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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Bronze horse bounded off with \$8,300 at Earlywine sale

BY WILLIAM
FLOOD

KOKOMO, Ind. — In mid-January, Earlywine Auctions held what it considered to be one of the Midwest's finest home furnishings auctions held in years. Referred to as the "Sims

Collection" the items hailed from a castle-like estate home and reflected two decades of meticulous collecting.

Offered were 513 lots of quality furniture, marble and bronze statues, clocks, high-end watches, and impressive home decor. Not surpris-

Right: This lady's Presidential Rolex took the auction's highest bid at \$9,800.



Right: Undoubtedly symbolizing the Colts team, this 10-foot bronze statue (\$8,300) originally belonged to the estate connected to Indianapolis Colts owner Robert Irsay.



furniture. A 98-inch Theodore Alexander 52-drawer secretary,

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Above: This monumental marble statue was a replica of Antonio Canova's famed Reclining Venus for which Napoleon's sister posed. It sold for \$2,300.

ingly, one of the watches - a lady's Presidential Rolex - reached the auction's highest bid of \$9,800. The gold with diamonds timepiece was known to be in working order.

Two additional lots held men's Breitling watches, each selling for \$1,900. Both a Super Ocean Model in rose with a gold bezel and a Crosswind model had automatic movement and were in working order.

Watches were not the only items garnering ample four-figure bids. In all, 40 lots were sold with winning bids exceeding \$1,000. That included 18 pieces of

FEATURE

Marx Lumar trucks have stood the test of time

BY LARRY
LEMASTERS

Lumar Toy Trucks was the brand name the Louis Marx Toy Company used on its pressed steel trucks. Beginning in the 1930s, Lumar trucks were large, nearly child-proof, and relatively affordable.

Louis Marx and Company was an American toy manufacturer that remained in business from 1919 to 1980. Marx made many different lines of toys, including tin toys, soldiers, toy guns, action fig-

ures, model trains, dolls, and pressed steel trucks and construction toys. One of Marx's famous advertising quotes, imprinted on many of its toys and packaging, was the slogan "One of the many Marx toys, have you all of them?"

Louis Marx and his brother David founded Louis Marx and Company in New York City in 1919. The company's basic motto was to "give the customer more toy for less money," and Louis Marx stressed, "quality is not negotiable." Marx, ever the

advertiser, openly listed six qualities his toys and all good toys should have—familiarity, surprise, skill, play value, comprehensibility, and sturdiness. Marx's lithographed pressed steel Lumar toy trucks were the poster child toys for all six qualities, especially sturdiness.

Marx had three manufacturing facilities throughout the United States: Erie, Pa., Girard, Pa., and Glen Dale W.Va. The oldest manufacturing facility was in Erie. Girard was purchased from "Girard Model



Above: Marx Lumar LMC Cities Service Tow Truck, circa 1950s, that is 20 inches long when winch is extended and is valued at \$700.

Works, and Glen Dale was a pre-existing company making toy vehicles when Marx acquired it.

Lumar toys or Lumar Lines was the name given to a line of floor operated pressed steel toys —

Left: Super-fun Lumar auto transport truck and trailer that was offered on eBay for just \$62. All it needs is a load of cars.

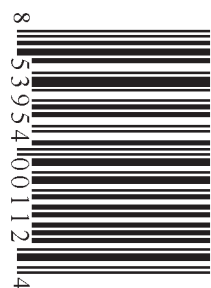


trucks, construction equipment, and cars — beginning in the early 1930s as the Great Depression took a deadly hold on America. Lumar Lines floor trains, both freight and passenger, were produced from 1939 through 1941 when World War II forced the end of metal usage for toys.

Lumar toy trucks had

the name "Lumar" on their tires, which is a good field test when searching for vintage Lumar toy trucks. The wheels on these vehicles were metal, and the truck's graphics were lithograph. And Lumar toy trucks were large, averaging about 1/16th

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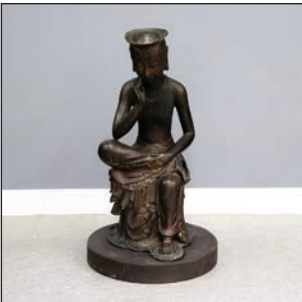
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2/25/23

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Beginning
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Furniture sells at 11:00 AM followed by house dismantelling package.

