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Mrs. Glen (Joyce) Stambaugh, sister of Marie Adsit, and well-known in the Big Horn area, is in serious condition at the Natrona County Memorial Hospital in Casper. She would enjoy receiving cards and letters from friends here.

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The Currie family has been traveling. Jack went to Phoenix (to be with their daughter Judy) early in December for a few days' stay. Helen and John left Dec. 27, returned Dec. 31. Judy works in research in the branch banks for the First National Bank of Arizona, takes information back to be computerized. While in Phoenix, the Curries visited with Walter and Nell Davis. They are living in a motel-like complex, where they have their own private living quarters, but are provided one meal a day. Both are still active and interested in the Big Horn activities and people.

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The preliminary platt of the proposed street changes for Big Horn has been completed by Walt Pilch, and is on display at the Big Horn Merc.

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Dr. Will Schunk has returned from a several years' residence in Alaska, and is making his home with his son and family, Ed and Rosemary Schunk and children.

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Marie Adsit wrote for more information on the Doc Avery family history, and the son, Paul, and his wife, Mary, forwarded this additional story:

Christopher Avery was the first progenitor of the Avery family in America. He was born in 1590 at Salsburg, England, died March, 1679. When he departed from England, in 1630, he had with him a son, James Avery. They came over on the Arbella with Governor Winthrop, and landed at Massachusetts Bay, later settled in Groton, Connecticut.

Reginald Joseph (Doc) Avery was born in 1883, and died in 1971. After his mother died, he went to live with an aunt and uncle, who owned a dry goods store in White Hall, Illinois. When Reginald was in his teens he went back to live in Lebanon, Missouri, with his father, who was a practicing physician.

Doc married Mable Elvira Whitworth in 1901, and to this union were born two sons, Paul Reginald, 1902, at St. Louis Mo., married to Mary Byer, and a second, Daniel Whitworth, born in 1903, died in 1924. This second son was living with Doc and his second wife, Effie, at the time of his death, of pneumonia.

Doc's aunt, Francis Helen Avery Haggart was a charter member of the D.A.R. in Lincoln, Nebraska, organized in 1896. She had the privilege of naming the chapter "Deborah Avery" because of the fact that fifteen members of the family were killed or wounded in one battle of the Revolutionary War.

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Marilyn Lowe, who works for a dentist in Ft. Collins, was home with her parents, the Bill Lowes over Christmas. She is engaged to Randy Stevens of Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. Terri, who is at the University of Wyoming working on her degree in nursing, was also home on vacation.

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At the Sacketts' Golden Wedding celebration, there were many people in attendance from out of town. From Fruita, Colorado, Bessie's sister-in-law and her husband, Lois and Roe Saunders; from Carbondale, Colorado, Bessie's nephew and wife, Edward and Betty Collins; from Billings, a friend, Ruth Gibbons; from Torrence, California, Faye Kysar's family, Mr. and Mrs. Brace Stevie and daughter Barbette. Other friends came from Casper, Arvada, Story, Buffalo, Greybull, Worland, Banner, Gillette and Riverton.

The party was surely a great success, and there was much reminiscing, of course, and from small groups could be heard, sooner or later, such remarks as, "Who's that in the green dress, standing by the piano?" Or, "Was Joe's sister married to Emma Smith or to Alma Jones?" Or, "You can't be Mary's little boy--you're too big", etc. etc.

Friends in the community presented the happy couple with a lovely painting by Mrs. Olin (Catherine) Rose. Bessie and LeRoy are surely to be congratulated, not only for completing 50 years together, but for having a host of friends, who remembered, and came to extend their good wishes!

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With apologies to James Russell Lowell:

What is so raw as a day in Jan, when almost never come perfect days;  
Heaven tries earth be it fit for man, and over it harshly a cold freeze lays.  
Whether we look or whether we listen, we hear folks grumble, see snow glisten.  
Every clod is snuggled down tight, waiting for spring and its magical power,  
And passing slowly the long winter night, wishes again for the grass  
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Beverly Croff, widow of the late John Croff, and former Big Horn resident, is employed at Bentley's Clothing Store. She gave us some information about her family: Allison Croff Walters and husband Larry are the parents of an 8# 13 oz. daughter, Kelli Lynn, born November 30. The young couple is living in Kalamazoo Michigan. Jan Croff was married on June 26 to Robert Bate, in San Diego, and they are presently in Hyde Park, New York. John Croff III a former Sheridan college student, is in his Junior year at Bozeman, majoring in art education.

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Mrs. Brice Luedtke, the former Linda Harris, underwent surgery January 14 at Columbia Hospital for Women. It is at 2425 L St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20037.

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Cora Scott, a Big Horn teacher, is a recent grandmother. Her daughter, Abby and husband Jim Daly are parents of an 8# 6 oz. baby boy named Sean, born January 2, on the island of Guam. Mrs. Dorothy Daly of Albuquerque is the paternal grandmother.

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Born in Newcastle, December 17, to Myra (Lissolo) and Bill Reno, an 8#, 11 oz. boy, Marty Bill. So now Dorothy Reno is a grandmother, and Jackie Wimer is a great-grandmother.

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According to the Mobil Almanac, January is named after Janus, the God of Beginnings, and was made the first Month of the Roman Year 251 B.C.

Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you!

To make hair grow thicker, cut it only during the waxing moon. To thin it, cut it during the waning moon (!!!!)

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Jean Cristler just returned from a 9-day trip to Israel, where she toured the Holy Land, and stopped by London on her way home. We'll try to get her to write an account of her trip, at a later date.

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Skip Israel asked me to extend greetings for the New Year to all in the community---in the last edition, and I forgot. So from the Big Horn Merc, Happy New Year. Sorry, Skip. Cragley J.

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Dick and Debbie Garber and family left the 18th of December by private plane for Palm Springs, California, to be with her folks, the Richard Hosford. They also went to San Diego, where they saw the Sea World, and the zoo. They returned January 4th.

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Barbara Gutz asked that this information be passed on: The Mini-Bus will be available only one day now--Thursday, unless an emergency arises. Effective January 14, the schedule will be--9:45, pick up at Big Horn; 2:15 P.M.--pick up to return home, except 1st Thursday when those working at Hospital may be picked up downtown, 12:45 P.M. to Hospital, 3:00 P.M. pick-up at Hospital, 3:00 P.M. pick up downtown to return home. Mini-Bus office phone 674-6483, Ex. 52. Please call by 11:45 A.M. one day in advance.

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Carol Hosford spent the holidays in Albuquerque, New Mexico, visiting friends.

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The Big Horn Lions hosted their wives and guests at a dinner at the Golden Steer Saturday night. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hirshi, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norskog, Dr. and Mrs. Reuben Setliff, and Bert Dow.

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Dear Readers:

There's a little box in the Big Horn Merc for any of you to drop news notes. It stays remarkably empty--and yet at least 100 copies of the Bulletin go out at each publication. We do like to hear from and about -- each and every one of you. I try to call around, but with being the "go-fer" on a do-it-yourself house project,--and working full time, I don't get too many calls made. With your co-operation, this little news sheet could be much better!

C.J.S.

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The following was sent in by Mrs. Carl Burley, of Grand Junction, Colo.

HESTER F. PERRY

Mrs. Hester F. Perry, 76, of Big Horn, died at 6:30 a.m. January 17 at her daughter's home at 126 Mount View Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado, after a nine month illness. Mrs. Perry had been a resident of Big Horn for 28 years.

Mrs. Perry was born Hester A. Flood on June 22, 1899 at Framingham, Mass. She spent her childhood in Massachusetts and attended Framingham Business College. For many years she was a secretary at the Dennison Paper Company in Framingham. On June 22, 1927, she married F. Russell Perry at Framingham. Mrs. Perry also lived in Barre, Massachusetts before moving to Big Horn.

She was a member of Big Horn Community Church and Rebecca Lodge. She joined the Lodge in Framingham in 1920 where she occupied all the chairs. After coming to Wyoming she became affiliated with Cloud Peak Rebecca Lodge in Big Horn and served that Lodge as Noble Grand for several sessions. On December 5, 1957, she joined the Encampment Branch of the Order in Sheridan and served in all of the offices of that Branch as well as all of the offices of the Grand Lodge in Wyoming.

Survivors in addition to her husband include three sons, Carleton Perry of Sheridan, Peter Perry of Casper, and Randall Perry of Broadus, Montana; three daughters, Priscilla Guthrie of Quilchena, British Columbia, Louise Burley of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Martha Ann Clarkson of Fruita, Colorado; one sister, and 16 grandchildren.

This tribute to Hester was written by Phyllis Garber:

The Perrys were not exactly "old-timers", since they came to Big Horn from Boston, about thirty years ago. They soon became part of the community because they were always friends in time of need. In their early years here, with a large family of their own, I'm sure "times were tough" but there was always room for another at their table and within their family circle when, and for as long as, it was needed.

Through the years the Perrys were always available when someone needed help or something needed fixing--and always without thought of payment. They have given endless hours to the Big Horn Church, Rebeccas and Odd Fellows and other community activities.

Years ago when our children were young, we felt privileged to leave them in care of Mr. and Mrs. Perry when we wanted to be away. I well remember one time when I was all packed and ready to leave the next morning for a few weeks. Mrs. Perry called and said, "I'm sorry to have to tell you that I broke my right arm this morning--but I will still come if you want me. We will manage all right." And manage they did. It was typical of her ability to cope with all circumstances.

Hester had an indomitable spirit and faith. She spent many hours and days administering to dying friends and within the past few years faced with great courage the loss of a beloved son-in-law and granddaughter to cancer, and during that time the loss of a grandson in an accident.

Probably the Perry's greatest reward in this life was the loyalty and devotion of their six children, whom they have sent out into the world with their own values of unselfishness and good will to all others.

Our family has been blessed by having the Perrys for friends. We ask God's benediction for Hester and His comfort for those who loved her.

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On January 12, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Sheridan, Hulda Faye Kysar was installed as Noble Grand of the Diamond Rebekah Lodge No. 8, and Henry Arnoux was installed as Chaplain in the Independent order of Odd Fellows.

Steve and Barbara (Blaney) Lattin are the parents of a seven pound baby girl, Rebecca Faye, born January 19 at Mullen Nebraska. Ruth and Ralph Blaney of Big Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lattin of Mullen are the grandparents.

At the annual meeting of the Big Horn Fire District, on January 20, Vic Slack was re-elected to the board. No decisions have been made as yet as to Fire District boundaries.

