

Class aids in job search

Jerry Stimpson is looking for jobs. Not only for himself, but for recent participants in a job search skills development project geared to adults who were in special education classes while in school or who needed such classes which were not available to them.

It's part of an Extending Methods of Rehabilitation program financed by a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Title I special governors grant administered by the Manpower Executive Department. "I think that if a person has the incentive, the program

will do everything possible to make work available," said Stimpson, who worked for Boeing Corporation in Seattle for eight years before receiving a head injury five years ago. He was one of 11 adults who participated in a two week training class at St. Michael's Hall in Sandy

which was designed to acquaint students with job search skills that will hopefully assist them in finding meaningful employment. Many of the students, according to vocational training counselor Don Brown, were surprised to find themselves more capable than they thought. "Most of our participants are able to do a variety of jobs, but they may not know how to look for a job effectively," says a pamphlet describing the program. "Searching for a job can be difficult even when the person could actually handle the job."

Right now five of the 11 students in Brown's class in Sandy have found employment. One is working as a library assistant, two are working in the auto body and repair shop at Clackamas Community College. Still another is a teacher's aide while another is working in a nursery.

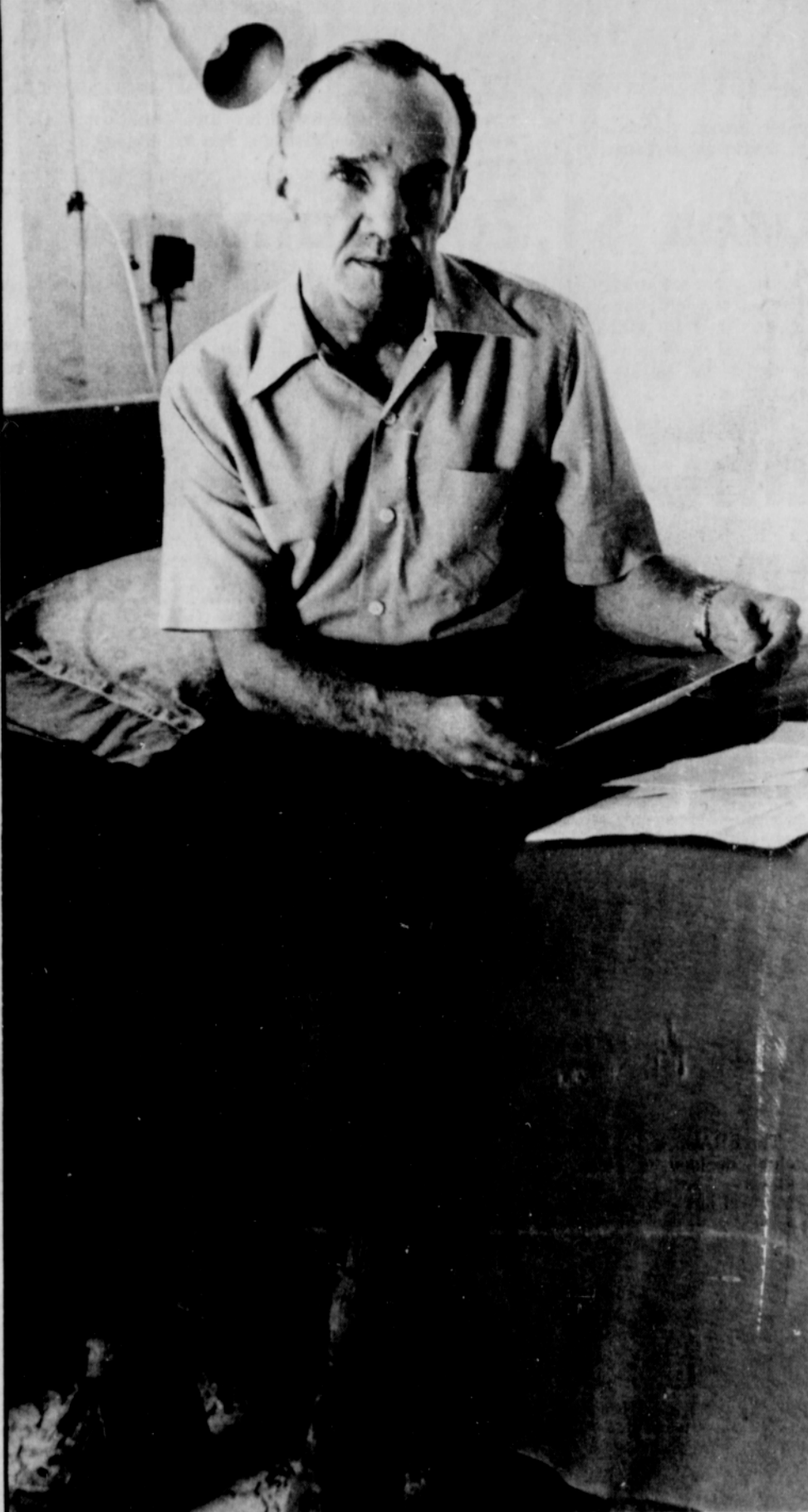
Brown held his class for two weeks in December. After that session he worked with the students for six weeks in an intensive job search. He recalls seeing a sometimes dramatic change in the participants. "One of the side effects is an improvement in their own appreciation of themselves and their own ability," Brown said. "Through the class they can see what they can do well."

