

## \$1,000 reward in USFS thefts

Investigators with the U.S. Forest Service and the Daggett County Sheriff's Office are looking for the public's help in solving a burglary at the Flaming Gorge Ranger District office in Manila.

Daggett County Sheriff's Deputy Peter Butcher said the burglary occurred sometime after the office closed on Nov. 27. It was reported by Forest Service employees when they came to work the following day.

"We take it serious that they were that brash or brazen to do this," Butcher said of the thieves. "It's the taxpayers' dollar, so it hurts everybody that pays taxes."

Butcher said items stolen from the office include several handheld GPS units, binoculars, a high-end spotting scope and digital cameras. He said the equipment, which is worth thousands of dollars, is all considered federal property.

Investigators did process the crime scene for physical evidence, the deputy said.

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one involved in the burglary and theft. Butcher said people can provide information anonymously, if they choose.

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Ground breaking ceremonies of the affordable housing project in Manila were held Thursday, March 10.

## Affordable housing project in Daggett County has ground breaking

Daggett County has been awarded funding to build affordable housing using the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund. The first four homes will be constructed in the Harpers Landing Subdivision in the town of Manila to be completed this year. The next step will be to construct two homes in the town of Dutch John. Lower income families will have the opportunity to apply for financing with lower interest rates when applying to purchase one of the homes.

With the shortage of multi-family housing, as well any other affordable alternatives, the affordable housing project will provide more selection for many in need of housing. Proposals are now being accepted for other housing projects of interest to the county.

The Daggett County Jail inmates, who are on work release, will be a part of the construction as well, with the possibility to learn a trade while completing the project. Uintah Basin Applied Technology

College will be offering certification to the inmates for their learned trades.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held for the Manila part of the Affordable Housing Project last Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. "This is a wonderful project for Daggett County. We hope to have the four homes completed in Manila within the year and to have started on the two homes in Dutch John sometime next year," says Brian Raymond, Daggett County Commission assistant.

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Litt's Rhonda Dudley, on her mother's lap, Charles Dudley, and all ten of her living Hatch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hatch Sr., Lloyd Gilroy and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dudley



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Smith

## Sunday Rites Planned for Sharon Eskelson

Another charming holiday side will be Miss Sharon Eskelson, popular daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Eskelson, whose forthcoming marriage to Bobby Gebhart was announced this week.

The couple will make wedding promises in nuptial rites to be solemnized Sunday at 6 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents at 220 West Main Street, before a small group of relatives and intimate friends. A reception will follow the ceremony.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gebhart of Decatur, Illinois. He is currently employed at Carter Oil in Vernal. The soon-to-be-wedded couple plan to make their home here. Miss Eskelson has been employed at the Basin Medical Center.

## New Year's Eve Dance at Stake Center

Free noise makers, confetti and all the excitement of the coming in of the New Year will be featured at the Stake Dance Wednesday night. Sponsored by the M. I. A. it will be held in the Stake House and begin at 9:00. Music will be furnished by Neva's Orchestra. Following the dance will be a breakfast sponsored by the M-Men and Jr. Gleaners for all those ranging between the ages of 17 and 30.

## Chicken Dinner Highlights Christmas Party of Cultural Arts Club

Mrs. Grant Hacking's home was the scene of the Cultural Arts Club's annual Christmas party held Wednesday evening, December 18. Mrs. Ferron Hacking was assistant hostess. A delicious chicken dinner was served at two long tables centered with miniature Christmas scenes and evergreens. The evening was spent playing progressive

## Alvin Smith Has Been Wed Fifty-five Years

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Smith of Ashley observed their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday. The couple, who lived for more than a quarter of a century in McKinnon, Wyoming, have lived in Vernal since 1942.

Mr. Smith was born in Salt Lake City, November 13, 1876, the son of Dr. A. W. and Jane Brough Smith. Mrs. Smith was born January 23, 1879 in Beaver, Utah. Her parents were Daniel M. and Sarah Warby Nelson.

The Smiths were the first couple to be married in Lucern Valley, later known as Manila, Dagget County, Utah. Their wedding date was December 28, 1897. The Smiths and Nelson families were among the first settlers in the Lucern Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith made their home in Manila until 1914 when they moved to McKinnon, Wyo. Mr. Smith has spent most of his life in ranching and in sawmill business. He has always been active in community interests, serving as constable and later as deputy sheriff for many years. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and he is recognized as an outstanding sportsman.

Mrs. Smith, an active community and church worker, has held many offices in the LDS Church. She was also postmistress at McKinnon for ten years. Her hobbies include knitting, embroidery, crocheting and quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two sons and four daughters, all of whom are still living. They are Mrs. Elmer (Lucille) Sweet, Vernal; Mrs. Austin (Lovina) Stevens, Mrs. S. C. (Eva) Dorman of Rock Springs, Wyo.; Albert W. Smith of Clamath Falls, Ore.; Mrs. Glen (Doris) Walker and Daniel Smith of Vernal. In addition they now have fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## UTOPIA

The Christmas party of the Utopia Club was held at the

## MIA Group Mark Season by Carol Services

The spirit of the holiday was stimulated in the three Vernal wards during the MIA meeting prior to Christmas by special carol services under the direction of the music, drama and speech departments.

In First Ward the program was held in the recreation hall with the stage set as a living room complete with fireplace and Christmas tree. Elaine Davis as reader introduced all numbers and told a little about each Christmas carol sung. An "Angel's Chorus" made up of Mia Maids sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The Scouts, as carolers, brought in the yule log and placed it in the fireplace. They then sang "Deck the Halls" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Lee Caldwell sang "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" and George Davis presented "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" in vocal solo. The Beehive girls, dressed as dolls and toys under the Christmas tree sang "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the House-tops."

As a climax the curtains at the back were drawn revealing the manger scene as the chorus sang "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Mary was portrayed by Lois Goodrich, Joseph by Ralph Olson, the angel by Glenna Walker, the wisemen by Katherine Searle and Arlene Sullivan, and the shepherds by Myrna Humphries and Carma Weeks.

Mrs. John Stagg and Mrs. Kenneth Stringham were in charge of the program with Mrs. A. A. Call acting as accompanist. Dancing followed the completion of the carol service.

## SECOND WARD

Reader for the program in Second Ward was Marie Smith. The ladies chorus composed of Carol Rae Brady, Lois Erickson, Vivian Carter, Ruby Fife, Mrs. Lee Walker and Ruth Robertson sang "Joy to the World," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." A male quartette, composed of Ralph and Frank Walker, Lewis Fife and Dale Thacker sang "Deck the Halls" and "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen." An organ solo, "Little Town of Bethlehem" by Ruby Fife was followed by a special ladies trio composed of Paula and Heddy Hodgkinson and their sister Betty Hein in their native costumes, singing "With Wondering Awe" in the German tongue. Accompanist was Ruby Fife. The manger scene was portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Brent Felch as Mary and Joseph with Don Hullinger and Melbourne Hatch, Jr. represent-

## PAT JOHNSON GAINS WEIGHT AT WARM SPRINGS FOUR

## Trousseau Tea Pre-Nuptial Fete For Myra Woolley

A trousseau tea honoring Miss Myra Woolley was held Friday afternoon in the setting of the lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Batty. Hostesses for the tea were Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Paul Lunt, Mrs. Max Woolley, and Miss Laurel Lunt.

The radiant bride-to-be, daughter of Mrs. George Taylor, betrothed to David Lunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Lunt of Cedar City, greeted guests in a watermelon taffeta gown trimmed with dainty blue flowers. Others in the receiving line along with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Lunt were Mrs. Max Woolley, Mrs. Paul Lunt, Miss Laurel Lunt, and Mrs. Alice Billings, grandmother of the bride.

Mrs. Sam Woolley received guests at the door and Mrs. Oran Jones and Mrs. Earl Freeman assisted as hostesses in the dining room. Presiding at the serving table were Glee Chew, Beth Bryson, Rachel Oaks, and Marilyn Robins, with Carrie Calder, Mary Lou Roberts, Margie Montgomery, Carole Calder, Carolyn Wallis, Donna Stagemeyer, Rea Pope, and Mary Ann King serving refreshments to the guests. Mrs. Driver Smith and Mrs. Wiley Collett assisted with the refreshments.

Mrs. Frank Wright was in charge of the trousseau display.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Zeph S. Calder during the week has been their nephew, Paul McArdle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edna Singleton of Salt Lake City.

Naon Slaugh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Slaugh and Isadore Long, left Tuesday for Price where they will visit with Miss Long's mother Mrs. George Winchester. The girls plan to return Sunday.

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## Mark Anson, Utah's Oldest Sheriff

By Kerry Ross Boren



His house, in which he lived with his wife Sarah, was a huge, oblong building, constructed of peeled-and-squared pine logs which had been cut and hauled from the nearby Uintah Mountains during the 1920's. The house had a green tar-paper roof and sat on the crest of the high knobby hill looking down upon the little town of Manila, Utah. The only access was by a graded road which snaked its way around the hill from a swinging gate at the intersection of a frontage road.

Few people ever saw Mark Anson, the Sheriff of Daggett County, Utah. For that cause he was held somewhat in awe by the local populace, and remained something of a mystery. Part of the reason was due to his age, for Mark was past eighty-five. If the criminal element should think of this as an advantage, however, it was always to their detriment. Sheriff Anson always got his man.

Daggett County, during the late 1940's and early 1950's, when I grew into boyhood there, was the smallest, least-populated, and most isolated county in the State - a virtual throw-back to the Old West. Many of the county's older residents - Willard Schofield, Tom Welch, Tom Jarvie, Minnie Rasmussen, Jim Lamb and others - had been personal acquaintances of Butch Cassidy; so had Mark Anson.

Mark was not originally a resident of the county. He was the son of Tom Anson, an early pioneer of the Henry's Fork country in southwestern Wyoming. Mark was born at Burnt Fork, Wyoming, on his father's ranch, during the late 1860's. Burnt Fork was, however, barely across the Utah-Wyoming border, some thirty-five miles, as the crow flies, west of Manila.

I came to know Mark Anson, and to learn his life's story, in a very unusual way.

When I was ten or eleven years of age - in about 1951 or 1952 - I followed in the footsteps of many an earlier errant child and ran away from home. My older brother had taken a new litter of kittens belonging to my pet cat, put them in a gunny-sack, weighted it with rocks, and drowned them in the pond. I felt badly abused and determined to run away and live as a hermit in the nearby mountains.

Our family ranch was some six miles south of Manila, on the lip of Sheep Creek Canyon, in the foothills of the massive Uintah Mountains - Utah's highest. I had grown up in the Uintahs and felt perfectly at home there. I had been hunting, fishing, and exploring the canyons and rivers of that region since the age of five or six, and lived like a prodigal wild child in their midst without apprehension or concern.

I bridled my horse - "Jewel," a pinto - and rode off bareback into the hills south of the ranch, feeling simultaneously unloved and yet elated at my new-found sense of freedom and independence. It didn't last too long.

I hadn't gone many miles when I discovered that, in my haste to leave, I had overlooked provisions. By day's end I was hungry and had nothing to eat. I hadn't even considered until that time how I was going to provide for myself in the mountains.

I happened to be near my uncle Roy Boren's ranch in South Valley. I knew that he and my aunt were away on a visit, so I dropped by the ranch and helped myself to food from the pantry, my uncle's best fishing rod, and, for good measure, I took a pocket watch from a dresser - in case I needed to know the time of day. I was to learn that the watch had belonged to my aunt's father, Charles Potter, and was an heirloom. I felt bad then, but at the time I took it, it was the least of my concerns. I had never stolen anything before, and because of the lesson I was about to learn, never would again.

I camped that night on Sheep Creek, caught trout for my supper, to supplement some of my aunt's bottled fruits and vegetables, and made my bedroll next to a campfire. In the middle of the night I was awakened by the sound of an automobile coming up the canyon. I doused the fire, bundled up my few belongings, and climbed upon Jewel's back. Nearby was a branch of old Outlaw Trail, winding its way up the cliff-side for some two thousand feet to the crest of the canyon. It had been constructed in the 1890's by Cleophas Dowd, whose grave lay at the bottom of the trail: he was murdered in the canyon in 1898. Few people could navigate the trail in daylight, especially with a horse, but I did it by night, and was feeling quite proud of the accomplishment.

What I didn't know, but strongly suspected, was that the car contained members of my family, frantically searching for me. The next morning my worried mother went to elicit the aid of Sheriff Anson to find me. By noon the old man was on my trail.

I spotted him early on, several miles down the valley, slowly walking along in front of his horse, pursuing my tracks. I rode hard toward an escarpment, hid my horse behind an outcropping of ledge, and climbed to the top of the ridge to watch his progress. At this point the "game" was enjoyable, like cowboys and Indians - or Butch eluding a posse.

I didn't know it then, but Sheriff Anson had once pursued members of the Wild Bunch, over this same terrain. Had I known it, I might not have been so smug.

I was not lacking in confidence. I had several times in the past proven myself the superior of grown men in mountaineering skills. There was not a doubt in my young mind that I could not lose this old man in the dust.

But still he came on. I watched as he stooped and examined the tracks, then mounted his horse nimbly and headed straight in my direction at a trot. I realized that I would have to resort to more stringent efforts to cover my tracks.

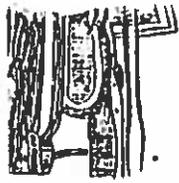
Mounting my horse, I rode her along the hard-pan where, I was convinced, no trace of passage could be seen. I stopped beyond the crest of a hill a mile or so away and secluded myself beneath the shadow of a cedar to watch. Sheriff Anson arrived at the hard-pan and stopped; he dismounted. He walked slowly around the area in a full-circle, stooped once to do something I couldn't quite make out, then mounted again. With further hesitation, he rode directly toward me!

I rode hard for several hours, using every ruse I can imagine or remember to lose the old tracker, to no avail. Ev zig-and-zag was followed unerringly; every back-track discovered every blind-trail ignored and by-passed. My respect for the "old man" was growing by the hour.

By nightfall my horse was tired and thirsty. She was a young mare, heavy with colt, and I knew I couldn't push her. But it did give me an idea. Riding up to an escarpment where a cedar tree grew out from an overhang some eight feet above the ground, I pulled myself up into the tree from atop my horse, and spooked her down the trail. I then climbed to the top of the cliff, took up a post and waited.

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along and I smiled to myself as he by-passed my hiding place and continued along the trail left by the riderless horse. But, no more than half a mile away, I saw him stop, dismount, examine the trail again, and take a drink from his canteen. At last he remounted, just as the sun began to sink in the western sky over the rim of Hogsback Mountain, and I was relieved that he would be moving on; but he didn't. He turned around and rode straight back toward me. Who was this guy?

I traveled all night on foot, then made a dry camp and went to sleep. Before the sun rose I was up, scrambling up a promontory to scan the back trail. There, on the horizon, leisurely plodding along, was the old sheriff. It was nearly beyond belief.