*alias Bette Berry!*

HEUREUX ANNIVERSAIRE, MONSIEUR LANGELIER, LE VACHE GARCON!

If you have never met a French speaking cowboy, step up and say hello to Edgar Joseph Langelier, born February 1st, 1888, in Saint Anne, Province of Quebec, Canada. He and his three sisters and nine brothers were the 4th generation of a family who came to the New World after the French revolution. The house where he was born is still in good repair, occupied by a Langelier cousin.

In 1904, Ed's family moved to Lynn, Massachusetts, where he attended school. In 1912, Ed came to Sheridan, worked for Mr. Midland at the dairy which is still operated by the Midland sons. His next job was with Judge Metz, on a place near the Girls' School. He did much of the farming there with a three horse team.

An opportunity came for him to work in Montana, so he moved to a ranch near Decker, owned then by the Powers brothers, but recently purchased by a coal company. From here he went back east, joined the army, served in the Quartermaster Corps, was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. He returned to Wyoming, filed on a homestead at the site of the present CX ranch, north of Sheridan.

In 1933 he was married to Kathleen Purvis, in Buffalo, Wyoming. She had a homestead adjoining his, and later both places were sold. The Langeliers moved to Big Horn, purchased their present home in 1938, and with the exception of a few years during World War II, have lived there since.

It was during the time Ed worked for Senator Willis Spear that he nearly lost his life. During a violent electrical storm, he was sitting near a telephone in a building at Spear-O-Wigwam. Lightning struck the phone, jumped to Ed's shoulder, shredded and bleached his shirt, traveled down one leg, and ripped off his boot. He was unconscious for several moments, spent two weeks in the hospital, nine weeks on crutches, and had to use a cane for a year.

Ed also worked for Tom Moss for 15 years. He is a charter member of the Legion Post of Lynn, Massachusetts, and has been honored for 50 years of continuous membership in the Legion. He also belongs to the Elks, and to the Catholic Church.

Ed, the fifth in line of 13 children, early learned the value of thrift and independence, and though of slight stature, he also is, to use a Western slang expression, "tough as a boot". He was a cowboy when being one meant spending long hours in the saddle, fighting cold and fatigue. Ed knows the meaning of loyalty and devotion to family and friends. He gives the appearance, to those who know him only slightly, of being somewhat mild mannered. However, when the occasion demands it, he can, and does, assert himself ~~with~~ forcefully and with language foreign to ladies' meetings!

Somewhat reticent in conversation he will, if encouraged, tell many an entertaining story. It is hard to imagine that Ed, in his 88 years, has ever done a mean or selfish act. He is a good neighbor, a concerned citizen, and any of us who know him consider ourselves lucky to have him as a friend.

Happy birthday, Edgar Joseph Langelier, the cowboy!

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In The Mining Claim, a newspaper put out by the Wyoming Mining Association, the following article appeared:

#### MARION LOOMIS ACCEPTS POSITION WITH W.M.A.

After interviewing twenty-three interesting and well-qualified people, during the first three weeks in December, the selection committee made up of Bob McCannon--CF&I Steel Co., Tom Thorson--Black Hills Bentonite Co., and Jack Landon--Kerr McGee Nuclear, along with Executive Secretary Bill Budd, elected to offer the new position of assistant executive secretary to Marion Loomis. Marion has accepted the position and will begin working for the Wyoming Mining Association on January 19, 1976.

Marion was born Dec. 29, 1947 at Sheridan, Wyoming. He was raised on a ranch at Big Horn, Wyoming, where he spent his childhood breaking horses, working cattle and working on haying crews. He attended college at the University of Wyoming where he majored in Geology. During his summers Marion worked on a coal drilling rig in the Hanna Basin and Northern Powder River Basin. He also worked in the laboratory of the Geology Department at the University of Wyoming. He graduated in 1971 with a B.A. degree.

Since his graduation, Marion has been employed by the State of Wyoming in the Department of Economic Planning and Development. During his time there he was involved with the mining industry of Wyoming in supplying mineral data and projections on employment and production to the various legislators and the public of Wyoming. He has given talks to the people of Wyoming on impact caused by mineral development.

He was also assistant Fuel Allocation Officer under Gov. Hathaway's direction. Under this program he helped allocate the state set-aside fuel that was allocated to the State of Wyoming. He also worked with the Federal Energy Administration in co-ordinating Wyoming's energy problems with the nations.

In accepting the position, Marion said, "I am looking forward to working with Bill and the members of the Wyoming Mining Association. I hope I can offer as much expertise to the mining industry in relaying its message to the people of Wyoming as I will gain in working for the Association. The coming years should be as exciting as any that I or the Mining industry have faced."

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Marion is the son of Wyla and Wendell Loomis of Big Horn, and brother to Dennis Loomis, also of Big Horn.

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At the Big Horn school Monday afternoon, Elizabeth Shelton, science teacher there, and licensed as a C.P.R. (Coronary, Pulmonary, Respiratory) instructor, conducted a two hour course in life-saving techniques for the school personnel. Mrs. Shelton is available for workshops in the community. These would take about one day, cost \$5 per person, proceeds going to the Heart Association. She will also conduct workshops on specific topics, such as control of bleeding, taking blood-pressure, etc.

Also present was Hadley Roush, from RE-Act, who gave instructions to the bus drivers on the operation of C.B. radios. The school has installed one in the Mini-bus, and one in the Activity bus. Base station is at the school. Funds for these projects come from the Title III program, the ABC's of First Aid. 25 young people are currently enrolled in the course. (C.P.R.)

Also mentioned at the meeting was the fact that Wyoming has a Good Samaritan law, which is as follows:

Any person licensed as a physician and surgeon under the laws of the State of Wyoming, or any other person, who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance without compensation at the place of an emergency or accident, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith.

This act does not prohibit or require a license with respect to any of the following acts: The gratuitous rendering of services in cases of emergency or catastrophe.

No person transported by the owner or operator of a motor vehicle as his guest without payment for such transportation shall have a cause of action for damages against such owner or operator for injury, death or loss, in case of accident, unless such accident shall have been caused by the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the owner or operator of such motor vehicle and unless such gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct contributed to the injury, death or loss for which the action is brought.

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Dog poisoners have been at work in Big Horn, as many of you well know. At last count, 10 dogs are dead or missing. This seems a cruel and unjust act--and nothing has been solved. Much suffering has been caused. The people who care for their pets and keep them from running wild or barking incessantly have been unfairly punished. Those who don't keep their dogs under control will get more animals, and the pattern will be repeated. Some residents are angry, and the possibility that there will be no proof available as to who the real culprit is, makes them frustrated enough to point the finger of accusation at first one and then another.

More pressing now than ever is the need for us to meet and discuss rationally the problems of our area, and surely there are many. Wishing won't eliminate them. Why can't we--don't we--won't we--support efforts to have an effective planning force in our community? Think about it, and then when you hear about a meeting, come and air your grievances, offer your suggestions, and support the decisions. Maybe we can prevent this sort of awful thing from happening again. Isn't it worth a try?  
CJS

Because so many of you say you don't want your names published if you write a letter, let's try a different approach. Write, sign your note, then if you don't wish to have your name used, we'll just say, "Name withheld by request". However, the policy still goes that no personal character attacks will be printed, and no one person will be allowed to use the news sheet as a "vendetta". OK?

At the Big Horn Woman's Club Friday night, twenty women listened as Jean Holwell presented an interesting and comprehensive review of Frederick Storaska's book, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive."

Some aspects of the book are controversial, Mrs. Holwell reported, and in direct opposition to material supplied in the Rape Kit, a packet of "do's and don'ts" and other information made available by the American Association of University Women. Anyone or any organization desiring to secure a packet may call Holly Ohm.

Mr. Storaska, after coming upon an assault scene in his college years, was moved to do something to assist rape victims. He began an investigation and discovered first of all, that society's attitude toward a person who has been so assaulted is such that many cases go unreported. The feeling "She (or he, believe it or not!) asked for it" seemed fairly common at that time. With more and more studies being done, and facts being published, that attitude is changing, but very slowly, Mrs. Holwell brought out.

Most rapists fall into two categories, Mr. Storaska writes. One type is the man who, for one reason or another, feels inferior, and must degrade a woman. The other is the sex oriented person who sees a "come-on" in every action of the opposite sex.

Mrs. Holwell stated that the best way to benefit from the material presented in "How to Survive--" is for each person to read it herself. Some members of the Woman's Club are trying to locate a copy to be made available to people in the community.

Mrs. Holwell also mentioned a Seminar to be held at the college on February 26, at 7 p.m. The County Attorney, Jim Wolfe, and women from the Rape Force in Billings will be there to offer suggestions and to answer questions. Two films will be shown. Anyone interested may attend.

Other matters discussed at the meeting were: the sewing contest--to be held locally March 20; the Big Horn Women's Club Memorial Fund has now been established at the First National Bank. This fund, when it is large enough, will be used for scholarships for local young people; a guest night, pot-luck, March 7, 6 p.m.; finals of the coloring contest at school--results to be published later; Bi-Centennial plates on sale at \$8 each; a slate of officer candidates presented--no president yet.

Hostesses were Opal Arnoux, May Park, Patty Ware and Lorraine Lowe. A valentine theme was used--white and red cake, and red punch. Delicious! Next meeting will be a luncheon on March 19, noon, at the clubhouse.

Diana Davis, a Junior at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Cathy and Richard Israel are in California for a two weeks' stay, visiting Cathy's parents. Skip is now a lonely bachelor!

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Last summer, at a publicized meeting held in the Big Horn Woman's Club building, those community residents present voted unanimously to look into the possibility and desirability of acquiring a deputy sheriff who would reside here in the area. During that and subsequent discussions, a consensus arose that it would be preferable, by having a law-enforcement officer close-at hand, to try to prevent acts of assault, vandalism and/or theft, excess, prolonged noise and habitual breaking of the speed limit, rather than to try to catch and punish the culprits after the perpetration of the unlawful acts.

As a culmination of those meetings, citizens have formed a Big Horn Protective Association. The purpose of this is to assist the County Commission with payment of the salary of a part-time deputy and to purchase equipment necessary for him to fulfill his duties.

Believing this to be a concern for the entire area, the Association is urging everyone to join, and to contribute at least a token amount to this project. For further information, contact Allen Fordyce, Richard Deuser, Skip Israel, Bob Wallick or Chuck Lee.

