

Software Rating

Documentation	2.5
Utility	3.5
Ease of Use	3.5
Creativity	4
Over All Rating	3.5

Program Name:  
DRAWING  
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DRAWING  
Price:  
\$7.50  
Memory required:  
4K

Appletalker is a program which enables the user to digitally record spoken words, to store them in tables in the Apple's memory and to replay them through the built-in speaker in the Apple II. The program may be used in a standalone mode to store a number of speech tables in memory or the machine language routines which store and play back the tables may be saved separately and then called from a user written program. The possibilities brought to mind by this delightful piece of software are endless; error messages that talk back, enemy starships with captains who make derisive comments, lunar landers which land to the cheering of mission control or crash with the sounds of twisting metal and shattering glass...While the words sound much like they've come from an old Edison Victrola, everything is quite understandable and Appletalker opens a whole new bag of tricks to the imaginative Apple owner! (Incidentally, additional hardware is not required. Appletalker uses the Apple's built-in speaker.)

Software Rating

Documentation	3.5
Utility	2
Creativity	1
Ease of Use	3
Over All Rating	1

This disappointing little program is designed to pick a name at random from a list of up to 15 names. The names are entered, the selection process is initiated and the names are displayed at random 100 times. The last name displayed is considered "selected." The documentation for this program is, however, above average. The booklet which comes with the program

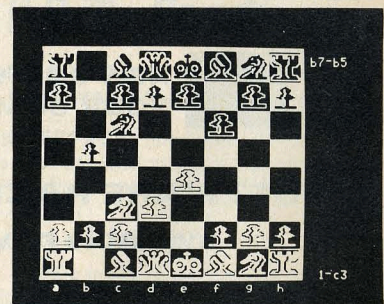
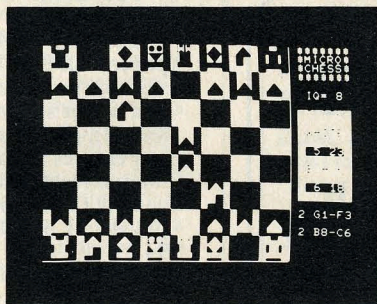
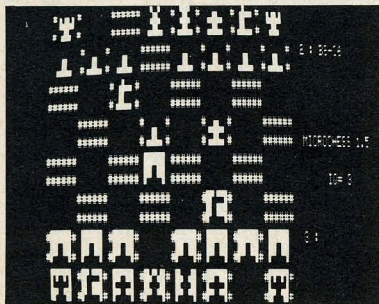
not only describes the operation but details modifications to the program to permit a permanent list of names, and to prevent a name which has previously been selected from reappearing. In addition to the written documentation, voice instructions are recorded on the reverse side of the tape so the software will literally talk the user through the operation of the program. (We did get the impression that the speaker would have benefited from a session or two at the Close Cover Before Striking School of Broadcasting.) If all of this isn't enough, Magnemedia offers full program listings and programmer's notes for \$1.00.

Drawing is, we feel, overpriced and it's primary purpose in life seems to be to act as a "stuffer" in a two program package with a teacher oriented "Grading Routine" (\$12.00 for the pair). Our original intent was to purchase the set, and to review the Grading Routine in this column. The program, however, failed to run properly and Magnemedia advised us over the telephone that the cassette itself was probably defective. We are returning the cassette to them and will report on this promising looking product (as well as how well Magnemedia supports a user with a problem) in a future column. ■

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