

One thing about our season-cogged existence, it was never listless.

use c Mac?

The feel of the land: It came into him like a layer just  
beneath his skin; maybe flowed ~~up~~ in and up thru the spaces  
between his toes...

used  
in  
English?

He was of that <sup>special</sup> generation, first-born in new land....  
west seemed to be theirs, if they cd figure out what to do w it.

North

near Jensen Ranch: country tan, streaked with occasional dark green  
of creek bottom

George Engler interview, 1 July '81, originally in Eng Crk "Forest Service" filecd category, has been moved to Keeping the Days "1930's details" category.

--This, and Jim Sheble's, may be the best for details applicable to my folks' life.

--Engler material abt firecamp cooking might hold detail for Berneta's ranch cooking; similarly, his and Sheble's materials about running sheep, for Dad's jobs.

Elmer Gwynn interview, 12 July '82, originally in Eng Crk "Mont trip# '82"  
filecd category, has been moved to Keeping the Days "1930's details" category.

--same with Alice Klatte interview

-- " " C.G. Stranahan "

Jim Sheble interview, 7 Jul '82, originally in Eng Crk "Mont. trip '82" filecd category, has been moved to Keeping the Days "1930's details" category.

Frances Inman's letter excerpts of minding a child while doing farmwork are in Bucking the Sun file folder, "Frances Inman: 1930s farmlife description" in tan filing cabinet.

Montana's cycles of population emptying out.

coincidences wire Montana together. Not much else does. (C?)  
(are what)?

- use w/ Montana picnic in Mesa?

check Annick's list of consultants, in Mont. centennial anthology file, for possible expert sources

John Gruar filecds (Oct. 30, 1980 interview) transferred from Eng Crk "Forest Svce" filecd category to Keeping the Days "1930's details"

--may be useful for turns of phrase as well as details of range life; for ex, his remark about somebody so woman-hungry that "if you hung a skirt on a sagebrush, he'd ~~around~~ ride around it in circles all damn day."

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museum displays on post WWII Mont:

- Berkeley Pit, symbol of end of resource extraction (Pit began in 1951?)  
(me: world's biggest dry hole)
- societal change, coming of highways & commercial strips  
(me: extrusion) change in agriculture: to <sup>mono</sup>cultures, i.e. wheat
- technological change: big tractors & irrigation systems

...the economic guts were jerked out of it when...

see NYTBR clip on St-Ex's "medley of silences" in Bucking the Sun filecards  
abt Missouri R. country (or techniques?)

Deborah Tall, The Island of the White Cow:

p. 156, quote from Brendan Kiely: "The Great Blasket is empty because community life seemed no longer possible there, the people no longer prepared to face up to a primitive way of living, lacking amenities and comforts that people elsewhere had become accustomed to; and because Europe was dying at the fringes."

Deborah Tall, The Island of the White Cow:

p. 46: "But one can't help feeling, looking at the best that remains in these people, that it was pristine, that it carried the rhythm of countless generations with it, and had the weight and grace of necessity."

Montana towns or cities built "square with the world"--Gt. Falls?

--did not use in Feb. '92 revise:

war camps in Germany, have perished in the Bataan death march, been wounded at Palau, fought in the Aleutians and the Marianas and Normandy. Scant rural earth even in the best of times, ours, and as with any war that comes along, husky young Montanans were too proficient soldiers for their own good.)

My attention comes to a boil when Grandma frets to my mother about Wally, where his ship is, what's happening in the war there in the Pacific.

use a Mac of Jack going into mtns. 1st time?

used?

- along mtns -

The isolation had bent some of these people, as a prevailing wind will hunch a tree.

the Milwaukee, we lopped it down to (in conversation)

Our scant rural earth, the Ringling-Sixteen-White Sulphur country and my grandmother's peninsula of it wherever she (happened to be)...

Rural and rife-adept as it is, Montana never has quite caught on to its fate as a supply depot of cannon fodder. On a population base rarely over 750,000, the state had had 16,000 dead in American wars to date.