—have Althea in a long 19th-century dress of some sort; she could get the hem of it caught in TV cord, as young singer did at Lewistown.

—Jick could remark that to the effect that she looks like she came in by prairie schooner.
Gros Ventre people must be shown as deeply enthusiastic and proud about the flag.
not used in March '89 writing of com'tee scene:

Mariah: "You know as well as I do that I couldn't wait to get off the place when I was growing up."

Jick: "Tell me one thing. If you and Riley hadn't split up, would you--I mean you personally--have taken the ranch when we offered it?"

Mariah: "That would have been different."
changed in summer '89 revise

"Nathan Hale McCaskill," goddamn Riley started in, on our way home to the ranch. "I regret that I have but one speech to give to the Two Medicine country."

"Abraham Lincoln McCaskill with his Stetson on," Mariah chipped in with a wicked grin at me. "Four score and seven inches tall, I stand here..."


"Up yours, both of you," I stated wearily.
baby being carried in rocker with handle, person on either side, like heavy picnic basket.
I think the town's nearness to the mountains, and the amenity of English Creek, accounted for a lot of those people gravitating to Gros Ventre.
the irrigation project being developed at Valier drew off a lot of the homestead interest, but ranching along English Creek and Noon Creek persevered; and it seemed too that a number of early-comers to the Two country or people who would move into town for high school for their kids stayed on in Gros Ventre.

One way and another, Gros Ventre held its own against Valier and Conrad, the other two towns of the county, and the coming of the highway to Glacier Park delivered it a spot of advantage on the map.
So, that morning the three of us applied ourselves to the road again. Mariah and I in the Bago trailed Riley and the rental Yugo to town to turn the thing in at Tilton's garage, then I pointed the motorhome toward Choteau, as the Montanian pair had informed me after that phone call of Riley's that their next piece of work awaited there in the Teton River country.
possible add:

—show Mariah has completed picture-taking of line of people sewing on flag, before she and Riley join forces at the committee meeting? If so, Jick could say "including, I had no doubt, one of me seamstering away."
of evening tourists sped on through to Glacier Park for the night and anybody local who was going to eat supper out would have done so a couple of hours ago, so Fred readily enough shut down the dining side on nights the centennial committee wanted to hold a meeting there.
"We're managing to."

Mariah's face was in neutral. Not so much as a hint there of what was racing in my own mind, that she and he had combined once before at a centennial shindig in Gros Ventre and brought each other a future of trouble. No, my declarative daughter simply looked intent on sorting this gathering through her camera lens. I hoped Riley was only another accessory useful in her work. I hoped.
As soon as Mariah went off in search of anybody still unshot,

I decided I had better seize that opportunity to heed a certain call of nature—damn Althea and her loveydovey cups of coffee anyway—and headed myself into the bar toward the men's room.
mention as Jick passes the park where Beth made her speech?
"History on the hoof, hmm?" Riley perked right up. "You're starting to show real talent for this centennial stuff, Jick."

I took care to stay the full length of the room from Riley's introduction of himself to the arrivals. Even so, there was no lack of volume in what followed.
Howard's lofty eyebrows drew together as he studied down at me.

"All three of you are together?"

Howard's eyebrows took off for the ceiling. "I imagine it is,"

he said.
TV cameraman and soundman: the electronic Siamese twins
Gros Ventre

Creamery
- meat lockers (cold storage)
"Born to Bust: Homestead Banking on Mori's Plains"

- Wm L. Long

Commercial West, Aug 15, '81

- 1909, Enlarged homestead inc'd acreage from 160 to 320; less than $50 for 1/2 section
- 1912, "prove-up" shortened from 5 yrs to 3.
- above avg. rain 1908-10; 1914-16, 35-50 lb. wheat/acre
- 1926, wheat $3.30/bu.
- 1905, "just over 50" banks in Mont; 1920, 425. E. Opheim, pop. less than 400, 3 banks in 1917
- 1917-19 dry yrs.
- 1920, wheat $1.40/bu
- "over '12 of Mori's banks fell in 5 yrs beginning in 1921..."
silence of the town at dawn
boys, The Middle is no kind of address to have" and with the memory
fresh of the wayfaring northern Indian and his whopping legend,

Barclay & Cross Venture exchange confusion over what
name is called - Middle - or CV's tribal name
(B pats stomach)
the owl show (late-night movie)

- movies of '39 named in Dell Stark diary
tourist camp: 1930s phrase for motel?
"Pendura"

p. 25 - 1938, REA brought electricity to Dupuyer.

