

some filecards abt traveling eastern Montana transferred to "Darius in Plentywood"
category in Bucking "scenes" filebox.

6/26/89

Y. Stone Valley
to Livestock

see a pile - L2002
during home
to Shields River

- 1/2 hr. w. of Billings, sidehills have sage, yucca & small pines
- ~~BN train~~ haul (truck) trailers; hay fields & grass/olds; river
- ~~observed~~ ^{Beautiful Mtns} snowy, wintery, 6/26/89
- /newway sweeps along in big gentle curves; containing bluffs
- 45 min. w. of Billings, Crazy Mtns show up, over wide curves of Y. Stone;
I-90 crosses to s. side of river
- @ Sweet Grass County line, cragies @ 1 o'clock from I-90; 2 highest peaks
in middle; 5 min. later, seeing of valley frames whole mtn range.
- earlier entry line was Stillwater; c. Y. Stone & SW Grass, handsome county
names to go c. country
- steep in fld s. of I-way nr Badger Crk Rd.
- C: Cragies are an obvious pen & ink drawing, so sharply defined
- 7 mi. E. of Big Timber, I-90 runs straight toward middle of Cragies;
they dominate landscape now
- Jack's eyes like having mtns ahead again

changed in Nov. '89 revise

as much as I could. "Probably you didn't hold a gun on him to keep him occupied with you."

She took her eyes from me and looked off at the chalk butte beyond the ranger station. "In those days, I didn't have to."

F+H/5

Rings s/m: much same - gas house, ranger's house, office

- red rocks (shale?) on roof(s)

- fence is not same stockade

- no TV antenna (for elec'y?) then

- trees have gone in front of office (managed to grow some in 40 yrs)

pic 1 360° from west of str office: ledges in rimrock bowl, (like soup bowl?)

- trees not much bigger than sagebrush

- even ground was hot

- Gmo Vadis, hell, was Shirley's reaction; Jack told her it'd only be for a few yrs, but...

- distant from Bellwigs & all else.

- constant buttes & rimrocks: as if land had been cut dry & these are stumps

- rd to rings str better than Spain rd from Cow Agency

Jick telling Leona about Althea:

We've known each other a lot of years--there wouldn't be any big surprises.

But I keep wondering if that is enough.

13 Sept. - Fordin

dead Tiger Discouter store: 31 paces across front, 45 paces long

- possible dance site, & big parking lot

- cinderblock

- Corner Pocket bar behind it

- or, site dance in empty field near Fairview Cemetery? (C's pies)

- alfalfa field directly across from " " ; cars w/ park along rd

- noise (whine) of semi trucks passing on freeway a 1/2 mi away

- 4 Aces Lounge

- wide main st., 4 lanes

Custer

WSJ, Aug. 30, '85--o. l, Gen. Custer fan club: use for The Montanians

--group against: Muster Out Custer (MOC)

Custer

For my money,
Custer was a flat-out fool.

among the centennial celebrations, a rock band plays a song about Custer;
write a couple of lyrics (along lines of Custer couldn't cut the mustard?)
(made custard out of Custer?)

--set this near the Custer battlefield?

--show that it's a ~~time~~ tribal ceremony, like the Indians might have staged

13 Sept '87 Custer B' field

- straggles of grave markers snaking up hill toward monument
- bad country for cavalry: rough, small coulees
- Indians th their dead & taken, so no graves here
- mon't topped by "But Maj. Gen. G.A. Custer"; the he us Lt col.
- wrought iron fence and cemetery
- highway goes S, road to Broadus east
- C pic, skyline of better to S.

Custer

The dead store was crammed. From wall to wall, people were dancing, cavorting to music from a band of mostly steel guitars. Almost as many more people were crowded around the bandstand, keeping time, drinking beer. I was amazed. The Custer lack-of-admiration society was huge.

Riley pushed through with Riley behind him and me close after her,

Custer

Their aim was to scalp Custer a second time. Lift his name from
the ~~proclamation~~ ^{instead call. place (site)} the Custer Battlefield and make ~~it~~ the Little Bighorn
Battlefield. It seemed to me they had ~~a real~~ ^{themselves a} point; Gettysburg, after
all, is not called the Robert E. Lee Battlefield.

terrain maybe
Worse country for cavalry could be found, but it would take some

looking. Washboard country, full of sudden dips and coulees. And

out there in the bottomland of the Little Bighorn River were the lodges

of the Sioux and Cheyenne, an entire valley of them. For Custer to

take on those tribes with his 260 men was like attacking Fort Benning.
a band of schoolboys picking a fight with

the 101st Airborne.