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In a note to a local resident, from a former Big Horn resident, was this bit of interesting information:

To those who are interested, watch for the Public Television Special program to be aired nationally on or about February 9th. This program "600 Millenia, China's History Unearthed" was conceived, written, produced and directed by our daughter-in-law, Loni Ding Welsh. It shows the ancient art and fascinating Chinese Archeological Finds going back some 600,000 years. The exhibition was loaned by the Peking government to a few cities in Europe and the United States. Nearly a million people saw it in San Francisco last summer.

The letter was from Hazel and Prentice Welsh. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, who taught school in Big Horn in the 1890's, and homesteaded at the head of Sackett Creek. Hazel Brown was born in the small frame house that still stands across the street west from the white church. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh now live in retirement near their son and enjoy their two grandchildren. The Chinese daughter-in-law, Loni Ding, writes and directs a class for the new Chinese citizens of San Francisco.

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The following article was given to the Bulletin by a Big Horn teacher: It is entitled, "Who is Accountable?"

By the age of 12, children have spent just 7 percent of their lives in school, and it's time that home, church, neighborhood, and community face up to their responsibilities for the other 93 percent, urges a recent Christian Science Monitor article. In "that meager 7 percent of a child's time spent in school by age 12" points out Cynthia Parsons, teachers have "an enormous amount" to teach. "Most children," she notes, "arrive at school totally illiterate" and with "only the most primitive notion of numbers..."

Schools must also impart complex concepts of geography and history plus music and art, and "even development of physical fitness and skill at team games," she adds. Declaring that "all that is a nearly impossible task in itself," Parsons asserts that it "makes very little sense... for parents to expect the schools to teach personal and social behavior as well." To follow up Parsons' points, associations may well want to remind the public that teachers obviously must deal with the whole child, whose basic make-up and attitudes, and thus response to teachers' efforts, are to a large degree determined by non-school factors. A fair question for those clamoring for teacher "accountability" would be "How do you plan to account for your 93%?"

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On March 16, Mabel Sumner Almy Bard will be 90 years of age. She will be celebrating that event at the Big Horn Woman's Club building, Saturday, March 13, from 2 until 4:30 p.m. Her family and members of the Woman's club extend an invitation to all those who would like to attend the celebration and help to make it a happy time for Mrs. Bard.

In an interview not long ago, Mrs. Bard gave this account of her life:

I was born in Plano, Illinois. My mother was Rhoda French Almy, and my father was William James Almy--he died of sunstroke at the age of 42. He was buried in Spring Lake cemetery at Aurora, Illinois beside other relatives. My older brother was a mechanic. We moved to Aurora, and I went to my Aunt-Susan's, as she didn't have any children. My brother Albert worked in a bicycle factory. My little brother William stayed with our mother. My sister Myra, worked in a telephone office. When school started, I went home to my mother. On week-ends, my brother Albert and I would go to Yorkville to my Uncle Andrew's. They were musicians. My uncle played a violin, and my cousin Hattie played the organ. They really "hoed it down"! My uncle would stomp his foot and Hattie pounded the organ, playing on week-ends for dances.

As the years went on, we all grew up, and my oldest brother got married first. My sister Myra married an engineer on the railroad and she came west. My mother became quite ill, and had an operation, from which she never recovered. She had always stood by her children. After her death, I went to live with my brother in Chicago, until I came West, too.

As my 90th birthday is here, my mind goes back to 1901, when I came to Sheridan, to be with my sister, Myra, who had married Joseph Rebman. He worked for the railroad here for many years. I worked in Messic's clothing store, until I met and married Floyd Bard, in 1902, and moved out on a ranch. We loved it there, but Floyd had hay fever and asthma so bad we sold it, after ten years, and moved to Big Horn, where our children could go to school.

Floyd loved horses and cattle, so we stayed on the Monarciffic and Gallatin ranches for a while. He bought horses for the English government and would come in with two or three carloads at a time. Later on, Floyd went into the "Dude" business, and was quite successful. He was the author of two books about his life. One is "Horse Wrangler", and the other is "Dude Wrangler".

We had two children. Rhoda Irene was born July 20, in 1904. She married George Custis, and had one son, Thad, who is married and lives in Cheyenne. He has one son, John Floyd, recently discharged from the service. Our son, Fred Curtis, was born June 11, 1911, and has two children, a son, Tom, who is married, has three children, and lives in Kansas City, and is the manager of a Woolworth store there. His daughter, Carol, is now Mrs. Quevado, has three children, and lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

Now I'm here in Big Horn among my friends--I love them all--living alone in my own little home. I have my children, and this summer I hope to see two nephews and a niece who live in Illinois, and may come to Wyoming.

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Warren DeJarnett is home from the hospital, recuperating from an operation he had last week, and says he is ready and eager to have visitors!

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Skip Israel extends his thanks to all who rescued him from starvation and brought him food, and invited him to dinner while his wife Kathy was gone. Some mighty good cooks in Big Horn, he says.

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Members of the Big Horn Lions' Club had a real treat last Thursday eve, at their meeting. Twenty-five members of the Buffalo Chorus, directed by Jeff Young, came over from the little city of Buffalo and entertained the gathering with renditions of old and new songs in barbershop harmony!

They fairly lifted the roof off, and drew enthusiastic applause from all present. These men have been singing together for two years, and are trying for a charter as a national group. They are looking for more male voices, they say, and invite anyone interested to give them a call. They do not charge for their entertaining, but do accept donations for a speech clinic for children in Kansas.

Wish we could get a barbershop quartet started here in Big Horn! That would be a good way to celebrate the Bi-Centennial, and we do have some good voices in our little community.



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**CARNIVAL TIME!!!!** The annual Big Horn Lions' Club carnival will be held this Saturday, April 3, at the Big Horn school gym, starting at 6:30, with the serving of lunch. There will be hanburghers, salads of all kinds, potato chips, pies, cakes, baked beans, coffee, milk, soft drinks and ice cream. There will be 17 booths where you can play games for all kinds of prizes. Or buy items from the country store. Take a "cake walk" and take home a delicious goody if you win. Try to dunk someone in the dunking pond. No names have been released as to who all will occupy the "wet seat", but rumor has it that some highly placed individuals will be unceremoniously lowered! The little ones will have a fish pond. Play Bingo and win some very good prizes. Guess the weight of the pig in attendance. If you come the closest to his weight, you take him home! And don't worry about not being near a telephone. One will be available at the lunch counter.

This is a chance for the community to support a good cause, have fun and do some visiting with neighbors, all at the same time.

(Ralph Blaney says he can use more cakes! Help!)

Submitted by Sandy Stoll:

The Big Horn Woman's Club and the Liberty Belles Extension Club hosted a community meeting March 15 for everyone to come and hear Senator Malcolm Wallop speak. Senator Wallop told of recent bills in the Senate and discussed the coal mining and influx of people to the area, plus other problems with should be of interest to all of you.

We are sorry more of you could not attend as we need more local support of our community whether it be political, school or help in local projects. This is OUR community--OUR home--OUR school and OUR town. Let's back it together!!

The Liberty Belles met at the home of Kay Daly March 24. We were given an interesting demonstration on sandscaping by Mary Kay Carroll. Everyone took home her own clever creation of sand work. Our next craft meeting will be held on April 7 at Billie Biley's home, where she will teach us the art of crewel embroidery. April 14, at 7:30 is the next regular meeting, with Carol Dangel, at her home.

The Girls' Basketball Team of Big Horn would like to thank all of their supporters at the State Tournament, and at the games through the year. A special thanks to those who contributed to having games broadcasted. Thank you much. From: Miff Galey, Mona Huff, Donna Rideout, Stephanie Setliff, Dee Vonne Farman, Melodie Kekich, Pam Ware, Laura Addington, Rita Hanes, and Cindy Omohundro.

The girls are certainly to be congratulated, for winning fifth place in the state. They lost only one game at the tournament! It is very gratifying to many of us to see this team. For too long girls have taken a back seat in sports participation--in fact, it is within the memory of some of us that there was no F. E. for girls at all. Thanks go, also, to the school administration for recognizing that girls are people, too!!! And congratulations to their coach, Karen Day.

Paul, Roy and Nancy Garber recently returned from a ten day trip to California. They attended the national convention of LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA. Paul was elected president of the Wyoming Chapter in January. Following the convention in San Diego they visited family friends, and former Big Horn residents, June Nottingham in Coronado and the John Clendenen family at Santa Ynez. They spent the last day of their vacation enjoying Disneyland.

The Big Horn Townsite Ditch Co. held its annual meeting on March 12. Only 5 members were in attendance. Five members are not nearly enough to carry out a business meeting. So, from lack of interest, the entire matter has been dropped and the Ditch Company, at present, has no officers nor water overseer

Diana Davis was recently elected Vice President of the Circle K Club at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, for the 1976-77 school year. She was the voting delegate for the Club at Dallas last month.

I apologize for the scarcity of the news sheet publication lately. But please bear with me--school will soon be out, and the house will be finished and I hope to do better. April 20 will be an anniversary for the Bulletin. We'll have been going for a year on that date.

Cragley J.

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The Big Horn Rams garnered second place at the district basketball tournament at Moorcroft last week. They will be playing in the state championship finals this week, starting Thursday, when they meet Mountain View, at 4p.m. If anyone is interested in hearing the games broadcast, contact Jim Spracklen at KWYO, or Ann Williams, or Skip Israel at the store. The cost is \$100 per game, so it will take many donations to get the games on the air.

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Dr. Will Schunk, who was injured last week in an auto accident, is recovering slowly at the Sheridan hospital. As yet it is not known when he will be dismissed.

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Rex Hanes and his family went to Spearfish Thursday to attend the funeral of his father, Francis. Mr. Hanes and wife lived in the Big Horn area for several years, and he worked as a gardener for the Reno family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada, in 1973, and by one son and a grandson. Survivors, in addition to Rex, are: Ed Hanes of Gillette; Norman, of Belle Fourche, and a daughter, Mazine Kirschenmann of Pueblo, Colorado.

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Cliff Irwin is evidently determined to keep healthy, tho retired. You can see him almost every afternoon walking briskly along the highway into Big Horn and back to his home on the hill. A lot of us should join you, Cliff!

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Notice: The Big Horn Townsite Ditch meeting will be held at the fire hall on March 12 at 7:30 P.M. The term of office of all present officers expires this year. We older people feel that we have carried the load long enough. It is time for the younger people to get involved. We're not going to accept nomination to our present offices or any other; so please, get out to the meeting and share the duties of office and make your needs and desires heard.