- Before WWI, talk of 35 mi via Choteau & Pendroy m.
  to hi-line. "A townsite e. eastern break 1.
  Bruner ranch e. 7 Dupuyer was considered. Two
  well have meant death to D, but fall short and
  when man d. death 7/1919 stopped forever. center
  of Pendroy."

- 1924. st. us Hwy Park-to-Park highway.

show people out of business; wrecked by the Dep'n

--Gros Ventre had a soup line (someone mentions one in Big Hole having letters; maybe in Wisdom?)
Pics wanted for Gros Ventre:
- saloon(s)
- cafe
- stone or brick hotel
- creamery (Conrad)
- clothing store
- newspaper office (or model it on WSS?)
- Catholic church, preferably stone
- corner bank (Valdez?)
- drugstore (Conrad?)
Photo Files - Mont. H.S.

945-979  Browne Hotel (the Beaure), Chateau

948-256  Dodge Cars, 1938

948-257  Chevrolet Trucks, 1939

948-275  Old Presbyterian Church, HAAR

Wood - painted dark w/darker trim.
Stained glass windows.

Cutout

Louvers
magpie drive: see Choteau Acantha cards;

Choteau had one so of course GV had to have one, too.
Albert Warner interview:

--at Dupuyer dances, when someone yelled "timber!" it was the signal for the men to go outside and have a drink.
Gros Ventre

clothing store called the Toggery
cars did not parallel park in those days
Kirkwood

52—pic of hotel at Troy, Mont. 1910—hotel sign:

wines liquors cigars

meals at all hours

WINDSOR HOTEL lunches

w.e. doonan, prop.

(2-story rectangular-front hotel, with front porch across all the front and balcony atop it)

(pun on sign: Looks like it needs a prop, all right.

— for possible details of subsequent GV hotel, Sedgwick House, see HCRS project report on Butte.
Bigeye Days

290 - saloon named Republican Headquarters

63 - Q & L Saloon, for Quinine & Laudanum

- Beaver Slide Saloon
Harvest of Memories (Valerie history)
1939 - 1911 school built of rock from Drypuppy Creek
—ask Gene Bonnet if anything still can be seen that
was built on this rock.
John Reps book on towns for layout of Gros Ventre

- possibilities:
  - Clancy, p. 386
  - Omaha, p. 406 (6-block long parks)
  - St. John, Neb., p. 409 (streets named for saints: i.e., St. Michael st.)
    - p. 403 - sts equal parts at midpoints
    - p. 399 - similar park, Bonnville
  - Jacksonville, Or, p. 374
  - Pendleton, Or, p. 371
  - Durango, p. 586
  - Colo. Springs, p. 588 (3 miles)
  - Jamestown, ND, p. 536 (spans its river)
Old corner bank(?) building photo'd at Chester: the right-hand pillar of the entry-way has the dim stripes where it was painted as a barber pole.
"Don't think of them as sheep turds, Mollie, think of them as berries off the money tree."

--use with description of GV streets perpetually spotted from bands of sheep going thru, one a day, each spring; sheep nervous, which doesn't improve their bowlm manners.

--the bands come thru in early morn, before traffic and before stores open; some early riser, perhaps the local lawyer in his suit, surprisingly helps push the sheep thru town.

--name the actual bands, off Perkins' tape, add some from English Creek (?), and include Ira Perkins.
Harvest of Memories (Valier history)

p. 39—on front p. of The Valerian in early days:

"The man who whispers down a well about the goods he has to sell won't reap the dollars like the man who climbs a tree and hollers."