Among the topics covered during the class were how to interview, types of jobs available, insurance, transportation, keeping an apartment, grooming and the importance of self-confidence. But the core of the program is how to find and keep a job.

Stimpson, as a job developer, will make phone contacts and serve as an advocate for those in the program who are seeking a job. He's hoping to find a permanent position for himself as well.

Brown said volunteers from the Sandy community are needed to act as a big brother or sister for a handicapped person going out on their own for the first time and to assist the newly employed individual with a housing search, transportation or other problems. Brown said each person who finds a job through the project is given any needed extra help to learn the specific job skills required such as help with reading.

For more information on the program or to volunteer, call Brown at 635-4318, Marylhurst.



JERRY STIMPSON, a resident of the Mt. Hood Group Home in Sandy, is serving as a job developer for several persons who recently completed a job search skills training class sponsored by an Extending Methods of Rehabilitation program.

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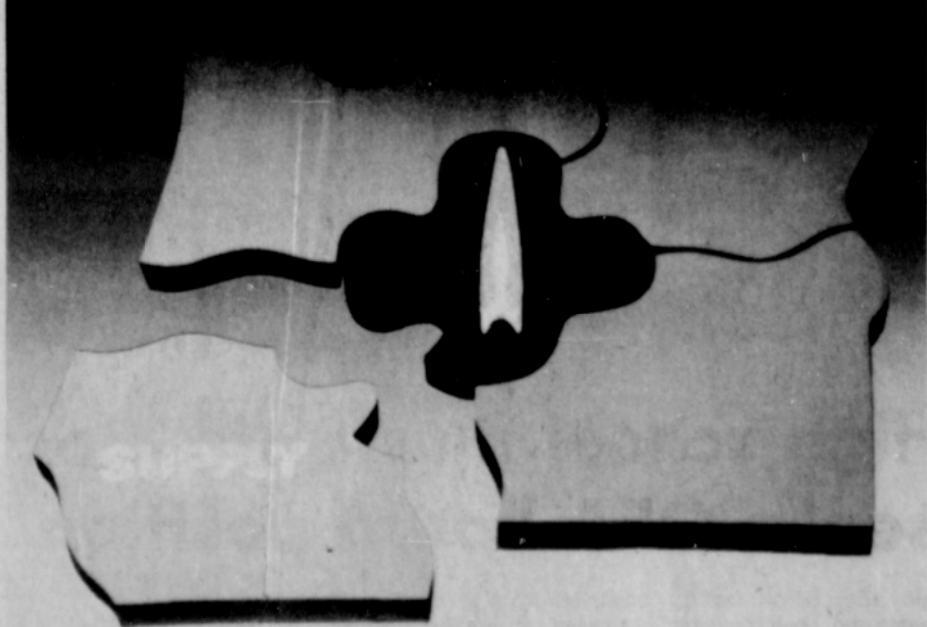
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Dramatic productions open Friday

Theatre fans in the area will be in for a double treat this weekend when the Sandy High School drama department presents a twin bill featuring Neil Simon's comedy "Barefoot in the Park" and the musical melodrama "Loggers Lament," written by two

Redland women.

