

Old Oregon Trail Lives Again For Troop 661



Raising the colors at the mouth of Willow Creek.

Trail 1842 - 1859. The boys learned an estimated 20,000 people died along this 2000 mile trail from Independence, Missouri across the Continental Divide to the Columbia River as far as Rowena Bluffs. Emigrants at this point were faced with the unhappy choice of surrendering most of their possessions as payment for passage to the river men or making a winter crossing of the Cascade Range on the Barlow Toll Road.

The Boy Scouts visited an old Indian Campground at Carty Springs in Juniper Canyon and dug for arrow heads. Ron Ward and Del Piper found some pretty good ones.

Boy Scouts of Troop 661 followed the Old Oregon Trail as it makes its way across Morrow County during Spring vacation. History lived for the boys as they camped at the mouth of Willow Creek as many of the early pioneers did before them. While they were here Larry Smitton of Pendleton who is a member of the Oregon Historical Society and a retired member of the Oregon State Highway Dept. mapped out the old Oregon Trail in this area.

As the boys backtracked, they marked sites in Juniper Canyon and visited Wells Springs at the old Wagon stop. Here they put up new markers and picked up debris. They marked the old cemetery where Col. Gilliam is buried at the site of an old Indian battle a short distance from Wells Springs.

Sunday they followed the trail from the W. W. Weatherford Historical marker on the Condon-Arlington Highway across Eight Mile and Four Mile Canyons to Cecil. Enroute they cooked lunch over sage brush fires just as the early emigrants did on the Oregon



The Flaming Arrows dug right in. They marked the site of Col. Gilliam's grave. From L front row: Kenney Howard, Troy Simmons, Jay Devin, Coleman Devine, Craig Howard. Back row: Bruce Young, Scott McEwen, Ron Ward. (not pictured-Charlie Rawlins, Senior Patrol leader)

Morrow County 4-H Leaders Urged to Attend Forum

"It's The Real Thing" is the theme of the 3rd Annual Northeast Oregon 4-H Leaders' Forum, reports Jerry Brog, county Extension agent. The Forum will be held April 7 in Morrow Hall, BMCC, Pendleton, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The Forum will feature four workshops designed to improve 4-H leaders' ability to work with youth. Workshop topics include: "Communication-Telling It Like It Is," "Involving Older Members," "New Tricks for Experienced Leaders," and "N.I.W.-A Philosophy of Youth Development." A tour of BMCC will be offered during one workshop session for those Forum participants who wish to see the college facilities.

Other program features, according to Brog, will include "Mini-Lessons" by Mrs. Lynne Breese, 4-H State Staff, O.S.U., Corvallis, and a report of new challenges to youth leadership by Mrs. Gail McKinnis, Summerville, who just returned from the Western States 4-H Leaders' Forum.

All 4-H leaders in Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, Malheur, Baker, Wallowa, Union, Morrow and Umatilla Counties are invited. Leaders who have not already done so should pre-register with their county Extension office prior to the Forum.

The Rams did a bang up job. Now Juniper Crossing has a new look. Front row L to R: Kenney Gochnauer, Lee McCarl, Erin Noble, Steven Marlatt, Ron Young. Back row: Perry Wilson, Dale Holland, Mark Piper, Randy Cole, Terry Toll.

Troop 661 is convinced that everything possible should be done to preserve the Old Oregon Trail. They found many deep ruts that are still visible. They feel that parts of the old trail should be kept for future study of Oregon's history.

Glen Ward supervised the cleaning and burning of dead trees around the Game Commission property at the mouth of Willow Creek. The Boy Scouts kept their own camp clean and picked up all of the litter in the area that had been left by previous campers. A few bold ones went swimming in Willow Creek.

The historic outing filled the requirement for their Historic Trails Award. Adults accompanying the boys were Scoutmaster Del Piper, Glen Ward, Dail Turner, Herman Winter and John Gochnauer.

Future Campouts

April 14 the Boy Scouts will go to Camp Hancock to the Fossil Beds to study the geology of the area for Geology merit badges and related advancements.

May 25 they go to Thorn Creek Hilton (Del Pipers cabin) to study fish and wildlife and conservation. The boys will work on archery, camping and cooking.

June 29 they will go to Alder Creek for camping, cooking, forestry, hiking, insect life and nature.

July 8 Camp Wallowa for one week. Approximately 25 boys from Heppner will make the trip.

Garbage

tional meeting in Heppner on April 3, 1973 at 7:30 p.m., in the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

The public meeting which comes early in the planning stages for solid waste reuse and disposal in Morrow County is aimed at informing the public of the goals of the solid waste management plan which is currently being developed and providing an opportunity for citizens to discuss problems, suggest new programs or criticize the suggested planning goals.

The meeting will be conducted by members of the local solid waste advisory committee, local persons involved in solid waste management planning, representatives of the state advisory committee and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The Morrow County solid waste management study is aimed at eliminating existing solid waste practices that create health and environmental hazards. It will also try to plan for recycling 25 percent of the solid waste in the county by 1975 and 90 percent of the county's garbage by 1982.

Morrow County's disposal sites are currently being operated as open burning dumps. The study will determine where new disposal sites should be located and the way to best serve people in the outlying areas. Also the plan will consider the proposed population increase in the North County area from the Boardman Project and recreational wastes generated on United States Forest Service lands.

The solid waste management study is being financed through a grant from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality which is working with the counties and Councils of Government around the state to develop plans including reuse and recovery as well as improved methods of disposal.

The local informational meetings are sponsored by the state Citizens' Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Management. The CAC includes 35 private citizens, businessmen and government officials from all over Oregon who have been working with the DEQ for almost a year studying the various aspects of reuse and disposal.



Cleaning up at the Wells Spring State Stop....Nobody home.



A real bunch of Beavers put up their sign at Wells Spring. Front row from left: Herman Winter, Tim Hedman, Russell Roark, Delbert Turner. Back row: Chris Wright, Jerry Baker, Steve McLaughlin, Scott Groshens.

Where Will the Garbage Go?

Ugly, smelly dumps which are environmentally detrimental and a public health hazard will soon be a thing of the past.

Are garbage collection rates going to increase? Will private citizens still be able to drive to

the local landfill and dump their own garbage? Or will the local landfills be closed and only one regional site be operating by 1975? Are residents of the area going to be required to separate glass, metal and newspaper and other recyclable materials for

salvage collectors?

A county-wide planning program to determine the answers to these questions and others concerning solid waste management is about to begin in Morrow County and will be discussed at a public informa-

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