

Big Horn, from an original by Hans Kleiber

Souvenir Program

Centennial Celebration

**Big Horn City, Wyoming
July 26, 1981**

Parade	9 a.m.
Chuckwagon Breakfast	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Exhibits at Bozeman Trail Museum and Big Horn Woman's Club	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Dedication Ceremony	12 noon to 1:15 p.m.
Games, Contests, Awards	1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Booths and Concession Stands Open	1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Carry-In Picnic Dinner	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Dance at Firehall	7 p.m.

All events except the parade and dance will be held on the grounds surrounding the Big Horn Woman's Club. That area will be off-limits to vehicles. Parking spaces will be provided elsewhere.

Big Horn P.O. January 8th 1881

Munites of a meeting held at the above place to organize a Town to be known as Big Horn City. The said Town or City to be located at or within one mile of the present Site of the Big Horn P.O.

Meeting called to order and Thomas Creighton chosen chairman and O. P. Hannah Secretary.

Motion made Seconded that Chairman appoint a committee of three including the Secretary to draft the articles of Organization for Town Co.

The chairman appointed J. G. Hunter and H. H. Bradshaw as such committee.

The committee presented the articles of organization which was accepted. The Stock-Holders then Signed the articles of organization.

The Stockholders balloted on the location of the Big Horn City. which resulted in a choice of forty acres of land situated one mile above the present Big Horn P.O. Twenty acres on the Ranch occupied by W. E. Jackson and twenty acres on the Ranch occupied by John Lewis which location was made permanent by their consent and that of the stockholders.

Resolved that no parties be admitted into the association without the unanimous consent of the Stockholders. On motion it was resolved to hold another meeting at Big Horn P.O. on January 19th at one o'clock P.M. for such business as may come before the house. the meeting then adjourned.

O.P. Hanna Temporary Secretary

Munites of meeting Big Horn City Co held January 10th 1881.

Meeting called to order by the chairman. Munites of the previous meeting read and approved. A motion was then made to proceed to elect by ballot a permanent President. The Ballot was taken and resulted in the Election of W. E. Jackson as President.

Thomas Creighton was then unanimously chosen by acclamation as permanent Secretary.

The following gentlemen were chosen as Trustees.

J.H. Sackett, C. A. Farwell, O.P. Hanna, B. Amsden and W.E. Jackson.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed by the President to draft articles of association and by Laws carried, J. H. Sackett, B. Amsden & T. Creighton were appointed as such committee.

J. H. Sackett was chosen by acclamation as Treasurer of the Co. or Association. By the unanimous vote of the Stockholders B. Amsden and J. C. Wallace were admitted as regular Stockholders and members of the association. The President ordered a meeting of the Stockholders on Monday, Jan'y 17th. The meeting then Adjourned. Thomas Creighton, Secretary

Munites of meeting of the Big Horn City Town Co held Jan'y 17th 1881.

Meeting called to order by the President. Munites of the previous meeting read and approved. Report of committee on Articles of association and by laws, accepted and Committee discharged.

The articles of Association and By Laws were approved and accepted by the Stockholders as present by the committee, as a whole.

Motion made and Seconded that the number of Stockholders by and hereby is limited to Twenty (20) in number. The meeting then adjourned.

Thomas Creighton

Munites of Meeting of the Big Horn City Co held Jan'y 20 1881.

Meeting called to order by the president. Munites of the previous meeting read and approved. reading of articles of Association and By Laws.

By the unanimous consent of the Stockholders, W. F. Davies and J. T. Wolfe were admitted at Stockholders and members of the association.

Moved and Seconded that the Secretary send Articles of Association and By Laws to the Secretary of the Territory at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and also to the County Clerk of Carbon County at Rawlins Wyoming for record.

The Articles of Association were then signed by all the members and their signatures acknowledged by J. T. Wolf, Justice of the Peace.

The meeting then adjourned. Thomas Creighton Secretary.

several *the map on the last page*
For the next weeks, stories on the early buildings of Big Horn will be taken from the Big Horn Pioneers, and printed a few at a time in the Little Goose Post. There is available, at the Big Horn Mercantile, a map for 20¢, to accompany these articles, and readers can find and mark the locations of the various buildings. *the proceeds will go to the Big Horn Centennial Fund.* We hope you have fun, and learn of the early beginnings of Big Horn City, Wyoming Territory!

if you care to donate 25¢ for cash copy of 2. 5 p.
" From the Big Horn Pioneers, these excerpts from the chapter on "Early Buildings....on Big Horn Townsite", written by Joyce Dewey Billings, Tom Bard, Nadine Shaw Roberts, Patsy Myers Hanslip and Phebe Daly Macha. In parantheses will be the direction, Block number, and in some cases, the present owner of the property.

" The first building stood west of Norman Perry's lawn and faced south. (SW corner, Blk. 15). It was built of lumber from "Bear Davis' water power sawmill by Sackett and Skinner. (). It had a board roof with cleats over the cracks running from ridge to eaves. They used it for their general merchandise store and Big Horn Post Office from early 1881 until they moved into the present store and post office. (Big Horn Mercantile, NE corner, Block 15. Owned now by the George Harpers and rented by Skip and Kathy Israel. Mrs. Harper (Mary Langheldt) is the granddaughter of the original owner). The outer east wall was the first billboard and soon was pasted with paper reading "Beatty's Organ". That sign withstood the weather for many years and came to designate that building after it stood empty and used only occasionally for a place to serve a church dinner on election day. (No trace of this structure is left).

"When the big frame school house was used after 1884, the one-half block that is now Foster Bundy's yard was fenced. (West half of Blk. 22). The north end across the street from "Beatty's Organ" had a high board fence to obstruct the view from the road where the boys' and girls' toilets were, behind the building and divided by a high board fence. The rest of the fence was wire over which were plank stiles to the east and the west from the entrance under the belfry. The end of the half block now occupied by the Bundy house (now owned by Doris Reynolds) was the playground from which no pupil was allowed to go without permission, not even across the road to get a pail of drinking water from the ditch or, when that water looked dirty, to pump a pailfull from the yard of Professor Speigel... (NE corner of Blk. 23, ~~now~~ owned by Vera and Glenn Miller).

