

**Idaho Chapter  
Newsletter**

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**January 1993**

**1992 RECAP**

It was a good year for the Idaho Chapter. In April we met, elected officers, and took a field trip to Jean Baptiste Charbonneau's gravesite in Malheur County, Oregon, and also stopped at the site of the old Army post, Camp Lyon, on the Idaho-Oregon border. In August, many of the members took in the nation meeting in Vancouver, Washington. The fall meeting of the chapter occurred in September in Salmon with a full day of activities including a great field trip led by board members Wilmer Rigby and Dick Young. If you missed the Salmon meeting, you won't want to miss the next one we have there! This past year also saw Chapter memberships almost double to 44 individual and family memberships.

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**1993 Dates:**

**APRIL 17 - Annual Meeting, Boise**

**JUNE 5 - National Trails Day, Salmon**

**JULY 10 or 13 thru 16 - Lolo Trail campout**

**JULY 16 thru 18 - Take Pride in America, Lolo Trail**

**AUGUST 1 thru 4 - National Meeting, Collinsville, IL**

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**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

On June 5, the Chapter will join with the Salmon District of the BLM in sponsoring an event. National Trails Day coincides with the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. Over 200 events are scheduled throughout the nation. The Chapter has scheduled a meeting in Salmon for this date with a field trip on some part of the trail planned. If conditions permit, the event may take place on the Lewis and Clark Back Country Byway and Adventure Road. A brochure on the byway is enclosed and further details will be given in future newsletters.

**LOLO TRAIL CAMPOUT**

At the fall meeting in Salmon we agreed to consider a summer trip over the Lolo Trail system following Lewis and Clark across the Bitterroot Mountains. Chuck Raddon has prepared an itinerary for the trip with two options--either a full week or a shorter trip. The outing will finish by joining the annual Take Pride in America project to be held July 16-18. This annual project is to assist in the completion of a trail over the mountains prior to the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery's first passage through these mountains. More details of the campout will be sent in the next mailing prior to the April meeting. This will also be on the agenda of our meeting.

**CHAPTER FUNDRAISER**

At the Salmon meeting last fall, the board of directors and the membership in attendance agreed to pursue a fundraiser for the chapter. A

beautiful hand-made quilt using the Lewis and Clark theme will be produced by a woman in Orofino. The chapter plans to raffle this off and use the proceeds to purchase Lewis and Clark videos for all the school districts in Idaho. In April, we will be updated on the design of the quilt and talk about the raffle details. Penny Raddon is chair of this committee and Pat Barrett is assisting her. Any other members interested in assisting on this committee, please contact Penny.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jim and Dawn Fazio will be returning to Idaho from Nebraska this summer. Jim has been under contract with the National Arbor Day Foundation and is currently serving as National Foundation President. Welcome back! Barb and Harlan Updahl were interviewed on Idaho Public Broadcasting Network's weekly show, "Outdoor Idaho" where they talked about their outfitting business and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Priscilla Wegars has edited a book entitled "Hidden Heritage - Historical Archaeology of the Overseas Chinese".

Lydia Justice Edwards was in the audience of The Donahue Show, January 29. Ralph Nader was the guest and Lydia brought up her displeasure with the hosiery industry.

Merle Well was honored last summer at the annual meeting of the Oregon-California Trails Association. He was one of twelve original members to receive a Founders Award. (Note: This year is the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail. There will be several events in Idaho to commemorate this anniversary.)



## LCSC CENTENNIAL

January 27, 1993 marks the 100th anniversary of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. Among the many centennial projects planned is the further development of the extensive Lewis-Clark Centennial Library Collection, which contains a wealth of material related to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Chapter members associated with LCSC include President Lee Vickers and Deanna Vickers and history professor Steve Evans.

## '92 SALMON MEETING

A full day of events kept the membership busy at the September meeting in Salmon. A board of directors meeting and a general meeting were conducted. After these sessions, Wilmer Rigby previewed the afternoon field trip with his outstanding collection of slides. A field trip following Clark's reconnaissance trip down the Salmon River was a wonderful experience. We finished the day with dinner at the Outpost, along the Salmon River.

Also in attendance at the Salmon meeting was Richard Williams of the Lewis-Clark National Historic Trail office in Wisconsin.

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The article, "Memorial Goal of Convention", was taken from the Lewiston Morning Tribune's centennial edition of September 27, 1992. The reprinted page from October 30, 1929, featured the day's top story: "Stock Market Plunges Like Plummet In Space". The additional articles were discovered upon the search for the continuation of the convention story.



# NG TRIBUNE

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## HONOR TRAIL BLAZERS TODAY



Approximately 100 delegates from Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and North Dakota will gather in Lewiston today to establish a national memorial organization to perpetuate the memory of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who led the first exploration party into the northwest in 1805 via the Lolo pass.