White kitchen cabinet; Beauty Queen metal cabinet with sink; corner cabinet; China cupboard top; (2) pedestal extension tables & chairs; numerous tables & stands; (Mr. Daugall Indianapolis, IN) white cabinet with flour bin; rocking chair; glider rocker; childs rockers; mermaid Victorian sofa; church pews; Victorian picture stand; magazine rack; camode with glass pulls; wooden desk with wooden pulls; school desk; chest of drawers with glass pulls; cedar chest; 1955 dressing table; (2) display counters; Adam's cash register; cash register; store counter; wooden cube organizer; lots of mid century electric lights; sewing machine & cabinet; checker table; hickory sewing basket; quilt frames; cast iron beds; crib; Junes doll & cradle; porcelain headed doll;

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Brass shell ashtray; handmade bullet aircraft; WWII patches; WWII era pins & brooches; native american on horse brass bookends; ration book holder; turquoise belt buckle; assortment of pocket knives; rock/gems displays; large artillery cartridge; metal ammo boxes; canteen; various military photos; flags; WWII swastika armband; WWII swastika large flag; leather leg boots; camp gear; large collection of 60's - 80's VFW & Legion magazines;

• ROCKS & SPORTING GOODS •

Coconut folk art; 50+ jars of seashells used for jewelry or artwork; large turtle skull; fish heads; shark teeth; petrified wood; assorted sporting goods magazines & books; large maps with trails marked; cypress wood art; old buoys; folk art flying duck; horse hide robe; Herter's enamel can; large assortment of wooden fishing lures; vintage fishing reels some with original boxes; fishing rods; deer antlers; coon pelts; vintage traps; vintage hunting lights & supplies; Coleman camp stove; Coleman lantern; Coleman funnel with original box; corn huskers; rock cutter machines & tools; large assortment of geodes, cut & uncut; vintage photos of fishing and hunting trips; mid century lamps with cypress wood base; Yashica cameras;

• MUSIC RELATED •

Kalamazoo lap guitar; Kalamazoo speaker; Gretsch Sho-Bro guitar; Cromwell by Gibson guitar; Gretsch or Fender lap guitar; Gibson speaker; Ward Airlines radio; Zenith record player; vintage saxophone; Edison record player; lots of records; TV's; radios;

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: A big 2 ring auction with just a brief listing. Be sure to attend. See you there!

Auction preview Friday, Feb. 24 from 3-5pm.

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Earlywine

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that would retail for over \$20,000 if new. It reached \$8,100 even with some missing glass in one door.

Other furniture lots included a mahogany gaming table which was won for \$4,100. The 52-inch table was expandable via an 18-inch leaf and included six leather chairs. Much later, a heavily carved European Renaissance-style table believed to be from relatives of Franklin Roosevelt sold for \$3,300.

The impressive bids extended into the bronze statuary. Getting the auction's second highest bid was a 10-foot bronze horse statue originally belonging to the estate connected to former

Indianapolis Colts owner Robert Irsay. The huge piece went for \$8,300. Another massive bronze, an eagle statue measuring 71 inches, reached \$4,500 while a pair of 50-inch bronze Spanish Conquistador statues went for \$5,600.

Then there were the impressive marble and stone pieces. Those included a massive 13-foot ornate marble exterior bench. Bidding on that rose to \$4,800. A marble replica of Antonio Canova's circa 1840 Reclining Venus statue sold for \$2,300. And a 45-inch-tall Louis XVI-style marble column sold for a comparatively modest \$900.

Twelve lots of clocks were available, most selling for tidy three and four-figure sums. A nine-foot antique European bonnet-top grandfather clock ticked off \$4,200 even though it



Above: Ten antique table and mantel clocks were offered. Among them was this marble and brass Art Nouveau piece which sold for \$400.



