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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tom Collins, former director of the Montana State Planning Board and well known Missoula business man, has been appointed Director of Statewide Services at Montana State University, it was announced by President Robert Johns. In his new assignment, Collins will direct the former Public Service and Extension Division of the University as well as several new areas of action designed to improve MSU service to Montana, the president said.

"The expanded program will include conferences, workshops, seminars, institutes, special off-campus meetings and other means of extending the University's resources to business, industry and the professions in Montana. Mr. Collins will also be concerned with the administration of MSU summer sessions," Johns stated.

The Extension and Public Service Division had been under the temporary direction of Troy Crowder, Assistant to the President.

Collins is a native of Piqua, O., and attended the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, University of Notre Dame and earned his B.S. degree in accounting at Ohio State University. Prior to his arrival in Montana in 1949, he was engaged with his brother in operation of an industrial sales firm at Lansing, Mich. In Missoula, he has been associated with the Faulkner Agency, Highland Heights Development Co., and Mission Homes Sales.

He has been a member of the Missoula City-County Planning Board, and various state committees for economic studies, the Columbia basin, Indian affairs and the Bonneville Power Administration. He served four years in the Navy, entering the service as an apprentice seaman, and saw service aboard an LST in the Mediterranean. He left the service in 1945 with the rank of Lieut., (jg).

Collins is a member of the Lions, the Elks, the Shrine, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the Masons. His professional societies include Phi Eta Sigma and Beta Gamma Sigma. Married in 1946 to the former Bettie Briggs, of Troy, O., he is the father of two sons, Mike 15, and Pat 13.