



**BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
PO BOX 566  
Big Horn WY 82833

ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

2019

**WE USUALLY MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH:**

**[ NOT THE LAST SUNDAY - NEXT MEETING \*\*\*\*\*JAN 27]**

**Meetings are held at BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB.**

**Carry In Pot Luck Lunch starting at 1:00 with Program to follow at 2:00.**



Flesh eating bug, no joke! By Mike Kuzara

The kitchen window slid open and my mother's voice stopped me in mid-limp. "Get in here, now!" Busted! She'd seen me favoring one foot and I knew what was coming next. Reluctantly I removed the shoe and sock from the offending foot, laid belly down across a kitchen chair while Mom bent my leg up, washed the bottom of my foot with soap and water, then, began kneading the puncture wound until it oozed enough blood to satisfy her that she had purged out any contaminates.

Now came the dreaded part. We kids were always sporting the "orange badge of injury" one place or another as my mother was a firm believer in using copious amounts of iodine on any cut, puncture, or road rash, much to our dismay.

My father was the king of recyclers so it was a given that we had stacks of recovered boards sporting a veritable jungle of punji traps for anyone foolish enough to chance taking a short cut as I had done. I had always had a casual attitude toward infections even though my mother took such things seriously, so imagine our shock when my wife Mary, who seemed just fine on Sunday, Nov 18, had to be put on a life flight to Billings on Monday for emergency surgery to stem the advance of necrotizing fasciitis which was literally eating her right arm off!

Attack by flesh-eating bacteria is fatal 30% of the time. Mary was lucky that an experienced surgeon was able to cut away infected flesh and managed to keep her arm intact at the same time. After a few days and no further signs of infection were evident, and she had time to get some strength back, a 12 by 6 inch patch of skin was harvested from her thigh to cover the affected area.

Now almost 2 months later, Mary makes periodic visits to Wound Care and to Physical Rehab and is slowly getting back to normal but still has daily dressing changes and uses a 4 wheel walker as a precaution against falling.

We were never able to determine where or how Mary became infected. We suspect possibly some moldy bird seed she discarded which may have landed on a scratch while filling bird feeders. We were told that this deadly and voraciously aggressive bacteria is just everywhere on just about everything, even blowing around on the wind. Since Mary has 2 transplanted organs and is taking ant-rejection drugs, her immune system was severely compromised allowing the bacteria to have a veritable unrestricted feast as it literally gobbled up her flesh right before our eyes. This nightmare seemed like something out of a science fiction horror movie.

Now that Mary is on the mend, we turned our focus on keeping her diabetes under better control. Generalities and “ballpark” practices are okay but since her pancreas is still functioning on a limited basis we put an app on her smart phone called mySugar. This has changed our approach AND diet considerably. The whole program consists of establishing base-line needs by first testing often during a fasting regimen. Once the amount of the long lasting insulin (Lantus) is calibrated for a 24 hour period, the short acting insulin (Humalog) is adjusted by some experimentation to determine how much is needed after each meal. Careful carbohydrate counting over several days determined in Mary’s case that 1 unit of Humalog was needed for every 20 carbs consumed and the app shows a line graph that indicates how tightly her blood glucose levels are being maintained. In Mary’s case, it averages a BC of 120-140.

We sincerely hope this information is useful and helpful for our readers.

For the diabetics out there, if you haven’t taken advantage of the mySugar app, by all means do so, but enlist the aid and advice of your endocrinologist to establish your base-line needs since every individual is different. We welcome questions and comments at [m-mkuzara@actaccess.net](mailto:m-mkuzara@actaccess.net)



[This poem was found in the Ostrom files with a note: “from Junior”. Thanks George!! Hope you are doing better!]

March 6, 1915

Van Tassell Pioneer  
(Wyoming)

At the request of many subscribers we publish the following poem which appeared originally in the Denver News.

I’ve got a letter, parson, from my  
son away out west,  
An’ my ol’ heart is heavy as an  
anvil in my breast.  
To think the boy whose future I  
had once so proudly planned,  
Should wonder from the path  
o’ right an’ come to such an end.  
I told him when he left us only  
three short years ago,  
He’d find himself a-plowin’ in a  
mighty crooked row.  
He’d miss his father’s counsel an’  
his mother’s prayers, too,  
But he said the farm was hateful,  
an’ he guessed he’d have to do.  
I know that’s big temptation for a  
youngster in the West,  
But I believed our Billy had the  
courage to resist.  
An’ when he left I warned him o’  
the ever-waiting snares,  
That lie like hidden serpents in  
life’s pathway everywhere.  
But Bill, he promised faithful to  
be keerful, an’ allowed,

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THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

March 5th

He’d build a reputation that’d  
make  
us mighty proud.  
But it seems as if my counsel sort  
o’ faded from his mind,  
And now the boy’s in trouble of  
the very wursted kind.  
His letters come so seldom that I  
somehow sorta know’d,  
That Billy was a-trampin’ on a  
mighty rocky road.  
But I never once imagined he  
would bow my head in shame,  
An’ in the dust’s waller his ol’  
daddy’s honored name.  
He writes from out in Denver an’  
the story’s might short,  
I just can’t tell his mother, it’d  
break her poor o’ heart.  
An’ so I reckoned, parson, you  
might break the news to her  
Bill’s in the legislature, but he  
doesn’t say what fur.

**Thank you to Trish Coffeen for sharing this list.**

**This has some great information for school research.**

Below is a list of teachers teaching in the Big Horn School during the period of 1900 through 1925. The subjects were rather basic including writing (penmanship), spelling, history, reading, arithmetic, grammar (English), geography and music. Many are listed with the number of students taught each year.

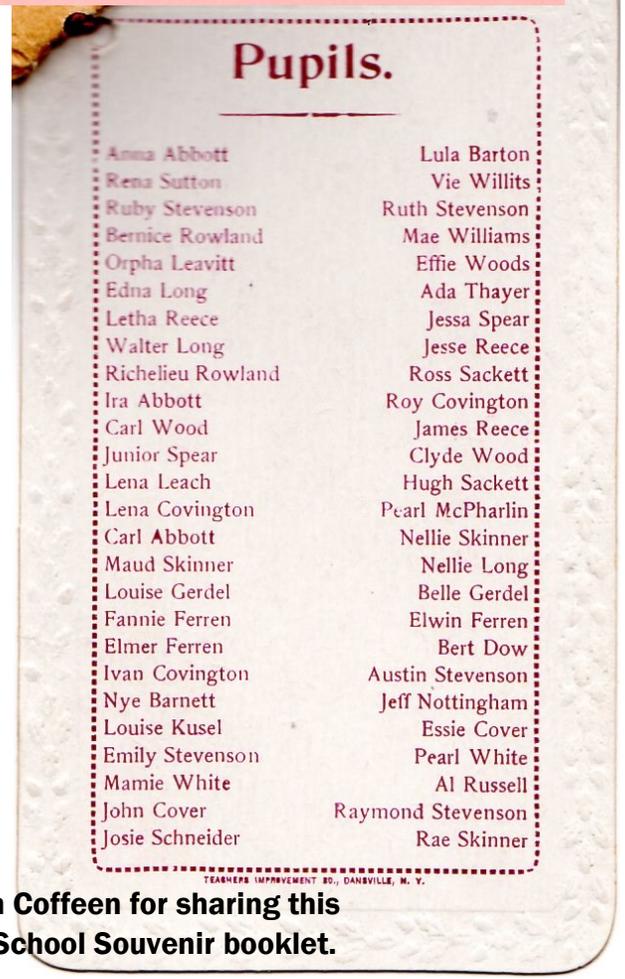
1899-1900		W. E. De Yarnette Nora Fay Edward Nelson	
1900-1901		W. E. De Yarnette Gertrude Rowland Lina Garber Lena Senff	
1901-1902		William B. Morrow Eloise Brown Millie Harbison	
1902-1903		Anthony Jennings Eloise Brown	36 students 36 students
1903-1904	upper grades	A. W. Jennings	21 students
	1st through 3rd	Lara Ball	30 students
1904-1905	upper grades	Fanny Seaver	23 students
	4th thru 7th	Ella Jackson	24 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Lara Ball	32 students
1905-1906	6th thru 11th	C. A. Hurlbutt Amelia Munn	25 students
	1st thru 5th	Lara Ball	46 students
1906-1907	6th and up	W. A. McDowell	27 students
	1st thru 5th	Lara Ball	46 students
1907-1908	7th and up	W. J. Lowry	19 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Sophia Schilling	10 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Lora Loomis	
1908-1909	7th and up	W. J. Lowry	14 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Margaret Hamilton	20 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Eva C. Collins	42 students
1909-1910	7th, 8th, 9th	W. J. Lowry	20 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Olive Hosier	29 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Doris Munford	8 students
1910-1911	7th, 8th, 9th	W. J. Lowry	26 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Beatrice Logan	29 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Elizie B. See	42 students
1911-1912	7th, 8th, 9th	A. R. Crandall	15 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Beatrice Logan	36 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Elizie B. See	37 students
1912-1913		A. R. Crandall	Principal
	7th, 8th, 9th	Helen Krajicek	25 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Beatrice Logan	34 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Elizie B. See	

Michael Dykhorst will be assuming the Vice President's position until our next election of officers....thanks Michael. He is also working on updating our website.



1913-1914	7th and 8th	A. R. Crandall	12 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Louise C. Blood	23 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Ada Sanders	32 students
		Elizie Offat	39 students
1914-1915	upper grades	A. R. Crandall	22 students
	7th and 8th	Louise C. Blood	14 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Blanch C. Rice	38 students
1915-1916	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Mary A. Healey	41 students
		A. R. Crandall	
	7th and 8th	Annette Bucy	17 students
1916-1917	4th, 5th, 6th	Blanch C. Rice	36 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Mary Murphy	38 students
		A. R. Crandall	
1917-1918	7th and 8th	Annette Bucy	18 students
		Alma Yankee	
	4th, 5th, 6th	Blanch Rice	38 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Eloise Brown	37 students
1918-1919		Mrs. Roy Brown	
		Mrs. L. A. Blood	
		A. R. Crandall	
		T. H. Runyon	
1919-1920	7th and 8th	Mabel Anderson	21 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Mazie Harbinson	34 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Louise McElhiney	20 students
	9th and up	George Atteberry	21 students
1920-1921		Frieda Marlenee	
	7th and 8th	Christine Listrom	21 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Mazie Harbinson	40 students
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Mary Murphy Brown	30 students
1921-1922	9th and up	George Atteberry	21 students
		Maye M. Growney	
	7th and 8th	Christine Listrom	20 students
	4th, 5th, 6th	Gladys V. Salisbury	40 students
1922-1923	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Minnie Ellingson	40 students
		H. A. Hendershot	
		Maye M. Growney	
	7th and 8th	Christine Listrom	
1923-1924	4th, 5th, 6th	Mollie Listrom	
	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Minnie Ellingson	
		F. L. Fleming	
	High School	Mrs. Cora Mickey	20 students
1924-1925	7th and 8th	Christine Listrom	
	5th and 6th	Mollie Listrom	33 students
	3rd and 4th	Kathryn Kueffer	
	1st and 2nd	Minnie Ellingson	27 students
1925-1926		E. L. Norton	
	7th, 8th, H.S.	Elizabeth Wood	37 students
	5th and 6th	Gouverneur Skinner	14 students
	3rd and 4th	Kathryn Kueffer	20 students
1926-1927	1st and 2nd	Mary M. Brown	24 students

1923-1924	7th, 8th, 9th	C. C. Gelwick	30 students
	5th and 6th	Elizabeth Wood	16 students
	3rd and 4th	Gouverneur Skinner	26 students
	1st and 2nd	Kathryn Kueffer	21 students
1924-1925	uppergrades	Pearl Green	History & Music
	7th and 8th	C. C. Gelwick	29 students
	5th and 6th	Mrs. C. C. Gelwick	19 students
	3rd and 4th	Edna McPhillaney	14 students
	1st and 2nd	Georgia McPhillaney	19 students
1925-1926	7th thru 10th	C. C. Gelwick	History & Music
	5th and 6th	Mrs. C. C. Gelwick	20 students
	3rd and 4th	Edna McPhillaney	21 students
	1st and 2nd	Mabel O. Sackett	17 students
		Zelma A. Parker	19 students
		Georgia McPhillaney	



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## **JANUARY 27 - PROGRAM By Helen Laumann**

The part 1 program on the History of the Big Horn Mountains will cover the beginning of the Big Horn Mountains to about 1900. I will cover the mountain forming Glaciers to Indian occupation, to gold mining, to the Big Horn Canyon, to the Tie Flume Era, to Trails and Early Roads.