"On the southeast corner of the schoolhouse block was a five or six room log cabin with low walls and dirt roof. (SE corner. Block 22). It was spoken of as the "Thompson house" and later on as the "Grandma Perry house". Probably the Thompsons built it while they were living on the Hanna ranch because they were occupying it and boarding people when Tom Adams, the first foreman of the PK ranch, was shot by Dan O'Brien, who came from a saloon that stood south of where the Odd Fellows hall now stands. (SW corner of Block 16).

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FROM "BIG HORN PIONEERS", THESE EXCERPTS ON EARLY BUILDINGS, PEOPLE ON BIG HORN TOWNSITE. Written by Joyce Dewey (Billings), Tom Bard, Nadine Shaw (Roberts), Patsy Myers (Haulip) and Phebe Daly (Macha). In parentheses will be the Block number, identifiable on the map of Big Horn, available at the Big Horn Mercantile.

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A family named Snyder lived in 1884 on the west end of Brown Sinsel's yard. (SE corner, Blk. 16. Now the property of the Francis Logans). He raised sugar cane on the back of that block and also in Sackett's field south of the townsite. The West Side ditch was new and supplied the irrigation water. Mr. Snyder ran a sorghum mill that fall.

from the chapter on...

looked dirty, to pump a pailful from

from the time of Sackett's arrival

Blk 10

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To give a little perspective, it is approximately 4 miles from^h house No. 1 going east to the old highway; about 3 miles from there going south, to the road turning west past house No. 38. From there across to houses 20 and 21, it is close to 5 miles. The map is not in the absolutely correct proportion, but hopefully it gives a good idea of where everyone lives. Gertie Brownlee helped on this one, and we thank her.

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| 1. E. Good | 22. M. Marshall |
| 2. D. Greenig | 23. C. McCoy |
| 3. J. Berry | 24. B. Jegerski |
| 4. M. Tomsovic | 25. J. Zullig |
| 5. W. Loomis | 26. M. Stickney |
| 6. B. Sankkinen | 27. B. Shackelford |
| 7. J. Bradley | 28. V. Needham |
| 8. J. Wolfe | 29. E. Barbula |
| 9. L. Adams | 30. Fuel Tanks |
| 10. D. Palmerlee | 31. B. Sims |
| 11. D. Roberts | 32. T. Allen |
| 12. W. Maguire | 33. C. Babione |
| 13. D. Maguire | 34. T. Smith |
| 14. L. Kobold | 35. W. Haratyk |
| 15. T. Teter | 36. N. Atter |
| 16. C. Hosford | 37. D. Ballhorn |
| 17. Wright property | 38. H. Duncan |
| 18. E. Wright | 39. B. Davidson |
| 19. Garber feed lot | 40. To the C. Witzel and |
| 20. J. Schroeder and | 41. S. Burns residences |
| B. Price | 42. R. Snyder |
| 21. B. Knapp | 43. C. Ruprecht |
| | 44. P. Spracklen |
| | 45. C. Garber |
| | 46. P. Dennison |
| | 47. W. Daly |
| | 48. H. Jonsen |
| | 49. B. Campbell |
| | F. Johns (Bird Farm) |

ARABIAN RANCH

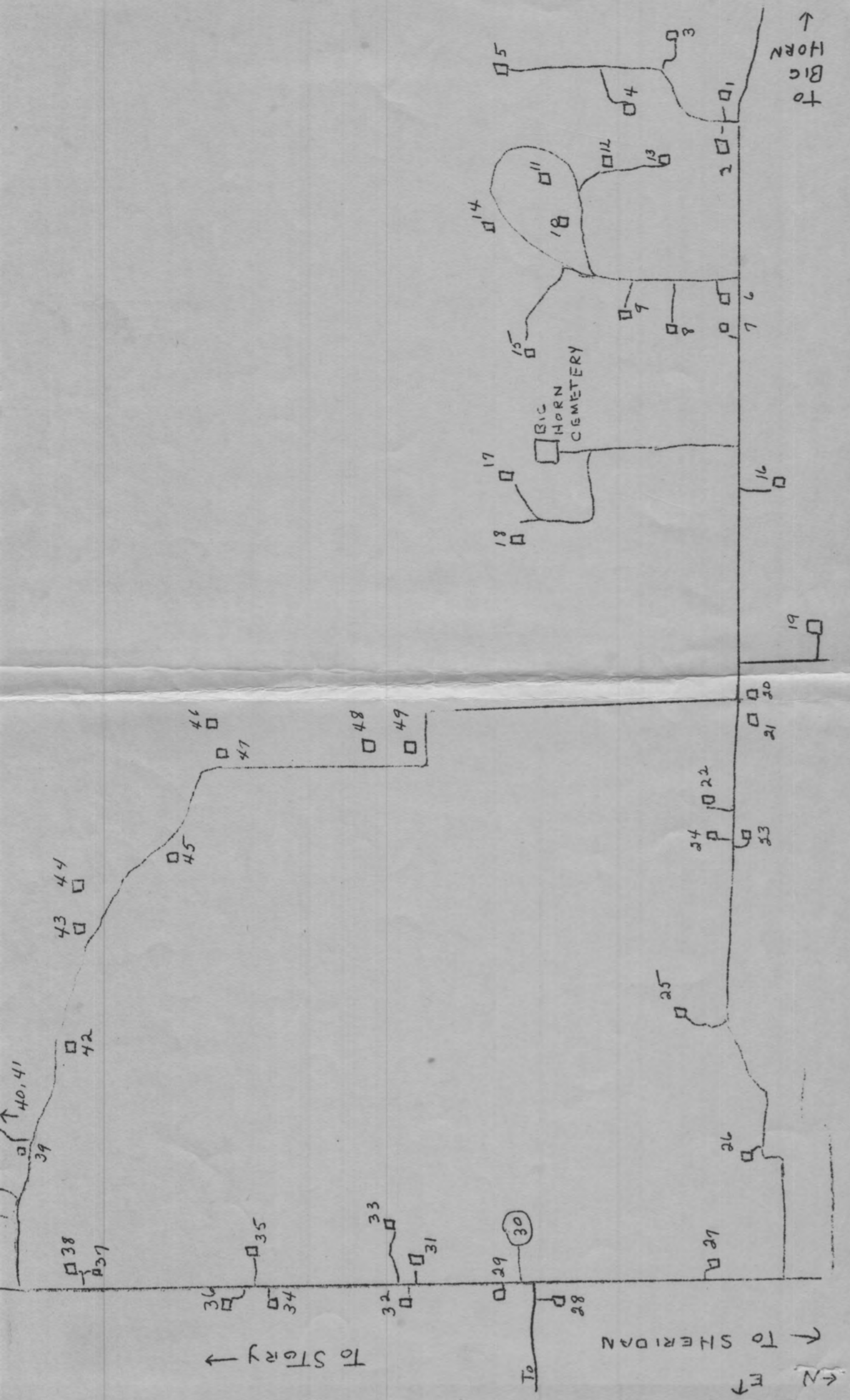
In 1937, S. Watts Smyth purchased, from Harold Hilman, a ranch nestled in the foothills of the Big Horn mountains. Since that time, some 40 years ago, Mr. Smyth and his family have been engaged in the business of raising and training horses.

