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Members of the Shoshone Indian Tribe are shown riding in the Historical Pageant of the Lander, Wyoming, Pioneer Days, July 4. The parade is an annual Independence Day event featuring people and events of the past.

Oldest Paid Rodeo Slated

America's oldest paid rodeo at Lander, Wyoming, is slated for July 3, 4, and 5. When the bucking horses come snorting and sunfishing out of the chutes, it will mark the 75th anniversary of the first paid rodeo ever to be presented.

This year's rodeo is under the auspices of the Wyoming Rodeo Association. Top ranked contestants are expected from all over the Rocky Mountain area.

One feature of Lander Pioneer Days is the Historical Pageant and Parade which will be staged at 10 AM, July 4. Famous historical events and characters are depicted. In addition, Indians from the Wind River Indian Reservation participate in full tribal regalia. Cowboys and interesting personalities also ride in the event.

Missing this year will be one of Wyoming's most colorful characters, Clayton Danks, who died June 24. Danks was several times world's champion bronc rider and also calf roper.

Rendezvous Tells Of Trapping Days

The Green River Rendezvous at Pinedale, Wyoming, annually commemorates the legendary get-together of mighty men who trapped beaver and broke trails across the West.

Their travels took them where no white man had ever gone before. Each year, they met to exchange their beaver pelves for the goods which would last another year - powder, bullets, traps, and finery for their squaws. It was also a time to recount daring deeds, meet long-lost friends, and engage in rough horse-play which could end in death. It was a time to blow off steam before going back to what surely must have been one of the most lonely, exciting, and dangerous vocations ever known to man.

The Sublette County Historical Society at Pinedale now stages a re-enactment of the fur rendezvous. Local people take the part of trappers, traders and In-

dians. Over 300 people are involved along with 150 horses, several wagons, numerous teepees and other trappings of the time. The costumes are authentic and the setting beneath the towering Wind Rivers is the same as that of yesteryear.

The Rendezvous is always staged the second Sunday of July, this year the 12th. It is held at noon, followed by a western, beef barbecue. Admission to the Rendezvous, which includes the barbecue, is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youngsters 10-16, and \$1 for children under 10. There is a Rendezvous religious service at the grounds at 8 AM conducted by the churches of Pinedale.

The first re-enactment was held in 1936. It has been held ever since with the exception of some war years and during the late 1950's. It is now a nationally recognized historical pageant. For photos of the Rendezvous see pages 6 and 7.

Incident Regretted...

Oregon Trail Discussed

Lander, Wyoming - The Oregon Trail and what has happened to it were discussed at a meeting here June 24. Representatives of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. met with conservationists and officials of the Bureau of Land Management to discuss damages to the historic trail.

Construction of the cable line along and across the Trail was termed regrettable. The ATT&T officials said their company would do everything possible to restore the damaged parts of the trail to as near original condition as possible. The right-of-way will be restored as much as possible and reseeded with native grasses. The company expressed a deep concern with the maintenance of a quality environment.

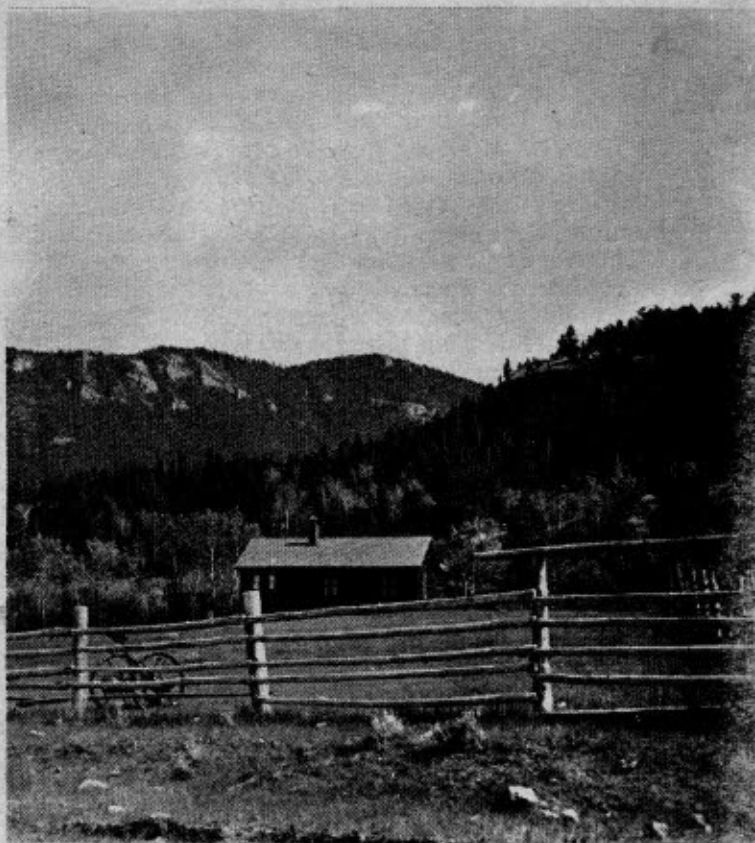
When asked why the cable right-of-way had been routed along the trail, officials said that for national security reasons the cable had to be about 20 miles from main arterial routes such as Interstate 80. When asked why the cable could not have gone north of I-80 by 20 miles, the reason given was because of terrain and access. No reason was given as to why the cable could not have been routed several miles to the south of the trail itself, especially along the Sweetwater River and into the South Pass area. The comment was made that for engineering reasons, the

trail route was relatively easy to follow.

All agreed that environmental impact studies could have prevented destruction of sections of the trail and violation of the integrity of an historic area. All agreed also that more careful

planning will be needed in the future to avoid environmental disasters.

The transcontinental coaxial telephone cable stretches from Boston to California. (For more on the problem, see the editorial on page 2).



This might be titled 'the little grey home in the West.' Whatever the name, it is a snug little cabin tucked away in the Absaroka Mountains of northwestern Wyoming.

Important Notice

We are planning a change. In order to provide our readers with a bigger and better newspaper, we will publish biweekly rather than weekly. Reorganizational change will necessitate our suspending publication until July 17. At that time, we will increase our coverage with even more features, stories, and photos of the Big, Mountain West.

All subscribers will continue to receive a full year's subscription.

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HIGH COUNTRY

By Tom Bell

I recently flew along the Oregon Trail as it winds its way through the lonely hills of central Wyoming. Here, a person imbued with historic appreciation could walk the trail as the emigrants had done well over 100 years ago. It was a land but slightly changed while much of the world had hurried on.

But now that has changed. While we flew above the Trail, bull-dozer were at work changing the lonely hills. They were clearing right-of-way for a transcontinental telephone cable - one of those signs of progress by which we measure our civilization. Some short stretches of the Seminoe Cut-off of the Trail had been dozed away and there were several crossings where the cable line cut the distance between two points.

Yesterday, I talked to representatives of the company doing the work. They are honest citizens doing a job. They are sincerely contrite - sincerely sorry for the damage their company has done. They pledged the resources of their huge company to repair to the best of man's ability that which had been undone.

It is not enough. What I saw as I flew over the Antelope Hills, coursing the tracks of history, made me not only mad but also sad. For here was an area literally untouched by man except for those hardy souls of by-gone days who fought heat, dust, loneliness, and ever present death.

Only last Fall, I accompanied a Bureau of Land Management field officer to the scene of a grave robbing along the old Trail. Sarah Thomas, a young girl, had died enroute to the promised land and was buried beside a green meadow. Some ghouls had uncovered her grave, removed the bones and scattered them about. We covered her once again and put the stones back that had covered the grave for 115 years. What a peaceful, quiet, and lonesome spot. I could ask for no better resting place.

Now, a main transcontinental cable runs a short distance away. The access road which is necessary is a permanent part of the landscape. The spell is broken. The damage has been done and no amount of money or man's good faith can restore the area. It is as if someone had taken a hammer to the Venus de Milo.

We can only ask, how did it happen? What can we do to prevent damage to our environment in the future? And the truth is that WE are all involved. It wasn't just the fault of a big company wanting a right-of-way, or their construction crew doing a job, or the Bureau of Land Management trying to keep track of everything going on our public lands.

If in my sense of history and appreciation for the sanctity and integrity of this wonderful area, I had done more to preserve it, I could feel better.

If the company had only taken time and made the effort to contact local people and determine what is considered valuable from an historic, ecologic, or aesthetic viewpoint, it could have made a difference. If the company had presented detailed plans far enough ahead for the Bureau of Land Management to determine the actual route was going to destroy historic values, the damage could have been prevented.

If the Bureau of Land Management had marked the Trail and set the Antelope Hills aside as a natural and historic site, it would still have its integrity. If administrative procedures had only been different, there would have been time to modify plans. (As a result of this episode, the administrative procedures have been changed.)

These are all big ifs but they must henceforth be considered. We never know where the next environmental disaster may strike. We had better start thinking about it now.

The new Public Land Law Review Commission Report addresses itself to this problem. Its 20th recommendation says, "Congress should provide for greater use of studies of environmental impacts as a precondition to certain kinds of uses," of the public lands.



The Bears Ears loom above horse and rider along the Bears Ears' Trail west of Lander, Wyoming. The trail, one of the entry ways into the Popo Agie Primitive Area of the Shoshone National Forest, leads to Washakie Lake, Grave Lake, and other beauty spots in the Wind River Mountains.

