FROM THE PUBLISHER

any times as I've sat down to write this column I've wanted to write about the people who make up this industry. Each time I started to write, I felt my words were trite and unimportant. However, my mind always seems were trite and unimportant. However, my mind always seems to come back to people. After all, it is they who make things become the live in a poople world. The more think about happen. We live in a people world. The more I think about it, the stronger I feel that it is important to recognize those

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to meet with and talk to people from all facets of our industry—people from who make our industry tick. all walks of life, with varied backgrounds, who in one way an walks of the, with varied backgrounds, who in one way or another found their way into our business. I must

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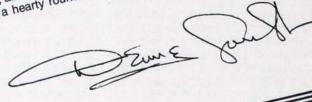
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