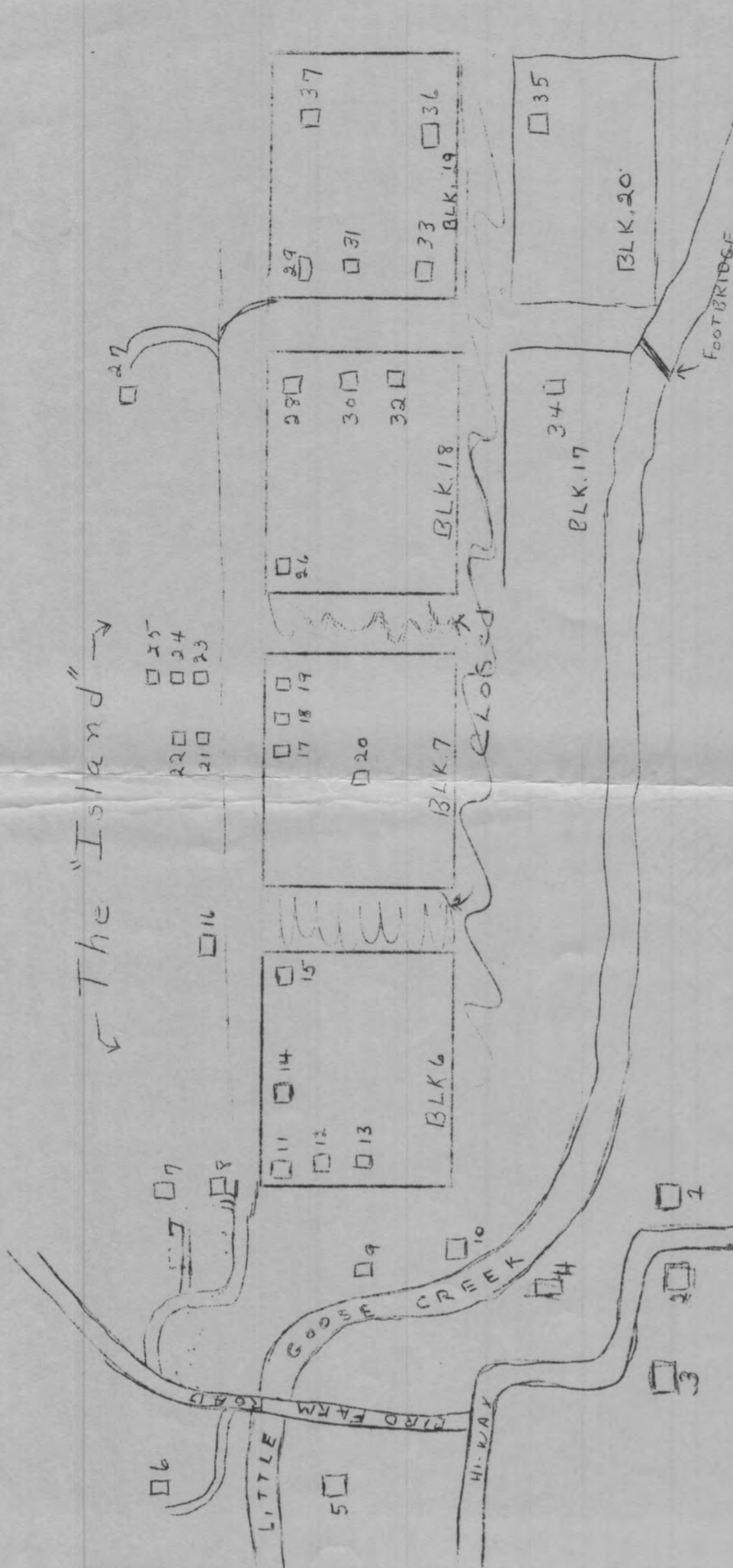
He began his enterprize with the acquisition of some mules, and had, then, the second largest jack in the United States. At the same time he brought some yearling purebred Arabian fillies from Tennessee, and bought a registered Arabian stallion, which had been at the Bradford-Brinton ranch. The Smyths have raised Arabian-Thoroughbreds, Arabian-Palomino, and for 18 years, raised midget Shetland ponies. They also had cattle for a while. Now the stock is exclusively Arabian, and there are some 90 head of purebred animals on hand, including 3 mature stallions--one grey, one chestnut, and one bay, all champions.

The Smyths' daughter, Jane, and her husband, Bill Schroeder, assist in the operation of the ranch. A granddaughter, Mary Jane Schroeder, does most of the riding and showing in competition. She is presently a Junior at CSU in Fort Collins, Colorado, majoring in Medical Technology, and keeps two horses there to work with.

Mack Johnson is the trainer for the Smyths, and the horses are shown all over the western part of the United States. This summer some of them will be taken to the Regional show at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the United States National in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and to the Canadian National in Calgary.

This is an interesting operation in that it involves three generations of one family, although Mr. Smyth says this is not unusual in the Arabian horse raising business. He also states that there are purebred Arabians (which he calls simply "Arabs") for sale, reasonably priced, almost any time, at the Cross U Bar in the canyon.





