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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON February 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

FROM:

PETER SORUM SUSAN PORTER Action Memo

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Luncheon/Style Show "Affair of the Heart"

GROUP: Women's Board, Washington Heart Association

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 1976

TIME: 11:45 am Head Table Reception begins 12:30 pm Luncheon begins

PLACE: Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

CONTACT: Mrs. George W. Dick, Luncheon Chairman 379-1452

COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford will again attend the annual luncheon --Affair of the Heart--given by the Women's Board of the Washington Heart Association. She will wear a dress being featured in the fashion show designed by Mr. Loren and being given by Bloomingdale's. Proceeds from the Luncheon are used to benefit the Heart Association's many heart research programs. The file is attached as is a copy of last year's scenario. Thank you.

c: BF Staff Red Cavaney William Nicholson Sara Massengale Rex Scouten Staircase

WOMEN'S BOARD

WASHINGTON HEART ASSOCIATION

3579 South Stafford Street Arlington, Virginia 22206 February 4, 1976

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Ford,

Word that your schedule will permit you to be the Honor Guest at the 28th "Affair of the Heart" Luncheon on February 12, completes my anticipation for a perfect event.

The Women's Board, as well as our guests, look forward to a successful day with your presence at the luncheon.

It is my pleasure to report that this luncheon is the most financially successful in our 28 years and was a sellout last week. The hotel agreed to set up a few more tables since the demand for tickets continues.

We look forward to having you with us at the assemblage reception prior to the luncheon in the Wilmington Room at 11:45.

> Sincerely yours, Mus. Lenge N. Dick

Mrs. George W. Dick "Affair of the Heart" Luncheon Chairman



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December 4, 1975

Dear Mrs. Dick.

Your gracious letter to Mrs. Ford inviting her to attend the 28th annual Valentine "Affair of the Heart" Luncheon being planned by the Women's Board of the Washington Heart Association is greatly appreciated. Although the official schedule is planned only a few weeks in advance, we would be happy to keep your cordial invitation in mind. May we be in communication with you closer to the date?

With gratitude and warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

Susan Porter Appointments Secretary for Urs. Ford

Vrs. George V. Dick Luncheon Chairman Women's Board Vashington Heart Association 3579 South Stafford Street Arlington, Virginia 22206

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WASHINGTON HEART ASSOCIATION

3579 South Stafford Street Arlington, Virginia 22206 October 8, 1975

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ford,

On February 12, 1976, the Women's Board will hold its 28th annual Valentine "Affair of the Heart" Luncheon at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Proceeds from this charitable event have supported many heart research programs over the years, including purchasing expensive equipment for Coronary Care Units in area hospitals; instructional systems for training nurses and other personnel in these Units; a threeyear teaching fellowship in cardio-vascular diseases; funding for 20 students in the High School Heart Research Program; training for hypertension discovery in the High School Blood Detection Program; and our newest and most exciting purchase of "Resuscitation Annies" used in Instructor Training of emergency cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques.

As you may know, Bloomingdale's will sponsor a "sneak preview" of its entry into the Washington market by presenting the classic and exciting Spring and Summer Collection of Ralph Loren. Bloomingdale's President, Mr. Marvin Traub, has expressed interest in having you wear one of Mr. Loren's designs, if this meets with your approval. We will work out the details on this matter at a later date.

Mrs. Patrick Buchanan contacted Miss Porter in mid-June to request that the Heart Luncheon be listed on your busy calendar. Your presence as our honor guest contributed to making last year's luncheon exciting and memorable. The Women's Board hopes your schedule will permit you to be our honor guest again in 1976.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. George Nr. Dick

Mrs. George W. Dick Luncheon Chairman

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL VALENTINE LUNCHEON OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF THE WASHINGTON HEART ASSOCIATION Sheraton Park Hotel Friday, February 4, 1975

12:00 noon

Mrs. Ford boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTOR CADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route Sheraton Park Hotel.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

12:10 pm

MOTOR CADE ARRIVES Sheraton Park Hotel (Calvert Street entrance)

> Mrs. Ford will be met by: Mrs. Richard (Susan) Gill, Valentine Luncheon Chairman Mrs. George (Diddy) Stewart, Chairman Women's Board Mr. Nord Schweibert, Sheraton Park Vice President

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12:12 pm

Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Stewart, proceeds to the Wilmington Room for informal head table reception.

12:15 pm

Mrs. Ford arrives Wilmington Room for informal head table reception.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50

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[Driving time: 10 minutes]

2:15 pm MOTOR CADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

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- 12:12 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Sumter, proceeds to the Wilmington Room for informal reception with head table guests and other special invitees.
- 12:15 pm Mrs. Ford arrives Wilmington Room for informal head table reception.

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12:30 pm Mrs. Ford and the other head table guests depart Wilmington Room en route Sheraton Hall entrance for individual introductions.

12:34 pm Announcement of Mrs. Ford

12:35 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Sumter, proceeds to seat at head table. Attendance 1400

NOTE: Most press in attendance are as invited guests and are seated at tables. Photographers and crews will be escorted for photos to head table and models ramp.

- 12:40 pm Luncheon is served.
- 1:30 pm Luncheon concludes. Fashion show by Bloomingdales begins featuring Ralph Laurens spring/summer collection.
- 2:30 Fashion show concludes. Mrs. Dick thanks Mrs. Ford for attending and announces continuing program.
- 2:33 pm Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mrs. Sumter, departs head table en route motorcade for boarding.

2:35 pm MOTORCADE DEPARTS Sheraton Park Hotel en route South Grounds.

(Driving time: 10 minutes)

2:45 pm MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.

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BACKGROUNDER on Washington Heart Luncheon

Guest list for head table reception attached. It includes many of the cabinet wives, officers of the organization and guest models (Rep. and Mrs. John Jenrette, Rep. and Mrs. Butler Derrick, D-SC, Page Lee Hufty and others).

This is the 28th annual "Affair of the Heart" luncheon. It's a sellout with 1400 attending (200 more than last year). Proceeds go to heart research programs, purchasing expensive equipment for hospitals, training programs for nurses, etc.

Bloomingdales will sponsor the fashion show with Ralph Lauren's spring and summer collection. Both Ralph Lauren and Marvin Traub, the president of Bloomingdales, will be in the head table reception.

Jack Williams will be your advanceman. He works for GSA and has done other events for you -- the Nevelson unveiling in Philadelphia, the mini Calder at the Hirshorn, St. John's Church Bazaar and Soft Shoe exhibition...

Also, you might want to be aware that Julie Eisenhower is listed as a guest, seated at a table to your right in the second row of tables back from the head table. Also, another table is almost all congressmen's wives. It's in the first row to your left and includes Mrs. Larry Wynn, Mrs. Bob Michel, Rep. and Mrs. Keith Sebelius, Mrs. John Rhodes, and Mrs. John Tower.

Patty mattern & Greg newell

HEAD TABLE ASSEMBLAGE RECEPTION -- Only names appearing on this sheet of paper will be permitted inside the Wilmington Room, 11:45 a.m., February 12:

Mrs. Warren Burger Mrs. Donald Rumsfold on europe Mrs. William Simon Mrs. Earl Butz Mrs. F. David Mathews Mrs. Walter Washington Mrs. William Coleman, Jr.

Heart Assn. & Women's Board

Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Shugoll, Pres. WHA Mr. Ray Saunders, Exec. Dir., WHA Mr. Robert Hodgson, Fund Raising Dir., WHA Mr. Edwin K. Hoffman, Campaign Chairman

Mrs. John Sumter, Jr., (And Mr.) Women's Bd. Chm. M/M. George W. Dick, Luncheon Chm. Mrs. John Kramer, Luncheon Vice Chm.

Mrs. Joseph Selden, Reservations Comm. Chm. Mrs. James W. Lewis, Decorations Chm. Mrs. Michael Gardner, Hostesses Chm. Mrs. Marion Smoak, Publicity Mrs. Barron K. Grier, Special Guests Chm. Mrs. Georgia Webster, Member, Spec. Guests Mrs. David F. Webster, """" Mrs. Charles Weber, """" Mrs. Charles Weber, """" Mrs. Wm. E. Carroll, Door Prizes Chm. Mrs. J. Hillman Zahn, Special Events Chm. Mrs. Tom E. Paro, Program Chm. Mrs. Frederic Malek, Invitations Chm. Mrs. Edwin Hoffman, Wife of Campaign Chm.

