



Heppner woman finds a place in the computer world. . .

Support specialist enjoys her job

Jeanne T. Collins is unemployed, but happy.

Her only problem is deciding which of several job offers, from Portland to South Africa, she wants to accept.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins has been visiting her parents here for the past several days after completing an assignment in Australia for the Singer Corporation of San Leandro, Ca., where she has been employed as a support specialist for the world-wide computer system. Singer sells and maintains.

She has been with Singer for the past five years, first as a computer programmer and more recently as support specialist. Her job involves moving in where a computer has been installed and installing and modifying the "software" features required of the intricate machine. While she does not physically install computers, she moves in later to furnish procedures for whatever type of work the computer was designed, and to instruct others in computer operation.

She returned recently from a four-month "troubleshooting" trip to Australia where she set up general accounting systems for Singer computer

users there. Later, she was sent to Johannesburg, South Africa, to install general accounting procedures for Netex, a manufacturer of drapery materials, based in Capetown. She performed a similar service for VAM Department Stores in Venezuela, and has worked extensively with such computerized department stores as Fred Meyer in Portland, W.T. Grant Company and Korvet Stores in New York. Her first overseas assignment for Singer was in Venezuela in 1973.

Sirangely, she received her degree from Eastern Oregon State College in general studies, not mathematics. Although she has a strong background in math, she says it isn't as important in her job as one might expect.

At 31, she enjoys her traveling job, and spends her spare time seeing as much of the country she can. She is a good cook, and does her own meals whenever possible. Jeanne found some sex discrimination in her job "in the beginning," she said. "But the people I worked with soon found I knew my job and wasn't trading on the fact that I was an American and

working for a large corporation," she said.

"I got that discrimination treatment in Australia," she recalls, but it was quickly overcome. Now she is accepted as the specialist she is.

Not many graduates of Heppner High School (she graduated here in 1969) have found themselves in a profession that pays from \$18,000 to \$24,000 a year; that affords travel opportunities and commands the respect of professional workers; and one which she proposes never to leave. She loves her work.

"I would like, of all places in the world, to be based in Portland. I love Portland. I don't think I could ever be satisfied to live in Heppner because there is no chance of practicing my profession. So I just visit here when I can," Jeanne confessed.

She has some right to be proud of the day she talked Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Portland into taking her on as a computer programmer trainee back in 1966. Today because of that decision, she is one of the few women computer support specialists in the world.

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Mixed prospects for hunting

With all the major hunting seasons set to open, prospects appear mixed with the outlook very good for some species, not so good for others.

Unless heavy rains arrive prior to the season opener, deer hunters are going to find dry and difficult hunting conditions coupled with high to extreme fire danger over most of the state. Restrictions on open fires are certain to be in effect and some areas may be closed to access. Hunters are urged to exercise extreme caution with fire and would be well advised to check locally on fire restrictions in the areas they plan to hunt.

In Eastern Oregon, deer hunters can expect a season fairly similar to last year. Deer numbers are about the same as last year with local exceptions. Winter losses and poor fawn survival generally have kept mule deer populations below those known before the heavy winter losses of several years ago.

The best deer hunting prospects are again in Western Oregon where blacktail deer numbers are near the high levels of last year, with a few exceptions. Characteristically, hunter success is low for blacktail deer early in the season but improves greatly toward the later part of the

season when cool, wet weather improves hunting conditions and the leaves have dropped off the brush.

Elk numbers remain at levels near or above those of last year and prospects appear about the same as last season. Indications are that there will again be heavy elk hunting pressure throughout the state. A new regulation prohibits other hunting with a rifle in elk hunting areas while the general elk seasons are open. Hunters should refer to the big game regulations booklet for details on this and other new regulations.

Most bear are taken by sportsmen who happen to see

one while hunting for deer or elk. Bear hunting success is generally very low for hunters who don't have hounds. All bear hunters are reminded that they need a bear tag this year.

Most upland bird species are at somewhat lower population levels than last year except in a few areas and hunters will generally have to work harder and longer for birds. Biologists are in agreement that it will take a mild winter combined with a successful nesting season to bring upland bird populations back up. Game farm pheasants will again be released on public shooting areas in the Will-

amette Valley. Since much of the available hunting for upland game species is on private lands, hunters are urged to ask permission before hunting and to respect private property. This is the only attitude which will keep some of these lands open for hunting in the years to come.

All reports point toward a bumper year for waterfowl, with excellent nesting conditions and production in Oregon and throughout the rest of the Pacific Flyway. Pintails had an especially good year and goose hunters can look for a season similar to last year.

Willow Creek Dam killed

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Library, museum visited

Between 75 and 80 persons met Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillan, strolled through the new addition to the museum, and visited over coffee provided by the Bookworms last Saturday afternoon.

Sam McMillan was autographing copies of his new book, "The Bunchgrassers," and visiting with Morrow County friends.

Mrs. Rachael Harnett, curator, explained some of the old relics in the museum's collection. In time, cards will be completed explaining what these articles were designed to do. Visitors also showed interest in the "Those Were The Days" magazines on the library's sale table.

Both the museum and the library are in a period of expansion.