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Mike Moreland and Tim Lohof, two high school<sup>boys</sup> injured in an auto accident, too, are back in school.

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Sandy Stoll, president of the Liberty Belles' Club of Big Horn, says her group invites people in the area to come to the Big Horn Woman's Club, on Thursday evening at 7:30. (March 11). Malcolm Wallop, State senator from Sheridan county, will be discussing the recent legislative session at Cheyenne, and will also answer questions put to him by persons in the audience.

Free refreshments will be served by the Liberty Belles. The Big Horn Woman's Club is donating the use of the building.

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Never underestimate the cleverness of the government. First they drive people to drink with high taxes. Then they pass a higher tax on the booze!  
(From Bits and Pieces, published by the Economics Press, Inc.)

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More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying they made them. (Same)

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Verne and Reba Needham, who have been in Yuma, Arizona this past winter, report that the desert flowers are blooming, and that the weather is beautiful. They plan to return to Wyoming in a few weeks.

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The Lions' Club Carnival was a ROARING success! By all accounts, it was attended by one of the biggest crowds ever. The members extend thanks to the community and to all who helped plan and put on the "event". Now, Lions, your friends and neighbors look forward to seeing some really great projects forthcoming!!

From Elaine Hilman: The April issue of the "Western Horseman" contains an article and pictures by Archie Nash on the wagon train that passed through Big Horn last summer. The article tells about the Big Horn Mercantile Building and of the fried chicken picnic that Big Horn residents served to the wagoners.

Also in the same issue is another article by Archie Nash about a horseback play day held at Thermopolis, Wyoming.

From "Mimi": Dear Editor, I was rumaging through an old cabinet drawer at the ranch, and I found an old Royal Baking Powder cook book. The pages all had title head lines, such "R.B.P. is absolutely pure" or "R.B.P. contains no alum". I could not find a date of publication, as some of the front pages and back were gone. It has to be old, as the pages are brown and crisp on the edges. In the-cooky section I found this recipe. Notice, milk is added--most recipes now-a-days don't call for milk. This was just titled "Cookies": 3/4 c. lard (shortening); 2 c. sugar; 1 c. milk; 2 eggs; 1 tsp grated nutmeg; 1 tsp. of vanilla or grated lemon rind; 2 c. flour; 3 tsp. Royal Baking Powder.

Cream lard and sugar together, add milk, beaten eggs and beat again. Add slowly to creamed mixture the flavoring, and the flour sifted with the baking powder and nutmeg. Add enough more flour to roll easily. Roll out very thin on floured board. Cut with cookie cutter. Sprinkle with sugar. Put a raisin in the center of each. Bake 12 minutes in moderate oven.

There's one on Apple Pie that is amusing. Let me know, and I'll send a copy of it, too. There is a section on homemade ice cream, also.

Big Horn has lost another long-time resident with the recent death of Lee Garrett. His daughter, Betty Maxted, says she thinks her dad moved out here in 1938, but will check and have a story for us soon.

Inga McCoy returned April 8 from a 10 day stay in LaPorte, Indiana. She went to be with her daughter, Pat and son-in-law, Pete Henry, who are the parents of a baby boy, born March 27, named Nathaniel David, and weighed 7#, 9 oz. at birth. The young man has two sister, Beth, age 8, and Rachel, age 6. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Henry of Sun City, Arizona, and the other grandfather is, of course, Chuck McCoy of Big Horn.

Good news! The Big Sky Drive-In will soon be in operation again. Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bettcher, in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coones of Arvada, will open the stand on May 15, serving on week-ends until school closes, then will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., serving homemade ice cream and pie; hamburgers from home-grown, corn-fed, government inspected beef; and perhaps homemade hot dogs. Mrs. Bettcher says the menu selection will be limited, but that the quality of food will be excellent.

She is at present a helper at the Woodland Park School Cafeteria, and Kenny is employed at Decker Coal. His grandfather was a brother of our Big Horn Ed Bettcher. It will be good to have an eating establishment close by, and we wish the owner-operators much luck in their venture.

For those of you who live away and do not get the Sheridan Press, the Big Horn school took some top honors in the recent Science Fair held at the college. Winners are: Susan Boswell--"Coacervates: Key to Life" 2nd, Sr. Div. Zoology; 1st Wyo. State Veterinarians Award for Excellence. Top trophy--1st, Rocky Mtn. Chapter of American Society of Microbiologists. Miff Galey--"A Study of Catalysis with Hydrogen Peroxide"--Chemical Rubber Publishing Co., "Handbook of Chemistry & Physics"; USAF award for excellence. Carol Biley--"A Study of Amino Acids in Orange Juice"--3rd, Sr. Division Chemistry Chemical Rubber Publishing Co. Award for Excellence, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics. Mona Huff--"Determination of Approximate Concentrations of BSA and GG"--2nd, Sr. Division Medicine and Health--Wyoming Veterinarians' Ass'n Auxiliary award plaque. Tim Roush--"Fermentation"--2nd, Rocky Mtn. Chapter of Am. Soc. of Microbiologists. Bob Stevenson--"Versatile Sawdust"--3rd, Sr. Division; Botany. Shawn Tencer--"Measuring the Effect of Temperature on the Rate of Reaction of an Enzyme"

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A Big Horn BiCentennial Meeting was held recently in which plans were discussed for the coming months.

Olin Rose, Co-chairman, reported on the progress that he is making with the wiring of the blacksmith shop building and installation of the wagon wheel chandeliers.

The native stone front steps will be completed this spring, as will be the improvement of the Bozeman Trail marker. As soon as the logs are available, replacement work will be done.

An immediate project will be the tree planting and work on the tables in the Bozeman Trail Park.

Considerable discussion centered around the possibility of a new fence at the Mr. Hope Cemetery. May 16 will be the date for the cemetery clean-up.

A special church service will be held on June 13 to honor the pioneers of the community.

With July 4, 1976 rapidly approaching, a general clean-up campaign was suggested. Everyone can participate, and a good place to start is at home, the streets and roadways. Hopefully, as in past years, the 4-H clubs and Big Horn school students will work to make our community more beautiful.

(Submitted by Warren DeJarnett).

Alice Daly is home from the hospital, after undergoing surgery at the Memorial hospital in Sheridan recently. She is recovering nicely, she says, and sends thanks to those who sent cards, flowers and other remembrances.

Diana Davis, a Junior at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, was initiated April 15th into Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society of national standing in education. She will serve as treasurer for the year 1976-77.

At the April 16 meeting of the Big Horn Woman's Club, officers were installed for the coming year. Ollie Joseph will serve as president, Phyllis Garber as vice-president, Hazel Bundy as secretary, and Della Lee as the treasurer. This makes the third time Mrs. Joseph has assumed the duties of president, first in 1928-29, again in 1931-34, and now in 1976. Mrs. Bundy has also been an officer, being president in 1935-37.

Retiring president Wyla Loomis, after serving the longest consecutive years in that office, from 1972-76, was honored with a gift from the club. An oil painting by Catherine Rose was presented to Jackie Slack, outgoing president of the Wyoming Federation, and a member of the Big Horn club.

Bessie Sackett, who has been Northeast district president, was given a Bi-Centennial plate by the club women. Mrs. Loomis also presented gifts to the members who had served with her as officers in the Big Horn club.

At the business meeting, members were reminded of the clean-up at the Bozeman Trail Park on May 16th, with a scheduled picnic and tree planting to follow. BH Senior girls, their mothers, and the Senior boys' mothers will be honored at a tea on May 5. The club is responsible for furnishing cakes and for serving at the VA on May 2. (Please note an error in the above--the tree planting will be on April 25, weather permitting).

Bob Wilson, accompanied by his wife, Leila, showed slides, with a musical background, and recorded comments in his welcome and familiar voice. Entitled "Of Mountains and Music" and "From Sea to Shining Sea", the two presentations were outstanding in beauty and professional quality. Louise DeJarnett, local Conservation chairman, gave Mr. and Mrs. Wilson an Easter lily, in appreciation of their time and effort.

Hostesses for the evening were Frances Berry, Hazel Bundy, and Bea Beuf.

The McIntyre family had a get-together recently. Randy and his wife and child, from Cheyenne, Randy and his family from Dayton, visited their mother Dorothy and their brother, Lynn over Easter vacation.

The Big Horn Firemen will be serving a Pancake Supper, Sunday, April 25, from 4 to 6:30, at the Big Horn school cafeteria. Adults--\$2.50, children 6 to 12, \$1.50. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and milk. This is your chance to support this volunteer organization, and to have a good visit with your neighbors!!

There will be an important meeting at the Big Horn Woman's Club, April 26 at 7:30, a final hearing on the proposed changes on the streets. The plat will be presented to the County commissioners on May 2. Walt Pilch will be there to discuss changes desired. Anyone who has borrowed a map of the Big Horn area, please return--they will be needed that night. And,

## THELMA CUSTIS TO RETIRE

After serving customers at the Last Chance Bar for 37 years, Thelma Custis has decided to begin to "take it easy". Her many friends throughout the area gathered at the bar on April 4 to wish her well in her coming retirement, and to present her with a corsage, a beautiful watch, and other gifts.

The new owners, who assumed management April 15, are both teachers at Central school. Darnel Just lives at the Last Chance, and Frank Loback is living in Sheridan with his wife and three children. Thelma plans to stay on for a while, working part-time at least, to assist these men in their new venture.

Thelma Evans Custis was born August 8, 1904, the second of three children, to Charles and Lulu Evans, who came here in a covered wagon at the turn of the century.

Mr. Evans was working at the slaughter house in Dietz when the first child, Everett, was born July 1, 1900. He worked at various ranches, and Thelma arrived while the Evans' were at the Bar-N ranch. Another daughter, Gladys (Scott) was born in Parkman, November 18, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans moved to Big Horn and operated a dairy farm on the old Jackson place, now owned by Bob Helvey. They remained here for six years, then went to Sheridan. Mr. Evans worked as a fireman, then as a night chief of police, and as a deputy.

Thelma was married to Kenny Custis in 1929, and their son, Charles William (Chuck), was born November 26, 1941. He now lives west of the bar, in a lovely home he and his wife Ann built themselves. Thelma has a new home just recently completed, in the same block.

The building housing the Last Chance was originally owned by Eckersons, as a livery stable. It was purchased then by Tom Hagley and remodeled into a bar. Mr. Hagley was a jeweler, and Thelma and Kenny rented the building and ran the business for several years.