Bloomingdale's store:

M/N Marvin Traub, Pres. Miss Peggy Healy, P.R. Dir. Mr. Ralph Lauren, N.Y. Fashion Designer Mrs. Milton Dunham, Jr., Stamford, Conn. Store

Other guests:

Ms. Maxine McDuffy (Legal Asst. to Cong. Derrick) Ms. Deborah Dick, daughter of Mrs. Dick Mr. Michael Dick, son of Mrs. Dick

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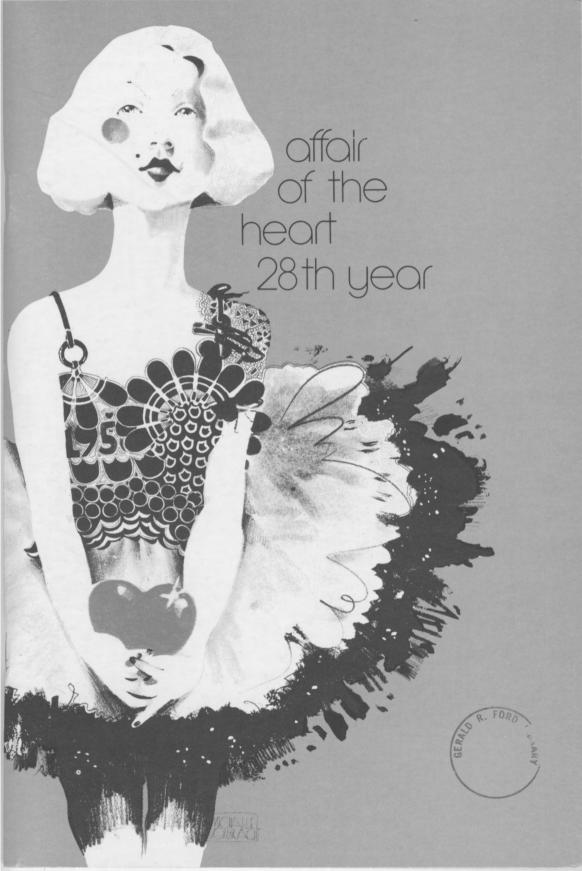
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FASHION SHOW GUEST MODELS:

Congressman John Jenrette (S.C.) " and Mrs. Butler Derrick (S.C.) Dr. & Mrs. Robert Simmons (Howard U. Hospital Thoracic Surgeon) Mrs. Jewell Shepperd Dr. & Mrs. W. W. Funderburk

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Our "Heart" working committee is looking at gifts which are to be used as door prizes for the February 12th luncheon. Shown from left to right in the back row are Mrs. Frederic V. Malek, Mrs. Tom Paro, Mrs. Barron K. Grier and Mrs. Joseph H. Selden. In the front row are Mrs. John E. Sumter, Jr., Mrs. George W. Dick, Mrs. John F. Kramer and Mrs. Edwin K. Hoffman. It's time you had a banker you can talk to. We listen at National Savings and Trust

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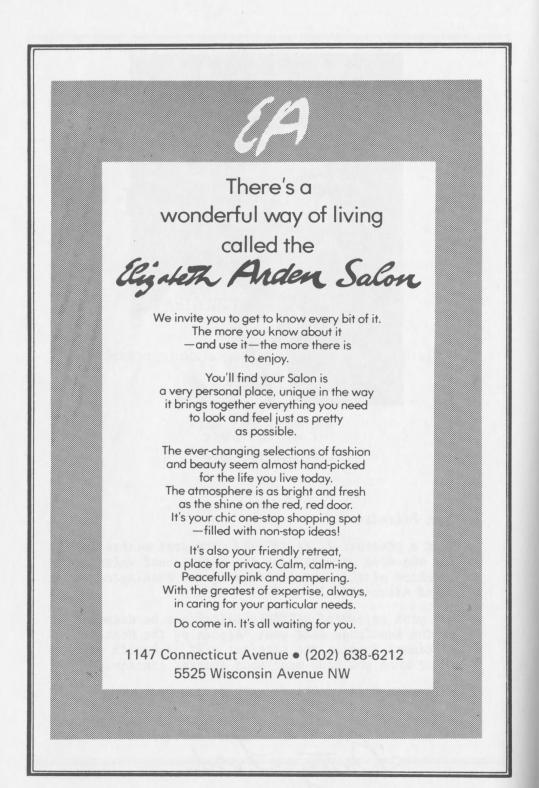
Dear Friends:

What a pleasure it is to send warm good wishes to all who have gathered for the 28th annual Valentine Luncheon of the Women's Board of the Washington Heart Association!

May your enjoyment of today's fashions be deepened by the knowledge that your "Affair of the Heart" continues to give the precious gift of health to those whom you have made your special concern.

With very best wishes to each of you,

Sincerely, etty -



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Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, Honor Guest

Mrs. Warren Earl Burger, Wife of the Chief Justice of the United States Mrs. William E. Simon, Wife of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States

Mrs. Donald Rumsfeld, Wife of the Secretary of Defense of the United States

Mrs. Earl L. Butz, Wife of the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States

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Mrs. William T. Coleman, Jr., Wife of the Secretary of Transportation of the United States

Mrs. Walter E. Washington, Wife of the Mayor of the District of Columbia

Dr. Gerald I. Shugoll, President of the Washington Heart Association

Mr. Edwin K. Hoffman, Campaign Chairman

Mr. Marvin S. Traub, President, Bloomingdale's

Mrs. John E. Sumter, Jr., Chairman of the Women's Heart Board

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Misses Molly Shulman and Susan Peery for helping dress the models

The Junior Hostesses:

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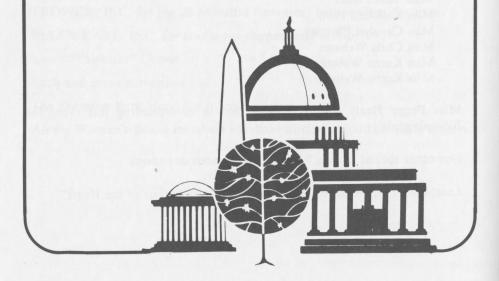
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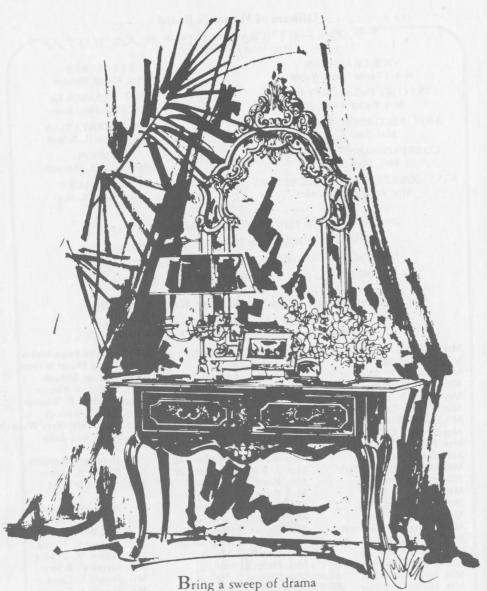
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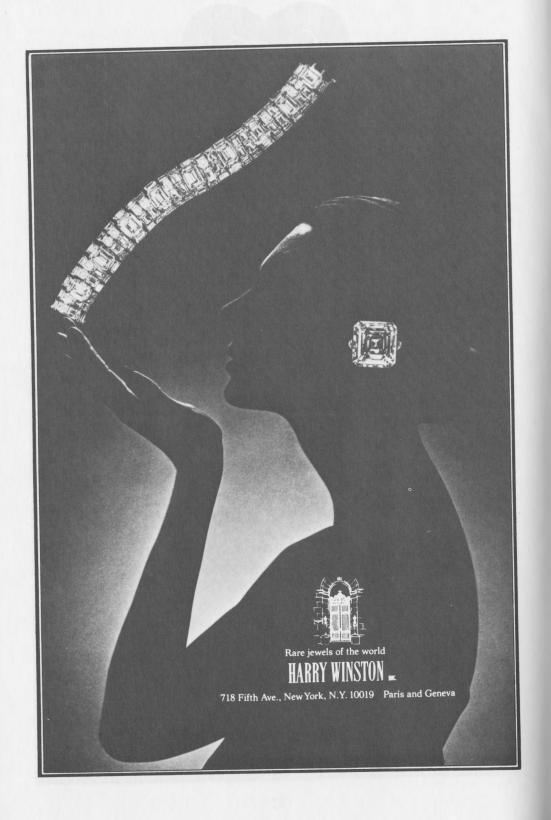


