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mained there until 1975 when he retired back to Eugene.

Wilson once said education is the most important concern of life.

"The power of ideas depends upon the cultivation of man's power of reason," he once wrote in an article for Old Oregon while he was president. "The power of ideas depends upon the cultivation of man's power to reason. This power is greatest where men have already achieved wisdom. Men are born capable of reason, but they are not born wise. The development of wisdom is the true purpose of education and wisdom in the proper end of man. For me, therefore, education is the never ending vocation of man."

Wilson was born in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico on Sept. 21, 1909. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Brigham Young University in 1934, performed graduate studies at the universities of Heidelberg and London from 1936-1937 and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of California in 1943.

He began his academic career as an assistant professor at Brigham Young University in 1937 and served on faculties of the universities of Utah and Chicago and as dean of University College at the University of Utah. He worked as secretary for the Fund for the Advancement of Education at the Ford Foundation before his appointment at the University.

In addition to his wife, Wilson is survived by his three sons,



Owen Meredith Wilson and his family arrive at the Eugene airport March 4, 1954.

Owen Meredith Jr., John and David; his daughters, Constance Bennion and Margaret Morris; 24 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His daughter Mary Ann Hansen preceded him in death. His surviving siblings include five sisters, Mabel Evans, Rebecca Hodge, Rachel Mabey, Tony Daynes and Ruth Wilson; and two brothers, Woodrow S. and Grant Wilson. He was preceded in death by his brothers Guy Carlton and David Stevens Wilson; and by his sisters Eliza-

beth Reynolds Sears, Marguerite Wilson and Florence Anderson.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the University of Oregon Library System or to the Owen Meredith Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota.

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Crop circles

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gonians for Rationality. "We just want people to know that extraordinary claims require extraordinary science.

"We look at pseudoscientific claims like cold fusion, alien abductions and the legend of the Bigfoot and expose their lack of evidence," Reese said.

Reese and Clay have even gone to the Oregon Vortex, a popular tourist stop that claims to be an area where the laws of physics

are askew. With a little research, they were able to discover that appearances can be deceiving.

"We went to the Oregon Vortex and found that some of the claims were simply optical illusions where something or someone looks bigger or smaller than it really is," Clay said. "All we had to do was measure the subjects to prove that they were not really abnormally sized. ... We even found magnets buried in the ground."

Reese and Clay worry that the public is becoming more and more prone to believe in supernatural events without questioning where they are coming from. They think that fantastic stories should be kept in the realm of fiction.

"If it is done for the fun of it, the stories about alien abductions and things like crop circles are all right," Clay said. "But what do you do when an entire culture leaves reality behind?"

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