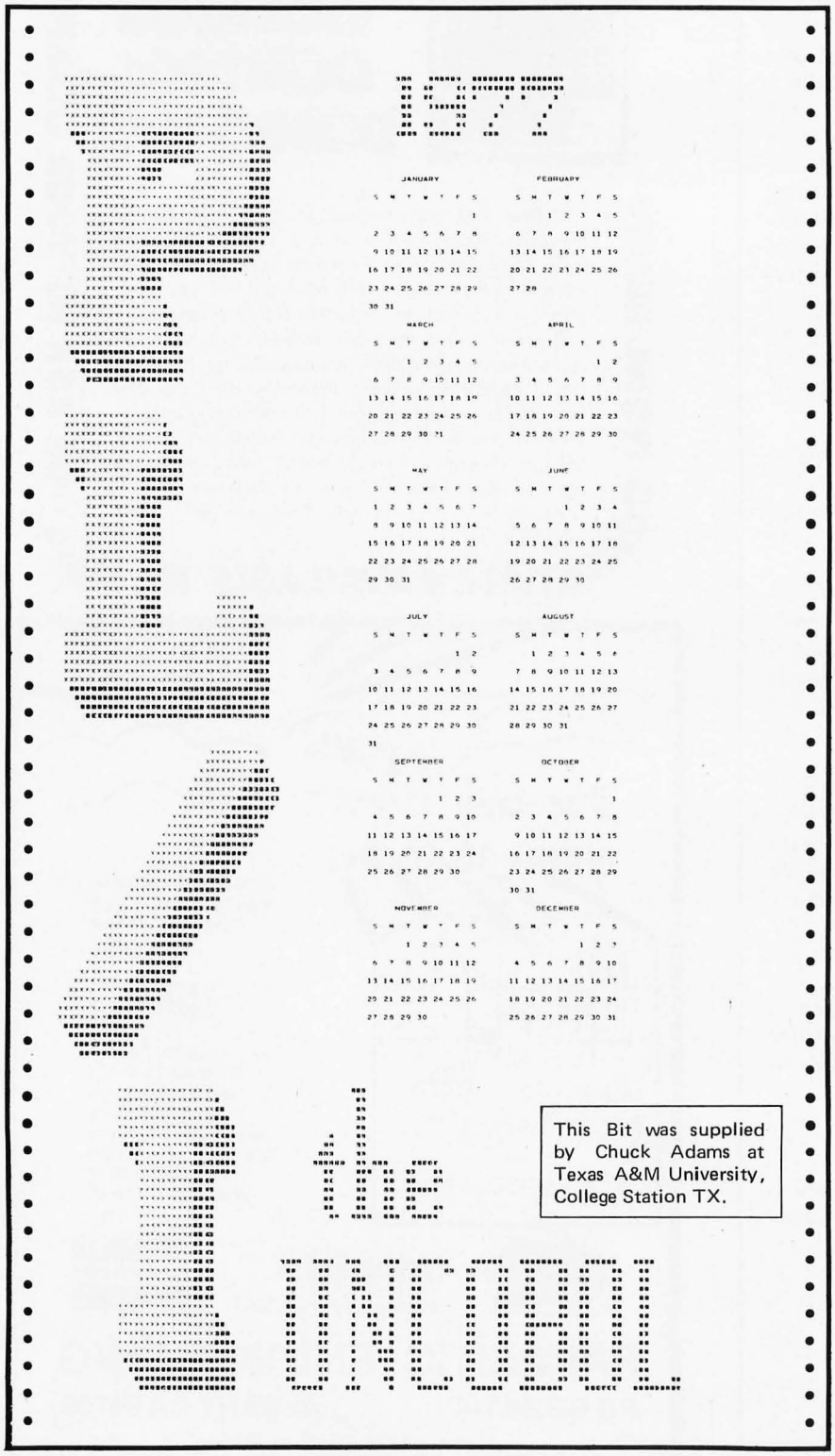
BYTE's Bits

Attention Education Users

The fifteenth annual convention of the Association for Educational Data Systems will be held April 25-29 1977 at the Green Oaks Inn, Fort Worth TX. For further information contact Alton R Goddard, publicity chairman, at AEDS National Headquarters, 1201 16th St NW, Washington DC 20036, (202) 833-4100.■

Catalog of Computer Supplies Available

A new catalog from Digital Equipment Corporation, "Supplies and Accessories," pictures and describes 200 replacement and enhancement items for use with Digital peripheral equipment, including media for disk and magnetic tape drives; paper supplies, ribbons and baskets for printers, plotters, terminals, paper tape and card readers; terminal stands, chairs, tables and other convenience accessories. The 56 page color catalog includes order blanks and is available from Communications Services, 444 Whitney St, Northboro MA 01732.■



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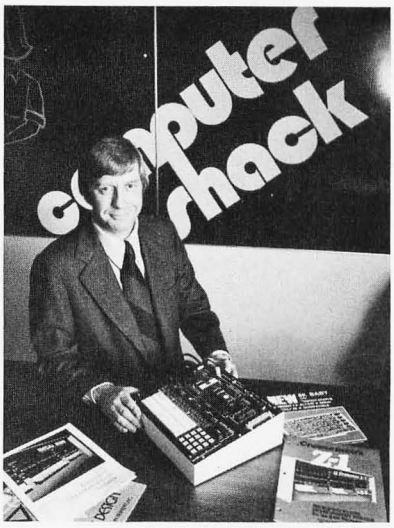
The Grapevine's Latest Goblet of Divine Juice

According to the volcano of rumors and other premature enthusiasms, Jim Warren of *Dr Dobb's Journal of Computer Calisthenics and Orthodontia* (PCC Box 310, Menlo Park CA) in a public utterance at a Homebrew Computer Club meeting January 19, there are some goodies in the works from Zilog. Dr Dobb himself (alias Jim Warren) says that reliable reports indicate the Z-200 is Zilog's next product, a high level language stack machine which directly executes PASCAL constructs as its machine level language. It remains to be seen whether this particular concoction is grounded in reality or the result of several stages of quite nonlinear amplification. ■

Two Computers in Every Home, Motherhood, Pizza, Apple Pie, et al



The latest word we hear is that a firm with the name Computer Shack, tied up in some nebulous way with the people who bring you another kind of electronics oriented Shack, is planning to double or quadruple the present number of computer stores in existence through a nationwide franchise program (see advertisements in BYTE, as well as an ad which has run in *Computerworld* several times). Here's one of the people responsible, Ed Faber, president of Computer Shack Inc, located at 14860 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro CA 94577.■