Letters To The Editor



Editor:

Will you please enter a subscription for our son. We visited in Wyoming twice a number of years ago - mainly in the Lander area. Both times were there for your July 4 parade. We visited on the Reservation at Ethete and stayed with the Wilson family. I'm sure there are many in your area who remember "Coach" Wilson and his wife Marie and the Adolph Wilson family at Ethete.

Our family has all grown and scattered now but we've never gotten the mountains and that wonderful fresh air out of our system and look forward to a return trip someday.

Sincerely,
Mrs. L. H. Tickner
Chicago, Ill.

P. S. We thoroughly enjoy our High Country News.

Editor's note: Yes, indeed, Coach Wilson is remembered in this area. The mountains are still here but the fresh air is undergoing change as it is everywhere. There are times when our countryside looks like the Great Smokies. Thanks for your subscription and your son's. The latch string is out anytime you want to return.

Editor:

I have read the very interesting editorial on the Clarks Fork Canyon in your High Country News and agree completely with the statements made therein.

Sincerely,
Zona Martin
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Editor: We're not outgoing, vivacious or exactly the outdoorsey type, but we do enjoy reading the High Country News. We have visited Wonderful Wyoming and seeing pictures of some of the places we have been brings back memories. Enclosed you will find a check for another year of your wonderful paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Snow
Salamanca, New York

Editor's note: Thank you for your vote of confidence in our paper. We are glad you like the paper and our Wonderful Wyoming.

Editor:

Enclosed is a brief history of the Order of the Mountain Goat. It contains the impressions the High Uintas left with Roberto Bouret and myself, plus an appeal to everyone to become aware of our environment.

I am a packaging machinery mechanic for Watkins Products, Inc., Winona, Minnesota, with a hobby of wildflower photography.

For information regarding wilderness trips write: The Wilderness Society, 5850 East Jewell Ave., Denver, Colorado 80222, or Malin Foster, Peace and Quiet Backpacking Trips, 236 D St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.

You may use what you desire of the material enclosed, but keep plugging for the conservation of our precious land.

Thank you,
Leonard Loppnow
Winona, Minn.

THE ORDER OF THE MOUNTAIN GOAT

The Order of the Mountain Goat is the inspiration of Roberto Bouret, an executive from San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was one of ten people on a Wilderness Society backpacking trip to the High Uintas of northeastern Utah. These mountains constitute the only east-west ranging mountain chain in the United States. The outfitters for the trip were Malin Foster and Robert McDougall of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Beautiful Hell Hole Lake and Basin, A-1 Peak (a 12,400 ft. challenge to the flatland people), the West Basin with Kermsuch Lake and its wily trout, the ever-changing colors of the passing sunlight, and overlooking it all the majestic Hayden Peak - this is the world as the Creator made it.

At the final evening camp fire, Roberto announced the plans for the order. There would be no dues or officers, but to remain in good standing, each person must send a pebble from every mountain they climb to the fellow members. Hopefully, this will not create another form of erosion. Several weeks after returning home, I received the official Mountain Goat stationery from Roberto and the matching (Please turn to page 3)



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Mike Frome Tours State

Mike Frome, internationally known travel writer and conservation editor for Field and Stream Magazine, spent several days in Wyoming last week. After visiting Custer Battlefield in Montana, he spent a day at Yellowtail Reservoir and the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area.

Frome was a keynote speaker at the American Association of Conservation Information annual conference in Cody on Monday. Following that meeting, he took a flying tour of central and western Wyoming. He was conducted on that tour by Tom Bell, editor of High Country News and executive director of the Wyoming Outdoor Coordinating Council.

Frome was shown the extensive mining areas in the Gas Hills and at Crooks Gap. In a flight over the northern edge of the Red Desert, he was shown the bull-dozed right-of-way for a transcontinental telephone cable. Along the way, he saw two bunches of wild horses and numerous antelope. He mentioned that he had also seen wild horses in the Pryor Mountains on the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area.

The party was met at South Pass City where the light plane was landed for a lunch stop. Bureau of Land Management personnel took Frome on a tour of the old gold mining town and explained plans for its preservation and development.

Frome was also shown the area of the proposed Bridger National Recreation Area on the west side of the Wind River Mountains, the Soapholes area along the Green River, the sites of proposed reservoirs on the Green River, and other problem areas.

At his talk in Jackson Tuesday evening, he said he had seen about a fourth of Wyoming, "and it all looks like a slum!" Last month, he had earlier referred to the environs of Jackson as being 'a slum.'

However, he said, "It is going to get better but whether it does is up to the people of Wyoming."

Frome castigated Wyoming Governor Stanley Hathaway and the Wyoming Ambassadors who recently were in Chicago to attract industry. He said he has been accused of being an outsider making emotional appeals but it is all right for the governor "to attract outsiders to come and rape the earth of Wyoming."

He said Wyoming advertises its clean air, beautiful forests, the Tetons, and abundant wildlife and fishing but, "They don't tell you about the damage being done."

Speaking generally about pollution, Frome said, "Have you noticed how all the industrial publications say they've been working on this for years? So many people have been working on it for so long, you wonder how pollution ever began."



Photo by Jan Jibben

Mike Frome (right), Conservation Editor for Field and Stream Magazine, and Vince Kiro, pilot from Jackson, Wyoming, listen attentively to HCN Editor Tom Bell before taking off on a flight over Wyoming's Red Desert and the Green River Valley. Frome saw a number of environmental situations involving mining on the public lands, the path of a transcontinental cable along and across the Oregon Trail, and the sites of proposed reservoirs on the famed Green River.



Construction crews clearing right-of-way for the transcontinental telephone cable being laid across the northern Red Desert of Wyoming. In the background is a loop of the Seminole Cut-off of the historic Oregon Trail. The cable line crosses and re-crosses the Trail in a number of places.

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envelopes from Philip Milton of Miami, Florida.

Roberto expressed some of the following when he wrote for the Sunday SAN JUAN STAR Magazine: "Today, the High Uintas are a part of the National Forest System, a primitive area designated to remain in a 'forever wild' state, a sanctuary of unspoiled nature, unmarred by human habitation, unlit by human waste. They are a great place to get away from it all - to escape to - and from which to contemplate the rat race left temporarily behind."

"We spent a glorious week there in September, 1969, traipsing over lush expanses of meadows, upon high ridges and peaks, exploring spruce forested basins filled with tarns, drinking from icy streams of intoxicating-pure waters, saw deer, elk, and found serenity. Sleeping under a canopy of a million stars, awaking in the cold chill of dawn to be warmed by a brilliant sun, eating delicious meals of reconstituted dehydrated foods, awed by the violent mountain storms (rain, hail, and snow which quickly pass, leaving everything fresh), photographing wildflowers, or just cloud watching - this is backpacking at its best."

The year 1970 must be the year of the awakening to "Environmental Awareness" if we are to preserve our fast disappearing wilderness. What better way to understand it than to visit it, become a part of it, see for yourself what it can do for you?

See you in the wilderness,
Leonard Loppnow

Editor's Note: Agreed - on all points. Thank you for telling us about The Order of the Mountain Goat. How many joiners do we have?



NBC Program Is Cancelled

Word has been received by the Bureau of Land Management office in Lander that the NBC television program, In Which We Live, has been indefinitely cancelled. This was the program concerning environmental problems around the country.

The next program was to have been on the mining activity on the public lands of the West. It was to feature the uranium mining, jade plowing and oil activity on Green and Crooks Mountains in Fremont County, Wyoming.



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Backpack, avoid the main trails, take your time.

By Charles W. Smith and Donald D. Wolcott

Make your own trails! We do and enjoy every second of it. We are a couple of backpack mountain travelers and believe it is the only way to go. Being confined to the demands of nine hundred students for nine months in Lander Valley High School at Lander, Wyoming, the freedom and challenge of high-mountain foot travel is just the right therapy. There is one thing we insist on, however, and that is avoiding the well traveled trails.

The latest, of what has become an annual adventure, began August 10, 1969, at the top of Blue Ridge, looking down on Upper Silas Lake. Our intent was to fish three of the least accessible lakes in the southern Wind River Mountains. Doing so, we visited three different Creek drainages in four days, Roaring Fork, Silas and Atlantic. We climbed within view of ten high-mountain lakes, all over 9500 feet.