North

Spot: his rept look
rapture, especially with Dad

- Manslaughter, greeted her c rapture
abruptly 1/2 grin,

changed in Oct., (89 revise

We pulled in to the Wright ranch out of the November dark, the yard light illuminating the tidy buildings, the cow corrals, Morgan's mud-spattered Chevy pickup. Out from under the pickup materialized a half-grown dog letting out a night-splitting woof that identified him as the former pup Manslaughter.

"I'll go across and tell Morgan and Kathy I'm back in one piece-- you want to come with, come in for a while?" Leona offered.

6/9/88 call to Ashland Dist.

Fort Howe Ranger Station (406)
24 mi. from Ashland

Ashland
Dis

784-2345

- still a ranger str? yes
- get there in a nig? paved rd
- campground? Cow Creek - on dirt road

Fort. Howe/2

- Busby: car bulbs and houses; 9 at one

- other houses are neat, Bl - as if mil base barracks spread ^{prairie} and;

- monmt: Here lie. Remains

cabin,
reddish
rocks:

] of Two Moons
Chief of.

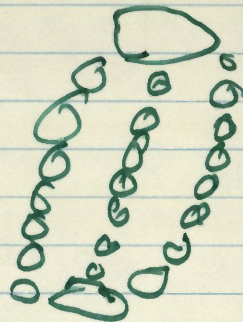
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and top.

Cheyenne Indians who
led His Men Against

General Custer
in Battle of

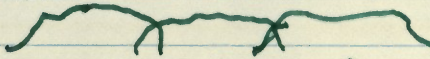
Little Big Horn
June 25, 1876

erected by
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Indian Trader

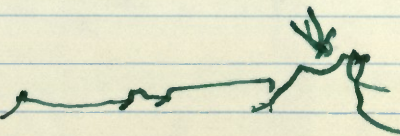


red
rock
outlets,
grave site,
to - 1. 07.
cabin.
springs of
plastic flowers

Ft. Howard/3 C: pic of Busby area

- just e. of Busby, Indian father galloping - his teenage daughter on h'back beside, dog on other side, & waved, & he gave arm up, open palm salute
- 11 cars (bunks) at hse e. of Busby; 12 at one later on
- Young Indian men digging culvert by hand. 
- Gov't tried to turn N. Cheyenne into farmers in land of redstone hills; ↑ narrow bottomland along Rosebud Crk yields a little hay
 - pic: ↑ it is a mystery what they were expected to grow
 - lumpy country (hills, roads, probably lives)
- pic: Montana is tethered.

C: pic of learn area e. of Lane Deer

- some blackened trees
- roll #2: 1st few pics deliberate blanks.
- pic: King Mtn from just off Ashland road. 

Crow Reservation is state's hot spot

HELENA (AP) — Two fires seven miles apart have established Pryor, on the Crow Indian Reservation, as the place for Montana firefighters to be.

The trouble is there are few firefighters available for the state's new hot spot.

The Pryor Gap fire, 12 miles south of the small town of Pryor, grew to 600 acres Thursday afternoon after being ignited by lightning Wednesday.

Fire information officer Leroy White said 150 firefighters were battling the blaze, with 150 more on order. White said, however, he wasn't sure when reinforcements would come.

"The fire is pretty low in the pecking order as far as crews are concerned," White said. "There are fires in Idaho that are still threatening towns. That's where the manpower is going."

White said the area is dry and the fire is still spreading. He said two cabins stood in the path of the fire, and fire engines were standing by to protect the structures from the approaching flames.

Seven miles to the east, lightning started another fire Thursday afternoon. Officials estimated the East Pryor Gap fire had burned 30 to 35 acres by Thursday evening. Four aerial tankers dropped retardant on the fire while officials tried to muster firefighters.

White said the inter-agency dispatch center in Billings was transferring 100 firefighters from a just-contained 800-acre fire near Ashland. He said fire crews would be on the East Pryor Gap fire by Friday.