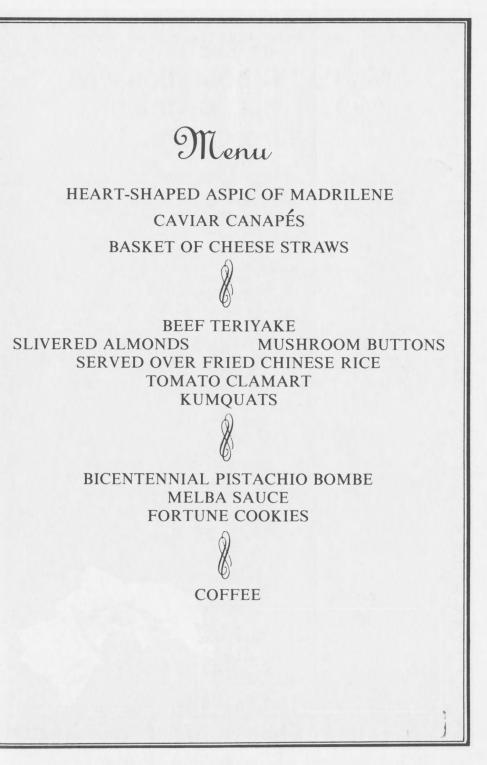
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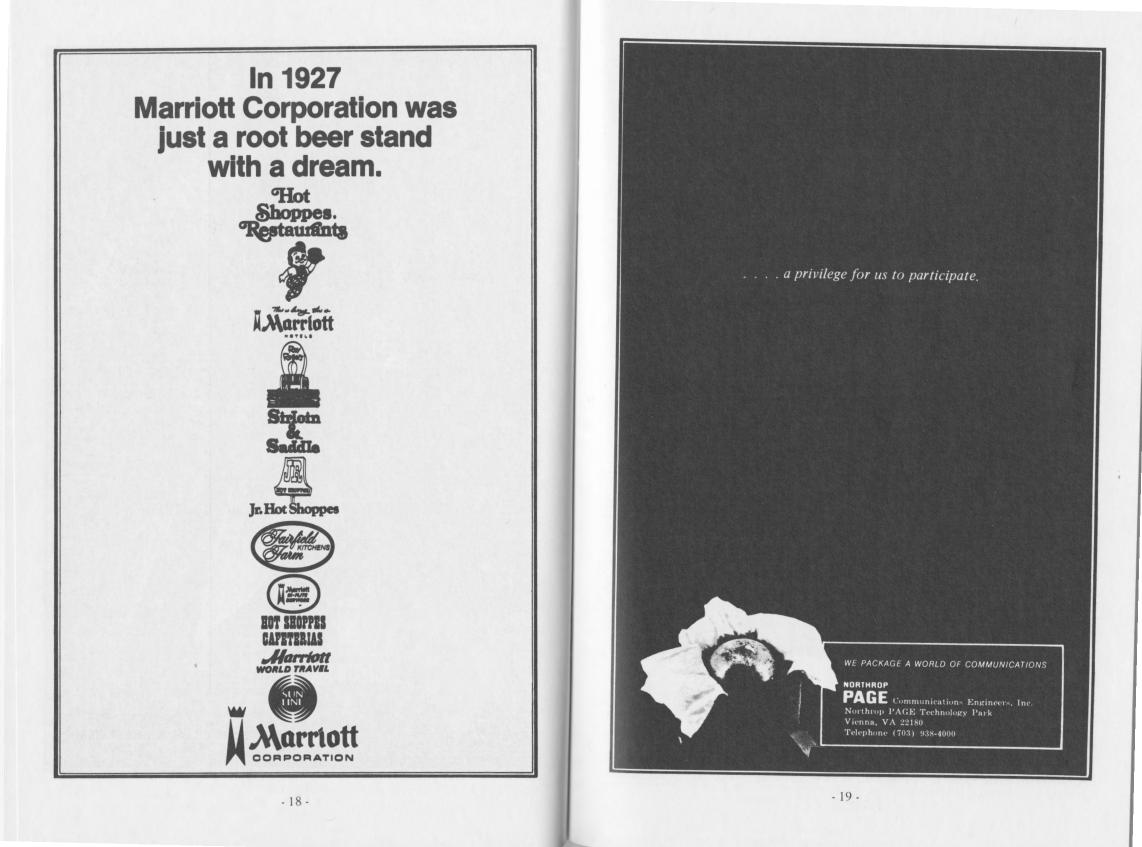
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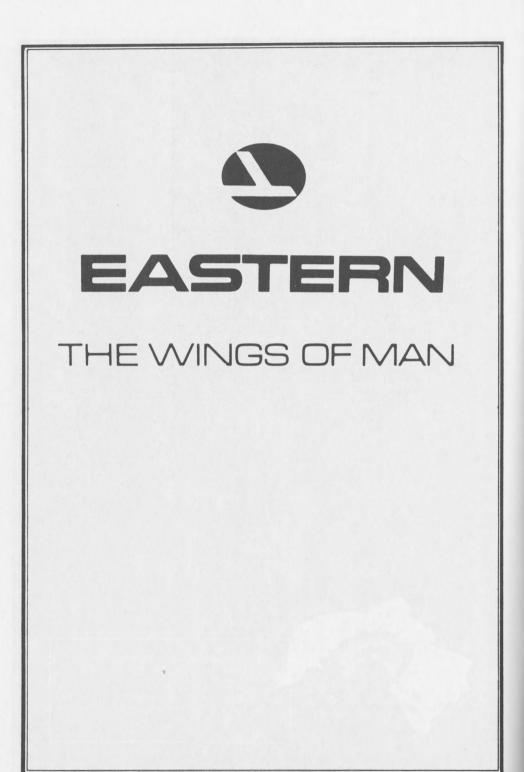
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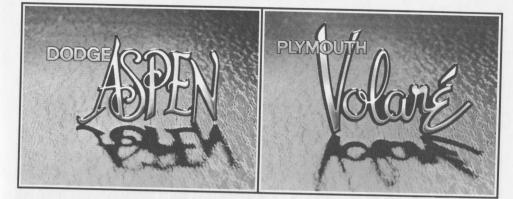
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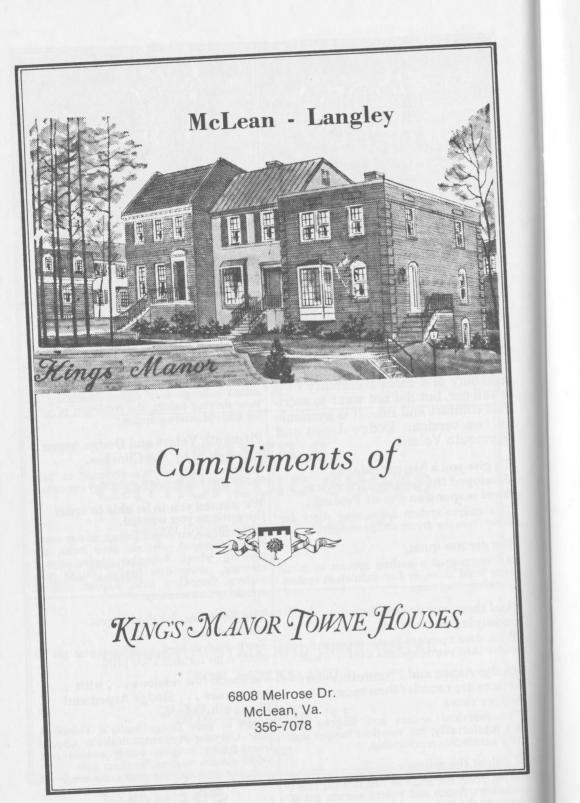
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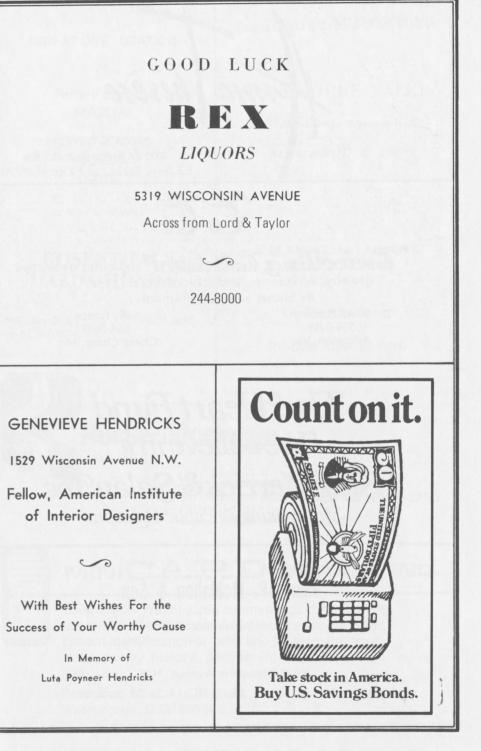
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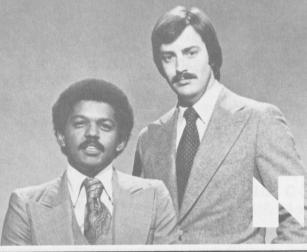
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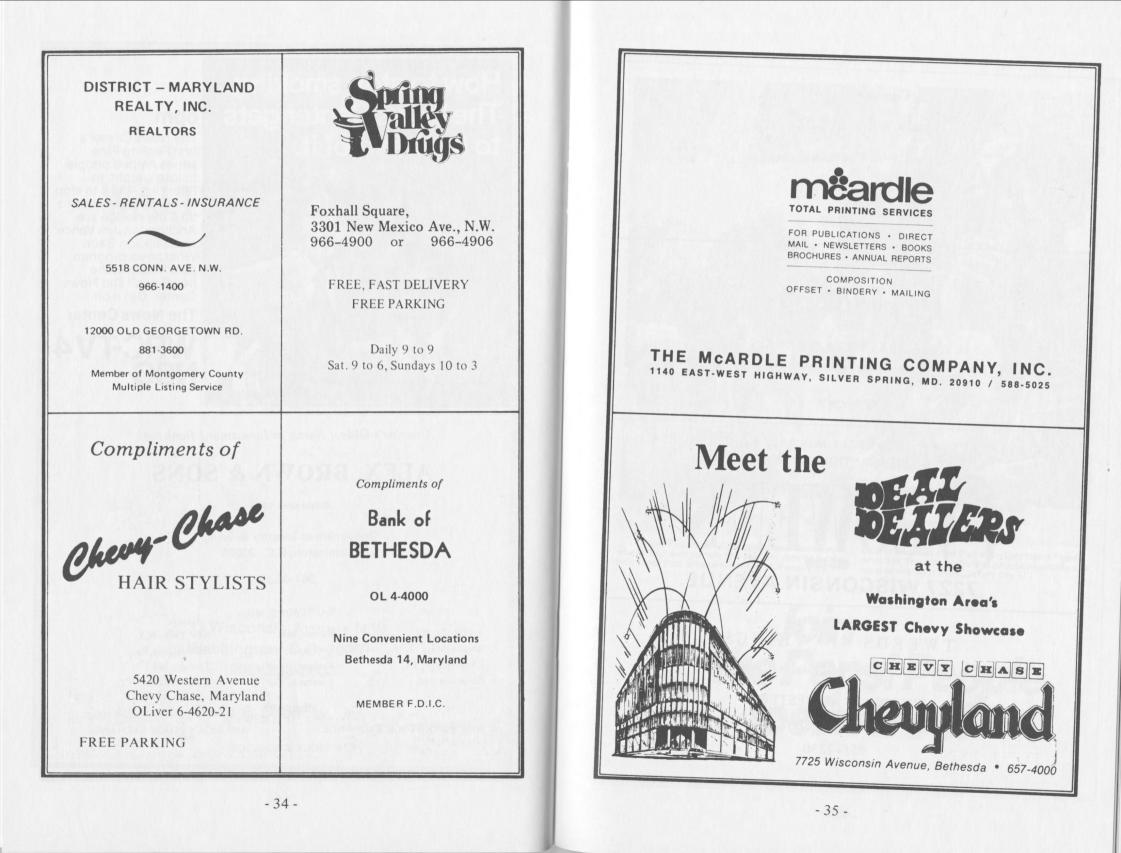
