

A thumbnail history of Father's Day

"Honor thy father..." sayeth the Bible, and honor her father she did!

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd was a child of the west, whose mother passed away when she was still quite young, and the responsibility of rearing a family of five sons and a daughter was vested in their Civil War vet father, William Smart.

Out of her love and admiration for what her father did to keep the family together, united, industrious, dedicated to the American lifestyle, Mrs. Dodd, after she became a young mother, conceived of the idea of a Father's Day, to honor her own beloved father and the American fathers who had assumed responsibility for carrying the torch of democracy.

In 1909, when Mrs. Dodd brainstormed the idea of Father's Day, we were a nation just out of swaddling clothes. The specter of World War I had not yet loomed on the horizon, and there were not yet 100,000,000 Americans spread across the vast three million square miles of continent. (In fact, the 48th state had not yet been admitted to the Union.)

It took a year of dedicated effort to gestate the notion of Father's Day, a year in which Mrs. Dodd developed her concept with the ministers of Spokane, the YMCA and civic leaders.

Then, in June of 1910, the first Father's Day was

observed in Spokane, Washington, where the Dodd family resided. Mrs. Dodd's hope was to give the first Father's Day to her father on his birthday, which in 1910 was the first Sunday in June. But, there was red tape even 75 years ago. The ministers of Spokane just couldn't get their special sermons prepared in time, so a compromise was agreed upon, designating Father's Day as the third Sunday in June in Spokane in 1910.

The tradition took hold and is still with us. Father's Day, now, by Congressional resolution is a national holiday, to be observed the third Sunday in every June, and to be proclaimed as a national holiday by the President.

Although the resolution was made official long after Father's Day was popularly accepted by nearly the entire country, William Jennings Bryan long ago noted the significance of a day set aside to honor our fathers. Later, Presidents Wilson and Coolidge added their voices of support to the growing institution that gained in meaning and observance, year by year, because Americans "took" to the idea.

Now, Father's Day, being observed for the 75th year in 1985, is a part of our social fabric, participated in by over 96 percent of the American public. Father's Day has become a day of fun and good feeling, characterized by family get-togethers,

outdoor barbecues, an avalanche of greeting cards and gifts in such profusion as to rival Christmas.

Father's Day has also assumed international importance, and is now observed in more than 30 lands around the world! In nearby Canada, in far-off Australia, in Japan, Hong Kong, England, and throughout Western Europe and down into Southernmost Africa.

William Smart, in whose honor the first Father's Day was conceived, died in 1919, but he lived to see the growth and acceptance of a day to honor and respect all fathers for the responsibility that they have accepted for their families, their communities and their country. After only 75 years, almost as many families observe Father's Day as observe Christmas and Easter: Proof of its importance.

This year, remember your father on Sunday, June 16th, the Diamond Anniversary of Father's Day.