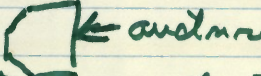

On the Gallatin National Forest, the Six Mile fire 30 miles south of Livingston and one-half mile north of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area grew 135 acres since Wednesday, Forest Service spokesman Dick Rath said. He said rugged mountainous terrain was making it difficult for 173 firefighters battling the 180-acre fire.

Rath said 160 more firefighters were needed to help contain the Six Mile fire. "We have a pretty good chance for success if we get the people in," he said.

GFT, Aug 4, 1989

Marysville Livestock Auction

June 5, '89

- calves as baaugh; great noise from small critters; numbers tagged in ^{right} ear
ring: 7' high, stl posts & cables betn, like fox's ring ^{behind}
- row of 1/2 of movie-like seats, & bidders w/ nameplates on cable
 - 8 banks of benches behind
 - 5 sided ~~sun~~ sale ring, auct'n pulpit on 6th: 
 - red sawdust in sale ring (was it be red in Mont, not cedar entry?)
- sign: 106.5 FM, KLYN Sunrise Show, Lee Mielke auction barn report, M-Sat
- digital weight scoreboard over auct'n's head.
 - coffee cup on rim of auct'n's pulpit
- sign: Dead Stock Removal - 24-h Svc - Mo'ly Billing 
- T-shirt: cowhard - outline of hand colored like cowhide (bl-x-uh)
 - auct in big straw hat;
 - calves wrestled out by hand.
 - speakers (boxes like our hi-fi) - stick out of wall on 6'-pipe supports
 - woman clerk kpg track of sales
 - diff'n't smell than being around sheep; heavier, less pungent

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\$70. \$85? 60? 60? 60? 62.50 - 62. 63. 62 now 3

50, Now 1, 51, 52 - 22 - 3; 51 now 2

41 - 42 - 2 - 43 - 45 - 45 - 45 - Scott (Lujan)

(Wyoming League)

39 - 39 - 39 - 39

repts 3 times ↗

90! 90! 90! 90!

puts both hands in front of him like play's piano

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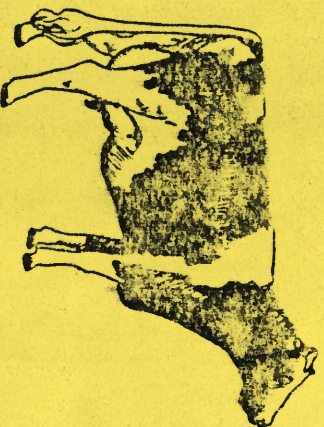
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homestead?
Riley use in
column?
- Tootless Ferry Tale?

incident based on Fern Eggers letter, her 3-year-old brother cutting a rattlesnake in half with a hoe:

See my snake, mommy.

OO, I don't have ti--. See what? OO, show me.

My snake. He mine. I killed him.

I changed Leona's Sisters of Peace, in rewrite, to wives of soldiers killed in Afghanistan rather than mothers, to make it resonate with her past with Alec. Keep it that way, or x make it mothers and say something about them being like Gold Star mothers here in WWII--i.e., Beth?

--link this to Riley having been in Vietnam and survived?

Twin Cities to Mosby: $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 187 \text{ mi.} =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.5 \\ \times 187 \\ \hline 245 \\ 700 \\ 350 \\ \hline 654 \end{array}$$

by Rand Mc maps, state by state:

Minn: Twin Cities to Moorhead, 44.8 mi.

$$\begin{array}{r} 44.8 \text{ mi.} \\ \times 5'' \\ \hline 224.0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{N Dak } 7 \\ 38.3 \text{ mi} \\ \times 9'' \\ \hline 344.7 \end{array}$$

Mont: Mosby to N Dak line, 55.7 mi

$$\begin{array}{r} 55.7 \text{ mi} \\ \times 3.25'' \\ \hline 1785 \\ 1114 \\ 1114 \\ \hline 1821 \end{array}$$

double checked

$$\begin{array}{r} 224 \\ 345 \\ 181 \\ \hline 750 \end{array}$$

Riley and Mariah hit their stride in eastern Montana and no longer need Jick's memory storms to trigger their stories?

--at Plentywood and Ekalaka, the process reverses: what they choose to write about sets off the Bob Marshall/politics and letters-on-hillside storms in Jick.

Decline of state gas

See OVER

57-T July 24, 1979

New federal storage-tank standards

By MEA ANDREWS

Missoulian

MISSOULA (AP) — The number of gas stations in Montana probably will drop in the next few years as owners of small-volume outlets decide to leave the business rather than comply with new federal standards for fuel storage tanks.