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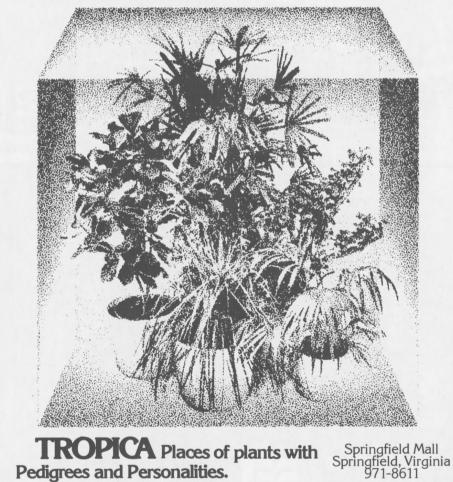
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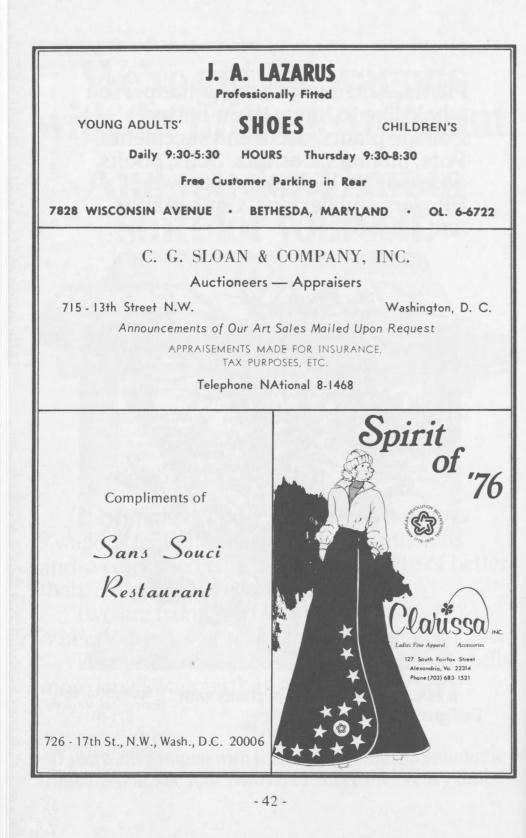
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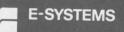
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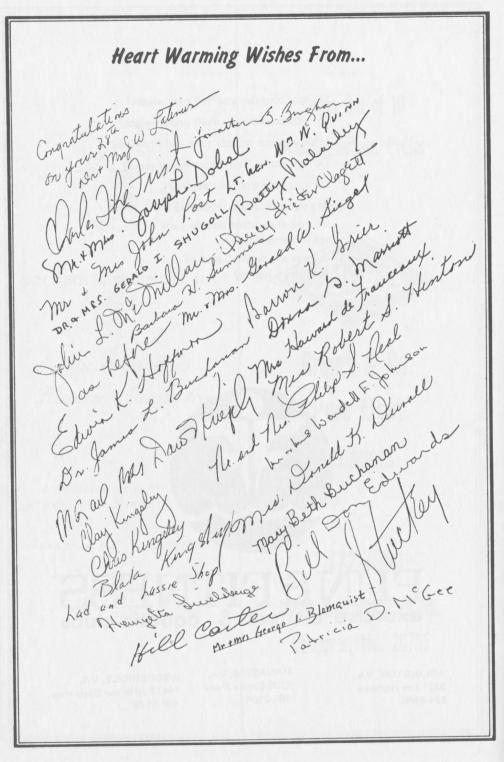
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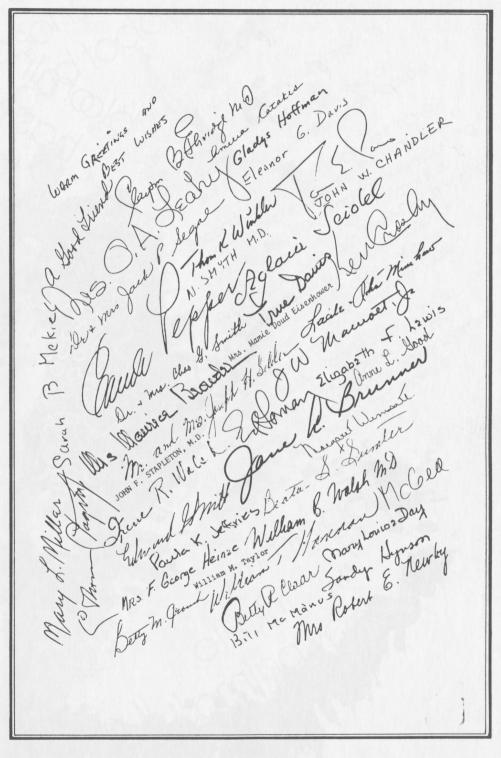
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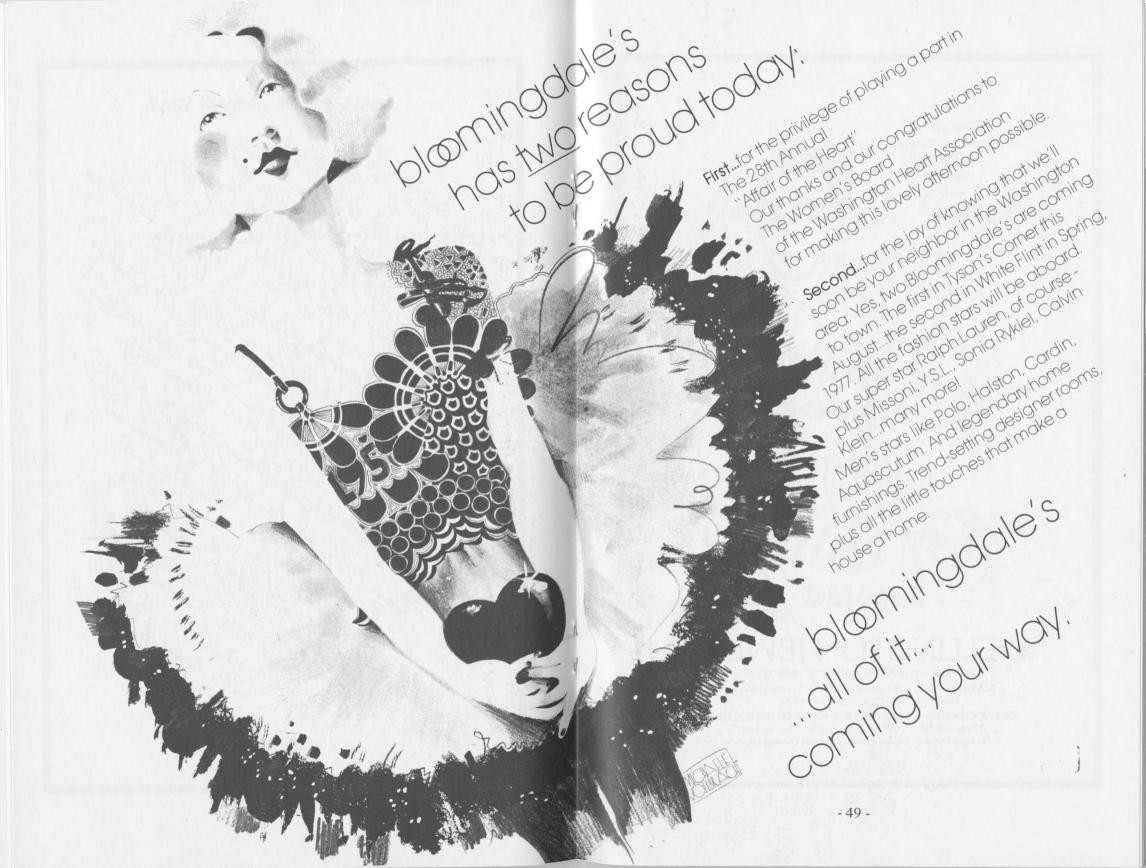
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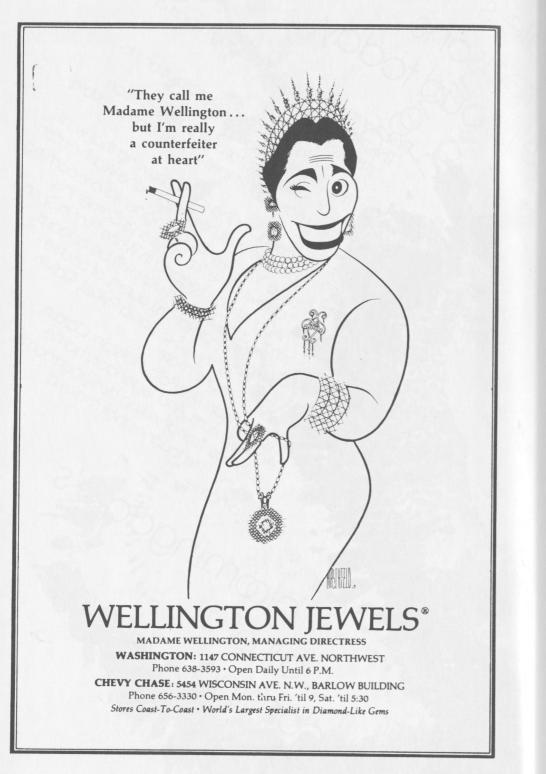
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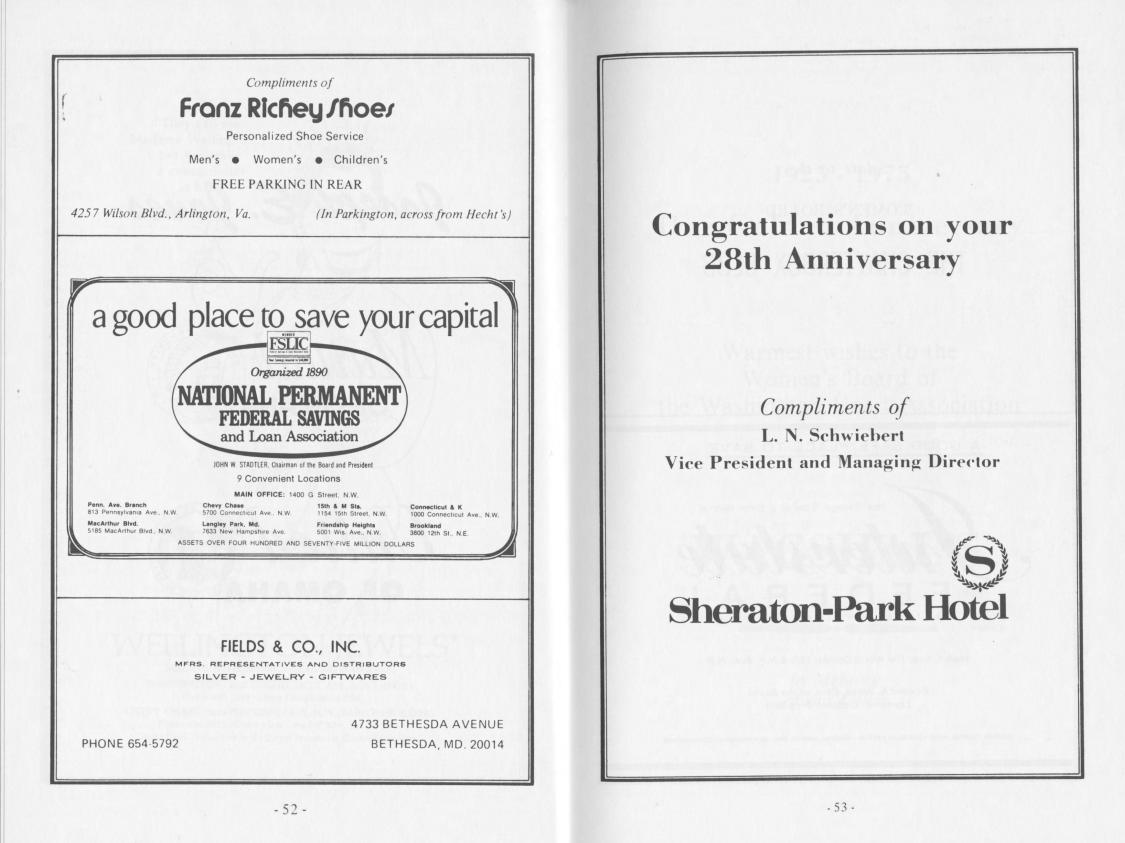


