

SMALLER THAN A BASKETBALL, IT'LL HEAT A ROOM, WORKSHOP OR GARAGE

Powerful New Heater Comes In Tiny Package

Latest in space heaters is the "Micro Furnace", a powerful, portable electric heater that's smaller than a basketball, yet puts out a whopping 5,200 btu's — enough to heat a room, workshop, garage or camper.

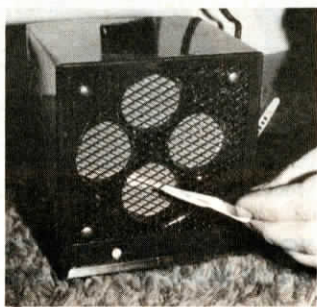
"It's an inexpensive and safe way to put warmth where you need it," says Jim Gilmour, marketer of the furnace you can put in the palm of your hand. It can warm a 10 by 10-ft. room, with average insulation, from 50° to 70° in about 15 min. and costs about a dollar a day to run."

The Micro Furnace, measuring only 5 by 5¼ by 6¼-in., uses a ceramic disk made of barium titanate as the heating component. The disk, honey-combed to allow air to flow through, is coated with brass and silver to ensure proper electrical contact. A five-blade fan pulls air through the disk and out into the room. The fan can be operated separately from the heating element if you just want to circulate air.

The disk stays at a constant 380°F. However, as air in the room gets warmer, the disk requires less electricity to stay at 380°.

"The name Micro Furnace refers only to its tiny size. It has nothing to do with microwaves," Gilmour notes.

He adds that the Micro Furnace housing stays cool to the touch, even when run continuously 24 hours a day. "At 380°, the ceramic disk is



Kleenex, or paper, placed on the ceramic heating disc won't ignite.

below the ignition temperature of most household materials. You can place a Kleenex on the disk and it won't ignite. The heater's as safe as a bedside clock radio," says Gilmour. "The only part of it to get hot is the front grill."

The new Micro Furnace comes with a 5-year warranty and sells for \$159.95.

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GREAT FOR AGING ADULTS AND KIDS, IT'S STABLE ON GRAVEL ROADS

Add-On, Two-Wheel Front Bike Axle

You can make a 3-wheel bike out of any ordinary 2-wheeler with a new conversion kit developed by a California manufacturer.

The add-on front axle simply bolts to the frame of the bike. The front wheel is used as one of the front tires and a wheel that comes with the kit is used on the other side. The front fork bolts to steering rods on the add-on axle so that the bike still steers like an unmodified 2-wheeler. The company is developing fenders for the bike which will allow mounting of caliper-type brakes found on 5 and 10-speeds. Or, you can use the rear brake alone.

The add-on kit is designed for 20 and 26-in. bikes and sells for around \$125, including the extra rim and tire.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Starr Machinery, P.O. Box 36, Del Rey, Cal. 93616 (ph 209 888-2204 or 896-5730).



New axle bolts to bike frame.

FAST-PACED WORD GAME MAY BE NEXT "MONOPOLY"

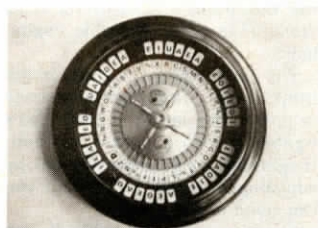
Farmer Markets New "Mingle" Word Game

An Oregon rancher and custom hay hauler has launched a new word game that he hopes will catch on with other farm families and game-players across the country.

Tony Aceti, Silver Lake, Ore., says his mother Rose came up with the idea for the game years ago. When she died of cancer in 1981, Tony took it over and he's spent several years just getting all the pieces manufactured and in a package. Now he's got it on the market in stores all over the Northwest and he's looking for ways to market it throughout the country.

The game is a combination of Scrabble and roulette. "You spin four balls in a roulette wheel. The balls drop into lettered slots that also line up with vowels on an outer ring. Contestants write down the 4 consonants and 4 vowels the balls line up with and use them to make words. Each letter is numbered, as in Scrabble, so you try to make the most valuable words possible. The winner is the one who makes the most valuable words. Each round is timed," explains Aceti.

Aceti has tried to market the game through large discount chains but says the mark-up is so high he can't afford to produce it for them, so he



Goal is to create the most valuable words possible using four vowels and four consonants.

sells through the mail and in specialty shops. He's also selling it over the radio working with disc jockeys who play the game with their audience. They announce letters to listeners, and then give a prize to the caller with the most valuable word.

"I had no idea when I got started how to produce a 'board game' and I made some mistakes. The biggest problem is marketing and finding a way to get it out there," says Aceti, who sells the game by mail for \$22.00, including shipping.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Anthony Aceti, LaRosa's Games, P.O. Box 45, Silver Lake, Ore. 97638 (ph 503 576-2229).

MAKES BABY'S RIDE MORE COMFORTABLE

Accessory Kit For Child Restraint Car Seats

Kansas farm wife Carla Stricker, of Russell, is doing a booming business making and selling an accessory kit that makes a child restraint car seats safer and much more comfortable for babies to ride in.

The kit includes "strap bumpers", a back pad and head pad. Strap bumpers, which Stricker describes as "glorified hot dish pads" slip over the safety straps that hold the baby in the children's car seat. "The problem," Stricker explains, "is that safety straps are made of a hard, rough material just like the safety belts on your car's seat belts and shoulder harnesses. This rough material can scratch and irritate a baby's sensitive skin."

The 20 by 45-in. back pad and head pad fit on the child's car seat. The back pad covers the entire seat protecting the child from contacting the seat back which can be very hot or very cold. The head pad acts as a pillow for the child's head. Both items, along with the strap bumpers, are washable and available in a variety of colors and fabrics.

A car seat kit, including the head and back pads and three strap



Complete kit includes head and back pads and three strap bumpers.

bumper sells for \$22.50. An 18-in. long strap bumper for use on adult shoulder harnesses and seat belts sells for \$4.00.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Stricker Farms, Rt. 2 Millberger, Russell, Kan. 67665 (ph 316 935-4232).