As it must to all appliances, the end came to our ances, the end came to our beloved electric oven yesterday. (0h, if those black, caked walls could only talk, what stories they could tell!) It was a quiet departure, unlike the fighting, gasping struggle of some of our appliances as they prepared to meet the Big Repairman in the Sky. It merely failed to respond when I started to prepare dinner. Incidentally, have you ever tried to cook a leg of lamb on a frying pan?

pan?
Warnings that all was not well were first observed when the buzzer on the electric timer continued to buzz for 48 hours. "I think it's trying to tell us something." I said prophetically. A specialist called in from Geneva (Geneva avenue, that is) made the familiar but somber diagnosis, "Prognosis negadiagnosis, "Prognosis nega-tive." Or in his words, "Lady, this oven has had it."

Needless to say, the man-ufacturer of our particular oven and range has gone out of business, so you can't pur-chase any parts for it locally. The company, however, con-signed the repair work to an

outfit in New Jersey which meant either that we ship the oven there by freight, or lease an automobile—an Edsel, probably—and drive it there ourselves. Either way would be costlier than buying an all-new electric kitchen.

Actually, the oven lasted the longest of all our appliances. According to actuarial tables it should have konked out a year ago when it was seven. Of course, my mother has had the same appliances for some 30 years, when they first came out.

But if appliances have to go, I wish they'd plan their demise with the dignity the oven did, even if we had the rarest lamb since the one that followed Mary to school one day. Consider the automatic washing machine which chased me around the garage during its left (text) garage during its last fatal "Spin." Dishwashers always expire when they're loaded with half-dirty dishes and a tubful of sudsy water to be ladled out. They have a habit, too, of going out during half. too, of going out during holi-days when you have extra company and dishes.

The noise made by a dying vacuum cleaner sounds like

the final tailspin of an airplane during World War I on the late, late movie, "Wings."

The appliance, of course, whose untimely end causes the most commotion is the the most commotion is the television set which always seems to choose to say, "Bye, Bye, Baby" when you're ready to watch a baseball game, or maybe an Academy Award presentation (just ask the guests I invited over that night) or the latest episode of "Peyton Place."

Foerster Named To Honor Group

Douglas Foerster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foerster of 135 Calle Mayor, has been tapped for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa at the University of Redlands.

Foerster, a junior at the university, was one of 11 men named to membership in the honor group at a special honors convocation. Membership in the organization is the highest honor at University of Redlands a junior or senior can receive.

Tax Claims From Vets

Veteran property tax exemption claims for 1965 are dond Beach, has been named national vice-chairman of the final phase of the fundraising campaign.

Approximately 261,000 veterans this year, compared with 309,207 filings last year. Some 1,200 claims, postmarked after May 3, have been disallowed because of failure to file by the Constitutional deadline of the first Monday in May.

The drop-off in veterans claiming the exemption con-

claiming the exemption con-tinues the downward trend which began in 1963 when the veteran was required to fill out a form listing his as-sets in detail. Claimants have dropped almost one-half from the 1962 total of 495,835.

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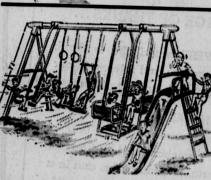


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