Above: This five-foot bronze stagecoach (\$2,000) was a replica of one by famed Western artist Charles Russell (1864-1926).



Above: Over two dozen bronze and brass sculptures were available, including a pair of Spanish conquistadors that sold impressively for \$5,600.

needed pendulum work. A French grandfather clock with a Morbier movement and matching-diameter dial and glass-displayed pendulum hit \$1,800.

As for the mantel clocks, an extremely ornate Franz Hermle & Sons Imperial Brevettato brass example measuring 24 inches tall bid to \$450. Another, a 16-inch Art Nouveau clock in marble crowned with a brass eagle came close at \$400.

There were also some fairly unusual items auctioned. One was a replica of a famed C.M. Russell piece - a massive 52-inch bronze stagecoach on a marble base - that carried off \$2,000. A 9-foot full-body mount alligator also grabbed \$2,000. Going a

bit more modestly, for \$425, was a lot featuring a 30-inch "butler" frog statue paired with a leather and brass-clad plant stand. A massive bone horn trimmed in brass sparked a \$400 winning bid.

Copious bids withstanding, not everything scored high. Over 200 lots of primarily home decor sold for less than \$50. Those included a Maitland-Smith, Middle-east-inspired bowl with decorative spheres that went for the bargain sum of \$45. Two brass urns and a matching wine box sold for \$30 and a lot containing a 23-inch John Richard vase and two ceramic vessels went for \$25.

For information on upcoming Earlywine auctions, visit: www.earlywineauctions.com



Above: Not everything sold high. A \$10 bill took home this nice trio of brass and glass orb accent pieces.



Above: This English-style secretary was crafted by luxury furniture maker Theodore Alexander. Even slightly damaged, it commanded \$8,100 at the auction.



Above: Home decor spanned from the typical to the unusual, like this 3-foot frog "butler."



Above: Fortunately, this massive 13 by 6-foot bench weighing hundreds of pounds could be disassembled for the buyer who acquired it.

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Lumar

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scale, which equates to a toy truck that was approximately 18-24 inches long. Depending on who is selling one, these trucks have been called both “tin litho” trucks and “pressed steel” trucks; however, Lumar toy trucks and construction equipment were made of thin rolls of pressed steel, which works well as inexpensive material for low-budget toy applications.

Lumar pressed steel toy trucks do not scratch easily, but rust can occur on exposed surfaces. Pressed steel is also harder to shape and form because of its density, but steel has excellent flexibility, allowing toy trucks made of steel to flex and bend and then snap back to original design.

Pressed metal toys are normally manufactured from sheet metal through a forming process. The forming process changes or presses the shape of the sheet metal into that of the required object, such as a toy truck cab. Sheet metal pieces are cut to size and then pressed into shape, eliminating metal waste and greatly speeding up the manufacturing process. Any fittings needed on the metal toys are then brazed or welded onto the truck’s body.

In its heyday, 1955, Louis Marx and Company spent only \$312 in advertising on sales of \$50 million. Marx depended almost solely on word-of-mouth advertising for its toys, and Lumar trucks were no exception to this rule. Children all over America told friends and family about their line of Lumar construction equipment and trucks. This line included brightly colored



Above: Vintage, circa 1950s, Lumar road grader construction equipment that is valued at \$185.



Above: One of Marx’s earliest Lumar trucks. This pressed steel Contractors Flat Bed, circa 1930s, is valued at \$270.

orange road graders, several varieties of tow trucks including “Lumar LMC Cities Service Tow Truck,” US military trucks including Lumar’s 11th US Missile Squadron truck, Lumar’s contractor’s steel dump truck with or without a snow blade, a contractor’s flatbed truck, fire engines and pumpers, assorted work trucks such as Lumar’s Lazy Day Farms milk truck, and auto transport trucks. Marx’s Lumar line of trucks offered every truck a boy needed to build his collection into a fleet that he could play with for hours on end.

