

Shop Talk newsletter

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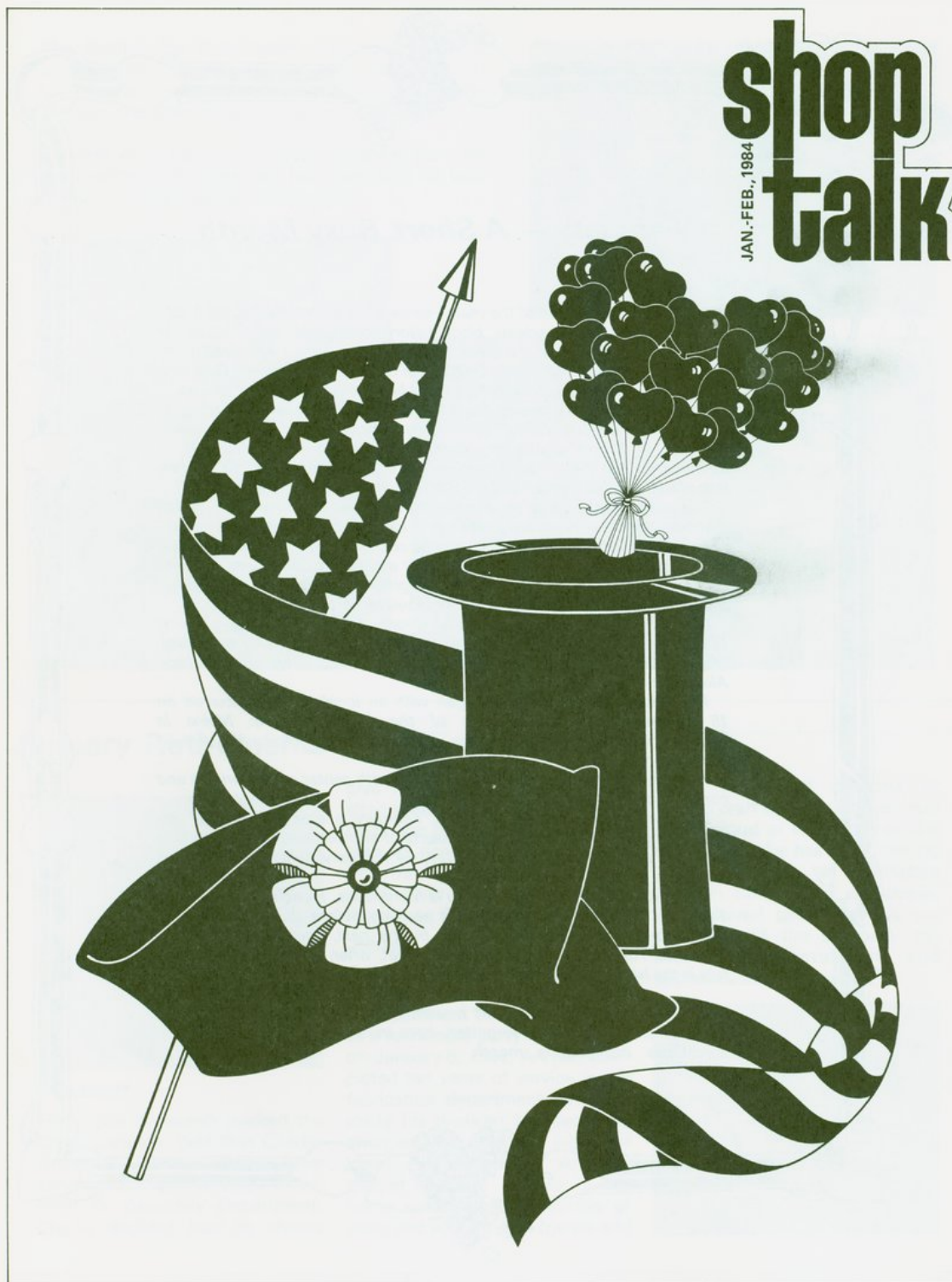
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