1. E. Lee (Big Horn Service)
2. F. Matthews
3. Rhw Loft
4. J. Quarterman
5. R. Hanslip
6. E. Hanslip
7. G. Griffith
8. C. Norris
9. B. Jarrett
10. V. Williams
11. G. Hoblitt
12. D. Molen
- 13.
14. J. Romanjenko
15. Ol Rose
16. C. Mitchell
17. S. Shanamen
18. D. Hamm
19. J. Hariston
20. R. Cox
21. J. Arnoux
22. C. Gillespie
23. D. Gates
24. J. Weber
- 25/ L. Alden
26. G. McCoy
27. B. Ackerly
28. V. Vine
29. J. Soison
30. J. Steigelman
31. J. Garcia
32. K. Blair
33. P. Nussbacher
34. F. Perry
35. J. Chase
36. Property of L. Haegney
37. R. Badgett

This map of "the loop" is the first in a series we hope to do in the next months. The scale is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch equals $\frac{1}{10}$ mile, but it isn't completely accurate. Helen Currie is helping in this project, and we thank her.

Here are the names to go with the numbers on the map. If any mistakes are found, let us know.

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| 1. Big Horn School | 44. D. Deuser |
| 2. r. Hanes | 45. E. Mygatt (Missed a little |
| 3. J. Batinovich | 46. O. Black house here. It's |
| 4. M. Jurosek | 47. A. Malone occupied by K. |
| 5. D. Loomis | 48. C. Turner Fleenoy) |
| 6. T. Johnson | 49. C. Hansen |
| 7. M. Blair | 50. R. Valdez |
| 8. J. Catterall | 51. Road to J. Marshall |
| 9. B. Merrill | 52. H. Bard |
| 10. L. Ruggiero | 53. D. Reno |
| 11. G. Caiola | 54. S. Black |
| 12. J. Omohundro | 55. P. Gregg |
| 13. J. Pelissier (son) | 56. J. Pelissier (Father) |
| 14. K. Luplow | 57. B. Badley |
| 15. Burgess, J. | 58. J. Mills |
| 16. H. Olson | 59. C. Stephens |
| 17. K. Smiley | 60. McMains, J. |
| 18. J. Weigum | 61. E. Moore |
| 19. R. Tesch | 62. C. White |
| 20. M. and T. Garber | 63. J. Anderson |
| 21. G. Garber | 64. M. Park |
| 22. D. Garber | 65. J. Arnoux |
| 23. H. Denius, Jr. | 66. H. Arnoux |
| 24. K. Howie | 67. E. Talcott |
| 25. R. Garber | 68. D. Kerns |
| 26. T. Malyurek | 69. R. Daly |
| 27. R. Baker | 70. M. Mortenson |
| 28. B. Noldner | 71. A. Schmid |
| 29. J. Garber | 72. W. Alderson |
| 30. J. Ruzika | 73. B. Schroeder |
| 31. M. Dixon | 74. B. Wallick |
| 32. Bradford Brinton | 75. L. Garland |
| 33. C. Beuf | 76. N. Moore |
| 34. W. Loomis | 77. E. Langelier |
| 35. E. Bettcher | 78. W. Mooreland |
| 36. P. Lassiter | 80. B. Helvey |
| 37. D. Blaney | |
| 38. G. Barkley | |
| 39. A. Fordyce | |
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| 41. M. Haratyk | |
| 42. R. Setliff | |
| 43. J. Stewart | |

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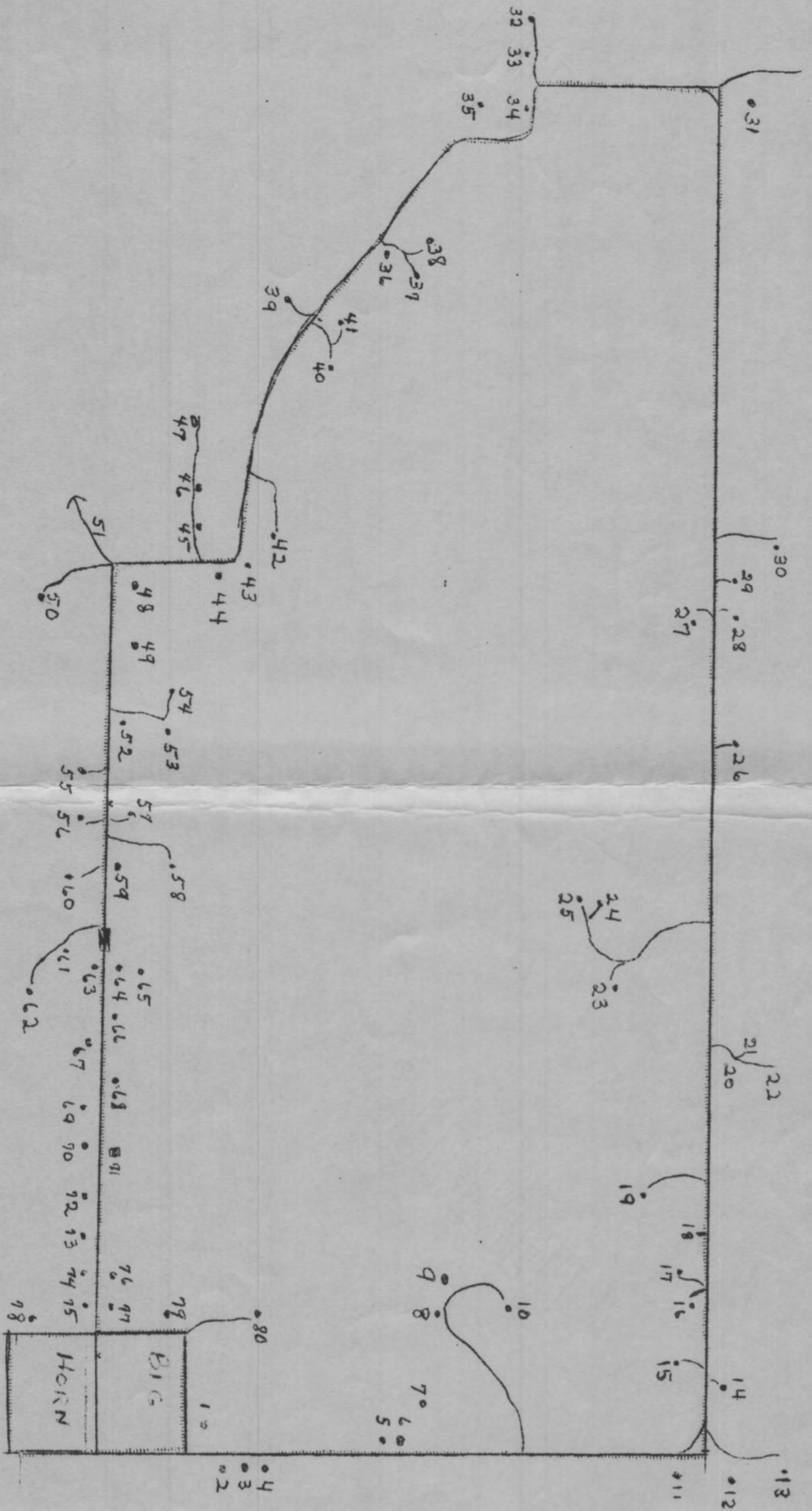
named Morgan Hager McCoy, and he arrived a little sooner than expected, but is doing just fine his mother says. His grandparents are C. L. and Carla Hager of Dayton and Chuck and Inga McCoy of Big Horn.

