

# BICENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN PILGRIMAGE to Pennsylvania



An artist's drawing of an original Conestoga Wagon is the official logo of the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania. Authentic Conestoga Wagons are being used in the project.

## 4-H summer camp outlined at regular chamber of commerce meeting

Guest speakers at the Chamber of Commerce Monday were 4-H members Geri Grieb, Todd Harrison and student counselor Mark Sargent.

Miss Grieb was the first speaker of the group and told the chamber of her activities while at the annual 4-H camp at Cutsforth Park. She told the members she has attended the 4-H summer classes for the past four years. She belongs to various 4-H clubs and is interested in sewing and cooking.

While at camp she told of the craft work she participated in. Among them were leather craft, silk screening and making a terrarium. She also related to the members how she learned the difference between edible and poisonous mushrooms and survival in the snow. They also visited the fossil beds.

"We had a lot of fun and I had the chance to make some new friends," said Geri.

Todd Harrison, Lexington, was the next speaker, and he told of his activities at the summer camp. Following their arrival at Cutsforth Park, the youngsters met with their counselors and later that evening they gathered about the campfire and sang songs,

and performed skits. The following morning a tent inspection was held. He learned the principles of a solar still and how it can be used to gather water. He also participated in various craft work and visited the fossil beds. He learned how to pack a horse for back packing. Todd, 14, raises beef and swine for his 4-H projects.

The third guest speaker for the day was Mark Sargent, 16, who has been a camp counselor for the past two years. June 16-27 he attended a desert and mountain survival class sponsored by OMSI. He spent eight days at Camp Hancock, later spent two days with a group of 12, including two supervisors learning how to survive in the desert.

Besides the clothes on his back Mark had two space blankets and a poncho to keep him warm. Although water was plentiful, as they made their camp near a spring, each student was to survive on one quart of water. During the first day they had no food and ate tadpoles near the spring, together with some edible roots.

The second day, still without food, they returned to camp where they were given three domestic rabbits, which they

promptly cooked.

"The main problem we faced was trying to keep warm at night," said Mark. "As a result we got very little sleep as we tried to keep warm around the small campfire we had built."

Following his ordeal in the desert, Mark spent the next four days in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. He learned how to make shelters in the snow as it snowed the entire time he was there with the exception of one day, when it rained.

The youths traveled an estimated 18-20 miles in the inclement weather living on freeze dried foods the entire time.

After his latest conquest of the desert and the mountain areas, Mark was chosen for the second year to teach the younger children the art of survival in the wilderness.

Objects of the 4-H camp is to acquaint youths of the various parts of the country with each other and keep them involved in games and activities.

For many of the youngsters it was their first time away from home. For some a severe case of stomach ache developed the first night away from 'Mom and Pop' and it was only through the efforts of the

young counselors that the stomach pains eventually disappeared.

"It was not all fun and games for the youngsters," said Birdine Tullis, as they had to clean the latrines and performed other chores about Cutsforth Park. "It was a big responsibility for many of the youngsters," she said.

Guest speaker for next Monday's Chamber of Commerce meeting will be John Breidenbach, Fire Management Officer for the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest.

### Tri-County Health Service met at Condon

The Tri-County Health Services Commission of Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties, which recently received a Federal Grant to deliver adequate and quality health care to the tri-county area, met in Condon, Tuesday, July 1, to make plans for initiating the project.

The commission decided that the office of the project coordinator will be located in county offices in Fossil. The commission will begin looking for a coordinator to hire for the project as soon as possible so that person may begin work September 1.

Judge Leckie, of Wheeler County, was elected chairman of the commission. Judge Barnett of Gilliam County, was elected vice chairman. Liz Curtis of Heppner, will serve as secretary and Wheeler County treasurer Dorothy Wright as treasurer of the project.

In other business, the commission, established the amount of money needed for its first two months of operation.

### Special hunt planned here

A special deer hunt to alleviate crop damage in Rock Creek, Morrow County and Butte Creek, Umatilla County, will require a special tag for antlerless deer. Applications for the special hunt must be received by the Portland office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife by July 15. The special hunt will be from Aug. 9-31.

### On Oregon Trail

# Oregon Wagon Train in Cecil next Tuesday

One of the most important Bicentennial events in this county is the Wagon Train barbecue set for next Tuesday evening at Cecil. The evening meal will be followed by a campfire-type program featuring members of the train and county performers.

