

Photo by Gary Stewart

**LAZY DAYS** - Spring is here—although the weather the first of this week didn't show it—and it's time for soaking in the sunshine. Mirror photographer Gary Stewart caught his cat napping under a tree on one of our warm days.

## Fire Facts

By Bill Herndon



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill Herndon is fire prevention officer of the Kings Mountain Fire Department and his duties cover every facet of fire prevention in the home, industry and in-vironment.)

Despite efforts to prevent fire, it sometimes does strike, and every family should have a plan of action for saving lives and property. All members of the family should help plan and become familiar with the fire emergency plan.

(1) Each member of the family should be familiar with two possible routes to the ground from every room in the house. Special emphasis should be placed on safe exits from bedrooms. Ladders may be necessary from second floor rooms.

(2) Develop a method whereby each member of the family can be aroused quickly.

(3) Designate a meeting place for all members of the family so they can be accounted for after leaving a burning building.

(4) See that all screens and windows can be easily opened or removed. Everyone should understand that windows can be broken if necessary to provide a quick safe exit. Articles such as chairs or heavy toys should be identified as suitable for breaking glass. Ways to avoid cuts should be pointed out.

(5) Each member of the family should be warned to make a simple test if he is in a closed room and smells smoke. Before opening the door, he should place the back of his hand against the door. If the door feels hot, the hallway is already filled with deadly gases. Keep the door closed and use another escape route.

(6) Have periodic fire drills.

(7) As soon as everyone is outside the house, call the fire department. Your plan should include an alternate means of calling for help in case you cannot reach a telephone in your house.

Kings Mountain Fire Department phone numbers are 739-2551 and 739-2552.

## Sterchi's Reports Increase

Earnings of Sterchi Bros. Stores, Inc. for fiscal year ended February 28, 1974, were \$1,478,834, or \$1.12 per share, an increase of 6.9 percent over earnings of \$1,383,232 or \$1.05 per share for the previous year, with per-share earnings for the previous year restated to reflect the 10 percent stock dividend paid in September of 1973.

As previously released, the company's sales for the year were \$31,430,557, up 8.9 percent over sales of \$28,853,808 for the previous year.

Sales of \$2,295,120 for March of 1974, the first month of the company's new fiscal year, were 6.96 percent above March sales last year, and continued the company's 39-month record of increases over months of prior periods. Sales for March last year were \$2,145,826.

Sterchi's is a Knoxville-based firm operating 67 retail home-furnishings stores in eight southeastern states. The Kings Mountain store is located at 126 W. Mountain St.

**BEYAA! KARATE**

A new beginners class in karate is scheduled for each Friday evening starting April 19 at Erwin Center in Gastonia.

The classes will run from 7 to 8 p.m. and a monthly fee of \$3.50 will be charged.

For further information contact Cynthia Byers at 867-9419.

The classes already in progress will continue to meet as scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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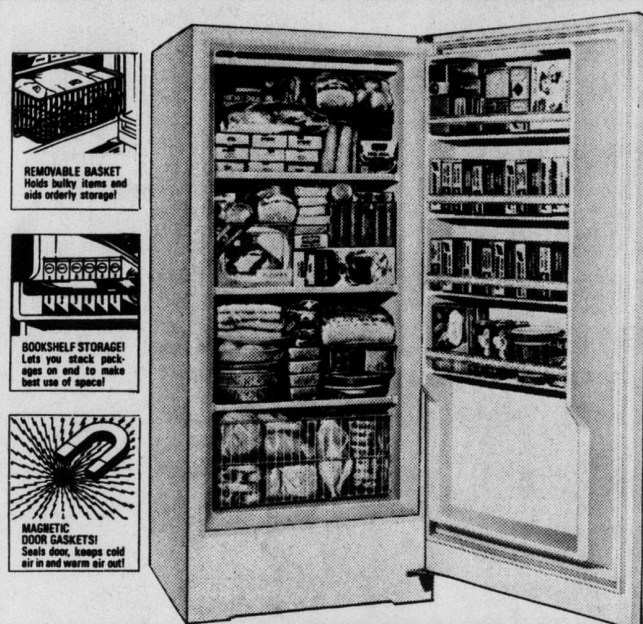
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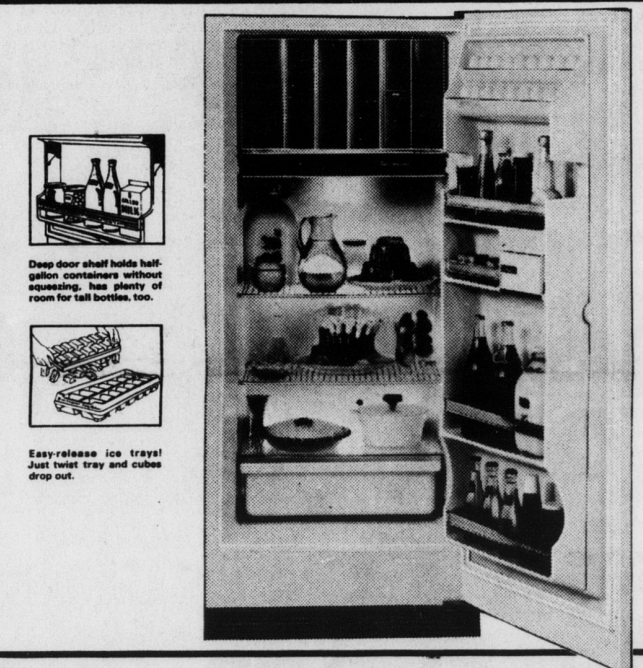
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- ✓ Holds up to 405 Pounds of Food!
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**AUTOMATIC WASHER** with all porcelain enamel inside and outside, resists rust, stains, scratches and mars. 2-speed control, family size capacity, convenient top loading protective clothes guard, lid switch, smooth wall tub and heavy duty transmission. See this terrific buy in an electric automatic washer today!

