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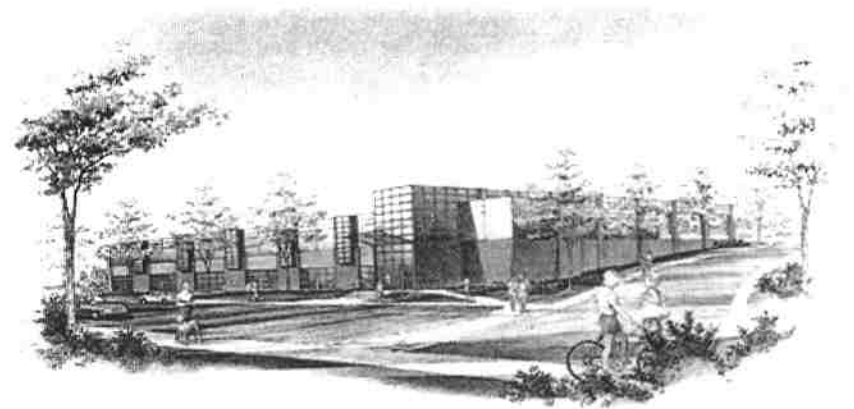


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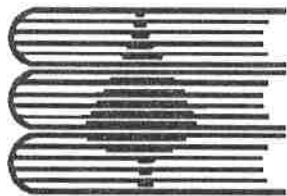
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As in years past, Mt. Lebanon opens a number of its gardens to the public. Five residents offer their lovely, carefully tended gardens for your enjoyment. In addition, we invite you to admire the beautiful grounds of Southminster House and Church and the new plantings at the library. We hope all of our library friends, experienced and novice gardeners alike, will enjoy the beauty of the gardens, browse through the Garden Tour Market, and tour the new library. Since all proceeds benefit the library, your participation in the Garden Tour ensures that our state-of-the-art library, open to all for year-round use and enjoyment, continues to grow.

Enjoy the Garden Tour and the new library!

Sincerely,



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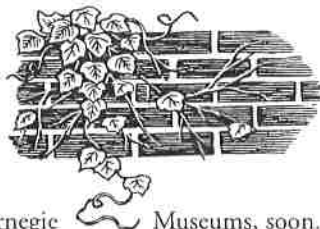
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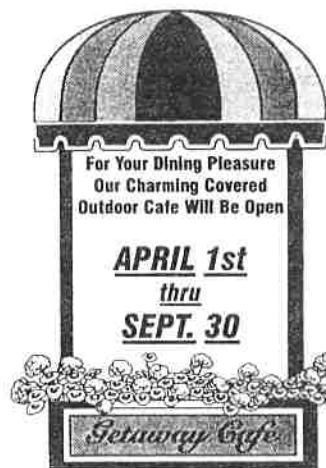
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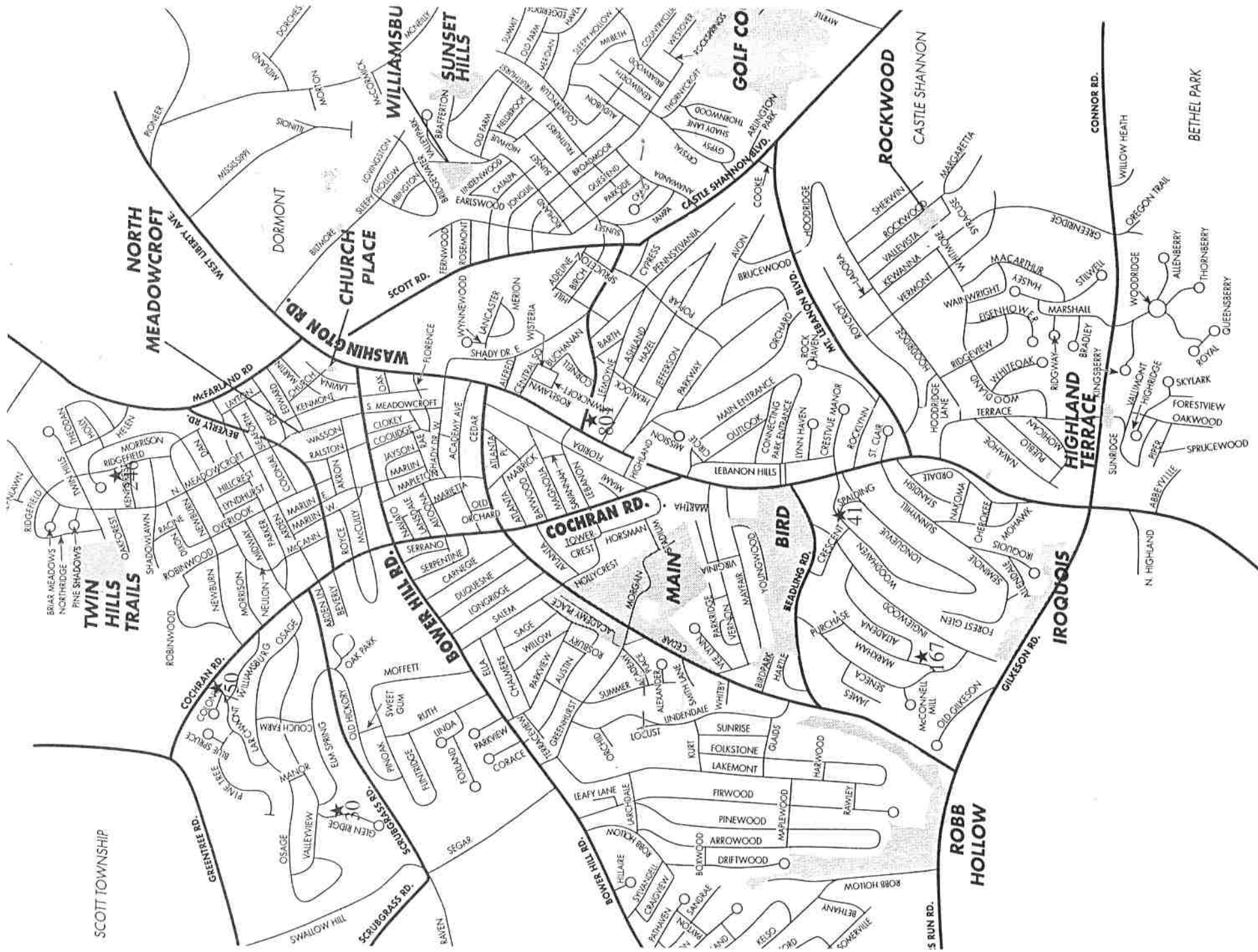
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THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES 12:00 NOON-5:00 PM