I had one last chance. About a mile away, in a wall of ledges overlooking South Valley, I knew of a crevice high on the cliff-side - where once I had explored an eagle's nest - where I could hide in complete concealment. I soon nestled in there, feeling quite secure.

The old Sheriff, whom I watched intently from a niche in the rocks, wound his way across the valley and stopped his horse directly beneath my hiding place. I held my breath as he unscrewed his canteen and took a drink, less than fifteen feet below my nook.

"Hot day, isn't it boy?"

I jumped. How could he know I was there?

"Imagine you could use a drink of cold water just about now?"

He was right about that.

"Come on down, boy," he said. "I might be too old to climb up after you, but I can damned well out-wait you." I knew he could. I climbed down. We rode double back down the valley to where my parents waited in a war-surplus Jeep. By the time we arrived, the Sheriff had gleaned my story from between parched lips. Before turning me over to my parents, he asked their permission to take me home with him: "I'd like to give him a little talking to," I heard him tell my father. "He ain't a bad boy. He just needs a little change of direction."

"I ran away from home once," Mark told me, back at his house. "Damn near got me killed," he said. He leaned back in his leather chair and looked up at the pine rafters, as if his past history was displayed there, upon the mists of time.

"I was a little older than you are now," he began. "Maybe sixteen or seventeen. And I thought I knew everything there was to know. Nobody could tell me anything, you see."

"Why did you run away?" I asked, genuinely curious. His old wife Sarah brought us hot rolls with butter and honey, and hot chocolate to drink, fresh from a half-gallon tin of Baker's Brand Chocolate. While I dug in ravenously, he answered my question.

"My dad wanted me to hold up my end of chores around the ranch," he replied. "I thought there was a faster and easier way to make money. Must of have been about 1885..."

In about 1885 a notorious horse rustler named "Dutch" John Henselini came through Burnt Fork with a stolen herd; he needed an extra hand and hired the teen-aged Mark Anson to go along with him as a "gingler," or horse-wrangler. Unhappy at home, Mark went with the rustler without bothering to notify his family.

They drove the stolen herd into Utah, across the Green River at Cottonwood Crossing near the Flaming Gorge, and out onto the cedar flats above Red Canyon (where Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River is presently located; Dutch John Flat, named for the rustler-chief, is today the town of Dutch John, Daggett County, Utah).

The Dutch John Gang consisted of about six or seven men. They rustled stock in northern Wyoming and Montana and drove them to Dutch John Flat. Here they had erected corrals of cedar-posts where they corralled the stolen animals for brand alterations before driving them further south for sale.

"It was my job," Mark told me, "to herd the horses on Dutch John Flat when the gang was away. I would be left alone there for weeks on end, but when they came back, their pockets would be jingling with gold, and old Dutch John paid me good. I had no complaints. I was feelin' pretty cocky about myself I was thumbing my nose at the law and making more money in a month than my dad made on the ranch in a whole year. Yeah, I thought that runnin' away was the smartest thing I ever done."

was camped on the Flat (where the town now stands), some of the horses strayed over the ridge and Dutch John sent young Mark to fetch them back. He had only barely left the camp when "all hell broke loose."

A sheriff's posse from Vernal had crossed the river at Little Brown's Hole about five miles to the east, and had slipped up on them stealthily by way of Dripping Springs. A running gunfight ensued, during which all five or six members of the gang - including Dutch John - were killed. Mark watched from a pinnacle above Dutch John Gap.

"I was never so scared in all my young life," old Mark said, taking a sip of his cocoa. "My life had been saved by only a few minutes, but I knew, too, that if they saw me, I could still be killed, or spend years in prison. I high-tailed it out of there, I swam the Green River and walked over forty miles up Henry's Fork to my dad's ranch. No place ever looked better to me than the old home place did at that moment."

Subsequently, I learned, Mark enlisted in the U.S. Cavalry; his father thought it would help to mature. He had been one of the guards who watched over the famous Sitting Bull, following his arrest upon his return from Canada where he had fled following the Battle of Little Big Horn.

"We got to be pretty good friends," Mark told me, getting up from his comfortable chair, surprisingly agile for his age - and considering that he had been chasing me in the hills for two days - he opened an old trunk near his bedroom door and removed an old 45-70 Cavalry rifle and handed it to me. It was heavy. On the stock were brass studs, imbedded in the wood in the shape of a cross.

"Sitting Bull gave this to me," he said, replacing it carefully in the trunk. He handed me a 45-70 cartridge and told me I could keep it. "Sitting Bull was murdered, you know," he added reflectively. "They said he was killed trying to escape, but he wasn't. He was murdered. I know - I was there."

When his cavalry term ended, he returned home and not long afterward became a deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Ward of Uinta County, Wyoming.

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His co-deputy was Robert Calverly, formerly foreman of the Carter Cattle Company, but more renowned as the only

lawman ever to capture the notorious Butch Cassidy and send him to prison (1894).

In 1898 his biggest coup as a lawman occurred when the Union Pacific flyer was robbed at Bryan Station, about mid-way between Fort Bridger and Green River City, Wyoming. The Red Sash Gang, to whom the robbery was attributed, escaped with \$85,000 in heavy-gold coin and bullion, carried away in the panniers of several pack mules. The robbers, six or eight in number, passed through the buttes just east of Burnt Fork. Deputy Anson organized a posse and set out in hasty pursuit, hoping to head them off before they reached the high Uintals.

The outlaws stopped briefly in Connor Basin to steal one of George Solomon's best horses - Solomon was away at the time, serving as flag-bearer for Torrey's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War. Then they proceeded up Sol's Canyon, still encumbered by the gold.

"At Half-Moon Park," Mark said, a grin breaking his face, "old Charley Grant came riding along in the opposite direction. Just as he rode out into the Park out of the timber, he spots the outlaws

comin' his way. 'Hey,' he yells out. 'Where the hell you fellers going to with old Sol's horse?' His answer was hot lead, and he beat it back into the timber with his tail between his legs."

Five miles east of Half-Moon Park, in a small meadow in the heavy timber, the outlaws abandoned the pack-mules - emptied of their burden. The place ever after became known as "Jackass Park."

Deputy Anson's posse was now hot on their heels. A telegram had been sent over the mountain to Sheriff Bill Preece of Vernal, who was already underway with another posse to head the robbers off. The two posses converged upon the outlaws in Dowd's Hole and a desperate gunfight ensued. Four of the robbers were killed, two wounded and captured, and two others escaped. The gold was never recovered.

"The gold had to have been hidden within the five miles between Half-Moon Park and Jackass Park," Mark lamented. "They had less than two hours to do it. Two of the captured men died in prison in Illinois.

The gang's cook, a black man, before he died, told the story to another black man called Nigger Turner. He had half a map to the place where the gold was buried - smuggled it out of prison drawn on the instep of his shoe. I knew old Nigger Turner well in later years. He lived in a cabin at McKinnon (Wyoming) and hunted for the gold. One day his horse came back with blood on the saddle. Nobody ever seen him again."

It was apparent that the Red Sash gold was one of the old man's favorite topics. He assured me that he had been searching for the gold for more than fifty years. "It's gettin' o' little late," he surmised, "but I still have hopes that somebody will find it before I die." They didn't.

The leader of the robbers was a man called Red Bob. He escaped. It was later learned that he was none other than Harry Alonzo Longabaugh - better known as The Sundance Kid. What the wizened old Sheriff could not have known then was that Longabaugh removed the gold in 1908.



Mark Anson was a font of information on early law enforcement in Wyoming and Utah, having known both the famous and infamous on both sides of the law. His memory was an encyclopedia of history. One story interested me greatly.

"I knew Butch Cassidy," he told me, "both before he went to South America, and later, when he came back."

This wasn't exactly a revelation to me. The usually accepted version of Cassidy's fate was that he and The Sundance Kid had been shot down in a gun battle with Bolivian soldiers in 1908 or 1909. My

grandfather, Willard Schofield, who had grown up with Butch in Southern Utah, and knew him later, had informed me that Butch survived and returned to the United States. But I was interested in Mark Anson's version.

"Butch was back here in 1908. He met his father down at Smith & Lursen's Mercantile that fall and they had a long talk about Butch reforming his ways before it was too late. I met him again about 1919 or 1920. I ran into him face-to-face as he stepped down from the Price stage, coming to Vernal. We recognized each other right away. 'You still a lawman?' he asked me. I said, 'Hell, yes.' 'Well,' he says to me, 'I'm counting on our friendship. I hope you won't mention that you've seen me.'" Mark paused for effect.

The suspense got to me: I had to ask: "What did you tell him?"

"I told him," he grinned, "that the last I heard of Butch Cassidy, he was killed in South America. We shook hands and went our separate ways. I never seen him again, but I heard that he was around."

"You see," the old sheriff added, "I chased Butch Cassidy when he was on the wrong side of the law, but when he quit the Outlaw Trail and went straight, we could meet as old friends. It's called giving a man a break."

I could see he was leading up to something.

"Now you can say that you was trailed by the lawman who trailed Butch Cassidy. I gave him a break, and son, I'm gonna give you one, too. You just go on back home now, and if you don't ever do it again, it will be something you look back upon one day as a story to tell your grand-kids. But if you ever do run away again..." - he leaned forward and gave me a cold stare I have never forgotten - "...I'll come after you again, and next time, I'll have your ass!"

Mark Anson remained an active lawman until he turned eight-seven. He had given me a break, taught me a lesson, and like Butch Cassidy, we became friends. Mark encouraged me to write about the history of Northeastern Utah, and I began doing so at about the age of twelve. When the old sheriff died, several years into his nineties, I went to his funeral. Before the earth was heaped upon his coffin, I tossed the 45-70 cartridge into the open grave. Somehow, it seemed a fitting tribute.

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# Clay Basin School house sold for \$10

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) sold the Clay Basin School House back to Daggett County for \$10, Wednesday, April 16.

"I can't believe it finally happened," said RaNae Wilde, chairperson of the Daggett County Centennial Committee. "We plan to use the historical school house for a small museum in our new county park in Manila. It will go next to the old jail."

The transaction began over a year ago when a DCCC member asked a UDWR employee about the use of the building. Soon after, the DCCC wrote a letter to the UDWR asking about the possibility of acquiring the Clay Basin School for use as an historical museum for their "Daggett County Legacy Project."

"We originally bought the building because we needed a bunkhouse in that area," said Walt Donaldson, UDWR regional supervisor. "But, in the last few years, it has received very little use because other bunkhouses were available. When we heard the Centennial Committee was interested, we decided a donation of the Clay Basin School House would be beneficial to both the county and the building."

Then, the UDWR had to learn the ins and outs of transferring a historical building to another agency.

"The procedure turned out to be

relatively simple because of its intended use, but we didn't know that going into the process," said Ron Stewart UDWR. "This type of transaction isn't done very often and the "historical" designation confused the issue so it took a while to sort it out. We also needed to 'sell' the building to keep the paperwork straight so we decided on \$10."

"We almost started looking for another building but decided not to because of the historic value of the Clay Basin School House," Wilde said. "It will make a great contribution to our park. Not only is it historical to this area, it is big enough to house most of the museum collection."

"Now, we just have to figure out how to get it from Clay Basin to Manila."

## Clay Basin School History

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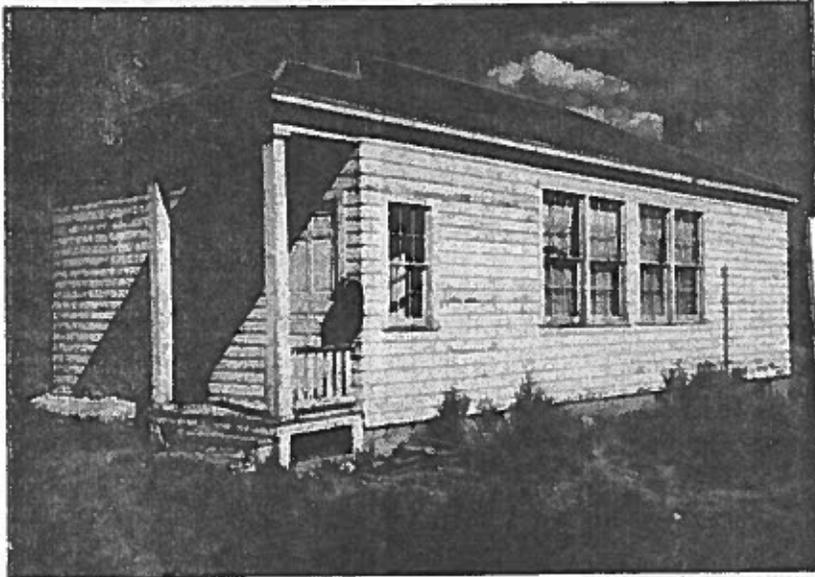
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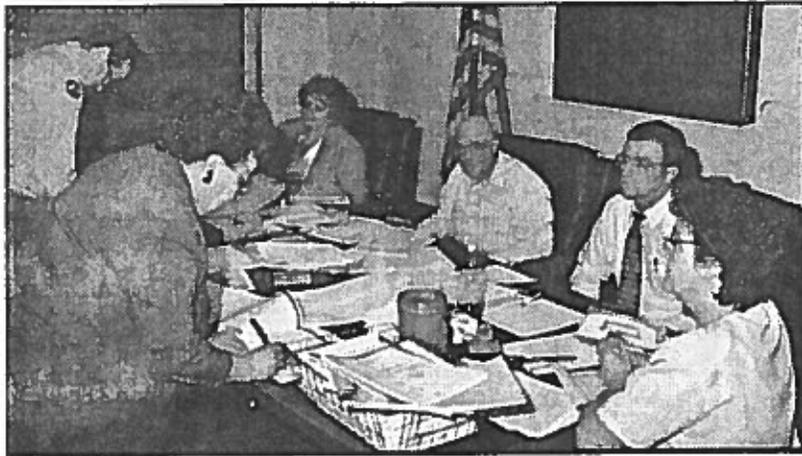
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Clay Basin School House on site in Daggett County.



Walt Donaldson, UDWR and RaNae Wilde, Daggett County Centennial Committee, signs agreement with County Commissioners.

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## Clay Basin School House to find new home in Manila Park

On Wednesday, April 16, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) sold the Clay Basin School House back to Daggett County for \$10.00.

"I can't believe it finally happened," said RaNae Wilde, Chairperson of the Daggett County Centennial Committee (DCCC). "We plan to use the historical school house for a small museum in our new county park in Manila. It will go next to the old jail."

The transaction began over a year ago when a DCCC member asked a UDWR employee about the use of the building. Soon after, the DCCC wrote a letter to the UDWR asking about the possibility of acquiring the Clay Basin School for use as an historical museum for their "Dagget County Legacy Project."

We originally bought the building because we needed a bunkhouse in that area," said Walt Donaldson, UDWR Regional Supervisor. "But, in the last few years, it has received very little use because other bunkhouses were available. When we heard the Centennial Committee was interested, we decided a donation of the Clay Basin School House would be beneficial to both the county and the building."

