CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, G, like above with COMPRESSED. Again, easy turn off is with Power On.

ITALICS In Any Font: By now you should be able to figure this one out. If not, cry until the next meeting night.

The further I go with this CTRL, FCTN, SHIFT stuff the worriered I get that you'll think it's not worth the trouble. Can't blame you, much. But it is

worth it! Trust me! Maybe 'Fun with Superscript will capture your confidence. It's coming next.

FUN WITH SUPERSCRIPT or SUBSCRIPT: For starters these are one half as high as their base. Next, COMPRESSED is the most narrow Font, 17 characters per inch. NOW, suppose we decrease the line spacing to leave just enough white to be able to separate the lines for reading. Put this all together, and you can get a great big bunch of characters on a small area of paper. It may not be practical, but it's kind-a-fun. Try stringing these Print Controls together, end to end:

CTRL U, SHIFT S, CTRL U (That's COMPRESSED)
CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, SHIFT S, CTRL U SHIFT 2, CTRL U (That's SUPERSCRIPT)
CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, 3, CTRL U, SHIFT H, CTRL U (That's line spacing)

Now that is one, big, tall order. Give it a try using the "Now is the time for all good men," "The quick sly fox..." thing that you should have saved as Test-12. If it doesn't work, try again; and again; etc. Here I go with my try. Now with my needed second try. Say, that WAS fun. Line spacing using SHIFT H, above, is only .056" compared to customary 1/6 = .17." That's cutting it close, but it's still readable. Go ahead and try. I Double Dare you!

With this Fun Thing, using 16 characters per line, you could print "Now is the time..." and "The quick sly fox..." two times (16 lines-52 words-220 characters counting spaces and periods) on one new 25 cent postage stamp. Or on an obsolete 22 center. Heck, even on a one center!! The only real tough part would be holding that little sucker in the printer. If you can do it, tell me.

Well, as Mammy Yokum used to say, 'Mostly that be true.' Actually it missed by just two letters: an 'n' in line 2 and a 'k' in line 5 sneaked outside of the right boundary column. But it sure was close, and FUN too!

UNDERLINING: I don't use it much. Reasons: It lacks the umpf I expect, needs tough keying of On & Off, and has "hang-overs." Most folks know about the problems of hang-overs.

But if you want it here's how to turn on Underline: CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, -, CTRL U, SHIFT A, CTRL U. Release is the same keying, but with '2' instead of 'A.'

Here's the hang-over thing. Once begun, Underline hangs on tenaciously. Unless released, it goes until end of characters on a line and then, on the next line, it begins at column zero with total disregard for whatever left margin is set. Hence, there results during underline of successive lines, these unexplainable lines to the left of left margin. To prevent this, Underline must be turned off before, and turned on again after, a new line is begun. This is a time waisting nuisance requiring close watch.

THOSE SUMMARIES: I'm still planning to prepare a two page summary on print controls and a short-cut card version. I'm not saying when.

ADDRESS THE ENVELOPE TRICK:

Most correspondence opens with the name and address of the recipient at the left margin. Usually this self

same name and address is used on the containing envelope, but located near its center. I got tired of typing this thing two times. Now I do it only once. Here's how.

I do the letter, proof it, print it, and store it on disk for saving. Then I delete anything above the recipients name, like my own name, address, and date. Then I press CTRL O. This disables Word Wrap and the cursor becomes an open box. Move the cursor to the left of the recipient's name, press CTRL 2 (Insert), then press FCTN D to move this line to the right the desired distance. Repeat for the address lines. Then put in the envelope and PF (Print File) those lines comprising the name and address. Example: PF, ENTER, 1 4 PIO, ENTER.

BB There's hardly room to show all the work dates for this Kinder Korner. The first Final one is 11/18/88. Supplemented 11/19 & 12/4.

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RAMBLINGS

by
E.M. Smith

In recent issues I have written various articles that were designed to gather information from our membership that would shed some light on the future of the K-Town 99/4A Users Group. One of those efforts was the recent survey which I thought would nail down all the information needed to project with certainty what future, if any, was available to us. The low response foretold a rather bleak future in terms of numbers. Yet there was a surprising number of responses, percentage wise, which foretold a future with adequate leadership to maintain the group through another year or more.

Well, the days are counting down to April, the month we must put together a new slate of officers to lead us through fiscal '89 to April 1990. Thus, now is the time to renew dues and also formulate that new slate of leaders. Now the next and bigger question, "What are you waiting on?" Your immediate response is essential.