One of Lumar’s earliest trucks was its pressed steel Contractors Flat Bed truck manufactured in the 1930s. Even as the Depression forced hundreds of smaller toy companies out of business, Marx grew into America’s largest toy company based on early sales of Lumar trucks. The original colors for a 1930s Lumar Contractors Flat Bed truck were red and yellow, which are still showy today. The wheels were black pressed steel, and each tire was



Above: Lumar pressed steel dump truck with hydraulic dump box. This large, 21 inch, truck works perfectly and is valued at \$200.

embossed grill, headlights, and hood strip.

Marx advertised that its Lumar Contractors Flat Bed was a replica of a streamlined GMC truck cab, but the truth is this—all of Lumar’s trucks are more generic in appearance than “real,” but this has never taken away the appeal these trucks have had both on little boys during mid-century America years and collectors in the 21st century.



Above: LaFrance fire engine and pumper fire truck that was manufactured by Marx Lumar in the 1950s and is valued at \$165.

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Above: Lumar Lazy Day Farms “tin litho” truck that is valued at \$154.



Above: Marx Lumar dump truck, circa 1950, that has been professionally restored. This 23 inch long truck was offered on eBay for \$325.

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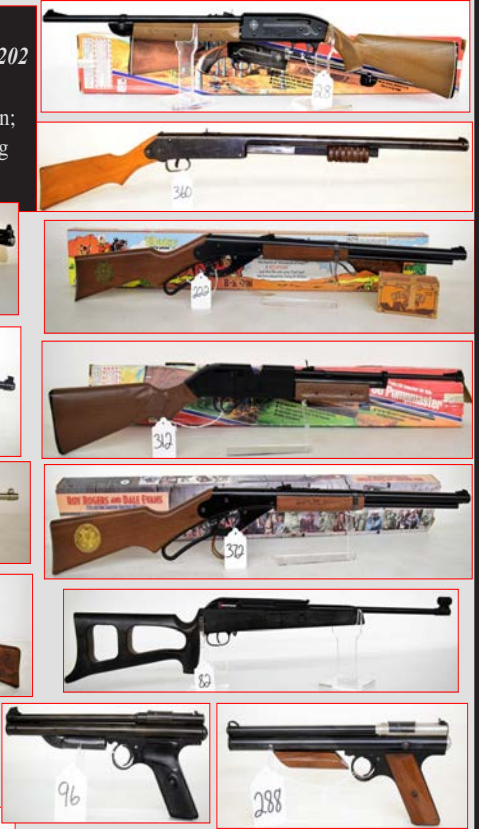


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Above: Sharp PC-12xx series pocket computers were originally priced at around \$279. Today, a working-condition unit, without accessories will run about \$100.

Before laptops, there were pocket computers

BY WILLIAM FLOOD

Visit any coffee shop and you'll see plenty of people working on their laptops. It's hard to recall a time when those diminutive miracles of technology weren't part of the landscape. Yet, in the 1970s and early 80s, when the personal computer industry was in its infancy and names like Apple and Commodore were becoming famous, mobile computing was far from practical.

Back then, home com-

puters were bulky affairs that sat on desks and were tethered to necessities like disk drives and monitors. Portability was a constant goal. A couple of companies like Kaypro and Osborne experimented with "suitcase" computers. Weighing as much as 30 pounds, they were about as cartable as an old-fashioned portable TV.

Other companies focused their energies on expanding the capabilities of pocket calculators with programmable memory, function-laden keyboards,