- Tickets and programs available at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard
- Refreshments available at Mt. Lebanon Public Library
- Gardens open for touring
- Restrooms available at Mt. Lebanon Public Library
- Garden Tour Market open on Castle Shannon Boulevard in front of Library
- Drawing for "Gardeners' Getaway" at Library 5:00 PM (winner need not be present)

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DIRECTIONS TO THE GARDENS

These directions are designed for the visitor to our town and do not include short cuts but only main roads. There is a map included in the middle of this program for reference. The directions start at Route 19 which is also known as Washington Road and is the main artery through Mt. Lebanon. The Library is located close to the corner of Castle Shannon Boulevard and Washington Road and it is from that corner that directions to each garden begin. Please note that you can start at any garden. The gardens are not in any specific order. You will find that the hosts at each garden have a Mt. Lebanon map and can direct you to the next garden. We hope you will find time to tour our new Library and browse through our Garden Tour Market before leaving us. Enjoy the day!

41 SPAULDING CIRCLE

From the corner of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Boulevard, go south (away from downtown Mt. Lebanon) on Washington Road. When you reach the fifth traffic light, you will be at the corner of Washington Road and Woodhaven Drive (Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church is on the left). Turn right on Woodhaven Drive and look for parking when you reach the intersection of Spaulding Circle coming in from the left. It is only a short distance down from Washington Road. This yard is flat.

167 MARKHAM DRIVE

From the corner of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Boulevard go south on Washington Road through four traffic lights to Beadling Road (on the right). Turn right on Beadling. When you reach Seneca Drive past Markham School (on the left) turn left on Seneca. Take the first left on Purchase Place and then turn right on Markham. The house is at the end of the street on the left. This yard is hilly with steep steps in the rear.

30 GLEN RIDGE LANE

From the corner of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Boulevard go south on Washington Road to the second traffic light in front of the Lutheran Church. Turn right at the light onto Cochran Road (runs in front of the Mt. Lebanon High School). At the sixth traffic light turn left onto Valleyview Road. Follow Valleyview (bearing left at first stop sign) to the third street on the left which is Glen Ridge Lane. This is a dead end street so parking will be limited. The yard has gradual steps at the side of the house.

246 KENFOREST DRIVE

From the corner of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Boulevard, go south on Washington Road to the second traffic light in front of the Lutheran Church. Turn right at the light onto Cochran Road (runs in front of the Mt. Lebanon High School). At the fifth traffic light turn right onto Beverly Road. At the third light on Beverly Road turn left onto North Meadowcroft Avenue. The seventh street on the right hand side is Kenforest Drive. The street is short. The house is at the top of the hill on the left. The yard is pretty flat.