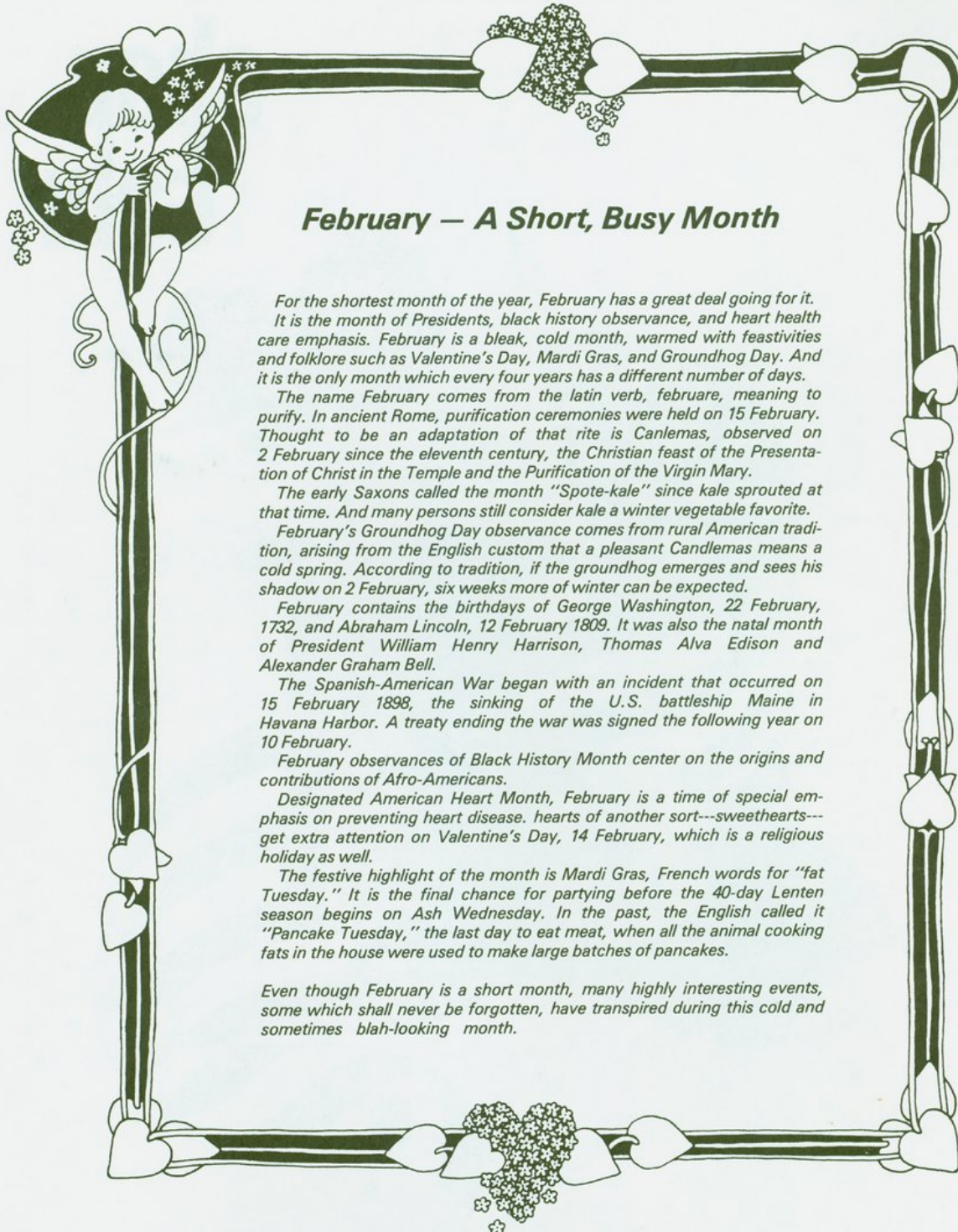
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February — A Short, Busy Month