I know it is a tough job, but someone has to do it. therefore I am volunteering myself to act in behalf of your treasurer, Carl Hinton, to accept payment of your '89 dues in the amount of \$20.00 as indicated by a showing of hands at our last meeting. I say indicated because I don't believe it was put to an official vote. All proceeds will be held in escrow until official action is taken. Your response or lack of response will have an important impact on the future of our group. Those of us who are interested in maintaining the group need to know soon how much support there is for continuation of the group. We only know at this point in time that we can not continue on assumptions that we have adequate support to do so. At best, we know our numbers will be diminished.

The strength of our numbers will dictate what we can do relative to continuation of this newsletter. It will dictate our association with the Athens Group. And will probably dictate to some degree the quality of our leadership for the new year. It is understandable that time restraints are imposed on some of us because of

commitments to jobs, family and other priorities that prohibit some of us from serving in a more active role. We might also expect that our diminished numbers will so impoverish our treasury that it will be necessary to pass the hat for contributions as was done in our earlier months to supplement the treasury. Keep in mind that you, the individual member, are our greatest asset and we want you in our fellowship whether you can or can't make a monetary contribution beyond the amount of annual dues. The bottom line is that we do not want you to be "priced" out of our fellowship.

Earlier in this article I alluded to how the size of our group would impact our relationship with the Athens Group. During this current fiscal year we have enjoyed a fine working relationship with the Athens Group. Their president, who is also our VP, Joe Simmons, and others of their group have supplied much of the material for our newsletter and they in return have enjoyed a special rate that covers our costs for distribution of the newsletter to their membership. Depending on the size of our group for fiscal '89 we may have to alter that agreement and request a larger contribution from them. Under the current agreement they are assured that a portion of their dues will be available for other group expenditures. To continue the newsletter as is requires a minimum budget of four hundred dollars. If we retain twenty members at \$20.00 per member the newsletter will consume our entire membership income and we will have nothing left for other group expenditures. Their proposed dues as announced elsewhere in this newsletter is \$15.00. The future resolve of this discrepancy has many ramifications and the first step toward a solution is to know just how many members we will retain. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEND YOUR '89 DUES NOW OR BRING \$20.00 TO OUR JANUARY MEETING AND PAY UP! Do it today, or there may be no tomorrow for our Users Group.

Along with your dues, be sure to select the office or committee chair that you are willing to serve in for the coming year. Which shall it be for you? President, Vice President/Secretary, or Treasurer. Your newsletter editor wants to know in time to include the information in the February Newsletter. The names of those renewing their dues will also be published. I hope your name won't be excluded from the list! You fellows of the Athens' Group remember that you can be members of K-Town Group too. If all of you join the K-Town Group your newsletter will be furnished by us and you can then retain your entire dues for your group treasury. Just a thought! grin/grin/grin.

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LOST AND FOUND

Found at the close of our November meeting was a TI power supply transformer. If you misplaced this item you may recover it by contacting Bob Buehler at 689-5326.

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Newsletter Editors

Let each of us face the realities before we loose the vehicle of the newsletter exchange!

Our TI community is getting older and many of us are growing into the improve computers now available, or we are moving on to college and new endeavors, or we are dying and our heirs are putting our toys in the closets.

As our followers decrease in numbers, we find it no longer feasible to exchange newsletters on a monthly, bimonthly, or other basis. Soon we find we no longer can afford to pay the publishing cost for the newsletter just for our individual club's membership.

A Solution might be for us to send letters to "contact" people in each of our clubs. In these letters we can exchange ideas and with these mailings we can pass along "Freeware" software that is of interest. Deanna Sheridan, Bobby Cox, Tony McGovern, Irving Crowley, Tom Freeman, and I have already been doing this for several years.

By your letter responses, I will see what your comments say!

Best Wishes for 1989

Joe N. Simmons 12/26/88

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

by E.M. Smith

If you read last month's newsletter or attended our December meeting you are aware that we were having some problems with the K-Town 99ers' computer system. Well, thanks to the technical skills of our Mike Epperson, I am pleased to report that the system has been repaired and also the two new DS half height drives have been installed and tested satisfactorily.

The fuse in the transformer, inside the PE Box, has been located and modified in a manner to locate the fuse in line and outside the transformer. As a matter of information, the fuse is located in the neutral circuit and encased in the housing of the primary coil and on the back side opposite the side that the power leads enter the primary coil. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on ones perspective, I was able to explore the transformer circuitry on the original transformer so when it came time to locate the fuse in the new transformer I was able to make a more professional entry through the outside housing. Even if I did do it, the final "operation" had the appearance of a professional job well done. Well almost! In making that judgement I took into consideration that it was a first time experience and one might say that the tools I used were less than desired but adequate.