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**OUR NEW WEBSITE WILL BE UP AND RUNNING SOON ~  
 THANK YOU MICHAEL DYKHORST FOR DESIGNING  
 THE NEW WEBSITE FOR US!!!**

The accounting book from George Kuzara's store at Kuzaraville was shared by Bill Mentock. Bill's mother, Mary, worked in the store. She was George's daughter and Mike's aunt. Mike confirmed that his "Grandpa George furnished supplies to many of the moonshiners and he made the stuff himself. It was not illegal to make your own, but it was illegal to sell it. Grandpa gave a lot of it away." On a couple of pages we found a year - 1925. This would have been during prohibition.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
Apr 14	5 <sup>th</sup> payment	8.00					
Apr 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
Apr 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
Apr 28	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
May 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
May 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
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May 26	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
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Jun 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	8.00					
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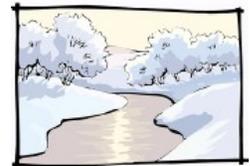
Mike also shares: "If the ledger book is from 1925 then Grandpa George was using it at Kuzaraville. His previous business was at Windham, Montana, He was in partnership with a man named Dusmore but the partner cooked the books, took off with the liquid assets and left Grandpa holding the bag for all the debts. They had a furniture store in Windham. Grandpa retained the original place near Sheridan (Kuzaraville) but leased it when they moved to first Roundup, Montana where Grandpa purchased a saloon, but Grandma didn't like the liquor business so he invested in the furniture store in Windham.

*They were basically penniless when they returned to Kuzaraville in 1918. The lease was not up so they camped on their own land in a wall tent through the winter on 1918 (coldest on record for quite some time.)"*

[Mona's transcription is on page 4. ]



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Abbott D A, Chairman Board of Schol Trustees Dist. No. 1.

Abbott & Harper, P P \$100.

Allen E R, P P \$110.

Atlantic Lodge I. O. O. F.

Babcock Earl, \$171.

Baker Bros, \$385.

Ball Lora tchr School Dist No. 1.

Barnes Elmer, f P P \$419.

Benton John S, cattle and horses, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 22; 54, 85; 84, \$4,094.

Benton Roy, P P \$392.

Big Horn Percheron Horse Co, horses, \$200.

Billington Lee, \$594.

Board of School Trustees Dist. No. 1—D A Abbott, Chairman:

Wm E Deck, treas; George P Webster, clerk.

Bostwick H N, f, 5, 54, 84; 8, \$830.

Bray Mrs C P, \$152.

Brown J F, justice and f. 8, 54, 84; 30, \$748.

Bundy H D, \$145.

Burgess D J, lumber.

Burke James, \$10.

Cato Jack, cattle, 6, 54, 84; 31, 55, 84; 480, \$2,534.

Cairn John, 14, 53, 82; 40, \$80.

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CONLEY RUTH, General Store and Postmaster.

Conley W O, 5, 54, 81, 1, \$195.



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Cover E.

Cover John T, \$185.

Cover J W, \$130.

Cover S E, \$766.

Covington John, \$52.

Creger Joseph.

Crownover J T, \$204.

Custus J W, 9, 54, 84; 392, \$2,250.

Darlington A M, cattle and horses, \$926.

Darlington Henrietta, 6, 7 and 8, 54, 84; 1 and 12, 54, 85; 480, \$2,013.

Darlington R N, \$230.

Davis N, 7, 17 and 18, 54, 84; 155, \$1,137.

Davis Will.

Deck Wm E, f, 5 and 9, 54, 84; 12, \$2,255; treas Board of School

Trustees Dist. No. 1.

Demmon Edwin, \$255.

Dickinson Lee, cattle and horses, 3 and 4, 54, 84; 33 and 34, 55, 84; 480, \$3,425.

Dow Bert.

Dow Helen, cattle, 25, 55, 85; 5 and 6, 54, 84; 31 and 32, 55, 84; 640, \$3,888.

Eckerson W H, \$440.

Enes M B.

Enos R M, \$670.

Evans Michael, 32 and 33, 54, 85; 160, \$445.

Fair Frank.

Field Edwin, \$170.

Fordice John, 34 and 35, 54, 85; 160, \$320.

Francomb Lydia, tchr School Dist. No. 16.

Gambler S T, \$25.

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The Sheridan City Directory includes the other communities in Sheridan County. The images on Page 2, 3 & 4 reveal Big Horn in 1907. (Abbreviations and information regarding #s and dollar amounts can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.)

### NORWEGIAN MEDICAL DICTIONARY

Anally – Occurring yearly

Artery—Study of paintings

Bacteria—Back door to cafeteria

Barium—What doctors do when treatment fails

Bowel—Letter like A, E, I, O, U

Caesarian section—A district in Rome

Catarrh—Stringed instrument

Cat scan—Searching for kitty

Cauterize—Made eye contact with her

Colic—Sheep dog

Coma --A punctuation mark

Congenital—Friendly

Morbid – Higher offer

Nitrate—Cheaper than day rate

Node—Was aware of

Outpatient--Person who has fainted

Pap Smear—Fatherhood test

Pelvis—Cousin of Elvis

Post operative—Letter carrier

Prostrate—Flat on your back

Protein—Favoring young people

Recovering room—Place to do upholstery

Rectum—Dang near killed 'em

Rheumatic—Amorous

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 Gerdel Herman, \$360.  
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 Harbison J P, cattle, 22 and 27, 54, 84; 320, \$1,692.  
 Harbison Perry.  
 Harper Eva, 25, 54, 83; 30, 54, 82; 160, \$601.  
 Hays R M, cattle, 22, 23 and 27, 54, 85; 480, \$2,448.  
 Helm G S, \$150.  
 Hensinger M H, \$285.  
 Hilman D T, cattle, 25, 26, 35 and 36, 54, 85; 1, 53, 85; 851, \$5,672.  
 Hinkson Mrs Mary, tchr School Dist. No. 1.  
 Hurlburt E, 23, 24 and 26, 54, 85; 520, \$1,170.  
 Jackson C F, 8 and 10, 54, 84; 330, \$2,710.  
 Jackson C F & Co, cattle, \$515.  
 Jackson W E, 5, 8 and 15, 54, 84; 388, \$2,674.  
 Jackson & Alger, \$100.  
 Johnson W W, 14 and 23, 54, 84; 320, \$1,085.  
 Kusel Fred, \$425.  
 Kusel John, \$272.  
 Kusel Wm 3d, 1, 54, 85; 40, \$155.  
 Kusel Wm Sr, 1, 54, 85; 160, \$1,294.  
 Kusel W M, cattle, 1 and 2, 54, 85; 320, \$2,158.  
 Larsen J A, \$25.  
 Lewis John F, \$539.  
 Lewis W K, \$364.  
 McDowell Wm, tchr School Dist. No. 1.  
 McDowell Mrs Wm, tchr School Dist. No. 1.  
 Mann W R, \$410.  
**MARTIN LEMUEL E**, County Commissioner, 33, 55, 84; 160, \$1,965.  
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Mills Abe, \$50.  
 Moncreiffe Malcolm, cattle and horses, 19, 29, 30 and 31, 54, 83; 7, 18, 19, 24 and 25, 54, 84; 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24, 54, 85; 4005; \$23,891.  
 Moncreiffe Wm, cattle and horses, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34, 54, 84; 3,360, \$30,630.  
 Moore C B, \$125.  
 Moore Lee.  
 Mortensen M H, cattle, 5 and 6, 54, 84; 320, \$2,781.  
 Nottingham Belle, \$275.  
 Parker Charles, cattle, 32 and 33, 55, 84; 160, \$2,287.  
 Parker Richard, cattle, 5 and 6, 54, 84; 160, \$1,499.  
 Perry Mrs C B, \$130.  
 Powell M E, \$85.  
 Roberts Samuel, \$543.  
 Robertson J F, 11, 54, 84; 320, \$1,948.  
 Sackett C E, \$210.  
 Sackett W W, 18, 54, 84, 43, \$592.  
 Schneider A C, 5, 54, 84; 1, \$280.  
 Schneider Fred, \$567.  
 Schneider Mrs L, \$220.  
 Sheridan County Creamery Co, \$500.  
 Sheridan Land & Irrigation Co, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 17, 20 and 29, 55, 84; 33 and 34, 56, 84; 4,240, \$18,840.  
 Skinner C W, general store.  
 Skinner George W, 2 and 11, 54, 84; 160, \$921.  
 Skinner Mrs Josie, \$215.  
 Spear W M.  
 Spiegle Charles, \$150.  
 Spracklin Frank, cattle, 24, 54, 84; 160, \$1,203.  
 Sprague Sarah E, \$113.  
 Stewart John, \$200.

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### Keep packing

Yesterday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon. So, today I went over to the local Gun shop to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, - "*Strip down, facing me.*"

Making a mental note to complain to the government about gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They agreed they need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear.

I still don't think I looked that bad!! just need to start wearing underwear.

## Humor For Lexophiles

Lexophiles = people who love words  
 Not you, you say?

You'll love these quotes anyway!

"I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me."

"Police were called to a daycare, where a three-year-old was resisting a rest."

"When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A."

"His theory about earthquakes was on shaky ground."

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"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana."

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 Wallop Margaret, 32, 54, 84; 120, \$240.  
 Wallop O H, cattle, 6, 53, 84; 1, 12, 24 and 25, 53, 85; 19, 29, 30, 31 and 32, 54, 84; 2,558, \$14,931.  
 Webster George P, clerk Board School Trustees Dist No. 1, cattle and horses, 14, 54, 84; 520, \$3,036.  
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 Willets J O, cattle and horses, 7 and 8, 54, 84; 11 and 12, 54, 85; 960, \$7,661.  
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**BURKS.**

A discontinued post office northwest of Sheridan, mail to Slack, which see for names also.  
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adv . . . . . advertisement	enr . . . . . engraver	ret . . . . . retail
agrl . . . . . agricultural	expman . . . . . expressman	Rev . . . . . reverend
agt . . . . . agent	expmessr. . . . . express messenger	rms . . . . . rooms
appr . . . . . apprentice	E or e. . . . . east	R M S. . . . . railway mail service
asn . . . . . association	e s . . . . . east side	R F D. . . . . Rural Free Delivery
asst . . . . . assistant	gds . . . . . goods	slsmn . . . . . salesman
av . . . . . avenue	gen . . . . . general	smstrs . . . . . seamstress
b . . . . . boards	ins agt. . . . . insurance agent	sec . . . . . secretary
bartndr . . . . . bartender	insp . . . . . inspector	solr . . . . . solicitor
bet . . . . . between	lab . . . . . laborer	spl . . . . . special
bkbndr . . . . . bookbinder	lith . . . . . lithographer	stenoqr . . . . . stenographer
bkpr . . . . . bookkeeper	mach . . . . . machinist	supt . . . . . superintendent
bldg . . . . . building	mech . . . . . mechanic	S or s. . . . . south
blk . . . . . block	mer . . . . . merchant	s e. . . . . southeast
blksmith . . . . . blacksmith	messr . . . . . messenger	s s. . . . . south side
boul . . . . . boulevard	mkr . . . . . maker	s w. . . . . southwest
brklyr . . . . . bricklayer	mnfg . . . . . manufacturing	tblr . . . . . teacher
carp . . . . . carpenter	mnfr . . . . . manufacturer	tel opr . . . . . telegraph operator
cashr . . . . . cashier	mngr . . . . . manager	ter . . . . . terrace
C B & Q. . . . . Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry Co.	nr . . . . . near	tmstr . . . . . teamster
civ eng. . . . . civil engineer	N or n. . . . . north	tndr . . . . . tender
clk . . . . . clerk	n e. . . . . northeast	trans . . . . . transfer
clnr . . . . . cleaner	n s. . . . . north side	trav agt. . . . . traveling agent
colr . . . . . collector	n w. . . . . northwest	treas . . . . . treasurer
Coml . . . . . commercial	opp . . . . . opposite	uphol . . . . . upholsterer
comnr . . . . . commissioner	opr . . . . . operator	v pres . . . . . vice president
comn . . . . . commission	phone opr. . . . . telephone operator	vet . . . . . veterinary
comp . . . . . compositor	photo . . . . . photographer	whol . . . . . wholesale
cond . . . . . conductor	phys . . . . . physician	wid . . . . . widow
conf . . . . . confectioneer	pk . . . . . park	wks . . . . . works
contr . . . . . contractor	pkr . . . . . packer	W or w. . . . . West
cor . . . . . corner	pl . . . . . place	w s. . . . . west side
dep . . . . . deputy	plstr . . . . . plasterer	yd . . . . . yard
dept . . . . . department	pres . . . . . president	1st . . . . . first
D & D. . . . . Diefenderfer & Dinwiddie	prin . . . . . principal	2d . . . . . second
dist . . . . . district	propr . . . . . proprietor	3d . . . . . third
dom . . . . . domestic	pub . . . . . publisher	4th . . . . . fourth
elec . . . . . electric	P O . . . . . postoffice	5th . . . . . fifth
elev . . . . . elevator	r . . . . . residence	6th . . . . . sixth
	rd . . . . . road	7th . . . . . seventh
	real est . . . . . real estate	8th . . . . . eighth

Following each name of land owners, are given: First, business; second, number of section; third, number of township; fourth, number of range; fifth, number of acres; sixth, postoffice or street address.