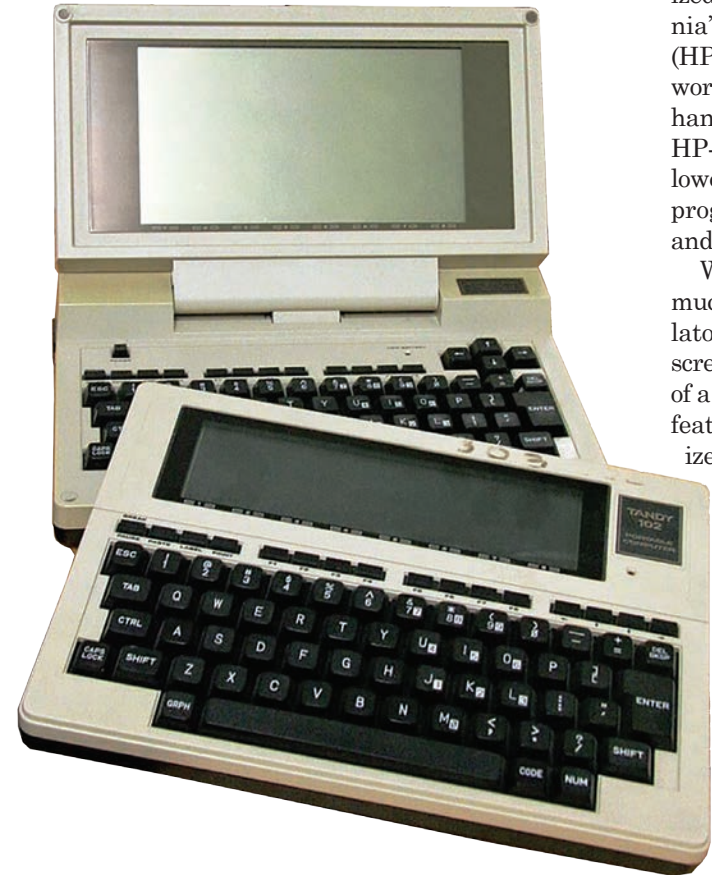
and screens sophisticated enough to display more than just numbers. They were often further enhanced via the ability to connect to accessories like storage mediums and printers. Eventually, these gadgets evolved into fully programmable pocket-sized computers.

The first programmable calculators utilized something called keystroke programming. Users could program the devices via specialized keys on the keyboard. Keystroke programming was popularized by Palo Alto, California's Hewlett Packard (HP). They introduced the world's first programmable handheld calculator, the HP-65, in 1974 and followed with a succession of programmable scientific and business calculators.

While the HP-65 looked much like any other calculator, it had a 15-digit screen (about twice the size of a regular calculator) and featured twenty specialized, multi-function programming keys. The

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Left: Machines like this Tandy 102 notebook and early Tandy 200 laptop helped usher in today's world of laptops and tablets.



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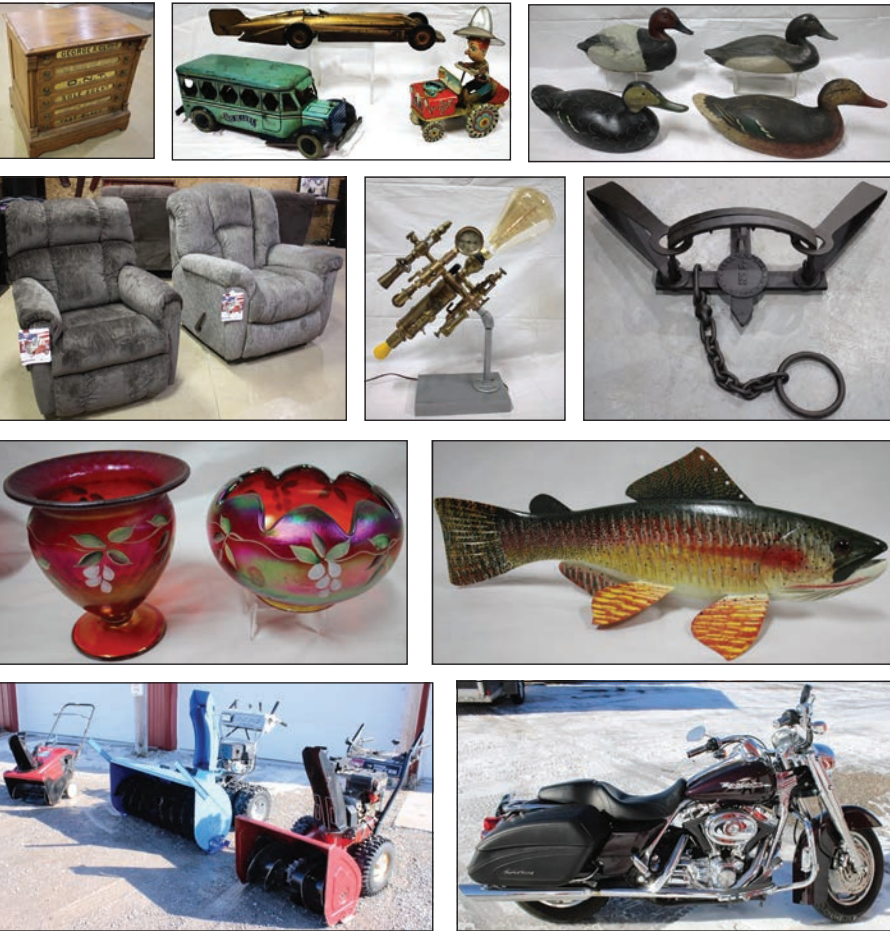
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Miracles of Technology

