

Eastland County Extension Homemakers Clubs Growing

Would you like to join an Eastland County Extension Homemakers Club? Then you have a special invitation to attend an organizational meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 10 a. m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room in Eastland.

Extension Homemaker Clubs are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Mrs. Janet

Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent, serves as the local advisor. E. H. Clubs have open memberships and all interested persons are invited to join. There are no local dues.

The monthly programs are on home economics subjects. At the February 4th meeting the program will be on sewing modular unit knits for a "Fashion Update" program.

GRAMM NAMED "TEXAN OF THE YEAR"

WASHINGTON — U. S. Senator Phil Gramm has been selected as the 1988 Texan of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference.

The award, which recognizes "outstanding service for the benefit of

If you would like additional information about the purposes of Extension Homemakers and joining, contact Mrs. Thomas at 629-2222.

Texas," will be presented in a formal ceremony set for Friday, March 11, at New Braunfels.

The senator will also deliver the keynote address to the 22nd annual Texas Legislative Conference.

Previous recipients include Vice President George Bush, U. S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Baylor University President Abner McCall, Lady Bird Johnson, Treasury Secretary James Baker and former U. S. Rep. George Mahon.

"I am flattered and deeply honored to be included among such distinguished company," Gramm said.

Gramm won election to the Senate in 1984 after serving six years in the U. S. House of Representatives as a congressman from Texas. He currently serves on the Senate's Armed Services and Banking committees.

He is the chief author of three pieces of landmark legislation -- the Gramm-Latta I Budget, the Gramm-Latta II Omnibus Reconciliation Act and, most recently, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget

Form 1099 Used to Report Payments of \$600 or More

Farmers who make total payments of \$600 or more during a calendar year to another person, other than a corporation, must file information returns with the Internal Revenue Service to report these payments, the IRS says.

For example, interest payments, such as interest paid on installment sale contracts, of \$600 or more are reported to IRS on Form 1099-INT, *Statement for Recipients of Interest Income*. A copy of the form is sent to the person

bill.

The senator's abiding interest has helped produce a string of successes on programs of such major Texas impact as the creation of two U. S. Navy homeports on the Texas Gulf Coast and Texas emerging as one of only seven finalists in the national race to win the multi-billion-dollar Superconducting Super-Collider.

who received the interest income.

The IRS uses computers to match information received on 1099 forms with the information reported by taxpayers on their tax returns.

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Payments for merchandise, freight, and similar charges, and for rental payments to real estate agents, need not be reported. Payments for compensation to employees that are reported on Form W-2, *Wage and Tax Statement*, need not be reported on a Form 1099.

Free IRS Publication 916, *Information Returns*, contains additional information on information returns, and can be obtained by sending in the order blank in the tax package or calling IRS toll-free at 1-800-424-3676.

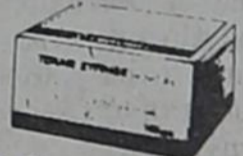
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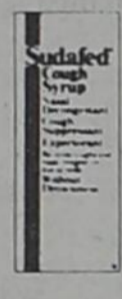
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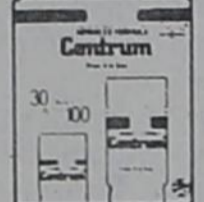
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Pacemaker Quickens 'Pace' of Life

When Irene Mikulewicz of Prescott, Arizona, replaced her old fixed-rate heart pacemaker with a new rate-responsive unit, the pace of her life quickened dramatically. The new pacemaker, called an "Activitrax," varies her heart rate from 60 to 150 beats per minute (bpm) to match her physical activity.

Says Mikulewicz, "Now I don't get breathless when I climb a flight of stairs. And when I lie down, my heart rate slows down. I'm finding I sleep better, too!"

The Arizona woman received her first pacemaker in 1978 when tests showed her heart rate had slowed to 30 to 40 bpm, and she became exhausted just walking across a room.

Her conventional fixed-rate pacemaker was set at 72 bpm and it helped her somewhat. However, when the level of her activity required a higher heart rate, she quickly became tired.

