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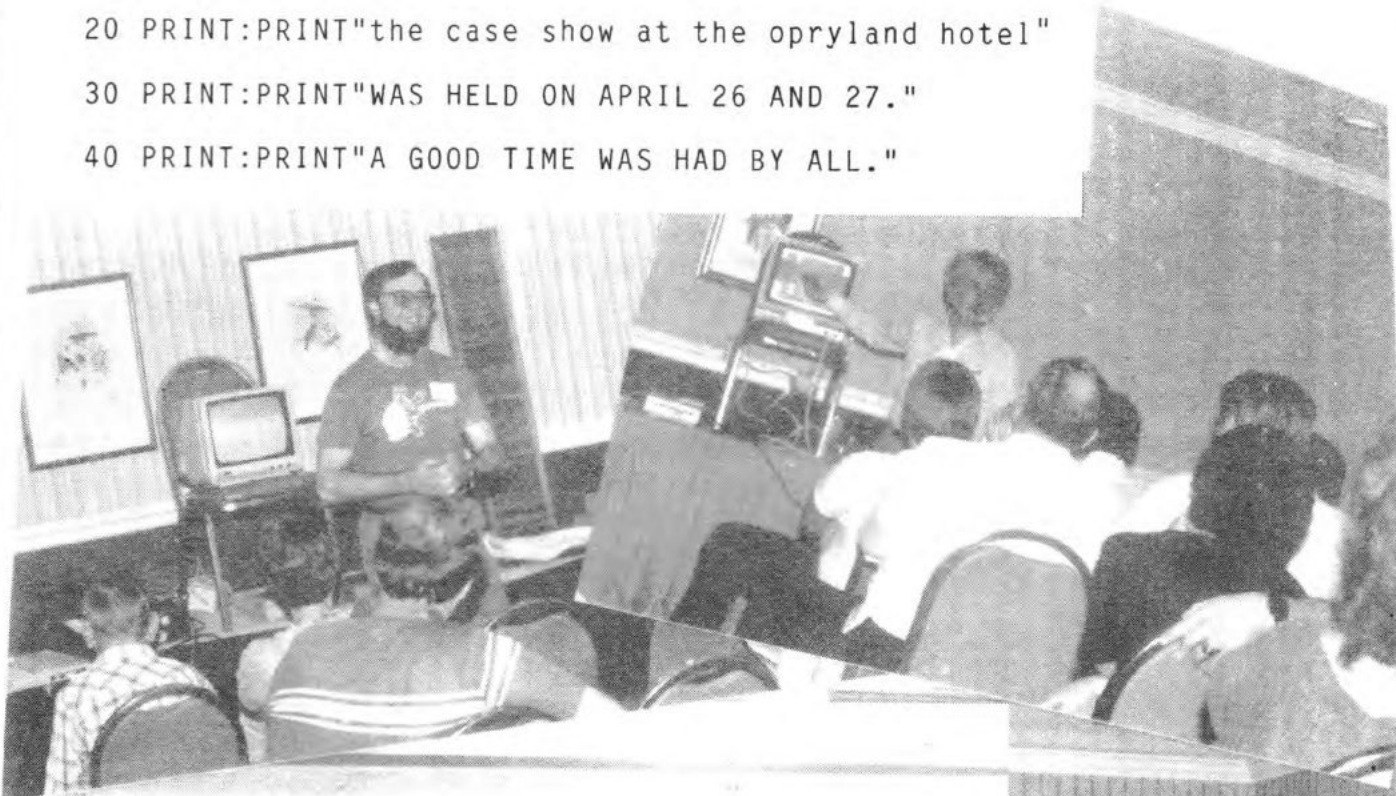
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THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAST COPY PROGRAMS

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We old-timers (or is it us old-timers) remember the "gas-gauge" of the old 1541 backup program with less than maximum fondness. Thomas Templemann wrote the first FAST backup program. It was called, variously, S-COPY, GERMAN FASTBACK, and THREE-MINUTE COPY. It copied an entire disk on the 1541 in three minutes, with only three passes (Tom should have gotten rich from that program. He didn't-- but that's another story). There are now a wealth of fast copy programs, and the time required for backups has gradually decreased. FAST HACK'EM, by Basement Boys Software, will copy a disk in about 30 seconds, and will nibble a disk in one minute. But sometimes even FASTHACK'EM seems slow.

Not to worry. Waiting in the wings is the next generation of fast backup programs. The first to be announced was GRAPEFRUIT 45 FATBURNER BACKUP. Their spokesman is a Tom Selleck lookalike: "There's been some heavy research done on the GRAPEFRUIT 45 BACKUP and the FATBURNER PLAN. I'm talking scientific. I'm talking results. You're going to be beautiful." How fast is GRAPEFRUIT 45? "I'm talking copy after beautiful copy. Not typical was Mr. Dallas Denny of Nashville Tennessee. He backed up over 45 disks in only two weeks! We're talking class act!"

A good deal of research and development went into the production of the GRAPEFRUIT 45 FATBURNER BACKUP, and the authors are understandably very proud. "We had your basic, respected, independent research laboratory try the GRAPEFRUIT 45 FATBURNER BACKUP. With success comes class, so you know I'm not going to squeeze it. What the heck!"

Other new generation backup programs are under development. Already announced are the ROACHKILL BACKUP, the SURVIVAL KNIFE BACKUP (it comes with a compass, fishing line, sheath, and sharpening stone), the C.O.M.B. BACKUP (it comes with a free Plus-4 computer), and the CHRISTY LANE ONE-DAY-AT-A-TIME BACKUP. Rumor has it that K-TEL has plans for THE BEAUTIFUL SOUNDS OF RICHARD CLAYDERMAN BACKUP, and RONCO is working on THE AMAZING BACKUP-O-MATIC.

I have already sent \$19.95 for a 30-day supply of the GRAPEFRUIT 45 FATBURNER BACKUP. I understand I won't be hungry and that there's a money-back guarantee if I'm not completely satisfied.