The dollar amount = assessed valuation

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STATEMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT

March 21	2 sa sugar 17.00	2 bx raisins 6.50	yeast 2.75	26.25		
“ “ 30	2 sa sugar 17.00	2 bx raisins 6.50	Gloves .50	24.00		
April 28	onion sets .25	sa sugar 8.50	raisins 3.25	yeast 1.50	13.50	
May 20	2 sa sugar 17.00	25# sugar 2.15	3-25# raisins 9.75	2# yeast 1.00	corks .25	30.15
“ “ 29	2 sa sugar 17.00	2# yeast 1.00	25# raisins 3.25			21.25
July 6	2 sa sugar 17.00	2-25# raisins 6.50				23.50
“ “ 28	corks .25	2.5 # raisins 3.25	4# yeast 2.00	50# sugar 4.25		9.75
Oct 13	2 sa sugar 15.50	4# yeast 2.00	2-25# raisins 6.00	2 c flakes .40		23.90
“ “ 29	1 sa sugar 7.75	25# raisins 3.25	yeast 1.50			12.50

(Do you wonder what they made with all those raisins? And sugar? And yeast? Oh and the corks?) Accounting book shared by Bill Mentock. [sa = sacks bx = box # = pound]



From Elsa Spear Byron's diary:

Mon Jan 21, 1929

My 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Awfully cold as usual on my birthday. This evening Harold (*her husband*) took me to dinner down town then to the show of "Wings" afterward. I enjoyed it immensely - such a wonderful airplane picture. Talked to Fred & Mrs. Tossie. F. T. was joshing Harold about it being so late for old folks to be out. He is so stiff today he can hardly walk.

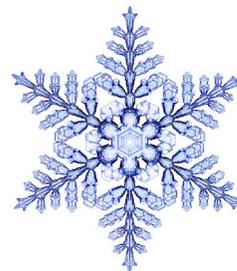
Tues Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

First thing we heard this A. M. was that Fred Tossie died at 5 A. M. Inhaled too much smoke at a fire about 4 A. M. (*He was a fireman who died in the line of duty.*)

Thurs Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

John Williamson & Dr. Moss arrived this A.M. from Chicago. Harold, John & I went to lunch together at the Idlewild - were there until about 1:30. H (*Harold*) had to go to the fire station and stay there while the boys attended Mr. Tossie's funeral. I had to drive our car to help at the funeral. Terribly cold and deep snow. Poor Mrs. T. carried on so terribly. I took Chief (*of*) Police, 2 other policemen & Capt Rice of Salvation Army to cemetery. This evening John came up after dinner to spend the evening. Stella Anderson, Ruth Jestus & Charlotte Rebstock came up to see us too. John & Dr. Moss left on midnight train.

*Information written on the back of the photographs above: February 1929. Paved highway near Sheridan. (some) Highways were blocked more than 30 days. Some places it was quite deep.*





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At Left: Ray and Pauline Holmes as a young couple.  
Below Left: Gene Atwell and Glenn Workman  
Below Center: Pauline Workman (Holmes)  
Below Right: Lila Workman (Schrater)  
Pauline, Glenn and Lila were siblings. [Dates unknown.]





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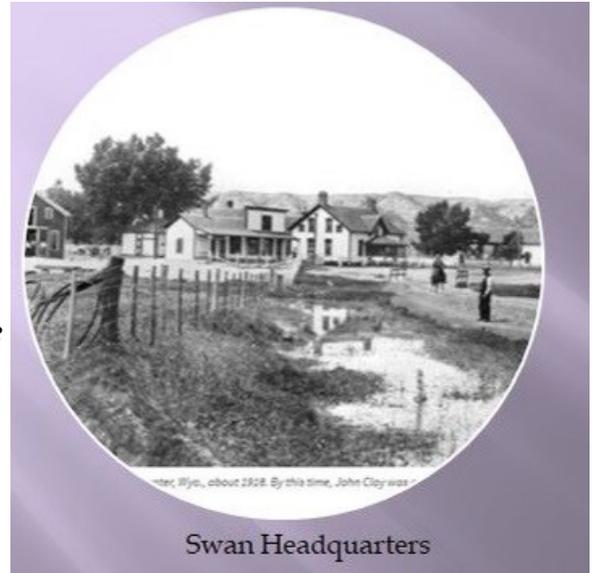
**MARCH 24 - Swan Land & Cattle Co.**

**Presented by Nancy Mickelson**

Nancy wrote: *My program is a result of wanting to share my grandfather, Jim Mallery's, stories about his time working for the Swan Land and Cattle Co. headquartered out of Chugwater, Wyoming. He was 17 in 1899 when he came to Wyoming from Minnesota to be a "cowboy" and worked for the Swan until 1910 when they mostly became a sheep outfit. He was there when "Steamboat"*



*was a part of their horse herd, when Tom Horn was stock detective for the cattle ranches in that area and when famous cow horse, Muggins, was a part of roundup foreman Sam Moore's horse cavy.*



*I wanted my children and grandchildren to know some of the stories and history that he told. As a child I sat around his dining room table and listened to his stories and now wish I could remember more of them. He had a fantastic memory and my mom helped me remember some of them. Grandpa made a book that included pictures of his comrades and some information about the operation of that ranch. I will give a brief history of the Swan and Grandpa's stories of the cowboys pictured in his cowboy book. He even had a story about being the Swan representative for a roundup on the Sweetwater.*



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**We greatly appreciate the recent donation from Richard, Maggie & Rick Manning of the O.P. Hanna family. They generously gave \$750 with a match from Microsoft. This will definitely help us in our coming year. Hugs to you Richard and Maggie and tell Rick we are grateful for his help in making this happen through his employer. JS**

Come to Wyoming territory.

By Alaric.

Wyoming territory, the perfect place to live. It's time to make it even better. Here are some reasons you should move to this territory.

First of all, Wyoming territory is amazing. It has great hunting grounds, if you go out into the fields they are packed like a parade with buffalo so hunt on! There are a lot of big animals for food.

Another reason, there is great soil, and great soil equals great crops so use the soil and grow some wheat! Grow the best trees on earth here in Wyoming territory. Fruit and wood come from these beauties. So make some food and eat!

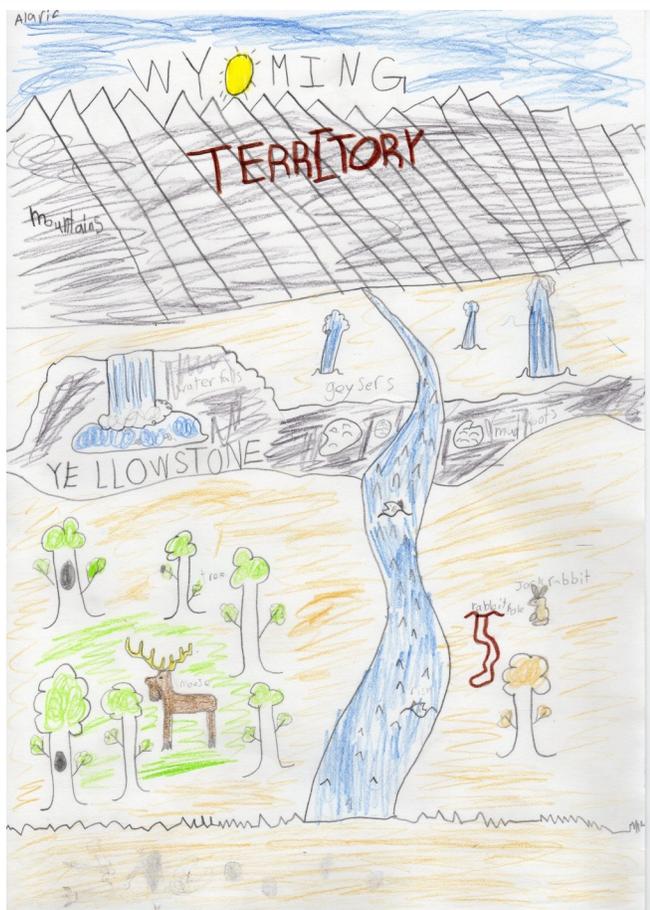
Last but not least, trees for tools, we need tools to make homes. We need trees to make beds, we need beds to sleep right? So get some of the best wood and make a bed out of your new tools. Weapons, we want and need them, so make a handle out of AMAZING wood it's as smooth as buffalo skin.

Now it is time to make Wyoming territory a state! I like the sound of that... **(Artwork on following page.....)**

Alaric is my grandson who is studying Wyoming History in his 4th grade class. The assignment was to write an enticing story to bring more settlers to the Wyoming Territory along with drawing a poster to match the writing. He typed it too! I do think that O.P. Hanna and my grandson are the best advertising minds in the region....(wink wink). You can find O.P.'s enticing story in our book. Judy Slack

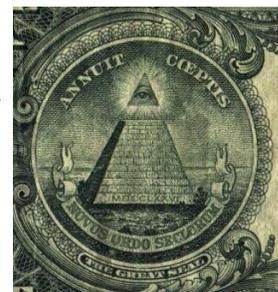
My granddaughter, Freya, is finished with her chemo. However, she developed permanent heart damage due to one of her chemo drugs. It will be a long year ahead to monitor her heart and hope it will heal enough so she does not need surgery. We have been told she is a candidate for a heart transplant. Her EF is 30%. She spent 11 days in the cardiac ICU in January. She most likely will beat the cancer but not the heart damage. She is a fierce fighter!!! (Alaric is her older brother.)

Judy Slack



The following was shared by Vanna Schwamb. Thank you!! ~~

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.



If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization.

The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

'IN GOD WE TRUST' is printed on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.'  
The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI)  
(to be continued.....)

(Marvin sent this information to share with the members. Thank you Marvin!) Marvin Nottingham's biography:

1. Born in Sheridan Aug. 16, 1925. Adopted age nine days by Clay and Anna Nottingham.
2. Graduated Big Horn High Jan. 1943. University of Wyoming Jan. to Aug. major : chemistry
3. Joined Navy Seabees Aug. 1943. 1944 Oahu. Worked heavy equipment extending John Rogers Airport to Hickam Field.
4. 1945 to Maui. Trained with 4th Marine Division. Made Iwo Jima invasion Feb. 19, 1945. Awarded Bronze Star medal. Built airfields until Oct and then part of occupation forces Sasebo, Japan.
5. Discharged 1946. Married June Webster. Worked in Big Horn Store for Fred Skinner.
6. Fall of '47 entered University of Northern Colo. Graduated science major in 1949.
7. Taught chemistry and physics Coronado High 1950 to '56. Masters degree in school admin. San Diego State University, 1956. Vice Principal, 1956 to '61.
8. Vice Principal Covina High 1961 to '62. Principal Hemet High, 1963 to '67. Principal Palm Springs High '67 to '69. Area Supt. Norwalk La Mirada '70 to '73. Doctorate from USC 1970.
9. 1973 to 1980, Prof. of school admin at USC. Taught doctoral students on campus and in Holland, Germany, Japan, Okinawa and South Korea.
10. Professor and Dept. head school admin. University of Idaho. Retired 1990.

#### OTHER FACTS

1. Four children, 4 grandchildren and one great grandson.
2. Three books--Principles For Principals, Once a Cowboy and Victor and Connections to Pacific Spiny Lobster. The last two are memoirs.

(continued on next page—)

Coronado's "Avenue Of The Heroes" ~ Machinist's Mate Marvin Nottingham ~By Angelina Frances

Marvin Nottingham, EdD, aka, James Hawkins, was born in Sheridan, Wyoming in 1925. He was adopted at nine days of age and moved to Big Horn, Wyoming, population 200, where he went to high school graduating in three and one half years. He had a principal appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy from a Wyoming Senator and a scholarship to the University of Wyoming. The Academy appointment did not work out because he was partially color blind. He enrolled at the University in 1942 and got a job as a mix chemist at a cement plant in Laramie.

Visiting Denver in the spring, a uniformed soldier passed him on the sidewalk and mumbled "4F." By August, at age 18, he was a Seabee because color blindness was not a problem for them. In the Seabees he got training as a bulldozer operator and was assigned to the 133<sup>rd</sup> CB Battalion. Further training took him from Virginia to Biloxi, Mississippi, Port Hueneme, California, and ultimately to Oahu where he worked on expanding John Roberts Airport to Hickham Field.

Subsequently the 133<sup>rd</sup> was attached to the Fourth Marine Division for training on Maui. January 1945 he and his cat (*tractor*) were loaded on a Navy Landing Ship Medium (LSM) for a 50 day journey to Iwo Jima. On D-day, Feb. 19, 1945 (*June 6, 1944*), he was put ashore on Iwo at 9:30 a.m. The 133<sup>rd</sup> was the only CB Battalion to go ashore on D-day and it suffered forty percent casualties as a result. Tasked with cleaning debris from the beach and later airfield construction, Nottingham was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor. He was known as the most cussed man on the beach because Japanese mortars were attracted to tractor noise, and because its weight collapsed fox holes in the volcanic ash.