## MEMORIAL GOAL OF CONVENTION

Monument to Lewis and Clark  
Is Plan of Delegates at  
Meetings Today

## EFFECT ORGANIZATION

Permanent Carrying Out of Ideas  
Brought by Explorers Ultimate  
Aim of Five States

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

9:15—Registration of delegates,  
chamber of commerce.

10:00—Call to order in east ball  
room, Lewis-Clark hotel, R. S. Erb  
presiding.

Stereoptical lecture by R. G.  
Bailey.

Address, Fred C. Erb, "Origin  
and Purposes of the Lewis and  
Clark Memorial Association."

Open discussion by delegates  
Appointment of committees.

11:00—Luncheon, main dining  
room, Byron Deffenbach, speaker.

"The Political Significance of the  
Lewis and Clark Expedition."

2:00—Reports of committees,  
Continued discussion,  
Adjournment.

Twenty delegates had arrived at 8 o'clock yesterday evening in advance of the opening this morning of the Lewis and Clark Memorial association meeting at the Lewis-Clark hotel, starting at 9:30 a. m. and continuing through the afternoon until business of permanent organization has been completed and the ideals of the association and future plans agreed upon.

To fittingly create a national monument to the achievement of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark is the general goal of the meeting today. A highway across the state along the route the famous explorers took in 1805 is contemplated, this having been suggested by the preliminary organization. Lewis and Clark drew the eyes of the nation to the northwest, blazing a trail across the Bitterroot mountains via the Lolo pass.

Displace Temporary Unit.  
Built upon the preliminary organization formed here by citizens of Lewiston and Clarkston, a permanent organization will be formed today. The permanent organization will be national in scope, delegates subscribing to its ideals from five northwest states. These delegates will push on to completion a movement to honor the explorers. The officers chosen today will advance the plan to popularize the highway and to mark it fittingly.

The temporary officers have been R. S. Erb, president; Dr. E. G. Brad-dock, vice-president; F. J. Murray, treasurer; Fred C. Erb, secretary, and Bert F. Savage, H. L. Tabbington, A. E. Clarke, C. L. Billings, H. W. Cooper, Lloyd Harris and Charles W. Parker acting with the officers as a board of directors.

All citizens invited.  
All sessions of the association today are open to the public. Fred C. Erb, manager of the chamber of commerce, yesterday issued a special request that all members be present at as many of the sessions as possible.

Following the registration this morning at 9:30 a. m. in the chamber of commerce rooms, R. S. Erb, temporary president, will call the delegates to order in the east ball room of the hotel. R. G. Bailey will conduct a stereoptical lecture showing scenes along the route taken by Lewis and Clark through Lolo pass.

Erb Make Address.  
Principal address of the morning sessions will be made by Fred C. Erb, temporary secretary, on "The Origin and Purposes of the Lewis and Clark Memorial Association." All the delegates will take part in a discussion following this address.

R. S. Erb will name committees on by-laws and organization, resolutions, finance and nominations prior to adjournment for luncheon.

Deffenbach Make Address.  
Byron Deffenbach, state treasurer, will be the speaker at the noon luncheon, his theme being "The Political Significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition." The Kiwanis club music committee will provide the music for the luncheon and the Rotary club house committee has perfected other  
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## MEMORIAL GOAL

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details of the meeting. An order has been issued for the Lewis and Clark expedition. Jane Punny, Nez Perce Indian, was introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Lewis and Clark Memorial association as a "living reincarnation" of the famous Shoshoni heroine.

Reports of committees will be heard at 2 o'clock and other business transacted after which a general discussion of all details of plans and organization will be heard.

Badges of flash on lapels.

Badges of ribbon and colored tie-

ing a memorial for the water to dig in the name upon were being worn about the streets of Lewiston last night and will be worn by business people during today.

There will be no decorations of a secret nature in the lobby of the hotel this morning, according to E. O. Hildoy, chairman of the committee on decorations.

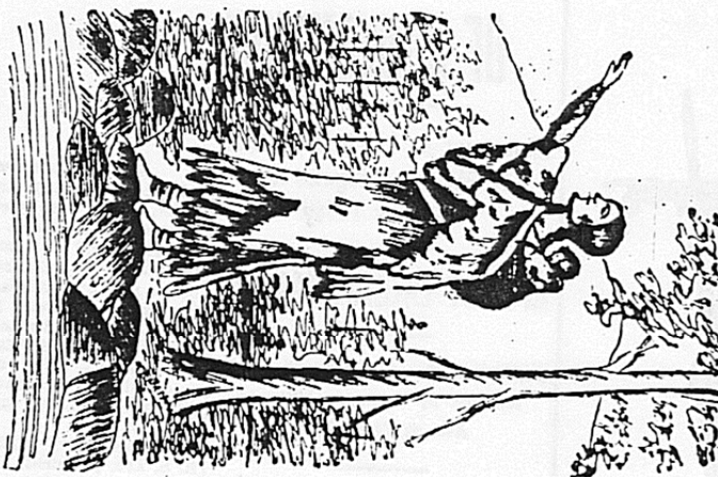
Reflected a Month.