Margaret Trachsel will direct Claire Resseger and Helen Sanderson's tuneful portrayal of life in the woods. Featured performers include Bob Lowe, Sue Keller, Karen Ligatich, Mike Trachsel, Dave Antis, Kim McCarthy, Sherry Hoder and John

Stroup.

Zoe Nakunz and Dan Brown will play lead roles in the Dave Ligatich-directed performance of Simon's famous comedy. Kathy Russell and Mike Moore are featured in supporting roles. Altogether, over 50 students will be involved in

the double bill.

The shows open this Friday, March 3, at 7:30. There will be one show this weekend, then three performances next week with shows on March 9, 10 and 11. The opening curtain for all shows will be 7:30.

Board readies grant application

A public hearing will be held during the regular Clackamas County Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, March 9, to elicit citizen input on the final application for the county's Community Development Block Grant.

This entitlement money, which the county qualifies for through its urban county status, allows the board to apply for over \$2 million for fiscal year 1978 and approximately \$6.9 million over the three year program. The block grant is used to

fund projects and programs which upgrade neighborhoods and meet the needs of low and moderate income persons.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Courthouse Board Room.

This is the final hearing before the application is signed by the Commissioners and submitted to the state and Columbia Region Association of Governments for review.

President Carter signs bill

President Carter Friday signed the Endangered American Wilderness Act which will add 33,000 acres of wilderness to the Mt. Hood National Forest.

"The first task we have at hand is to prepare new maps indicating where the boundary is and how it influences trail and use patterns in and around the Zigzag portions of the Mt. Hood additions," said Zigzag District Ranger Roger Deaver.

Deaver said he sees little impact in the coming summer season because the district has always managed that portion of the ranger district as a dispersed recreation area.

Ann Heisler, public information

specialist for the Mt. Hood National Forest, said the new addition will bring the total of wilderness area in the Mt. Hood Forest to approximately 47,000 acres.

"This will allow us to disperse people and not put so much concentration in the existing wilderness," she added.

The legal definition of a wilderness is a piece of ground where no permanent effects of man such as roads are allowed.

Deaver said during the summer months his staff will probably look for new opportunities for access in the wilderness "and correction of any deficiencies in the wilderness and more

developed recreation uses."

Deaver said an example of this might be the trailhead development at Ramona Falls where there presently is an exploratory geothermal well being drilled under a special use permit.

"If such conflict exists, they will be reconciled as we determine where they are."

Deaver said the district will welcome wilderness users during the coming summer season and that more information will be available at the Zigzag office concerning the boundary and any use restrictions that may exist.

Public hearing set for budget

A public hearing regarding the budget of the Clackamas County Community Action Agency will be held in Sandy on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The session will be held at the Sandy Community Action Center, 38500 Pioneer Boulevard.

The hearing is one of a series planned for around the county, according to Dr. James Phillips, executive director of the Clackamas County Community Action

Agency.

Dr. Phillips indicated that this year's schedule of hearings is more extensive than in previous years.

"It's our desire to take our plans to the various communities for careful examination and questions. We want county residents to know what we're planning and provide an opportunity to input those plans," he added.

Among the agency's programs are information

and referral, nutrition, transportation, emergency services, winterization and the operation of service centers.

Community Action is the county's anti-poverty agency. It is partially funded

by the county and Central Service Administration.

The proposed 1978-79 budget will be presented at a 7:30 p.m. hearing on Monday, March 20, at the Clackamas County Courthouse in Oregon City.

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