Then, the UDWR had to learn the ins and outs of transferring a historical building to another agency. "The procedure turned out to be relatively simple because of it's intended use, but we didn't know that going into the process," said Ron Stewart, UDWR. "This type of transaction isn't done very

often and the "historical" designation confused the issue so it took a while to sort it out. We also needed to "sell" the building to keep the paperwork straight so we decided on \$10."

"We almost started looking for another building but decided not to because of the historic value of the Clay Basin School House," Wilde said. "It will make a great contribution to our park. Not only is it historical to this area, it is big enough to house most of the museum collection."

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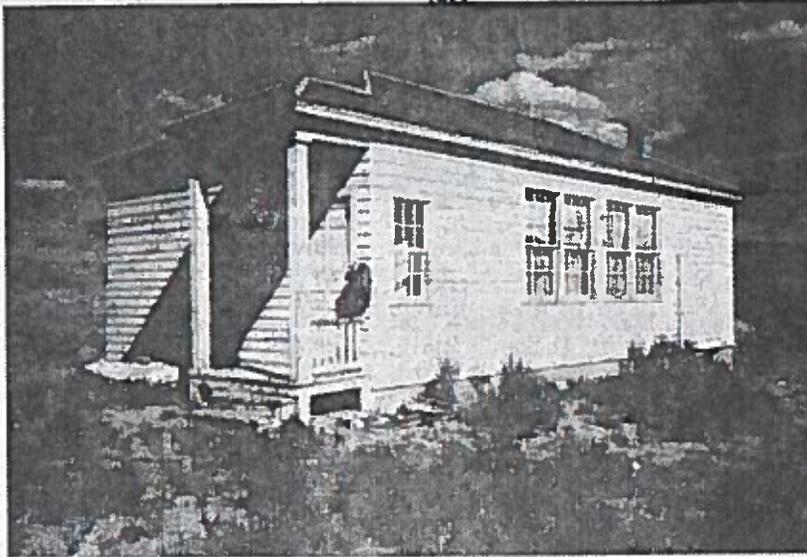
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CHEAP BUILDING--Daggett County was able to purchase this old Clay Basin School for just \$10. They will use the building for a small museum.

# Colorado man found dead in Crouse Canyon

By MARY BERNARD  
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**CROUSE CANYON**—The body of a 45-year-old Colorado man was located after a multi-day search in the Crouse Canyon area west of Brown's Park.

**Kenneth Martin Roche**, the deceased man, is believed to have died of hypothermia, according to Susie Potter,

public information officer for the Daggett County Sheriff's Office.

A welfare check on the Steamboat Springs, Colo. man initiated on Monday, Jan. 27 at his cabin in Taylor Flats in Browns Park failed to locate Roche or his vehicle.

Concern for the missing man was raised on Friday, Jan. 31 when a Utah Department of Wildlife Resources official

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located Roche's abandoned vehicle in Crouse Canyon.

There was no sign of Roche and Daggett County Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen activated a search for the missing man on Saturday, Feb. 1, Potter said.

The following day, Jorgensen brought in search and rescue teams from Daggett and Uintah counties along with deputies and search and rescue

members from Moffat County, Colo. in order to locate Roche.

The deceased man's body was found at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 in Crouse Canyon on the Daggett County side.

Cause of death is believed to be from prolonged exposure or hypothermia with alcohol as a contributing factor, according to Potter.

Roche's body was released to the county medical examiner for further investigation in establish-

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# Commissioner talks about axing attorney

By Les Bowen  
Uintah Basin News Service

Daggett County Commissioner Henry Gutz said last week that the county's decision to terminate the contract of its top law enforcement officer was the result of the man's attitude toward the media and the public, and wasn't necessarily based on his handling of a pending voter fraud case.

"The purpose in termination of Mr. Sidwell has nothing directly to do with the voter registration problem," Gutz said of the firing of Daggett County Attorney Bryan Sidwell.

However, Gutz said Sidwell's actions in the voter fraud cases that arose out of the 2006 county sheriff's race, and his conduct throughout his term of service in Daggett County, prompted the commissioners' 2-1 vote on July

1. Sidwell has been employed as the county attorney since January 2007. His four-year contract has a termination clause, allowing either party to end the agreement with six months notice, with or without reason.

"It has been our position to not give a reason," Gutz said. Sidwell did not respond to at-

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## ATTORNEY

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tempts by the Vernal Express to reach him for comment last week. When contacted by the Uintah Basin Standard one day after his firing, he declined to comment on the county commissioners' decision or his future plans.

Sidwell will continue to work for the county through the end of the calendar year.

"He has made a commitment to perform the duty that is required of his office," said Gutz, adding that prosecution of some 51 cases of voter registration fraud will fall to the Utah Attorney General's Office.

Gutz added that names investigated and prosecuted in the voter fraud cases came from several groups and the issue is not as one-sided as has been portrayed in media reports.

The lone vote to retain Sidwell came from Daggett County Commissioner Stewart Leith. He declined to comment on the commission's decision and directed questions to the other two commissioners, who voted to end the contract.

Commissioner Floyd Briggs was unavailable for an interview last week, and while Gutz declined to comment on the particulars, the commissioner provided an overview into the commission's decision.

"People feel we're trying to withhold information," Gutz said.

He explained that county leaders followed Sidwell's advice to be tight-lipped on the controversies surrounding the voter fraud

case, last year's escape from the Daggett County Jail by two state prisoners, and an inquiry into the county's affordable housing program.

"The county's policy toward the media has been to willingly assist anyone wanting access to public records including the media and with regard to other information to remain silent," wrote Sidwell in a letter in response to a records inquiry by KSL-TV related to its investigation into the affordable housing program in Daggett County.

The letter dated Jan. 11, 2007 - less than two weeks into Sidwell's contract - was posted on KSL's Web site and lists several reasons for the county's policy. Sidwell charged the media with being a "private business motivated by profits and not by the truth." He explained that time and space constraints often limit the media's ability to tell the entire story, and added that media tend to reflect a single viewpoint instead of telling all sides of a story.

"The media tends to make the news, not report the news," Sidwell continued.

He said reporters often take an "abrasive, aggressive approach, believing they have some higher authority above the law and believing they are entitled to something because they are the media."

The letter also charges the media with not policing itself and taking quotes out of context. The full letter and the accompanying story by KSL are available at [www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=309&sid=2685763](http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=309&sid=2685763).

Gutz noted that Daggett County has no local newspaper and is reliant on outside media to report what's happening there. He said the lack of open channels for information is taking its toll.

"The attitude that has developed of 'Don't talk to the media,' has killed us," the commissioner said.

He explained that the negative or even non-image of the county has led to a position where it is losing opportunities for grant and loan funds.

One decision by the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has meant the delay and potentially the denial of a request for more than \$500,000 to revitalize the county jail, the county's top employer.

To keep the jail running, the county is drawing on the Dutch John Enterprise Fund and passing it through the county budget. But the process of passing funds from one source to the other is bankrupting the county, according to Gutz. He said if the county continues in its current fiscal direction, it's looking at the possibility of not making payroll in about two years.

Gutz said the commission has decided to take the county in a new direction. He pointed to the lack of information released as one cause for the county's officials, employees and residents at large being disjointed and separated into factions. He said he hopes an informed public will help bring people together to find solutions to problems within the county.

Contributing: Geoff Liesik

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# Public Health Notice

## ZENS OF VERNAL CITY.

Attention is called to an Ordinance of Vernal City that "It is unlawful to construct or to maintain a privy or toilet in which the excrement shall be deposited on or above the surface of the ground, in boxes or other receptacles. All privies and toilets shall be constructed with a depth of not less than five feet in depth, and in such a manner so as to prevent the ingress or egress of flies."

It is hereby notified that after the 25th of this month, in order to protect the public health of the city, this ordinance shall be enforced against all violators thereof.

EDWARD D. SAMUELS, Mayor.

## RIDGES GET OUT OF COMMISSION

Reached Vernal Monday morning. His report on the road is that it is in a bad state. He usually takes two days to get through in two days. This morning he was out of commission for three days on the road. The bridges that are actually in a bad state are mostly in the Laytonville. At present the bridges are muddy and when dry they are very rough. The bridges are over 150 land miles. The bridges are mostly in the Laytonville. At present the bridges are muddy and when dry they are very rough. The bridges are over 150 land miles. The bridges are mostly in the Laytonville. At present the bridges are muddy and when dry they are very rough. The bridges are over 150 land miles.

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO "A HOUSE DIVIDED" AGAINST ITSELF

There is a merry controversy going on between residents and officials of Duchesne county vs. residents and officials of Duchesne county, over the road about to be built by the state of Utah, with convict labor. Preparations are in progress to establish the convict camp in Carbon county, right away, while the officials of Duchesne county are carrying their controversy up to the state road commission. The fact is, both factions are wrong.

Myton and her cohorts want the Price road repaired while Duchesne and her legions are after the Helper route first, last and all the time.

Both factions had representatives before the now state road commission on the very day it was organized. Duchesne was represented by Rock M. Pope and Laird Doan, who were armed with resolutions from two county commissioners. Myton was represented with two of her old time war horses, H. C. Means and Rev. G. S. Sloan. Clarence Johnson, of Roosevelt, was allied with them. This contingent had one county commissioner on their side.

The state road commission heard the arguments of both sides and very wisely decided to investigate the "Willow creek snow bank" and the "Soldier canyon boulevard" for themselves. This trip of investigation will be made next week, after which a decision will be forthcoming.

The personnel of the State road commission, as now constituted, is: Ex-officio chairman, Governor Simon Bamberger; vice chairman, Secretary of State Harden Bennion; state road engineer, Ira R. Brown; and state road engineer, Ira R. Brown.

## KANSAS MAN IN OUR MIDST DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of a father, who was separated from the bosom of his family and dear friends. This time it is an honorable, upright and capable man from far off Kansas, who had decided to cast his lot with the people of Vernal and was striving to establish a home in our community.

The gentleman referred to is George A. Morgan, formerly of Ness City, Kansas, who died Sunday evening from intestinal obstruction, after an illness of two or three days. During his illness and death he was cared for at the home of Charles Merkley and all human aid possible was rendered during his suffering.

Deceased came to Vernal last summer, looking for land. During the winter he followed carpentering and farm work whenever he could secure employment. Those who knew him, particularly Nelson Merkley, say he was a very fine man and a splendid mechanic.

This spring he leased a good farm from Seymore Snow, near the old Johnson grist mill and was working on it when taken ill.

He has a family consisting of a wife, a son and two daughters, in Kansas, who expected to join their father here this summer.

**MORE TO KAME**  
A telegram was received Wednesday, by Charles Merkley, ordering the remains shipped to his old home at Ness City, Kansas. The embalming was completed by undertaker Dilliman in time for shipment to be made yesterday morning, over the Utah railway.

## RICH APPOINTED TOWN MARSHAL

The appointment of William Preece to the office of District Fish and Game Warden left the office of town marshal vacant. He consented, however, to remain on duty until some one is secured to fill the office of night marshal.

Mayor Samuels appointed Arthur Rich, the night marshal, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Marshal Preece and the appointment was promptly confirmed by the city council. At the present writing the night marshal had not been decided upon.

Mr. Rich has from all reports been a capable and an efficient officer and has done his duty fearlessly regardless of whom it helped or hurt. In one week during the holidays, he seized and smashed over forty bottles of liquor. We believe that he will give good satisfaction

## COMMISSIONERS HOLD EXTENDED SESSION

Petition For Election To Divide Utah County Granted—Witwer Given Office In Court House

The regular monthly meeting of the County Commissioners convened Monday, May 7th, 1917. There were present, Commissioners George W. Perry, George E. Wilkins and John T. Nicholls, County Clerk James O'Neil, Jr., and Attorney L. N. Meredith. The sessions continued from day to day until Wednesday.

The following matters were given consideration:

Joseph E. Rich asked that a bridge be placed across the high line canal on the old coal mine road. Matter taken under advisement.

County Farmers Agent Witwer was given an office formerly occupied by Ex-Superintendent N. G. Bowards.

Mrs. Oscar Neilson was allowed \$5.00 per month for the care of Ben Darling's children.

The county guaranteed \$100 to pay expenses of post graduate course in home economics to be taken by Mrs. Lucile McAllister, who is to serve as county demonstrator in home economics without salary.

Frank Hatch was appointed registration agent for North Vernal City. Pearl Christensen was appointed registration agent for Dry Gulch.

The bond of A. J. B. Stewart as Justice of the Peace of Manila precinct was approved.

It was agreed between the county Commissioners and the Mayor and City Council of Vernal that the county will bear 60 percent of expense of the maintenance of the city and county park, for the year 1917. Said expenses not to exceed \$720.

A petition signed by Frank Nebeker and others asking that an election be called to be held on the 31st day of July, 1917, to decide the question of creating a new county, to be known as Daggett county, out of territory now embraced in Utah county was granted. The dividing line between the proposed Daggett county is to be the watershed of the Uintah mountains. There were 226 signatures attached to the petition, the number required by law. The election was ordered.

## INSTITUTION HEADS TO MEET QUARTERLY

An association of heads of state departments will be formally organized before July 1st at which time

# Corrections boss concerned about Daggett Jail security

By Ben Winslow and Lisa Riley  
Roche Deseret Morning News

**UTAH STATE PRISON** — During last week's search for the two killers who escaped from the Daggett County Jail, the state's chief of corrections expressed concern about the level of security at the rural Utah facility.

"It is clear to me that we need to remedy some urgent items," Utah Department of Corrections director Tom Patterson said.

The two men, Danny Gallegos and Juan Diaz-Arevalo, were captured Saturday evening following a high-speed chase and brief gunfight that left Gallegos with serious injuries. No law enforcement officers were injured.

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. and state lawmakers also said there may need to be probes into jailhouse security and the state's practice of housing prison inmates in county jails.

Patterson recently toured the Daggett County Jail, where all the inmates were put on lockdown since Sunday's escape. In an interview with the Deseret Morning News, Patterson said that after seeing the security conditions at the jail, he is concerned there is the potential for more escapes.

"With the lockdown in place, the public is protected," Patterson said. "If the lockdown were to end and our concerns were not addressed...essentially we would be at the very same standards that existed when Gallegos and Diaz left on Sunday. That's alarming to me."

Patterson would not give specific details about what he saw during his tour, but noted several problems.

"There's technological issues. You've got facility issues," he said. "It is also an issue of addressing potential complacency in making sure people are focused on the job."

On Friday, Daggett County Sheriff Rick Ellsworth made his first statements on how Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo made their escape.

The men were in an enclosed exercise yard at the Daggett County Jail about 2 p.m. Sunday when they slipped out as a group of county inmates was entering a garden area adjoining the exercise yard, the sheriff said.

The pair then climbed a 12-foot-high wire fence topped with razor wire and got onto the roof. They apparently jumped off the roof's west side.

"We've identified the circumstances in the situation that led to the escape and corrected them," Ellsworth said in a statement. "I don't want to describe them publicly for security reasons, obviously."

