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Historic Help

Members of the Chemawa-Indian School Industrial-education metals class put finishing touches on a rebuilt sign for the entrance of the historic Jason Lee Mission Cemetery. Participating in the public service project are (left to right) Joe Wabansee, Roger Mitchell, Bill Slater, Simeon Swet-zof and Johnson Booth, all students at Chemawa. The original sign at the D street entrance was badly damaged by vandals. The oldest grave in the cemetery, that of Anna Marie Pittman, wife of Jason Lee dates to 1838. (Statesman Photo by Ron Cooper) Oct. 23, 1975, page 1.

The first Indian School in the Oregon country was in 1834 at the Lee Mission Station on the Wallamite River on the bottom land known to the Calipooia Indians and the French-Canadians of 1825 as Chemawa.

The first graves at the Mission site are in this Cemetery along with Indian students graves up to the late 1840's.

This first Indian School became Willamette University.



Slave Auction



Big Steve shows off the form that made him the Juniors' highest-priced slave.

The Junior Slave Auction was held November 5, 1975. There were 23 slaves which were sold by the auctioneer who was big bad Mr. Surmon. For their great efforts they made the sum of \$41.44 and really put forth good responses. The highest bid for a slave was for Big Steve Filkins for the sum of \$8.00, and the highest triplet was Penny Hughes, Sue Decker and Theresa Baller, who were sold for the price of \$7.00. The highest couple was Mike Semoe and Lew George for the outrageous price of \$4.25. The lowest price sold was a three way tie. It was for 50¢ for Randy Lewis, Merv White and Gary Brown. (Hang in there guys)!

Now you have the real report as it happened.