Our first two days were spent fishing and exploring the area near Boulder Lake, at the head of Roaring Fork. During our third day, we climbed over Roaring Fork Mountain, down and across Silas Canyon, up and over the opposite canyon wall into the Atlantic Creek drainage. We spent seven hours that day rock hopping over huge boulder fields to reach two small unnamed lakes lying

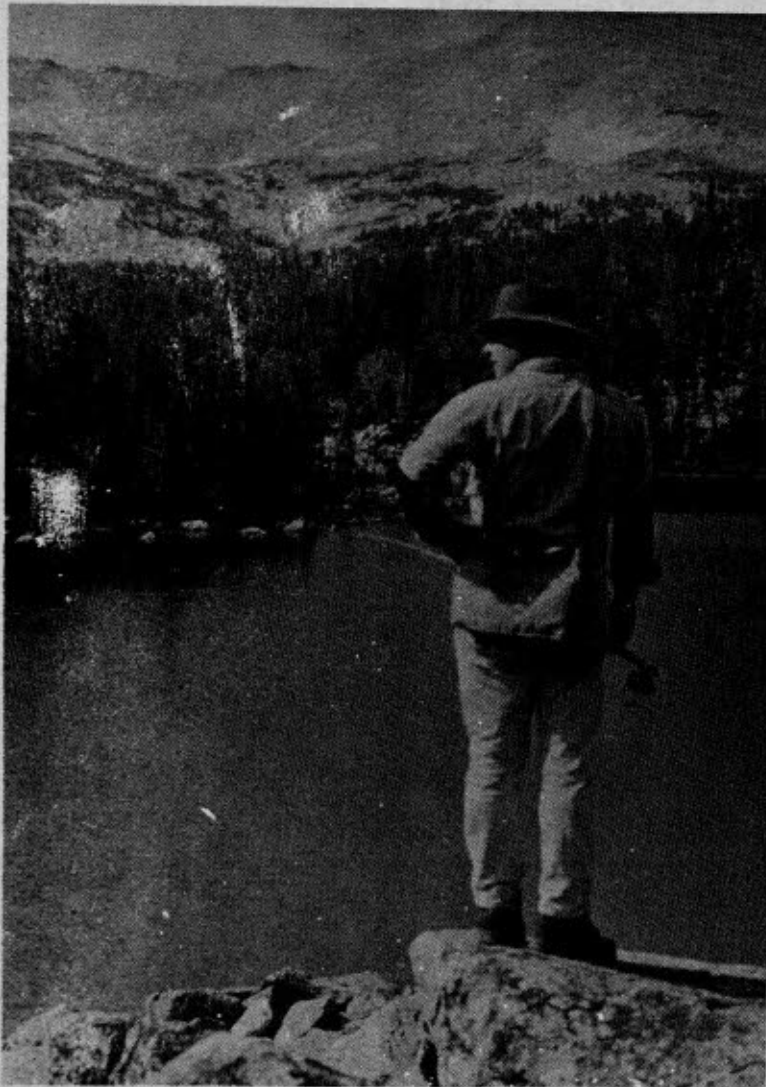
near the mouth of Atlantic Canyon. We carried 45 pound packs.

Our fourth and last day was the most grueling. We got up early, fixed a Paul Bunyan breakfast, plus enough grub for lunch, fished until noon and broke camp. Although there appeared to be an easier way back to the vehicle, we decided to visit Little Tomahawk Lake. Doing so, we had to climb to the top of the divide between Silas and Atlantic Creek drainages. From the top of the divide down to Little Tomahawk, around the inlet of Upper Silas Lake, and up Blue Ridge was done in a mountain shower. The rain-slick granite made the remaining bit of "rock hopping" slow and dangerous.

Arriving at the Scout did not mean the end of our journey. We still faced a three hour drive, two hours of which were negotiating the twisting, narrow, boulder-strewn obstacle course called the Blue Ridge "road."

In four days we explored a region without trails, found fish so hungry we had to bait our hooks behind trees, and to our complete satisfaction, we saw no other men. Tired we were, but the discussion in the Scout on the way back to Lander dealt with, "Where to next year?"

Photos by Charles W. Smith

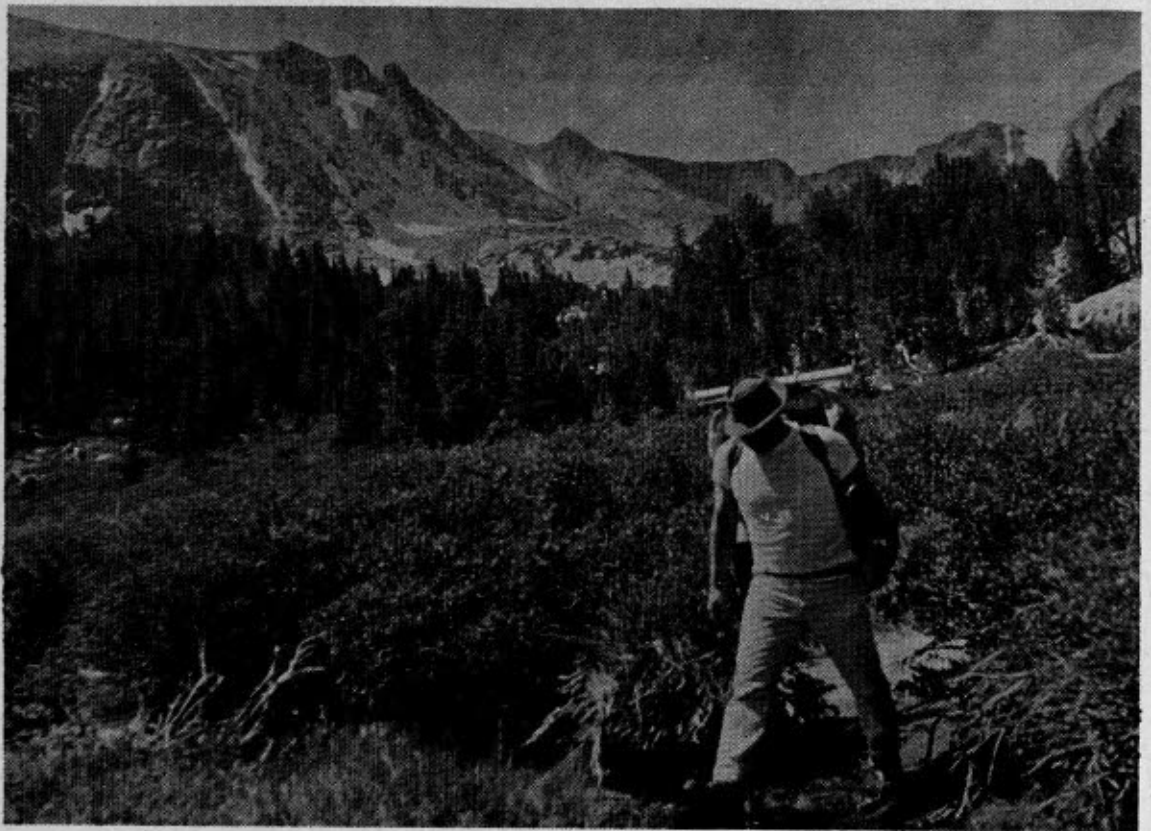


How do you get down there seems to be the question. But once there, the authors found this unnamed lake in the Atlantic Creek drainage to harbor trout so hungry the hooks had to be baited behind the trees!

