

## Ione News

By DELLA HEIDEMAN

Berl and Margaret Akers of Ione were visited over the long fourth of July weekend by their children and grandchildren for a family reunion that brought together all the members of the family for the first time in quite a while. Berl and Nancy Akers of Pineridge, S.D., were present with their children, Ramona, Rhonda, Robin and Mike. Also here for the family reunion were Bob and Janice Akers and their children, Jeff and Julie from Gresham, Oregon. Son, Bill Akers, and his wife, Louie were here from Portland with their two boys, Sean and Joshua, and daughter, Bonnie Linnell, and her husband, Rodney, were over from Arlington with their children, Rod, Brenda and Phoebe.

Everyone enjoyed the good food and great fun of getting together over the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. And to round out the visiting, they are planning a final get-together at the beach for the weekend of the 11th and 12th.

Did you notice anyone in Ione the weekend of the 11th and 12th that you didn't recognize? The Ione United Church of Christ was hosting an exchange program with the Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, with members of the suburban church visiting and working for a day with the members of our own church. Some were out on the farm, maybe even out on the combine, while harvest was getting underway in the area.

All the Heideman clan got

together at the John Day recreational area by John Day Dam over the Fourth of July and had a great day of food and fun and sun. And sun, and more sun. Loren got his usual burn, and because of a burn on her foot, Helen didn't leave the confines of the sun-cover and didn't get burned at all. Dana, Tonya and all the rest of us fell somewhere in between burn and tan. Brad Schmidt of Ione spent the day with us, as his folks have been out of town on vacation.

And some vacation. Pat and Tom Whipple of Ione have been enjoying the sights of Idaho and Montana for the last two weeks while sightseeing, visiting and just getting away from it all with their younger boy, Mark. On the itinerary were Lewiston, Flathead and others on their annual summer vacation.

Vacationing to the Paul Tews family was an extended trip. I hear, Ricka, you be looking forward to talking to me about it. I would love to hear all about your trip and let everyone else hear about it too.

And yes, harvest is starting up in the area, and we are all out finding out what parts and pieces didn't get replaced over the winter that should have. Don't you just despise those first day breakdowns as everything gets into "sync." And since I am truck driving again this summer, and learning to drive the combine too, I won't be writing for the paper till after harvest. Have a good summer.

## What's Your Opinion?



Question of the week: "Do you agree with President Reagan's appointment of a woman to the US Supreme Court?"

"Why not?" said Marcia Kemp, Lexington, pictured with her daughters, Toni (L) and Tina.

## Football camp registration begins at EOSC

LA GRANDE -- Registration is now underway for the annual Eastern Oregon State College Football Camp to be held from July 27 - July 31.

According to head football coach Don Turner, approximately 150 young men, ages eight through 17, are expected to attend this year.

Turner, who has conducted similar camps in Wyoming, Minnesota, and California, said the eight hours of daily instruction will include flexibility conditioning, weight training, and specialty training in the kicking game.

Due to the large coaching staff, each camper receives

individualized instruction and supervision.

At the end of camp each boy will be given a written evaluation of his performance and suggestions on how to improve his game.

For further information contact Coach Don Turner at EOSC or call 963-2171, ext. 362.

## First aid classes slated at Ruggs

First aid classes sponsored by the Rhea Creek grange, will be held July 20 - 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the grange hall at

## NASA keeping close watch on Morrow wheat fields

By BOB COSTA,  
Morrow County  
Extension Agent

A NASA satellite is keeping a close watch on wheat fields in Morrow County. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with NASA and several other government agencies, is learning how to use aerospace remote sensing data to improve information for support of U.S. agriculture and trade policies. The six-year project, called AgRISTARS, includes a two square mile observation site in Morrow County and one site each in Sherman and Umatilla counties.

Ground observations, timed with satellite observations, are made in the test areas

every nine days from May through harvest. Some of the information collected on the ground are plant height, ground cover, plant color, growth stage, surface moisture and damage from disease and insects. Scientists at the Johnson Space Center in Houston study satellite data and ground data with the idea that analysts will eventually be able to interpret satellite data without the benefit of ground information.

The AgRISTARS ground data program in Oregon is coordinated by the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. In Morrow County, ground data is collected by Mildred Rauch in wheat fields farmed by John Proudfoot, Bill and Carl Marquardt, Tom

and Roy Martin, and Bob and Bill Rietmann.

In Oregon, the major project emphasis is on Foreign Commodity Production Forecasting and Early Warning of Conditions Affecting Crops. The purpose of the foreign commodity forecasting project is to monitor wheat, barley, corn, rice, and soybeans in the U.S., Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, and the Soviet Union. The foreign commodity project will provide reliable world-wide crop production forecasts which will help growers with production and marketing decisions. The "early warning" project will allow the USDA to monitor

conditions that will give early warning of changes in the production and quality of wheat, barley, corn, soybeans, rice, and cotton in the U.S. and six foreign countries including the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union faced low levels of domestic wheat production in 1972 and bought large amounts of U.S. grain at low prices. U.S. grain producers and the USDA were not aware of the Soviet grain shortage and American farmers missed the benefits of higher prices when the market responded to the Soviet purchases. With the AgRISTARS program, the American farmer will not be caught unaware again.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mon., July 20 - Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County School Board, District Office, Lexington, 8 p.m.

