



Our leader's chariot



RELAY FOR LIFE RIDE

Saturday morning April 17th, the Relay for Life Ride started out from the farm of Bob Newcomb on the outskirts of Oxford. Approximately 267 riders of all ages and maybe 10 wagons of all shapes and sizes wound our way through the countryside of Granville county. We were treated to the sites of Spring -- fields of waving green crops, rows and rows of earth just waiting for the crops to be planted and wild flowers everywhere. The ride pace was just right for everyone to enjoy all these wonderful spring creations.

We gathered at a bend in the curve of a nice dirt path to eat our lunch of sandwiches, drinks and sweets. The horses and mules taking a breather while everyone ate and talked.

After the lunch break, many of the horse riders went ahead of the wagons and at times on separate trails --

ours being a little rougher than they would be able to navigate.

The ride continued on dirt roads back to the parking area where we unsaddled the horses and rested up until the time for our meal -- great Bar-B-Q chicken, baked beans, slaw, bread and even a dessert of cream puffs and chocolate eclairs. You can't beat that.

Later in the evening, a DJ donated his time and music for everyone to dance on a wooden dance floor of an outdoor cafe. Rolling Acres Tack Shop donated a saddle to raffle off -- Reives





Wagons lining up to being the ride.



Registration continued even after the ride had begun.

Jones had the winning ticket and donated the saddle back to be auctioned off with numerous other items. A plaque of appreciation was presented to the ride sponsors. Bob Newcomb was also presented a special "thank you" -- a portrait of Bob and his daughter Helen (who died of cancer) riding on the beach. This had been her one last request. The ride cleared \$6,240 to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

