

consider that many electronic typewriters cost more than \$1,000, and can do much less than a computer, that's a very attractive package.

While you can word process and service mailing lists with a computer, you'll need a printer to print your work. There are several considerations regarding printers that will be discussed in later articles. For the present, this: printers tend either to be fast and produce not-so-attractive type, or slow, and produce very attractive, "letter-quality" type. Printers that will print both attractively and fast tend to be expensive. The least expensive way to get the best of these two worlds is to get two printers, one fast, the other slow. A fast Star Gemini-10X dot-matrix printer that can be used for rough drafts of documents and address stickers can be obtained for about \$150. A slow Comrex CR-II daisywheel printer (also sold as the Brother HR-15, and under other names) will cost about \$270, and can be used for final drafts of documents. These are the two printers I have.

If you have two printers, it's very convenient to have a "peripheral switch" to quickly change from one printer to the other. Peripheral switches can be obtained for about \$70. It's possible also to build them for much less - more about that in a later article.

With a little careful shopping, for about \$1,300 you can obtain all the computer and printer equipment you need for an organization with a mailing list of a few thousand names.

Learning to use a computer, word processing, and database programs, may be new for many people, and can have its frustrating moments. Therefore, it's wise to have at least on call someone who has experience with the equipment and is happy to give advice. Such a person most likely will be the dealer from whom you purchase the equipment. Because of this, it's wise to obtain your equipment from a nearby, friendly dealer.

I realize that many people au courant with computer technology may chuckle at this article, for it discusses equipment about two years old, and to many in the fast-moving world of computers already "antediluvian." However, even this "elderly" equipment can transport one into the new realm of organization offered by

computers, beyond which all is embellishment, and the newer equipment is, the more expensive it tends to be. One "laser" or "ink jet" printer may be able to do about what my two printers can do, but it also will tend to cost more than my entire outfit. If it breaks down, you can't do anything until it's fixed. If one of my printers fails, I can use the other while the broken one is being repaired.

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