

# Trail of Tears on road to becoming landmark

Federal agency determining if path followed by evicted Cherokees should get recognition

**By Jessie Mangaliman**

The News-Leader

The Trail of Tears — over which Cherokee Indians were forced to travel 1,200 miles from their homes in the Southeast to the rugged, unexplored lands of the Southwest in the 1830s — may yet become a national historic trail.

The first of two Missouri public meetings and workshops on the historic trail will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Room 114 of the Campus Union at Southwest Missouri State University. The other workshop will be held in Cape Girardeau.

Comments and information gleaned from the workshops will be used by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service in a two-year study to determine whether the Trail of Tears should be designated a national historic trail. The Lewis and Clark, the Santa Fe, and the Oregon trails already have been so designated.

"The tribe has always wanted to do it but we've never really had the mechanism to get it done. We

support this effort all the way and we feel it's time for it," said Cherokee Nation Deputy Chief Wilma Mankiller.

Tribal headquarters are in Tahlequah, in northeastern Oklahoma.

Last summer, 25 young Cherokees from Oklahoma followed the Trail of Tears on bike to the tribe's original home in North Carolina. At the time, plans to have the trail designated a historic trail had not been announced.

Historical records show that the Cherokees, evicted by the Army on an 1830 order of President Andrew Jackson, traveled through Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. The trail ended in Tahlequah. About one-fourth of the 15,000 Indians who started out in North Carolina died along the trail.

In Missouri, the Cherokees crossed the Mississippi River near Cape Girardeau, then traveled to Jackson, Caledonia, near St. James, southwest of Springfield, to Arkansas, then finally to Oklahoma.

The historical designation would "basically just give national prominence and stature to the Trail of Tears and make people more aware of its historical significance," said Wayne Gross, deputy director of the state Division of Parks and Historic Preservation.

Gross and division director John Karel are coordinating work on the trail in Missouri.

The federal government will not buy land for the historic trail and only a small portion of the trail will involve private property, Gross said. Most of the project will require only interpretive work on the history of the trail.

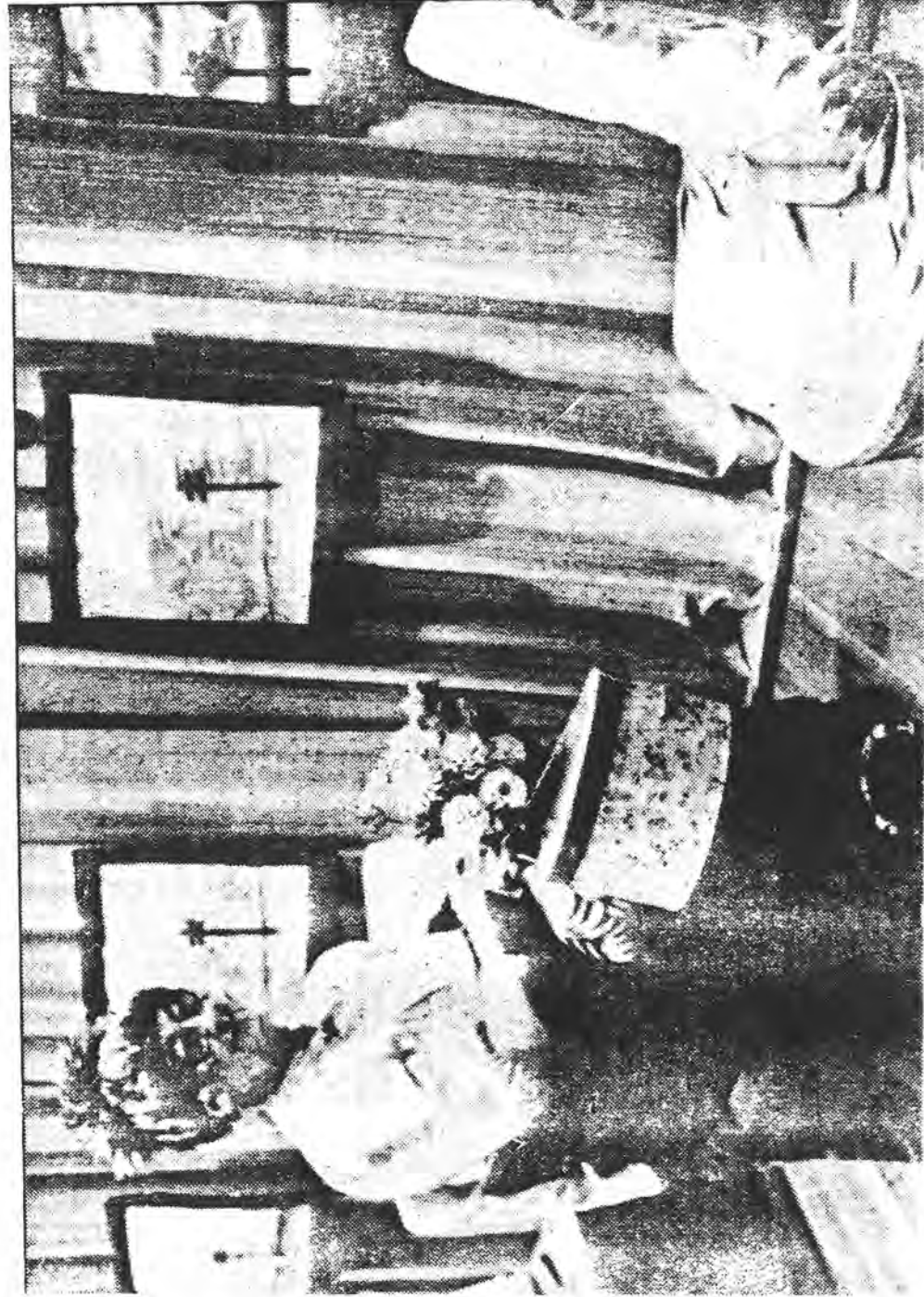
For example, if the trail receives national historical stature, Missouri will expand interpretive work at the Trail of Tears State Park near Cape Girardeau on the Mississippi River, Gross said.

