

# inside business

## Couple combine talents to form Camp

by SCOTT NEWTON

Diane Kent of Brightwood was occasionally nervous upon hearing her husband talk about going into business for himself.

But with her background in education and his in business and computers, she's comfortable with their new business, Com-

puter Camp.

Last week they had 20 youngsters, from the ages of 7 through 15, participate in a camp held at the Hoodland Women's Club.

The week-long camp cost \$35 instead of the usual \$65, and was the Kents' way of contributing to the community.

Schools often don't have the money to be able to pur-

chase large numbers of computers, and Diane said it often seems the top students, and those at the lower end of the spectrum, are the ones who have access.

"We felt it was important to give as many kids a chance as possible," she said.

The business was started in January, and since there have been camps held all over the Portland area. They lease office and classroom space from Pegasus Computer Store, 1517 N.E. 122nd.

"It went pretty well this summer," said Diane of their new business. Their offering for the youngsters was "An Introduction to BASIC through graphics."

While a live-in camp might cost "upwards of \$350" for a week, the Kents' camp is more practical for many.

It is a "positive" and "affordable" beginning to computer education, Diane

said.

BASIC is a commonly used computer language. The Kents use Commodore VIC-20 computers primarily because of the graphic capabilities.

At the camp at the Women's Club, an Atari 400, a Texas Instruments computer and an Apple IIe were also available.

In the fall the introduction to BASIC through graphics will again be offered, as well as "Arcade Game Design" and "Robotics."

About arcade game design, Diane said, "We know the kids would like that," and robotics "seem to be the coming thing. The kids seem to be real interested in robots."

Terry said that arcade game design could be called "Advanced BASIC Programming," but he stresses the need to present material in an interesting way. "We have to offer an attractive product," he

said.

Classes for adults were the first offered, and they have included an introduction to the computer, word processing and business records.

The Computer Camp Institute was recently sanctioned by the state Department of Education, and it features intensive eight-week classes to train or retrain workers for the world of high technology.

Terry has a bachelor of arts in psychology from Willamette University and a masters in theology from Boston University. He has 13 years of experience in real estate sales and management, but nothing caught his interest as computers did a few years ago. After classes at Mt. Hood Community College and extensive reading, the Kents decided to risk a business of their own.

"I'm challenged by them," he said of computers. "They're changing

our lives."

Diane has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Oregon State University, and her experience in-

cludes four years of teaching at Welches School.

She now works full time in the business, as well as

raising their son, Justin, 2. She's taken classes in teaching computer education, emphasizing the use of graphics, through Portland State University.



Diane, Justin and Terry Kent.

## Bank names new officers to posts

Sandy resident Michael Minsky has been named manager of the Boring branch of Clackamas County Bank.

In addition, Debbie K. Halvorsen, administrative assistant, has been promoted to bank loan officer.

Minsky began his banking career in 1964 with First Interstate Bank of Oregon. He worked for the bank in loans and management through 1975. Minsky attended Portland State University and the American Institute of

Banking.

Since 1975, Minsky has been self-employed in agricultural equipment



Michael Minsky

sales, financing and construction.

He has been active in Toastmasters and Optimists clubs.

Halvorsen has been with Clackamas County Bank for six years and has worked in the loan administration department since 1982. She was first hired as a new accounts representative at the bank's Boring branch.



Debbie Halvorsen

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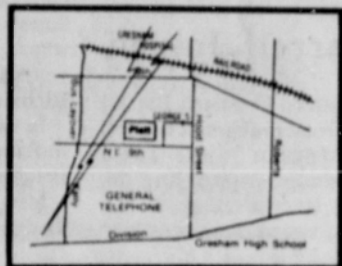
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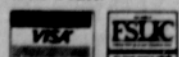
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