

# Chamber urged to protect Willow Creek watershed

Orville Cutsforth urged the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Monday to follow actions by the Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater Chambers in endorsing protection of their city watersheds.

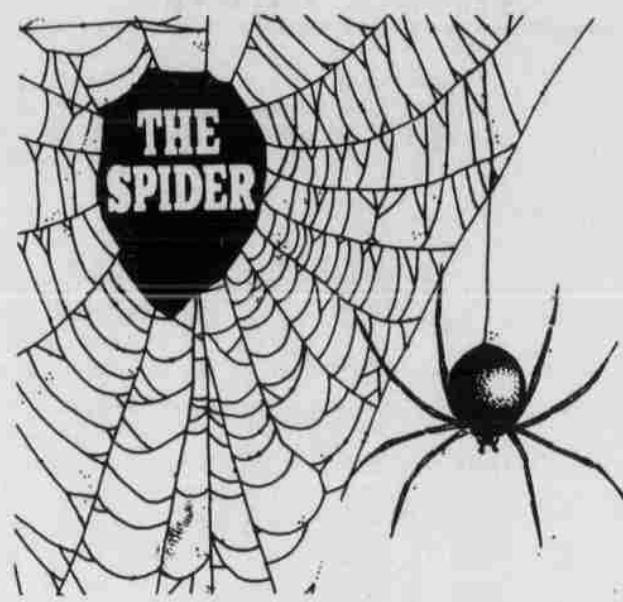
Cutsforth said if the timber-cutting ban is not undertaken in the watershed, Willow Creek could end up like Rock Creek which he says has dried up.

The long-time Chamber member related his trip last Friday with the Forest Service and a professor of anthropology, investigating Indian cultural and historical sites, told of his visits with an old miner in the early 1930's and the finding of two Indian graves, covered with rocks not native to the area.

In a regular business meeting before Cutsforth's comments and the program on the upcoming hospital levy, Columbia Basin Co-op Manager Fred Toombs reported the chamber needs ticket takers on rodeo day.

John Edmundson and Harold Kerr reported Chamber

efforts on compiling a brochure and Randall Peterson said the Friday Street Sale in Heppner drew more crowds than in previous years accompanied by Jim Ackley's stereo music. The planned gong show failed to draw participation, but overall, Peterson felt "the people enjoyed themselves."



During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was editor of a small Missouri paper. One day he received a letter from a subscriber, stating that he had found a spider in his paper, and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied: "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

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## PNB rates go up with jump in population

Population growth in Heppner has reached the point where the community has enough new telephones to qualify for reclassification to a new rate group which reflects the ability to call more telephones in the local calling area.

Pacific Northwest Bell notified on Monday Public Utility Commissioner John J. Lobdell of the reclassifications which will affect a little over 165,000 customers in Oregon, about 24 percent of PNB's customers in the state.

Of the total, 984 are in Heppner. Their residence bills will increase between 15 and 40 cents a month. Business bills will vary depending on type of service.

"In one sense these rates aren't really new," says PNB manager Linda Buckner. "All of our local rate schedules were approved by the commissioner back in 1975 when we were granted our last general rate increase, following extensive hearings."

"Rates for local service," Buckner explains, "are based on the number of main telephones a customer can call without paying a long distance charge. What's new is that Heppner now can call more than the 1,500 telephones which is the upper limit of the present rate group."

Included in the local calling area are Ione and Lexington. Since 1974 the Heppner local calling area has grown from 1,324 main telephones to 1,548.

PNB's rates throughout Oregon are based on a statewide schedule so that customers with comparable local calling areas pay similar rates for basic exchange service. Reclassification has been a continuous program in Oregon since 1958. Since then, 62 of PNB's 100 communities in Oregon have been reclassified in order to keep rates consistent on a statewide basis.

## Bombing Range fire

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Umatilla Army Depot, Lexington and Boardman Fire Departments, Sabre Farms and equipment loaned by the Kinzua Corporation fought the blaze which threatened to break out of the bombing range in the Juniper Canyon area.

If the winds had continued from the south, the fire might have spread to private farms in the Juniper Canyon, the spokesman said.

Sabre Farms which has land bordering the Bombing Range Road supplied tractors and discs to construct fire breaks. The fire was brought under

control about midnight but personnel were kept on the fire lines until 3:30 a.m. to make sure the fire was out.

Two drops of fire retardant were made on the blaze by planes owned by the State Forestry Department in La Grande.

It was the biggest fire the county has experienced so far this season. A lightning storm early Saturday morning passed north of the Heppner Ranger District, reducing the fire danger. However, Forest Service officials are keeping a watchful eye for fire because of dry conditions.

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BR70X13	<b>\$59<sup>26</sup></b>	F.E.T.	\$2.38
ER70X14	\$64.92		\$2.63
FR70X14	\$67.43		\$2.70
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