## Bedspace Issues

Patterson said Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo were considered medium security inmates, and because of that they were housed in the medium security Daggett County Jail. Corrections policies that place inmates in county jails are now being reviewed.

"We're losing opportunities to pick and choose more and more as we have a crisis in bed space," Patterson said Thursday. "We're at maximum with county jails. We have approximately 1,555 beds in county jails, and we are within 10 to 20 at any given time at maximizing available beds."

Right now, the Utah State Prison is also operating at 95 percent of capacity for bedspace, with an average of 250 inmates per year

coming into the system.

Gov. Huntsman said housing prison inmates at county jails is cost-effective, and the relationship between the state and the counties "has worked out reasonably well."

Speaking at his monthly news conference on KUED, Huntsman said Thursday that the practice may need to be re-examined.

"I think it's fair to say it's time to take a look — as we are doing — at the operating standards at county facilities, particularly Daggett County," he said.

## Audits Planned

The governor said it is important to keep in mind the nature of corrections.

"It's a dangerous business, and we have to remember that first and foremost. . . . We have a good record as a state," he said.

Patterson said he plans an internal audit of security of other jails with which the Utah Department of Corrections contracts.

"We know security has been jeopardized in Daggett County," he said. "While we're addressing the issues with Daggett County, we'll have our team within a month see all 20 facilities and make assessments."

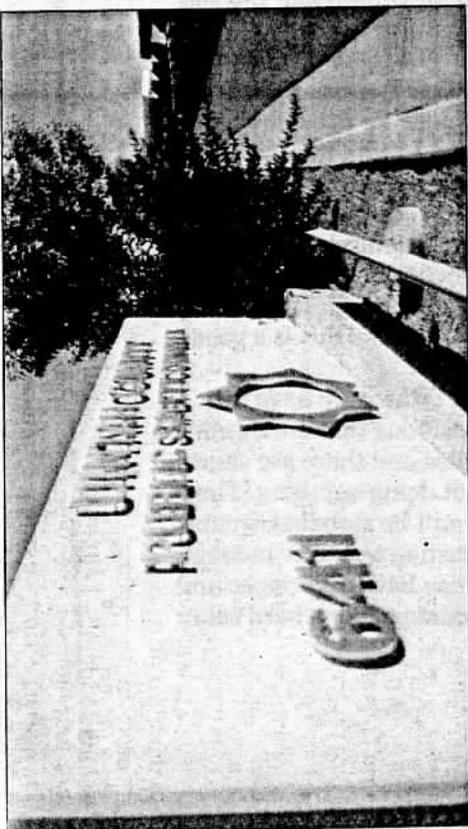
State lawmakers said a formal audit of the corrections policies on housing inmates at county jails may be necessary. Rep. Curt Oda, R-Clearfield, the vice chairman of the House's Law Enforcement Committee, said the incident points to a security problem.

"Someone goofed up" in letting two murderers escape from the Daggett County Jail, Oda said. "And in the corrections area, we can't afford to have goof-ups."

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# Daggett, Uintah Counties looking to lockdown agreement for jail

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Uintah County is currently ironing out the fine points in an interlocal agreement with Daggett County. The agreement would bring several deputies from Daggett County Sheriff's Office to work temporarily with Uintah County Sheriff's Office.

Uintah County Sheriff Vance Norton said the Uintah County Jail is currently down about five deputies and there are currently three controller positions open. He said it would take at least 60 days to fill the positions and contracting out with officers in

Daggett County will help both counties in the long run. "It's a win-win for both counties," Norton said.

Norton said Daggett County is paying deputies to not work, and this contract will help keep those deputies employed as well as saving money during Uintah County's hiring process.

"Once they get their inmates back, they will need people to get back to work. While that's taking place, we are in a hiring process," Norton said.

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public information officer, this inter-local agreement will be beneficial to Daggett County in a financial way because the county has been carrying

the burden of payroll,

"We are a small county with a small tax base, it will be a benefit to keep people employed and have a way to offset the county expenses," Potter said.

Daggett County has provided a list of employees and positions to Uintah County, and Potter said that every employee will be available for Uintah County to utilize as many as needed.

"We have a cooperative effort between Uintah and Daggett County," Potter said. "They are willing to assist us through this difficult time, we are helping them where they are needing help and we really appreciate that."

Potter said this agreement is just another way to show how Uintah County and Daggett County help one another out.

The agreement will be heard at Uintah County Commission meeting on May 1, 2017, at 11 a.m., for approval. The agreement was heard at the commission meeting on April 24, though it did not get a vote due to the need to rework some details.

According to Uintah County Commissioner Bill Stringer, the details of the agreement are similar to any hiring process and needing to get the right person into the right position.

"I think it's a good idea, it has good points," Stringer said. "...In the

jail it's not uncommon to be down a few positions... you can't just hire someone and put them in the jail the next day. It takes work and money to get them up and running and (Daggett) are trained."

Stringer said as far as the investigation is concerned in Daggett County, it is rare for an investigation like that to involve every last person employed and the agreement gives potential for Uintah County to receive some good people that are already trained to help out.

"Daggett is our close neighbor. If we can help them and it doesn't cost extra, I like that kind of deal," Stringer said.

Commissioner Brad Horrocks also said this is going to be beneficial for both Uintah and Daggett Counties.

"Daggett County seem to really work with us on things we need down here and I think it's good we can help them out too," Horrocks said.

Commissioner Duane Shepherd said he spoke to Norton about the deputies and thinks this is a good move.

"Where we have five positions that are needing filled and there are sheriffs not doing anything. They won't be standing around wasting taxpayer money. They have experience and training," Shepherd said.

# PERSONAL

W. S. Collett of Maeser has sold his store and is moving to Junction, where he has purchased the Timothy property.

Mrs. De. Hleb returned from Salt Lake Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, accompanied by Mrs. Hyatt's married daughter.

Frank P. Hadlock, Jr., has traded his city property for the 94 acre farm of Frank Moore, near the old Daley townsite.

Frank P. Wellman of Bennett is another of his periodical trips to Vernal Saturday. The secret will come out some day.

The Vogue Theatre played to a full house last Thursday when the cases of the San Francisco earthquake were presented in "Hell Man and his Girl".

Basil Fowler returned home Wednesday night from Watson, where he has been employed for the last five months in the gilsonite mines.

The operators for the Intermountain Film Co., have taken pictures of Arthur Mowrey and Dr. Hullinger in pictures of bathers in the Ashley Park pond.

H. H. Nelson is assisting with the book keeping and checking up of the inventory recently completed by the Ashley Co. op., besides installing a new system of accounting.

Ellis Hamaker is at Jefferson City, Mo., taking a course in dentistry and typewriting. He says he is bound to make good at something useful, even though working against adverse conditions.

Achie Perry returned last night from Chipeta Wells, where he has been employed on the road for the Utah Railway Co. He is intending to enlist in the merinos or con-

While we have not exact figures from all the precincts in the county, the returns we have received show that the voters at Tuesday's election decided by an overwhelming majority to give the people in the north end of Utah county, local self government by creating Daggett county. After the returns have been canvassed and certified to, the Governor will issue his proclamation creating the county and appointing the necessary county officers until the next general election.

Have you noticed the date of your paper to see when your subscription expired? You will find the date opposite your name.

Mrs. Jane S. Rich, who is making her home for the summer with Mrs. Clair Johnson of Roosevelt, is over for a visit with her sons Jos and Arthur A. and their families.

Harold E. Davis was down from the sheep herd the early part of the week to see his brother Paul, who departed for Salt Lake City, Saturday morning to join the Utah National Guard. Harold found that while he was away he was drafted into the service.

Fred DeJournett was in Vernal from Brown's Park Monday to have an ulcerated tooth lanced, which has been keeping him awake at nights for a couple of weeks. He reports the range in fine condition tho the season has been rather dry in that section.

A considerable percentage of the wheat in the valley, some of which has hardly begun to ripen, is down; due to excessive irrigation and the recent heavy rains. Those whose land had been recently watered are the greatest losers, but some can no

## Announcements

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all water users of the City of Vernal, that immediately upon an alarm of fire being sounded, they shall discontinue the use of water for sprinkling purposes. Any person who has the interests of their fellow citizens at heart will cheerfully comply with this notice.

ED. SAMUELS, Mayor.

### Will Buy Honey and Beans

The demand for honey is a little quiet, though I could handle a few more cars at a good price. Will be pleased to quote prices to anyone, who have any to offer. If they will correspond with me, I expect to soon be able to make prices on beans, which I learned while in Vernal were being raised in large quantities.

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PHOTOGRAPHS—I will continue to take pictures in the old stand until further notice. H. C. Stone. 29-1f

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION in Piano Lessons, given at my studio located on Second South Main, Vernal, Utah. Inquire of Mrs. Mary Lewis, Orpheus Theatre. 28-32f.

E. S. Wright, proprietor of the Antiseptic Barber Shop, had secured the services of J. M. Sullivan, formerly of Craig, Colo., an old hand at the business. We are now prepared to handle the business. No more waiting. 30-4f.

## Classified Wants

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—240 acres of the best improved land in the LaPoint district. An unusually attractive proposition. Carries forest grazing rig and free range. Price right. Terms if desired. E. A. Manker. 30

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MEN WANTED—at Gray's coal Inquire 95Y. 2

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# Daggett County home for future wind farm?

By Geoff Liesik  
Uintah Basin Standard

A Salt Lake City company is looking to develop a wind farm near Manila capable of generating power for an estimated 40,000 homes.

RAAM Power Inc. saw its project gain valuable support last Monday when the Utah Geological Survey placed an anemometer on the Daggett County property the company holds the rights to.

"That has particular significance because the state only had six (anemometers) to place this time around,"

said R.S. Cutler, an advisor to RAAM Power's board of directors. "The data will be unimpeachable because it will be state data, not our data."

The anemometer will measure wind speed over time to help company officials assess the best locations for at least 50 planned wind towers. Cutler said the typical time frame for collecting significant information is 12 to 18 months, however, RAAM already has data collected from an existing anemometer in Manila.

"It's our anticipation that we'll

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## Teen gets 4-year term

Pregnant girl admits to soliciting own assault

*A good name, like good will, is got by many actions and lost by one.*

—Lord Jeffery

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## WIND FARM

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have meaningful data within six to eight months," he said, noting that over the next several months the company will place additional anemometers on the property to get an idea of what the wind patterns are like.

"We'll also have wind engineers walk the property and their provide opinions," Cutler said. "Based upon that, we will decide where we'll place the

turbines."

Cutler said the first phase of the project could produce up to 100 megawatts, enough to provide power to 40,000 homes. The company is still working to secure all of the funding it needs to move forward.

"We have the resource," Cutler said. "The resource is the wind and the power it can generate. To bring that resource to fruition to use we have to have capital and we have to have organization. We have the organization."

RAAM's choice of Daggett County as a potential project site is the result of personal experience by one of the company's officers. Cutler said the man worked for the Utah Department of Transportation in the county and was responsible for road maintenance. He had frequent experience with the wind-driven snow that creates massive drifts in the area each

winter.

"The possibility up there is just unbelievable," Cutler said, adding that flagging - when vegetation on the ground is all bent one direction from the wind - in Daggett County is unlike any company officials have seen anywhere else in the nation.

"What we suspect, what we're starting to think, is that there is a wind tunnel along the north slope of the Uintas and we're right in the heart of it," he said.

In addition to building the wind farm Cutler said there will be a need to build a transmission system that ties into the electrical power grid. He said both the build-out of the project and the operation of the permanent facility will create a "tremendous amount of jobs and support a lot of families" in Daggett County.

Cutler estimated that up to

200 people could be employed during the construction of the project, which is expected to take several years to complete. Then RAAM would employ 20 full-time workers once the wind farm is finished.

"These will be good jobs, which is huge for Daggett County," Cutler said.

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# "The Girl He Couldn't"

## The Vernal

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### Daggett County Officially Ushered In Jan. 7, 1918

Daggett county will be added to the counties of Utah officially on Jan. 7. The election which was held on Dec. 24, went off very quietly, as there was but one ticket in the field. Manila was decided upon as the county seat.

Fabulated returns on the election are as follows:

	Manila	Linwood
Commissioners		
Geo. C. Rasmussen	52	11
Marius T. Larsen	52	11
Nella P. Jensen	52	11
Clark & Recorder		
A. J. B. Stewart	52	11
Assessor & Treasurer		
Daniel M. Nelson	52	11
Sheriff		
Ancil T. Twitchell	52	11
Attorney		
Charles F. Olson	52	11

There was but one vote favoring Linwood as county seat and that was cast in Linwood precinct.

Now that the county has complete organization of officers and officially recognized as one of the counties of the state the residents in this prosperous section carry on all matters pertaining to county government in a town which is easily accessible, such as is Manila. Manila is sixty-five miles north from Vernal, and in certain times of the year the road is almost impassable putting citizens who had business to transact in the county seat at a great inconvenience.

A special election which was held in Uintah county resulted in a ma-

The new county is named "Dagget" in honor of Ellsworth Dagget, a pioneer mining engineer and one of the trio that first developed the plan and carried forward the work of diverting the waters of Sheep Creek, one of the main water supply sources of the section. Mr. Dagget is now a resident of Salt and is actively and heavily interested in the growth and upbuilding of the new county.

Daggett county covers an area that is forty-nine miles in length and seventeen miles wide. The boundary line begins at the intersection point of the boundaries of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado, thence west to the 116th meridian of west longitude, thence north to the main divide of the Uintah mountains, thence east to the Colorado state line, thence north to the point of beginning.

At the present time it is conservatively estimated that the arable section of the new county is in excess of 50,000 acres, the soil being well adapted to wheat, alfalfa and potatoes. There is a great abundance of timber both for fuel and lumber, sawmills are numerous and easy of access and coal is being developed near the town of Linwood.

The farmers are today receiving for their wheat 40 per cent of the money paid for the cash loaf whereas last year they received less than 20 per cent of the price of the loaf. A recent announcement of the U. S. Food administration eliminating of hoarding and speculation together with stabilization of prices are responsible for the doubled share of

### The FLAG GOES BY

BY H. H. BENNETT

Hats off!  
Along the street there comes  
A blast of bugles, a rattle of drums,  
A flash of color beneath the sky;  
Hats off! The flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it shines,  
O'er the steel-tipped, ordered lines.  
Hats off!

The colors before us fly;  
But more than the flag is passing by.  
Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,  
Fought to make and to save the State;  
Weary marches and slaking ships;  
Cheers of victory on dying lips;

Days of plenty and years of peace;  
March of a strong land's swift increase;  
Equal justice, right and law,  
Stately honor and reverend awe;

Sign of a nation, great and strong  
To ward her people from foreign wrong,  
Pride and glory and honor, all  
Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Hats off!  
Along the street there comes  
A blast of bugles, a rattle of drums  
And loyal hearts are beating high  
Hats off! The flag is passing by!  
—Youth's Companion.