Doctors' fund reaches \$1,200

The drive to raise \$3,000 to recruit doctors for the Heppner area will be intensified, it has been announced by the executive board of the Doctors' Search Committee.

To date more than \$1,200 has been raised. The committee would like to raise the remainder of the money in October. Heading the drive is Jim Bier, a member of the executive board.

The committee anticipates a fee between \$900 and \$1,250 to Mrs. Helen Chenoweth, the recruiter hired by the committee. This cost will depend on whether or not Mrs. Chenoweth secures a doctor for Heppner. An additional \$1,000 will be needed to fly in one prospective doctor, recommended by Mrs. Chenoweth. At present the committee is compiling 30 or more colored pictures of the area for Mrs. Chenoweth to take on her recruiting trip. This cost will run between \$75 and \$100 depending on the number of

pictures sent.

The committee further believes it will have to do recruiting on its own at such institutions as the University of Oregon Medical School. Application has been made to the National Health Service Corps regional office in Seattle. The committee anticipates that it may become necessary to send a representative to Seattle when the application goes before the review board. These trips will incur additional expense.

To date many individuals, organizations and businesses have contributed or pledged to the fund. Businesses that have contributed are Paullus Trucking, Elma's Apparel, Lebus Shoppe, M&R Floor Covering, Lexington Machine Works, Gardner's Men's Wear, Gray's Auto Repair, Wagon Wheel Cafe, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank, Kinzua Corp., Farley Motor, Leonard's Mobile,

Court Street Market, Morrow County Grain Growers, Pettyjohn's Building Supply, Murray's Rexall Drug, Coast-to-Coast, Heppner Auto Parts, Central Market, Heppner TV, Lott's Electric, Western Auto, Peterson's Jewelry, Case Furniture and Bill's Body Shop.

The organizations which have contributed are the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Lions Club and the Heppner Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Individuals who have contributed or pledged to the fund are Matt Doherty, Carolyn Davis, Bob Abrams, Don and Carolyn Cole, Cliff Green, Neil Parks, Shirley Cox, Doris Graves, Dick and Loa McEligott, Judge James Burns, Frieda Majeske, Ruth Bergstrom, Jim Bier, Nona Sowell, W. C. Rosewall, Larry Mills, Harold Kerr, Lib Daggett, Patsy Tom, Rick and Liz Curtis, Clara Gertson, Ken

Turner, Earl Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lovgren, Roy and Melba Quakenbush, Berl and Margaret Akers, Orville Cutsforth, Jack Van Winkle, Ray Boyce, Ed Gonty, Ed and Rachel Dick, Jim Rogers, Amanda Duvall, Alice Soward, Etta Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Kenneth and Frances Smouse and Judge A. F. Leckie.

In addition, free services and advertising have been provided by the Gazette-Times, Winter and Doherty and Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

The Certificates of Appreciation are available at the First National Bank, Peterson's Jewelry, Murray's Rexall Drug, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, Del's Market in Lexington and Bristow's Market in Ione. The purchase of a \$5, \$10 or \$25 certificate entitles the bearer to membership on the Doctors' Search Committee.

County offices open in Irrigon

Opening of a new county office in Irrigon, to be shared by a number of county agencies, is announced by Morrow County Judge Paul Jones.

The new office space, located in the east end of the Windmill Drive-In, will provide a permanent office for the Justice of Peace, 5th District (Judge Jorgensen), and a shared space for the Extension Service, Juvenile

Department, Children's Service Division, County Planner, Morrow County Veteran's Service and Mental Health

Director at the present time.

The adjoining conference room will be used each Monday for Justice Court; each fourth Wednesday for County Court. It will be available to groups and agencies for use on other days.

Provision of better services to all areas of the county, and many requests from the fast-growing northern area, required the additional county space.

The secretary in the Justice of Peace office, phone 922-3666, will record messages left for all participating agencies.

Present schedule of use each week: Justice Court every Monday; Extension Service, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Juvenile Department, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Children's Service Division, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; County Planner, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Juvenile Department, Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; County Court, Wednesday (fourth), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The hours for the Mental Health Director and for the Veteran's Service will be posted at the office as soon as possible.

Karen Richards wins trip

A freshman at Eastern Oregon State College who has been active in 4-H animal science and home economics projects for nine years will attend the 1974 National 4-H Congress in Chicago December 1-5 as state winner in the 4-H swine program.

She is Karen Richards, 18,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richards, Route 2, Irrigon. The Riverside High graduate hopes to follow a career in either agriculture or teaching.

She was named winner of the trip, sponsored by Moorman Manufacturing Co., for her outstanding work in the 4-H project as well as her

overall 4-H record which includes work in 4-H beef, dairy, sheep, foods, clothing and knitting projects.

In addition to her 4-H project work, Miss Richards has been a 4-H camp counselor and a junior leader for the last three years.



It happened here once, and it can happen now. With hunting season opening and Morrow County hills dry as tinder, a careless hunter can set off a disastrous fire. With fire danger extremely high, many hunters will find themselves barred from private lands. In some cases, hunting is prohibited in public lands because of the dry conditions. Hunters are reminded to observe the "No Hunting" and "No Trespass" postings.