

## Machines are usually out to get me!

They tell me we're into the computer age. Heck, I haven't finished with the industrial age yet—not until I've mastered my vacuum cleaner!

Machines have brains. They sense when you're not very confident around them. They smell fear. So a computer positively terrifies me.

I won't even sit at the same desk as the family calculator. It knows I don't like it. It'll perform for any member of the family but me. You should see what it does with my numbers. Of course, I don't trust it and always doublecheck everything it tells me in my head. Takes twice as long but that's the modern way.

**Knees up, Mother Brown**

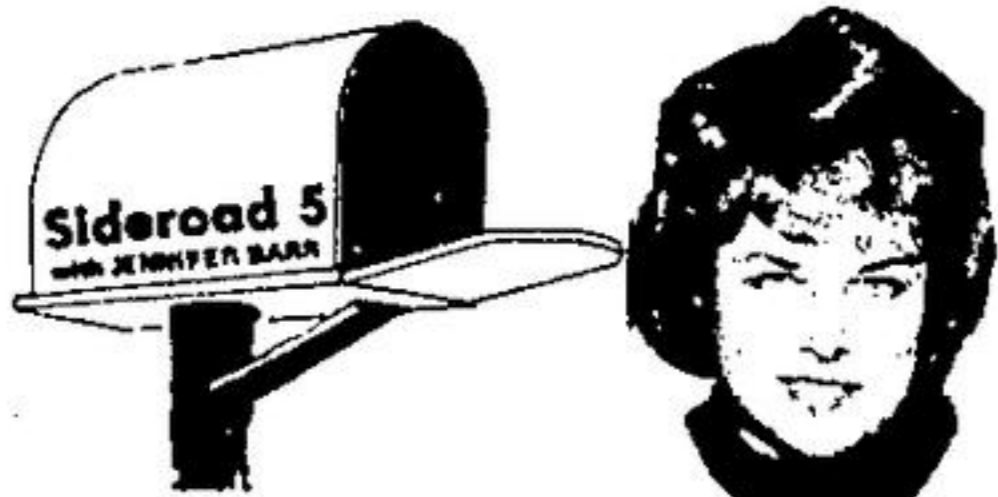
Machines are usually out to get me, too, but once in a while I develop a lasting relationship with one. My first washing machine became a dear friend after I'd learned to make allowances for his eccentricities.

It was a second marriage. He'd been with his first lady for about 10 years, but he did try. I learned early in our time together not to over-balance him. If I put too much of a load in one side, he'd start walking, stopping only when he reached the end of his electrical lead (a little like "The Day of the Trifids"). Unfortunately, he was stabled in the downstairs bathroom and would vibrate himself across the closed door so I couldn't even get in to calm him down.

When we'd started to argue and our relationship was breaking up, I found I could get a reasonable

performance out of him if I stood over him waving a screwdriver, threatening to end it all.

His successor was a dead loss, a fancy fellow who wooed me with large promises and pushbuttons. He drank far too much and spent most of his time throwing up all over the laundry room floor.



The third is a quiet machine without much pizzazz but it does its job efficiently and on time, although I do miss the excitement of battle. I'm not even sure whether this washer is male or not—it works too well to be anything but female.

One, two, cha-cha-cha

My cars are the same. Either they like me or they don't. The chap I have now is a willing fellow with a touch of class—I'm very fond of him, which is why I put up with his bouts of hypochondria.

He's had a bad dose of flu recently—must be the change in the weather. First it was his brakes. Then his universal joints. Now his front seat has de-

veloped a nasty slide. He spends more of his time on blocks in our garage lately. If he doesn't shape up soon we'll have to fire him.

The other night Mack and I were coming home from a dance. Mack had driven to the dance but I insisted on driving home. I slid into the front seat with all the grace one can muster lowering oneself from four inch disco heels into a Mustang body, and ended up falling on my back looking at the overhead light. Mack had left the seat back after he'd driven. That's kind of like sitting on the toilet when the seat's up.