The fuse in the newly purchased transformer was blown when the power supply board for the PE Box was attached to the secondary coil of the transformer. Mike skillfully located and replaced a shorted diode on the power supply board and resolved the problem with blown fuses. It was also determined that there was an open circuit in the primary coil beyond the location of the

fuse. Of the two problems, the open circuit in the primary coil and the shorted diode I was unable to determine which came first. It remains unanswered as is the question of "which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

With the addition of the two double sided half height drives, a color monitor, and a printer our group is well equiped to handle any of the menu driven programs that are currently available for our trusty little TI-99/4A. When it comes to home computing, who needs the "Big Blue"? Be sure to attend our January Meeting and see our new acquisitions perform like a champion.

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DUMB BUNNY BRIDGE

12t Hand__Spades are trumps.

2nd Hand__No trumps.

3rd Hand__Clubs are trumps. Winners and losers trade scores.

4th Hand__Hearts are trumps. Don't look at hands,play from table.

5th Hand__Spades are trumps. Losers subtract 10 from score.

6th Hand__Clubs are trumps. Winners add 200 to score.

7th Hand__No trumps. Winners take all.

8th Hand__Diamonds are trumps. Winners and losers trade scores.

9th Hand__Clubs are trumps. Don't look at hands,play from table..

10th Hand__Hearts are trumps. Winners take all.

11th Hand__Cut for trumps. Winners add 50 to score.

12th Hand__No trumps. Losers take all.

13th Hand__Spades are trumps. Losers subtract 10.

14th Hand__Hearts are trumps. Winners add 100 to score.

15th Hand__Spades are trumps. Winners and losers trade scores.

16th Hand__Hearts are trumps. Winners double score.

17th Hand__No trumps. Winners score 500.

TOTAL SCORE.....

Be sure to bring those programs with which you are having troubles and we will try to debug them.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. No bidding. No dummy. No honors counted.
2. Do not score as in Bridge. Each trick counts ten.
3. Cut for deal each hand; player on left of dealer leads.
4. Play partners. The side taking most tricks wins.
5. Change tables after each hand. Change partners after each hand.
6. Keep score on your paper and take it with you.

December Meeting

We had a great turn out. Joel was the first to arrive, next came Jimmie, and a little bit later Carl Hinton arrived. Joe demonstrated his Asgard Calendar program which he purchased from Chris Bobbitt at the Chicago TI Faire. Later he demonstrated Steve McWatty's graphic labeler he got from the Ottawa User's Group. Although initially everyone felt they already had McWatty's labeler, they each were quite taken with it and got copies from Joe.

Larry, Tom, Bill, Foster please come and share your ignorance with the rest of us.

Irving and Lloyd: Please continue to keep intouch and let us know how we can help each other.

Respectively submitted, December 24, 1988 JNS

A WORD ABOUT FREEMARE

FREEMARE ISN'T FREE!! your library committee and group officers want to encourage you to remember that the FREEMARE is not free!! It is only a way of marketing software that permits the user to see what he should pay for before he pays for it. Like the honor system, this contract can be broken and is every day, but that doesn't make it right. If you are using a freeware program and haven't sent the author a contribution, you are stealing. If you are not sure if a program is "freeware", list it out and the REM statements will usually so state. If you don't send your \$5.00 or \$10.00 now, tomorrow may be too late -- the programs won't be there and your TI will have lost even more value.

The more recent fairware programs we have had as our Disk of the Month are Steven McWatty's Graphic Labeler, John Bull's Contract Bridge, and Jimmie Gordon's WordSearch. Other past programs are Marty Kröll's Catalog Program and Irving Crowley's Checkbook Program and Plus+

Athens Members

Those of us who are able to attend meetings have decided to ask each of us to pay our \$15.00 1989 dues. As we have noted, the K-town club is thinking about a much higher dues to help defray the expense of the newsletter. We as a club will cross over that bridge with the K-town Club in April.

This year our dues have been used to pay the cost of exchanging soft "freeware" with other clubs, purchasing diskettes and holders which the club was reimbursed by the members, obtaining some library items from other club's libraries, newsletter mailings prior to combining our newsletter with the K-town club, and our prorated expense of publishing and mailing our newsletter with the K-town Club. Our current balance is somewhere above \$180.00

Either bring or send your check to the club mailing address.

