



Fencing in the fall

Gazette photo by William Tatroky

As leaves float to the ground and the autumn sun shines for outdoorsmen, it's hard to believe that the wheat field and fence post here will soon be steeped in snows from the ice

box of Jack Frost. But for now this picture takes a bit of fall and fences it in—its breezes, crispness and premonition of winter.

Wilderness measure holds up ski area

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) — A proposed \$3.5 million ski resort in Fremont County has been set back by the recent congressional passage of the Washakie Wilderness bill. The bill still must be signed by President Nixon before the 230,000-acre wilderness area is created.

The Big Mountain Country Ski Area is located next to the wilderness area. The U.S. Forest Service can't grant special use permits for development in an area located next to a primitive or wilderness area.

Developers of the resort said Wednesday that the site of the present lodge offers potential

for a ski run that would be better than the site previously analyzed. That site is some distance from the lodge.

The officials said they hope to build a new lodge soon under the present special use permit, but didn't know when construction of the new ski run would begin. The site is near Louis Lake.

District Forest Ranger H. D. Smith said Louis Lake is not a wilderness area, but the authority for granting such permits has been withheld.

He said permission for the new run is "still up in the air."

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Nader report notes Aspinall and McGee

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two area congressmen — Rep. Wayne Aspinall of Colorado and Sen. Gale McGee of Wyoming — have received mention in Ralph Nader's study report of Congress.

The 286-page paperback entitled "Who Runs Congress" is the first of several reports that Nader plans to release on Congress.

Aspinall, a Democrat defeated in the Sept. 12 primary election, was given as an example of "special interest investors" concentrate their campaign donations on men who rule Congress.

The report said Aspinall received money for his election campaigns "mainly from private interests in other parts of the country. In 1970, for example, 79 per cent of the \$50,000 Aspinall reported he spent came from outside his district.

"The reason is that Aspinall is chairman of the House Interior Committee and, as such, one of the men who does most to determine the profit rates in the mining, timber and oil industries," the report said.

McGee, also a Democrat and a former University of Wyoming professor, was listed as one of three senators who have laid "some claim to the mantle of Everett Dirksen, who while in the Senate was surely the most florid and mellifluous speaker there.

The report said McGee "startled and impressed his colleagues in February, 1959, when he gave his maiden speech without text or notes."

The report said McGee "nearly always speaks off the cuff, having the rare ability to think and speak in whole sentences and whole paragraphs without pause."

One witness reported once seeing McGee during a Senate

speech "strike a dramatic pose with right foot forward and both arms outstretched, which was almost identical to that of Henry Clay pleading the compromise of 1850 as depicted on Robert Whitehurst's engraving that hangs in the Capitol."

The other senators listed under the "orators" section were John Pastore, D-R.I., and Frank Church, D-Idaho.

Wyoming refused suspect

McGovern gets GOP director

DUBOIS, Wyo. (UPI) — A Teton Village man who describes himself as a conservative Republican has been named to head a Republicans for McGovern Committee in Wyoming.

Newbold Morris, who spent seven years with the U.S. Marine Corps, has been named to the post, according to the Wyoming McGovern-Shriver office. In explaining his views, Morris said, "McGovern has pledged to end the war by ending the bombing, withdrawing military personnel from the whole war theater, and arranging the release of American prisoners."

Morris predicted an indefinite military conflict for years or decades, unless the American war effort is radically reduced.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A judge has refused to extradite George Costello, 32, Forest Lake, Minn., to Wyoming to face murder charges in the 1970 death of a White Bear Lake, Minn., woman.

Judge John Thoreen of Washington County District Court said Tuesday that the evidence against Costello was "insufficient to overcome the positive testimony of Costello that he was not in the state of Wyoming when the alleged offense was committed."

Costello was sought by Wyoming authorities in connection with the death of Mrs. Eunice Kratochvil, who disappeared Feb. 6, 1970 from her White Bear Lake home. The body of the 33-year-old woman was found two days later near an interstate highway east of Cheyenne, Wyo., but wasn't identified until last April.

Minnesota Gov. Wendell Anderson ordered Costello be turned over to Wyoming authorities but Costello appealed the order.

Gas rehearing slated Oct. 24

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The Public Service Commission said Wednesday a rehearing will be held Oct. 24 in Cody on the application by Colorado Interstate Corp. to purchase the CODY Gas Co.

The application was approved by the commission in July, but the PSC said the application will be reopened on request by Coastal States Gas Producing Co. and other firms associated with it.

Coastal States is asking that the approved sale contract be replaced with a contract selling CODY Gas' assets to Coastal States.

The PSC said the rehearing is required "to determine the final position of all parties concerning CODY Gas, including that of the CIC which is now effectively controlled by the Coastal companies through recent stock purchases."

Trucking firms get rate hike

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The Public Service Commission has approved a request by seven trucking companies in the state to raise the rates 5 1/2 per cent for in-state hauling.

The commission said the new rates will go into effect Nov. 1.

The companies said rising costs of business prompted the rate hike request. The commission did not approve a related request to raise the price of beverages trucked between Rock Springs and Kemmerer.

The increase is expected to total most \$45,000.

Liquor license okayed

FORT WASHAKIE, Wyo. (AP) — The joint Arapahoe-Shoshone Tribal Council Wednesday approved the first liquor license on the Wind River Reservation under a new tribal law.

The license went to the owner of the Crowheart Store, Lloyd Haslam, whose Fremont County liquor license also was renewed Wednesday by the county commissioners.