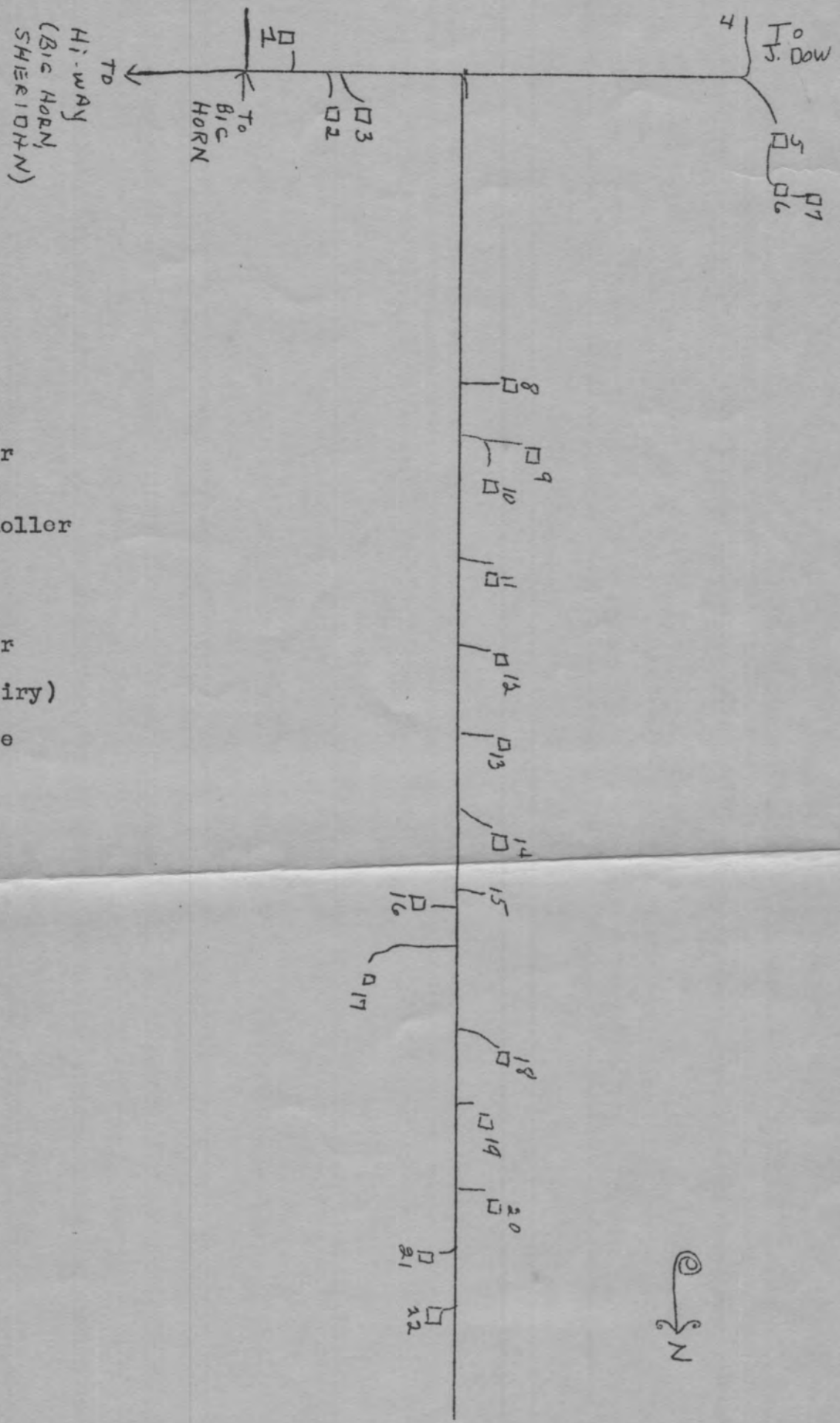
IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING

The school board of District 1 has scheduled a meeting open to the public concerning the building program. The date is February 22, the time, 7:30 P.M., and the place, at the Big Horn school in the lunch-room.

YOGA CLASS STARTS

Nine women and girls met last night at the Woman's Club to begin a class in Yoga, under the direction of Nancy Hall of Sheridan. Four more are registered, but there is still room for a few more, if you would like to come. Call 4-9069





1. B. Deaver
2. G. Arzy
3. R. Varcalli
4. J. Dow
5. V. Slack
6. W. Slack
7. L. McKenzie
8. R. Ebeling
9. F. Schrater
10. T. Schrater
11. W. Graham
12. W. Goodman
13. M. Winterholler
14. J. Johns
15. -----
16. J. Rotolo
17. H. Woolen
18. E. Roadifer
19. M. Harbel
20. L. Fox (Dairy)
21. D. Fox
22. R. McIntyre