Joe N. Simmons

Athens Club President for 1988

January Meeting

The Athens Club's January Meeting will be held on Saturday, the 21st at 10:00 A.M. at Joe Simmons's home in the Seven Cedars Subdivision in Etowah, Tennessee. Joe will demonstrate an OLD but rediscovered Electric Secretary program which originated from HCHMagazine. The Athens Club now call it the AthenSec2.

We will hold elections for our 1989 club officers. All members are eligible. Being amateurs (those one play only for the love of the sport), all have volunteered. Only past dead ones may not be elected.

STUNBLINGS

by

Joe N. Simmons

Have you ever stumbled on to a new technique either at the computer or in another club's newsletter? If so, this column is for you. The geniuses will be so deep in thought that they will never know that they missed these stumbles! Enough gibberish.

A recent stumble which I discovered inadvertently

was after running a program and getting the "READY" note. I typed in "NUM" and got each line of my previous program incremented by ten until a 1 reached a gap greater than 10 in the program.

Santa brought me 2900 perforated sheets of 20 pound "Bowater" computer printer paper as well as a diskette box for my ever growing software collection. Also my Mother gave me a little plaque which I have placed above my computer on the extension of my lamp which states: "To err is human, to really foul things up requires a computer..."

Steven McNatty's Graphic Labeler program which I obtained from the Ottawa Group at the Chicago Faire continues to fascinate me as well as fellow club members. With this in mind, does anyone know how one can convert TI-Artist Instances and Pictures to Dave Rose's graphics? If so, please let me know by mail, by diskette, by phone, or by in person at a club meeting.

Playing around with the old Home Computer Magazine program called "Electric Secretary" and Steven McNatty's labeler I created some cute mail labelers which I used on some of the xmas cards which I sent.

This past Thursday evening I spent three hours with Joel and his Geneve. He now has version 1.14 of MDOS and a new JumpBoot program which emulates Craig Miller's GramKracker menu instant access to E/A and XB languages. The author's instructions for the JumpBoot are poor and confusing. It appears that the program itself is geared for a mouse and can only have one of the languages (E/A or XB) in the instant format at anyone time.

The poor Geneve gets enough criticism. It appears to me that they would be well advised to make it more user friendly. Like McGovern's Funnelweb and Crowley's Checkbook Manager a friendly menu just after the Swan would be a welcome addition. Not all users are programmers! The JumpBoot program could be a step in the right direction if the author and MyArc could join forces.

On the 16th I stopped by to see if the Gibson's were still in East Tennessee. I found Art's wife at home from College and she said that Art was still working 14 to 16 hours a day and had not had any time off except for two days when his daughter graduated from college. Finding that they enjoyed playing Bridge, I have sent them a copy of John Bull's Bridge program. Hopefully Art will soon be able to reduce his working hours to about 10 hours per day and five days per week which is more near the norm for most of us. We miss you ART!

On the 27th several of us are going up to Knoxville to see E.M. Smith and he will demonstrate the operations of a modem. The use of a modem is one area of computing which I have not entered. The long distant phone expense alone would be a stumbling block for me. Recently at work, a weather (modem) program failed to disconnect and we received a \$700.00 bill!

Next month, I will tell you what I learned on the use of Modems.

One more item:

John Bull, I get a line not found in 1976 and no

file in 2300 and a syntax error 170 when I had completed the the following bidding:

S M N E
1H
P 2D P P
D P 3C P
P P

Do you have any explanation?

Enough stumbling for this month...Joe//17:36 hrs.
12/26/88 at Etowah, Tennessee.

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ITEMS FOR SALE:

Update UPDATE uPdAtE:

Joe White of the K-Town Group has a combination phone/modem for \$25.00. E.M. Smith has a 300 baud VOLKSMODEM for \$25.00

You can reach Joe at (615) 687-0656. And E.M. can be reached at (615) 687-8869.

Bob has sold one of his boxes to someone up North via UPS. He may donate his last two complete systems with PEB boxes to a local school systems unless he can get at least a decent offer.

Bob Lamb P.O.Box 309; Athens,Tennessee,37303 has Reduced his prices on six black/silver consoles, two PEBoxes with 32k,TI disk controllers and drives and one RS232 card as well as XB cartridges for sale. Bob indicated he now wants \$300.00 for a console-PEB package with extended basic. The RS232 card will be on a first come basis. This is an excellent opportunity for those of you who have been looking for PE boxes. You need one to house the new GENEVE.