Thelma then purchased the property, and has been the sole operator since. In 1947, Vic Powers remodeled the bar to its present appearance. Subsequent repairs have been done by Chuck. The old hay mow is still visible in the attic, the family says.

In the early 50's, Thelma had a "soda fountain" in another room. This was in operation for about 4 years, and she sold ice cream, malts, sandwiches, etc. Then for 3 years she had a "beer garden" in the space north of the building. However, both of these enterprises were too much work for one person, so Thelma went back to having just the bar.

When a law was passed making it necessary to have a license to sell beer, Thelma's was one of the first shown on the register at the court house. She had only a beer license for 17 years, then applied for, and received a liquor license.

In the past 37 years, the Last Chance Bar has been operated in a spirit of friendliness, but Thelma has never tolerated rowdy behavior. Only once in that time was it essential to call the sheriff. One of the most frequent remarks made about the small business is: It is the cleanest bar in Wyoming. Thelma has always been a generous contributor to projects benefiting the Big Horn community. We join others in wishing her a happy, contented, gradual retirement.

So long, Thelma, but not good-by!!!

(Compiled from information supplied by  
Ann Custis).

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TEN O'CLOCK SUNDAY FOR THE WORK PARTY AT THE CLUB HOUSE

TO PLANT TREES!

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Marc and Patricia Genereaux Coffeen are the parents of a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 7 oz. boy, Christopher Hans. He arrived one minute after midnight, June 7. His grandparents are Loretta and Joe Genereaux of Big Horn, and Suzanne Coffeen of Sheridan.

Walter (Butch) Kysar and his family have moved to Lapoint, Utah. They had been living in the former Middlebrook home, now owned by Walt's step-brother, Jack Geisler, administrator of the Wyoming Girls' School. Mr. Geisler says he plans to remodel the building before he discusses renting it again.

Mrs. Fred Sillier, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Loretta and Joe Genereaux. There are three brothers of the women also residing in the Wisconsin city.

Margaret Logan has been visiting in the area, and also painting and repairing her house, which will be rented by the Boswells.

New members are needed by the Big Horn Volunteer Fire Department. Contact Skip Israel or Jim Berry for applications. Anyone not interested in fully participating need not apply. "Our equipment, some of the best in the county, is only as good as the men who run it. That means learning how to use it, by taking part in the training sessions, and by regular attendance at the meetings, held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month," says Skip Israel. He and Edward Schunk, Fire Chief, attended a 2day Fire School in Rapid City in May. They took courses in Airport and Rural fire protection.

Big Horn Lions will have Ladies' Night, June 19, Saturday, at 7, at the Golden Steer.

On July 14 the Sheridan Area Planning Agency will hold its regular meeting in Big Horn at the Woman's Club, 7:30. It will be open to the public, and area residents are urged to come.

The County has widened the bridge and put in new planks--a welcome repair. Oh, it's the one over Little Goose, on the Bird Farm Road, near Hanslips!!

The new benches in front of the Merc were constructed by a student in shop at the Big Horn school. A nice touch, and much appreciated, Skip.

The street plan is now waiting on some final paper work by County Attorney Jim Wolfe. Notice will be given to residents as to further meetings. Anyone wishing to make payment may leave their money and receive a receipt from Jim at the Postoffice.

Any children who do not have tickets to the Shrine Circus in Sheridan on June 22, may pick them up at the Big Horn Merc, for free!

Faye Kysar returned Sunday after attending a 3-day convention of the VFW in Cody. Faye is Color Guard in the local chapter.

Dr. Stephen Setrulo and his wife have purchased the Harry Fulmer home from Ike Fordyce. The couple has a daughter 8, and a son, 3. He is a surgeon, specializing in Thoracic Cardio Vascular work, and will be associated with Doctors MacLean and Kinney.

Joel McMains fell from the roof of his house in Big Horn and broke his arm. The McMains are adding rooms to the home, formerly owned by Joel's mother, Chitter, now deceased.

Jean Mills is having a new home built on land west of a house formerly owned by her parents, the late John and Mary Jo Mills. Jean is a Physical Education instructor, taught 5 years at Powell, and then took a year to travel. This past school term she had elementary students at Linden, Hill and Highland schools in Sheridan, and coached girls' basketball at Sheridan High School.

# Big Horn Bulletin

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Happy Birthday to Master Stuart Currie, who is three years old today!!

The Big Horn Community Church will be the scene of a wedding at 6:30 on Friday, June 25, when Lynn McIntyre and Cheryl Wilmesmeir take their marriage vows before the Reverend Jesse Dickson. Maid of honor will be Cotton Shendar; best man, Clay Gillespie. Clay will play selections on the guitar, and his wife, the former Sharon Logerski, will sing to his accompaniment. Mrs. Hollingsworth will play the traditional wedding music on the organ.

A reception, following the wedding, will be at the Big Horn Woman's Club. Cheryl is the daughter of Ruby McNair and Robert Wilmesmeir of Sheridan. Her grandmothers are Helen Wilmesmeir and Macy Smith, both reside in Sheridan. Cheryl is a graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1976.

Lynn is the son of Dorothy McIntyre and the late Robert McIntyre of Big Horn. Edith Lubs was his grandmother. Lynn graduated from Big Horn High School in 1975, and is now employed by Mac's Delivery.

The young couple will make their home in Big Horn.

Alan Dow and John Arnoux will both <sup>bc</sup> getting married this week-end. Hope to have accounts of those weddings in the next news sheet.

Sharon and Joe Sarkkinen have purchased Susan and Dave Palmerlee's home, in the Big Horn Ranch Subdivision. They have four children: Dave, 5; Joe, 3; Carla, 2, and Debbie, 1. Mr. Sarkkinen is a building contractor, working at the present time on Palmerlee's new home, and he also put the foundation under the Big Horn Mercantile last year.

The family will be moving to Big Horn on about July 1st.

Pam and Jim Currie and their sons, Stuart and Scott, will be leaving in three weeks for Aurora, Colorado, where they will make their home. Jim is a pilot for Frontier Airlines, and flies the midWest and Western states. The grandparents Currie are going to be "mighty lonesome" for awhile!!

Dear Editor,

I wish to take exception to your statement in one of your papers about incorporation. I think it is time we all take a good look at Big Horn and think seriously about incorporating.

I am not a "native" of this area--I was not born and reared here, but I have been a resident long enough, I believe, to appreciate the unique qualities of this place. At the present time, Big Horn is still serene, quiet, different, historical, soul and mind soothing, and yes, a beautiful small spot. But--if we do not plan, it will lose all of these attributes. Many people, finding it attractive here, will move in, and through lack of guidelines, destroy what they came to admire.

Now, I do not wish to exclude anyone. After all, I, a stranger, was welcomed here, and in turn, I would do the same for others. But we must see to it that growth is the kind best for our little community.

We owe thanks to those who have been trying to preserve our heritage: Skip Israel and the Harpers for restoration of the Big Horn Mercantile; Garbers for the Bozeman Trail Inn; Thelma Custis for the integrity of her business; John Drake and Tom Logan for not tearing down the old false front buildings; in fact, to all residents up and down the main street for trying to maintain the atmosphere of our town.

In a trip to the "island" recently, I saw what could happen to the whole area--trailer houses with no sidewalks, no areas set aside for recreation, and, in at least one instance, a trailer court set up without prior approval. We stand to have water pollution as bad as at Story and conditions detrimental to the well-being of all in the community, but most of all, to the unfortunate ones having to live in these places.

People are desperate for living quarters, that's true, but in the rush to provide accommodations, whether the motive be for profit, or for "humanitarian" purposes, let us not forget that an act done without thought and supervision can end up hurting more people than it helps.

So, sir, you are wrong in saying incorporation is for the future. It is for now, and the sooner the better. We must save ourselves from us! Let's get some meetings going on it.

(Name withheld by request).

Dear X,

Thank you for writing. I did not, however, express disapproval of incorporation. I merely said I thought it was far in the future.





# Big Horn Bulletin

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New teachers for the coming year will be: for second grade, Charli Sahara. She is married to Dr. Roger Sahara, a Sheridan veterinarian. She received her education from the University of Wyoming and from the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks. She has taught 5 years, one in a small rural school in Nebraska, four near Ft. Collins, Colorado. The shop teacher will be Kenneth Kukuchka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kukuchka of Ranchester. He, his wife Janelle, and daughter Kara Marie, age 7 months, are looking for a place to live in the Big Horn area. Mrs. Joy McGinnis will be the 5th grade teacher, but no information on her was available at this time. Gene Gross, who was to be with the 6th grade the coming year, has resigned and has accepted a position in an Oregon school. No one has been hired yet to replace him.

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The congregation of the Old Apostolic Lutheran church is busy erecting a new church, just south of the Big Sky Drive-in. They hope to be holding services there by fall. At the present time, they rent the Big Horn Woman's Club building each Sunday.

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A new sidewalk, fresh gravel, driftwood, potted plants and lawn furniture have transformed the area adjacent to the Big Horn Mercantile into a very attractive place!

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Mr. and Mrs. Roxy Varcelli are awaiting final approval on their subdivision. They will offer eight 5-acre plots, for modular or regular built homes, but no mobile homes will be allowed.

The Varcellis have house guests this week--Roxy's sister Gloria and her husband Ray Arzy are here. He is a game warden at Laramie.

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An enjoyable vacation came to an abrupt end for Jack Slack recently. Here for a two weeks' stay with his parents, Jackie and Victor Slack, he suffered a badly lacerated knee and leg in an unfortunate accident. A calf jumped from the weeds into the path of the motorcycle Jack was riding. He will be unable to return soon to his position as an engineer for Peter Kiewit in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

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Lorraine and Jack Roach and family recently took a trip to Arkansas. Jack's two sisters live in Owensville. The Roaches plan to sell their home in Big Horn, and move to Arkansas. Land is much cheaper there, they say.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Garland are anticipating a visit from their son and his family, Virgil and Connie (Williams) Garland, boys, Rusty, 7 and Steven, 9. Virgil is employed by the Idaho Trust Company, in Greensville, Idaho.

Mrs. Wm. Ross (Shirley Garland) is also here for a short stay with her parents and son, Cecil. Shirley resides in Edinburgh, Indiana..

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Captain Robert E. Slack, on leave from the United States Air Force, brought his wife Linda (Ware) and small daughter Jennifer home for a stay, and will leave Monday on a new assignment. He is the son of Jackie and Victor Slack. Linda's parents are Pat and Keith Ware.

