

Yocom leads wagon train into Cecil



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Glenda (left) and Don Cole (right) visit with Joe Yocom last Thursday night at Cecil

The weeks of riding in a covered wagon showed on Joe Yocom's sunburned, weatherbeaten face. But for Yocom, of Lexington, it was all worth it as he led the train down the Cecil hill into his home territory. And over 900 people joined Joe and the wagon train in a celebration at Cecil on Aug. 19. Yocom, who followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, joined the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train June 25 at the Wyoming border.

"I've met a lot of people (on the wagon train) that will always be friends," said Yocom. "We help each other and do whatever it takes."

While the high point of his journey was leading the wagon train into Cecil, the low point, says Joe, was leaving his prized mules along the trail. His crippled mule moved along pretty well, he said, but just couldn't trot to catch up after delays. Bert Silcock, an organizer of the Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial celebration, who lives near Boise, volunteered to care for the mules and Henry Weinhard will bring them back to Lexington. But in the meantime, Joe had to buy a team of horses so that he could continue on the journey.

A day on the wagon train starts between 4 and 4:30 a.m., said Yocom. Usually he had the horses fed and watered by 4:40 a.m. The train very seldom traveled later than 4 p.m. and averaged about 18 miles a day. After the train stopped for the day it was dinner and more chores-- Joe worked putting the hard surface on horse shoes. And then it was to bed around 8 p.m. That

is, when there wasn't a party to attend. Yocom said that there was a celebration at many of the stops along the way.

Yocom said that several of his children and grandchildren rode with him a while on the wagon and his son Jack was able to drive the wagon.

While the weather wasn't always perfect for the people on

the train and their period costumes, the rain and cool weather were just right for the horses.

After the Cecil stop, the train headed on to Oregon City, which would be another 19 days. "I'll be glad to get back home, get back into the groove," said Yocom. "But it's been so neat."

Back to preschool night set in Ione

By Anne Morter

Creative Care Preschool of Ione starts its school year next week, with classes for three and four year-old children.

The four year-olds will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Tuesday, Aug. 31. Three year-olds will have classes two days a week this year, meeting on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Their classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Tuition will be \$40 for three year-olds and \$45 for four year-olds, payable at the first of each

month. Scholarships are available.

A "Back to Preschool" night will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at the preschool (Ione United Church of Christ Educational Building on Main Street in Ione) starting at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and meet the new teacher, Michelle Raible. Children are welcome to attend as well. Information packets and supply lists will be available that night.

Anyone with questions should contact Sherry Gregory at 676-5268.

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Sandi Turner graduates WOSC

Sandi Turner, Heppner, graduated July 30 from Western Oregon State College at Mon-

mouth with a bachelor of science degree in English education and a minor in psychology. Turner

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Turner is the daughter of Kenny and Jean Ann Turner, Heppner.



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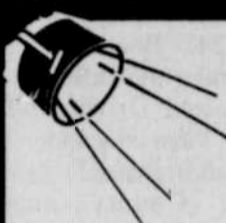
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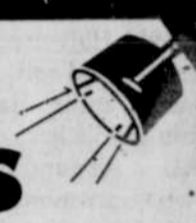
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