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HP-65 could hold custom programs of up to 100 steps which was considered revolutionary at the time. Programs could be saved on small memory cards inserted into the calculator's side.

HP revolutionized things again in 1979 with the HP-41C, the first calcu-

lator to have an alphanumeric display. Its programming instruction set was so capable that it received its own moniker: "FOCAL" (Forty-One Calculator Language). The basic HP-41C could hold a program of up to 400 steps, expandable with memory cards. Accessories included a small thermal printer and cassette drive for storage.

HP followed the success of the HP-41C with several other models during the 1979 and 1980 seasons. Particularly important were the HP-71 and HP-75 series of pocket computers released in 1980. They were true microcomputers, running the popular BASIC programming language. They featured large 16K-64K memories and were oriented horizontally to provide for a full QWERTY keyboard and a relatively long 22-character display.

Dallas-based Texas Instruments (TI) began competing with HP in 1975. Its first entrant, the TI-5x series, relied on key-stroke programming through specialized keys like HP. Early units had



Above: The HP-71 series was fully programmable in the BASIC language. Notice keys labeled with commands like IF/THEN, FOR/NEXT, INPUT, and RUN which were fundamental instructions.

10-digit LED displays and enough memory to hold a program of up to 20 steps. Like its rival, TI also incorporated a magnetic card

slot allowing users to save programs. Across subsequent models, memory capacity increased to 960 programming steps, and interfaces for a printer and external memory card reader were added.

In 1983, TI debuted its first fully-programmable

unit using the BASIC language, the CC40. It had 16K of memory, a 31-character LCD screen, and a 69-key full QWERTY keyboard complete with a numeric pad. Measuring 6

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Left: The Sharp EL-5100 was a steppingstone toward a fully-programmable pocket computer. It allowed users to enter algebraic formulas that would complete sophisticated computations.

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Above: Vintage ads, like this one for the Hewlett Packard HP-41C, touted the machines' programmability and use within professional settings.

Below: Notice Radio Shack employing the term "pocket computer" in this vintage ad. The PC-2 was just a Sharp PC-1211 with a Tandy label.

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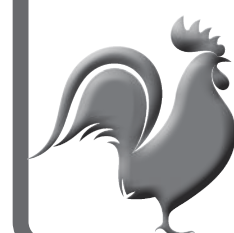
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Miracles of Technology

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by 8 inches and weighing nearly two pounds it was hardly a pocket computer but was arguably part of the lineage of early laptops.

Two years later, TI shrunk things with the TI-74, its entrée in the growing pocket computer marketplace. It came standard with 8K of memory expandable to 32K, a 32-character screen, and a 61-key alphanumeric keyboard - all packaged in a petite 3 by 8 inch horizontally-oriented frame.