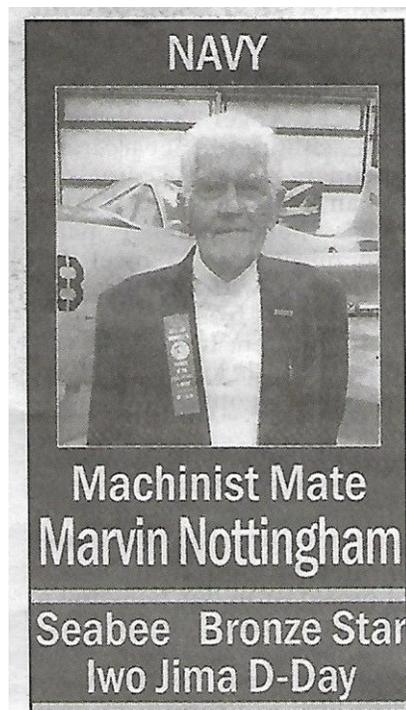
In August of 1945 he had his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and in October, after seven months on Iwo, he was shipped to Kyushu, Japan as part of the occupation forces. From there he visited the remains of Nagasaki, was offered a promotion in rank, refused and was shipped to Bremerton, Washington for discharge.

After the Navy, Nottingham returned to Big Horn, Wyoming was married and worked a year in the local post office and grocery store. He then returned to college and got a degree as a physics and chemistry teacher at Northern Colorado University in Greeley. Beginning in 1950 he taught chemistry and physics at Coronado High School for eleven years and became vice principal after earning a Master's degree at San Diego State. He learned to dive for lobsters in Baja from his students Peter Glynn and Pat Flynn and was a life-guard at Coronado beach for five years. He bought a house on Glorietta Boulevard where his wife, June, raised three children and worked at the Naval Air Station for twenty-five years.

After leaving Coronado in 1961, Nottingham became principal at Hemet High School and later at Palm Springs High. He then became area superintendent in Norwalk/La Mirada. He received a doctorate in school administration from USC and was a professor there from 1973 to 1980. From USC, he transferred to the University of Idaho at Moscow. He retired in 1990. Currently Nottingham at 93 is on the board of directors for a homeless shelter and enjoys retirement with his wife, Peggy, in Hemet, California, and often sees his children, Marilyn, Jim, Lori, Courtney, and Peggy's daughter, Andrea.

Finally, Nottingham has written three books. The first is a textbook titled "Principles for Principals." The second, a memoir which details his Iwo Jima experiences, "Once a Cowboy." The third relates to agriculture and lobster diving, and is called "Victor and Connections to Pacific Spiny Lobsters."

Hometown Heroes banners can be viewed on Third and Fourth Streets between Orange Avenue and Alameda Boulevard, which have been designated by the City of Coronado as "The Avenue of Heroes" and recently designated by the State of California as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.



This was shared by Darlene Westbrook— (lower left) this was in a recent 'American Ag Reporter' from Billings, Montana. “Here’s a view from Volland, Kansas taken in about 1910, showing a man with a wagon load of crated eggs, stacked high, awaiting shipment from the Volland Depot, visible in the background. This is a great photo, exhibiting the kind of humor and showmanship typical of life in Volland. In 1910, Volland was full of excitement, much of it centered around the Kratzer Bros. store and the Rock Island depot.”

This photo is courtesy of the Pat Taylor Estate—gifted to the Wabaunse County Historical Society in 2015.



2 year old Ray Holmes. (Appears he was built to ride horses with those bowlegs. Ray was a life long cowboy.) The Ray & Pauline Holmes photos are courtesy of the Shirley Holmes Dupree collection.

**NORWEGIAN MEDICAL DICTIONARY**

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|--|---|
| D & C—Where Washington is                | Rupture—Extreme bliss                   |
| Diarrhea—Journal of daily events         | Scar—Rolled tobacco leaf                |
| Dilate—To live long                      | Strep—Narrow leather band               |
| Enema—Not a friend                       | Seizure—Roman Emperor                   |
| Fester—Quicker                           | Serology-Study of Knighthood            |
| Fibula—Small lie                         | Symptoms—Funny cartoon family on Fox TV |
| Genital—Non-Jewish                       | G. I. Series—Soldiers’ ball game        |
| Tablet—Small table                       | Grippe—Suitcase                         |
| Terminal Illness—Sickness at the airport | Hangnail—Coat hook                      |
| High Colonic—Jewish religious holiday    | Tibia-Country in N. Africa              |
| Impotent—Distinguished; well known       | Tumor—An extra pair                     |
| Intense pain—Torture in the tepee        | Urine—Opposite of ‘You’re out’          |
| Labor pain—Getting hurt at work          | Varicose—Located nearby                 |
| Medical staff—Doctor’s cane              | Vein—Conceited                          |

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Tempe Johnson Javitz is looking for information on the Triangle A Ranch in Big Horn. One of Jessamine's early photos is at left. It was taken in 1929. The brand can be seen on the fireplace in the original photo. You may call me with any information you may have.  
(Judy 307-751-4908)  
Thank you!!

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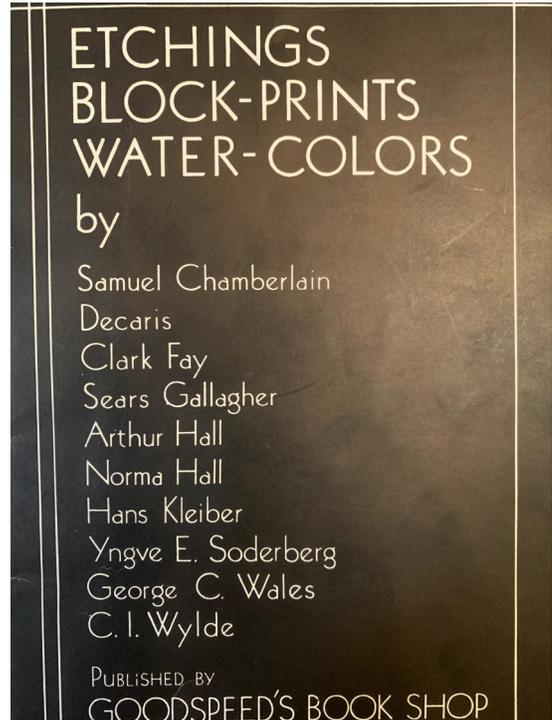
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**April 28th Program**

**HANS KLEIBER** by Ken Schuster

Ken will talk about Hans Kleiber and his relationship to the Brintons, Gallatins and Eaton's Ranch.



Photograph of Hans Kleiber from the book "Etchings Block-Prints Water-Colors".



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Thanks to Bob Legoski, we were able to discover the Triangle A Ranch was the Absaraka Park Dude Ranch at the Big Goose Opening owned by the Coffeen/Gillette family. Bob wrote a book about Absaraka Park and Jessamine's photo was used in their advertisements. Sadly this building was burned down September 5, 1930. Thank you for sharing the photo with us Tempe (Johnson Javitz)!

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**An article taken from the Cowley Weekly Progress no. 1, June 15, 1906, page 6.**

### A Wyoming Boy's True Heroism

Mrs. Ruth Conley, postmistress at Big Horn, had an almost fatal experience in Little Goose creek last Wednesday afternoon, says the Sheridan Post.

She had started to cross the stream on a footbridge, and when near the center became dizzy from the rapid motion of the water beneath her and fell in. The alarm was quickly given, but those who were first to arrive were unable to reach her and she went down with the current.

Her son, William, soon appeared and, knowing the stream as he did ran to a drift below, where he attempted to rescue her, but failed. He then plunged into the stream and swam for some distance before reaching her. She was by this time unconscious and floating face downward. The water was very fast and both were carried some distance down the stream. Believing that he would be unable to reach the shore with his burden, Mr. Conley called for help, and both were rescued with some difficulty. Mrs. Conley remained in an unconscious condition for an hour, but has now nearly recovered. (thank you Michael Dykhorst for sharing!!)



Left to right: (per Richard Garber) Mark Sackett, Richard Garber, person with back to us not sure - I will keep thinking, however the person in front of him with only his forehead and dark hair showing, I believe is Bob Johnson, Alan Anderson with white coat and last Nolan Farman. (photo found in the Shirley Holmes Dupree collection.)

The following was shared by Vanna Schwamb. Thank you!! ~~ (continued from last newsletter...)



If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States . It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery , and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons:



First, the eagle is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, ' E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, 'from many - one.' Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows. An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will almost never see a room numbered 13 -- or any hotels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose:

13 original colonies,  
 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence ,  
 13 stripes on our flag,  
 13 steps on the pyramid,  
 13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis',  
 13 letters in ' E Pluribus Unum,'  
 13 stars above the eagle,  
 13 bars on that shield,  
 13 leaves on the olive branch,  
 13 fruits, and if you look closely,  
 13 arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result.

Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions...then died a pauper. Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's --our--freedom and independence from England. Therein lies America 's Judeo-Christian beginning.

On America 's Freedom: Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served -- they died -- for you ... for me. I hope you will share this page with many so they can learn about the UNITED STATES DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for.

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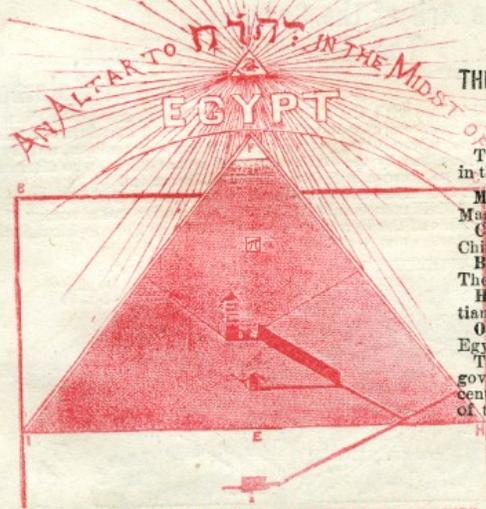
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[Mona Brown transcribed H.A. Coffeen lecture information. Thanks for all your hard work!]

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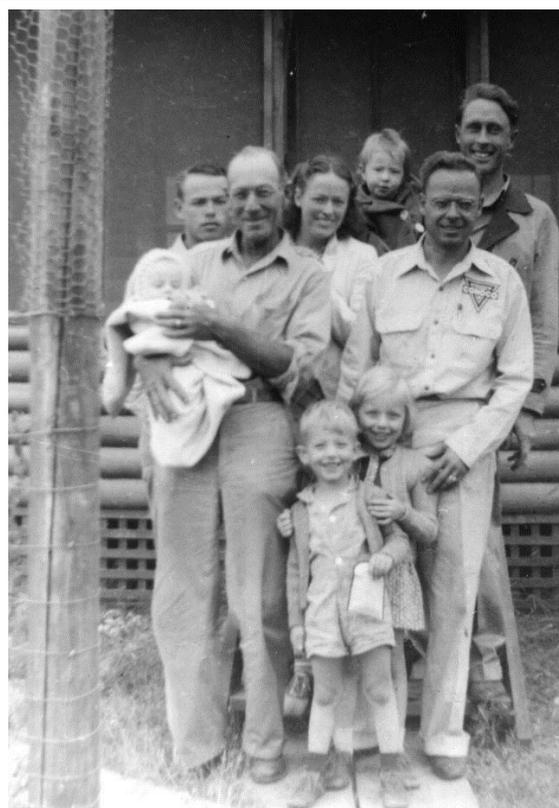
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HELP! Does anyone remember the  
Roy Frank (R.F.) Greenlee family?

The son was Andrew.

R.F. was a builder and was the  
foreman on the S. Watts Smyth  
home. (circa 1939-43) He also built a  
barn while living here (I think this is  
the one by the s-curve.) Any idea  
where this house was located?





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**May 19 - Program**

**THE HANDCART TREK ACROSS WYOMING**

**BY MIKE BROWN**



Mike will give a talk about the history of pioneers using handcarts across southern Wyoming on their way west. He will focus on an incident that occurred in 1856.

Handcarts were used from 1849 through 1869.



At left: Crossing the Plains with a Handcart

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE ~ [www.bighorncity.org](http://www.bighorncity.org)** Thank you Michael Dykhorst for



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designing the new website. We hope you all enjoy the various pages and especially the archive section !! You can find the old news of Big Horn when Bette Berry typed and published the Little Goose Post. We still need to scan Sally's old newsletters. Please note the extension is ORG not COM.



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### Make Me a Cowboy Again for a Day

Backward turn backward oh time with your wheels

Bicycles, wagons and automobiles

Dress me again in a big Stetson hat

Spurs, flannel shirt and slicker and chaps

Put a six-shooter or two in my hands

Show me a yearlin' to rope and to brand

Out where the sage brush is dusty and gray

Make me a cowboy again for a day.

Give me a bronc that knows how to dance

Blue roan in color and wicked of glance

New to the feeling of bridle and bit

Give me a quirt that will sting when it hits

Strap on a blanket behind in a roll

Toss me a lariat clear to my soul

Over the trail let me gallop away

Make me a cowboy again for a day.

Thunder of hoofs on the range as you ride

Hissin' of iron and the sizzlin' of hide

The bellow of cattle and the snort of cayuse

Longhorns of Texas as well as the duce

Midnight stampede and the millin' of herds

Yells of the cowboy too angry for words

Right in the midst of it all I would say

Make me a cowboy again for a day.

Under the star-studded sky so vast

Campfires and coffee and comfort as last

Bacon that sizzles and crisps in the pan

After the roundup smells good to a man

Stories of cowboys and outlaws retold

Over the pipes as the embers grow cold

These are the tunes that old memories play

Make me a cowboy again for a day.