Swearing gently, I slid the seat forward, only to have it pop back to starting position with no resistance whatsoever. Something important had fallen off under the seat and I had to drive home doing the Spanish Hustle with the seat between stop signs. The only thing keeping me from bumping my chest on the steering wheel was my seat belt wearing a deep groove in my navel.

How can you win?

With this kind of luck, I tremble when I think of doing battle with computers. How can one ever hope to win equality with an OHIP computer who doesn't read English. Or a Bell Telephone computer that eats cheques for breakfast and accuses you of failing to feed him at all. Or a car insurance computer that tells you, with utmost authority, you are two different people and have 47 vehicles.

Whoever said it was right—this world won't end with a bang but a whimper... mine!



Foal in a furry sweater. This little filly, just born last week, found the mid-week cold snap a bit hard to take, so owner Gail Maltby dressed her in a stylish red turtleneck. The Standardbred filly is out of racing trotter, K.F. Abraxas and sired by Elesnar. She is destined for the track in two years, but is concentrating on growing till then. The Maltby family live on the Third Line, north of Acton.

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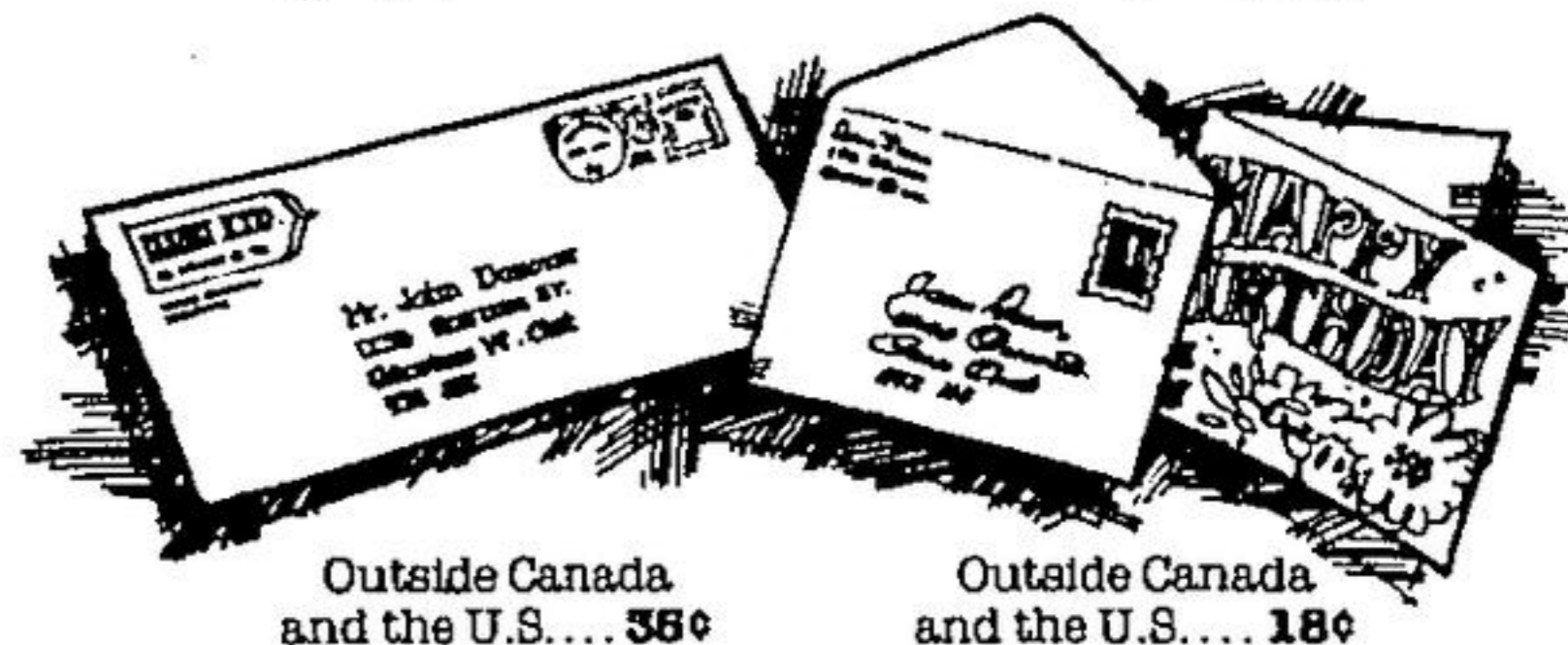
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## It ain't... Auld hosts ICG talk

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her around the block a couple of times, headed for home, and drove right through the back of the barn that was to serve as a garage, and he blamed my mother!