### Favorable Progress In Local Sales Of Thrift Stores

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## Daggett attorney charged

The Daggett County Attorney Wayne Searle, who demanded that he be seated in the position because he was the only qualified attorney living in the county, was arrested for driving under the influence last week.

The Daggett County Commission met in executive session Tuesday to determine if any action would be taken against County Attorney Searle.

Searle was booked into the Daggett County Jail and was released on \$1,200 bail. The prosecution of the case was turned over to the Attorney General's Office.

Thursday last week, an off-duty Utah High Patrol trooper noticed Searle drive his vehicle off highway SR-43 a half a mile east of Manila at about 2:45 p.m., said Lt. George Chino, Utah Highway Patrol. The vehicle went through a barbed wire fence before returning to the road. The trooper recognized the driver and alerted an on-duty trooper.

Searle drove home, about a mile away, but refused to answer his door when Sheriff Deputy arrived. A Utah Highway Patrol officer was called from Vernal to assist. Before Trooper Mitch McKee arrived in Daggett County, Searle left his home again and was arrested by sheriff deputies about a mile away. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident.

Searle fought Daggett County officials in the courts in to be placed in the position of county attorney.

Utah law states that the commission will appoint a licensed attorney who resides outside the county boundaries only if no licensed attorney who lives in the county is available for the job. Searle won his case in court, but a new law requiring a "for" or "against" box on county attorney races in counties with less than 1,800 voters was passed. If more voters checked the "against" box, the county commission could then appoint someone outside the county for the job.

Searle objected to the law claiming it took aim at him. He took his objection to the Utah Supreme Court, where Judge Michael Zimmerman suggested he run as a write-in candidate instead. He withdrew as a Democratic candidate and filed as a write-in, where he would only need one vote to win.

Daggett County Clerk Gene Briggs still put the "for" and "against" boxes on the ballot by Searle's name and was ordered by the Utah Supreme Court to remove them after Searle complained.

Searle is in the middle of the four year term which began with his "one vote election."

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## Daggett candidate wins by two votes

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Craig Collett, the incumbent Daggett County commissioner forced to run as a write-in candidate, has come up two votes shy of forcing a coin toss for the seat.

Collett tallied 267 votes to challenger Floyd Briggs' 269 votes at last Tuesday's canvass. Briggs, a Republican, had defeated Collett at the party's county convention, prompting Collett to mount a write-in bid to stay in office. The two candidates had each received 261 votes when the polls closed on Nov. 7, but the inclusion of provisional ballots and the disqualification of nine voters following challenges at the county canvass led to the final count.

In another close Daggett County race, Rick Ellsworth, a Republican, was declared the winner in the sheriff's race, following the canvass. He received 307 votes to unseat Democrat incumbent Sheriff Allen Campbell, who totaled 287 votes.

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## Daggett commission fires county attorney

**By Les Bowen**  
Express Editor

The Daggett County Commission chose to terminate the county's contract with County Attorney Bryan Sidwell last week in a 2-1 decision.

Media reports about Sidwell's termination have largely revolved around the ongoing investigation and prosecution of voter fraud cases related to the 2006 election. But Commissioner Henry Gutz told the Vernal Express Monday that the decision to terminate the attorney's contract was not based on a single case or isolated

incident.

"The purpose in termination of Mr. Sidwell has nothing directly to do with the voter registration problem," said Gutz. However, he said actions by the county attorney in the voter fraud cases and throughout his term of service in Daggett County prompted the decision.

Sidwell has been employed as the county attorney since the start of 2007, when he was selected as counsel for the county. The four-year contract has a termination clause, allowing either party to end the agreement with six months notice with or without

reason.

"It has been our position to not give a reason," explained Gutz.

Sidwell did not respond to attempts by the Vernal Express to reach him for comment this week. When contacted last week by the Uintah Basin Standard, he declined to comment on the county commissioners' decision or his future plans.

Sidwell will continue his contract through the end of the calendar year.

"He has made a commitment to perform the duty that is required of his office," said Gutz,

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## Attorney Fired

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adding that prosecution of some 51 cases of voter registration fraud will continue both under the county and the Utah Attorney General's Office, where the case originated.

Gutz added that names investigated and prosecuted in the voter fraud cases came from several groups and the issue is not as one-sided as has been portrayed.

The lone vote to retain Sidwell came from Daggett County Commissioner Stewart Leith. He told the newspaper Monday that he had no comments on the commission's decision and directed questions to the other two commissioners, who voted to end the contract.

Floyd Briggs was unavailable for an interview, and while Gutz declined to comment on the particulars, the commissioner provided an overview into the commission's decision.

"People feel we're trying to withhold information," said Gutz. He explained that the county has followed Sidwell's advice to be tight-lipped on is-

sues from the voter fraud case, to the jail escapes last year, to an inquiry into the county's affordable housing program.

"The county's policy toward the media has been to willingly assist anyone wanting access to public records including the media and with regard to other information to remain silent," wrote Sidwell in a letter in response to a records inquiry by KSL News Service related to affordable housing.

The letter, dated Jan. 11, 2007 - less than two weeks into Sidwell's contract - was posted on KSL's Web site and lists several reasons for the county's policy. Sidwell charged the media with being a "private business motivated by profits and not by the truth." He explained that time and space constraints often limit the media's ability to tell the entire story, and added that media tend to reflect a single viewpoint instead of telling all sides of a story.

"The media tends to make the news, not report the news," wrote Sidwell. He said reporters often take an "abrasive, aggressive approach, believing they have some higher authority above the law and believing they are entitled

to something because they are the media."

The letter also charges the media with not policing itself and taking quotes out of context. The full letter and the accompanying story by KSL are available at <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=309&sid=2685763>.

Daggett County has no local newspaper and is reliant on outside media to report what's happening there. But Gutz said the lack of open channels of information is taking its toll.

"The attitude that has developed of 'Don't talk to the media,' has killed us," continued the commissioner. He explained that the negative or even non-image of the county has led to a position where it is losing opportunities for grant and loan funds.

One decision by the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board has meant the delay and potentially the denial of a request for more than \$500,000 to revitalize the county jail, the county's top employer. To keep the jail running, the county is drawing on the the Dutch John Enterprise Fund and passing it through the county budget. But the process of passing funds from one source to the other is bankrupting the county, according to Gutz. He said if the county continues in its current fiscal direction, he's looking at a possibility of not making payroll in approximately two years.

Gutz explained that the commission has decided to take the county in a new direction. He pointed to the lack of information released as one cause for the county's officials, employees and residents at large being disjointed and separated into factions. He said he'd rather have the public informed to help bring people together to find solutions to problems within the county.

Contributing: Geoff Liesik, Uintah Bains News Service.

# Daggett County touts wilderness lands deal

By MARY BERNARD  
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Anglers already know Daggett County's Blue Ribbon Fisheries and now, the county has taken the lead in preserving the source of these waters for future enjoyment. County officials have reached agreement with Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), elected officials, sportsmen and conservation groups in the preservation of wild lands.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, Daggett County Commissioner Jerry Steglich joined Gov. Gary Herbert, Rep. Bishop, Dave Glenn of Trout Unlimited, along with representatives from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and Utah State Senator Kevin VanTassell to present the agreement.

"This proposal is the result of significant negotiations and compromise

on behalf of everyone involved. I'm proud that we are able to bring new opportunities for economic development to Daggett County as a result of our efforts and that was always our primary goal. Ensuring the future success and economic viability of our county remained our number one priority and this proposal reflects that," said Steglich.

Under the agreement: Daggett County will set aside 80,000 acres of wilderness lands on Bureau of Land Management and Ashley National Forest lands for preservation. In addition, a 30,000-acre conservation area would be established north of the Green River as well as 14 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Green River below the Flaming Gorge Dam.

The agreement also allows SITLA to exchange some 6,800 acres of Daggett's high-country scenery for other federal lands with greater revenue

potential. Daggett County will also be able to develop roughly 3,000 acres of all-terrain trails near Dutch John and Sear Canyon for tourist and economic development.

"I'm pleased that each party involved in the proposal recognizes the importance of supporting the future economic growth of Daggett County. The ongoing uncertainty that has plagued public land use has been a challenge for Daggett County and the other counties involved in the Public Lands Initiative. The proposal introduced today is a key step forward for Daggett County. Some concerns and challenges remain but this brings a clear path forward and I'm proud to lend my support to this important initiative," said Senator Kevin Van Tassell.

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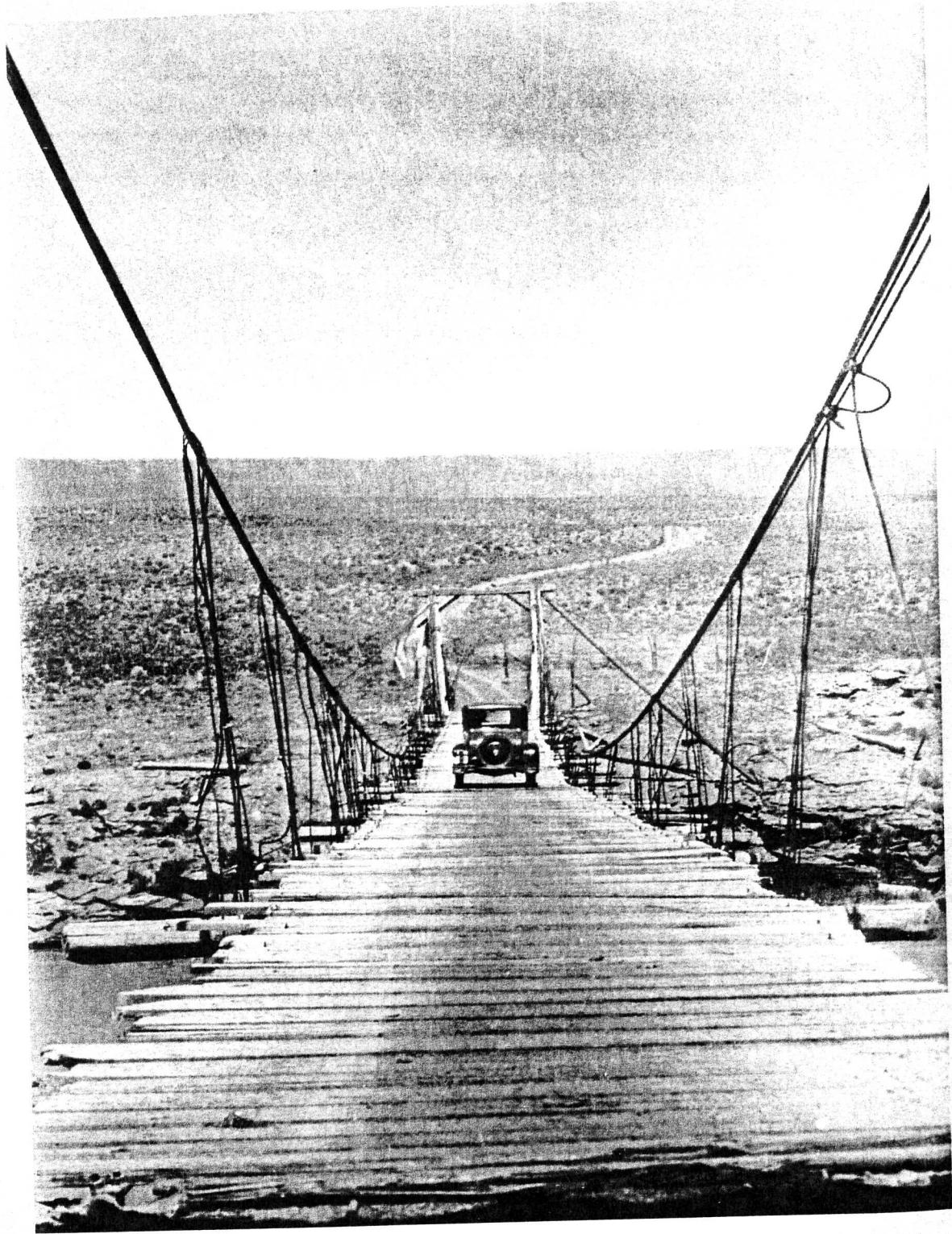
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A suspension bridge spanning Brown's Park. The county's diminutive size and isolation in the Green River basin have made it the state's most sparsely populated. This essay attempts to highlight the history of Daggett County and, like the bridge in this image, connect that history to the state and region. (USHS)

# DAGGETT COUNTY AT 100: NEW APPROACHES TO A COLORFUL PAST

BY CLINT PUMPHREY

Situated in the northeast corner of the state, Daggett County is perhaps the most geographically isolated of all Utah counties. Geologically and historically, it shares as much or more in common with the Green River–Rock Springs area of southwest Wyoming than neighboring Uintah County to the south, to which it once belonged. In those days, before highways and snowplows, the county seat at Vernal might as well have been on Mars for residents living on the North Slope of the mighty Uinta Mountains. On issues from land ownership and water rights to road construction and schools, these citizens felt that their voices were not properly represented. That is why, on July 31, 1917, inhabitants of this remote region voted to leave Uintah County and form their own government, headquartered in Manila. Today, Daggett County remains somewhat isolated. With just over 1,000 people, it has the distinction of being Utah's smallest county by population; the fastest route to Utah's populous Wasatch Front actually takes drivers through Wyoming. Residents share a single state representative with Duchesne, Morgan, Rich, and Summit counties and a state senator with Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, and Wasatch counties. Their children attend one of just two elementary schools or the lone high school in the Daggett School District. Still, as Daggett commemorates the 100th anniversary of its founding, the county's remarkably rich history deserves to be revisited.

Daggett County occupies a relatively narrow strip of high-elevation forest, woodland, grassland, shrubland, and semi-desert sandwiched between the Uinta Mountains and the Wyoming border in extreme northeastern Utah. Its defining feature is the Green River, which enters the county from the north, cutting a deep path south before bending sharply to the east and exiting the county on its border with Colorado. About halfway down this segment of the river stands the Flaming Gorge Dam, a 500-foot-tall concrete arch structure that spans Red Canyon and holds back a 42,000-acre reservoir that stretches north across the border into Wyoming.<sup>1</sup> West of the reservoir is Manila, the county's seat of government and largest town, with a population of 324 in 2016. The Manila area also includes much of the county's productive agricultural land,

which is mainly used to grow hay and raise cattle. To the east of the reservoir is the county's other population center, Dutch John, a community of 151 people that was originally founded to house federal employees working at the Flaming Gorge Dam.<sup>2</sup> Farther east, where the Green River exits the county, is Browns Park, once a haven for fur trappers and outlaws that is now home to scattered ranching operations. Here, where the river intersects the Colorado state line, is the lowest point in the county, at 5,370 feet. The highest region lies along the southern border with Uintah County, which traces the summit of the Uinta Mountains for much of its length. Straddling the west end of this boundary, near Daggett's border with Summit County, is the county high point: the 12,276-foot-tall Eccentric Peak.