While that particular site has received proper historical recognition from the state for more than 30 years, it remains more a tourist's haven because of its scenic beauty, Gross said.

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## Ozarkers require injunction to limit geese hunting on Lake Taneycomo property on suit against Conservation Dept.

**By Mike Penprase**  
Our Tri-Lakes Bureau

**FORSYTH** — A group of Lake Taneycomo property owners who cried foul over plans for the first hunt of Giant Canada geese on the lake have taken the Missouri Conservation Commission to court.

About a dozen Lake Taneycomo property owners are asking Circuit Judge Clifford Crouch to issue an injunction to halt the hunting of Giant Canada geese on the lake.

Branson attorney Peter Rea, who filed the lawsuit last week, said the judge will be asked to order the commission to follow its own safety rules regarding the distances between hunters and populated areas.

If those rules are followed, hunting

season in the state, also is intended to make the geese in the flock, which numbered on Bull Taneycomo and Missouri Department spokesmen said the hunt began.

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# Group on trail of proposed historic site Workshop studies Cherokee movement

**By Jessie Mangaliman**  
The Daily News

The proposed historic designation of the Cherokee Trail of Tears could perhaps bring into proper historical perspective the significance of the forced removal of Indians from their lands in the Southeast, a National Park Service official said Monday.

Wallace C. Brittain, coordinator of the national project to bring historical designation to the 1,200 miles traversed by Cherokees when they were forced to move west by the military in 1837 and 1838, led a public workshop Monday at Southwest Missouri State University.

Comments from the workshop will be used by the park service to determine whether the trail should be designated as a national historic trail.

But the significance of mapping out the path that crosses nine states, including Missouri, goes beyond historical details, Brittain said.

"The real significance is not where the feet hit the ground or how many died. But the significance of it is the Indian policy at the time. It's a bigger issue the fact that it's a forced military removal," Brittain said.



Ken Cole

The eviction of the Cherokees was ordered in 1830 when President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act. After a series of appeals and delays, the move was started in 1837.

About 15,000 Cherokees moved westward and the trail ended in Tahlequah, Okla., where tribal headquarters are now located. More than 3,000 Cherokees died in the move.

"It's easy enough to say the historical designation is a good idea. But a lot of us are convinced of the cultural significance of a well-documented historical site. This is a history lesson which is of a very special kind. This commemorates an epic event," said Robert Flanders, director of the Center for Ozarks Studies at SMS.



Wallace Brittain

Flanders was one of several SMS professors who attended the workshop. Others attending included representatives of the state Department of Highway and Transportation, the Beheview Valley Historical Society in Caledonia, the U.S. Forest Service in Rolla and the Missouri Parks Association.

Brittain said the function of the workshop was to draw historians, interested citizens, archaeologists, researchers and others to a meeting where they can contribute to the two-year national study. A similar workshop will be held today in Cape Girardeau.

Comments from the workshops

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# Milk subsidies add up for Ozarkers Southwest Missouri dairies get nearly \$4 million in 3rd quarter of '84

**By Mike Schilling**  
The Daily News

The U.S. Department of Agriculture paid out nearly \$4 million in subsidies in the third quarter of 1984 to nearly 500 southwest Missouri dairies who cut milk sup-

ply about 95 percent of the money needed for the subsidy payments, with the rest coming out of the federal treasury. In the first three months of 1984 the payment program

# Jurors hear opening in case against Will

## Lawyers to base cases on veterinarian

From Our Staff and Wire Services

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Attorneys said Monday in opening statements that the testimony of a veterinarian will play a key role in the case against a Willard cattleman accused of falsifying cattle health records.

