

Texan, Dog in Covered Wagon Pulled by Zebra Mule Team

In the fast-moving jet age, when attempts are being made to reach the moon, who would ever dream of seeing a covered wagon rolling through town pulled by a mule team? Believe it or not, this happened Wednesday of last week when "Pioneer Jim" a native of Amarillo, Texas, hit town.

Jim Williams, a tall leathery Texan with a sunny smile and firm handshake, hitched up his mule team April 27, 1963 and headed out for the New York World's Fair. Accompanying him are his pet wolf dog "Friendly" and saddle horse "Faithful".

The covered wagon, which was actually used on round-ups and cattle drives in Texas and Oklahoma, was built during the Indian wars by General Springfield. The wagon and equipment weigh

about 3,000 pounds.

Pulling the wagon are two zebra mules, "Patience" and "Tribulation", which are 12 years old and twin brothers. Their mother was half zebra and the father a buckskin stallion.

Pioneer Jim is his own blacksmith, cook and ambassador of goodwill.

His dog Friendly is a prairie wolf — half coyote and half wolf. He was found in a den when a pup and joined the wagon train when one and a half months old.

The main purpose of the 10,000 mile trip is to awaken the spirit of pioneering America . . . by challenging the men, women and youth to pioneer in vocational and spiritual work. Jim Williams spent more than 10 years working with youth groups and was a Boy

Scout leader for many years.

On Wednesday of last week, the pioneer attracted much attention when he stopped at Mae and Andy's restaurant to water and feed his animals and catch a bite to eat himself. That night he headed to Rockwood where he set up camp for the night in a lot owned by Lou Hiltz beside the river.

As he left town, he was followed by many excited children riding bicycles or running alongside. On the highway, he was stopped many times by curious motorists who rubbed their eyes in amazement at a mule-pulled covered wagon loping along the highway.

No doubt the tall Texan will do much to cement friendship throughout North America before he arrives back at Amarillo, Texas, to complete his trip.



PIONEER JIM headed for the longest round-up of his career April 27, 1963, when he started out on a 10,000 mile trip in a covered wagon pulled by two mules. Texan Jim Williams arrived in Acton Wednesday of last week with his two mules, "Patience" and "Tribulation", saddle horse "Faithful" and pet wolf dog "Friendly". He attracted plenty of attention when he made a brief stop, before continuing his long trek to Amarillo, Texas.

4-H Agricultural Clubs Formed for Acton Area

Two 4-H agricultural clubs were formed for the Acton area when 22 farm boys and girls gathered at the Community Centre for their annual organization meeting.

In his introductory remarks, 4-H chairman Nino Braida welcomed the members on behalf of the sponsoring organization and outlined to them the 4-H structure from national to local level. He told the members that as young people they face the greatest challenge of all time because they are growing up in a rapidly changing world. "If you are to become successful men and women in your chosen field," he emphasized, "you must start now to keep pace with the changes that are taking place around you."

Club leader Russell Murray was introduced as a former Acton member who had chalked up a remarkable record during his eight years in 4-H. Russell extended a special welcome to a number of new members and urged them to help maintain the standards set by former Acton clubs. He pointed out to the gathering the high ideals behind the 4-H motto and pledge.

Hilton County extension field man Jeffrey Taylor had charge of the meeting and explained in detail the projects which were being offered in this area.

The Royal Winter Fair in which he took part last November.

A color film entitled "A New Name for Farming" was shown to the members and a number of parents present. Mr. Taylor showed color slides of the award winning gate signs and announced that the farm entrance competition would again be sponsored by the Kingsway Kiwanis in 1966.

New Executive

Jeffrey Taylor conducted the election of officers which resulted in the following executives being elected. The Acton 4-H Call Club with 22 members: president, Walter Trysenaar; vice-president, Marjorie Johnston; secretary, Carolyn Spear and press reporter, Keith Aitken.