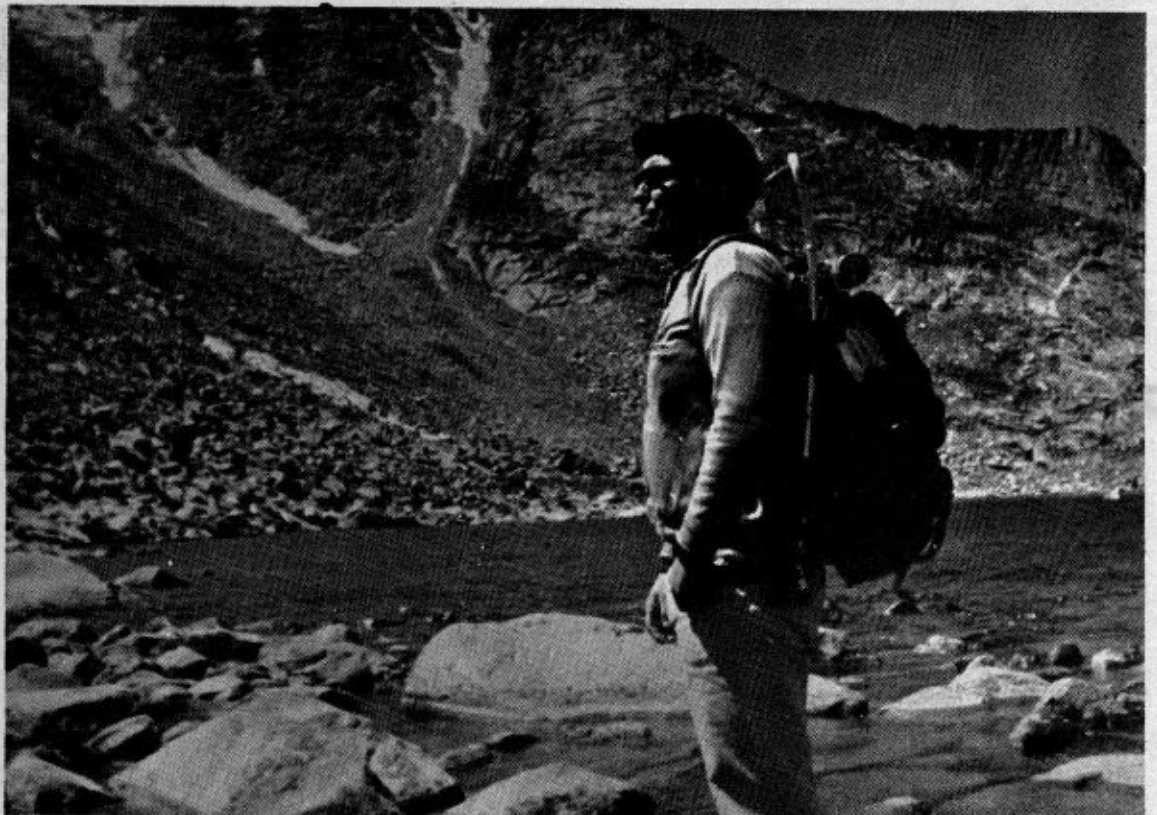
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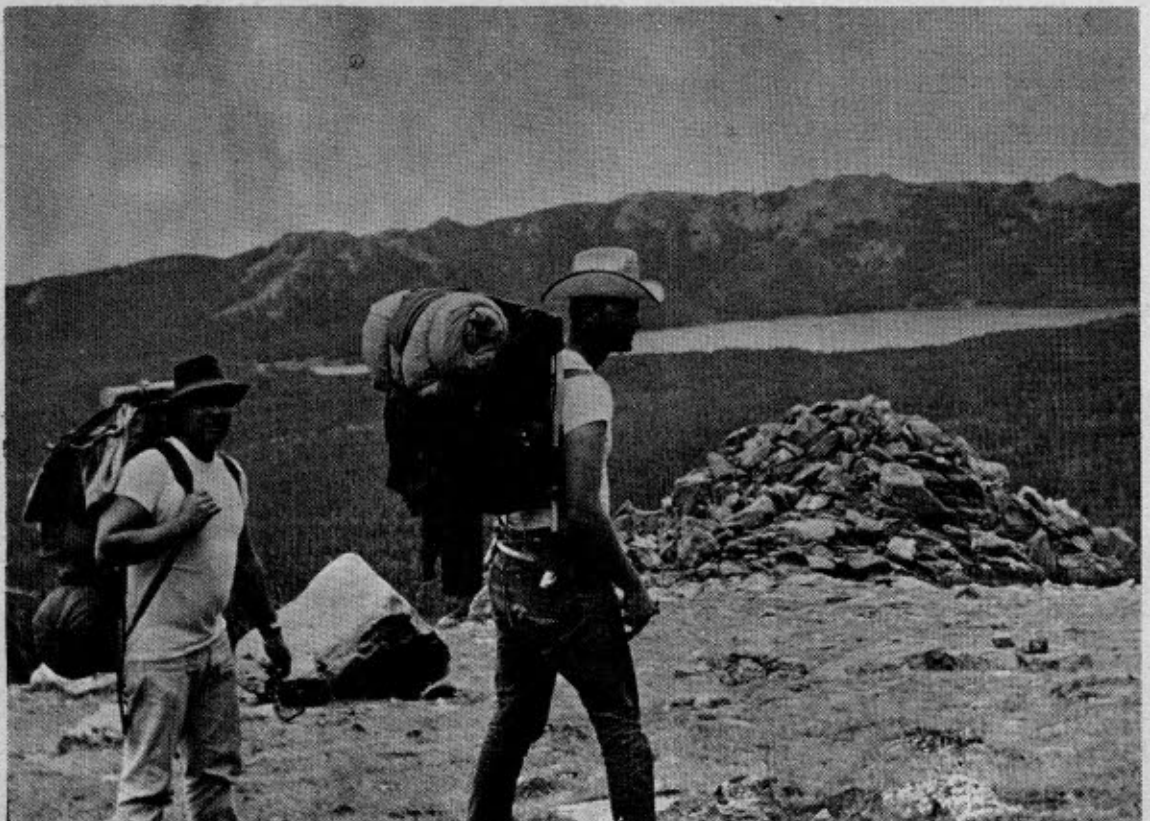
The only way to see the mountains...



An easy crossing along the trail in Silas Canyon. The Roaring Fork Divide on the south end of the Wind River Mountains forms the background.



A pause to rest beside Thumb Lake near the end of Silas Canyon. This beautiful lake above timberline offers the challenge of catching the elusive California golden trout. Co-author Don Wolcott surveys the scene.



Authors Wolcott and Smith stop for a breather and a look at the scenery from the divide between Silas and Atlantic drainages. Christina Lake lies in the background.

Backpacking...



The going gets rough when you go up and over Roaring Fork Mountain. This kind of country, where there are no trails and the mountains challenge the hardest backpackers, gets little use from fellow man.



The end of a perfect day finds you squatting beside a roaring fire with a hot cup of coffee at hand. Co-author Don Wicott pensively muses over the day's experiences.

Yellowstone's Historian Receives Service Award

Aubrey L. Haines recently retired historian from Yellowstone National Park, in a brief ceremony recently received the National Park Service Meritorious Service Award from the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. The award, signed by Secretary of Interior, Walter J. Hickel, cites Haines for his many years of devoted service and his outstanding contributions in the field of history covering Yellowstone National Park.

Haines began his National Park Service career in 1933 and has distinguished himself as a Park Ranger, civil engineer, management assistant and historian. His most recent contributions in the field of historical research has gained him recognition in the professional circles as the

leading authority on the history of Yellowstone National Park and the early history concerning the origin of the National Park Idea.

He is the author of several books which include, Bannock Indian Trials, Journal of a Trapper and Valley of the Upper Yellowstone. He is currently engaged in compiling information for a book on the development of the National Park Idea and the history of Yellowstone National Park which will be published in conjunction with the National Park Centennial Year.

As a direct result of Haines efforts, Yellowstone National Park has an extensive historical archive and research library containing a wealth of information on the early park movement and the history of Yellowstone. In

recognition of his outstanding service, Mr. Haines received a certificate of award and a silver medal.

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Dead Bald Eagles Found in Forest

Autopsies have been requested for three bald eagles recently found dead on the Ashley National Forest, Utah. The three birds, 2 immature and 1 mature, were taken to the Fish and Wildlife Service in Salt Lake City on June 2nd. Forest Service personnel collected the eagles along the Green River between Flaming Gorge Dam and Little Hole.

Hopefully, the autopsy will indicate the cause of their deaths.

Approximately twelve to fifteen bald eagles wintered along the seven miles of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam this year. The big birds fed primarily on fish, wounded or diseased water-fowl, and carrion. Most of the bald eagles had left the area and started migrating northward by mid-May.

Three dead eagles were also found in this area last spring. The Forest Service feels that the apparent decline of this majestic bird's population is very significant. For this reason, the organization is making an effort to determine the cause of the eagles' deaths.

Snake River Is In Controversy

Controversy continues to rage over the question of who owns about 8,000 acres of land along the Snake River in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The land has prime value for it borders the Snake River from Grand Teton National Park to below Wilson, Wyoming.

The Bureau of Land Management contends the lands were "omitted" when the original survey of the area was made in 1893. The survey was made at a time of high water when lower lands along the meander of the river were left out. The lands vary in width from about one fourth mile to almost two miles.

Ranchers and private citizens in the area have protested the government action. They say the lands were taken under homestead laws and have been claimed for years.

The federal government has already brought suit in one case affecting 323 acres and won the decision.

Clouding the issue is the report that gold placer claims have been filed on the omitted lands. Principal in the gold claims is Teno Roncalio, Cheyenne lawyer and banker and announced candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives. Roncalio is a former representative.

The 8,000 acres are considered to be highly important for recreational and wildlife purposes. Both the Wyoming Recreation Commission and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission have announced interest in the lands for public values.

Unconfirmed reports say Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel will visit the Jackson Hole for a firsthand look at the situation.

Here's Help in...

CHOOSING OUTBOARD

Selecting an outboard motor to go with that new boat you just bought isn't as easy as many believe. Just about everyone has advice for you, from your next-door neighbor to the local marina operator.

Here are a few generally accepted tips on choosing that new engine, from Johnson Motors, the boating people.

- Don't pick an outboard too large or too small for the boat. Most boats on the market today exhibit a "certification" plate, with the maximum engine horsepower prominently displayed. Never exceed, or go too far below, that recommendation.

- Consider how the motor will be used. There's no need for a powerful V-115 outboard if you're just going to use it for slow fishing or family cruising, for instance.

- Of course, the initial cost and operating expenses of the engine must not be ignored. Examine the warranty. A two-year warranty, backed by a reputable dealer and a manufacturer with a reputation for dependability, should be just as much a factor in the decision as the retail price of the motor itself.

With today's wide selection of outboard power on the market, from a mini-motor 1½ to giant V-4 prop-spinners turning out 115-horsepower, there's sure to be an outboard that's just perfect for your boat.

Don't be afraid to ask for help from a reputable outboard dealer. It's his business, and he stands ready to help you get more fun than ever before out of the wonderful world of boating.