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Important Meeting!!!! July 6th, Tuesday at 2:00 P.M., at the Big Horn Woman's Club. More information on the street plan. Please be there!!!!!!

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Yard--of--tho--week: the former Emmie Mygatt home, now owned by the Mike Gorzalkas. It's north of Big Horn, a mile or so on the gravel road past Schunks.

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Mrs. Bill Ross (Billy) is recuperating from back surgery at the Sheridan hospital. Her daughter and family, Phyllis and Ron Rehling and children Monte, Sally and Curtis, from Aloha, Oregon are here. With them are friends Tracy Walter, from Hillsboro and Dan Conyers from Beaverton. (Mr. and Mrs. Ross purchased the former Robert Wood home).

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According to information from a Big Horn resident, Pat and Jerry Shriver from Los Angeles are building a home on the Big Horn Ranch subdivision east of Big Horn. He is a former Sheridanite, and his father is Elmer Shriver.

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Joe Genereaux has been very seriously ill, but his family reports he is now much improved. He is in the Deaconess Hospital in Billings, and his wife Loretta is there with him.

The Genereaux family has all been together the past week. John, who was first born, is a 6th-grade teacher at Taylor school, and lives across from the Big Sky drive-in. He is married to the former Shirley Espy, and has six children: Joe, 19, a mechanic in the army, stationed in Germany; Natalie, 17; Mike, 14; Sara, 13; Anna, 10; Martha, 6.

Major Robert (Whitey) Genereaux is a pilot in the Air Force, stationed in Lubbock, Texas. He is married to the former Shirley Bohlin, has five children: Mary Lynn, 18; Mark, 16; Michael, 14; Matt, 11; Maxie, 7.

Pete is a pilot for Frontier Airlines, flies the Western states. He and his wife Jan and two year old son, Brandon, live in Denver. Frances teaches Home Ec in Jr. High at Woodland Park, is married to Jack Hansen, who is a teacher (welding) at Sheridan High School. They have a daughter, Teresa, 8.

Patricia (Trish), is a dental technician, worked for Dr. Jensen, is married to Marc Coffeen, and has a one month old son, Christopher. Marc is a carpenter, works for Don Hendrickson, contractor.

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Clara Turner, a Big Horn resident for several years, is leasing her home and moving to Big Sky, Montana. She will operate a shop in the mall there, featuring Indian artifacts and turquoise jewelry. Big Sky is located about 46 miles south of Bozeman, in the Gallatin Canyon.

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Remember the Exterminators??? If not, they were five Big Horn boys who sang together, won the local and district Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow contests. They performed at many functions in the area. Anyway, they are all here now and plan a get-together. In the group were Jim and John Arnoux, who played guitars, David Berry, Virgil Garland, and Mike Berry.

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We didn't get accounts of the Dow-Peterson or Arnoux-Brown weddings yet. Maybe next week----

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Have a safe  
happy  
1st of July!

The Big Horn Community Church was the scene of the wedding of Kathy Brown and John Arnoux on Saturday, June 26 at one in the afternoon. Kathy is the daughter of Mrs. David Houston of Sheridan. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnoux of Big Horn. The maid of honor was Judy Arnoux, Big Horn, and best man was Jim Arnoux, Portland, Oregon. They are the brother and sister of the groom. Stacy Brown, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer, and Michele Brown, daughter of the bride, was flower girl. Eddie Moore of Big Horn served as usher.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Reverend Ronald McKinley of Dayton, and organ music was provided by Mrs. Nellie Hollingsworth. Jim Arnoux sang "Follow Me", by John Denver. Teina Williams of Wyola sang the "Lord's Prayer".

The reception following the wedding ceremony was held in the yard of the home of Mrs. David Park, John's grandmother. Assistants at the reception were Marcia Talcott of Big Horn, Julane Green of Sheridan, Eva Lee Yellowtail and Connie Jackson of Wyola, Montana.

The bride was a 1974 graduate of Lodge Grass High School, and attended Sheridan College. The groom was a 1966 graduate of Big Horn High School, and is presently employed by J. B. Hendrix Constuction Company. The couple is at home in Big Horn.

(Submitted by the Arnoux family. Thank you!)

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller have been entertaining company. Vera's daughter, Leta Coates from Vancouver, Washington and Vera's sister, Arva Dawe from Independence, Mo., have been visiting here. The Millers took their guests to the Forsythe, Montana area to visit Vera's sons and their families, Loslie and George Coates, and they also went to Jerome, Idaho to see a daughter, Lily, and her husband, Joe Cavin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, visited the Glenn Millers. Hugh is a cousin to Glenn. (Sent in by the Millers).

Fourth of July week-end visitors at the Garber-Amy Miller homes were Amy's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Miller of Greeley, Colorado, Amy's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tollman of Lusk and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christensen of Inman Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Currie spent a week visiting and sight-seeing in Montana. They visited friends in Kalispel and then went on to Glacier National Park. They spent some time visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glen Blackburn and Janet at Hot Springs, and traveling over some of the territory where Jack used to work. They stopped and visited friends at Livingston, and then traveled on to Absarokee and Nye, where they used to live before moving to Big Horn. They had lunch with the John Flanagan's. He was a coach at Big Horn, now has the Junior High Athletic program at Absarokee. (Sent in by the Currie's)

Last week Wayne Daly broke a bone in his right leg, just above the ankle. How? In a baseball game!! He has a walking cast on, but in this hot weather it surely must be uncomfortable.

Air Force Captain Robert Wallick from San Antonio, Texas, came to Big Horn over the 4th of July week-end to be with his parents, Joan and Bob Wallick.

Mrs. Loren Whotham (Gwen Daly) from Newcastle and her sons, Wesley, 17, and Russell, 12, spent the 4th with her mother, Alice Daly, and her sister and family, Phebe and Larry Macha.

Joe Genereaux is home from the Billings hospital and doing well, his wife, Loretta reports.

Janet and Jerry Catterall have sold their home (just west of Big Horn School) to Terry Johnson. They are building a new home in Crown A subdivision, not far from where they now live.

The Sheridan Area Planning Agency (SAPA) will meet at the Big Horn Woman's Club at 5:30 on July 14 to begin a tour of the area. A dinner will be held at the Big Horn Woman's Club at 6:30. The regular

Florence Jones Spring, a former Big Horn resident, has purchased property on the island, and plans to move back here upon her retirement, several years from now.

Mrs. Spring is employed by the Wyoming State Division of Public Assistance and Social Services in Cheyenne. While in this area, she was Associate Dean of Students at Sheridan College.

Born in England, Mrs. Spring came at the age of 3 months with her family to New Orleans. Shortly thereafter her mother died, and Florence and one brother were adopted.

Mrs. Spring has an A.B. degree from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Masters in Public Health from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also in Cambridge. She came to Casper, Wyoming about 10 years ago as Executive Director of the Wyoming Girl Scout Council and has worked both as a volunteer and as a professional worker with the Girl Scout organization for some 35 years.

A member of the Audubon Society, Mrs. Spring enjoys the variety of bird and animal life in the area.

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Mrs. Gretchen Nelson was transferred from the Sheridan Memorial hospital to Eventido. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kellog from Seattle Washington, are here on a visit. Mrs. Bud (Patty) Warner is also Mrs. Nelson's daughter.

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Russell Perry has sold his home in Big Horn to Mr. and Mrs. John Quarterman of Sheridan, owners of the Parkway Motel.

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Shirley Vandenberg Copta, her husband Jerry, daughter Shawn, 11, and son Koloy, 4, are here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vandenberg. The Coptas live in Portland, Oregon, where Jerry works as a salesman for a lithograph printing company.

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~~FRESH XXXXXXXX AT THE BIG HORN MERCHANTS XXXXXX~~

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If you'd like a cool treat, stop into the Steigelmans' living room. John has constructed a water-fall of native rocks, in step-like fashion. There's a pool at the bottom, a water wheel mid-way, and colored lights to play on the water as it tumbles down. It's very unusual, and worth stopping by to see. Check with Goldie first!

Mrs. Dick Stephens (Jan White) and children Debra and Chris were here recently visiting Jan's mother, Clara White, and other relatives.

All of the Stephens family had a re-union in Montana before coming to Big Horn. They spent two weeks camping on Marten Creek in northwest Montana. All of Dick's immediate family were there, and enough aunts, uncles, etc., to make a total of 47 people.

Janice and her children then came on to Big Horn and Dick returned to their home in Placentia, California, where he works for Rockwell International. Janice and children left this week to visit relatives in Fort Collins Colorado before returning home. (Submitted by Clara White).

Barbara Moreland Guiliano and her husband Pat are here to visit her parents and to attend the wedding of her brother. She is the manager of the Bride's Shop in Rapid City, and he is manager of a Western clothing store and saddlery in that city. Barbara is a 1971 graduate of Big Horn High School.

On June 26, at two in the afternoon, the aspen patch in the vicinity of Red Grade Springs was the scene of the simple but beautiful wedding uniting Shelley Peterson and Alan Dow, Jr. The double ring ceremony was performed by The Reverend Roy Shimek, from the Sheridan Avenue Chapel in Sheridan.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Peterson of Sheridan, was attired in a pale blue cotton ankle length gown, with modified leg 'o mutton sleeves and cream color lace inserts in the bodice, sleeves and skirt. She carried a bouquet of carnations, baby's breath and rosebuds in a lace collar. Her sister, Ann Reed, maid-of-honor, wore a dress of pink flower print, with an empire waist and short puff sleeves. The bridesmaid, Mary Rinker, wore a similar dress in yellow print.

The groom, son of Stella Dow of Big Horn and Alan Dow of Lander, wore formal attire, a dark tuxedo with long tails, and a blue ruffled shirt. The best man, John Berry and attendant Brent Moore were dressed similarly, but with pink and yellow shirts.

The bride walked up the grassy aisle with her parents. Mrs. Peterson wore a combination turquoise and white check floor length, empire waist gown, and Mr. Peterson had a western cut suit with a blue shirt. Mrs. Dow chose a dressy pink pants suit for the occasion. Mr. Dow also wore a western cut suit, and had a belt with a buckle fashioned from the jade he mines in Lander.

Adding to the pleasure of those attending was the nuptial music, sung by Becky Moreland, who accompanied herself on the guitar. Among the selections was "Follow Me" by John Denver.

The reception was held at 4 P.M. on the lawn at the home of the bride's parents, in Sheridan. Assisting the Petersons were Mrs. Dow, Mrs. John (Mayme) Juroshek, aunt of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Jack (Anne) Woodard.