Because of the geographic barrier created by the Uinta Mountains, lawmakers beginning in the nineteenth century seemed unsure what to do with the present-day Daggett region, and it bounced from county to county after the creation of Utah Territory in 1850. Its first home was in Green River County, a massive administrative division created by the territorial legislature in 1852. When the United States formed

**A couple of possible names were floated for the new county: either Finch County, in honor of its oldest resident, George Finch, or Daggett County, after Ellsworth Daggett, Utah's first surveyor general.**

Wyoming Territory in 1868, Utah's portion of the once expansive county was reduced to a strip of land on the North Slope of the Uintas. In 1872 the legislature tacked that remaining sliver on to Summit County, only to move it to Uintah County in 1880. The new county seat was at Vernal, a treacherous sixty-mile mountain traverse south from Manila.<sup>3</sup>

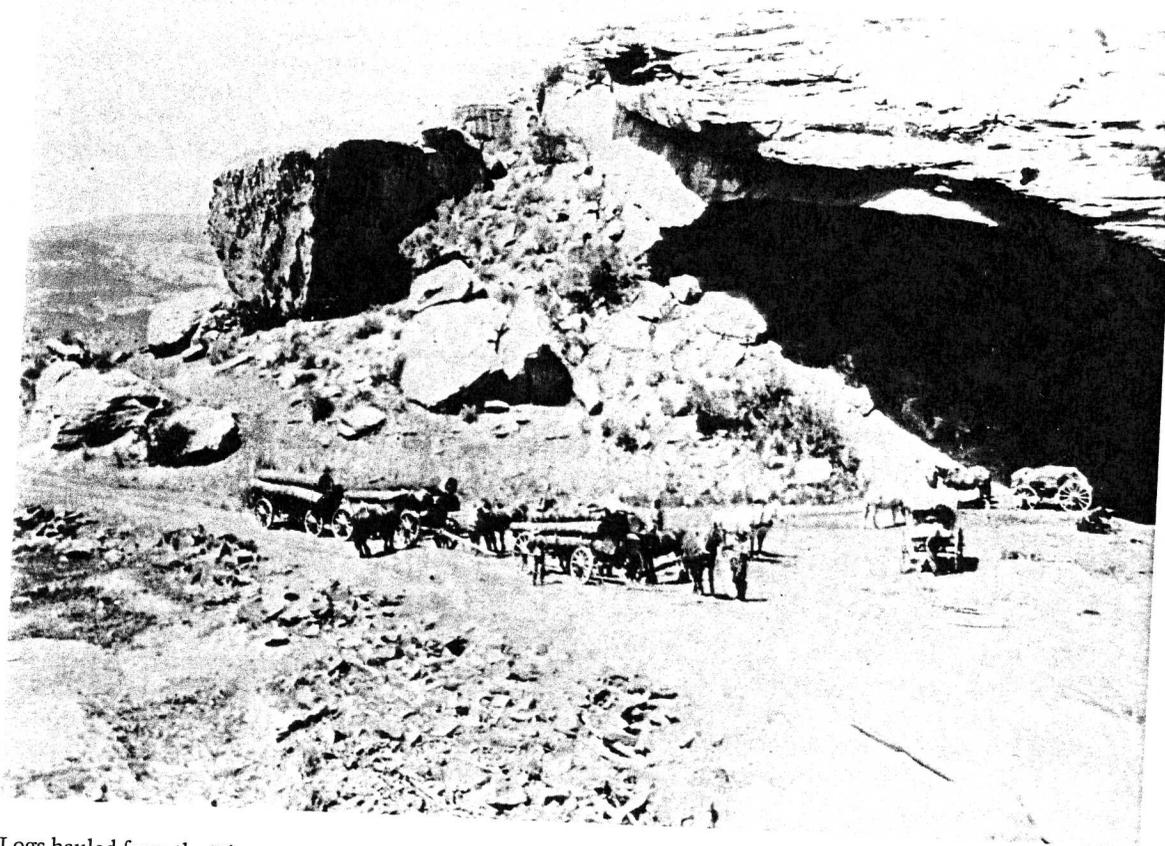
For residents of the lower Flaming Gorge region, this arrangement was far from ideal. In the late nineteenth century, they did not have the paved, all-weather road that now carries cars from Manila to Vernal in just over an hour. Rather, the trip could take days. Particularly problematic were the six to eight months out of the year when snow made travel across the Uinta Mountains not only difficult but nearly impossible. Determined travelers would take to snowshoes or look for alternate routes that took them far out of their way. The *Vernal Express* described one such excursion from Vernal to Manila, made by A. O. Nielson in March 1916. Nielson "tried to cross the mountain on snow shoes but found the snow too soft, so he returned and left this morning on the Duchesne stage," likely en route to Price. From there he hopped on a train to "go around by Salt Lake."<sup>4</sup> By rail he reached Green River, Wyoming, where he would then have to embark on the forty-five-mile journey south to Manila. As the *Myton Free Press* put it, residents with wintertime business in Vernal "must travel 400 miles to make [a] 60 mile trip."<sup>5</sup>

Such travel difficulties left citizens of what was then northern Uintah County feeling isolated in other ways as well. By the early twentieth century, county and state government began to play a significantly larger role in Utahans' day-to-day lives, regulating land, water, livestock, and other issues central to rural life. These entities also built roads, which became increasingly important with the proliferation of the automobile. In 1907 some disaffected northern residents appealed to Uintah County for road funds while chiding them for only helping the area during an election year. "You always remember us when election comes," wrote the Manila correspondent for the *Vernal Express*, "now you can help a much needed benefit to our county."<sup>6</sup> Further complicating the lives of northern residents was the loss of local control over education when, in 1914, schools consol-

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Logs hauled from the Uinta Mountains on what is now Highway 191 at Brush Creek. The isolation and rough terrain made travel difficult, most particularly the non-mechanized type, like that seen in this image. (Used by permission, Uintah County Library Regional History Center, all rights reserved)

idated into a single countywide district. Frustration with the government in Vernal was mounting.<sup>7</sup>

In 1913 some northern Uintah County residents saw an opportunity to manage their own affairs when Governor Spry signed into law H.B. 146, matter-of-factly titled "Manner of Creating a New County Out of an Existing County." The law's immediate purpose was to allow residents of eastern Wasatch County to break away and form what became Duchesne County. Like residents of northern Uintah County, those living in eastern Wasatch County were geographically isolated from the seat of government at Heber City and felt underrepresented in decisions related to schools and roads. But support for the division came from western county residents as well: it was, after all, state representative William L. Van Wagoner of Midway who initially proposed the bill. "The establishment of a new county out of the eastern portion of

the present Wasatch County is greatly desired by the inhabitants of both sections," explained Ogden's *Evening Standard* newspaper. "A division would greatly facilitate the transaction of public business."<sup>8</sup> Still, disagreements over the new boundary and county seat led to the failure of the first vote in July 1913, and only after a year-long debate did a satisfactory compromise emerge. The measure passed in July 1914.<sup>9</sup>

Energized by Duchesne County's success, residents of northern Uintah County began to plan their own secession. A couple of possible names were floated for the new county: either Finch County, in honor of its oldest resident, George Finch, or Daggett County, after Ellsworth Daggett, Utah's first surveyor general. By February 1917 it seemed they had their answer as the Daggett County Citizens' League organized to promote and plan for the creation of the new county.<sup>10</sup> Supporter Frank Nebeker delivered a petition to the Uintah County Commission on

May 7 in which 636 signatories called for an election to be held on the subject. The commission set the vote for July 31, 1917.<sup>11</sup>

Supporters of the new county won in a landslide. Despite some initial concern that the contest would be as contentious as the formation of Duchesne County, Uintah County officials and residents largely backed the creation of Daggett County on the first vote. While the ballots in the north broke 74 to 0 in favor of the change, a healthy majority in the south—325 to 156—backed it as well.<sup>12</sup> In fact, the *Salt Lake Tribune* reported a relatively light turnout south of the Uintas, noting that “the majority of the residents of Uintah county were agreeable to leaving the matter almost entirely in the hands of the residents of the district to be embraced in the new county.”<sup>13</sup>

The people had spoken, and on November 16, 1917, Utah Secretary of State Harden Benning signed the proclamation to create Daggett County, effective January 7, 1918. Given the small population of the new county—just 400 or so residents—there was a push to have one person carry out all official duties of the county.<sup>14</sup> Ultimately, they settled on seven officers, though, as Price’s *Sun* newspaper noted, “officials of Daggett county will not become millionaires on the salaries they receive.”<sup>15</sup> In October, community leaders nominated three county commissioners, a clerk/recorder, assessor/treasurer, sheriff, and attorney, and residents unanimously approved those selections through an election held on December 24, 1917. Voters chose the county seat as well, with all but one vote in support of Manila, the county’s largest town, which the *Salt Lake Tribune* described as “centrally located in one of the largest portions of the arable area of the region.”<sup>16</sup> The single dissenting vote was in support of Linwood, cast by a wishful resident of that community.<sup>17</sup>

One hundred years later, Daggett County remains an outlier not only geographically but also in the canon of Utah history. While much research on the state’s past understandably focuses on the urban areas along the Wasatch Front and the celebrated red rock desert to the south, far less has been done to capture the history of Utah’s far northeast corner. A quick search of the 448 issues on the Utah Division

of State History’s publications page shows just thirty-nine that mention Daggett County.<sup>18</sup> Compare that to 234 and 144 that reference Salt Lake County and San Juan County, respectively. Daggett County, in fact, garners the fewest mentions of any county in the state. Certainly, some of this disparity can be explained by the county’s small size and population. But it also suggests that historians may overlook the significant role of the greater Green River country when exploring topics central to Utah’s past, including prehistory, architecture, tourism, reclamation, and the federal presence.

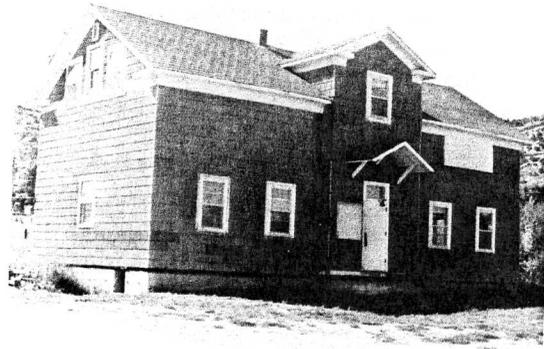
The earliest comprehensive efforts to compile the county’s history include Dick and Vivian Dunham’s *Our Strip of Land: A History of Daggett County, Utah* (1947) and *Flaming Gorge Country: The Story of Daggett County, Utah* (1967). While these works excel as engaging and richly detailed primers of the county’s history, the Dunhams’ books lack the historical context and citations that situate the county in the broader scholarly conversation. Such methods were, however, a part of Michael W. Johnson’s *A History of Daggett County: A Modern Frontier* (1996), which served as Daggett’s contribution to the Utah State Historical Society’s Centennial County History Series. The scope of Johnson’s work—from prehistory to the present—precluded an exhaustive examination of any one topic, but its thorough research offers a solid foundation for future study of the region.

Aside from these county-specific histories, the Daggett region sometimes factors prominently in works addressing other topics. Given the centrality of the Green River to the exploration and settlement of northeastern Utah and the surrounding area, it is no surprise that historians have concentrated their efforts on events surrounding the turbulent, meandering waterway. The scenic river and the Flaming Gorge Dam, which has controlled the channel’s flow since 1964, are the subject of a number of books and articles, easily making it the most studied aspect of the county. Foremost among these are works on John Wesley Powell’s Green and Colorado River expeditions of 1869 and 1871–72.<sup>19</sup> The grizzly Civil War major is an important figure in a couple of other volumes that more broadly examine the exploration, surveying, and recreation along the stretch of river inundated after construction of the dam: Roy Webb’s *If We Had a*

*Boat* (1986) and *Lost Canyons of the Green River: The Story Before Flaming Gorge Dam* (2012). But like the members of Powell's first expedition, historians rarely have ventured beyond the rim of the canyon. Those who have address topics ranging from the Swett and John Jarvie ranches to the Carter Road and public education—subjects that, while influenced by the Green River's centrality to the geography and culture of the region, are not focused on people exploring the region by boat.<sup>20</sup>

As historians work to expand their exploration of Daggett County's past, one challenge will be identifying primary source material on which to base the research. Perhaps due in part to the county's historically modest population and relative newcomer status within the constellation of Utah counties, little documentation from those who inhabited the region has found its way into the state's government and university archives. Such records largely consist of recollections, which, while valuable in their firsthand connection to Daggett County's past, lack the day-to-day details of journals or correspondence.<sup>21</sup> What few collections that have survived barely did: the fall 1964 issue of the *Utah Historical Quarterly* noted that the records of the Smith and Larsen Mercantile Company and the South Valley Canal Company "were rescued and brought to the [Utah State Historical] Society" after they were "almost lost to the rising waters of the lake forming behind Flaming Gorge Dam."<sup>22</sup> While this dearth of local records can be mitigated through the use of county,<sup>23</sup> state, and federal records, as well as accounts of explorers and surveyors who traveled down the Green River,<sup>24</sup> it should nevertheless serve as a challenge to the state's archivists to expand their collecting efforts in the region wherever possible.

Daggett County's centennial celebration serves as an ideal time for scholars to explore original topics and discover new source material in this often-overlooked corner of Utah. The prospects are wide ranging and require the knowledge and skills of those trained in all aspects of the historical profession, including archaeologists, historic preservationists, academic historians, local historians, and oral historians. While this call for scholarship is broad, encompassing a diverse group of people, places, and events from prehistory to the present, there are some obvious



The original Daggett County Courthouse in Manila. County records, including commission minutes, assessor records, clerk/treasurer records, auditor/recorder records, court records, and others, can be accessed at the current courthouse. (USHS)

places to start. What follows are five suggested avenues of research to begin this process: archaeology, federal lands, recreation, the Flaming Gorge Dam, and historic preservation.

Researchers must turn not only to archives but also to archaeology and anthropology to learn more about Daggett County's earliest inhabitants. Isolated discoveries in the upper and middle Green River drainages place Paleoindian cultures in northeast Utah as early as 11,000 years ago. The subsequent Archaic and Fremont groups are more broadly represented in the archaeological record, though many questions still remain.<sup>25</sup> Complicating matters was the inundation of countless archaeological sites after the completion of Flaming Gorge Dam in 1964. During the planning stages of construction, the Bureau of Reclamation contracted Dr. Jesse Jennings at the University of Utah to complete "salvage surveys" of the areas to be covered by the Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge dams. However, Jennings chose to direct much of his limited funding to southern Utah, producing voluminous reports, documents, photographs, and film related to the Colorado and San Juan rivers. The Green River surveys, on the other hand, resulted in just four reports with fewer than one hundred photographs.<sup>26</sup>

While sites under Flaming Gorge Reservoir may now be lost, there are a number of other opportunities to learn more about the prehistoric inhabitants of Daggett County. Little is

known about how Native people used the area in pre-contact times, including whether they visited the area seasonally or lived there on a more long-term basis. But their location between two ecological and cultural areas provides archaeologists and anthropologists with a convenient case study in identity formation, trade and exchange, and cultural adaptation. To that end, studies of travel routes between the plains of Wyoming and the Uintah Basin of Utah could provide insight into who used these trails, how long they used them, and what ideas and goods they exchanged with other cultures. Additionally, the county's location on the North Slope of the Uintas offers an opportunity to explore the Native people's relationship with the mountain landscape, especially in terms of settlement, seasonal occupation, and cosmology.<sup>27</sup> Then, of course, there is the Green River, which, outside the stretch behind the Flaming Gorge Dam, still flows wild through much of the county. Archaeologists have yet to locate agricultural production sites along this corridor despite ample evidence of maize caching in rocky outcrops and granaries. Doing so would help further inform early inhabitants' food production methods, including clues about their hunting trips and seasonal rounds.<sup>28</sup>

When Major John Wesley Powell's congressionally funded expedition roared down Flaming Gorge's rapids in 1871, white settlers had occupied Henry's Fork and Brown's Park for more than two decades. But Powell's visit to the area marked the first instance of a second important theme in Daggett County's history: the presence of the federal government. By the time Daggett County voted itself into existence in 1917, much of its land was already in federal hands, initiating a contentious relationship between Washington and local residents that continues to this day.