Many have been working on plans for the escorting of the train through the county and for the Tuesday evening meal and program. Terry Hughes has been coordinating the various committees.

A group of 4-H riders, friends and parents will be with the escorting committee that meets the train at the Fairview Ranch on Tuesday afternoon and escorts the train to Cecil. Merlyn Robinson, 4-H Two Trackers leader, and several parents plan to ride with the young people and will camp with them near the train at Cecil and then go east across part of the county on Wednesday. Everett Keithley and the Morrow County prairie schooner and others will do escort duty. John McLean, Butter Creek rancher, is furnishing horses to pull the schooner.

The beef barbecue will be prepared by the Krebs Brothers and served by the County CowBelles. Mary Bengie is preparing 25 dozen sourdough biscuits and has recruited 14 ladies to each bring two dozen more. The ladies from the Granges are to bring salads. The meal is to be served about 6:30 and the program will follow.

The Cecil celebration comes between the Gilliam County picnic on Monday evening and the train's entertainment at Echo on July 17 where there will be old-time music and street dancing on Thursday night and a cowboy breakfast on Friday before the train heads for a Pendleton weekend visit. On Wednesday night the group will spend its second night in Morrow County, a quieter one, at the Lindsay Ranch near the

Oregon Trail. They will be met by the Umatilla County escorting group at Echo Junction on Thursday.

The Bicentennial Wagon Train to Pennsylvania is a replay of history in reverse. Covered wagons, one from each state, will cross the country adhering as closely as possible to historic trails and wagon routes.

The State covered wagon will tour its home state from the Capital to a junction point with the National Wagon Train. The train originated in Blaine, W. Va., on June 8, 1975 and will reach its destination of Valley Forge on July 3, 1976.

Pony Express riders will branch out from the State Wagons to reach communities not on the main trails. The outriders will bring back scrolls from each Bicentennial community signed by the citizens reaffirming their belief in the principles upon which this nation was founded.

Spectators will be welcome to view the ritual of encamping, watering, feeding and grooming the horses. Those who wish will share a meal with the wagoners.

Each state will be supplied with: an authentic covered wagon, altered somewhat to withstand the rigors of modern road beds; two teams of horses and relief horses; harnesses and all necessary hitching equipment; a station wagon and house trailer; clothing for the state's wagoners.

The national Wagon Train Pilgrimage will be conducted in five separate segments, each segment funneling into the main wagon train heading eastward. They will follow as closely as possible such well-known historic routes as the Oregon and California Trails, Gila, Mormon, Santa Fe, Old Spanish, Natchez Trace, Wilderness, Old Post and of course, the famous wagon road, Lancaster Pike.

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### Agreement honored

# Water line dispute in subdivision settled

The Heppner Common Council, acting against the advice of the City Attorney Robert Abrams, agreed unanimously to have the city crew install 1,000 feet of water main for Randy Lott in the Lott-Rasmussen addition.

Lott appeared before the council Monday night and told the members, "The resolution of July 10, 1972 has been rescinded recently to cancel out our agreement with the city of July 3, 1972."

Reading from the minutes of previous meetings, Lott continued, "On July 3, Lott was a spectator and inquired, 'Who pays for the installation of water mains in a subdivision?' He was informed the city crews did the work in the Barratt subdivision, which at the time was outside the city limits; however, it was later annexed to the city."

Later during the meeting he again inquired about the installation of the water line. Mayor Sweeney remarked, "If the pipe has been purchased, it is the responsibility of the city to install it."

After stating his case, Lott said, "I do agree that we have a firm contract and I have fulfilled my part of the contract."

Mayor Sweeney asked the council if they wished to honor a policy that had been rescinded in June 1975.

Lott asked, "Did we or did we not have a contract as of July 3, 1972?" His question was referred to City Attorney Robert Abrams who said, "The only way the city can be bound is if they have a written contract and we do not have a written contract. A previous council cannot bind another council."

Mayor Sweeney asked members of the council about their feelings toward the city installing the water main for Lott.

"I feel the city owes Randy Lott something but I can't see how we can tie up the city crew at this time," said councilman Jim Rogers. Lott asked the council, "You say you can't tie up the city crew, when I purchased the pipe I did not have the money and had to borrow it and I have been paying interest on that money for the past three years."