Don Rose is on trial in U.S. District Court, but the opening statements indicate that the veterinarian, Walter Love, a longtime associate of the Rose family, will have the attention of the 12-member jury much of the time.

"Dr. Love will testify that he, along with the defendant, Mr. Rose, falsified the health records and did so at the defendant's request," said Rob Aiken, assistant U.S. attorney from Springfield, who is prosecuting the case.

Aiken also told the jury that testimony will reveal that Rose helped draw the blood that was used to falsify the records and took great pains to make sure no one observed the action.

But Dee Wampler, who is repre-

senting Rose, presented a version of Love's role in the "Dr. Love has had a serious problem and has been forced to do it," Wampler said.

The veterinarian got behind blood testing of cattle in 1983, Wampler said. In fact, to catch up, Love alone has done twice before in incidents, Wampler said.

Rose was charged by grand jury in April with violating U.S. animal health rules. Earlier this month, Jefferson City found the defendant of 40 of the charges. Health tests on nearly 13,000 breeding heifers shipped to South Korea.

Blood tests are taken scheduled to be shipped U.S. Department of Agriculture. Among other health tests are needed whether cattle are free of a highly contagious disease causes cows to abort their



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Getting the show together again wasn't an easy task. Some original cast members no longer lived in the area, and others had to be coaxed out of retirement by peer pressure.

"When I first heard about it, I didn't want to do it," said David Bracht, who repeated his role as an elderly grandfather. "But when everybody else said they'd do it, I did too."

The group presented the play to full houses in the Trinity Lutheran School gymnasium in Freistatt on Saturday and Monday night, and will travel to Lockwood for another performance tonight. After that, they say, they'll pack away the script, pancake makeup and costumes again.

Will there be an encore in 2014?

"Oh, no, I don't think so," said Dieckhoff.

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# Council tables ordinance barricades at crime and fire

## Redevelopment plan for new mail-handling facility

By Gloria Sunderman  
The Daily News

The Springfield City Council on Monday night tabled an ordinance that would have authorized police to barricade crime and fire scenes and arrest individuals who crossed the barricades.

Council members suggested the measure receive additional study after several people voiced concerns about it. Mayor Pro Tem L.D. Hoagland, a former police officer, voted against the tabling of the proposal.

Police officials said the ordinance is needed to protect evidence at crime and fire scenes. Police officers can order bystanders to stay out of an area, but they cannot arrest someone for crossing a barricade, officials said.

In tabling the proposal, council

members raised questions about the effect of the ordinance on citizens.

Councilwoman Lillian Baumgartner said enforcement of the ordinance could lead to a violation of citizens' rights. There are many examples of police infringing on people's rights, she said.

Councilwoman Mary Alice Owen said the ordinance is too general and should be revised. The police need the ability to limit access to crime scenes, but the provisions in this bill are too broad, she said.

Two attorneys, Ted Strecker and Don Sanders, also voiced concerns about the proposal, contending it would infringe on property owners' rights.

The ordinance places too much power in the hands of the police, Strecker said. The ordinance, for ex-

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### Jurors in capital murder trial expected to receive case today

From Our Staff

ROLLA — Jurors in the capital murder trial of James Wotherspoon likely will receive the case today, a court spokesman said Monday.

Wotherspoon, 27, is charged with first-degree murder in the strangulation death of William R. Loman outside a bar in Crocker on March 2, 1983.

The trial, which began Monday, is being tried in Phelps County Circuit Court on a change of venue from Pulaski County.

Judge Jack O. Edwards of the 25th Judicial Circuit Court is hearing the case.

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MOUNT VERNON — Thraigned Monday on charges of marijuana and cocaine possession in I

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# Joan Mondale campaigns for her husband in Missouri

The Associated Press

CAPE GIRARDEAU — Next week's election contest between Walter Mondale and President Reagan will be one offering voters a clear-cut choice between leadership and salesmanship, Joan Mondale said Monday.

"It's a choice between solving our problems or pretending they don't exist," the Democratic candidate's wife told a cheering turnout of 350 people at the Ramada Inn. "It's a choice between justice for all or advantages for some."

She said the election will also offer voters a choice between "arms control and an arms race and, most of all,

her brief stop and was greeted by State Reps. Betty Hearnes, D-Charleston, and Melvin Proffer, D-Jackson.

Joan Mondale said her husband's campaign, the polls notwithstanding, has picked up speed through three debates this month pitting the challenger against the president and Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro against Vice President George Bush.

"Fritz won in Louisville, Geraldine won in Philadelphia, Fritz won in Kansas City," she said. "As a matter of fact, the last time I saw Fritz was

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