750 COLONY CIRCLE

From the corner of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Boulevard, go south on Washington Road to the second traffic light in the front of the Lutheran Church. Turn right at the light onto Cochran Road (runs in front of the high school). Follow Cochran Road through seven traffic lights. The first left after the seventh light is Larchmont Road (across from Amoco and Sunoco). Turn left on Larchmont and take the first right which is Colony Circle. The house is on the corner. This is a dead end street and very close to Cochran. It could get congested at the corner of Colony Circle after the turn starts so it may be wise to drive up Larchmont to park and walk back. The front yard has a moderate downward slope. The back yard has steps down to a level area.

801 WASHINGTON ROAD SOUTHMINSTER HOUSE

Southminster House is located on the corner of Castle Shannon Boulevard and Washington Road across from Southminster Presbyterian Church. The house and Library share a common driveway and parking is up the drive to the parking lot next to the house. The yard is flat.

**GARDEN OF RON AND
LINDA HOFFMAN
41 SPAULDING CIRCLE**

The Hoffman garden shows what can be done when you couple a big house on an odd shaped lot with smart planning. The tall trees and full shrubs around the perimeter of the lot and in the front area not only provide privacy from the street traffic and neighbors but also allow the owners to have a backdrop for their lawn and living areas. The splashes of flower color among the greenery add to the harmony of the scene. Of special note is the rose garden which exhibits some of Mrs. Hoffman's favorite choices. It is set among a large variety of perennials and daylilies and annuals.

The narrow part of the lot in the rear has been turned into a family gathering spot complete with a fish pond that is adjacent to the deck and is a focal point in the outdoor living area. The tiered patio is flanked by perennial and herb beds and the base of the fish pond is surrounded by seasonal plants giving the entire setting a feeling of serenity. This patio decor is accented by large pots of flowering annuals. The whole design is an effective use of plants to enhance a small area and make it most appealing.



**GARDEN OF TIM AND
SUZANNE POWERS
167 MARKHAM DRIVE**

We purchased our home on Markham Drive a little over four years ago and at the time it presented quite a landscaping challenge. Our front yard contained the typical suburban foundation plantings. The encroaching yews were overgrown at seven feet tall and made the walk to the front door almost impossible. The back yard had the original 1950's landscape - lilacs, a forsythia, privet and an ivy shrouded hillside. Little by little we have transformed our once sterile environment.

The grass above the left side of the driveway was rocky and difficult to maintain so we replaced it with variegated weigelia shrubs, intermixed with pink, purple and yellow daylilies. We removed the yews from the front of the house and in their place is a mixed planting of trees, flowering shrubs, and dwarf conifers, highlighted by white and cream daylilies, roses, clematis, boltonia, and a tree peony. The path to the back yard is lined by a narrow border of hot pink and purple perennials, including geraniums, knautis, and salvia.

Entering the backyard you will be greeted with a collection of several varieties of heucheras, clematis, a weeping Japanese maple and dwarf clematis. These are all under the watchful eye of St. Fiacre, the patron saint of gardeners.

It is difficult to plant in "drifts" (groups of 5-9 plants of the same variety) as many gardening experts suggest for the average size Mt. Lebanon backyard. Instead we have focused on color to tie the hillside and perennial borders together. The right terraces contain a mix of blues and peaches which flow into lavenders and purples, all accented with yellows and whites. Plants include anchusa, veronica, campanula, daylilies, phlox achillea, stokesia, and scabiosa. A small selection of dwarf conifers abutts the hillside, while in the far corner is a "hot" color section with red and gold flowers.

A mixed planting of several varieties of viburnum provide a privacy screen on the left side of the property. The left border is composed primarily of pink tones, once again highlighted with yellow and white. Roses, echinacea, stock, toadflax, and asclepias are just a few of the perennials in this area. In the far corner of the garden we have kept the original lilacs and added astilbe, columbines, and pulmonaria.

Our home is surrounded by a beautiful mix of trees, shrubs and perennial borders that sparkle with color from early spring to late fall. It also has been designated a "BackYard Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation because it provides birds, bees, butterflies and other species necessary food, water, shelter and places to raise their young.



**GARDEN OF CHUCK
AND JILL BRODBECK
30 GLEN RIDGE LANE**



A large vegetable garden on the southern side of the house reflects a life-long interest which began in Chuck's youth when he helped his grandfather garden. The garden standbys are tomatoes, sweet peppers, pole beans, sugar snap peas, asparagus, broccoli, beets, radishes, carrots, varieties of greens and lettuces and swiss chard. Besides some innovative trellises made of electrical conduit, floating crop covers are used. Always trying something different, this year's extras of red cabbage and cucumbers are tame in comparison to prior years' crops of potatoes, peanuts and watermelon, among others. Near the garden are blueberry and raspberry bushes.