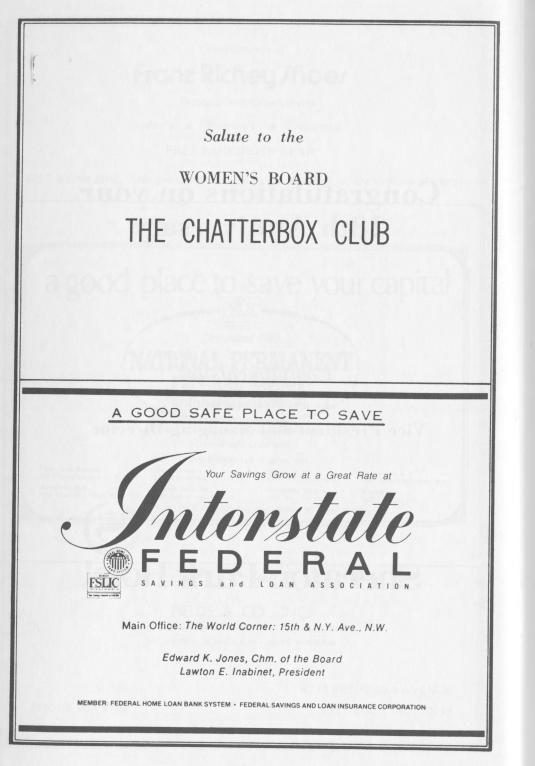
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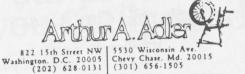
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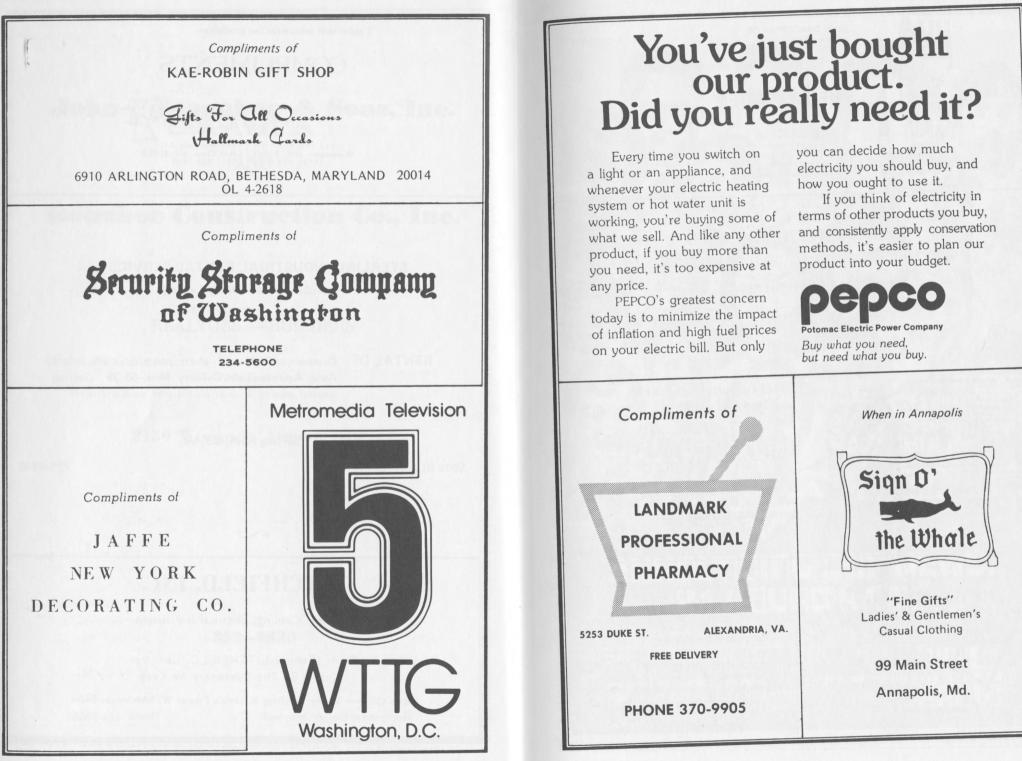
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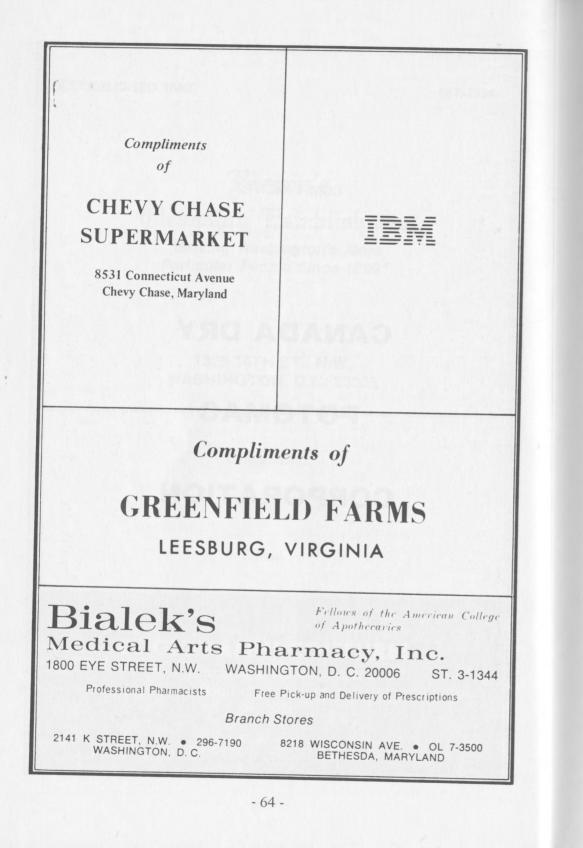
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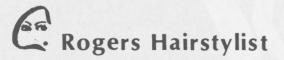
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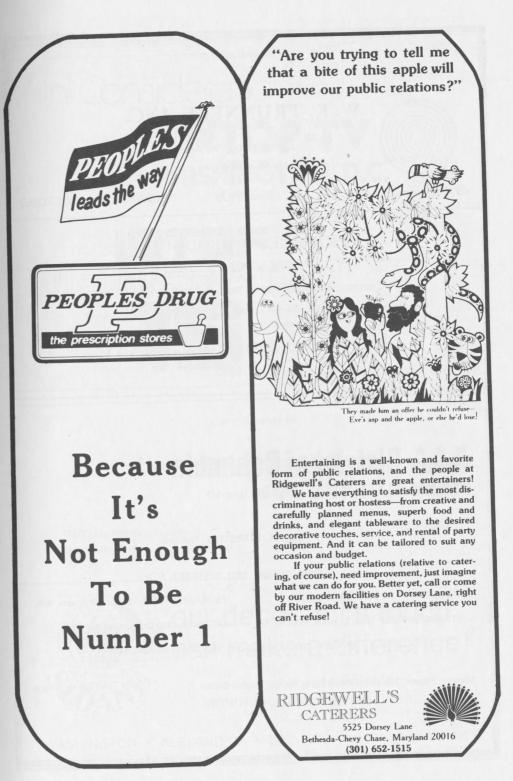
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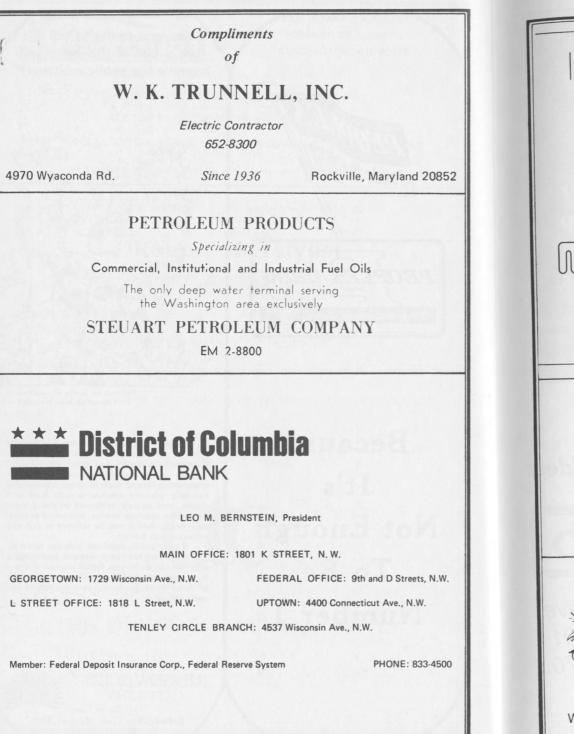
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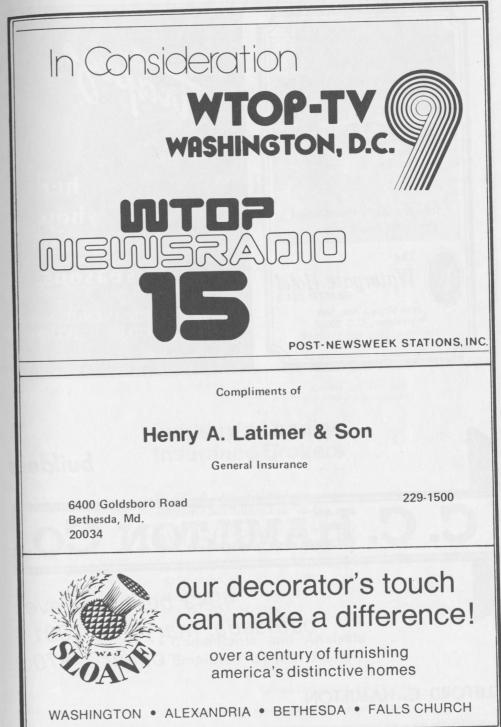
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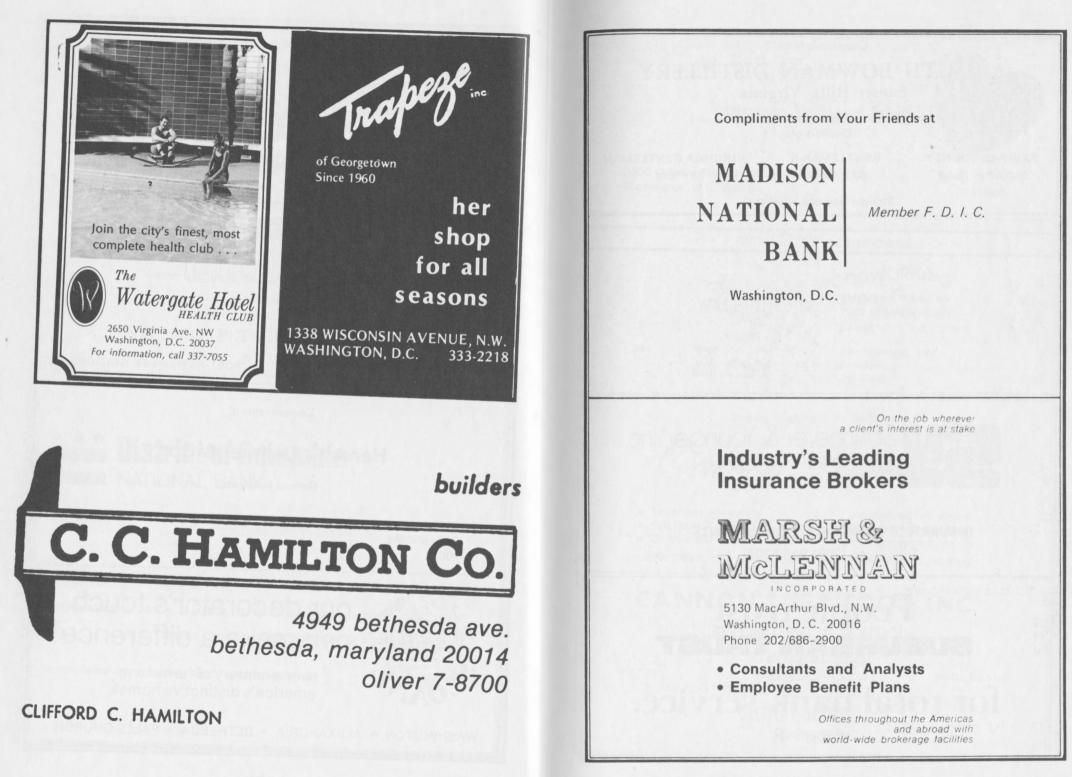
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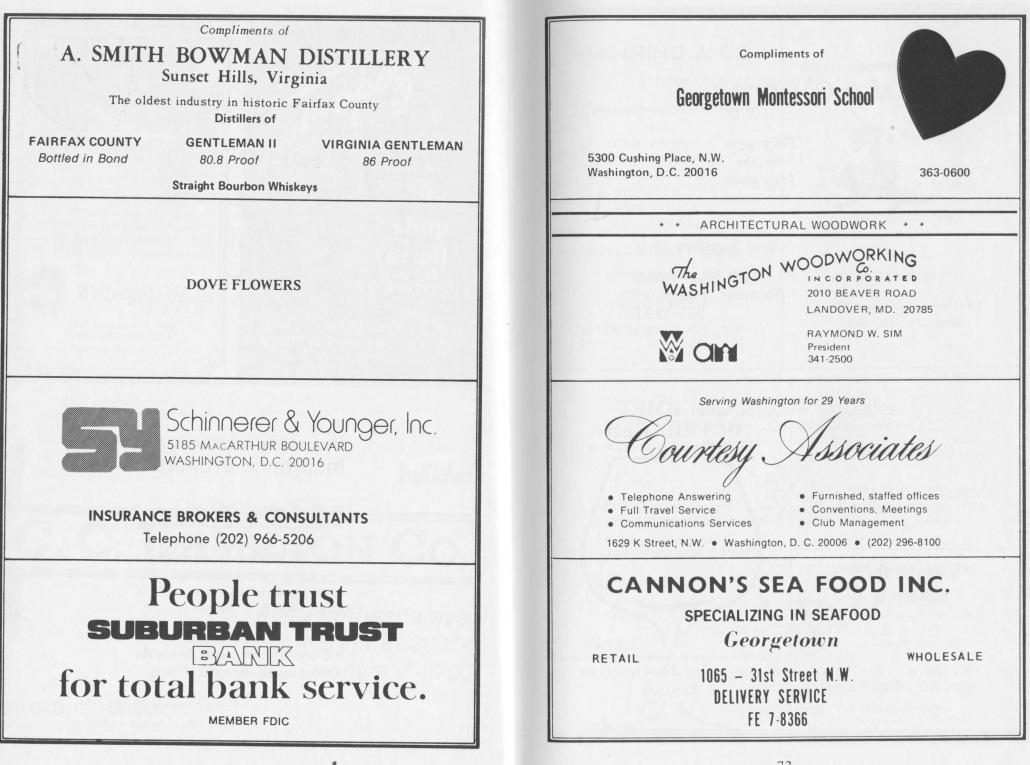
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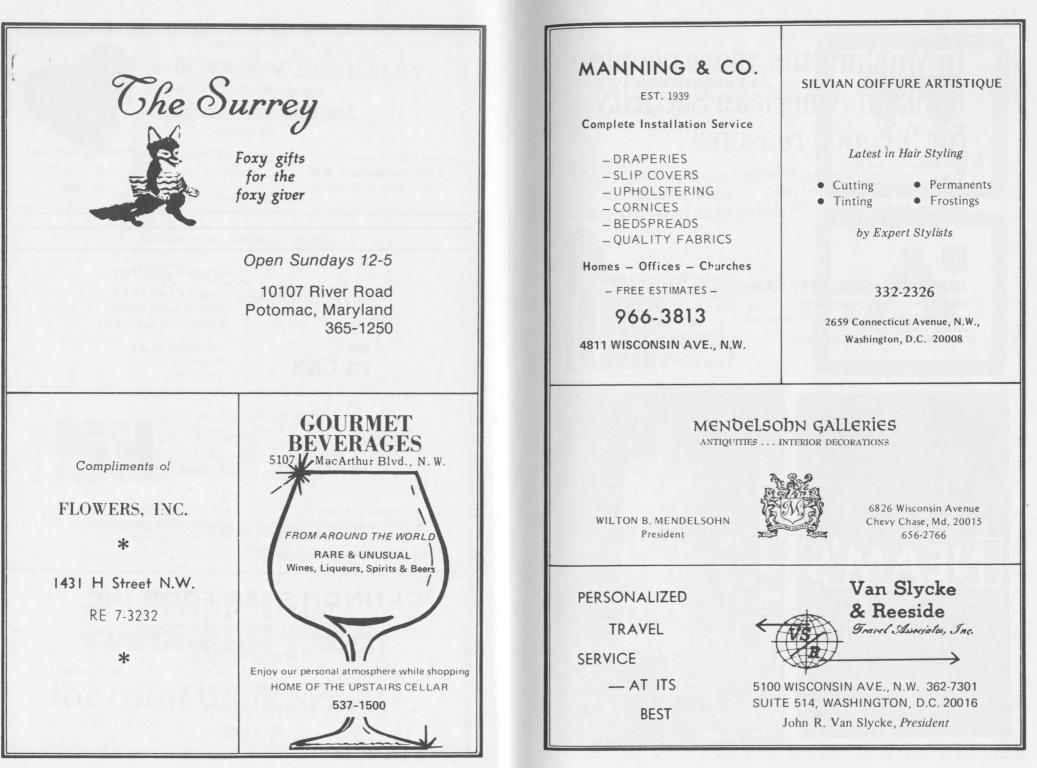