The United States Forest Service manages the bulk of these lands: some 257,323 acres, or 55.9 percent of all land in the county.<sup>29</sup> This includes the Ashley National Forest, which President Grover Cleveland designated as part of the Uintah Forest Reserve on February 22, 1897, as well as the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, which Congress established in 1968.<sup>30</sup> The Bureau of Land Management manages another 113,056 acres, or 24.6 percent. Together, these lands occupy 80.5 percent of the county,

making it one of Utah's best examples of what the historian Gerald Nash calls "the federal landscape."<sup>31</sup> Since the creation of the public domain in the nineteenth century and subsequent public land laws in the twentieth, westerners have negotiated the often contentious balance between local autonomy and federal oversight. The creation of the Uintah Forest Reserve in 1897 sparked the first round of controversy, particularly after Congress enacted new rules promoting the sustainable use of forests.<sup>32</sup> Concerned ranchers called for the lands to be transferred to the western states; instead, Congress attempted to mollify their concerns through the Newlands Reclamation Act of 1902, which tagged funds generated from the sale of public lands for use in the construction of reclamation projects, including, eventually, Flaming Gorge Dam.<sup>33</sup>

Still, the contentious relationship between the feds and locals continued. Thelma Biorn, whose husband cut timber in Daggett County beginning in the 1930s, recalls that "the U.S.F.S. [United States Forest Service] did not like to let go of the good timber" so "as in any bureaucracy it sometimes became hard to make a living in the timber business."<sup>34</sup> Similarly, Mary Elizabeth Swett Arrowsmith remembered her father, Oscar Swett, and his sour relationship with the Forest Service while ranching near Greendale from 1909 to 1968. "[The Forest Service] got on Dad's nerves a lot in the later years. Always telling him what to do and how to do it. Dad said he had lived there all his life and he had got around without doing all that stuff [grazing permits, presumably]. And the way they do things now it's worse than ever." But these relationships were complicated. When asked how her family got along with the Forest Service, Arrowsmith's first response was not about conflict, but that "Burt Hardy was the first Forest Service ranger and he, I lived with him when I went to school."<sup>35</sup> Biorn also warmly recalled some area rangers: "We did work with a number of very good rangers, however, and we became lifelong friends with Bill Hurst and his wife, Dolly, and Kenneth Roberts and his wife Stanna."<sup>36</sup> Such accounts show that while frustrations with federal control are longstanding, they were not necessarily personal.

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to it, raise some interesting historical questions: What are the roots of conflict over public lands in Daggett County? How did these conflicts differ from those in other corners of the state? How did past confrontations compare with contemporary ones? While today's battles may be nothing more than a continuation of past conflicts, a historical examination might identify some fundamental differences, particularly in light of the changes brought on by the Flaming Gorge Dam. Such an effort could also help illuminate another question: Did federal lands hamper Daggett County's development, as some locals have claimed? How so?

One activity that federal land brought to Daggett County is recreation, a third potentially enlightening topic for historians to explore. In

some ways, recreation developed in northeastern Utah in much the same as it did in wealthier tourist areas like Jackson, Wyoming, or any number of places in the West: the traditional economy of a rural, sparsely populated community declined while tourism increased to take its place. In the case of Daggett County, the traditional economy was agriculture—specifically, ranching. In 1950, with World War II in the rearview mirror and the Flaming Gorge Dam still just an idea, local ranchers ran 3,368 cattle and 10,825 sheep in the high forests and rangeland surrounding the Green River. By 2012, however, cattle herds had dropped to 2,638, while sheep all but disappeared with just a hundred remaining in the county. Out of this void emerged sometimes lower-paying leisure and hospitality jobs, which accounted



Fishing at Flaming Gorge, winter 1967. The reservoir offered summer as well as winter recreation, as seen in this image with Fish and Game officer Dick Bennett and two women from Salt Lake City. (Used by permission, Uintah County Library Regional History Center, all rights reserved.)

for a whopping 63.8 percent of private sector employment by 2016.<sup>37</sup> But Daggett County and Jackson Hole are different in one very significant way: the Utah attraction has not become a year-round destination, and it has proven unable to lure the restaurants, shops, and second homes that dominate its Wyoming counterpart.

Indeed, the inability to create a viable off-season attraction compounded the issue of underdevelopment. A 1972 economic development report funded by a federal grant to the Utah State Planning Coordinator actually discouraged the development of additional tourist accommodations due to their inability to provide year-round employment. "A new resort . . . may be brought in which will add a number more man years of employment but they will also bring in more people to be unemployed in off-seasons," the report stated. "The County has enough underemployment. Unless additional jobs either more fully employ residents or add year-round jobs, they may have a negative effect on the present residents in terms of tax burden and environment decay."<sup>38</sup> While other factors—including its distance from major population centers and the underdevelopment of tourist attractions—might also play a role, Daggett County at present has only a handful of the year-round resorts the report imagined.

In this sense, Daggett County's story confounds the "devil's bargain" model, in which communities embrace tourism at the expense of their local identity.<sup>39</sup> Certainly, the county has em-

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braced recreation as an important industry with a flashy Chamber of Commerce website that helped draw some 295,000 people to the Ashley National Forest (including Flaming Gorge) in 2012.<sup>40</sup> But almost all those visitors go home at the end of the summer season, leaving Daggett County the sleepy agricultural region it was for decades before recreation took hold. To enlighten northeast Utah's complicated relationship with recreation, historians could begin by examining the Civilian Conservation Corps' early efforts to improve national forest infrastructure, then trace the changes brought on by the construction of the Flaming Gorge Dam and beyond.<sup>41</sup> In the case of Daggett County, the devil's bargain may have been an embrace of tourism's seasonal economic boon as the best option in the absence of sustainable employment for local residents and steady revenue for county government.

Central to both public lands and recreation in the county is Flaming Gorge Dam, a cornerstone of the Colorado River Storage Project that represents a fourth potential avenue for research. When the Bureau of Reclamation conceived of the project in the 1940s, they named two sites on the Green River as potential locations for dams: Echo Park in northwestern Colorado and Flaming Gorge in Daggett County. Among others, the proposal also identified Glen Canyon, located near where the Colorado River crosses the Utah-Arizona border. Echo Park Canyon—with its red rock scenery, rich paleontological and archaeological sites, and national monument status—quickly became a lightning rod in the fight between conservationists, who wanted to utilize the canyon for water storage, and preservationists, a new brand of activists who sought to leave the canyon untouched. Ultimately, Congress dropped Echo Park from the project in exchange for preservationists' acquiescence to dams at Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge. Construction of the Flaming Gorge Dam began in July 1958, and President Lyndon Johnson dedicated the completed project on August 17, 1964.<sup>42</sup>

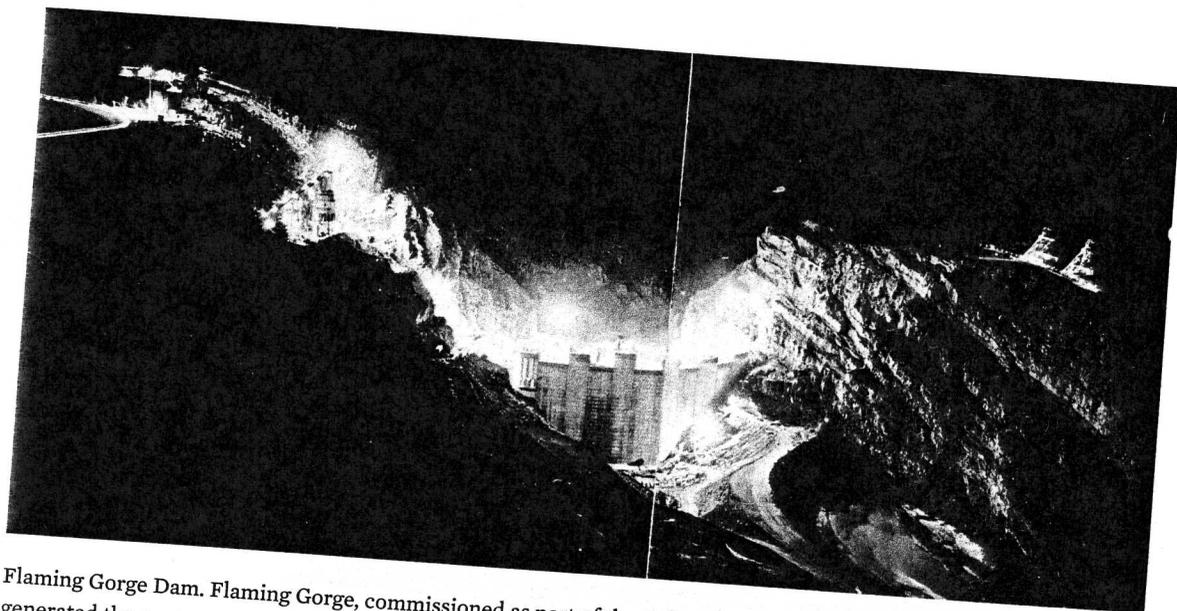
While scholars have written a number of book-length narratives about the proposed Echo Park Dam and the now-completed Glen Canyon Dam, Flaming Gorge has never received the same treatment.<sup>43</sup> Its role as a bargaining chip in the effort to spare Echo Park Canyon



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Flaming Gorge Dam. Flaming Gorge, commissioned as part of the Colorado River Storage Project Act, never generated the controversy that dogged the proposed dam at Echo Park and Glen Canyon Dam, completed in 1963. Still, Daggett's dam and reservoir have had a mixed economic and environmental legacy. (USHS)

certainly raises questions about early preservationists' willingness to negotiate and the ways in which they assigned value to different landscapes, particularly in comparison to today's more hardline stances. On a local level, the dam's construction impacted Daggett County's residents and economy in ways that are not fully understood. Proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation as a tool for economic growth, the project angered some locals who watched their homes and farms disappear as the reservoir waters drowned the town of Linwood and much of the county's best pastureland along with it. "We had lost our Spring range on the Forest and on Horse Shoe Bend on Green River due to the advent of the building of Flaming Gorge Dam," lamented Daggett rancher J. Kent Olsen. "The Government began considering sport, hunting and fishing, more important than agriculture."<sup>44</sup> The reservoir, like the river that filled it, literally divided east and west Daggett County, but the construction of the dam also figuratively divided the county, pitting landowners against reclamation advocates.

To this day, the dam's legacy remains unclear. Its three generators provide enough energy to power 50,000 homes, and its reservoir helps control flooding along the Green River while supplying much-needed water to communities across the arid region. Dam operations and management of its recreational resources

provide dozens of steady jobs in a county that has not managed to bounce back from the 2007-2009 recession as strongly as the state as a whole. The National Recreation Area, too, attracts hundreds of thousands of people—and their money—to the region each year. A favorite pastime is fishing for the reservoir's record-setting trout, which thrive in the cool, deep waters. Still, there are drawbacks. The county lost much of its best arable land to reservoir waters in the Henry's Fork area while the recreation dollars promised by dam promoters proved largely seasonal, creating the potential for underemployment. Yet, despite shouldering the brunt of such ill effects, local residents see very little of the electricity and water supplied by the dam. Power is transmitted across a six-state area while water is often released from the dam to help drought areas downstream.<sup>45</sup> A Fort Collins entrepreneur has even proposed building a 500-mile pipeline to transport water from Flaming Gorge to Colorado's Front Range.<sup>46</sup> The environmental impacts of the dam have been controversial as well, as the cold waters that make the reservoir great for trout have proven detrimental to some native species below the dam.<sup>47</sup> Hashing out this complex legacy would be essential to any future examination of the Flaming Gorge Dam, though whether that legacy is good or bad may ultimately be a matter of perspective.