The Acton 4-H Grain Club with 12 members: president, Bill Lasby; vice-president, Bob Leslie; secretary, Walter Trysenaar and press reporter Bob Lasby.

The two Acton 4-H Agricultural Clubs are being sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society and are organized under the policies of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The local volunteer leaders will again be Russell Murray and Nino Braida.

Green Thumbs Start Gardening Seasons

The first meeting of the Greenock garden club was held at the home of Mrs. Laura Spence on April 1, with Mrs. Elva Winters and 11 girls present.

The officers of the club were chosen: president, Marjorie Johnston; press reporter, Marian Gates; phone committee, Laura Trysenaar. Secretary and name of the club were to be chosen at the next meeting.

Members' pamphlets were handed out and they were advised to use Adren dust when planting carrots and radishes to prevent wire and cut worms.

The second meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Johnston due to the absence of Linda Cole. The meeting opened with the 4-H pledge and the roll call "Why do you plan to grow a garden?" was answered by 11 girls. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Marian Gates.

The name chosen for the club was the Greenock Green Thumbs. Mrs. Winter explained proper locations for gardens and told that fertilizer should be sown 10 days before the seeds are planted.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Marian and Barbara Gates on June 17.

Refreshments were served by Marjorie and Mrs. Molly Johnston.

Open Meeting on Retardation Hears Hamilton Clinic Head

The open meeting on Mental Retardation at St. Paul's United Church, Milton, opened with a talk by Bob Kanerva, chairman of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Mr. Kanerva enlightened the audience of 45 on several points concerning the extent to which mental retardation affects the country as a whole; and the need for additional training centres in the North Halton area.

He said that while the Sunshine School at Hornby was doing an excellent service to the public and high school age group, the pre-school and adult groups should be given more attention.

New Workshop

Mr. Kanerva stressed that although a workshop has opened in a former schoolhouse near Hornby, the Association has hopes of having one built within a year.

Another much-needed training centre would be a residence which would provide a type of home-life for the homeless and those retarded adults who require more attention than can be given them at their own home. This home, which he suggested would be a very practical Centennial project, would service Burlington, Oakville and Milton, and remove some of the burden now resting on parents and teachers of retarded adults.

H.O.P.E. (Halton Opportunity Product Enterprises) which is under the management of Mrs. Winifred Isham, and will repair lawn chairs, hook rugs, and eventually compete for contracts from industry in the area.

"Flowers of Hope"

On Mother's Day, there will be a "Flowers of Hope" campaign which will assist in raising a part of the money for the expenses of H.O.P.E. and other Association projects.

It is hoped that it will receive strong support in this area, Mr. Kanerva said.

Mr. Kanerva then turned the meeting over to Dr. Stuart of the Halton County Health Unit, who expressed his agreement with the speaker, and introduced Dr. K. Kafato, Director of the Mental Health Clinic in Hamilton and guest speaker of the evening.

Dr. Kafato spoke on the problems of the retarded, or disturbed child, and explained how some of this emotional disturbance is created in the home.

Raceway Opens For Spring Meet

Mohawk Raceway, the suburban trotting park where fans enjoy big league harness racing in glassed-in, air conditioned comfort, kicked off a 36-night spring meeting on Monday.

Mohawk's 728 stalls were filled to capacity and to date 1,500 applications for stall space have been submitted by horsemen from Ontario.

Name outfits such as the Herberts — Bill and Jack from Lond, Brantford's Max Webster and Ed Arthur from Otterville will make their seasonal debut during the meeting on the fastest five-eighths mile limestone racing strip in Western Ontario.

The talk was followed by a short question and answer period which included a question on how the retarded child should be treated with regard to the rest of his brothers and sisters.

Dr. Kafato said that where possible, the child should be treated as one of the group, and that attempts by some parents to "make-up" for the necessary extra help the child requires by lavishing attention on the rest of the family, sometimes results in emotional disturbance in the other children.

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