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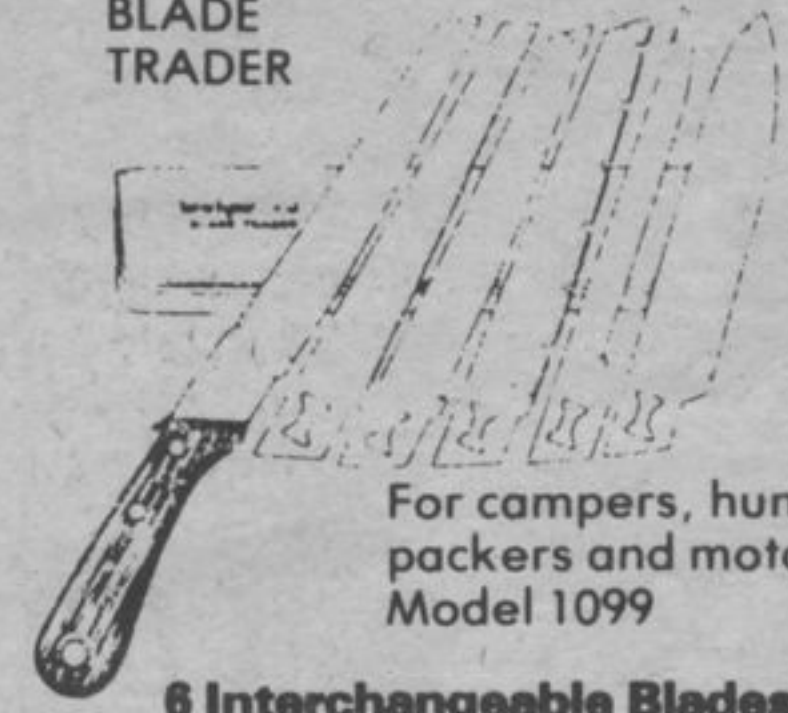
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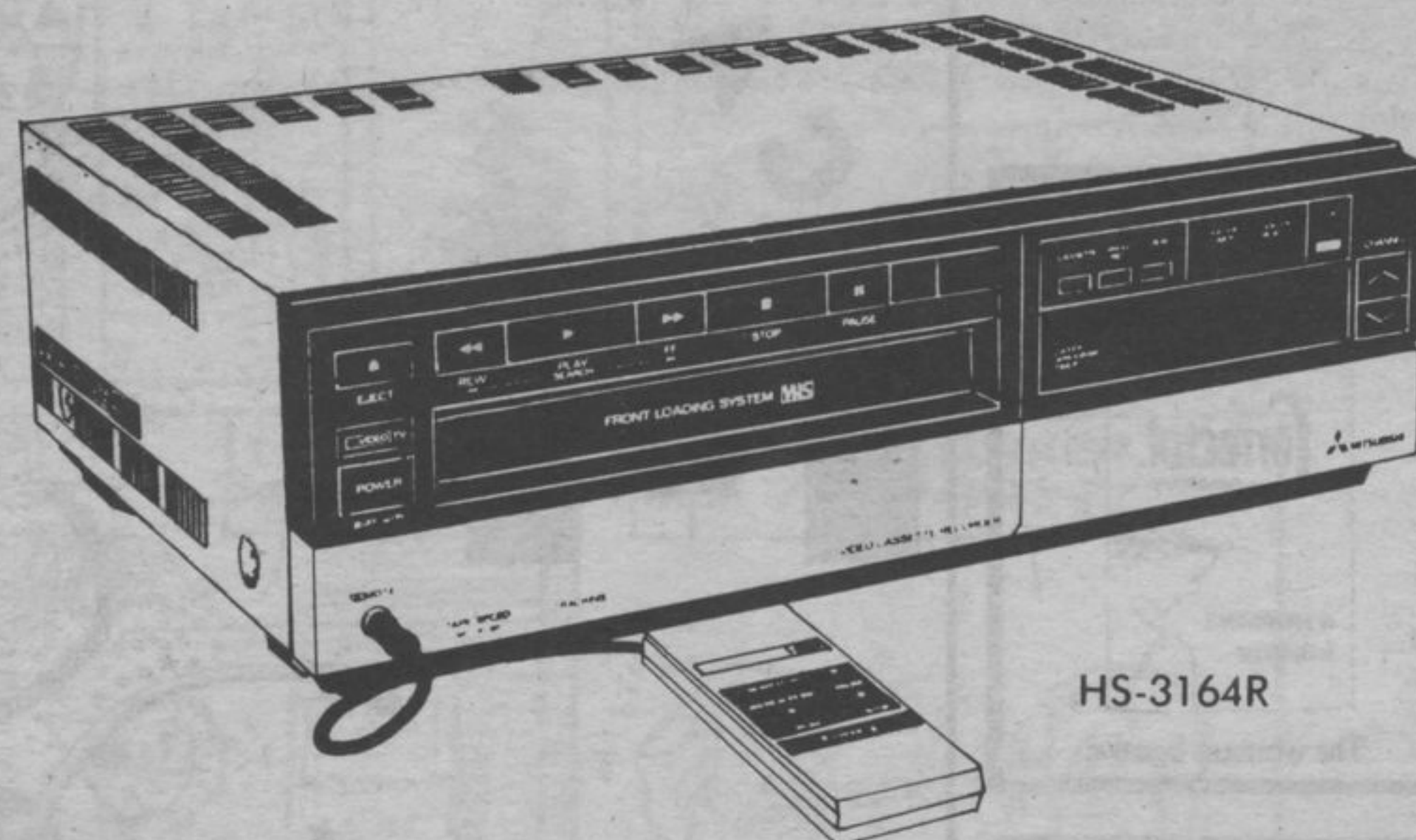
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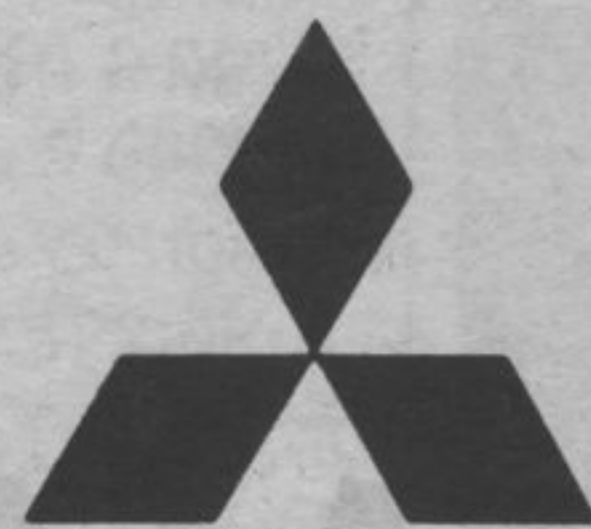


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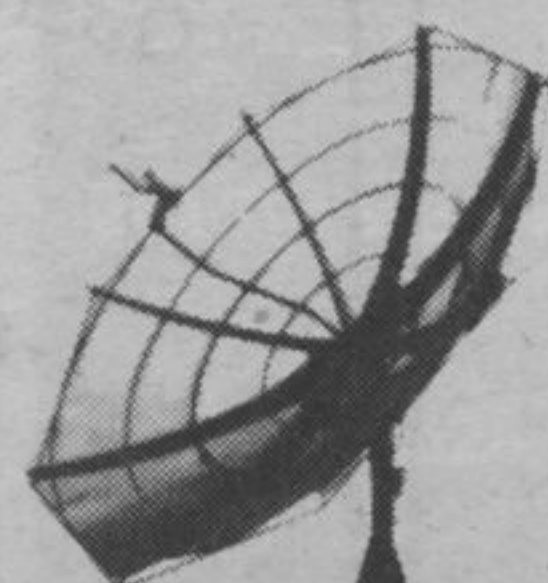
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