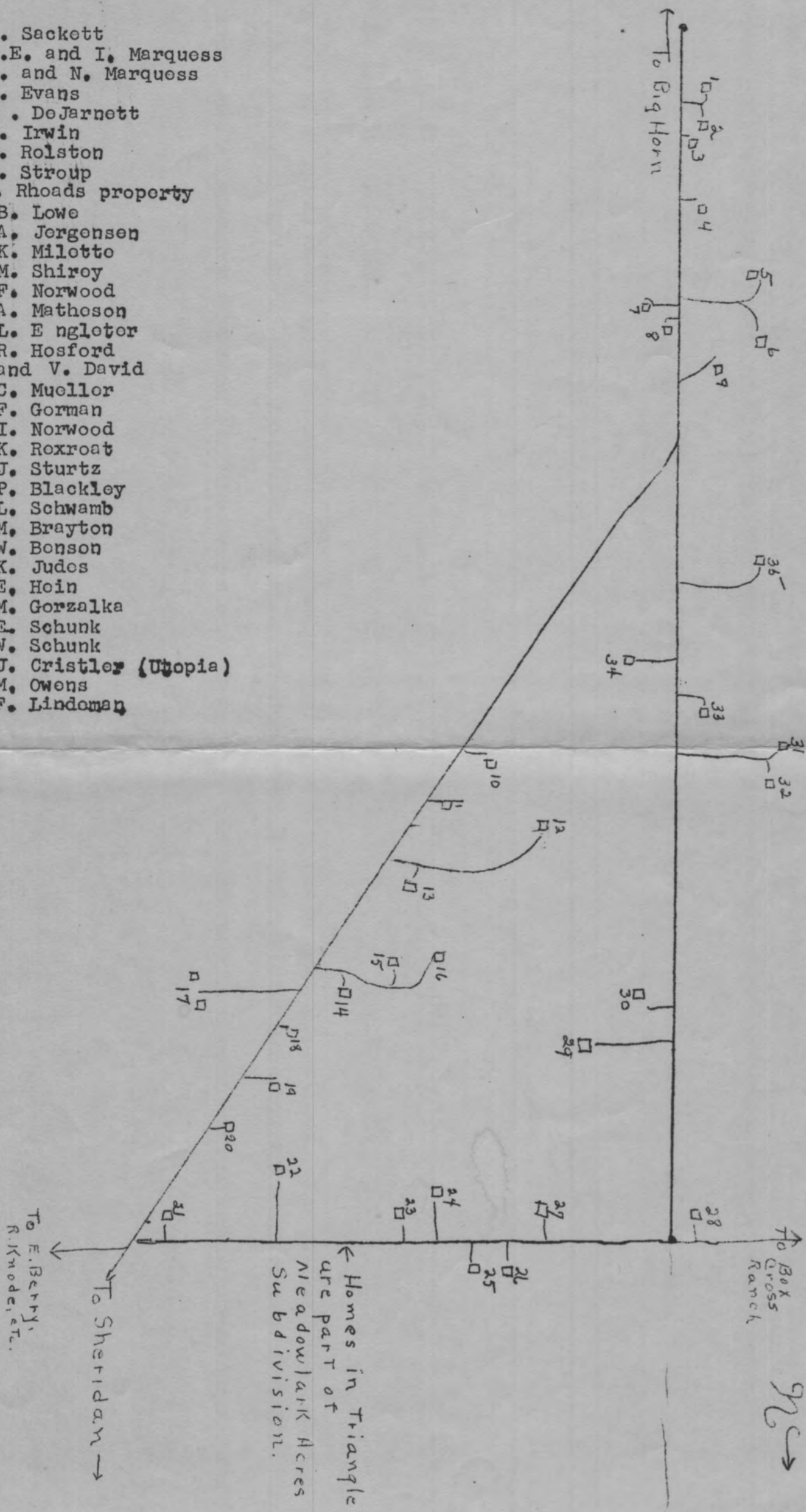
Elsie Hein has purchased the Ed Rhoads property, and will be moving in soon. She sold her former home, just north of Ed and Rosemary Schunk, to Bob and Evelyn Deaver, from Gillette.

Skip, Kathy and Richard Israel flew to San Jose, California on April 14, to visit with relatives and friends. Skip returned by plane April 17, the rest of the family will be home soon.

The Reece family, from Indiana, will be moving soon into the house owned by Siewekes. It is close to John Ruzika, on the upper road, SW of Big Horn. Mr. and Mrs. Reece have two sons, a first and a second grader, and he is a construction worker.

Going fishing? You can buy your fishing and hunting licenses in Big Horn now from Chuck and Dee at the service station. (Adv.).

1. L. Sackett
2. R.E. and I. Marquess
3. D. and N. Marquess
4. D. Evans
5. W. DeJarnett
6. C. Irwin
7. L. Rolston
8. R. Stroup
9. H. Rhoads property
10. B. Lowe
11. A. Jergensen
12. K. Milotto
13. M. Shiroy
14. F. Norwood
15. A. Matheson
16. L. E ngloter
17. R. Hosford
and V. David
18. C. Mueller
19. F. Gorman
20. I. Norwood
21. K. Roxroat
22. J. Sturtz
23. P. Blackley
24. L. Schwamb
25. M. Brayton
26. W. Bonson
27. K. Judes
28. E. Hein
30. M. Gorzalka
31. E. Schunk
32. W. Schunk
33. J. Cristler (Utopia)
34. M. Owens
35. F. Lindoman



LITTLE GOOSE



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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETS

A small but enthusiastic group met at the Big Horn Women's Club on April 30, 1981 to discuss on-going plans for Big Horn's Centennial Celebration. Bob Helvey, in the absence of Christie Love, called the meeting to order. Florence Spring read the minutes of the previous meeting, Jim Berry reported a total of \$284.60 in the treasury, and presented bills in the amount of \$62.90. Joe Baker, Chairman of the chairmen, gave this summary of the events thus far scheduled:

- Parade--9 A.M. to 10 A.M. Assembly at the Big Horn School parking lot proceed down the highway east to Johnson St., south to South Third St., west to Jackson St., North to North Second St., east to Main St., dispersal and/or showing in that area.
- Floats--4-H; Children's Little Theater; Bozeman Trail Inn; Girl Scouts Cub Scouts.
- Bands--the Shrine bands--Hillbilly, Oriental and Brass; the Big Horn School band, maybe.
- Rider Groups--Equestrianettes; Cross U Bar; Jim and Dolores (Sackett) Clifton.
- Riders--anyone in the community who has a horse, and wants in the parade, call Wilson Moreland or Joe Baker.
- Antique vehicles, wagons, teams--Bessie and LeRoy Sackett in Speed; Jackie and Victor Slack; Wilson Moreland; Raymond Hutson with several entries; the Draft Horse Association from Cheyenne (Earl Hanslip has offered to pasture all of these horses in the latter group for the day).
- Pioneers--will ride in parade with special recognition. Helen Currie is printing the cards for this.
- Characters--anyone care to dress as the Territorial Governor (Hoyt)? O.P. Hanna? Jack Dow? The James Brothers? Dutch Jake? Other? Let Joe know!