Lott was asked by councilman Ceresa how many feet of main remained to be installed and he answered, "About 1,000 feet. Seven hundred feet should be easily installed but the remaining three hundred feet could be rock."

Councilman Rogers said, "Are we trying to honor other people's judgements, or do we honor the mens words who have sat in these chairs before us?"

Councilman Ceresa said, "Although I was not living in the City of Heppner in 1972, I feel morally obligated and feel the city crew should install the water main for Lott with the following stipulation. The plans for the installation of the water main must be submitted by Lott to the State of Oregon Health Division and approved prior to any installation."

Mayor Sweeney asked the council if any member disagreed with Ceresa's proposal. No member of the council disagreed.

When the City Foreman, Ralph Marlatt, was asked as to the amount of time he thought would be required to install the main, he answered, "About one week."

A subdivision ordinance has been adopted by the city to prevent any cases as this in the future.

In other business to come before the council, Sweeney explained the reason the swimming pool had been closed. Vandals threw some beer bottles into the pool and they shattered sending bits of glass to the bottom of the pool. The pool attendants tried to vacuum the glass from the bottom but could not do so. A few children jumping into the pool received cuts on their feet and were taken to the doctor for treatment. The pool was ordered drained and cleaned. Sweeney said, "When 40,000 gallons of water has to be chlorinated and heated it is a 24 hour job. It takes a while longer without electricity."

The council agreed that in the future the swimming pool should remain open on July 4, as there is an increase of children in the area.

### Heppner TV Inc. Franchise

Councilman Ray Boyce, reporting on the franchise said, "The committee has met with the city attorney and has agreed to draw up papers defining the city's rules and regulations governing them." Rather than have a franchise tax, it is the decision of the committee to issue Heppner TV a license. The cost of the license is set at three per cent of the company's annual gross revenue. In the past years Heppner TV has never paid any monies to the city and the \$800-900 received from Heppner TV would help the city meet the inflationary costs.

It has been rumored that Heppner TV Inc., has the approval of their board of directors to raise their rates to \$5 per month to meet the new license fee. The council approved the recommendation by a four to one vote.

Councilman Boyce also told the members that according to an insurance report, the limits of the city's fire insurance have not changed during the past 30 years. With council permission he was asked to re-evaluate the reconstruction cost of city property in case of fire and present his figures to the council members.

### New Councilman Appointed

With the resignation of Lerice Martin effective July 1, Sweeney appointed Larry Mills, Manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, to fill the vacancy. The council approved the Mayor's recommendation.

### New Water System

Sweeney reported to the council that the new reservoir should be filled with water within the next three weeks. It is being painted and the water has to be chlorinated before the reservoir can be filled. He also stated that some of the electrical work has not yet been completed.

### Library

A delegation of the library board failed to appear to make recommendations to the council. Sweeney stated, "The city owns the property and the library and the county owns the museum. The electric bill for the two is split down the middle and the county does not want to take over the library."

The city has only one employee, and that is the librarian, Justine Weatherford. The city pays her wages and her liability insurance.

Some people think Heppner should have a full time librarian, but a full time librarian would cost the city about \$15,000 per year. The State Library Board approves what we are presently doing and this is the only way a small community can operate, it is the only way a small city can survive.

The present library board is an autonomous board and the city has always taken their recommendations. The city finances it and runs it. A certain amount is budgeted each year for its expenses. The only way it can change is for the library board to form a library district and let them pay their own bills. It has been rumored that the library board wanted to free itself of the city and make the necessary changes with the city paying the bill.

Sweeney told the council, "members of the library board are welcome to attend the next meeting and present their views."

Councilman, Warren Plocharsky asked Mayor Sweeney if a report had ever been submitted by the librarian to the council. He stated he would be interested in seeing such a report to follow the progress of the library.

### Police Chief's Report

In the absence of Police Chief Dean Gilman, who was ill, Sweeney read the police report for the month of June. There was one DUI, 10 violations of the basic speed rule, one sign or signal violation, four other violations, one equipment violation, parking violations and meter money collected amounted to \$290.21. The Heppner Police also recovered one stolen vehicle and cited two juveniles.



Guest speakers at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday were from the left, Mark Sargent, 4-H counselor; Geri Grieb, and Todd Harrison. Geri is holding a terrarium which she made at 4-H camp and Todd is displaying a silk screen shirt. Camp Graffiti is the nickname given the camp by the youngsters.