Wed., July 22 - Heppner Public Library Board, Library, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Morrow County Court, County Building, Irrigon, 10 a.m.

Mon., July 27 - Heppner Fire Dept. Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Morrow County Planning Commission, County Building, Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., July 29 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 10 a.m.

Ruggs.

For more information call Mildred Wright at 676-5335.

## Wilson family reunion

IRRIGON - A Wilson family reunion will be held in Irrigon Saturday, August 1, at the park and marina on the Columbia River.

The descendants of Edwin Mathew and Nora Wilson are sponsoring the family get-together. A picnic pot-luck dinner will be served at noon. Motel accommodations can be found in Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston or Boardman. Friends of the family are

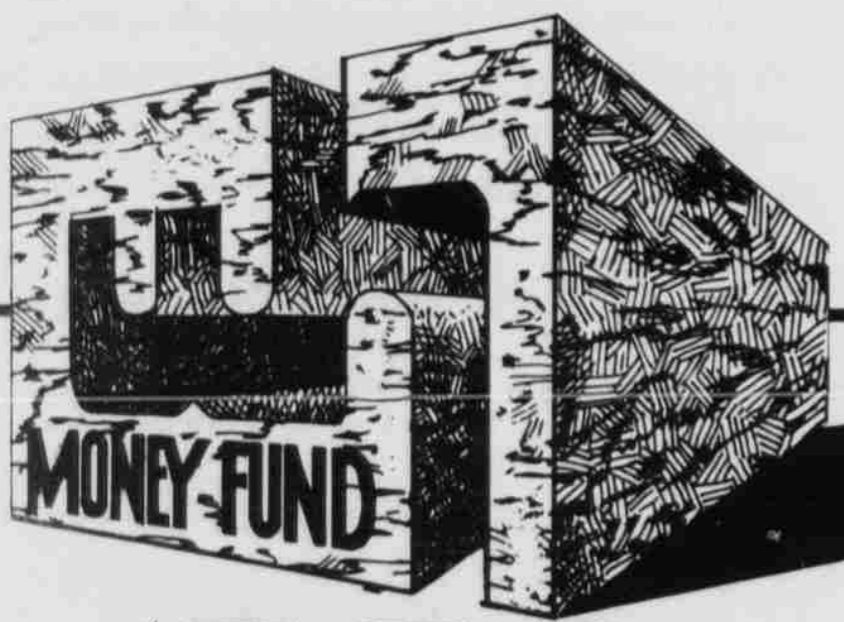
welcome too.

Edwin Mathew Wilson (1878 - 1932) was born in Lander Co., Nev. In 1882 he moved to Owyhee River, Ore., and in 1913 to Big Bend, Ore. In 1928 he moved to Irrigon, where he died in 1932.

His father, Charles Orren Wilson, lived from 1854 to 1930. His father William Stanage Wilson, was born in Logan Co., Ohio, in 1821 and died in Boise,

Ida, in 1917. His father, James Louis Wilson, was born in 1793 and died in 1821. He was married to Mary Stanage.

The descendants of these families are cordially invited to attend this family gathering. For more information contact Lois Land, 16924 N.E. Halsey Portland, Ore., 254-3015, or Chester Wilson, P.O. Box 324, Irrigon 97844, 922-3352.



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## A Letter About Telephone Rates...

L. L. Wolfard  
Vice President - Oregon



Pacific Northwest Bell

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July 8, 1981

The Honorable John J. Lobbell  
Oregon Public Utility Commissioner  
Labor and Industries Bldg., Room 300  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mr. Lobbell:

This letter is to advise you of Pacific Northwest Bell's need for additional revenues to offset three costs of doing business.

First, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), recognizing competition in the telecommunications industry, has ordered changes in methods of accounting for the recovery of capital investment. These and other forthcoming changes account for about \$25 million, nearly one-third of the required increase.

Second, PNB's labor contracts require wage increases which include inflation adjustments of approximately \$15 million.

Finally, the costs to obtain capital necessary to serve the telecommunications needs of our customers have increased significantly, as reflected in higher interest rates. The revenue required to cover this cost is about \$40 million.

The total required revenue increase is approximately \$80 million or about a 19 percent increase in our gross annual revenues.

To offset these higher costs, PNB is considering certain rate increases. For example:

An increase in Residence and Business access line rates—what customers know as the monthly telephone service charge. It has been six years since these rates were raised.

An increase in certain competitive business equipment rates to fully cover their costs.

An increase in the rate for local calls from coin phones, pending the outcome of the experiment currently being conducted in two areas to measure customer response to a higher rate.

The impact of any increases would vary depending upon a customer's specific equipment and services. Any increases will be more in line with actual costs, a necessity in our competitive industry.

An increase in revenues is essential if we are to continue providing good quality telecommunications services for our customers of today and tomorrow.

We are providing you and your staff with documentation supporting the above revenue requirements. Should the public wish such information they may write:

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or call 224-0123 in Portland, toll-free.

Sincerely,

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