This poem was shared by Nancy Mickelson at her recent presentation on her family history.

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### OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE DOW FAMILY ~~~~

Bert Dow died of a brain bleed suddenly and unexpectedly on April 20, 2019 at St. Vincent's hospital in Billings, Montana.

He died peacefully and without pain. He was with his family: Suzie, Brandon, Molly, Kevin, Meagan, Eleanor, and Graham. Bert was born on February 24, 1948 in Sheridan, Wyoming to Jack and Dorothy Dow. His parents took him home to a one-room bunkhouse on Dow Ranch in Big Horn. They lived in the bunkhouse until his brother, Jack Dow (Doc), was born three years later. Bert grew up in Big Horn working the ranch with his family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bert Dow Memorial Fund, which will be used to support the Big Horn Sports Complex on the school campus. Checks may be deposited directly with First Interstate Bank or mailed to 63 Dow Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801.

### OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE

### OSTROM FAMILY ~~~~

Mary Lou Ostrom Robbins

Passed away last fall. Her funeral

Was held in

Plymouth, Massachusetts

(graduated from

Big Horn School in 1947)



**DONATIONS FOR THE MT. HOPE CEMETERY** ~ The Board is requesting donations to assist with equipment, fencing & other on-going expenses. The new fence will cost approximately \$4,200. The used zero-turn lawn mower will cost about \$1,200 and the cost for the storage lean-to for the mowers has yet to be determined. Along with the storage addition to the shed, it has been discovered that the old roof needs to be replaced. *We do not receive funds from the county or the state. We are a non profit corporation in Wyoming.* Steve Bourne and his veteran friends place flags on every veteran's grave for Memorial Day weekend. We have approximately 100 veterans. Thank you for your help!!!



Mt. Hope Cemetery Board ~ Paul Garber, Richard Garber, Mona Brown, Dennis Reher, John Berry & Judy Slack

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!  
TO GENE CAIOLA ~~**  
**He is the one who folds and stamps all the paper newsletters & then takes them to the post office. We greatly appreciate his help every month!!! (& thank you Diane for letting Gene help us!! )**

Big Horn School  
Teacher unknown.

Standing L to R:

Daryl Daly

Louie Legerski

Jeanie Wallop

Conrad Zullig

Pat Powers—(?)

Arlene Kay (dark hair)

Lyle Rolston

Helen Fordyce

Ike Fordyce

Joyce Miller

Front Row L to R:

(2 girls unknown)

Karleen Benson

Nancy Dailey

Phil Moore

Circa 1942



Letter to Mary Ellen McWilliams from Henry A. Burgess, August 27, 1985.

Mrs. Mary Ellen McWilliams  
The Sheridan Press  
P O Box 2006  
Sheridan, WY 82801

Dear Mary Ellen:

You don't need to waste your time on me trying to convince me a museum complex here would be a worthwhile project. Shortly after I started practicing law here, Doris Kooi Reynolds and I formed a corporation for a local museum and spent about two and one-half years trying to convince people to support an effort by a professional fund raiser to get some money put together for a museum. We had considerable interest, both in City Hall and the County Commissioners Office, but over a period of time it just seemed to die. That was a period of time when things were tough here...just in case you think it is tough now, you should have been here then.

I can't help but think that it was a great tragedy that people in the late 1940's and early 1950's were not given an opportunity to give things – memos, recollections, etc. My father was a walking library of historical information. Their house was almost burned down in Big Horn by General Crook when he threw a cigar down in some deep grass at the bivouac when he and some officers were going through the country and stopped outside of Big Horn for the night.

Dad used to tell about looking at the dead soldiers in their coffins as they were being transported on the wagons from the various places where they had been buried in Indian wars en route to the Custer area for interment. In those days they had zinc and tin cans in which milk had been canned and shipped with the troops. The tin and zinc cans were placed in the coffins for the purpose of absorbing moisture from the body, with the result that some of the bodies were beautifully preserved and practically mummified.

If I can stand in the wings and cheer you on and encourage you, I will be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,  
BURGESS & DAVIS

Henry A. Burgess

HAB/br

*Thank you Mary Ellen for sharing this with us! JS*

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE WALLOP FAMILY ~~~~ JEANIE, Countess of Carnarvon, the mother of the 8th Earl of Carnarvon died on April 11th. Highclere Castle has confirmed that Jean Margaret Herbert (Wallop), Countess of Carnarvon, born on April 29, 1935, died peacefully at home, aged 83. She was the widow of the 7th Earl of Carnarvon, Henry Herbert, who died in 2001, aged 77. She was the mother of George (Geordie) Herbert, the 8th Earl of Carnarvon, Henry Malcolm Herbert and Carolyn Penelope Warren.

The funeral was held at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Highclere. Photo at right courtesy of Newbury Today Newspaper April 12, 2019.

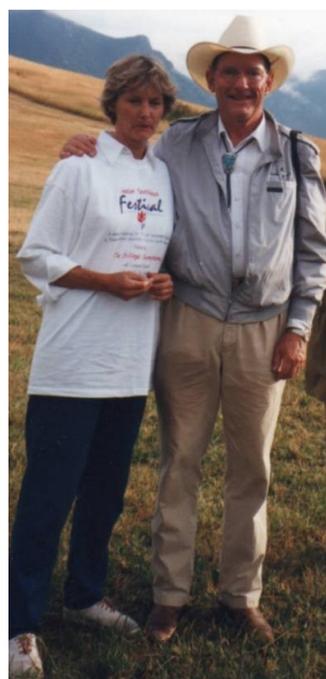
(The castle is more famously known as 'Downton Abbey' from the hit drama series. More on this can be found in BHCHS April 2013 & Jan 2015 newsletters.)



The Queen "leads mourners at the funeral of her close friend Jeanie, Countess of Carnarvon.." (Daily Mail.com May 3, 2019.) At right: the Queen greeted Jeanie's son and her godson George Herbert, the current Earl of Carnarvon, and his wife Fiona, Lady Carnarvon.



The photo at left was taken in 1956. Queen Elizabeth is the Godmother of Lord & Lady Porchester's son, George Herbert. He is the 8th Earl of Carnarvon and current Lord of Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey). Lady Porchester, at right, is



Jeanie Wallop Carnarvon who was born and raised in Big Horn. Her parents were Oliver Malcolm & Jean Wallop. Senator Malcolm Wallop was her brother. Lord Porchester at left (also known as 'Porchie') was the grandson of the 5th Earl, who discovered Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922. Porchie was the 7th Earl and served as manager of Queen Elizabeth's race horses. Porchie and Jeanie lived in Highclere Castle and had remodeled some of the rooms now seen in the PBS series. Downton Abbey is one of the most watched TV series worldwide.

At left: Jeanie and her brother Malcolm Wallop at the Indian Paintbrush Festival at the Wallop ranch near Little Goose / Bighorn Mountains in background (possibly 2003). (Photo by Helen Currie.)

At right: Jeanie and The Queen at the races at Epsom Derby Day in 1976. (Photo courtesy of Daily





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“Tunnel Hill Road” is the title of this postcard. No date. Found in the Bill Rawlings postcard collection. (Thank you for sharing all your great historic photographs, Bill !!)



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**Sept 22 - Program presenter - Helen Laumann**

**BABIONE FAMILY**

Helen Laumann will present a program on the history of the Babione Family. They came from Germany in 1822 and originally settled in Ohio. Their son Daniel participated in the Oklahoma Cherokee Strip Land Rush in 1892. Third generation, William (Bill) had moved on to Wyoming in 1885 with a cattle drive. Bill spent the rest of his life in our area operating sawmills. Babione Creek in the Bighorn Mountains is named after Bill. The homestead he developed is still in his grandchildren's possession. Bea Hutson is one of those grandchildren.

Helen Laumann has been researching Sheridan area history for several years and finds the story of people interesting and fascinating. She enjoys talking with people who made our county what it is today.

Thank you for the following helpers who worked at the museum this summer: Jim Currie, Patti Gingles, Lu Reeves and Jean Daly, Polly Hill, Evelyn Williams, Mona Brown and Judy Slack. Some helped more than once.



We also want to thank Linda Vallejo who worked most Sundays and Chris Morton who worked three Saturdays per month. We greatly appreciate your help !!!!

The Sentinel - LOCAL AND PERSONAL March 6, 1886  
 Enlargement

In order to meet the demands made upon our columns for advertising space, and at the same time not wishing to send out a paper to our subscribers containing but a few columns of news, we consider it necessary to enlarge THE SENTINEL. This change will, however, not occur at once, as a new press and other material must first be received from the east, but early in the summer our friends and patrons can look for the paper to appear in a new dress and enlarged from the present size.

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 H. A. Bennett went to Fetterman this week.

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 W. H. Holland started for the east on Thursday's coach.

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 County Surveyor Menanli has a new arrival in his household. It's a boy.  
 (continued on page 2)

## Soft Molasses Cookies (30)

1/2 cup sugar	
1/2 cup shortening	My brother John's favorite
1/2 cup molasses	Cookie. Bette Berry's recipe. JS
1 egg	
1/3 cup cold water	
2 cups flour	1/4 tsp salt
2 tsp soda	raisins on top
1 tsp ginger	
1 tsp cinnamon	8 min – 400°

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A number of the sporting fraternity pulled out for the Black Hills this week.

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 The annual meeting of the Wyoming Press Association was held at Cheyenne last Saturday.

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 J. M. Enochs came down from Sheridan this week to witness the Owen execution.

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 Evanston is to be the Jacksonville of Wyoming. The territorial insane asylum will be located there.

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 The stages from the north have been delayed somewhat this week on account of the bad condition of the roads.

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 Miss Ida Webber has purchased the milliner stock of the Hasbrouck store and will continue the business at the old stand.

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 The men who "held up" the coach on the Wyoming line last summer are up for trial at the United States court at Miles City.  
 (continued on page 4)

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE  
 OSTROM FAMILY ~~~

George Ostrom Jr. passed away on Thursday, August 8th, 2019. Born March 18th, 1928 in Sheridan, WY to George and Gladys, he was raised and went to school in the Sheridan/Big Horn area. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1946 and served during World War II. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1954. George worked for over 50 years in the drilling industry. He married Jeanene Moss in Sheridan, WY and raised five children.

George enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting and was an active member of the Elk's Lodge. He met his companion Joan Lund in 1982. They enjoyed 37 years together.

Memorials in George's name may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 575, Northampton, MA 01061.



**THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS!!** MT. HOPE CEMETERY now has a new fence. We also want to thank the Big Horn Lions Club for all the mowing and trimming in preparation for Memorial Day weekend — it was a hard task to do this work between all the heavy rain storms we had last spring. We also had other volunteers helping with veteran flags. Countless volunteers helped with our pioneer cemetery this year. Please understand that in the past (for about a hundred years) the grass was never mowed ~ neither were there weed trimmers nor back hoes for that matter...graves were dug and leveled using a shovel !! Mt. Hope Cemetery Board ~ Paul Garber, Richard Garber, Mona Brown, Dennis Reher, John Berry & Judy Slack



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**HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY !!!**

**To Wyla Loomis**

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**Her birthday is in October. We will have more about her party next month.**

1944 ~ Big Horn School

Teacher unknown.

Standing L to R:

Daryl Daly

Louie Legerski

Jeanie Wallop

Conrad Zullig

Carolyn Holloway

Girl - unknown

Arlene Kay (dark hair)

Lyle Rolston

Helen Fordyce

Ike Fordyce

Joyce Miller

Front Row L to R:

Dorothy Miller

Mary Helen Kuhl

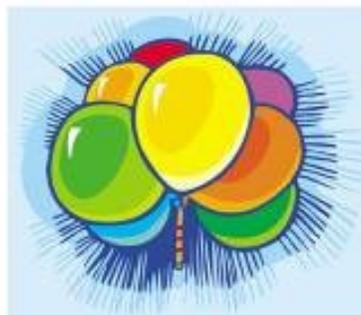
Karleen Benson

Nancy Dailey

Phil Moore

I want to thank Carolyn Griffith who provided us with names and information about this school photo. It was the 2nd & 3rd grade class. (a "+" means 2nd graders)





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!**  
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**100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
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The 76 ranch was represented in town this week by F.G.S. Hesse, Johnny Cook, (he of horse-race fame), and John Owens.

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 James Basch, representing the wholesale grocery house of Yanz, Griggs & Howes, St. Paul, came in from the north Tuesday.

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 The meeting of the Johnson County Livestock Association will be held the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., and not the 29<sup>th</sup> as stated in last week's issue.

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 A fire on the Pratt & Ferris ranch, on lower Clear creek, last week, destroyed a large log building formerly occupied as a residence. (Big Red)

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 Dick Hicks, at one time foreman of the O Z cattle outfit, is now a deputy sheriff at Miles City, Montana. Hicks will make a good officer.

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 James Kirkpatrick, one of the horny-handed tillers of the soil of Prairie Dog valley, left his autograph on the register of the Occidental, Thursday.

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 J. H. Kemp, of Big Horn, stopped over in the city Thursday, returning from a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesse, on Crazy Woman.