For the shortest month of the year, February has a great deal going for it. It is the month of Presidents, black history observance, and heart health care emphasis. February is a bleak, cold month, warmed with festivities and folklore such as Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and Groundhog Day. And it is the only month which every four years has a different number of days.

The name February comes from the latin verb, *februare*, meaning to purify. In ancient Rome, purification ceremonies were held on 15 February. Thought to be an adaptation of that rite is *Canlema*s, observed on 2 February since the eleventh century, the Christian feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

The early Saxons called the month "*Spote-kale*" since kale sprouted at that time. And many persons still consider kale a winter vegetable favorite.

February's Groundhog Day observance comes from rural American tradition, arising from the English custom that a pleasant *Canlema*s means a cold spring. According to tradition, if the groundhog emerges and sees his shadow on 2 February, six weeks more of winter can be expected.

February contains the birthdays of George Washington, 22 February, 1732, and Abraham Lincoln, 12 February 1809. It was also the natal month of President William Henry Harrison, Thomas Alva Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

The Spanish-American War began with an incident that occurred on 15 February 1898, the sinking of the U.S. battleship *Maine* in Havana Harbor. A treaty ending the war was signed the following year on 10 February.

February observances of Black History Month center on the origins and contributions of Afro-Americans.

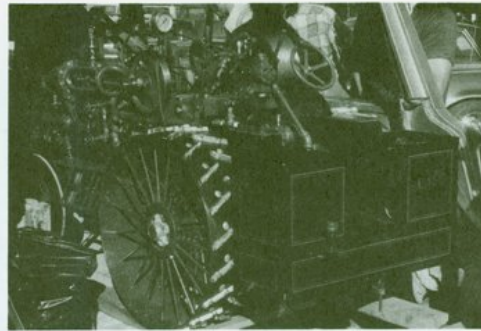
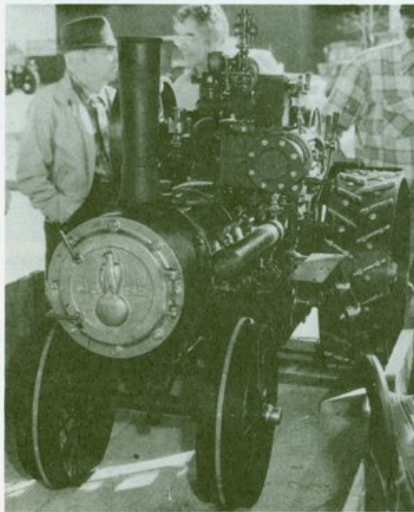
Designated American Heart Month, February is a time of special emphasis on preventing heart disease. hearts of another sort---sweethearts---get extra attention on Valentine's Day, 14 February, which is a religious holiday as well.

The festive highlight of the month is *Mardi Gras*, French words for "fat Tuesday." It is the final chance for partying before the 40-day Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday. In the past, the English called it "*Pancake Tuesday*," the last day to eat meat, when all the animal cooking fats in the house were used to make large batches of pancakes.

Even though February is a short month, many highly interesting events, some which shall never be forgotten, have transpired during this cold and sometimes *blah-looking* month.

The Engineering Department was honored by a special visitor. Kenneth Keith stopped by to show off his 1/2 scale model of a 65 H.P. Case Steam Engine Tractor. This scale model can develop 3 H.P.

Kenneth who retired as a Product Engineer from the Corporation in October 1967 now lives with his wife Marion in Eureka Springs, Oklahoma.



January Retirements



Grindstaff

Friday the thirteenth marked the day in January 1984 that Charles Grindstaff chose to retire. After serving for over five years in the Plant IV Assembly Department, Charlie decided that he should

give his attention to other less strenuous activities. A retirement party was held in the Plant IV canteen to honor Charlie with gifts from co-workers and the company. Who says that bad things happen on Friday the thirteenth?

Janzen

Arthur (Art) Janzen, fabrication machine operator on second shift in department 905, was honored at a retirement party held for him on January 6, 1984. Art had completed ten years of service in the fabrication department when he made his decision to devote his energies to another labor of love...woodworking. Art has crafted wooden articles in his home workshop for a number of years and sold them to friends and

other interested persons at various craft shows. One item that Art is proud of is the belt buckle display case he has been making and has sold to numerous Hesston Corporation employees. Art received gifts from his co-workers and the company expressing congratulations and appreciation of his service.