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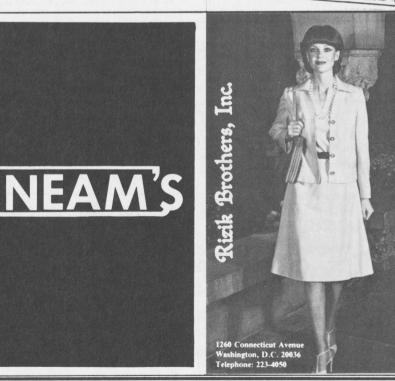


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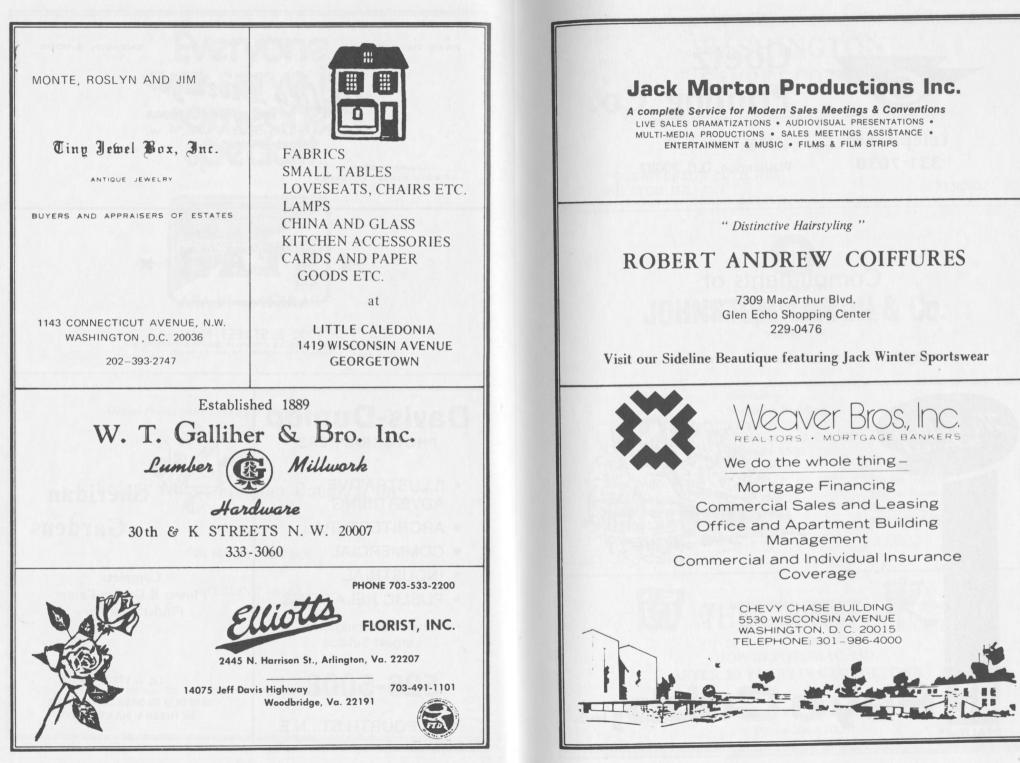
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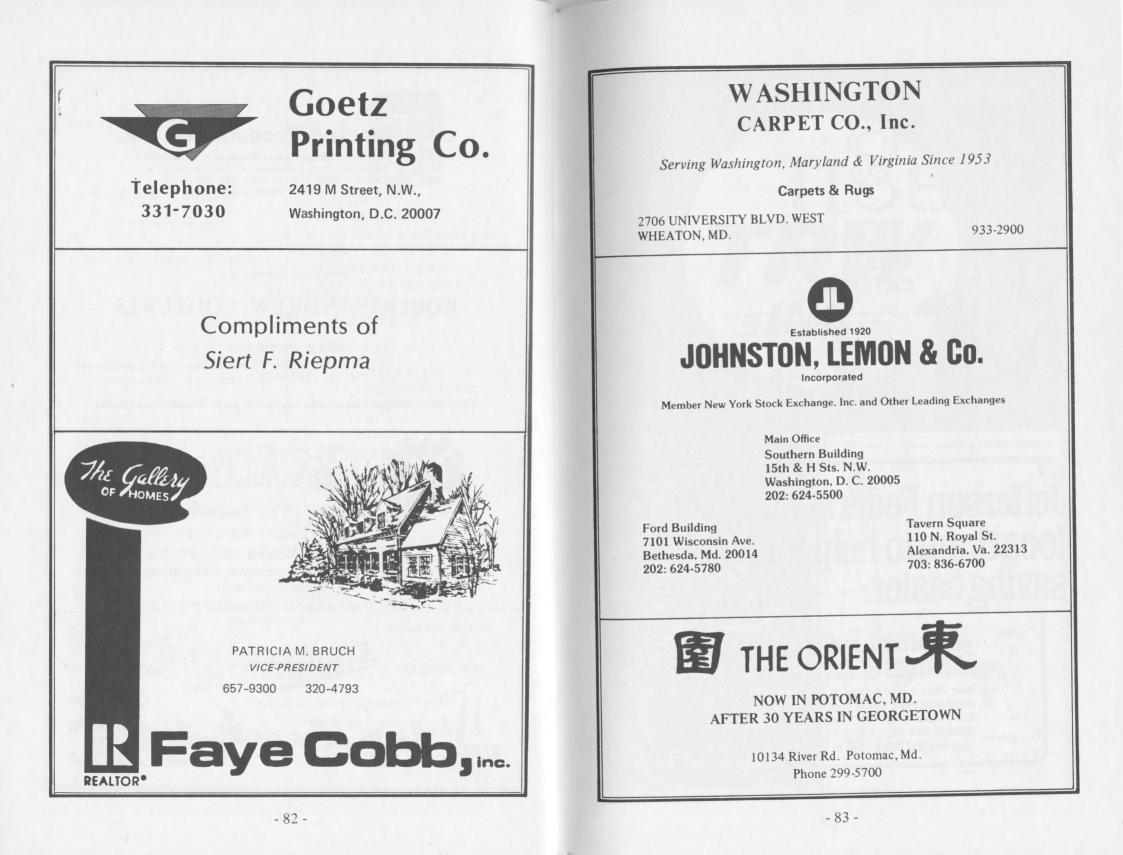
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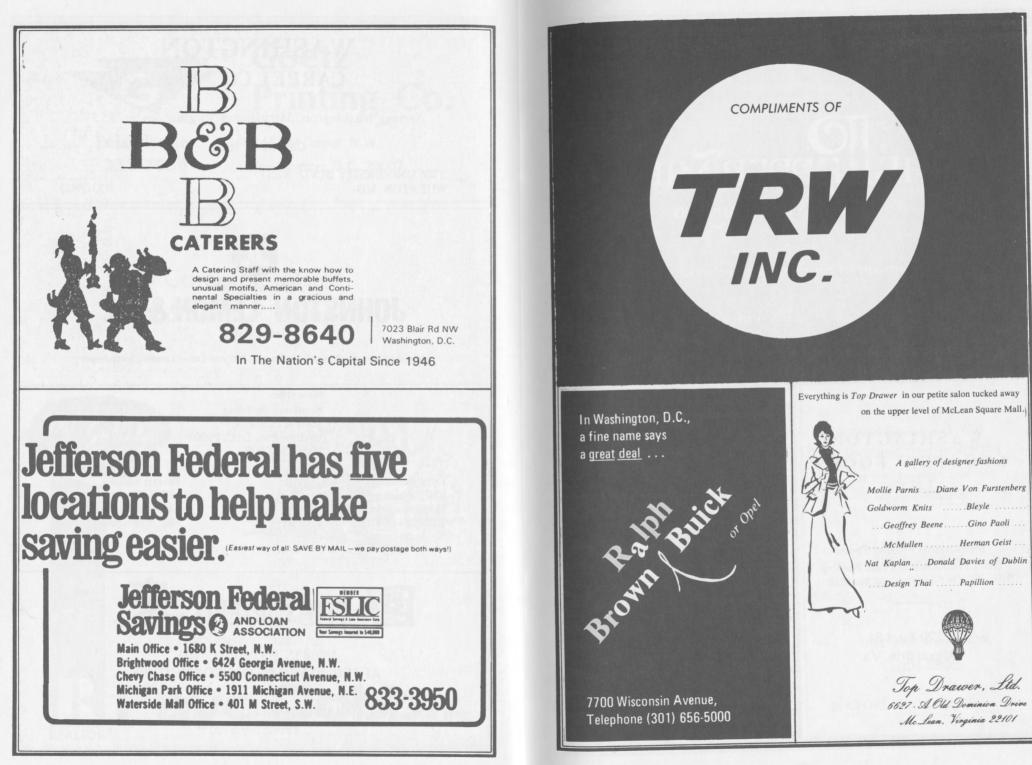
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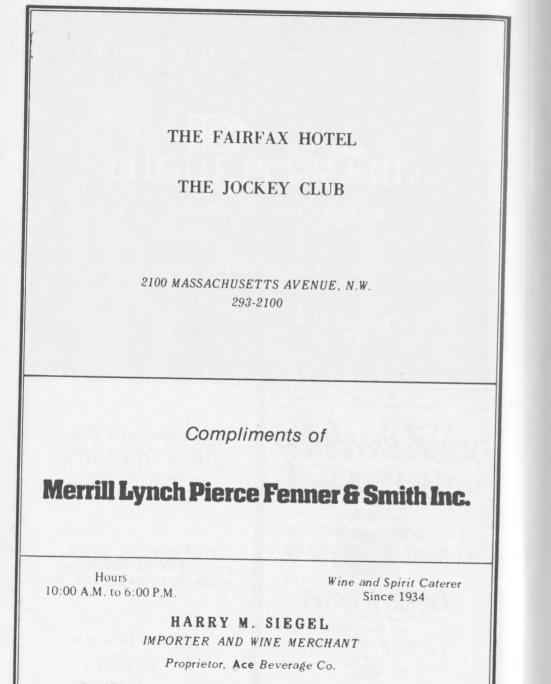