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 John Sweeney, who has been spending a greater portion of the winter in Colorado, returned last Monday. Mr. Sweeney will again manage the Harris herd this summer.

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 A band of twenty-two Piegan Indians are camping in the mountains between the Big Horn river and Prior creek, awaiting a good opportunity to make a horse stealing raid on the Crows.

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 Lieut. T. C. Davenport, for some time past stationed at Fort McKinney, has been transferred from the Ninth cavalry to the Fourth artillery. He left Wednesday for his new station, Newport, Rhode Island.

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 Mrs. C. E. Buell gave a social hop to about twenty-five invited couples at the M. B. ranch last Wednesday evening, which was pronounced one of the most enjoyable affairs that has taken place in this vicinity for some time.

(The following was found in the 1932 Big Horn Ram yearbook.....)

In 1882 the first school meeting was held. The trustees elected were Mrs. J. O. Willits, J. T. Wolfe and O. P. Hanna. There were many big stock companies in the school district and they would soon be compelled to move out, for the land was being settled rapidly. The school meeting was called for the purpose of voting bonds for the construction of six school houses and to make the wealthy stock companies that were there at that time build these school houses, before they were compelled to vacate. Of course, all this was kept secret from the stockmen, for it was feared they would run all the cowboys in to out-vote the school boosters. The secret became known, however, but the boosters were not out-voted. Bonds were voted and the six substantial schoolhouses were built of lumber in 1884 at Big Horn, Lone Star, Sheridan, Beckton, Prairie Dog and McCormick. These were not really needed for several years but eventually came into use and all are occupied now except the Lone Star.

This third schoolhouse was constructed on Principal Street in 1884. It was a white frame building with a belfry and built by Ketchmen of Dayton. It is the upper one in the group of pictures. It was located across the street west of the Odd Fellows' Hall. The addition shown in the second picture was built in 1894. The main part of the building now forms part of Leroy Sackett's house south of Big Horn. The addition is at Lone Star.

The old brick building, which stood just behind the site where the new building is located, was built in 1892 for college purposes. Jackson and Martin burned the brick for it on the Jackson place. It was the first college building in the State of Wyoming and was named the Wyoming College and Normal School. There were no entrance requirements. One hundred-dollar scholarships were sold to finance it. Some of the subjects taught were Latin, algebra, geometry, advanced arithmetic, trigonometry, German, Greek, debating, chemistry, physiology, physics, academic history, and rhetoric. All of the studies were advanced college work. A literary society was formed and many vigorous debates were given. Certificates of graduation were presented to those who completed the college course.

The first faculty was composed of H. N. Robinson, Frank Brittain, and Miss June. The first trustees were H. N. Robinson, Frank Brittain, Mr. Wagner, and W. E. Jackson. The school was denominational supported by the Congregational Church. The old bell, which has not rung since last May, was donated in 1892 by the Congregational Association of New York City. The faculty of 1893 was made up of the following: H. N. Robinson, Ph. D., and civil engineer from the University of Wisconsin; Reverend Anderson, A. M. and D. D. from Knox College; Reverend Bostwick, A. M. and D. D. from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; Reverend Austin, Ph. D. and D. D. from Depauw University in Indiana; and W. E. Ransom of the University of Michigan.

Some who were enrolled in the first college class at Big Horn are Judge J. H. Burgess of Sheridan; Mrs. Anna B. Smith, clerk of court of Sheridan County; Ed and Bud Newcomer; Carl Sackett, prominent Sheridan lawyer; Lee Sackett; Ursula Sackett, now Mrs. T. J. Gatchell of Buffalo; Dr. Edna Carver; Roy Huntington; Dessa Smith McNeil of Sheridan; Billy Herbison; and J. M. White, accountant of income tax in the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C.

The school operated on a college basis from 1892 to 1898. The Wyoming College and Normal School land was sold in 1893 to Wyoming Collegiate Institute, the object being to maintain a college and institute for the education of youths and to operate on a non-profit basis. It was sold back to the Wyoming College and Normal School in 1898. Mortgages were unpaid and suit was brought in 1899. It was appealed to the Supreme Court and was finally taken over by the Farm Investment Company of Greeley, Colorado, December 22, 1902. On August 11, 1903, the same land and building became the property of School District No. 1 of Sheridan County, and has remained in the same hands since.

This building is shown in the third picture, just above the picture of the present building, which is the pride of the people of Big Horn. The brick of the old building was used in the construction of the new one which was built last summer and was ready for occupancy September 14, 1931.

The school included twelve grades until the fall of 1920, when only three years of high school were offered. The next year, 1921-22, the school was further reduced to ten grades and has remained so since. Next year it is planned to have an eleventh grade again, therefore, there will be no tenth grade commencement this year as in the past.

There are no records available of superintendents nor of students prior to September, 1911. A list of alumni, such as could be gathered from the records since 1911, has been prepared and is given on another page of this book. Not all these alumni could be located, however, before the annual went to press.



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1931 - Victor Garber at left and his brother Orr at right at the Sheridan County Fair.  
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**WWII POW CAMP IN CLEARMONT**

Presentation by Cynthia Vannoy



In 1945, Clearmont was the home of a Prisoner of War camp that housed mostly German soldiers. There were other camps in the area, notably in Douglas, Greeley, Colorado and Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

There was a shortage of men in Sheridan County to help with the sugar beet fields due to the war. These POW's were from the Douglas camp and helped with the crop in the Clear Creek Valley. Since many of the early settlers in the Clearmont area were of German heritage, this helped with the language and other traditions. Cynthia's talk will focus on the camp and the people who 'employed' the workers in the beet fields.



**HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY !!!**

**To Wyla Loomis**

**Come celebrate with us October 20**

**12:30 to 3:00 @**

**Big Horn Woman's Club**

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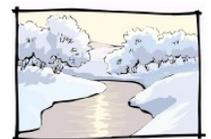
**(Photo at left courtesy of BH Woman's Club. She served as President from 1972-76)**



NOTE Regarding Dues: Dues are not required if your mailing label has a COMP printed at the top above your name. Sorry that I didn't keep the email COMP list separate from the regular membership list. I'll do better next September. Complimentary newsletters are mainly for descendants of the early pioneer families. JS



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Thank you Tempe Johnson Javitz for sharing this letter with us. Tempe is Jessamine's granddaughter.

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Dear Mr. Ropes:-

I am so glad that you are enjoying the book of Canyon Pictures. I am sure that you may keep it just as long as you like to show to your friends.

Surely I have told you before that I never have had any instruction in coloring? I had water color work in school, and took a few lessons from a teacher after I was married, but after the first baby came I never had any time to paint. Doubt if I could do water color painting now. I had our Studio color some pictures of the children about four years ago, and I asked them how they did it, and they got me a box of colors, and I started out to color the pictures myself. Then my sister-in-law asked me to color one of the pictures of the ranch for her, and so-I started on my career.

My mother used to paint in oils; also my grandfather Benton; so I guess I just inherited some talent that way. I was always drawing things as a child, nothing very good, and coloring them with crayons, or water colors.

My Grandfather Benton must have been a wonderful man; Doctor of Medicine (had part of his schooling at Harvard) Dentist; Evangelist, Baptist Minister; A fiery tempered man, beloved by everyone but the ~~Saloon~~ Saloon Keepers in Big Horn. One time I was riding with him, and he drove up in front of one of the Saloons, and called them out, and then he wiped the dust off his shoes with his handkerchief, and said "I wipe the dust of your town off my feet." It was very impressive to me, I was about seven or eight, but I do not know why he did this, but suppose it was because he was always having trouble with them about so many saloons in such a little village.

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Big Horn is still the same size it was then, and Main Street is still the same old buildings, and I am going to take a picture of it, while it still is the same. There was a store, and P.O., a Hotel, and the other buildings were Saloons, excepting the Livery Stable, and blacksmith shop.

Mr. Wallop, an Englishman, (who is now the Earl of Portsmouth in Eng.) naturalized, was elected to our legislature, and got a bill thru banishing Saloons from incorporated towns, and Big Horn went dry, and we received a telegram from him, saying Big Horn will be dry".

You may show the Powell Motor literature to any one you wish to, I am sure it is very kind of you to take so much interest in it, and us. We truly appreciate it.

I wish I could belong to a real garden club; of course I belong to the National Society, I don't know the exact name, but my friend Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath of Grand Forks, N.D., is a vice president of that, and I suppose she sent my name to them. I became acquainted with her thru the article, or letter I wrote to the Garden Magazine and which was published in that magazine a few years ago, and we have exchanged plants and experiences in our dry land gardening, and I scoured the country getting wild flowers for her, and she was most generous in sending me plants that grew in her garden. Mrs. Heath has a noted garden, and has up to a thousand visitors every summer. She is a Pioneer settler there on an open prairie, and has done wonders.

It's mail time so - so-long,

Jessamine Spear Johnson

*It can't help - but help:-*

## EARLY BIG HORN (History collected by Beulah Skinner -1932 Big Horn Yearbook)

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Long before the white man set foot upon the sun-kissed fertile hills and valleys of the region embraced within the Big Horn Country, wild game of every description roamed in herds and grazed upon its succulent grasses and wild forage almost unmolested. It became the natural hunting ground of the American Indian, believed to have lived here from time immemorial, and where he subsisted bounteously in perfect security and contentment. Only for the western sweep of progressive Americanism, the wild game and the Indian might yet rule supreme.

It is scarcely more than a century of time since the white man invaded this paradise of plenty. Then explorers, fur traders and trappers are known to have crossed its areas seeking new fields of glory to conquer, or in barter and trade for furs with the Indians. It is said that a century or two before that time, Spanish Conquistadores were in the vicinity, but history is lacking in authentic details, though rude evidences of some early habitation have been found in this region. With the progressive expansion of the American government, especially the exploring expeditions of Lewis and Clark to the Pacific, it seems but a few short years since the general migration westward of thousands of people seeking homes in the Far West or in quest of gold.

Historians of Wyoming seem to give credence to the fact that Spanish adventurers visited the Black Hills and the Big Horns during the seventeenth century, but there is only slight evidence which might corroborate this statement. It seems almost certain that our present Indian tribes were not responsible for such curious and mystifying symbols as the Medicine Wheel, and what is more likely possible is that at some anterior period to the history of the country, perhaps contemporaneous with the Cliff Dwellers of Colorado, or the Aztecs, there may have been an unknown and unchronicled race, and there is the possibility of this race, if it existed, being of pre-historic age.

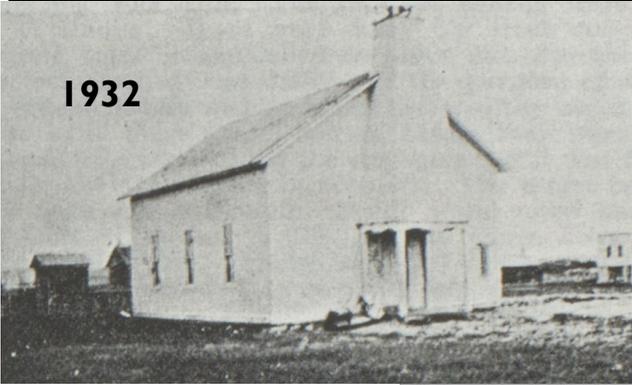
Recently an eminent archeologist advanced the theory that the ancient Norsemen, said to have preceded Columbus by 400 years, could be traced in their journeys from far northeastern coast, westward through the Great Lakes and through the northern part of the United States, and if his surmises are correct, through what is the Big Horn Country, leaving in their trail, mystic signs and symbols such as the great Medicine Wheel.

The Spaniards are believed to have changed the entire habits of the American Indian when the former visited the Big Horns several centuries ago. It is said that Lewis and Clark found Spanish saddles and bridles among the Indians farther north and the theory exists that the Indians first secured horses from the Spaniards. Members of General Connor's Big Horn expedition of 1865, vouch for the statement that ruins of stone houses, evidently more than a century old, were found in this particular region, and that in 1866 the remains of an old Spanish arastra, a quartz crushing implement, were found at a point some distance from Fort Phil Kearney. It is stated as a fact, according to an authority, that there is a map in the archives in Paris, prepared by the Jesuits as early as 1792, which contains a correct topographical sketch of the Black Hills and Big Horn Mountains, and that both are marked auriferous regions.

The romance of the early West with its glamour and tragedy will ever remain with the Big Horn Country. No matter how great a farming region or industrial center it might become, nothing can ever obliterate the pages of history written in this land of beautiful mountain streams, sky-piercing peaks, dark green blankets of pines and spruce, breathtaking canyon depths, mesas of grey sage, long divides and sunsets of soul-tearing beauty. It was in this land of strange contrasts and widely varying formations that some of the bloodiest encounters of the frontier took place. Not only between the white man and Indians, but between the hostile tribes from time immemorial! The Big Horn Mountains came almost being the "happy hunting grounds" on earth for the ancient red man because of the abundance of good wood, of straight tepee poles, of crystal glacial waters, of tall luxuriant grass, all kinds of game and plenty of shelter. More than one powerful Indian tribe recognized the fact, and the rights of the Big Horns were never long without dispute, with the "White Horseman" as supreme judge. The Big Horn Mountains, with their fitting shrine for the many lives lost in their shadows.