Earlier this year, the tribal council passed the law requiring separate tribal liquor licenses. There had been a movement by some women on the reservation to remove all liquor from the reservation.

The council also set Oct. 19 as the hearing date for application of the Red Cliff Lodge near Dubois for a tribal license. That establishment also had its county license renewed Wednesday.

Shooting victim found

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — The body of 26-year-old Harlan Ray Cannon of West Casper was found Wednesday along the West Casper bypass on Wyoming 26, and authorities said the shooting death was an apparent homicide.

Natrona County Undersheriff Ray Clark said Cannon had been shot at least once in the head and his body was found some 40 feet from the road.

Clark said authorities were searching for Cannon's car, a 1970 red Ford Maverick with a left front fender slightly darker than the rest of the vehicle. The license number is Wyoming 1-369-L.

The county coroner's office estimated the time of death between 10 p.m. Tuesday night and 2 a.m. Wednesday. The body wasn't found until late Wednesday afternoon.

Steelhead running

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Approximately one angler in every five caught a steelhead trout from the Clearwater River when it opened to fishing over the weekend, an Idaho Fish and Game Department official says.

"We checked 193 people from boats and shore with 39 steelhead," said Walt Berry, regional supervisor. "We feel that is a good catch as many of those out knew little about steelhead fishing."

Berry said 150-200 fish are crossing the dam at Lewiston daily.



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Snowplow service will be considered

DUBOIS, Wyo. (AP) — The board of Commerce road committee said he is glad Jackson will be sending representatives to a meeting with the Highway Commission.

The meeting Oct. 12 in Cheyenne will discuss a possible cutback of snowplow service over Togwotee Pass on highway 28-279 between Dubois and Jackson during the winter.

The Jackson Chamber of Commerce said Wednesday it will send representatives to protest the possible cutback.

W. A. Meckhem said the Dubois Chamber set the meeting after learning of the possible cutback—to only eight hours of service per day—from a newspaper article. He said the committee talked to the highway department maintenance shop at Dubois and found the proposal was being considered.

Meckhem said five Dubois chamber members will attend

the meeting, along with the Jackson delegation and the president of the Highway 28 Association.

He said he hoped the chambers in Riverton, Lander and Shoshoni would also send representatives.

The highway is one of the major routes west during the winter.

Meckhem said the road has not been taken care of in the past few years. He said he feared someone would freeze to death atop the pass if the plowing was cut back and a car became stranded.

The Jackson Chamber said the closing would hurt winter business in the Jackson area—currently one of the busiest areas in Wyoming during the winter because of skiing.

The firm leased some 1,400 acres in Campbell County for oil and gas exploration from Atlantic Richfield. They claimed the oil company broke a contract provision when the lease was not renewed in 1969 and instead, it was given to another person.

The high court said the amount of damages originally requested was not based on the proper value of the lease and that the trial court correctly assessed the damages.

Hillcrest is a water utility which furnishes water to a rural area south of Casper. The PSC allowed Hillcrest an initial rate of \$30 per month for each of its 21 users.

Several of the 21 users felt the rate was too high and filed a protest with the commission. The commission ruled the existing rate was "proven as reasonable and fair" and said the "protests and other representations to this rate are without merit."

College at Miles gets bid

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) — The Mountain Plains Community College Activities Association is planning a festival in Riverton Oct. 27-28. The event will feature participants from Wyoming's seven junior colleges and Miles City, Mont., Community College.

The president of the association, Central Wyoming Dean of Students Gayle Lain, said the association also will discuss statewide intramural athletics competition and cultural activities and work on constitutional matters at the festival.

Activities at the two-day affair will include forensics, chess, golf, billiards, tennis, cross-country track, table tennis, flag football and badminton.

The companies involved in the request were the John Bunting Transfer Co., Inc., B.N. Transport, North Park Transportation Co., Ross Transfer, Salt Creek Freightways, West Nebraska Express and Zueck Transportation Co.

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Church-Swight plans expansion

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. (UPI) — The president of Church and Dwight Co. Wednesday reported plans for further expansion of its Green River sodium bicarbonate plant.

Dwight Minton said the first phase of the current expansion, which doubled the plant's capacity, was put into operation in April of this year. The second phase will increase the plant's capacity to four times its original level. It is scheduled for completion at the end of this year.

Minton said to provide for further growth in demand, plans for added expansion are ready. They involve the installation of several major equipment units and production of an additional grade of products. It would be completed in July of next year.

The capacity of the Green River plant after this expansion will be sufficient to provide about one-half the sodium bicarbonate consumed and marketed by Church and Dwight.

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Sheridan vote

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (UPI) — A \$100,000 general obligation bond issue will be placed on the Nov. 7 general election ballot for Sheridan voters.

The money would be used to acquire land surrounding the local airport. Plans are to expand the runway from 6,600 feet to 8,000 feet.

Is commended

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — A letter of commendation has been received by Steve Moore of Hot Springs County High School for his high performance on the 1971 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore of Thermopolis.

Fossil Butte to be topic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Cliff Hansen, R-Wyo., said Wednesday the House has agreed to appoint conferees to meet with Senate conferees to resolve differences in versions of the Fossil Butte National Monument bill.

The bills would create the national monument near Kemmerer, Wyo., in Lincoln County in an area rich in prehistoric fish fossil deposits.

Hansen said he told House Interior Committee Chairman Wayne Aspinall of Colorado the House version isn't compatible with already existing federal law.

Hansen is one of three senators appointed as a Senate conferee on the matter.