

of pen and paper. (Actually I prefer a pencil.)
It's no secret that the VIP is not very well suited to text processing. And for the price of a computer that is, you could have quite a few boxes of pencils.

But that doesn't mean we Vipers have to limit ourselves to a life of hex and binary. Text applications for the Cosmac will continue to increase as more utility programs such as Text Editor-21 become available. As for the tedious job of entering ASCII codes using the hexpad, there is no question that the new keyboard is what we've all been waiting for. Here then are the promised modifications for hooking Text Editor-21 up with RCA's new Cosmac keyboard.

HAVE IT YOUR WAY

The following changes to Text Editor-21 will work with any keyboard that uses the EF-4 flag line to indicate that a key has been pressed. Should you already own a keyboard wired to EF-3, either modification below will work equally well if you are careful to change from EF-4 instructions to those that test EF-3 instead. Remember that EF-3 is also shared by the hexpad, and you should avoid conflicts of interest (i.e. touching a keyboard key and a hexpad key at the