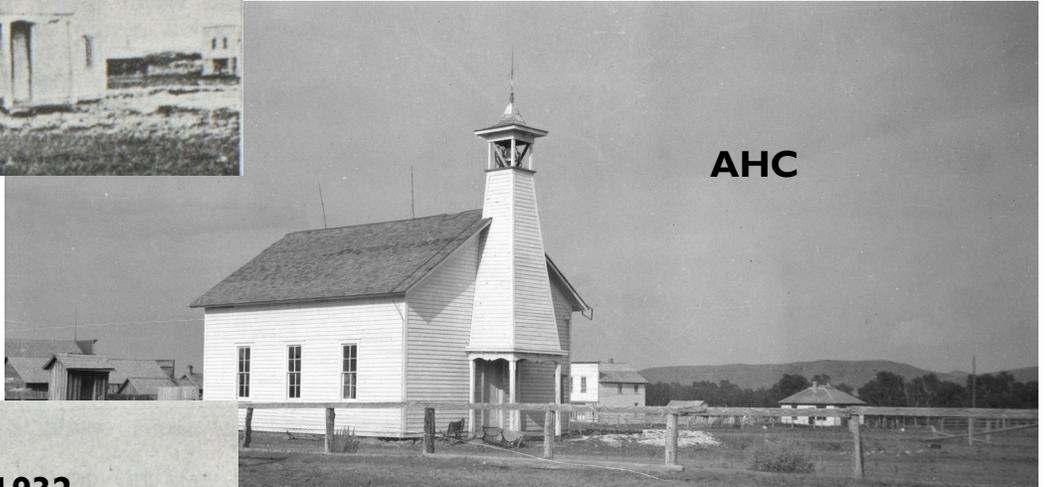
History is replete with narratives of those days when the Indians, under Red Cloud and Sitting Bull, made their last stand to retain possession of this productive area and the toll of human life exacted has made for posterity a shrine at which the American people will ever stand in reverence. One point of much historical interest around which many legends cling is situated on the rim of a narrow mountain range projecting from the Big Horns into the valley of the Little Goose. This spot is none other than the famed "Red Cloud's Rendezvous", near Tunnel Hill, 20 miles from Sheridan. From this high promontory, miles and miles of country can be seen in either direction. The means by which Red Cloud, the Indian Napoleon, could communicate with uncanny rapidity, was ever a source of wonder, until the signal fire stations of this great chief were discovered many years later. (to be continued in the Nov. newsletter...)

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The photographs below marked AHC are from the W.B.D. & Annette B. Gray papers, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming. The other photographs were found in the 1932 Big Horn Ram yearbook.

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The east section was moved southwest of Big Horn to become the Lone Star School. The oval shows the roof and door as they remained after the section was moved. The main part of the building was moved south of Big Horn to be the large section of the Leroy Sackett house (later the John Mills home) — just south of the Little Goose Creek crossing on west side of road.



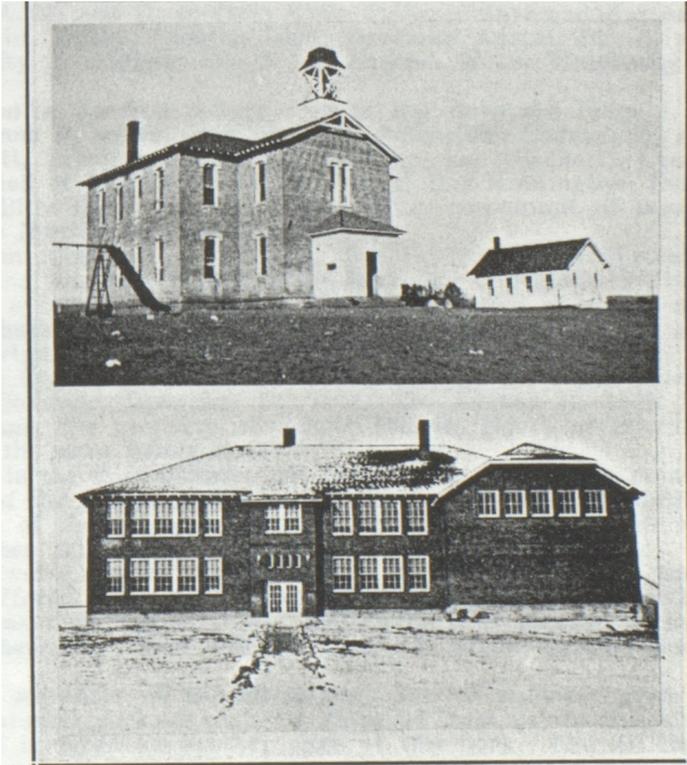
Our granddaughter, Freya, is in remission and doing very well ! She does have permanent heart damage but is slowly getting more heart function back. Thank you for all your kindness during this past year !! Judy Slack

### Fifty Years of Progress (compiled by Beulah Skinner)

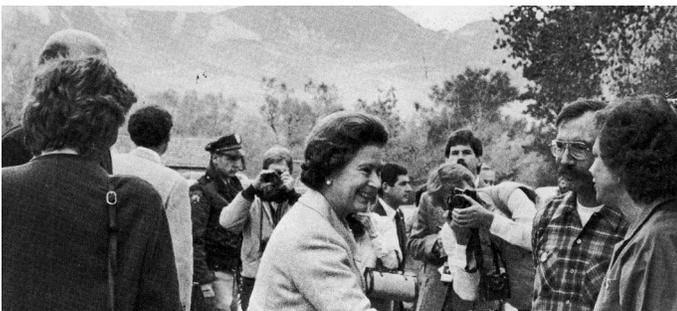
The first school in Big Horn, Wyoming, was held before 1880 in a log shack on W. E. Jackson's place. There was a dirt roof, dirt floor, no window glass but only a gunny sack hanging over the window opening in mild weather and a deer skin in cold weather. The school was heated by a fireplace. Some say that this shack was built in the late 70's by the James Brothers, noted bank robbers, who came to the wilderness to hide for a time. Others say a man named Atkinson built it. The first teacher was Millard Fillmore Benefiel. The pupils sat on one long bench in front of the fireplace. The only books they had were the books the people had brought with them. They

had all kinds of readers, geographies, spellers, and arithmetics. The teacher had a "merit" system, whereby each child reported on his conduct daily. It is told that one boy who cheated continually in his work always reported five "merits" which meant perfect behavior and he was whipped each night by two of his angry schoolmates.

Next a log cabin was built in the fall of 1880 on the corner northeast of the place where the Congregational Church now stands. The logs were sawed by "Bear" Davis, husband of Mrs. Jennie Davis, and the school was put up by the neighborhood. This building which had a board floor and board roof was an improvement over the previous building. Elder Benton, the Baptist minister and the first minister in Big Horn, held his church services there as well as the Sunday School. Often the seats were moved out and dances were held there. As these two schoolhouses have been destroyed, no pictures of them are available now. (Sorry - this was the first part of the story that was printed in the September newsletter.)



1932 Miss Beulah Skinner - Home town, Columbus, Kansas. A.B. Degree in English and Journalism, University of Kansas, Lawrence; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg; Phi Omega Pi, National Social Sorority; Theta Sigma Phi, National Honorary Journalistic Sorority; Kappa Phi, National Methodist Sorority; Instructor in English, Geometry, History and Home Economics; Director of Big Horn Annual, Sophomore Class, Girl's Volley Ball, Dramatic Club, Home Economics Club. (Tom Harper & I have been researching the Skinner family tree and do not find her related to the Skinner pioneer family who settled in Big Horn in the 1880s. This photograph was found in the yearbook.)



October 1984: thirty-five years ago this month, Queen Elizabeth visited Big Horn. Our museum

is in the background of this photograph. Skip and Kathy Israel (at right) ran the Big Horn Merc at that time. Wyla Loomis worked in the kitchen at the Wallop ranch, helping Melvine Rolston during the Queen's stay.



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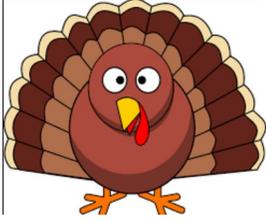
Bill Babione coming down the Babione Grade from their Saw Mill located on Penrose Park.  
Photo courtesy of Bea Hutson. (Bill's granddaughter)



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**ROY SCOTT ON THE SPACE PROGRAM**

1958 PIONEER I LUNAR MISSION  
 61 YEARS AGO!

In 1958, Roy Scott graduated from the University of Colorado with a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering and went to work at Douglas Aircraft Company, Missiles



and Space Division. He

was assigned to the Thor Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Program. One of the first projects he worked was Pioneer I, the first space launch attempted by the newly created National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The mission was to place a small scientific spacecraft in orbit around the Moon. The spacecraft contained an imaging TV and instruments to measure ionizing radiation, cosmic rays and micrometeorites around the moon and in the earth's atmosphere. Pioneer I, the very first NASA space probe was launched October 11, 1958. The mission failed because the second stage cut off too soon, resulting in insufficient velocity to orbit the Moon. However, the spacecraft was lifted to nearly 70,000 miles before falling back to Earth, providing valuable data never before measured. Mr. Scott was involved with weight and moment of inertia analysis prior to and during the launch and cause and effect analysis of the failure.



Upper right: Roy & Lenora Scott

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**DECEMBER 15**  
**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**COME AND ENJOY~~~~~**  
**PRAIRIE DOG COMMUNITY CHURCH &**  
**CHARLIE COOK**



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From this station the whole region between the Little Horn River to the desolate Powder River country, miles in the opposite direction, is plainly visible. Likely from this lookout, the wily chieftain watched more than one emigrant train, or watched the movement of different military expeditions and laid his plans accordingly, long before the whites had the remotest idea of his presence.

It was on August 2, 1867, that the famous Wagon Box fight was staged, about 21 miles south of Sheridan, being only a short distance from the scene of the Fetterman fight. This engagement has gone down into history as being one of the most important of all the fights with Red Cloud and his warriors. The battle of the Little Big Horn, which occurred June 25, 1876, when the brave General Custer and his heroic command of 260 comrades gave their lives that civilization might advance, took place about 90 miles north of Sheridan on the Custer Battlefield highway. It was not until after the Custer Massacre that the government took heroic measures to settle the question once and for all. In this it was successful through treaty arrangements which provided such territory for the Indians as would satisfy them, yet leave a great expanse of country for settlement.

With the Indian troubles cleared away, the country became a magnet for those seeking suitable locations to engage in the livestock industry. It was inevitable that there would be a large influx to so rich and promising a section. It can readily be seen that Big Horn, Wyoming, has not always been as it is today. In the past fifty-four years many changes have taken place.

Big Horn City was named in 1878 by O. P. Hanna and Gus Trabing, who had opened a small store on Crazy Woman Creek that same year, the first store in northern Wyoming, except for the Settlers' Store at Fort McKinney in charge of E. U. Snyder. Trabing and Hanna wrote glowing accounts of the Big Horn Country for papers in the East, in order to start a boom to settle the land. At that time there was only one other person in Big Horn. He was a Negro named John Lewis, who lived at the northeast corner of town, in a hut built by Jesse James. It is said that in the previous winter, many robbers flocked from the Black Hills Country to the Big Horns to evade police. Among them were the James Brothers, noted bank robbers.

Mrs. Jennie Davis of Big Horn, with her husband, W. F. Davis, stepson, Ves, and stepdaughters, Lydia, now Mrs. Dan Hilman, and May, now Mrs. Will Howard, came to Big Horn City in 1879 from Kansas. There were only three other families in town then. Mr. and Mrs. Davis took up a ranch in Little Goose Canyon, improved it, and built a saw mill there. This is the property of Hon. Oliver Henry Wallop, now the Earl of Portsmouth of England.

For food there was an abundance of wild fruit such as currants, gooseberries, service berries, choke cherries and plums. Deer, elk, geese, grouse and fish were plentiful. Bears used to come down into the thicket to get service berries. Wheat and oats sold at ten cents per pound at that time. Tools with which to farm were bought in Cheyenne. Food was freighted in from Rock Creek or Cheyenne to Fort McKinney from where Big Horn settlers purchased groceries.

When clothes wore out, women had to send to the East for woolen dress goods. Some women who were good seamstresses cut patterns for other women. The style was a tight fitting Basque and a gored skirt. The ruffles could be added or not. Some people continued to wear the same style as when they came; others copied styles from catalogues. They wore pull-back and narrow hoopskirts with a great deal of trimming on their dresses.

Crow Indians roamed the country from the Reservation to the Fort at Buffalo. Mrs. Davis tells how they used to harass her and frighten her when she lived in a tent, and her husband was at work. Once they even tried to force her to "swap" her stepdaughter, Lydia, for a pony and a big blue owl.

Next came John F. Benefiel who proved to be a good carpenter. His brother, Millard Filmore, was the first school teacher. An elderly lady, Mrs. Sonnesberger, came to Fort McKinney about that time. Afterward she owned what is now the Coffeen Addition in Sheridan, Wyoming.