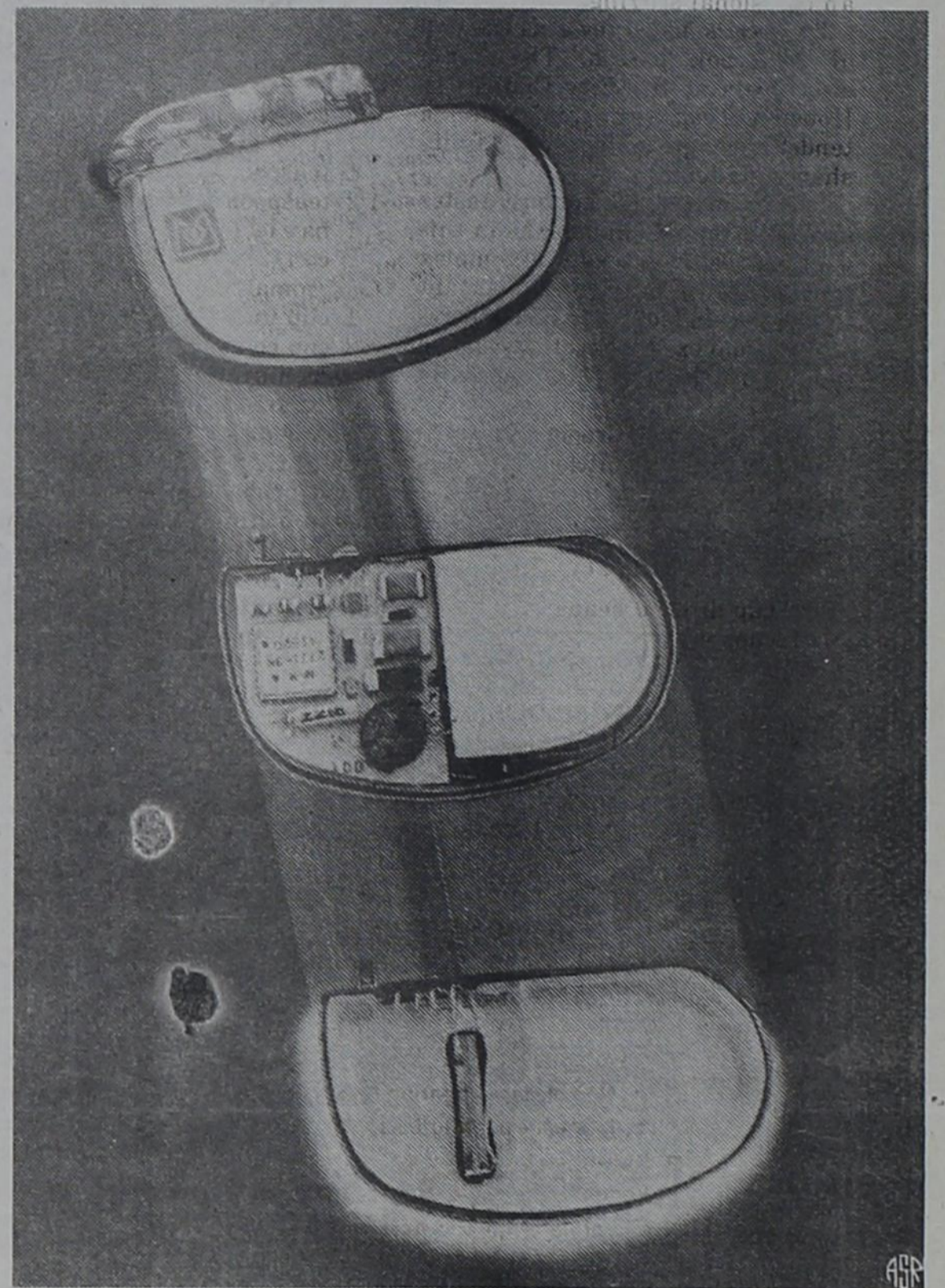
"When the unit needed to be replaced," she said, "it made sense to replace it with the latest technology."

The new rate-responsive pacemaker is just that — "state of the art" technology — the first of its kind.

The pacemaker was developed by researchers at Medtronic, Inc., in Minneapolis. The device contains a crystal that acts something like a phonograph needle. When it detects movement of the body, it sends out electrical signals that change the heart rate.

The unit is about the size of a matchbook and is implanted under the patient's collarbone, similar to the conventional pacemaker. A "target-tip" lead wire runs through a vein to the heart, and it is this wire that stimulates the heart to beat faster or slower.

Cost of the Activitrax is about \$4,800, a few hundred dollars more than for premium fixed-rate models. Medicare and private insurance generally cover the cost at the same reimbursement rate as conventional pacemakers.

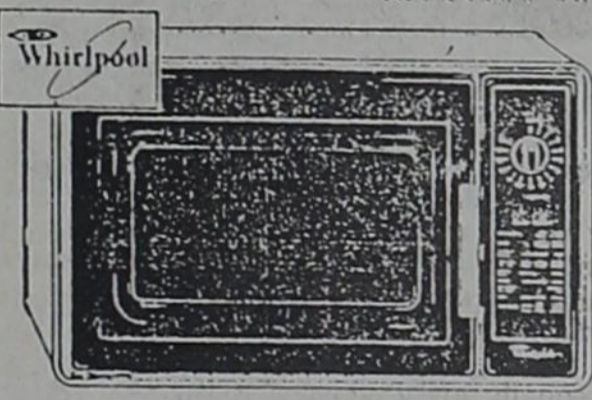


This cut-away photograph shows some of the inner workings of the remarkable Medtronic Activitrax rate-responsive pacemaker — the first pacemaker ever developed to automatically adjust heart rate in response to the ordinary activity of the wearer. Whether sleeping, walking, jogging or even dancing, the unit is capable of adjusting the heart rate anywhere from 60 to 150 beats per minute. The center portion of the photo indicates some of the electronic circuitry, and the bottom portion of the pacemaker's unique "sensing" crystal.

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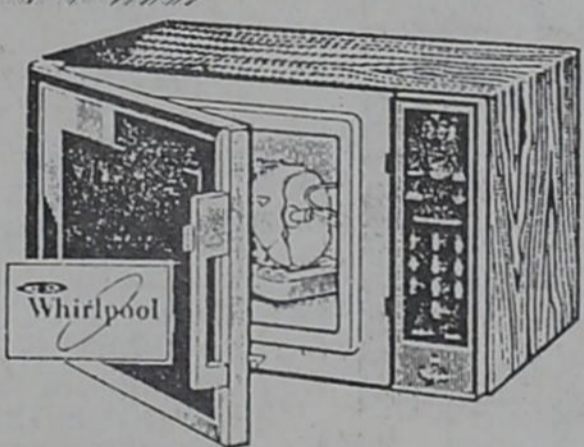


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