

# Discarded possessions a fact of travel

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strength of oxen and a small crew of men who had been toughened by the harsh and rainy winters of the Oregon country, work on the road began at back-breaking speed in the spring. By 1847 Barlow and Foster, who had persisted with their dream of building the first major road in Western Oregon, officially opened the thoroughfare.

As stated in their petition before the Oregon Legislature of 1845, the wagon road extended from "the dalls Mission to valey of Clackamas."

## Class of '77 reunion set

The SUHS class of 1977 will be holding its five-year reunion Aug. 14 at McIver Park. Contact the high school, at 668-8011, for more information.

drudgery of ten or more months of travel from such points as St. Louis and St. Joseph, Mo., the journey over the new road was harder than most expected.

Crossing precipitous creeks and glacier-fed rivers, the going became tougher and increasingly dangerous as the wagon trains traversed canyons and descended dangerously steep hills, such as the Little Laurel (near White River) and Laurel Hill (west of Government Camp).

When the grades became too steep, or when the wagons sank into the mud of the creeks and swamps, the load had to be lightened of anything the travelers felt they could do without. So, everything from pots and pans, old trunks, pump organs, tables, chairs, washboards and small fruit tree seedlings were discarded along the road.

Today, a number of these artifacts have been

discovered along sections of the old road and placed in both public and private collections. Here the memories of those who dared to venture westward, in what historians call the "Great Migration," are preserved.

**ZIG ZAG EXHIBIT**  
For the past month the Zig Zag Ranger Station has featured the artifacts of these Barlow Road pioneers in a unique exhibit located in the information office. With little publicity, the exhibit has had such an enthusiastic response that it will run through the month of August.

Leslie Eagle, an information receptionist employed by the Zig Zag District, is the person responsible for putting the exhibit together.

Eagle, who will end her two-and-a-half year stint with the Forest Service this week, will be moving to New York with her husband, David, who has ac-

cepted a new job. He was formerly a counselor at Cedar Ridge School in Sandy.

The Barlow Road display put together by Eagle is unique because it utilizes artifacts from various collections, which include

those from other ranger districts and the Sandy Pioneer Association, as well as from private citizens.

When the exhibit opened last month, Eagle said people who were interested in Oregon's heritage crowded

into the lobby of the information office and spent a good deal of time studying the collection of artifacts. Some of these people returned and loaned artifacts from their own personal collection. Quickly, more and more items were added to the exhibit.

The exhibit now includes a variety of artifacts that depict the conquest of the

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## 'Caine Mutiny' to begin August 14

The Mountain Players will present "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk, Aug. 14, 21 and 28.

Aug. 14 and 28 are cabaret nights, with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.

On Aug. 21 dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the play beginning at 8. Admission will be \$9. All performances will be held

at the Lion's Club pavilion.

Milt Fox will direct the play, which is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Wouk, "The Caine Mutiny."

Captain Queeg will be played by Lowell Njust. Rick Matter is the defense counselor, Joe Chambers is the trial judge advocate and Lt. Maryck, who is on trial, is played by Dan Brown.

## Move made by county

The Clackamas County extension office in Oregon City has moved two buildings to the west.

The extension office is now at 200 Warner-Milne. The office was at 256 Warner-Milne.

The office hours remain the same. They're open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 655-8634 for more information.

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