But station owners are getting help from the state with one requirement.

On July 1, motorists started paying a one-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax for a state insurance pool that will be used to clean up sites contaminated by fuel spills and leaks.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us," said Jean Riley, an environmental engineer for the state's underground storage tank program. "There are a lot of business decisions being made right now."

The regulations approved by Congress are aimed at preventing fuel leaks that can contaminate underground water.

Starting this year, standards for detecting leaks in tanks are due to be phased in over five years. Other regulations will go into effect in 1998 to protect tanks from corrosion and the soil from fuel spills.

Beginning this year and continuing through October 1990 are deadlines for station owners to arrange at least \$1 million in insurance to cover cleanup costs of spills and leaks — insurance policies that are not widely used by small stations and are high-cost, hard-to-get luxuries for others.

The state's new insurance pool will help, although station owners would be liable for up to \$17,500 of the first \$35,000 in bills for a cleanup project.

Most troublesome for many stations is the anti-corrosion require-

ment, which involves either replacing tanks with approved new models or lining old ones with special coatings. The average cost per station could be \$20,000 to \$45,000 or more, according to Montana equipment dealers and state officials.

"It is tough enough on the big operators," said Larry Fickler of Fickler Oil Co., north of Deer Lodge. "I just don't see how the low-volume stations are going to be able to do it."

Rural residents may find themselves driving longer distances to fill up their tanks, and small stations that discontinue pumping gas may find their auto repair operations in trouble, too, he said.

Curt Coulter of Coulter Automotive worries about that. He runs the only service station in Charlo, but gasoline is just a small part of his business.

"We don't make that much on gasoline, but it brings a lot of people around so we can talk to them, look at their tires, belts and hoses," he said. "The big decision I have to make is, if I put \$16,000 to \$20,000 in the ground for the tanks and pay another \$2,500 for insurance, I just don't pump enough gas" to warrant staying in the gas business, he said.

Coulter said he would try to continue the repair garage, but the lack of gasoline would be an inconvenience for customers.

Corrosion-resistant coatings can be bonded to some old tanks, but the tanks must be dug up, cut open and inspected. That may prompt many station owners to replace the steel units with fiberglass or other approved tanks, said Hal Tremper, vice president of Missoula's Tremper Distributing.

"We have a number of small stations that seem to be putting off a

stations predicted

expensive for small-volume outlets

decision," he said. "I just hope they understand that they do have to do something."

Montana's data base of underground storage tanks lists over 18,000 tanks in 9,000 different locations. More than 16,000 tanks are steel, said Riley.

The average age of the tanks is 16 years, about 2,000 of the tanks are over 25 years old, and some have been around for 75 years or longer, she said.

The older the tank, the more likely that corrosion has started, causing leaks.

"At most of the tanks we are seeing removed, there is at least some contamination at every site," Riley said. "Most of it is in the soil and a lot of it is fairly minimal — around fill pipes, where they've overfilled" the tank.

Most spills occur when a fuel-delivery truck's hose is disconnected from the tank, and a few gallons of gasoline spill onto the ground. Over time, the accumulations can create broader and deeper contaminated areas.

By December 1998, old tanks also must be fitted with devices that

catch spills and prevent overflowing tanks.

Alarms that would signal nearly full tanks, automatic shut-off valves, and bucket-like basins that catch fuel around a tank's fill pipe are some of the approved methods.

"We have heard about some people saying they can't afford all of this," Riley said. They are ones that seem to be working on a shoestring budget, anyway.

"But we still have a lot of people interested in getting into the business, too," she said. "We're still getting a lot of calls on that."



use with Ted Schwinden's point that a flat tire is getting to be a worrisome event, along the High Line, etc., are so far apart as the towns dwindle.

Potpourri 677

Aug 9, 1987
Glasgow AFB

... *after lapse o.*

THE FIRST OF SIX Montana National Guard tank training sessions to be held at the former Glasgow Air Force Base concluded last week with no hitches, complaints or problems.

This is worthy of mention because it appears that a viable mission for the old air base has finally been found — 20 years after the last military airplane was transferred away and the U.S. Air Force began mothballing the base.