Among those registered last night at hotels known to be delegates to the association's meeting were: H. E. Mitchell, Great Falls, Mont.;

G. McCauley, Fort Benton, Mont.; David Miller, Idaho; W. C. Peck, Missoula; E. H. Harrington, Walla Walla; E. F. Bailey and J. E. Yates, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tarbo, and daughter, Camille, Vevav, Wash.; Lloyd Fenn, Kootenai; George North, Bonanza, Idaho; C. E. and Judge E. V. Key Kendall, Boise, Idaho.

## LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE

### THE "BIRD WOMAN"



Sarajawa, the brave and resourceful Indian woman whose invaluable help and guidance was one of the greatest factors in the success of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Jane Punny, Nez Perce Indian, was introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Lewis and Clark Memorial association as a "living reincarnation" of the famous Shoshoni heroine.

### A FITTING HONOR TO LEWIS AND CLARK

The eyes of the west turn upon Lewiston today with the gathering here of representative citizens from fifty states to perfect a national organization to give honor to Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. In historical significance and economic advancement the day should be a momentous one for this great region.

The gathering is of unusual significance because it is the first coordinated attempt to give national, rather than local, recognition to the great explorers who opened the way for the settlement and development of the west. There have been many kindred expressions of gratitude to the explorer-associations formed to give to the birthplaces of the men, to erect markers and monuments at scattered points along their route. But never before have the people of the west met together to plan a tribute fitting enough to be worthy of the event.

It is fitting and natural that this tribute should take the form of a great highway paralleling the route through which these explorers followed through the wilderness. There may be some who would say that stressing the completion of the highway over the Lolo pass—the only unimproved link—is putting undue significance upon a commercial angle of the project. It is not. The journey over the Lolo was the climax of the expedition, the point which turned boomburg failure into glorious victory. There is no land in America more worthy of historical perpetuation.

That region is the only portion of the great northwest remaining as it was before the coming of the white man. Nature holds complete sway there. Towering pines; mountains, inaccessible and austere; tremendous and swift streams; passes filled with huge broken rocks; crags and deep canyons gouged out by glaciers—from none of these has mankind as yet wrested riches and latent power. It is through this wilderness that runs the dim Indian trail, hundreds of years old, over which Lewis and Clark found their way to the sea.

The creation of a memorial highway over this route is rightful and deserved. It is justified, not only for purely economic and commercial reasons, but on the far deeper grounds of national gratitude and patriotism.

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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## Organizations - Compliment

Andrus, Governor Cecil D.  
B.L.M., Salmon District  
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Clearwater Tribune

District Ranger, Lochsa Ranger Dist.  
District Ranger, Pierce Ranger Dist.  
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Williams, Richard N.



# Historical park gains 14 sites in four states

Bush signs bill to expand site honoring Chief Joseph.

The Associated Press

President Bush has signed legislation to expand the Nez Perce National Historical Park to include 14 additional sites in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Three sites in Montana are added. They are the Bear's Paw Battlefield south of Chinook, the Big Hole National Battlefield west of Wisdom and Canyon Creek south of Laurel.

For five months, beginning in the summer of 1877, Chief Joseph led his 750-member band — men, women and children — from Oregon, across Washington and Idaho, through Montana and toward Canada, where they hoped to find freedom.

They were pursued the whole way by 2,000 crack Army troops, but they outmaneuvered and eluded the soldiers at almost every turn.

The Bear's Paw Battlefield is where the fleeing band finally was caught. Exhausted, out of supplies and beset by freezing weather, Chief Joseph surrendered with his now-famous words: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more

**"Chief Joseph's heroic leadership against veteran U.S. Army troops still stands today as one of the most extraordinary stories in military history."**

Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont.  
A sponsor of bill

forever."

His surrender on Oct. 5, 1877, ended the Indian Wars.

The original park, assembled in 1965, comprises 24 sites in Idaho. Besides the Montana sites, 11 sites in Idaho, Oregon and Washington are included along the 1,170-mile route, under the bill, which was signed over the weekend.

"One hundred and fifteen years ago this fall, perhaps the most remarkable saga of the western frontier was played out here on Montana's plains with the surrender of the Nez Perce," said Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., a sponsor of the bill. "Chief Joseph's heroic leadership against veteran U.S. Army troops still stands today as one of the most extraordinary stories in military history."

The bill was given final approval by the Senate on its final day in session.