While disappointed that his dahlias will not be in bloom, Chuck has ventured into perennials in recent years so one can see a variety of perennials in sunny and shady locations, including nicotiana, daylilies, sedum Autumn Joy and yarrow on the side and ferns, perovska, penstemon, calamintha, spirea japonica, phlox, malva, lupine and lamb's ear in front. Annuals ring the back patio with cosmos, snapdragons, zinnias and petunias in abundance.

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**Gardens of Jack and Suzy
McDowell
246 Kenforest Drive**

My flower gardens have evolved over the last six years when a friend encouraged me to replace an area of ground cover with perennials. At that point, I found myself committed to perennials and the maintenance free conditions they provide once they are well established. The challenge of orchestrating a performance that looks good most of the growing season constantly motivates me.

My daylily garden surrounds the patio at the back of our home and provides a constant multitude of color from the 15th of June until the end of July. I have approximately 30 varieties in the garden and use blue and white salvia as fillers between the lilies which keep the garden full of color well into September.

I like to try different perennials and am not adverse to pulling them out if they don't grow well or don't work. I am planting a new border this spring in the front of my home and will use oenothera, scabiosa and artemisia, along with lavender, geranium and marguerite daisies for a yellow-purple combination.

Jack's vegetable garden represents tons of leaves and other vegetable matter that has been composted and returned to the garden for the last 25 years. As a young six year old, Jack remembers spading a garden with his grandfather, and as a teenager, he had his own vegetable garden. He organically grows a wide variety of vegetables that we enjoy eating for six months of the year.

Jack and I both believe gardening is a personal form of creativity that comes from the heart. I enjoy the color and tranquility that a flower garden provides; Jack, on the other hand, wants to be able to consume what has evolved from his heart!

Gardens of Topper Berletch

750 Colony Circle



The gardens at 750 Colony Circle are an example of the way several design ideas can work with one another. The beds fronting Colony Circle exemplify the controlled use of perennials and annuals to represent a flowing "English Cottage" look.

The terraced garden area between the house and Cochran Road, with a mixture of mature oaks, rhododendron, mountain laurel and several fern varieties, is an example of the way Pennsylvania's woodlands might have looked in the late 18th century.

Aside from the outdoor entertaining area and volleyball area, the lower yard is home to a water garden. Here we have used an assortment of shrubbery and water plants combined with ferns and hostas to create an informal natural look. Often nearly hidden from view throughout the many garden areas, you can find various pieces of garden statuary.

As a professional garden designer, I have designed a planting scheme varied enough to offer something for everyone. From perennial beds to shade gardens to a water garden, 750 Colony Circle is a haven for the avid gardener.

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GARDEN AT SOUTHMINSTER HOUSE WASHINGTON ROAD ADJACENT TO NEW LIBRARY

About five years ago, Southminster Church began a landscape improvement program by expanding existing flower beds and creating new areas of interest. It was done, in part, by soliciting the support of church members who had an interest in contributing a tree or shrub in memory or in honor of a loved one. The project grew as people gave undesignated gifts to continue landscape improvement. The wall on the Southminster House side of Castle Shannon Blvd. was removed and the area graded to form a large mounded bed for the planting of perennials, shrubs and a memorial tree.

With the completion of Mt. Lebanon Library, Southminster will see the addition of flowering pear trees planted along our common driveway. Burning bush and rhododendron will be placed close to the east side of Southminster House. Benches are on the wish list as well and will be added as funds become available. Possible locations for garden bench viewing would be close to the limited mobility parking, under the giant oak where we have "lemonade in the shade" in summer, close to the Pin oak at the corner of Washington Rd. and Castle Shannon Blvd., and under the hemlock, close to the unpaved driveway on Southminster House lawn.

Trees to be noticed this spring are the Dawn Redwood* on the Castle Shannon Blvd. raised bed and the Red Maple*, located close to the Washington Rd. steps leading to the church parking lot. Both of these deciduous trees were purchased by Southminster Church youth and planted in memory of two teenagers who died in 1994. Two trees asked about most frequently are the Tricolor Beeches, standing along each side of the main entrance to the church sanctuary. Their pink and green leaves look almost like silk when they unfold in May. Another flowering tree is the Redbud, located close to the lower Castle Shannon church door. It blooms in April directly on the tree's branches rather than on leafstalks, like most trees.

* Interesting facts about the Redwood are these: It was a specie known only as a fossil until 1948 when it was discovered growing in a remote valley in China. It is thought that this family of trees, which include the giant Sequoia, were living when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Seeds from the Redwood were shipped to the Arnold Arboretum in the United States and have been disseminated worldwide.

The Red Maple is noted for displaying something red in all seasons - buds in late winter, flowers in spring, leafstalks in summer and bright foliage in autumn.

Lynn Heintzleman - Southminster Garden Chair

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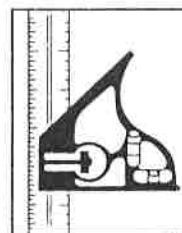
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