

## Job hunt — it's easier with manual

Young job-seekers trying to get a handle on employment will want to consult the first edition of "Occupations in Demand at Job Service Offices" published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The edition lists 87 occupations frequently in demand by employers that require some college or high school preparation. It was designed by the U.S. Employment Service to help students and recent graduates make better informed job search decisions, said Dr. Richard Floyd with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The edition lists 13 occupations with greater than average gains in the number of openings registered by employers with the National Job Bank System during 1977, points out Floyd, an economist in business development. These include clerk-typist (15,700 average monthly openings), carpenters (10,000 openings), electrical engineers (4,400 openings), and computer-programmers (3,200 openings).

Other occupational groups with gains in Job Bank openings well above the national average were civil engineering, counseling, mechanical engineering, personnel and training, social and welfare work, asbestos and insulation work, cement and concrete finishing, plumbing, and refuse and sewage disposal.

Floyd says the occupational guide also gives geographical areas that had gains in Job Bank openings well above the national average during 1977. These include Houston, with 14,200 average monthly openings, and Dallas, with 13,500 openings.

The edition also indicates job training requirements. Examples of jobs that require high school training but in many cases, little or no experience, are manager-trainee, general office clerk and typist. Those requiring only high school preparation but some experience are exemplified by administrative secretary, mechanical drafter, service establishment manager, and tool and die maker.

Examples of jobs requiring college, but in many cases, little or no experience, include nurse (R.N.), practical nurse (L.P.N.), and recreation leader.

Of course, there is no guarantee that jobs listed in the bulletin are still available, said Floyd.

Persons wishing to obtain single copies should contact their local Texas Employment Commission office or write the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

## Farmer says his hogs like easy listening

United Press International  
DES MOINES, Iowa — The watch hog, loyally guarding his master's tractor, could be a fixture on farms of the future, an official of the National Pork Producers Council says.

"Pigs are good animals to train and are very smart," said Marvin Garner, executive vice president of the pork council. "And more and more people are successfully training them."

He pointed to experiments that have shown pigs respond to unfamiliar sights and stimuli.

"I am not really sure if we have a watch hog yet in Iowa. But, particularly in the case of the young child, a hog will notice a stranger and react to it," Garner said. "They really can't run after it and bite it but they can react and notice it."

The hog also is somewhat of a music critic. For years, hog men have used music in breeder pens and feeding areas to keep the troops happy.

"It keeps them from fighting and feuding and generally keeps peace in the pen," Garner said.

There does not appear to be any universally held top-40 list among hogs.

"No one has done any research on that. It doesn't really seem to matter what the music is, as long as it's noisy and loud," he said. "It seems to keep them together, keep them eating and have a quieting effect."

John McNutt, 26, a farmer who lives near Iowa City, said his pigs prefer classical and folk music played on local FM stations. He discovered when he piped in AM rock and roll, the hogs often grew restless. When he recently built a new farrowing pen, he switched to classical FM.



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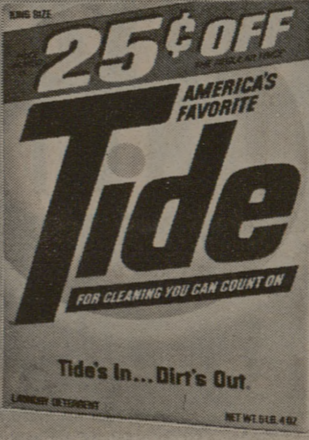
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