

Gardner leaves paper for private business

George Gardner, general manager of the Tundra Times for the past 18 months, has resigned effective Nov. 25.

Gardner, who had supervised the newspaper's advertising, circulation and business operations since joining the newspaper in April of 1982.

Gardner has assumed the presidency of Offices Unlimited, Inc., an Anchorage-based business providing temporary personnel for accounting and small business needs.

He and his family will remain in Anchorage.

Originally from the Bethel area, Gardner and his family moved to Fairbanks when he was very young. He attended the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and served for a time as a Washington D.C. aide to

former U.S. Sen. Bob Bartlett. He and his wife, Anne and son, Jason moved to California where he worked for a trucking firm. A daughter, Jennifer, was born five years ago.

Gardner joined the Tundra Times in 1982 and worked to bring the paper's financial affairs in order. An Internal Revenue Service lien of more than \$18,000 in payroll taxes due from prior to 1980 was paid off this past summer and other past debts for printing and postal service bills also are almost paid off.

He brought many typesetting contracts in to the paper and that function of the paper is a significant source of revenue.

Mike Harper, treasurer for

the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company, said he regrets Gardner's leaving. "He came and did a tremendous job of getting us in sound financial condition.

"Whenever anything needed doing, whether it was advertising, writing or whatever, George did it and I'll be sorry to see that gone."

EIA board member Hilda Woods said, "I'll miss his being there to take the time when we

needed things answered."

Linda Lord-Jenkins, editor of the paper since 1981, said Gardner will be missed greatly.

"He came with no knowledge of the newspaper and got a short course under fire. George picked up very quickly on many of the aspects of advertising and provided many extra services for our advertisers.

"I will miss that and also the calm manner in which George worked. He is a hard worker

and I know he will do well in his new line of work.

Gardner said he was leaving because the business opportunity needed to be acted upon immediately.

"I truly feel it was an honor working for the paper. It was tremendously helpful for me and I hope I have been helpful for the paper."

No replacement has been named for Gardner. Lord-Jenkins will be handling his duties in the interim.