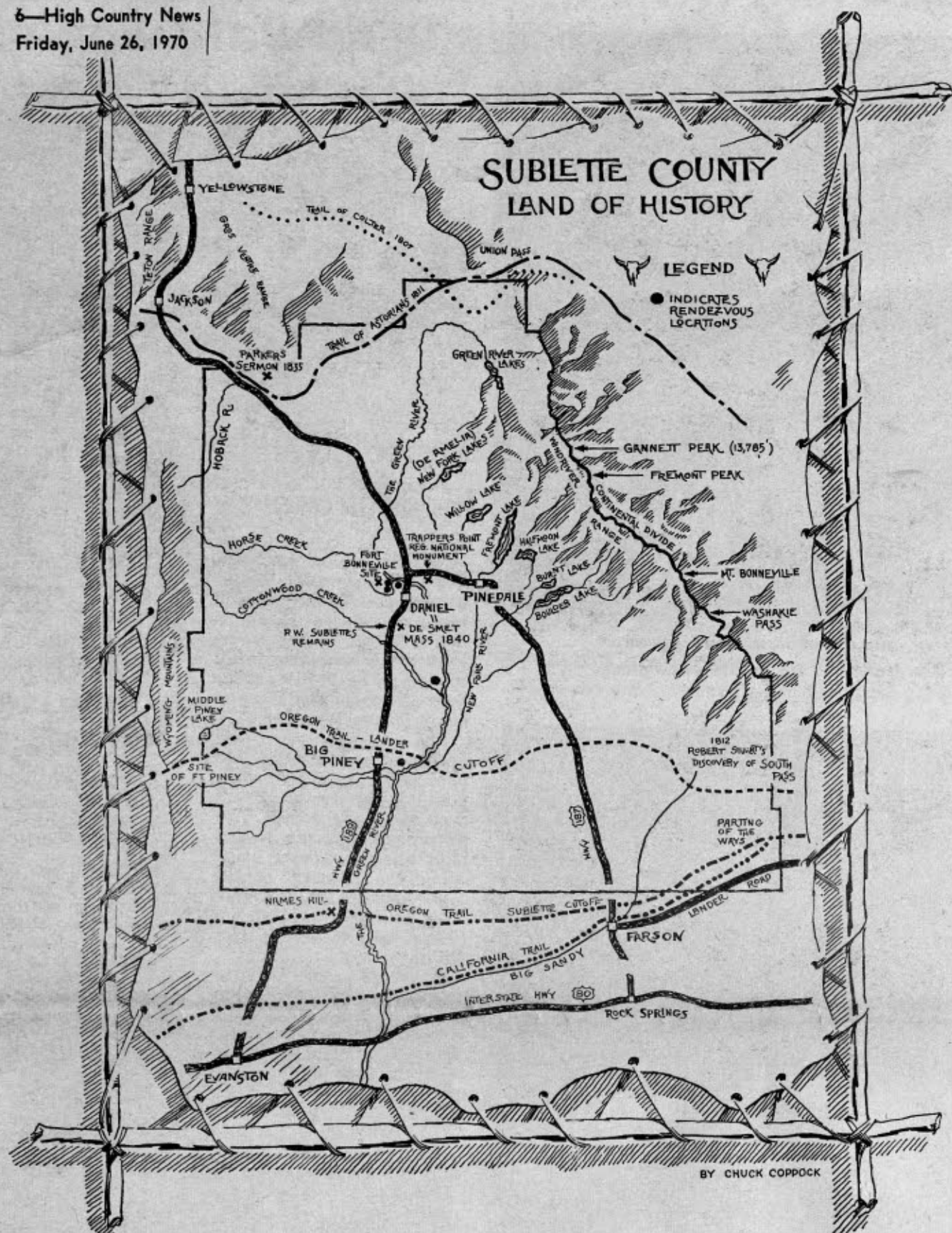
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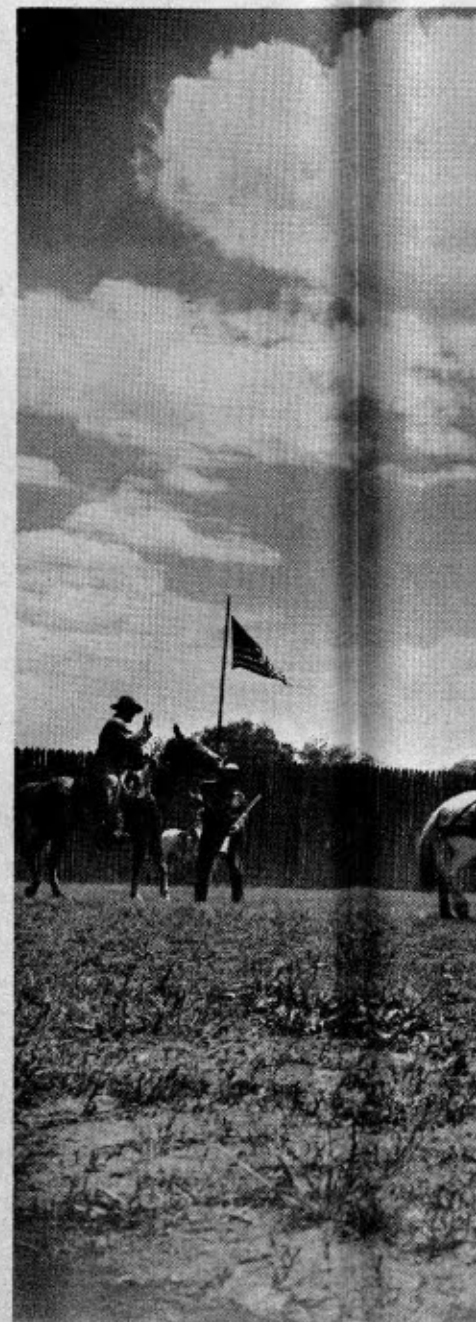
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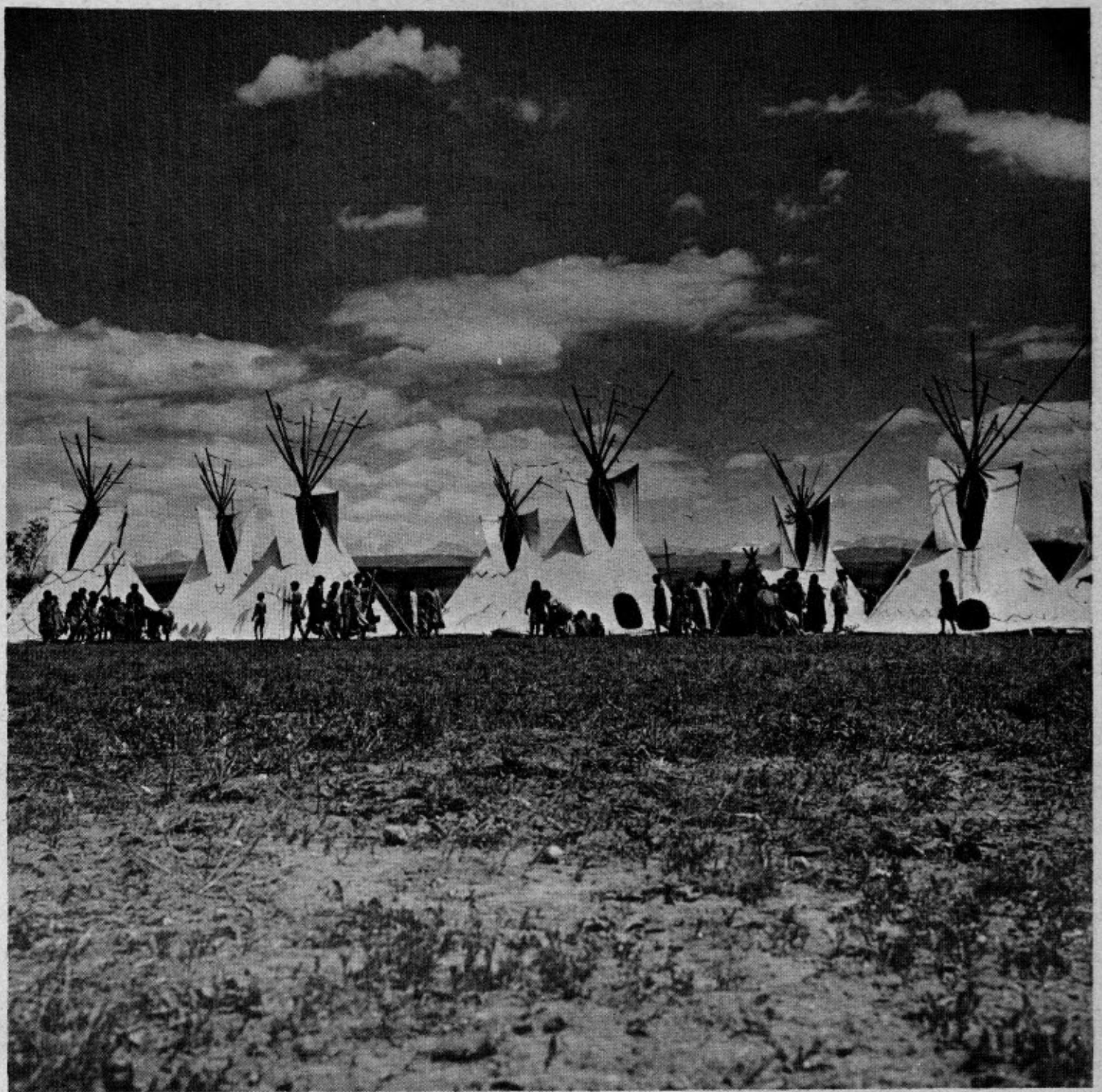
Horses gallop and Indians w noon on July 12 this year. The se the towering Wind River Mounta same backdrop as that you would the company of Jim Bridger. This West is a sight worth seeing.



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NRA Backs Park, Recreation Bill

WASHINGTON -- The National Rifle Association of America, by resolution, has endorsed S. 1708, a bill co-sponsored by Senator Cliff Hansen to provide for return of federal surplus lands to the states for parks and recreation at no cost.