Another time, I saw him cut his finger, when the knife slipped as he was carving a roast. He didn't say a word. Just flung some blood on the tablecloth, turned purple, sawed the edge of the carving knife on the side of the plate, and ruined both.

Another time, I saw him break his big toe. By design, not by accident. He had had five "blowouts" in ten miles. That was in the days when your tube blew out, you had to jack up the car, extract the wheel, crack the tube from tire, patch the tube, and go through the whole process in reverse.

After the fourth time, the air pump, hand operated, refused to function. He calmly stood back, looked the whole operation over, and tried to kick the entire ap-

## Auld hosts ICG talk

A warm-up meeting between provincial government officials, local politicians and the Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) concerning a controversial Ontario Hydro corridor is slated for this afternoon at Toronto.

Ontario Energy Minister James Auld is hosting the meeting which is seen by the ICG as a stepping stone to Premier William Davis.

Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy and lawyers representing the town and the region plus ICG members are expected to attend. On the

other side several ministry advisors may attend with the deputy minister of energy.

ICG spokesman John Minns said he expects the minister will take under advisement what the anti-hydro corridor group presents. Later on the minister is likely to make recommendations to the premier concerning further steps.

## Vehicles collide

A car driven by Patricia Gibson, Mill Street W. was in collision last Wednesday with a parked car owned by David Elliott, Mill Street W. police said. The mishap occurred in front of Elliott's residence at 123 Mill St. W. Estimated damages were \$400 to Elliott's vehicle, \$100 to Gibson's.

paratus, wheel rim, tire, tube and air pump, over the nearest fence. He collapsed with a groan, and my mother, who was an excellent engineer and repairwoman, as is my wife, had to wait for the next motorist to help out, while my Day lay in the back seat, muttering through his teeth words that I have since learned are palliative to such a situation.

So it ain't my fault. It's the genes.



Five students from Acton High School are attempting to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest continual artificial respiration over the next three days. The group began the project Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and are hoping to finish on Friday at 8 a.m. giving them 70 straight hours of artificial respiration breaking the old record of 60 hours. The event has been sponsored by Frank Vetere's in Georgetown and is taking place in the basement of St. Joseph's church. The group includes Nancy Patterson, Richard Stanley, Barb Hogenbirk, Ray Mueller and Gwyneth Gibb, (seated).

## High school students attempt Guinness record

Five students from Acton High School have taken advantage of the March break to attempt to break a Guinness World Book of Records for the longest continual artificial respiration.

The students, Nancy Patterson, Richard Stanley, Barb Hogenbirk, Ray Mueller and Gwyneth Gibb, decided to take a stab at the record after leafing through the 1977 Guinness book.

The current record is 60 hours while the Acton students are looking to carry on for 70. Each member of the group will apply, in 15 minute intervals, the techniques of artificial respiration to the dummy victim.

The students began the event on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and are slated to finish on Friday at 8 a.m.

Frank Vetere's of Georgetown is sponsoring the event and supplying the participants with lunch and dinner. The group was to do the event at Vetere's but security reasons have forced the group to use the basement of St. Joseph's church for their quest for

the Guinness record.

Many different people have volunteered to be witnesses for the group including Halton Hills Aquatics supervisor Glen Campbell, and Halton Board of Education swim instructors Lynn

Fountain and Doris Kovacs.

The group, manned with sleeping bags, cards and other necessities will be in the basement of the church until Friday doing their bit in what they call the "longest kiss of life."

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