The bride is a 1975 graduate of Sheridan High School, and is employed in the bakery department of Sheridan Safeway Store. The groom is a 1971 graduate of Big Horn High School, and works for Metz beverage. The young couple is at home on Coffeen Avenue in Sheridan.

(As a footnote to this story, rumor has it that the bride's bouquet was acquired by Brad Miech, known affectionately to his friends as "Chicken Hawk". Mr. Miech was not available to confirm or to deny this tale).

Dan Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan of Big Horn, recently suffered a painful accident, hurting his foot while he was working in the mountains. He is recovering at his home in Sheridan.

Apologies again--The minister of the local community church spells his name Jess Dixon, not Jesse Dickson.

# Big Horn Bulletin

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULED

A benefit ice cream social and flower show combination will be held at the Big Horn Woman's Club, Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 P.M.

The purpose of the ice cream social is to raise money to help defray the expenses of Richard Marquess, 15, who leaves September 25th on a trip to Washington, D.C. Richard, the only young musician chosen from Big Horn, is one of 127 young people from Wyoming chosen to play in the Wyoming Bicentennial Band. During the week he is there, he will participate in band performances scheduled at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the White House, and Mount Vernon. People in Big Horn are urged to attend this money raising function in support of this fine young musician.

Those wishing to exhibit flowers are invited to exhibit anything they wish that will contribute to the beauty of the show, such as single blossoms, bouquets, houseplants, artificial creations, using either domestic or wild flowers. The clubhouse will be open from 10:00 to 12: for the placing of the flowers. Exhibitors are to furnish their own vases and containers. There is no special theme designated.

For further information please contact Mrs. LeRoy Sackett, Chairman, Ice Cream Social, and Mrs. Victor Slack, Flowers Chairman.

----- (Sent in by Mrs. Slack) -----

Two more teachers have been hired for the coming school year in Big Horn School. For sixth grade, Susan Farley, from Massachusetts, with a degree in elementary education. This will be her first year in teaching. She has an interest in anthropology, has been in the Lovell area this summer, through a project with the University of Missouri.

Dennis Heizer, from Rawlins will be with Jr. High. He is married, his wife is a teacher's aide. He has had a year's experience in the teaching field.

----- No remedial-reading-teacher-has-as yet been selected. -----

Chuck Stephens, a former resident here and coach at Big Horn school, is moving back to this area soon. He and his wife, Kathy, have purchased the Musick home--previously owned by John and Mary Jo Mills--and their children, John Charles, 15, and Tonya Lynn, 9, will be attending Big Horn school.

The Stephens plan to reside in Sheridan until November. Kathy will be the club plans to open a new business in Sheridan, as he has the franchise for a "Little Big Man" restaurant, and is operating similar ones in Herdin and Glendive, Montana. Chuck is the son of Adelo Stephens, owner of the one on Sugar and Spian in Sheridan, Mont. She is a ne

----- Sorry about the messy paper. I was asked to delete a news item after it had been typed up and classified, Montana. -----

Kathleen (Perv) Langelier had surprise visitors last week--Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes Johnston from Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Johnston was Eleanor (Bunny) Forsythe, who came with her family to Big Horn when she was only 2½ years old. Accompanying the Forsythes was Mrs. Langelier, on her first out west. She remained to care for Bunny for several years. The two ladies had not seen each other for 35 years.

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Jim left Big Horn July 25th for Philadelphia and flew from there to the Air Base at Reykjavik, Iceland on July 26th. He will be stationed there for the next year. Iceland, contrary to the image of its name, has a rather mild climate. Temperatures vary between seventy-five degrees for a high and zero for a low. It is considered a very desirable assignment by Air Force personnel.

Barbara and Tanya Mueller were visitors at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller. They have been visiting other relatives at Gillette, but will return home to Jerome, Idaho soon for school. They are daughters of Lily (Coates) Cavin and Joe Cavin of Jerome.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller attended two days of the Seventh Day Adventist Bible Camp at Mill Spring Camp on Casper Mountain at Casper, Wyoming.

Mr. Wm. H. Lehtola, of Lake Norden, South Dakota passed away August 5, 1976 at the age of 64 years in Watertown, South Dakota. He was a member of the Old Apostolic Luthern Church. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, two sons and two daughters, all of Lake Norden and two daughters, Mrs. Louise Bedl and Mrs. Rosie Granger of Big Horn, Wyoming, and twenty grandchildren.

The Hilmans have been busy with celebrations in their family, and with company from out of town.

On July 28th, Zane and Elaine celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. A party was held at Tunnel Inn, and a silver tea set was presented to them. Those attending and giving the party were Ross, Diana, and Brant Hilman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilman, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Caletton Perry and family, Louise Craig, Bill Baker, Terry Stenlun, and Joel Sims.

On August 7th, Ross Hilman was married to Cheryl Schuman at the Hilman home. Seventeen members of Cheryl's family made the trip from Iowa and Illinois. For most of them, it was their first trip west.

Following the wedding, there was a buffalo and elk barbecue. An unusual but happy feature of the day was the fact that there were three sets of grandparents attending.

A dinner at Tunnel Inn was given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schuman of Decatur, Illinois the night preceding the wedding, and a dinner at the Sheridan Center Inn the evening of the 8th was giving by Cheryl's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moline of Manson, Iowa.

To finish all of the celebrations, Alice Hilman had her 87th birthday on the 9th of August.

The bride's cake for the Schuman-Hilman wedding was well traveled. The cake was baked and frozen several weeks before the wedding by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. R. E. Schuman of Manson, Iowa. Since Cheryl's parents had a convention to attend in Golden, Colorado, they flew from Decatur to Iowa and picked up the cake. They then flew to Denver, Colorado, rented a car and drove to Golden, where they stored the sweet in a locker plant.

Several days later, Cheryl drove to Golden to pick up her mother and the cake. They then took it with them to Laramie, Wyoming, and stored it in a friend's freezer. From there it was brought to Big Horn, and put in the Hilmans' freezer until the wedding---and when served it was delicious!!

The flowers for the wedding also arrived in a rather unusual way. All of Mrs. Schuman's close neighbors in Decatur saved their most outstanding roses and other flowers for the wedding. They took them to the Schuman home, where Cheryl's sisters, Dede and Beth packed them in picnic coolers, and the flowers flew in with the family the night before the wedding.

The site for the wedding was chosen because it is the original place where Ross's great-great-grandparents camped during the summer of 1879, after they arrived here by wagon train.



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# Bulletin

August 31, 1976 Big Horn, Wyoming Vol. 11, No. 10, Cragley J. Stomper, Ed.

Almost every year at this time, the cry is heard--where did the summer go? We seem reluctant to say good-bye to it, even though autumn is a lovely season. Perhaps that's because fall is a farewell--to visiting friends, to warm, sunny days, to green leaves and grass--picnics--so many things. Must be a time for reflections, too!

George Ribble, Big Horn school principal, reports attendance up slightly over last year, with 52 new in-district students registered. Because of a new policy, the school board is no longer accepting out-of-district students. Those who have been here in the elementary grades may stay through the 6th, Junior high and high school pupils may complete their school years in Big Horn if they so desire.

A breakfast for all District 1 teachers and other personnel was held this morning in the Big Horn school cafeteria.

Warren DeJarnett is home from his second hospitalization this summer, and is slowly recuperating. He expresses thanks to his friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness--cards, flowers, calls and so on. We all hope you will soon be your busy cheerful self, Warren--the community needs and misses you!

The Reverend and Mrs. Keith Foster of Anchorage, Alaska, their son Shay and his friend Scott attended church in Big Horn, on Sunday, and Keith was the guest minister. He was the pastor here in 1966-67, then they moved to Alaska. He is now pastor of University Baptist Church in Anchorage, and Dixie works with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board there.

Shay and Scott have spent some time this summer on the ranch of his uncle, Ralph Foster, of Clearmont. Dixie is the former Dixie Walker, and her mother is the former Ruth Spracklin. For a bit of church history, Ruth and Harvey Walker were married in the Big Horn church 42 years ago, and her mother and father, Frank and Belle Spracklin, were married in the same church on October 24, 1897. (BY Opal Arnoux).

Diana Davis, a student at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, is one of three from the school who attended a convention of Circle K International in Washington, D.C., August 15 to 18. Diana, a senior, is vice-president of the A.C.U. Circle K.

Dan Davis returned home Friday, after spending the summer in Riverton. He also went on a fishing trip to Jackson Hole.

Dorothy Gates and her daughter Debbie returned Monday from a trip to the east coast. While there they visited with Dorothy's son, Wesley, who is in the Navy, assigned to submarine duty, stationed in Connecticut. They also were with relatives in East Freetown, Massachusetts. Among other ventures, they toured a marina and went swimming in the ocean.

Virginia and Charles Mitchell have purchased the Jack Roach property. They have three sons, Guy, 16; Jay, 13; and Chad, 4. The Mitchells are from Bozeman, and he works for Bruce Anderson on construction.

Ina and Jack Thompson are newcomers on the island. They have three children, Keith, 2; Eddie, 3 and Sue, 12. Mr. Thompson works for Prill Bros.

There will be a meeting with the County Commissioners on September 8, at the Court House to discuss the Big Horn street plan. If you have any questions or reservations about this, be there, to hear it explained fully.

Mrs. Alice Hansen, a former Big Horn resident, has moved from Sheridan to the Gottsche Foundation Rehabilitation Center at Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, Wyoming, 82443, P.O. Box 790, and she would appreciate hearing from friends.

Mrs. Hansen's sons, Ivan (Arnold) and Henry were Big Horn Graduates. Ivan is now a shop teacher at Sheridan high school, and Henry is at Worland in the Forest Service.

S. WATTS SMYTH SUCCUMBS

A long-time resident of the area died last week at his home in Little Goose valley. He was a very respected, intelligent man, generous with his time and funds to the needs of the community, and also he leaves a family to be proud of.

His eldest daughter, Jane Schroeder, has served long and arduous hours as a member of the local school board, besides assisting in the management of the Smyths' Arabian Horse Ranch. A second daughter, Bunny Connell, is an artist of note, in addition to maintaining a large home for her family.

Mr. Smyth's widow, Jane, was, until of recent years, the owner, operator of a specialty knitting shop in Sheridan, and is actively supportive of the Animal Shelter in Sheridan. Most of his grandchildren are attending college, or have graduated.

Involvement and achievement characterize Mr. Smyth's legacy to his family--a tradition we of this time and place can be thankful for.

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(Writer of above article asks to remain anonymous).

