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People Editor Suzanne Ashmun.

"Both husbands pretend it's the other one in the column,"

the two hapless homemakers—in real life as in print—agreed.

Mrs. Ashmun, whose husband Reg is food services manager for Multorpor-Ski

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HELEN ROARK (left) and JoAnn Toler operate machines that perforate paper tape, which is fed into a machine to produce typed material.

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Bowl, began work at The Outlook three years ago.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Mrs. Ashmun has developed the family news section, now called Outlook People, which won first and second in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association contest in its first two years of existence.

She also received 10 prizes in Oregon Press Women contest last spring, including first place for the best family-women's news section.

The home economics graduate especially enjoys taking pictures.

"On my first day at The Outlook the boss handed me a camera and told me to take a picture of the first baby of the

year," she remembered. "It was nerve-wracking at first, but I've really grown to enjoy this part of my job."

A home economics major with a minor in journalism, Mrs. Ashmun enjoys covering luncheons and doing the weekly recipe features in addition to personality features.

"I've gained 10 pounds, but I've met a lot of interesting people," she laughed.

Also helping out in the People Section is free lance writer Helen Hanson, who was news editor for the Parkrose Enterprise when it was owned by The Outlook. She once was society editor for both The Enterprise and The Outlook.

"I carried the copy back and forth in wire baskets," she laughed.

Mrs. Hanson, mother of four sons and a daughter, attended Reed College, receiving her degree in journalism from University of Oregon. She worked for The Oregonian after completing college and has worked for Muskogee (Okla.) Daily.

She works on special assignments including church features and food features.

"Anything fun," Mrs. Hanson said. "I got my experience in hard news and I just love digging into stories."

When Mrs. Hanson was confronted with her first wedding story on the Enterprise, she kept up putting it

under her typewriter because "I didn't know what to do with it."

Being in the newspaper business can mean some wild times, the editor of the Reynolds Metals Co. employees publication recalled. Bob White, Outlook darkroom specialist, was once carrying copy between The Enterprise and The Outlook.

"We didn't have anything to put the news stories in so we put them in a lunch bag," Mrs. Hanson remembered. "When we went to make up the paper all our stories were missing—somebody had put them in the refrigerator."

Most recent addition to The Outlook newsroom is Sports Editor Bob Martinson, another University of Washington graduate.

Martinson came from the weekly Inter Mountain News in Burney, Calif., where he was news editor.

In covering sports for five high schools and Mt. Hood Community College, Martinson has covered as many as two basketball games and a wrestling match in the same night.

"And they all started at 8 o'clock," he said.

Besides the sports beat, he also writes the crime news, church news and Cub Scouts and even chases fire engines.

Martinson, who is single, is also the Miss Gresham Pageant editor.

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