Larry Nelson has a bare (without power supply box) SSSD drive for sale at \$50.00 and has an Epson 80X printer for sale at your best offer. Call Larry at (615) 745-0648.

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Vico Comments

My computer is located in our family-dinning room in a ranch style house. Due to its location, it occupies a significant part of the Simmons' family activities.

My youngest daughter plays with a "draw program" which Craig Miller published in his Smart Programmer and TI-Artist. I keep up with our church's expenses utilizing Crowley's Checkbook program and Gordon's church finance program as well as my own household expenditures. When working on data which needs to be sorted or on our income taxes, I utilize MultiPlan. In my correspondence with others, with other computer clubs, and in writing newsletters I utilize TI's TI-writer through McGovern's Funnelweb program.

The purpose for mentioning the above is to clarify for me the usefulness of this computer investment.

If it were not for making E.M.'s newsletter dead lines and for creating articles each month, I would have more time to play with my computer! Discounting my and your poor grammar it would certainly be helpful if more of you would take on the task of contributing articles. It would be nice to only need to create **Stumblings** each month!

e.g.: Just think of all the free time to program and play with our computers we would have if others did some of the work.

In the West Penn 99ers newsletter comes the following which my wife Ellen and I have enjoyed. Perhaps some of you self starters who read this column in this newsletter will also enjoy.

I have run across some absolutely irrefutable statistics that show EXACTLY WHY you are tired And it's no wonder you are tired either! There are not as many people actually working as you may have thought, at least not according to the survey recently completed.

The population of this country is 245 million, 98 million over 60 years of age, which leaves 147 million to do the work. People under 20 years of age total 85 million, which leaves 62 million to do the work.

There are 37 million who are employed by the government, which leaves 25 million to do the work. Four million are in the armed forces, which leaves 21 million to do the work. Deduct 20,800,000, the number in the state and city offices, leaving 200,000 to do the work. There are 400,000 in hospitals, insane asylums, etc. so that leaves 12,000 to do the work.

Now it may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves just two people to carry the load. That's you and me---and I'm getting tired of doing every thing myself.

Be present with a Tennessee Volunteer attitude at our next meeting!

Best Wishes
JNS 12/26/88.

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PLAUDITS
from E.M. Smith

We come to the close of another year of fellowship in the K-Town Users Group. As I reflect upon the past year and the coming of a new year many thoughts enter my mind, and since we are short on material needed to fill this last page of text for the newsletter I thought I would use this space to share some of those thoughts with you.

When I think of the work load that I personally carry in behalf of the group I also think of several

other members who have served you in a dedicated manner during the past several months.

At the top of this list we must recognize our Vice President, Joe Simmons, who at such personal expense in time and travel has virtually taken over the President's responsibilities in the total absence of our President. As most of you know Joe lives in Etowah which is about sixty five miles distant from Knoxville. Mind you that is one hundred thirty miles round trip and most months Joe has made that round trip twice each month. Joe also travelled to Chicago at his expense and shared the experience with us along with some software goodies which he acquired while there. Joe has also been the author of much of our newsletter material during this past year. We could use a lot of members with the dedication exercised by Joe.

Another loyal worker has been Mike Epperson. Mike has served us faithfully over the years as our VP for a number of years, a constant participant at our executive meetings, and has faithfully prepared and supplied us with our DOM each month. And as recently demonstrated when we had problems with the group computer system, Mike has shared his technical skills which has saved the group considerable \$\$\$ over the years. We will suffer a great personal loss as Mike answers the call of the Big Blue. We have enjoyed your fellowship and appreciate all your contributions to the group as well as individual members, in the form of personal and technical services. We all hope you can see fit to continue in our fellowship.

For the lack of space in this newsletter I will be forced to mention briefly some others who promptly come to mind. There are others I am sure to overlook but that is due to an error of the mind and not of the heart. Bob Dushler has been a faithful and knowledgeable author for our newsletter. Rev. John Bull has favored us with newsletter articles and his programming skills. Bill Sheridan has done a superb job as editor of our newsletter. Jack Coleman has also answered the call of the Big Blue but he has continued to favor the group by assisting us in getting the newsletter printed at a considerable savings. Thanks Jack. We regret the loss of the services of our treasurer, Carl Minton, who was transferred to Atlanta but remains a faithful member and continues to meet with us when he can be in Knoxville. Carl just recently made some software contributions to our library which he acquired while attending the Chicago Faire.

In closing let me make this suggestion. We can best demonstrate our appreciation for these and others by renewing our membership early so that we can continue our fellowship as Ninety Niners in a strong and vibrant manner.

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