



Buz Clough talks about PGE to South Morrow County tour. (G-T Photo)

## lone news By Eva Hamlett

Delegates from this area to the Annual Fall Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ, held in Condon this past weekend, were Rev. Bill Graham, Mrs. Fred Martin and Mr. Don Bristow. Guests were Mr. Fred Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse and son Carl. The Central Pacific Conference covers all of Oregon, White Salmon, WA, and Southern Idaho. There were 42 churches represented by ministers and delegates to the conference. Joy Miller of Wilsonville was the moderator and the highlight of the conference was the installation of Rev. Teruo Kawata of Port-

land, and formerly of San Francisco, CA as the Conference Minister. At the Sunday morning worship, a collection was taken with proceeds being given, one-half to the McCain family and one-half to the Teton Dam Relief Fund.

It is again that time of the year when our people begin to return to college. Attending Blue Mountain College are Kim Gutierrez, Arlynda Aldrich, Richard Keene, Loretta Pienning, Danny Akers, and Rick Peterson. Bob Gates, Todd Peterson, and Lori Bergstrom are attending Eastern Oregon College at La Grande, Catherine and Charles McElligott left for

Oregon State University at Corvallis.

Last Wednesday evening was the beginning of "Oregon School Bus Drivers Training Program" held at the lone School cafeteria. Most of the evening was spent in discussing the new Oregon Driver's Code, new school bus lights and their use, railroad crossings, and qualifications of a bus driver. All school buses now have a 4 red light system

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### BBMC needs students

Blue Mountain Community College announces that the following classes are not yet full: tennis, golf, Pharmacology Review II, Basic Spoken Spanish II, and Beginning Tole Painting.

Financial management, which begins Thursday (today) at Heppner High School, has an unlimited enrollment.

For more information, call Anne Doherty, 989-8566 to reserve a spot in any of these classes.

## Women tour N. Morrow Co.

It was a bright, sunny Friday morning, when about 40 women boarded a school bus for an Extension tour of the north end of Morrow County. Harold Kerr and Birdine Tullis were in charge, Birdine taking count of the heads and Harold being our guide. After two men boarded the bus in Lexington, it was decided the tour should no longer be called a women's tour.

With the bus full and a station wagon trailing behind, we met Buz Clough, representative of Portland General Electric, in Boardman, who along with Tom Kingston, construction engineer, gave a tour of Boardman's Coal Fire Generating Site. The site is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Boardman.

We were taken to a view site, which gave us a good

view of the two dams that were being constructed. There are no permanent buildings on the site, but by July 1980, this site will have about 1,000 employees and be operating at full capacity. It takes a good imagination to vision that the now bare desert, with only a few trailers and earth moving equipment in sight, will have, in less than three years, permanent buildings, landscaping, generating plants and full dams that will cover about 1600 acres.

It was then to a buffet lunch at the Nomad Restaurant, and then our guide, Harold, showed us the new construction in the city of Boardman. The new homes are all nice and the city can boast that it is building with all the right zoning.

Next, we were given a tour of the Oregon Potato fresh packing plant. We were shown tons and tons of potatoes in

storage sheds that hold up to 15,000 tons. In the fresh packing plant, we watched the employees sort, grade and pack tons of Norgold Russet Potatoes. This plant has the capacity to receive and ship about 800 tons in a 10 hour day. We also recognized some of our local people who are employed by Oregon Potato.

Back on the bus to the Columbia River where Oregon Potato has their pumping plants.

Then a tour of the farms, canals and watch the sprinklers circle. As it was the end of the season, the sprinklers were still, with a few potato harvesters moving at the Sabre, Eastern Oregon, and Western Empire farms.

The tour was a success with Harold almost losing his voice towards the end, and Birdine just asking, "Are we all here?" Our bus driver, Jean

Bennett, was given a big hand as she maneuvered the bus over fields and dirt roads without a hitch.

The next tour will be to

### Tollefsons to attend retreat

Methodist Rev. Steve Tollefson and Mrs. Tollefson will attend a weekend retreat at The Dalles over October 8, 9 and 10. The retreat is to be led by Dr. Jamison Jones, President of Iliff Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado.

All Methodist clergy couples of the Oregon-Idaho Conference's Central District will be attending the retreat.

Portland, and with the experienced tour services of the Extension Service, this tour, too, will be a success. But now the tours will not be for women only, now that the men have found the tours are interesting and enjoyable.

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