Whereas heavyweights like HP and TI utilized keystroke programming in their early models, other companies, particularly Japanese manufacturers Sharp and Casio used a different approach for their programmable machines. Known as formula pro-



Above: Texas instruments started mimicking the landscape layout of the competition with its TI-74 model introduced in 1985. If you can find one, it will run \$50-\$75.

gramming, it allowed users to create sophisticated operations in the form of multi-step algebraic formulas.

Sharp's first formula calculator was the Elsimate EL-5100 launched in 1979. It featured 60 numeric and function keys, a 24-character display, and memory

capable of holding up to 80 steps of programming. Like the TI-74, the 3 by 8 inch body was oriented horizontally to allow for the expanded keyboard and long display.

A year later, Sharp came out with its first true pocket computer, the PC-1200. The initial model could

store a BASIC program of up to 400 instructions. The keyboard lacked any alphabetic keys, so steps had to be entered via special function keys. A succession of later models would have alphanumeric keyboards, larger 1,400-step memory, and some of the industry's first multi-line displays.



Above: Although not pocket-sized, the Texas Instruments CC-40, was a capable machine in its day. Advertising featured Bill Cosby who promoted its "anytime, anywhere solutions."

Accessories included a cassette interface and printer.

In 1982, Sharp's PC-1500 hit the market. Its claim to fame was having the same Z-80 processor found in many of the era's desktop computers. It could also run on standard AA batteries. There was 1.8K of memory, expandable to 16K via extension cards. Accessories included a docking station housing a cassette interface and color plotter.

Just as Sharp was gaining traction, Casio came out with its line of pocket computers. Casio's FX-702P was a head-to-head competitor to Sharp's PC-1200. It could be programmed in BASIC, had a 20-character display, and contained 2K of memory. Like its competitor, it started with a non-standard alphanumeric key layout, improved with subsequent releases. Also like its competitor, a cassette recorder and printer were available.

Casio followed in 1983 with the PB-700, considered the best pocket computer of its day. It was the first pocket computer to have a multi-line LCD display and a built-in speaker. 4K of memory was standard, upgradable to 16K. A cheaper but inferior PB-100 was also available that possessed only a small 12-character display but did have a tiny QWERTY keyboard. Basic programs were limited by just 1K of memory.

Then there was electronics retailer Radio Shack, fresh from its successes with its pioneering Tandy TRS-80 line of desktop computers. Radio Shack was the first to actually coin the term "pocket computer" for its lineup -

although they were merely Tandy rebranded Casio and Sharp units. The inaugural Tandy PC-1 was a Sharp PC-1211. The PC-2, PC-3, and PC-8 were also by Sharp, while the PC-4 through PC-7 were made by Casio. Still, with the Tandy/Radio Shack name behind them, they were the most widely adopted pocket computers.

Other manufacturers tried their hand with competing products - notably Panasonic's HHC (hand-held computer) debuting in 1983. Other contenders included Commodore and Toshiba, all introducing similar devices around 1983.

As technology advanced, pocket computers eventually gave way to an increasing number of professionally-capable and lightweight laptops. It started in 1982 with Epson's HX-20, considered to be the first true "notebook" computer. It sported a full-sized keyboard and memory capacity commensurate with desktops of its day. The next year, Radio Shack released the similar Tandy 100, which offered rechargeable batteries, a full-size keyboard, and a 40-character multi-line display usable for word processing. Its six million units sold helped displace pocket computers in favor of more usable notebooks and eventually laptops.

Ironically, in the mid-1990s, pocket devices returned, far more capable than their predecessors. It was the decade of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) like the Palm Pilot which were the forerunners of today's smartphones.

Below: This Casio FX-702P may look like a fancy calculator. However, it was a fully functioning computer that could be programmed in the popular BASIC programming language.



Below: This Panasonic HHC fits snugly into its docking station outfitted with a pocket-sized printer. Most manufacturers offered similar accessories.



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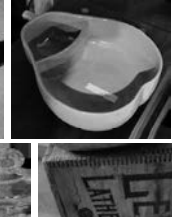


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