—possible use: Gros Ventre Chamber of Commerce?
The Gros Ventre Gleaner perhaps reprints the Froid (?) editorial about next year finally arriving.

Gleaner editor copiously fills paper with reprints, chance to bring in stuff from across n. Montana.
Pershing and his black soldiers herding Indians thru GV:

--check Pershing biog

E/81  Vanderbilt
E/81  Smythe
P575

921  P43P

Xerox in GV file

E/81  Smythe
P575
Bygone Days

46 - Ben English ... had place now owned by Jack Haynes.
version of the actual 7 Block ranch, between Dupuyer and Valier: the Double W, with this brand: \[WW\]
Bygone

163 - Alberta re hauled coal to smelter in St. Falls
Bygone
157 - early Dutch settlers largely Catholic & French Catholic
Bygone
p.79 - ages came from Mo. to work on new construction
of Lewiston street cars etc.

was c. Isaac Reese?
Bygones

94 - supplied teams & drivers to new building canals
    on Sun R. & Badger

154 - Solomon Salvo worked on ditch at Blacktail, 1913
Bygone

112 - Town children & farm dags walked behind horses
to funeral of 7 school children
By June
Sr. Golden Angel led the way across into Glacier Park.
Bygones
90 - household wife refused to leave train at Bournemouth
Bygone

167- Sober Up Ranch now Buck Creek colony
175 - walked thru salon door just in time to catch body
Bygone
227+ Cath. church
Bygone
3561-1902, US Geo Survey crew in Dupuyer
Valiera High School

The Mountain Sentinel: annual

1937

- 7-person faculty, inc. spt.

They taught:
- Eng., Latin & dramatics
- agriculture
- music & boy’s athletics
- math, commercial, social sci.,
- grade school spt. & jh inst.  
- in the winter & band leader
- math (spt.)
"Ponderosa" (1908)

p. 31+ - Conrad Ma. of F. Bann an owned 200,000 acres -
- 7B area (T. 10 N. R. 12 W.) ranch. Sold to Consells in 1909

p. 36 - Conado irrigated 5-6000 acres of hay near site 7 Valles.
- Canals from Burch & Dryesaur creeks.
- Consells organized irrigation proj under Carey land act:
  5 acres of each 40 must be irrigated; corp was granted
  right to construct irrigation system & to sell water rights to
  purchasers of public lands.

p. 39 - original settlers "not very suc/ul" - 20,000 a. delinquent land

p. 41 - L. Frances, after damming & diking, 6 mi. long, 3 mi. wide,
- 70,000 a. irrigated from lake.
"Pandora"
p. 82 - Glen Taylor, later US Sen. from Idaho -
Dir. of Teton Co., 1911

-Durango: hay has been chief crop, but past 2 yrs stockmen & homesteaders
have turned to "cultum 7. sold."

-June 1, 1911 popn 157

-lists area residents by land holdings.

-English, Benson, s 1/2 sw 1/4, sw 1/4 se 1/4, Sec 4
  se 1/4 se 1/4, Sec 5, T 28, R 7

1/4 mi. n of Durango

Vauclain: July 22, 1911 popn 1,080

Crawford: June 15, 1911, popn 1,407

Chatelum Public Library

Mary English sw 1/4 w 1/2 se 1/4, Sec 3,
  e 1/2 se 1/4, Sec 4, T 28, R 7

3/4 mi n of Durango
Pendere County News
8 June '39

masthead of editor always carries slogan:

"If your money is made in Pendere County -
spend it in Pendere County."

possible use: Gleaner has some other slogan in competition with this; maybe biblical quote about gleaning?
Gleaner mocks the boosterism of other papers' mottoes by changing its own every so often: something from Lewis & Clark, or Jefferson? Whitman? Thoreau's "Westward we go free."
Albert Warner interview:

They lived in an old log house in Dupuyer which had a log floor *not* laid the opposite of puncheons—the flat side of the split log down, the rounded corduroy side up.
Gros Ventre

--English Creek runs through town; south fork of it rises in mtns behind Ben English Coulee.