In the fall of 1880, J. H. Sackett and C. W. Skinner came from Cheyenne with two ten-mule teams loaded with merchandise and camped on what is now the Moncreiffe ranch. They opened a store from their wagons and tents. They soon moved into a cabin there. That was the first store in what is now Sheridan County. Charles W. Skinner was born in Wisconsin, of parents who were natives of England. He became associated with Sackett in Cheyenne, from where they freighted to the Black Hills in the summer of 1879. In the spring of 1883 the Northern Pacific Railroad was built through and from that time until the building of the Burlington Railroad, they freighted their goods from Custer Station, Montana. In 1887 Mr. Skinner and Mr. Sackett dissolved partnership and the former continued the business independently, conducting his store until 1912, when he sold out and gave his entire attention to his extensive ranching

interests of 840 acres of land. In the summer of 1881, associated with Mr. Sackett, J. J. Wagner and I. E. Farnham, he brought into Northern Wyoming the first steam saw mill ever seen in this part of the state and for some years they sawed all the lumber and made all the shingles and lathe used in the building of the pioneer houses and other structures in northern Wyoming. Up to that time all of the houses had been built of logs, with dirt floors and sod roofs. Mr. Skinner thus became one of the pioneer lumbermen as well as one of the pioneer merchants of northern Wyoming. In 1885 Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Alice Hayes, at that time a resident of Big Horn, but a native of Springfield, Missouri. He served as county commissioner in 1891 and 1892 and for a number of years was a member of the Big Horn school board.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson, with their three children, arrived August 8, 1880. Mr. Jackson loved the West and was not satisfied until with mule teams and wagons was in route to Wyoming. They were fortunate in that Mrs. Jackson's brother, known as "Bear" Davis, had located on his ranch in the canyon. Here they camped for a time and Mr. Jackson put a claim foundation on Trabing Creek, now the William Moncreiffe ranch, later changing to what is known as his home on Jackson Creek, so named for him. The first home was a one-room cabin with dirt floor, dirt roof, and half-sash windows and also there was a log stable. It had been used as a rounder cabin and they moved in and lived there. The following winter they got out logs and built a two-room log house with rough board floor and roof. Later Mr. Jackson donated a portion of the ranch for the townsite of Big Horn. He died March 4, 1912. Mr. Jackson, having had medical training, went near and far doctoring the sick, setting broken bones, etc. One of their daughters, Mrs. Minnie Martin, is the present superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School near Sheridan.

In the spring of 1881 many people came, and the country was settled rapidly. It was then that Jack Dow, who had arrived the previous year with his wife, Mrs. Helen (Auntie) Dow, was employed to plat the townsite. That survey stands today as he made it. Helen Cuthbertson, pathfinder and pioneer of two states, was born in the historic borderland of Scotland, April 12, 1847. There she received her education and grew to womanhood. Imbued with a desire to see America, she left Scotland in the spring of 1872 with a brother and joined another brother in Fort Collins, Colorado. In 1874 she married Jack Dow, county surveyor of Larimer County, Colorado. He was a native of New York City, born in 1837 of Scotch parentage. He received higher education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He practiced his chosen profession, civil engineering, in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. After experiencing six happy years of pleasures and hardships of Colorado pioneer days, they started to Wyoming. Mrs. Dow, ever ready to do her part, drove three horses abreast, hitched to a light wagon containing their household goods. The trip over vast roadless stretches and unbridged streams can best be imagined. Mr. Dow followed closely with their herd of horses and cattle. When they arrived at Big Horn (then in Johnson County) and viewed the beautiful valley of the Little Goose, they knew they had found their mecca. Here they filed on a section of land which was to be their future home and which they later brought to such a high state of cultivation that it became a horticultural show place. They were the first in this section to plant large orchards and successfully raise apples, pears, cherries and plums. Mr. Dow, an engineer of recognized ability, found his services in great demand throughout northern Wyoming and consequently was away from home much of the time, which left Mrs. Dow alone with the management of the ranch. They had no children. They took up under the desert act, 480 acres of land, constituting the present home farm of Mrs. Dow. He built the Colorado Colony ditch and the Peralta ditch and was recognized as one of the most active and prominent factors in the development of irrigation projects in Johnson County. In pioneer days he served as county surveyor of Johnson County after the division was made. He likewise served for four years as county commissioner of Sheridan County, and for a number of years was water superintendent under State Engineer Mead. He died November 3, 1904, and his wife, with his nephew Bert, still resides at the ranch. Mrs. Dow tells many interesting incidents but says in the early days they were too busy making history to write it. Now in her eighty-fifth year, she has always exercised her right to vote, attend school meetings, send her exhibits to the county fairs, and is the soul of the Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Willits and children arrived in July, 1881, and built a two-story log house with a shingle roof, the second shingle roof in the country. The Sackett house had the first shingle roof. One of those Willits children is Mrs. A. L. Garber.

George Ashdown erected and operated in 1881, the first saloon in Big Horn City and Sheridan County. According to O. P. Hanna, Ashdown did a thriving business with the cowboys, who would take turns shooting cigars from another's mouth and who would place their hands on the wall to see which cowboy could empty his six-shooter first, hitting between the fingers every time. These cowboys would play poker, betting from \$50 to \$250 on one hand.

Elder Benton, a Baptist minister, arrived in a covered wagon from Kansas in the summer of 1881. He preached his first sermon in Big Horn, September 11, 1881, in Hanna's cabin, and all the people in the country went to hear him.

The cabin was crowded with women and children, and the yard was full of cowboys on ponies. Elder Benton was an experienced preacher and dwelt on the idea of fire and brimstone, thus creating a great effect on the cowboys especially. It was Rev. George W. Benton's first wife's uncle, John M. Thayer, who was appointed by President U. S. Grant to be Wyoming's second Territorial Governor. Reverend Benton, with his second wife, came from Massachusetts to western Kansas, where they were thrilled by great herds of buffalo drifting by every few days, saw prairie fires and hordes of grasshoppers during the scourge there. He was the first Protestant minister to come to northern Wyoming. Afterward he organized a Sunday School and as the neighborhood was composed of people of many faiths, it was a Union Sunday School. His ranch is now owned by his son-in-law, Willis Spear. Mr. Roy Benton is a grandson of Elder Benton. Reverend Benton was the dentist of the country. Before he came, "Bear" Davis, so-called because he had killed so many bears, used to pull teeth with his bullet-mold.

In 1881 Jim Mason built the first cabin where Sheridan is located. The government established there the Mandel postoffice, named for George Mandel. The contract for carrying mail was let to Al and Mat Patrick of Omaha. The contract called for the carrying of mail from Rock Springs, Wyoming, on the Union Pacific Railroad, to Custer Station on the Northern Pacific Railroad, a distance of 500 miles. They received \$90,000 a year for that contract. It was said to be one of the Great Star Route swindles that was much in politics at that time. They had four-horse buckboards for carrying the mail. Later when the country was settled more, they put on stage coaches to carry passengers. Soon after this, Mandel put in a small stock of merchandise, which was the first store in what is now Sheridan. It was all Pease County then. Pease County was formed in 1876 and the name of the same county was changed to Johnson in 1879.

In the spring of 1882, a doctor's office and a restaurant appeared in Mandel. The city of Sheridan was really founded in the 1882, by one of its pioneer residents, John D. Loucks, who, with a party of four settlers and Jack Dow, surveyed and platted a 40-acre tract at the junction of Big Goose and Little Goose creeks, resting at an elevation of 3737 feet. The first survey stakes were driven at the foot of what is known as court house hill, and is now the present Main Street. A request was immediately sent to the land office at Cheyenne, and in 1885 Sheridan received its charter by a legislative enactment, and the town came to be an established community and was named in honor of General Phil H. Sheridan, Mr. Louck's commander-in-chief during the Civil War, and also because of the gallant army officer's frontier record. About that time General Sheridan's staff was inspecting Fort McKinney. The Crow and Sioux Indians were on the war path and camped in Big Horn in 1882. General Sheridan took them back to the Reservation. Also that year a prairie fire started near Sheridan and swept all the country to Big Horn, nearly burning the town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Loucks came from Iowa to Miles City, Montana, and were about a month on the way. They traveled by train to Bismarck, Dakota Territory, and then by boat up the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. This was before the Northern Pacific Railroad was constructed. While they were living in Miles City, Sitting Bull and his men were brought there and put on boats and taken to the Sioux Indian Reservation on the Missouri River. It was soon after their arrival in Sheridan when Mrs. Loucks was left in charge of the store operated by her husband while he was in Buffalo getting supplies that she had her first experience with the Indians. A band of about 200 Sioux or Cheyennes came and camped near the store. They would not trade with a woman and stayed until Mr. Loucks' return, which was two or three days later. Loucks has since been given the title of "the father of Sheridan," a city lying in the heart of a trade territory estimated to cover approximately 50,000 square miles.

Buffalo was surveyed and named in 1881 by Judge Andrews. Contrary to what one might think about the origin of the name of Buffalo, it was neither named for the great herds of game animals which have long almost disappeared, or for the creek of that name nearby. When it came time to make a selection, a number of citizens got together and dropped names which they had written on a slip of paper into a hat, the one drawn out first to be the name of the new town. It happened that the name of Buffalo was the first drawn and had been placed in the hat by a native of Buffalo, New York. That year, the Wyoming Territory Legislature passed an enabling act to organize a new county embracing all the northern part of the territory. The citizens held meetings, and finally Johnson County was organized with Buffalo as the county seat. Charlie Buell built the first hotel there and named it the Occidental. Mrs. Davis tells of being in the Occidental with her husband one night when the cowboys were "shooting up" the town. She hid behind the cook-stove in the kitchen for safety.

The first hotel in Big Horn was a two-story frame building constructed by O. P. Hanna in 1882. It was called the Oriental Hotel. It had only six rooms, but it was the largest hotel in Sheridan County then. Passengers on the stage coach stopped there for meals. This helped to make the proposition a financial success. Two years later an addition was built to the hotel.

A dance hall was erected by Frank Smith on Tongue River in 1881. A "wild and wooly" dance dedicated it. The merry-makers would go by state coach and dance until daylight. In the winter of 1882, Sackett and Skinner built what was considered a big store, with a dance hall over it, in Big Horn. The dedication of the hall was to be a great event. It was advertised extensively and people came from all over the country. Sleighing was good; the weather fine, but cold. Many came from a long distance and when they arrived, there were no hotels or rooming houses to accommodate them as far as sleeping was concerned. A crowd of fourteen men and women came over from Buffalo, forty miles distant, in a big four-horse bobsled. Every one had a jolly good time. The weather turned cold and stormy; snow was drifting high. It wasn't safe for those living far away to start home, so people opened their homes to the dancers that night and the next night. The dance went on for three nights. Dancing, eating and sleigh riding formed the entertainment for the guests until the storm cleared so they could go home.

The first prize fight in the country was staged in a saloon in Big Horn City. The contestants were Jim Kemp, an Englishman, and Lon Odell. There were seconds, referee, time keeper, and bottle holders, but no gloves. Neither boxer would say "enough", so round followed round until both men were exhausted and the referee called it a draw. Kemp was afterward killed by a broncho in Montana; Odell became a daring balloonist and later operated a tent show in Hardin, Montana. (( to be continued in the January newsletter.....))



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### A Trip to Wyoming (23 counties in WY)

Monty JOHNSON and his bride Natty lived in ALBANY, NY. They decided to SUBLETTE their apartment and spend a summer in the West. They did not want to go WEST ON the train, but in their new LINCOLN car. With a PLATTE of Wyoming, they mapped out their itinerary with little difficulty. They crossed the NIOBRARA River and drank of its water and found it to be SWEETWATER. They saw the LARAMIE Peak and the TETON Mountains, beautiful to behold. Although they did not see a CAMPBELL they saw a cow with a BIG HORN. They met an interesting Indian named WASHAKIE but were unable to CONVERSE with him much to their disappointment, for no doubt he could have told them many interesting tales of the West. NATRONA, whom Monte fondly called Natty, said “We are having more trouble than General SHERIDAN. They had to PARK their car and Natty said “You are FREE MONT to go and get help. I am not afraid to stay alone. We haven’t seen a CROOK while in Wyoming.” Monty, with a service man soon returned. After looking over the car, he said “There is CARBON in the engine and it also has HOT SPRINGS. I’ll pull U INTA Yoder. Here they realized that they were in the land of plenty and decided to stay in the land of GOSHEN.



*Bucking horse image designed by George Ostrom during WWI - this pin was made in Germany as a gift to the Wyoming National Guard Soldiers for saving their town and keeping them safe. A beer stein was also made for the troops using George’s design.*



A few of the workers at the S. Watts Smyth home located near the Little Goose Canyon opening. The Smyths raised Arabian horses on the Cross U Bar Ranch. The house was designed by St. Louis architectural firm Maritz and Young. If anyone can recognize or knows of someone who worked on the crew, please let me know. (yes the photo is a bit out of focus on the left side...JS) Photo courtesy of Laura Dusceau - her grandfather was the construction manager. Circa 1940.



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Above: Circa 1930, during a visit to Wyoming, the Earl of Portsmouth, Mr. Oliver Wallop (left) visiting with his old friend George T. Beck. (Beckton was named after him.)

1890: George Beck at right when he served in the last Territorial Legislature.