United Way Summary of Contributions

Effective Nov. 1983

Cash	\$ 785.00
Monthly Deductions	12,759.48
One Time Deductions	0.00
Total Employee Contributions	\$13,544.48
Company Contributions	13,544.48
	<u>\$27,088.96</u>

Employee Contributions by County

County	1982	1983
Harvey	10,338.32	9,829.16
McPherson	2,062.48	1,950.40
Marion	1,410.72	1,100.16
Reno	267.80	169.76
Sedgwick	648.76	495.00
TOTAL	14,728.08	13,544.48



Art Tozier, United Way Campaign Chairman, accepts check for Hesston Corporation employees from Sue Drescher and Tim Fast, Personnel Department.

Swap Shop

FOR SALE

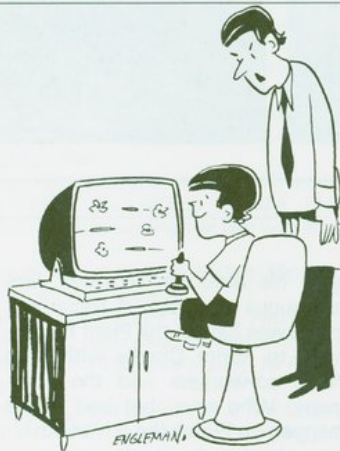
Labrador retriever puppies, one male labrador with one year of hunting. Call Larry Waner 628-4544 Canton after 4:00 p.m.

For sale by owner: three bedroom house with fenced backyard, garage, storage shed and storm windows; located in quiet neighborhood in Newton. Call 283-1039 or extension 729.

Turn your family and wedding pictures into "VHS" home movies. Background music available, free demonstration. Call 283-1768, ask for Bob.

Thank You.

Raymond Salas 949 dept. wants to express thanks to employees in Plant III & IV for the food and money they provided him while he has been off work for surgery.



ENGLEMAN
"End the space war, Charles. It's Daddy's turn to . . . I mean . . . I've got some work to do for the office."

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Service Anniversaries



25 YEARS

Not Pictured

Jim Ratzloff
General Foreman-Plt 4

Bobby Watts
Experimental Mech



Harold Klassen
Fab Machine Operator

20 YEARS



Harold Schlicht
Fab Machine Operator

15 YEARS



Doug Lloyd
Sr. Standards Engineer

10 YEARS



Charles E. Baker
Fab Machine Operator



David Burkett
Machinist



Tom Chamberlain
Assembler/Packager



Chester Unruh
Fab Machine Operator



Ernest Dirks
Maint. Man Skilled



Gary Eason
Fab Machine Operator



Kim Howard
Parts Order Manager



Gary Voth
Material Clerk



Floyd Janzen
Fab Machine Operator



Wayne Kuhn
Assembler/Packager

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Gerald Wickersheim
Minneapolis Br.
Regional Service Mgr.

Service Anniversaries



10 YEARS

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Leonard McDonough
Maint. Man Skilled



Judith Palmer
Mechinist



David Roach
Welder



Gregg Scott
Welder



William Smith
Material Clerk



Margaret Summers
Secretary-Sales



Lance Thornhill
Welder

Not Pictured

Kenneth Cook
Fab Machine Operator

Vance Cook
Fab Machine Operator

Albert Estrada
Welder

Victor Frederick
Material Clerk

Tillman Hershberger
Sr. Test Technician



Gary Unruh
Product Cost Supv.



Perry Waltman
Maint. Man General



Sid Whitcher
Purchasing Expeditor

5 YEARS



Kathy Allen
Accounting Clerk



Bud Allman
Machinist



Michael Hayes
Welder

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Service Anniversaries



5 YEARS

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Jeff Boehm
Assembler / Packager



Kevin Burkholder
Layout Drafter



Robert Dobbins
Welder



Don Dolezal
Office Services Clerk



Brett Eberle
Assembler / Packager



Stanley Estrada
Machinist



Virgil Hiebert
Machinist



Daylene Johnson
Accounting Clerk



Nancy Sargent
Machinist



Ronald Seymour
Machinist



Michael Stegman
Drafter

Not Pictured

Michael Budde
Maint. Foreman-Claremore



Donna Thiesen
Assembler / Packager



Carl Thompson
Machinist



Michael Todd
Machinist



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Payday ☐

Holiday ☐