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KEITH L. HALES

"OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS"

March 8, 1975

KEITH IS A 1954 GRADUATE OF THE ELECTRICITY PROGRAM AT UTAH TECH. THE HOLDER OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN CERTIFICATE, HE HAS BEEN AN INDEPENDENT ELECTRICIAN SINCE 1958. HE PRESENTLY SERVES ON THE ELECTRICITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE COLLEGE.

KEITH SAYS HE FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN ELECTRICITY THROUGH HIS FATHER, WHO ALSO WAS AN ELECTRICIAN. HIS INTERESTS BECAME A FULL-BLOWN GOAL IN HIGH SCHOOL AND LED TO UTAH TECH.

HE LISTS MUSIC AS HIS ONE HOBBY, AND IS AN ACCOMPLISHED ORGANIST. HIS WIFE'S NAME IS JERRIE, AND THE HALES HAVE FOUR CHILDREN.

NOW KEITH IS CONSIDERED AN EXTREMELY CAREFUL PERSON, BUT WITH SOMEWHAT UNORTHODOX METHODS. LIKE HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CHECK FOR ELECTRICAL CURRENT BY STICKING HIS FINGER IN LIGHT SOCKETS AND GRABBING BARE WIRES. AND LIKE MOST MEN, AROUND-THE-HOUSE PROJECTS NEVER SEEM TO GET DONE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE HALES SOLD THE HOME THEY LIVED IN FOR 12 YEARS, KEITH FINALLY WIRED UP SOME LIGHTS IN THE GARAGE AND ACTIVATED SOME OF THOSE WALL SWITCHES THAT FOR 12 YEARS DIDN'T TURN ANYTHING ON OR OFF.

BUT PERHAPS HIS PENCHANT FOR BEING CAREFUL REALLY SHOWS UP IN THE FOLLOWING EXPERIENCE. IT SEEMS THAT A MOUSE WAS MUNCHING AROUND IN THE HALES' KITCHEN CUPBOARD. AFTER KEITH VAINLY TRIED TO

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LOCATE THE MOUSE, HE SET A TRAP AND WANDERED OFF TO WATCH TV. A SHORT WHILE LATER HIS WIFE OPENED THE CUPBOARD AND SPIED THE MOUSE'S TAIL STICKING OUT OF A CREVICE. BEING THE NORMAL, BRAVE HOUSEWIFE, JERRIE GRABBED THE MOUSE BY THE TAIL AND CARRIED IT SQUIRMING INTO THE LIVING ROOM WHERE KEITH WAS WATCHING TV. SHE ASKED HIM TO DISPOSE OF THE MOUSE. BUT WITH THE ANIMAL SQUIRMING FOR HIS LIFE, KEITH BRAVELY ASKED HER TO HOLD ONTO THE MOUSE WHILE HE RAN TO GET HIS GLOVES.

HERE NOW IS KEITH HALES, A CRAFTSMAN WHO UNDERSTANDS ELECTRICITY, AND MICE, AN "OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS" OF UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT SALT LAKE FOR 1975.