"NRA's position was stated unanimously by our Board of Directors during their 1970 annual meetings, and is forwarded for your information and consideration," NRA Secretary Frank Daniel said in a June 17 letter to Hansen.

The bill passed the Senate earlier. The NRA resolution reads as follows: "Whereas, the enactment of this bill into law would be of immense benefit to the parks, recreation and open space needs of the citizens of this nation; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America, assembled in Annual Meeting here this 7th day of April, 1970, endorses the principle of transferring available parcels of federal lands at discounts up to one hundred

per cent to state and local governments for purposes of providing public parks and recreation, and urges speedy enactment by the United States House of Representatives of S. 1708, as passed by the United States Senate."

Although it can twist and dodge with great dexterity, the weasel is not a fast runner. In a foot race, even a short-winded person can overtake it.



Campers' Tips

BY EARL DURAN

PURE WATER AND SANITATION

Planning to camp down along your favorite stream or lake, only to be confronted with a sign saying: "Do not drink creek water, not fit for human consumption"?

Well, regardless of whether your favorite river or lake isn't listed in the top ten, don't feel too glad. Your river isn't clean. There is not a single river, lake, or stream in America that isn't contaminated or polluted in one way or another. And because of this - our foul rivers, the lakes they empty into are becoming graveyards for fish, fowl and mankind's hopes of enjoying the world GOD gave us.

Away from a water source known to be unsafe, it is wise to carry your own supply for drinking. Those who go by camper or trailer carry their own supply with them. A 20 gallon tank of water will provide drinking and washing for a family of four for about 10 days, figuring on half a gallon per day. In hot areas double that amount. In areas where you are not sure of the water, check it out first.

Safe drinking water is provided at all public camp sites. When children are sent for water, remind them to turn the faucet off. Park rangers and other campers take a dim view of people who waste water or who monopolize the faucet to wash their dishes, their clothes, or themselves.

Deep in the wilds most freely running water is drinkable. Least likely to be contaminated is a spring, next to a stream. Check running water at least half a mile upstream to see whether there are any impurities flowing into it. Ponds are undependable, although a large lake usually is all right. Clear brown water, usually colored by tree roots, notably cypress, is perfectly safe. Strain through a clean cloth to remove bark or leaves.

Draw water from a point upstream from your camp site. If you have doubts, boil drinking water for at least ten minutes. To correct the resulting flat taste, aerate water by pouring it from one container to another. A Halazone decontamination tablet will make a pint of water safe in two minutes, but leaves a distinctive taste.

Sanitation is another must on your list while camping in the woods. At most all public

camp sites, some kind of sanitary facilities are provided. Most feature enclosed latrines, but at some of the newer national and state parks, flush toilets are provided along with wash-basins and showers. Sometimes you may be lucky enough to have hot water. In these camps you can expect regular garbage pickups and refuse cans conveniently located.

But out in the wilderness, the facilities will be what you make them. For a latrine, pick a secluded spot downhill and a distance away from both camp site and water supply. Dig a trench at least 2 feet deep and narrow enough to straddle. A small shovel or entrenching tool will do the job. Leave the dirt piled nearby for scraping into the trench after use. If you have chlorinated lime along, sprinkle it in the trench. Place a roll of paper on a forked stick and cover with a tin can or plastic bag. If greater privacy is desired, make side walls of an old tarpaulin or blanket. Seats can be made from logs or boards.

Most garbage can be burned if your fire is hot enough, and the residue buried. Burn tin cans, too. Then flatten and carry them back out to a disposal source. Garbage that is buried without burning is often dug up by animals.

Your personal cleanup area should be situated away from the camp kitchen. Hang a metal mirror on a tree and use makeshift hooks or a line to hold individual towels. Bathing will probably be done in a lake or stream when temperatures permit, but in cold weather construct a shower. Punch holes in a large can and hang it from a tree. Heated water then can be poured into the can.

Remember this is your land, protect it, for now as never before, pollution is a reality in America. The future of our land rests in the hands of those of us who still love the outdoors, who enjoy a relaxing stay along a stream or lake in some far off mountain valley.

Man has lost the capacity to foresee and to forestall. He will end by destroying the earth.

Albert Schweitzer.

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by Zane E. Cology

Progress, of course, will prevail,
And the cable be laid without fail—
In these wide-open spaces
Can't they find other places?
Must they dig up the Oregon Trail?

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Fly ash, the bane of coal-burning utilities, is being used as an oil well cementing material. Such use makes it profitable to remove the ash thereby reducing air pollution.

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A chemical with the trade name Dibrom is to be tested in New Mexico against a massive outbreak of range caterpillars. Ranchers who earlier used toxaphene have had a suit brought against them by Texas officials who claimed that poison would infiltrate 11 city water supply systems.

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Golden eagles have been found to prey almost exclusively on jack rabbits during the nesting season in southwest Idaho. Graduate studies conducted by the University of Idaho have found no evidence of depredation on livestock during the nesting period. The area studied has one of the largest concentrations of eagles known. It was also found that organo-chlorine pesticides are causing a decline in numbers of the eagles.

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Another threat to salmon in the Columbia River has arisen because of the possibility of using Bonneville Dam as a re-regulating reservoir. The water level could fluctuate 12 1/2 feet daily, endangering fish hatcheries, fishing, and boating.

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Heavy loss of fish by "gas bubble disease" was played down by an Army Corps of Engineers biologist in the Snake and Columbia Rivers. The disease is caused by a supersaturation of nitrogen as water tumbles over the spillway of a high dam. Many trout, salmon, bass, and catfish have died from the disease in the Pacific Northwest this Spring.

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The Montana Fish and Game Department has had more than two tons of pesticides, mostly DDT, delivered to its receiving station in Billings during the past two months. The Department has offered to collect and dispose of all unwanted pesticides.



A lone boater makes his way down Boysen Reservoir near Shoshoni, Wyoming. The man-made lake is a favorite of pike fishermen, as well as water skiers and boaters.

Photos, Yes Tracks, No Is Advised

"Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints" is the National Park Service's advice to the millions of visitors to America's 34 national parks.

It is also the philosophy behind the new publication "Kodak Guide To America's National Parks." The words are appropriate, because the book describes how pictures can help visitors remember the wonder and beauty of the parks, share these memories with family and friends and leave the parks unmarked for the millions who follow in their "footsteps."

The soft-cover book is the result of a team-up between Michael Frome, noted conservation and travel writer, and the photographic experts of the Eastman Kodak Company. It provides readers with a vivid description of the wonders of nature and how best to record them on film.

Frome directs you to the most picturesque areas of the parks, and passes along his knowledge of their history and special attractions. He points out views, rock formations, plants, animals and other park features that you will want to include in the picture story of your visit.

The book includes maps of the parks, tips on how to make your pictures most interesting and colorful, and 32 pages of color photographs.

The 128-page book can be obtained from Kodak dealers everywhere, or by sending \$1.50 to "Kodak Guide America's National Parks," P.O. Box 9799, St. Paul, Minnesota 55177.



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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTERN FARM BUREAU LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
P. O. Box 5087 - Denver, Colorado 80217
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$5,313,345.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$947,516.86
Losses Paid	\$143,360.03
Losses Incurred	\$177,891.17

Total Admitted Assets	\$31,159,432.50	
Liabilities Except Capital		\$29,397,326.94
Capital Stock Paid Up		\$362,400.00
Surplus Over Liabilities		\$1,399,705.56
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$31,159,432.50	\$31,159,432.50

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$9,003,461.41
Expenditures for year ending December 31, 1969	\$8,600,611.06

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 1970

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
THE WESTERN FIRE INSURANCE CO.
14 E. First St., Fort Scott, Kansas 66701
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	\$375,674.32
Losses Paid	\$108,956.04
Losses Incurred	\$271,992.52

Total Admitted Assets	\$81,092,601.21	
Liabilities Except Capital		\$55,986,609.47
Capital Stock Paid Up		\$2,000,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities		\$23,105,991.74
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$81,092,601.21	\$81,092,601.21

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$50,048,594.06
Expenditures for Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$46,452,620.65

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 1970

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
385 Washington Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$606,591.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$48,548.93
Losses Paid	\$11,145.71
Losses Incurred	\$19,676.93

Total Admitted Assets	\$184,346,433.03	
Liabilities Except Capital		\$163,624,067.84
Capital Stock Paid Up		\$10,000,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities		\$10,722,365.39
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$184,346,433.03	\$184,346,433.03

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$45,157,308.95
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$35,504,037.33

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

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Independent Agency Asked By Senator

In another move to gain an independent and objective study of clearcutting lumbering practices in the mountain forests of Wyoming, Senator Gale McGee, D-Wyo., has called on the President to include regulation of the nation's natural resources in a new independent agency to protect the environment.

Writing in a letter to the President, Senator McGee agreed that an independent agency charged with environmental protection is a valid concept.

"An Environmental Protection Administration regulating all programs now administered by a horde of departments, Senator McGee said, "is probably the only way to eliminate duplication, wasteful spending and internal jurisdictional jealousies and get on with the job of protecting the environment."

An important aspect of protecting the environment McGee said, includes regulating natural resources and balancing recreational use against industrial need.