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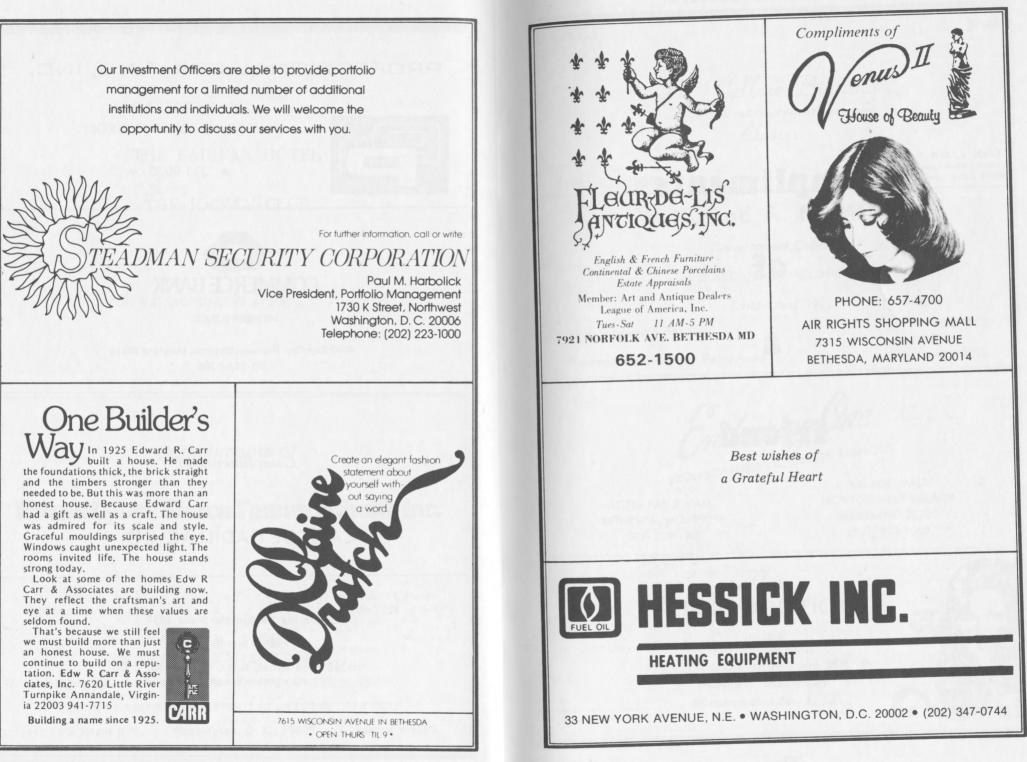
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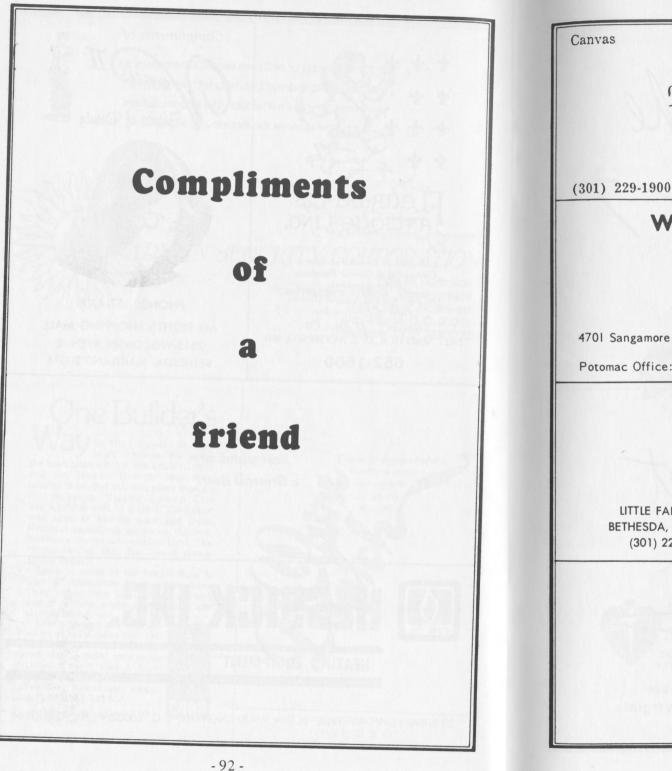
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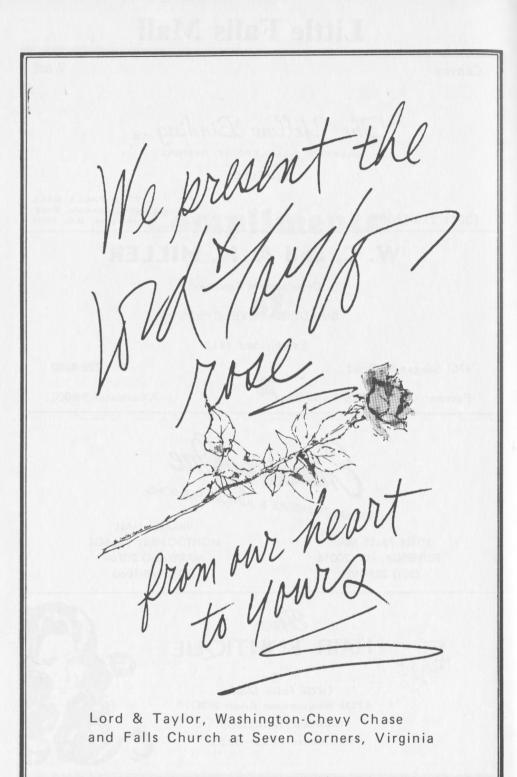
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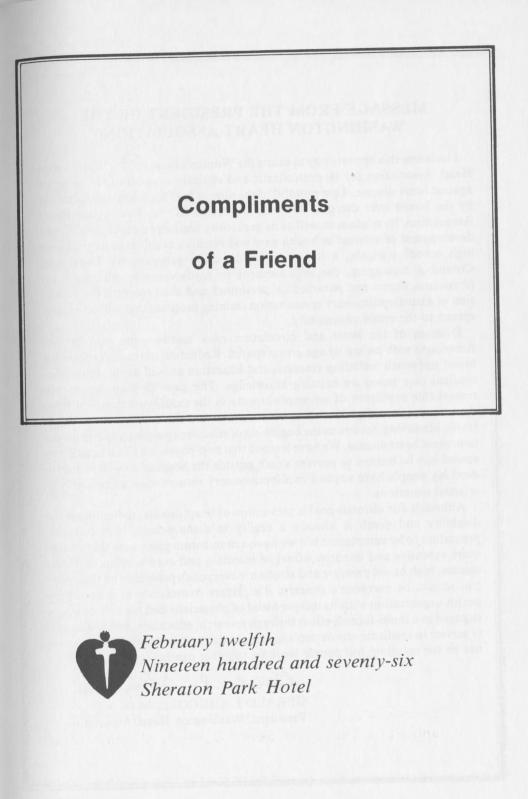