There will probably be prizes for the best float, riders, etc., but that is still being discussed. Come on, Big Horn residents--make a float get a horse-dress up--get in the parade and make it a good one!

Chuckwagon Breakfast--10 A.M. to 12 Noon--Big Horn Lions' Club in charge. Gene Griffith, out-going president, Jim Wolfe in-coming president. This will be in the fenced yard at the Big Horn Women's Club.

Displays at the Bozeman Trail Museum, Big Horn Women's Club. Call either Rosemary Schunk or Louise DeJarnett about showing your antiques or crafts. Open from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. (Showing will be in the buildings; selling will be outside in the booths, concession stands.)

Dedication Ceremony--Christie Love, Bob Helvey. 12 Noon to 1:15 P.M. The Girl Scouts will present the colors; speakers who have accepted to date are Judge Parker and Elsa Spear Byron; Bob is in the process of inviting the pioneers and their families, who will be introduced at this time. Edward Schunk is in charge of arranging for the sound system, bleachers, chairs, etc.; tree planting memorial--Adrian Malone, Bill Marks.

Booths and Concession Stands--Helen Currie will make signs for those requesting them. These groups have indicated that they want space--Red Grape Homemakers and Church Circle; Fire Department selling popcorn; Liberty Belles--food; Big Horn School Photography class--taking orders for pictures around the community; Centennial Committee--Pictorial booklet, other souvenirs; Big Horn Woman's Club--T-shirts, etc.; Sally Springer, reprints of Big Horn Sentinel; 4-H--Hot dogs and homemade icecream; Helen Edmiston, Margaret Logan--Centennial stationery. Call Joe Baker if you want a space!

Games, Races--Skip Israel in charge. Winners will get a prize.

Thank you, Carolyn Hoyt, for the beautiful Centennial Banner across the road north of Big Horn!

Contests--Cliff Irwin, LeRoy Sackett. Prizes for the best costumes; Beards; fiddlers.

The games, races and contests will be during the afternoon, after the Dedication Ceremony and before the picnic.

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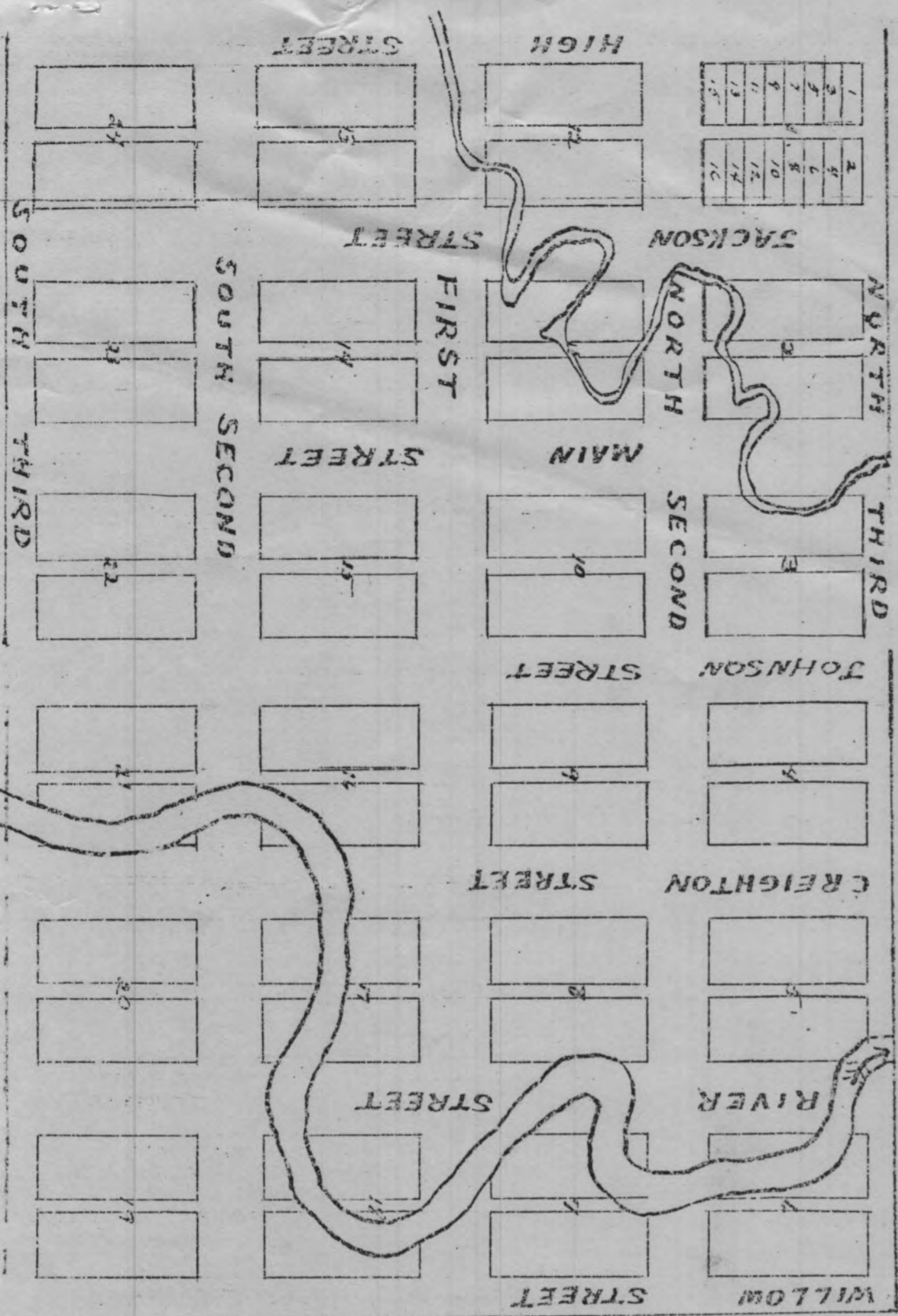
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BI-CENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN PILGRIMAGE

by Warren DeJarnett

It started in January, when Postmaster Jim Berry received the brochure, and it stated, "Three wagons will enter the State just north of Parkman, on September 6, 1975. These will be the Montana Wagon, and two escorting Pennsylvania wagons. Overnight stops on the northern route will be made at Dayton, Big Horn, Banner, Buffalo, etc".