--has a small weekly newspaper; ask Mark for nominees for name of it.
    possbty: The Montanian
    better: The Gros Ventre Gleaner
Gleaner

--use Gleaner items, dated to Thursday (?) pub’n dates thruout the summer, as italicized topical intros to chapters.

--Dust Bowl quote?
--"Next year is here" quote, The Other Papers Say; What Other Editors Say
--price of: lambs, grain, wool...
--4th of July: anybody unpatriotic filled with gunpowder and touched off or straightforward mention of rodeo, picnic, dance
--increasing fire danger, lookouts sent out
--WWII
The Dust Bowl, Hurt--

--p. 53: In the spring of 1935 a journalist reported from Great Bend, Kansas, that "Lady Godiva could ride through the streets without even the horse seeing her."

(note in back evidently gives as source: Lit' Digest, Nov. 2, '35, p. 120)

A few years back, it was reported that Lady Godiva could ride through the streets of any Dust Bowl town without even the horse seeing her. This spring's rains have been sufficient to give the steed a glimpse.

--Gros Ventre Gleaner, June 1
tidbits in Gros Ventre Gleaner: grafs from Decatur edit'1 filler.

(use one in conjunction with Jick pointing out to his mother their Glacier Park story?)
Possibly begin each chapter with a quote, in upper corner.

--Ch. 1: Meriwether Lewis on the Blackfoot country.
    or: Minnow Friessen dialogue about handle to the wagon.

--last ch.: GF Trib on fires arrd the state, or lookouts being sent out.
Harvest of Memories (Valier history)

p. 293--Laura Mary Palin: "I remember working at the soda fountain, making a scoop of ice cream on a popsicle type stick, dipping each one into a melted syrup of chocolate and paraffin, then placing them in the ice cream containers in the soda fountain, the first ice cream bars. My favorite soda was a cherry phosphate. The malted milks at the soda fountain were well known for being big and thick!" (Laura Mary b. 1910; her father, Nat Starbuck, ran drug store)

--possible use: with Gros Ventre soda fountain
Starve Out: possible saloon name

--4 saloons in Gros Ventre: the Medicine Lodge

the Double Eagle

the Starve Out

Spenger's (altho no longer run by Dolph Spenger)

the Pastime
Saturday night in Gros Ventre
Gros Ventre--

Early priest persuaded Catholic landowner to plat part of town with streets named after missions, which were named after saints (see Reps. p. 44, for St. John, Neb., with streets named for saints). This caused the postmaster to dub the n'hood "the repeateip part of town," the mailing addresses there St. Ignatius St., St. Mary St., etc. Leona's family perhaps lives on St. 00 St.

--Guardipee ms, p. 26: St. Peter's mission was located ne of Cascade
woman who takes in wash
(incidents in Lucy Old card & letter)
early Missions in Mont:
St. Mary's
St. Ignatius
St. Peter's (near Ulm)
St. Paul's (near Landusky)
St. Xavier (near Big Horn R.)

sources: Names on the face of Montana
Jesuits in Mont, by Wilfred Schoenberg
C.E. Sedgwick planted the cottonwoods along Gros Ventre streets?
C: best view of Dupuyer is from 2nd curve on road s. of town. Use with GVentre desctpn.
Lawrence basked in the chuckles and random claps of applause.

Riley now looked as if he might throw up.
where The Toggery clothing store used to be. Gros Ventre was out in force tonight, [or at least what force it had any more,] and I felt surprisingly proud of the turnout.

Naturally Riley scanned this civic outpouring in his own cockeyed way. "Who's the resurrection of Buffalo Bill over there?"
The Medicine Lodge since Fred Musgreave bought out old Tom Harry had taken on what might be called a split personality. The vital part, the bar, was pretty much the same as ever, a dark oaken span polished
Riley

00 now showed some vital signs. (at 6 V pola?)
color of Koppel's hair

Eng. 12 '86, pp. 186-7
Ly 2 Oct '85, p. 15-16
NYTH Apr. 4 '88, p. 42+

Wash. Rev., March 67, p. 36 color pic: red-brown & reddish highlights trying to be both brown & red
@ same time