

Irrigon news

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Mrs. Curtis (Beth) Stevens of Pendleton spent last week in Irrigon with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Bentley. Leon Bentley is now in Hiersche's Nursing Home in Pendleton. Mrs. Stevens also visited her mother-in-law, Mary Stephens.

Minnie Hoadley spent several days visiting friends in Irrigon. She was enroute to the Spokane area to spend some time with her children there. The Lloyd Frankie family were all at home this week except for their son David in San Antonio, Texas.

There was a special family dinner at their home Saturday for Jerry Franke of San Antonio, Mrs. Hollis Court of Portland, Sharon and Jim Hoffman of Pleasanton, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Herb Prosser and baby of Irrigon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franke and Jed and Mrs. Franke's cousin Vera Geisler of Irrigon.

Early Oregon history came alive Saturday, August 4, for the Wilson family gathered at the Irrigon Park for a family reunion.

Descendants of William

Stanage Wilson, 1821-1917, Charles Orin Wilson, 1854-1930 and Edwin M. Wilson 1878-1932, came from Calif., Wash., Idaho and Oregon.

Wilson River south of Portland was named for the early pioneer William Stanage Wilson, who homesteaded in the area. Original maps were on display which showed the homestead land partially covered by the waters of the Cottage Grove reservoir now.

He acted as an Indian scout for wagon trains heading

west in the early 1800's. He is credited with saving the lives of a wagon train that his group came upon, by shooting a sackful of jack rabbits for food.

One early document on display at the gathering was a copy of a deed given by him for sale of a mine for \$50,000 in Baker County. He also owned and developed mines in the Boise Basin in Idaho, and around Battle Mountain in Nevada.

One grandson Kenneth Wilson of Portland was present,

among approximately 150 attending the gathering. The 6 remaining children of Edwin Wilson, were present with their children and grandchild-

ren. Two sons of Edwin Wilson, Chester A. and Charles are still living in Irrigon with their families. One cousin Ella (Betterly)

Kimball attended from Grass Valley, Calif. with her husband and grown son. She had not visited with the family for more than 30 years.

Professor Feathers not retired

The Gazette-Times incorrectly spelled the name of the professor who identified cultural and historical sites on a trip through "Hell's Half Acre."

The correct name is Professor Joseph Feathers, PH.D.

professor of anthropology. He is not retired and is looking forward to a future teaching assignment.

He has taught 11 years at Western Montana College and 11 years at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston.

Obsidian projectile points found in the region came from Paulina Butte near Paulina Lake, southeast of Bend, Oregon, named after Chief Paulina, a Warm Springs Indian Band. Some came from Powell Butte near Burns.

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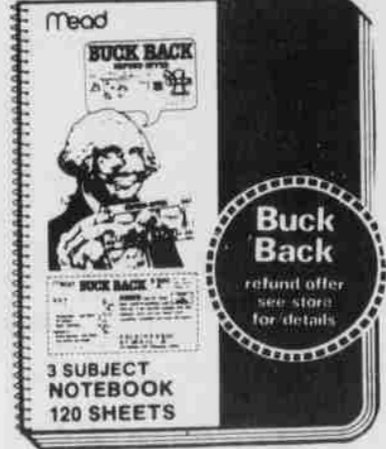
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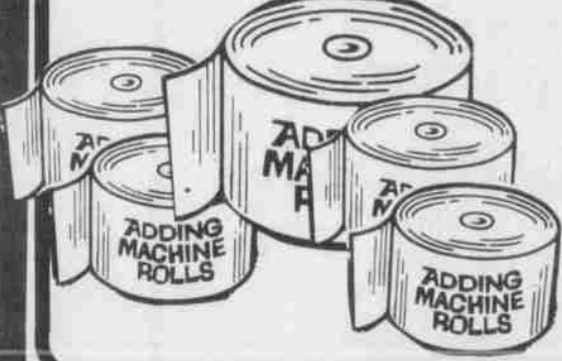


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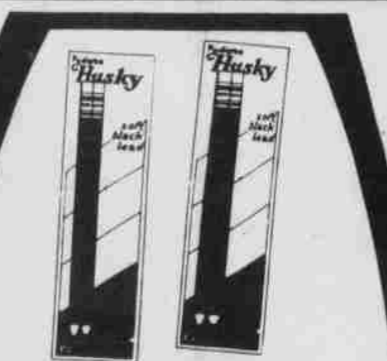


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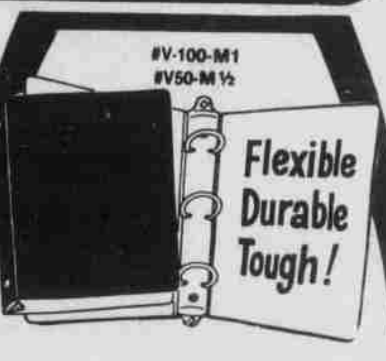


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