A meeting was called here in February of representatives of the various community organizations, and the go-ahead was given. The much involved application was submitted on March 31 for BiCentennial designation. Congressmen and other officials were contacted. A \$1500 grant was approved, and status came on May 22. The Flag Raising Ceremony was held on August 1, by the hitching posts at the 1882 Sackett and Skinner Store (The Big Horn Merc). Presentations were made by Mabel Brown, Rae Hellen, regional director, and Pat Hall, Wyoming director. Pioneers of the area were honored.

It appeared that the next event would be the Wagon Train Pilgrimage, but dates were conflicting, and at one time the proposed stop was questionable. The committee met on September 5 to make plans for an event that might not occur!

With some skepticism, Louise and I set out the following day to obtain first-hand information of the whereabouts and plans of the wagon train. Wyola gave the first answer and some calls by John Ryan, train manager provided the second. Big Horn was definitely scheduled--in just 42 hours!

When the wagons were sighted, adverse thoughts vanished, and enthusiasm took over. To our surprise, the train was being led by Indian boys on horseback, their bodies all brightly painted for the occasion. The little Indian girls, with their sleek black hair in braids, and wearing pretty, colorful dresses were riding in the wagons. They led the visitors to the camping grounds in a meadow of tall grass, by the mountain stream that would have delighted the early day travelers. In spite of what we have heard of militancy and racial problems, there was no evidence of it here--just sharing of the grass, common interests and friendship.

We were soon talking with members of the wagon train who expressed interest in coming to Big Horn. What would they like to eat? There was only one answer, "Fried chicken". We spent that evening on the telephone. Ralph Blaney was delegated Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and what a job he did! Helen Currie contacted the community through the school, and others got on the band wagon. No one has ever seen so much fried chicken at one time! The wagon train people were delighted, and about 300 people had that full, satisfied feeling!

Olin Rose, co-chairman, arranged for the Shrine Hillbilly Band to play, much to the delight of everyone. The program staged by the wagon train entertainers was excellent. The scrolls signed by all of the school children, and by almost everyone in the Big Horn community were presented to the travelers. They will be sealed in capsules, complete with a time bomb that will explode in 200 years. Perhaps someone at that time will identify a friend or relative of several generations past who resided in Big Horn, Wyoming!

Thanks are in order to all of the committee members, the Big Horn Woman's Club, the Liberty Belles! Homemakers and other ladies in the area who helped with the food and serving. Wilson Moreland was just wonderful in helping with the horses. He was assisted by Raymond Hutson, Mr. Abbot, and others. Big Horn people always seem to know what to do at the right time. Has this been handed down from the pioneers of the eighties and nineties? Many of us will choose to believe it.

Teachers, students and others turned out the next morning to see the wagon train move out. Some of us captured a memorable sight of the wagons leaving Big Horn near the back drop of the century-old buildings. It was fitting that the train was guided out of Big Horn by Brant Hilman, riding a mule, just as his great-great-grandfather "Bear" Davis did, when he guided trains in the South Pass area, and was an active Big Horn settler, back in 1879!!

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OLD TIMER WEARS A BIG GRIN

The smile on the face of old-timer Gringe Nester is as wide as the middle fork of Powder River. The reason for his happy countenance? His favorite "sweetheart on the Little Goose" is celebrating her 100th year of being. Yes, Big Horn "city" (so designated then) has now been in existence one whole century!

Plans for a birthday party for the lady are in the early stages, and will all come together in a hoped-for large celebration on July 26th. "Large" is presently defined as being much participation of the present residents of the community, and of former residents and/or their descendants. No attempt will be made to entice tourists, etc. With no public facilities, too big a crowd would be difficult to handle.

As one way of keeping people apprised of the project's progress, Cragley J. has decided to call the Post out of retirement, at least until July 26th. For the next few months local citizenry will find available at the Big Horn Mercantile (courtesy as always of Kathy and Skip) occasional copies of L.P.G.

Gringe says, "Start planning, folks! Men, get your beards growing, and ladies and kids get hold of some old-time duds. Those were good old days, and we can have more fun than a chicken in a wheat bin if we get to crackin' and all work together!"

If you are as enthused as is Mr. Nester, read on about the different committees which have been formed, and offer your help. There's plenty to be done!

***** COMMUNITY MEETS TO PLAN FOR BIG HORN CENTENNIAL

Following are excerpts from notes by Florence Spring, secretary of the Centennial planning group:

"On the afternoon of Sunday, January 25th, 1981, a group of interested people gathered informally in the Big Horn Woman's Club building...to start planning for a celebration...of the first hundred years of the town of Big Horn, Wyoming...

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"The third meeting of the group planning the Big Horn Community Centennial Celebration was called to order by co-chair Christie Love...March 1, 1981..

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"Livery barns and blacksmith shops were essential in the stage coach era. Sheds and a shop at the Sackett ranch were used from the time of Sackett's arrival. (This was just across Little Goose, east on the Bird Farm road, on property owned now by the Tom Hoyts). The building we call the museum (Bozeman Train Museum, in the middle of Block 21)...was soon built for shoeing stage teams. There was an early barn south of LeRoy Sackett (This refers to the filling station owned by Chuck Lee, SW corner, Block 5. The barn was south of that) that is said to have been built by J.A. Scrutchfield, who came here in 1883 helping Spears drive their livestock...That barn had been enlarged when it burned the dawn of August 19, 1898..."Walton" is mentioned as interested in a livery barn (?)...Coates advertised both a "feed barn" and a "blacksmith" (?). The feed barn that was remodeled into Thelma Custis' home and bar was the property of Mr. William Eckerson in the 1890's when he bought it from Mr. J. F. Lewis. (This property is called the "Last Chance Bar" and is owned by John Scherry and Bill Hepp. It is on the SE corner of Block 3)."

"Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lewis homesteaded the land Mr. Lovelace now owns. (This is the property of the Brinton Wrights, and is south of the cemetery. The land for the Mt. Hope cemetery was deeded to the community by the Lewis family. It is approximately 2 miles east of Big Horn on the Bird Farm road).

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