"Probably the greatest benefit from an independent agency reviewing national environmental problems is avoiding the common fault of separate agencies who sit in judgment of themselves, never admitting their failures," the Senator added.

Specifically, McGee referred to the problem he has had in convincing the Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service that an independent Blue Ribbon Commission examining timber-cutting practices in Wyoming would not only benefit the state, but would be in the national interest as well.

"Conservationists admit there are some areas and some situations where clearcutting is warranted," Senator McGee said, "but the fact remains that the Department of Agriculture's arrogance demands that only it can sit in judgment of itself. The Forest Service pretends to be responsive to the needs of an objective evaluation of lumbering techniques by appointing (and then only after considerably prodding) an in-house "study group" from its own ranks."

Senator McGee concluded his letter recommending that the President include "timber-management policies" for the nation's national forests under the jurisdiction of the projected Environmental Protection Administration.

"Only in this way," said Senator McGee, "can we be reasonably assured that our national forests will be protected for generations to come."

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING WORLD SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 307 West Seventh Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$110,000.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$7,920.34
Losses Paid	None
Losses Incurred	None

Total Admitted Assets	\$34,481,823.82
Liabilities Except Capital	\$29,865,898.94
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$1,640,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$2,975,924.88
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$34,481,823.82

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$11,272,043.77
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$10,965,102.33

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING YOSEMITE INSURANCE COMPANY 717 Market Street San Francisco, California 94103 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$95,078.25
Gross Premiums Received	\$95,078.25
Losses Paid	\$8,742.24
Losses Incurred	\$9,662.24

Total Admitted Assets	\$17,209,166.52
Liabilities Except Capital	\$13,382,273.32
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$2,100,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$1,726,893.20
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$17,209,166.52

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$19,110,355.76
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$14,078,643.90

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING ZURICH AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 111 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	
Losses Paid	None
Losses Incurred	

Total Admitted Assets	\$5,337,100.41
Liabilities Except Capital	\$3,035,722.19
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$800,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$2,301,378.22
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$5,337,100.41

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$2,601,147.18
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$2,467,544.91

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING ZURICH INSURANCE COMPANY 111 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	\$20,548.68
Losses Paid	\$5,024.87
Losses Incurred	\$32,928.00

Total Admitted Assets	\$244,154,352.97
Liabilities Except Capital	\$165,245,041.00
Capital Stock Paid Up Statutory Deposit	\$600,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$78,909,311.97
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$244,154,352.97

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$117,855,159.65
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$114,288,415.83

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING WESTERN MUTUAL LIFE AND CASUALTY COMPANY 915 Main Street, Rapid City, S.D. 57701 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$9,450.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$1,428.74
Losses Paid	\$140.00
Losses Incurred	\$140.00

Total Admitted Assets	\$1,724,466.24
Liabilities Except Capital	\$1,491,148.35
Capital Stock Paid Up	—0—
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$233,317.89
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$1,724,466.24

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$579,923.60
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$478,468.61

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING WESTERN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY P.O. Box 871, Amarillo, Texas 79105 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	None
Gross Premiums Received	\$579.20
Losses Paid	None
Losses Incurred	None

Total Admitted Assets	\$21,636,639.94
Liabilities Except Capital	\$16,882,964.08
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$3,753,675.86
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$21,636,639.94

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$9,866,612.61
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$8,377,618.65

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE CO. 400 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$15,871
Gross Premiums Received	\$10,839.98
Losses Paid	\$15,100.06
Losses Incurred	\$14,351.76

Total Admitted Assets	\$1,770,553,897.51
Liabilities Except Capital	\$1,634,318,346.21
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$0.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$136,235,551.30
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$1,770,553,897.51

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$321,733,369.16
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$244,620,161.43

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF WYOMING WORLD MUTUAL HEALTH & ACCIDENT INS. CO. OF PENNA. 550 W. Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406 BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	\$2,387.98
Losses Paid	\$2,152.43
Losses Incurred	\$2,156.19

Total Admitted Assets	\$1,117,606.90
Liabilities Except Capital	\$785,723.47
Capital Stock Paid Up	
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$331,883.43
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$1,117,606.90

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$2,494,184.54
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$2,608,919.28

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.
Dated June 2, 1970

s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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LEGAL NOTICES

High Country News—11
Friday, June 26, 1970Mine Camps
Now Quiet
Reminders

History was scratched with a golden pen across the rugged Montana landscape during the late 1800's.

Roaring mining camps, placer claims and hard rock tunnels filled its pages. Bewhiskered miners, painted dance hall girls, hard-riding vigilantes and other colorful characters wrote its sagas.

The roar is gone now. But Montana's past still lives. Any visitor to the Big Sky Country can strike vacation paydirt in the more than 100 ghost towns throughout the state.

Boarding houses and boardwalks, bullet holes and bar stools. They're all there, ready to nudge the imagination of any traveler wishing to discover for himself the romance and charm of bygone days.

Virginia City, located on Montana 287, scene of one of the richest strikes in the West and Montana's Second Territorial Capital, has been completely restored. There, scenes of the Old West are re-enacted by the Virginia City Players throughout the summer at the Opera House. Bannack, off U. S. 91, Montana's first big gold strike and first Territorial Capital, is preserved as a state monument.

Alder Gulch, Elkhorn, Marysville, Phillipsburg — camps where millions in gold and silver were taken from the ground tell their fascinating stories.

And still standing are many of the monstrous mills used to crush and separate the precious metals from hard country rock.

Huge pieces of machinery weighing many tons were wrestled up the steep mountainsides with mules and miner's sweat. Now the great ball mills, crushers and boilers that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to install have become some of the West's most interesting and expensive props for the visiting photographer.

And though the gears have stopped and the mills are silent, they like the ghost towns, tell the story of a colorful epoch in western history in Montana.

Not a speedy beast, the wolverine sometimes trails his victims relentlessly until they are exhausted. Or he climbs a tree and waits for prey to come to him. He often drives other animals from their kill. Incredibly strong, he can drag a carcass three times his size a mile or more.

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTMOUNT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Suite 933, White-Henry-Stuart Building, Seattle Washington 98101
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	Nil
Gross Premiums Received	Nil
Losses Paid	Nil
Losses Incurred	Nil

Total Admitted Assets	\$944,395
Liabilities Except Capital	\$2,954
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$300,000
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$641,441
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$944,395

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$47,314
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$21,140

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WOLVERINE INSURANCE COMPANY
70 West Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	\$30,091.90
Losses Paid	\$7,571.04
Losses Incurred	\$6,856.04

Total Admitted Assets	\$50,403,026.80
Liabilities Except Capital	\$37,173,096.47
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$2,700,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$10,529,930.33
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$50,403,026.80

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$39,651,827.66
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31st, 1969	\$33,962,877.65

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WOODMEN ACCIDENT AND LIFE COMPANY
1526 "K" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$1,329,186.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$237,709.78
Losses Paid	\$171,407.25
Losses Incurred	\$113,520.35

Total Admitted Assets	\$87,044,362.97
Liabilities Except Capital	\$75,826,929.10
Capital Stock Paid Up	—0—
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$11,217,433.87
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$87,044,362.97

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$33,763,647.59
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$33,535,643.98

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTERN SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Post Office Box 1054, Dallas, Texas 75221
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	None
Gross Premiums Received	None
Losses Paid	None
Losses Incurred	None

Total Admitted Assets	\$15,227,146.31
Liabilities Except Capital	\$10,521,141.06
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$350,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$4,356,004.35
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$15,227,146.31

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$4,064,798.29
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$4,029,061.23

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTERN STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Box 2907, Fargo, North Dakota 58102
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$30,814.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$34,037.69
Losses Paid	\$543.00
Losses Incurred	\$481.00

Total Admitted Assets	\$41,442,938.35
Liabilities Except Capital	\$37,658,891.10
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$968,469.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$2,815,578.25
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$41,442,938.35

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$9,426,133.83
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$8,998,475.93

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
908 West Avenue North, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	
Gross Premiums Received	\$123,760.38
Losses Paid	\$ -1,123.16
Losses Incurred	\$75,212.45

Total Admitted Assets	\$22,555,883.02
Liabilities Except Capital	\$10,035,428.84
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$4,000,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$8,520,454.18
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$22,555,883.02

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$11,451,453.89
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$8,111,499.61

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WORLD BOOK EDUCATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office: 309 Sunfish Drive, P.O. Box 1961,
Austin, Texas 78767
Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$21,731.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$397.09
Losses Paid	—0—
Losses Incurred	—0—

Total Admitted Assets	\$1,526,316.85
Liabilities Except Capital	\$179,669.86
Capital Stock Paid Up	\$500,000.00
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$846,646.99
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$1,526,316.85

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$971,211.74
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$1,211,359.30

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING
WORLD INSURANCE COMPANY
203 South 18th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102
BUSINESS IN WYOMING FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1969

Insurance Written	\$3,666,348.00
Gross Premiums Received	\$139,129.75
Losses Paid	\$30,852.25
Losses Incurred	\$34,092.25

Total Admitted Assets	\$70,996,449.09
Liabilities Except Capital	\$63,509,738.09
Capital Stock Paid Up	—0—
Surplus Over Liabilities	\$7,486,711.00
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	\$70,996,449.09

Income During Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$27,412,547.30
Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 1969	\$24,290,848.77

Pursuant to Section 73, Wyoming Insurance Code, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the insurer above named is in all respects in compliance with the Laws of this State relating to insurance and it is duly authorized to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming.