In the years since then, the base was turned over to Valley County and it was hoped that an industrial park could be developed. A few enterprises located at the site — about 20 miles north of Glasgow — but later left. Major controversy erupted in 1981 when the complex was under consideration as a detention center for Cuban or Haitian refugees. A local uproar killed that proposal. Controversy continued when the park's manager, Jim Holmes, was convicted of theft of appliances and airplane fuel.

Now, after nearly becoming a ghost facility, the old base again has a military mission. National Guard activity is expected to increase in succeeding years.

The St. Marie private development, which sells housing units to military retirees and others, is beginning to take hold as well.

Getting some further use out of facilities at the base, which cost hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars for construction in the late 1950s, is the most important result of this renewed activity.

JOHN WILSON, WHO IS stepping down Aug. 31 as administrator of the Montana Promotion Division, has done a fine job during the past nine years.

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has a mission of two decades

Wilson's division handles the state effort to attract tourists to Montana. As a result of that work, tourist revenue has increased by more than 50 percent during the past decade. Tourism and travel activities will have a nearly \$1 billion impact on the state's economy this year.

Competing against other states in the West and the Canadian provinces has not been easy. Montana's effort received a big boost in 1987, however, when proceeds from the hotel and motel bed tax were earmarked for tourism development. The state now has a \$5 million annual budget for this purpose.

Wilson has handled his state duties in a professional and goal-oriented manner. His new job will be with the non-profit Montana Land Reliance, a group that helps private landowners arrange conservation easements.

OFFICIALS IN Jefferson County devised a unique way to help battle the knapweed problem this summer: they invited the public to engage in a knapweed pull.

The county offered to pay local residents five cents a weed if the weeds were bundled and turned in. More than 200 people responded — and they pulled \$44,000 worth in two weekends of activity. That translates into nearly a million knapweed plants that no longer are choking out grass and vegetation in the county.

Dealing with noxious weeds will take time, money and coordination. And it helps when local officials find a way to raise the level of awareness about the problem, such as in Jefferson County. Weeds cost the state at least \$100 million per year in reduced agricultural production.

Jick:

, more newspaperperson code, (after Mariah and Riley have ~~made~~ said something he finds only semi-comprehensible)

--in ch. 3, Leona can blink at some of this that Jick by now can translate for her.

not used in scene of Mariah jumping Jick abt bringing Leona along:

Jick: "if you can make a go of it, you and him, I'll be the first one to say
I was wrong."

Schwunden.

- High line: Woelft

- John Deere

- flat tires

- sleety

See See check

Schwarzen

Things: oil prices

- Pandemonium & racism

use this fairly early - or
at least well before HOC
dance - in ch.

This Leona deal needed all the thinking time I could squeeze in.

So I mulled her, and Mariah and Riley, and for that matter myself and

Mary?

why I'd ever had the bright idea of inviting Leona along on this end of

the Bago trip, while I sat there waiting for the call of nature to be

concluded.

MSU grads find jobs— out of state

BOZEMAN (AP) — Eighty percent of the 1988 graduating class at Montana State University landed jobs in the desired field, with an average salary of \$22,240, but only 36 percent of the graduates stayed in Montana, MSU officials said Thursday.

The announcement coincided with the start of MSU's second annual Career Fair, which drew 102 prospective employers.

Of the graduates who left Montana for jobs, 13 percent went to the state of Washington and 10 percent went to California. The remainder spread out to 44 other states and various other countries, MSU officials said.

"I look at that one way and say, 'Boy, that's a lot of people leaving Montana,'" said Ralph Brigham, MSU career services director. "But I look at it another way and see MSU graduates competing for jobs nationwide."

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Salaries for those with bachelor's degrees increased 4 percent over the previous year, and engineers again topped the list with an average first-year salary of \$27,140, the survey said.

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Exactly 87 percent of the engineering majors are making that money somewhere other than Montana.

Graduates of the College of Education, Health and Human Development — many of whom get jobs as teachers — had the lowest starting salary average, \$15,990 a year.

All of the statistics are in line with national figures, Brigham said.

MSU's Career Fair filled the ballroom in the Strand Union Building Thursday, with prospective employers ranging from the American Graduate School of International Management to the Wyoming Highway Department.

Brigham said 2,100 students attended last year's fair, and he expected an even larger turnout Thursday.

The University of Montana recently had a career fair with 48 employers.

Oct. 6, 1989
BF Tru