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SHOWER FOR JUDY ARNOUX

There will be a community wedding shower on June 27th, at 8 P.M., at the Big Horn Woman's Club for Judy Arnoux, who will become the bride of Pete Carlberg on July 30th.

For those who may desire some suggestions, Judy has picked out a stoneware pattern at Kraft's, and the colors she likes are yellow and white, or blue and ivory. She likes pewter, but wants no crystal or silverware.

News Briefs

Shelley and Nancy Black have moved from the house they were renting from Dorothy Reno, and have moved to Sheridan, on Harrison street.

James and Peggy Poff and son James, 15, are now living in the Reno house. Mr. Poff is an army recruiter, and was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana prior to coming here. Before that, they were in Alaska for three years. They enjoy this area, he says, and are looking forward to many outdoor activities.

Alene Semingsen is home after having had surgery two weeks ago at a Casper hospital. The operation was on a disc in the neck area, and required 3½ hours to perform. Alene says she's "doing pretty well", but wishes she could do more gardening and house cleaning!

This news sheet, under various names and "editors", is now two years and two months old! The present editor apologizes for the many errors in the last issue. As the old saying goes, she should have stood in bed! Rumors are that Cragley J. Stomper will be back if she doesn't watch it.

Mike and Mary Haratyk are proud grandparents again. Their son John and his wife Edith had a 6# 7 oz. boy on June 6, and have named him Kyle James. He has a sister, Tonya, aged 19 months.

Mae Park and her daughter, Opal Arnoux, left June 17th for Fleming, Colorado, to attend the wedding of Mrs. Park's grandson Dave Park on June 18. Dave is a former Big Horn school student.

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# Big Horn Bulletin 21

August 6, 1976 Big Horn, Wyoming Vol II, Ed. Ed. 8 Cragley J. Stomper, Ed.  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULED

A benefit ice cream social and flower show combination will be held at the Big Horn Woman's Club, Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 P.M.

The purpose of the ice cream social is to raise money to help defray the expenses of Richard Marquess, 15, who leaves September 25th on a trip to Washington, D.C. Richard, the only young musician chosen from Big Horn, is one of 127 young people from Wyoming chosen to play in the Wyoming Bicentennial Band. During the week he is there, he will participate in band performances scheduled at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the White House, and Mount Vernon. People in Big Horn are urged to attend this money raising function in support of this fine young musician.

Those wishing to exhibit flowers are invited to exhibit anything they wish that will contribute to the beauty of the show, such as single blossoms, bouquets, houseplants, artificial creations, using either domestic or wild flowers. The clubhouse will be open from 10:00 to 12:00 for the placing of the flowers. Exhibitors are to furnish their own vases and containers. There is no special theme designated.

For further information please contact Mrs. LeRoy Sackett, Chairman, Ice Cream Social, and Mrs. Victor Slack, Flowers Chairman.

----- (Sent in by Mrs. Slack) -----

Two more teachers have been hired for the coming school year in Big Horn School. For sixth grade, Susan Farley, from Massachusetts, with a degree in elementary education. This will be her first year in teaching. She has an interest in anthropology, has been in the Lovell area this summer, through a project with the University of Missouri.

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A THANK YOU

Warren and Louise DeJarnett have been almost overwhelmed by the response of the community to his illness and subsequent hospitalization in Denver. He received calls and cards from people who had been his students as much as 45 years ago, when he first started his teaching career.

They both say that they knew that Big Horn had "really wonderful folks" but the outpouring of concern is helping through a trying time.

We hope with all our hearts, Warren, that this next trip to Denver will put you on the road to recovery, and back in our midst as a very necessary part of our lives. Many good wishes and prayers go with you, from those of us in your home town.

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SCHOOL BOND IMPORTANT

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STOMPER RELIEVED OF DUTIES

Smedley Axix, owner of the news sheet, has dismissed Cragley J. Stomper as Editor of the Bulletin, and has re-named the paper.

"We need a new imago", he stated. "Stomper was getting less and less reliable. We have someone now we hope will be prompt and full of new ideas to make the paper more interesting."

The new editor, Elfin Deegs, said she was happy for the opportunity to serve the community.

"I'm sorry about Mr. Stomper," she said, "and maybe he can be re-instated as co-editor or something."

Mr. Stomper, when contacted, was irate, and said that he felt that circumstances had not been considered.

"I've had a rough fall," he complained. "I had to move. My uncle died. I had to make a promised trip Mr. Axix is certainly not all heart. He may be sorry he made this decision."

Smedley says that present plans call for the paper to be published twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays. The donation per copy should be no more than 5¢.

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BLANEY BETTER

Ralph Blaney, who was hospitalized in November with a heart attack, is home and greatly improved, we hear. His physician has advised him to slow down, and the enforced idleness has made Ralph "jumper than a green bronc, and twice as mean". We hope, however, that he minds his Dr. and good wife, and is soon back to his usual old self!!

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A TRIP FOR THE GERKE FAMILY

Larry and Loretta Gerke and family left December 17 for a vacation, visiting relatives in C heyenne and in Midland, Texas. On Christmas Day, they attended a re-union of Loretta's family in McGrew, Nebraska, returning home on December 26.

Larry is employed on the Malcolm Wallop ranch, and Loretta does cake decorating on consignment.

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All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

Smadley says that present plans call for the paper to be published twice a month, on the second and dfourth Wednesdays. The donation per copy should be no more than 5¢.

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BLANEY BETTER

Ralph Blaney, who was hospitalized in November with a hoart attack is home and greatly improved, we hear. His physician has advised hi to slow down, and the enforced idleness has made Ralph "jumpier than a green bronc, and twice as mean". We hope, however, that he minds his Dr and good wife, and is soon back to his usual old self!!

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Big Horn 'Merc'



John Adsit, the young man who lost his life yesterday in a farm accident, was the brother of two former Big Horn residents. Shirley Adsit, a sister, stayed with Louise and Warren DeJarnett, and was in Big Horn High for two years. Bill, a brother, who attended BHHS for 4 years and graduated here, also resided with DeJarnetts. Bill is married to the former Roberta Moore, daughter of Nick and Jo Moore.

Pat Cochrane is visiting with his grandparents, Louise and Warren DeJarnett. He is the son of Ladd and Delores (DeJarnett) Cochrane. His sister, Carrie, 17, left yesterday for Argentina for a 3 months' stay, under the auspices of the American Foreign Field Services. Because it is winter time in that part of the world, she will be attending school, with "sisters" in her "family".

It was just called to my attention that John Adsit is the nephew of Harry and Fred Adsit of Big Horn. My apology and sympathy to the family.

A correction: The bridge over Little Goose has not been widened! It has new planks and looks wider, anyway!

A joke submitted: A man stopped at a cafe and ordered a cup of coffee. When the waitress delivered it, he attempted to make conversation. "Looks like rain, doesn't it?" he ventured. "I can't help what it looks like," she said, "we sell it for coffee."

A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence but doesn't climb over it. (From Chestnuts, Freshly Roasted.)

On June 19th at the Golden Steer, the Big Horn Lions had installation of officers and honored their ladies at dinner.

To guide the club in the coming year will be: President, Ralph Blaney; 1st Vice-President, Joe Marshall; 2nd Vice-President, Jim Berry; 3rd Vice-President, Fred Adsit; Secretary-treasurer, Vic Slack; Lion Tamer, Torrey Moody; and Tail Twister, Skip (Earl J.) Israel.

The Big Horn Woman's Club held its final meeting of the summer, with a carry-in luncheon at the club house. Out-going president Wyla Loomis expressed thanks to the members for their assistance to her in her four years as club leader. In-coming president Ollie Joseph reminded all present of their pledge to help her in the ensuing year, and said that each one would be vitally needed.

The club participates in many community activities, but perhaps one of the most valued services it performs is in maintaining the building for use by the community. It is in use regularly, sometimes several times in a week.

The club has placed tables and benches and cleaned up the little park south of the club building, planted trees, and is now in the process of hiring painters to refinish the outside of the club house.

Those belonging to the club are in more than a social organization. They are in a group striving, with others, to make a more attractive and pleasant place for all. If anyone is interested in joining, she is more than welcome!

Paul and Ida Nussbacher, retired ranchers from the Buffalo area, have bought the former John Poisset home from Jerry and Lois Dewey, and will be moving in soon.

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Children, ages 5 through 12, are invited to Bible school at the little white school house in Big Horn. Classes will be from 9:30 to 11:30, June 14 through 18, conducted by the American Missionary Fellowship. In the evenings from 7 o'clock, young people from 13 up are invited for recreation and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded to those who bring the most friends to the meeting.

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Helen and Bob Miller have moved back to their home in Big Horn.

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Have you listened to some of the old Fibber McGee and Molly programs re-run (re-aired?) on KMYO, Sundays at 4 or 4:30, can't remember which. It's fun to hear them again.

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Sunday, June 13, the Big Horn Community Church honored pioneer residents of the area. A special recognition was given to them at church services by the pastor, the Reverend Jesse Dickson, who also introduced his four children, two of whom were dressed in special bi-centennial costumes made by their grandmother.

At noon a dinner was served at the Big Horn Woman's Club, and Vic Garber introduced the honorees. Those present were: Fred and Alice Hilman, Mabel Bard, Sophia Davis, Oliver Wallop, Jennie Williams, Helen Smith Douglas of Story, Vic Garber, Bea and Carlo Beuf, Kathleen and Ed Langelier, and Elsa Spear Byron

The organist was Mrs. Nellie Lowe Hollingsworth, who also entertained during dinner with piano selections.

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A Big Horn resident had an unpleasant experience last week, while traveling between Casper and Sheridan. The wind blew the camper shell off of the pick-up she was driving, damaging it beyond repair.

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Chuck and Dianna Lee, with daughters Marcied and Amy, left May 20 on a trip to the West coast to visit friends and relatives. Highlight of the trip was seeing the new granddaughter, Heather, born March 6th to Carrie (Chastain) and Mike Donahue--Dee's son and former Big Horn student. Mike is in the Navy, and is presently training to be a flightengineer on a P-3 sub-chaser. The Donahues reside in Sunnyvale, California.

Lees next visited around the Los Angeles area, where they stayed with Dee's parents, Bert and Alice Ahrens--a name familiar to some here, as the Ahrens have been long-time friends of Bessie and LeRoy Sackett, and have been in Big Horn.

San Francisco was the next stop, and after "seeing the sights", the Lees headed home, arriving Sunday night, June 13.

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