Dated June 2, 1970
s/ William G. Walton
William G. Walton, Insurance Commissioner
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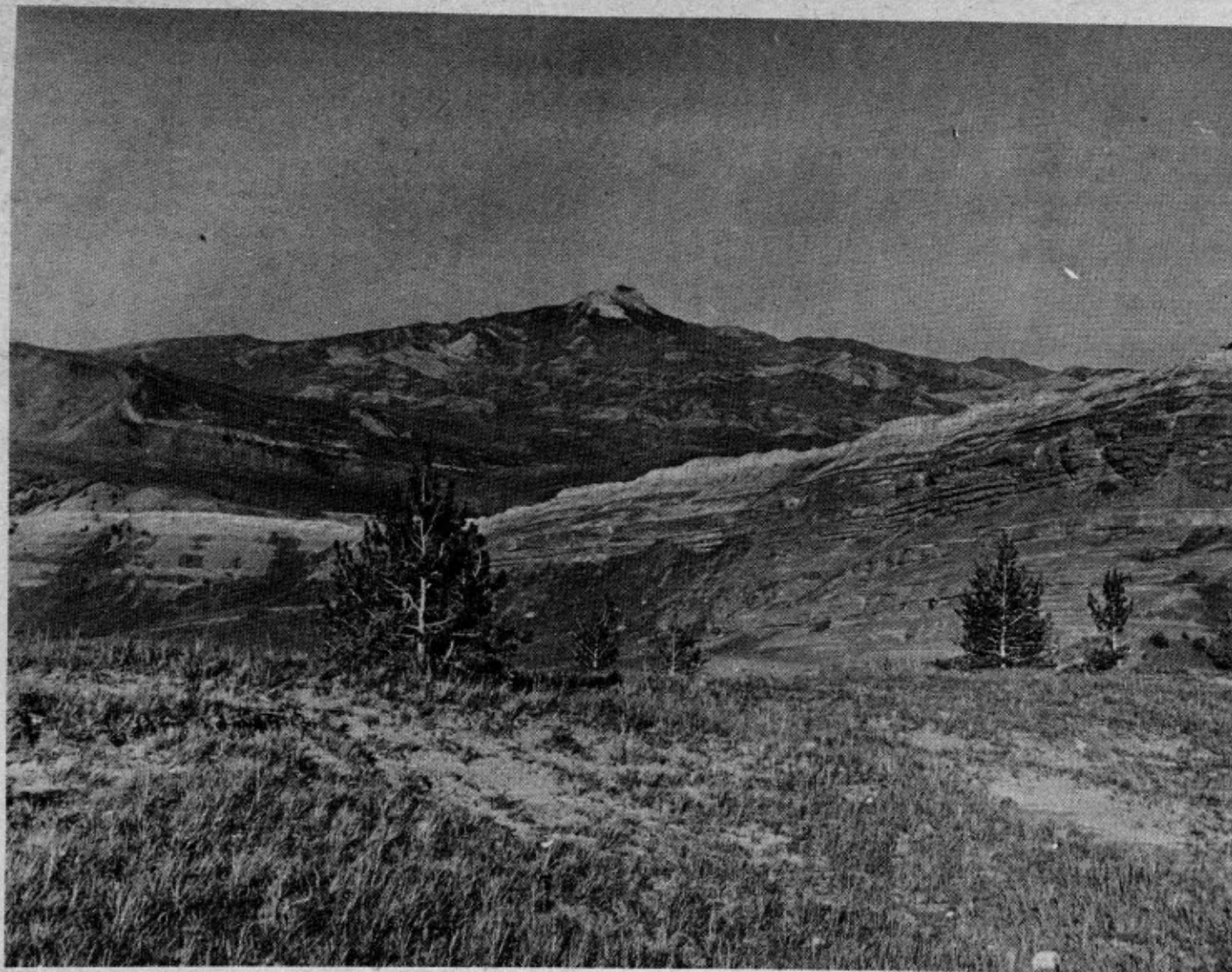
Public Land Report Done

The long awaited Public Land Law Review Commission Report was released to the public June 23. The report itself covers only 289 pages and contains 137 principal recommendations.

The report is so comprehensive and so far-reaching in its effect that HIGH COUNTRY NEWS feels the major recommendations should be discussed in depth. Therefore, we will begin a series in the next issue in which we will try to present analyses of the various major points.

Almost every aspect of the report has significance to the public. However, those people who hunt, fish, or use the lands for any other recreational purpose have a vital stake in how the recommendations are carried out.

We also invite comments from other interested individuals who may have different views on who may have specific knowledge of particular subjects.



Heart Mountain in northwest Wyoming looms in the distance in this view from the Dead Indian Road into Sunlight Basin. The mountain is highly visible by travelers to Powell and Cody, Wyoming, along U. S. Highways 14-16-20.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Says

Nation Must Meet Demand for Outdoor Recreation

By WALTER J. HICKEL
Secretary of the Interior

Curing environmental ills is a major goal of this Administration. A better recreation environment is an important part of the quality life we seek in these efforts.

We are looking carefully at our natural estate in order to preserve the best of what we have, and to reclaim what we have defiled in the past. We have put teeth into water pollution control programs. We are expanding multiple use concepts for all Federal lands and waters. We are zeroing in on the knottiest problem of them all, the special environmental needs of our huge urban areas.

Above all, we are laying the foundation for greater participation on the part of State and local governments in assessing and combating the outdoor recreation shortages in their communities.

Annual 10% Increase

Direct action toward meeting the Nation's pressing current outdoor recreation needs is necessary if we are to accommodate the 10 percent increase each year expected in outdoor activities. This rate of growth is projected in the Nation's first nationwide outdoor recreation plan, produced for the Department of the Interior by its Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Acquisition and development of lands and waters for recreation have not kept pace with the demand for open areas in which to roam and play.

The Plan reveals unbalance in the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities between East and West, shortages of public recreation areas in rural America, and a critical lack of recreation lands and facilities in the Nation's larger cities and their fast-multiplying sub-

urbs. Local governments are unable to meet the ever-rising costs of providing them.

Parks to People

In recognition of these immediate needs we are considering an increased funding program for urban recreation projects, and for Federal action to establish national parklands in or near our cities. We are channeling the money and authority we now have to bring more parklands to our urban populations. The proposed Gateway National Recreational Area in metropolitan New York and New Jersey is only one example of our determination to invest Federal funds and efforts to bring Parks to People.

Throughout the country we are intensifying our activities to preserve and better use existing natural resources. Though the need for new highways and airports and industrial and residential development in this dynamic era of growth in many areas of the country cannot be denied, we are taking tough stands wherever we can to protect outstanding natural resources from these encroachments.

Now is the Time

As I told the Governor's Conference on California's Changing Environment in November last year, I think now is a good time to resolve that in the next decade our Net National Environment—

and not our Gross National Product—will be the overriding objective of the Nation.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation maintains a continuing national and regional inventory of man-made as well as natural outdoor recreation areas and facilities to enable us to follow our progress in meeting outdoor recreation needs.

Under consideration is a proposal that a National Recreation Environment Account also be established to keep us up-to-date on where we stand in terms of quantities and qualities of our significant resources—shoreline, islands, wetlands, rivers and estuaries, deserts and wilderness, and historic, cultural and scientific areas. The Department of the Interior is evaluating this recommendation.

Other programs being considered in the Department

could provide sorely needed technical assistance and research and education that would help and encourage many levels of government, private citizens and industry, to improve the Nation's outdoor environment.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about how we are courting environmental suicide by ruining our outdoors. This is, at most, only a half truth. Today, unlike our attitudes of decades gone by, we are at last taking positive action to bring about renewal, not disaster.

The outdoors concerns all Americans today, inspiring constructive action, even among our so-called "disenchanted" youth. Where once they hailed our great technological advances as unquestioned victories and gave no thought to their effect upon our environment, they now cry for new technologies that will not only repair the

damage to our earth but improve it. To me, this is one of the most encouraging aspects of our time.

When Do You Spin, When Spin Cast

The fantastic but certainly justified popularity today of fixed-spool reels has caused confusion as to what they should be called. There are open-face reels and closed-face reels; and ones that mount above rod handles and ones that mount below.

The open-face reel, mounting under the rod, is a spinning reel. The closed-face reel, having a nose-cone and a push-button, is a spin-cast reel—and while most are mounted on top of the rod some are mounted below.

So you spin with open-face reels, but you spin-cast with closed-face reels.

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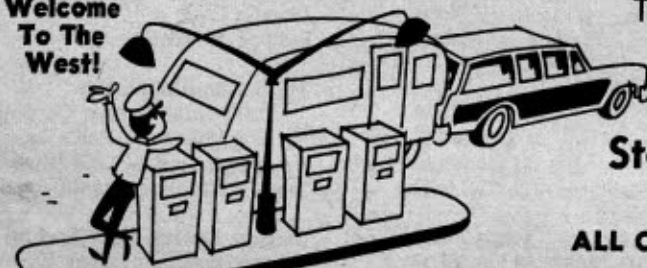
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