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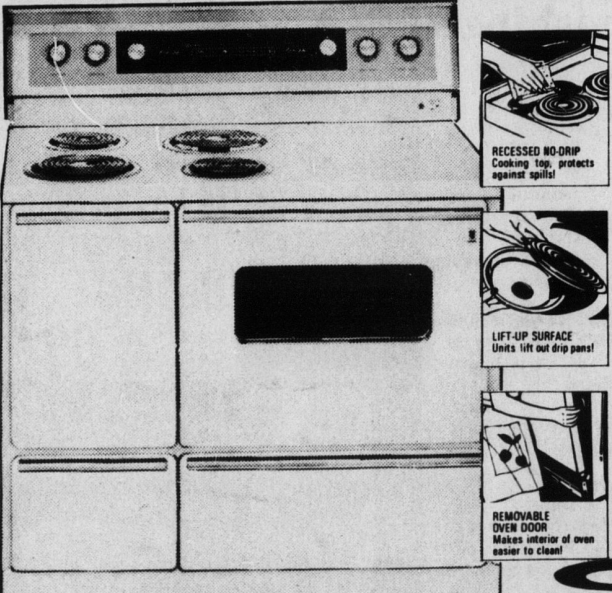
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Priced for a Sell-out **\$239** WITH TRADE

- ✓ Controls on Full Width Deluxe Backguard with Appliance Outlet and Full Width Fluorescent Lighting!
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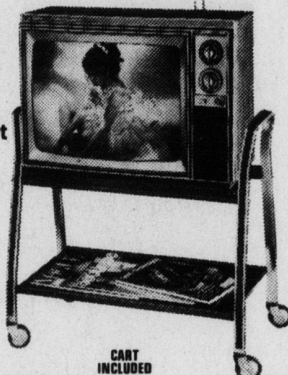
## Motorola 14" MEAS DIAG Personal Portable TV With Fast Back Mini Chassis



Instant picture and sound. Detent "click" UHF tuner. Golden M picture tube. Front mounted controls and speaker. Built-in carry handle.

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## Motorola 19" MEAS DIAG Quasar Portable Color TV With Handsome Roll-About Cart



Modular solid state chassis. Plug-in circuit modules. Bright picture tube. Insta-Matic color tuning. Detent UHF "click" tuner.

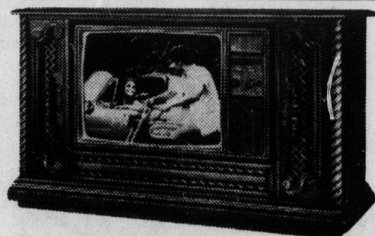
**\$419<sup>95</sup>** CONVENIENT TERMS! CART INCLUDED



## Motorola 25" MEAS DIAG Quasar II Console Color TV With Works In A Drawer

100% solid state chassis. Insta-Matic color tuning. Bright picture tube. Energy saver switch. Controls and speaker out front. Maple finish.

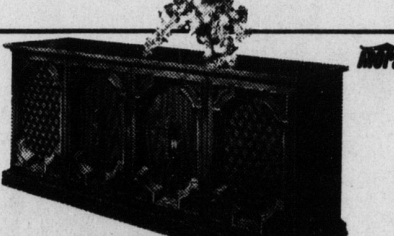
**\$649<sup>95</sup>** CONVENIENT TERMS!



## Motorola 25" Color TV Console (diag. meas.) With works in the drawer

Modular solid-state chassis. Insta-matic tuning. Bright picture tube, plug-in circuit modules. Pecan finish.

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