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I welcome this opportunity to salute the Women's Board of the Washington Heart Association for its enthusiastic and effective support of the struggle against heart disease. I am mindful of the almost half a million dollars raised by the board over the past 25 years on behalf of the Washington Heart Association. Its wisdom as well as its generosity has helped make possible the development of interest in health care and research oriented careers among high school students, a hypertension detection program for District of Columbia teen-agers, the improvement in cardiovascular education for physicians, nurses and paramedical personnel, and most recently, the expansion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation training program that will ultimately spread to the entire community.

Diseases of the heart and circulation rank number one as killers of Americans with no sex or age group spared. Reduction of this toll requires a broad approach including research and education as well as the delivery of medical care based on existing knowledge. The past 25 years has seen a remarkable explosion of accomplishments in the cardiovascular field from the introduction of corrective cardiac surgery and the development of electronic life-saving devices to the beginning of effective epidemiologic measures to prevent heart disease. We have learned that non-physician allied health personnel can be trained to prevent death outside the hospital as well as in. Indeed lay people have applied cardiopulmonary resuscitation successfully in selected situations.

Although our ultimate goal is prevention of heart disease, reduction of the disability and death is already a reality to some extent. It is certainly premature to be complacent but we have a momentum going now that will require extensive and intensive effort to maintain and even accelerate. Heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke are everyone's problem and their control should be everyone's concern. The Heart Association as a voluntary health organization with its unique blend of physicians and lay volunteers, is engaged in a multi-faceted effort through research, education, and community service to eradicate our nation's leading health problem. Money alone cannot be the solution, but people working together can be.

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