Lastly, the study of Daggett County's past should also include a nod to its architectural history. The National Register of Historic Places, a federal inventory of sites and structures deemed worthy for preservation, currently includes only five properties in Daggett County.<sup>48</sup> However, a number of buildings in the region are likely eligible for the list, were interested parties willing to engage with the nomination process. One candidate is the Summit Springs Guard Station, a 1931 Civilian Conservation Corps cabin located a couple of miles west of the Sheep Creek Geological Loop in the Ashley National Forest. Farther north, a number of structures associated with the Flaming Gorge Dam have now surpassed the fifty-year milestone required to be considered historic. Among them are the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Bridge, a soaring example of a steel through arch bridge that engineers erected along U.S. Highway 191 in 1962, and the Dutch John neighborhood built by the federal government in 1958 to support the construction and operation of the dam. Legislation privatized the homes in 1999, but enough remain intact to create a historic district that would serve as a striking example of the dam's influence on the local community.<sup>49</sup>

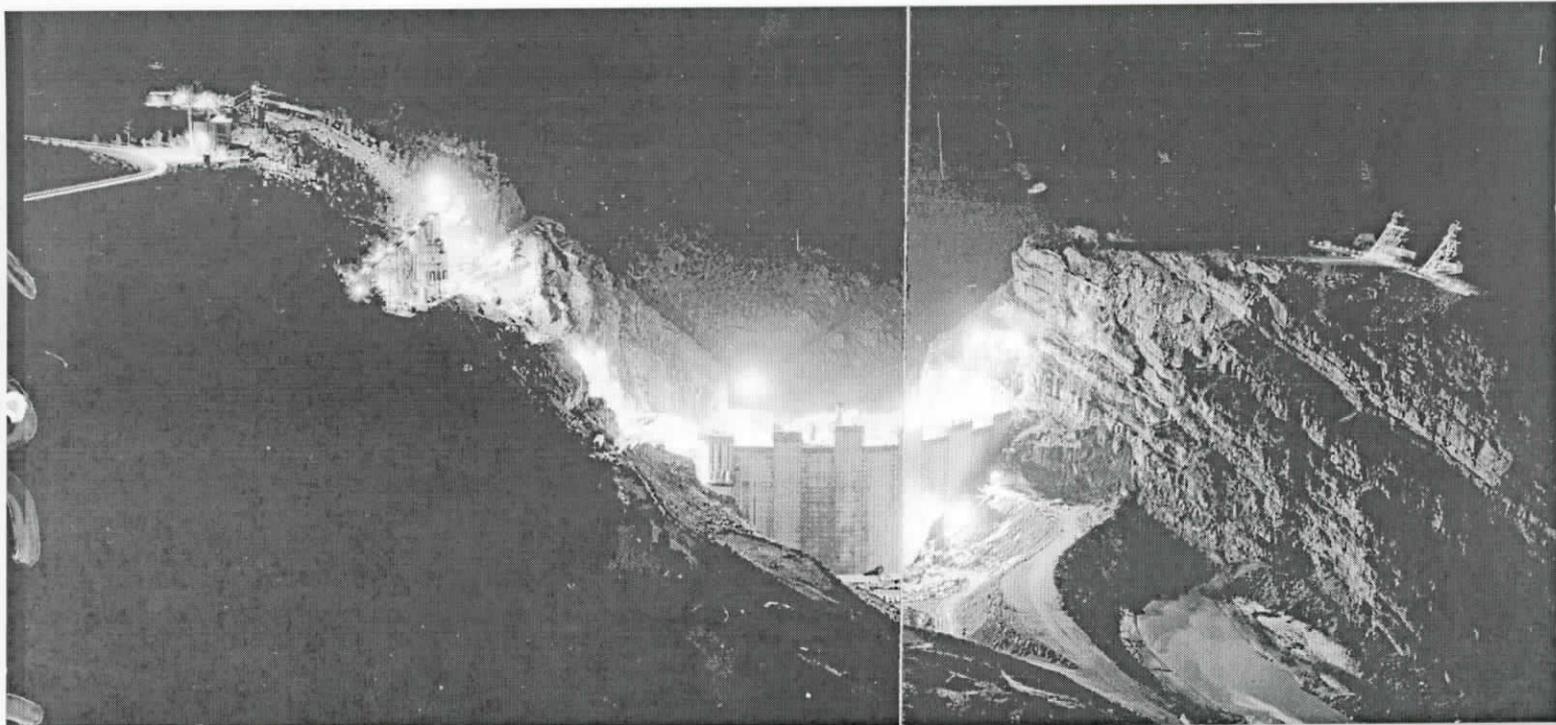
One hundred years after its founding, Daggett County remains Utah's newest and least-populated county, but its contribution to the state's history defies its young age and small population. Given its position between two prehistoric cultural areas, archaeologists and anthropologists have an opportunity to explore cultural and economic exchange across the region, while historic preservationists will find a trove of structures to enrich rural Utah's contribution to the nation's architectural inventory. The county's complicated history with federal lands will give historians a fertile case study through which to explore the context of current events, while past events related to tourism and reclamation will inform topics central to the development of the West. Given such ample and compelling research opportunities the region affords, the study of Daggett County promises to enlighten issues of the past and present on the local, state, and federal level.

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*Top: Construction of Flaming Gorge Dam, at night. Above right: Daggett County Museum.*

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# Daggett County celebrates diamond jubilee during 1993

by Melanie Morrison  
Express Writer

Jan. 7, 1993 marked the 75th anniversary of the smallest Utah county, Daggett. Small by population standards but large on spirit. Organized on Jan. 7, 1918, the county has witnessed many startling and changing events, but none were so amazing as the organization of the county itself.

The section of land called Daggett County has been bounced between one parent county to another, much like an unwanted foster child. Even earlier the little section of land was in the middle of boundary disputes. At an early date in history the Spanish explored this section and claimed it for Spain. In about 1640 there were Spanish forts in what now is Daggett County but they were burned by the Ute Indians and occupants killed or driven away.

During massive wars and disputes, Daggett County came under the control of the Mexican government where it remained without many visitors until mountain men moved into the area around 1824. In 1848 the area was ceded to the Territory of the United States following the war with Mexico.

As the onset of Mormons began moving into northeastern Utah and southern Wyoming, the land came under the control of the State of Deseret and became a part of Green River County. When the U.S. Government failed to recognize the Mormons, the land was again returned to the Territory of the United States but still remained a part of Green River County. At that time, Green River County made up most of what now is Summit and Daggett counties in Utah, and a large portion of Sweetwater and Uinta Counties in Wyoming. It wasn't until 1880 that Daggett was

ceded to Uintah County.

By the time all this happened, what now is Daggett County had grown from a wilderness to a settled community with several hundred homesteaders from Beaver County that were taking up every available claim in the valley. Ellsworth P. Daggett, Utah's first surveyor-general and his partner Adolph Jessen directed the building of huge canals from the alpine lakes in the High Uintas to bring irrigation to the valleys. But the location still remained extremely isolated during those years, separated from the county seat at Vernal by the inaccessible, but majestic Uinta Mountains.

As the result of its isolation, Uintah County would and could not assist Daggett territory with roads, schools and governmental problems. The residents paid taxes to Uintah but never received any benefits. It was a matter of a bitter contest for many years. Then early in 1917 a petition was sent by Daggett's residents to Uintah County asking for \$70 to fill a mud hole on one of Daggett's worst roads. The request was denied and residents were determined to create their own county.

In an article that appeared in the Feb. 16, 1917 edition of the Vernal Express, acquired from the archives of Uintah County's Regional Library, the story of wanting out of Uintah County unfolded.

According to a Provo correspondent for the Deseret News, "a movement is on foot in his section for the organization of a new county to embrace a section approximately 20 miles wide, by 60 miles long from east to west, to be bounded on the north by Wyoming and on the east by Colorado."

"The main reason for the proposed division of Uintah County is given as the difficulty of travel and

VIEW OVERLOOKING Sheep Creek Bay in the Flaming Gorge Recreation Area. The drowned town of Linwood in Daggett County is now as at in 1904. She-

the distance, about 70 miles to Vernal, the county seat. A 10,000-foot range of mountains with poor roads and impossible travel in the winter separates the settlers from Vernal."

An election was held in Uintah County on July 31, 1917 which asked county residents if they wished to separate the two areas. The results were: in Daggett district—74 in favor, none against; in Uintah County—325 in favor and 156 against. With the election, Daggett officially became a county on the first Monday of January, 1918. Shortly following the county's formation, the Daggett School District was formed.

The slate of county officials ran unopposed. George C. Rasmussen, Marius M. Larson and Neils Pallesen (whose name was misspelled on the ballot), were elected as commissioners. A.J.B. Stewart was elected clerk and recorder. Daniel M. Nelson was assessor and treasurer and Charles F. Olsen was county attorney. Ansell T. Twitchell was elected Daggett's first sheriff. Manila (misspelled on the ballot) was unanimously named as the

county seat. The town of Linwood, which now lies under the Flaming Gorge Dam, received two votes, both of those from its residents.

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Daggett County and Manila rely heavily on year-round tourist trade. There are various restaurants, motels and station facilities which employ many people as well as the National Forest Service and the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. The primary source of industry, however, is agriculture. Other employers include oil and gas exploration, timber production and some residents work in the large mines located in Green River.

So what keeps the population at somewhat of an even keel? According to Vance Grubb, 32-year old owner of Grubb's Cafe and Grubb's Construction Company, the area and its people do. "It's a wonderful place to raise kids."

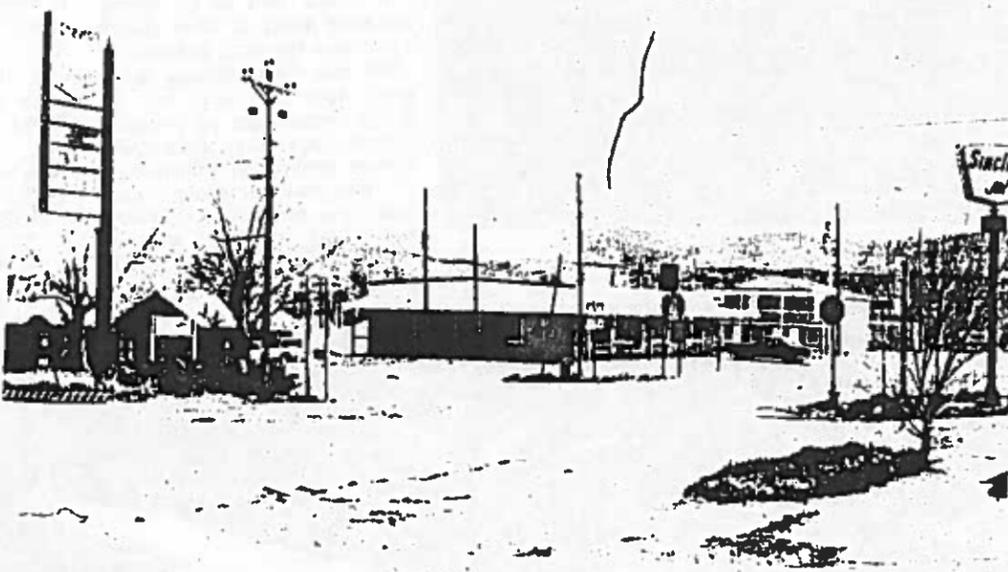
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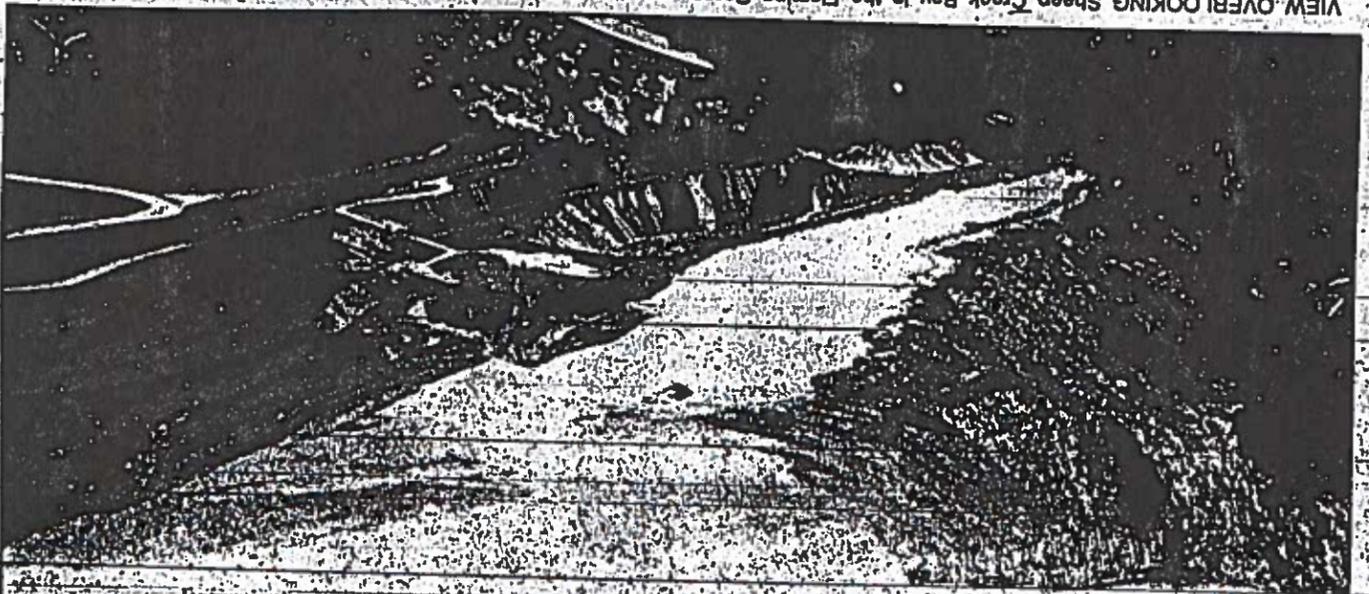
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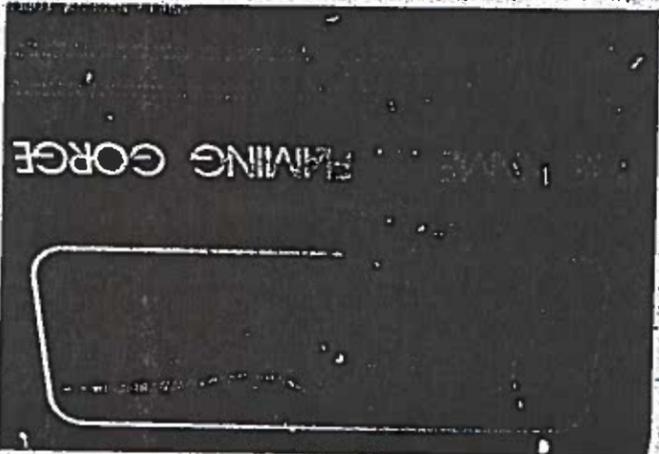
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The Forest Service District office sits on the opposite corner of the cafe.

spread themselves among different activities. Manila High students are content with the lifestyle they lead which draws them back to their home after college. For many, their chosen fields will force them to stay in a more populated area, but some choose to return to Daggett County to raise their own families. Many of Manila's youth are multi-generational. The celebration of Daggett County's 75th anniversary will be a year-long event, according to Range Wilder, a member of the Daggett Centennial Committee. The celebration will be in conjunction with Utah's Centennial events. Walecia Lamb, the high school librarian, has set up an extensive exhibition in the library of Daggett memorabilia and students are interviewing their relatives on their histories. These interviews will be placed in a book for everyone to see. Daggett County is small in size only but big on spirit. The pioneer spirit of its residents that will be continued to the next 75 years.



**VIEW OVERLOOKING SHEEP CREEK BAY IN THE FLAMING GORGE** now lies at the bottom of the dam dedicated by Ladybird Johnson in 1964. Sheep Creek overlook is on the Highway to Manila.



**PLAQUE AT SHEEP CREEK BAY** that describes how Flaming Gorge was named. According to the plaque, John Wesley Powell, on his maiden voyage, declared the area "Flaming Gorge."

the advisor to their active FFA chapter, which he chartered. He and his FFA members boast national honors every year. There exists a high school in their new building. When the school opened, it was ranked as the most technically advanced high school in Utah. Junior and senior students say one of the downfalls to their system is the average length of service of their teachers. One commented, "They only stay long enough to receive some experience for their resume. Then they move on." Not in the case of their vocational-  
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Currently there are two schools in Manila. Manila Elementary that houses students through the sixth grade and Manila High School with the seventh through twelfth grades. Duch John also has an elementary school. During the 1992-1993 school year there was an enrollment of 92 students in Manila High School. The 1993 graduating class has 12 members: Alvin Steinkor, the school's student body president, Justin Archibald, Travis Timber, Derek Houston, Sheila Morton, Cory Slaugh, Thomas, Connie Coombs, Karinda Briggs, Ben Jones, Erin Cobb, Daniel Olson and J.R. Pallese. The county claims no illiteracy with a high percentage of college-bound students. Classes average

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## MEASE DRUG CO. CHANGES HAND

John A. Mease has disposed of his interest in the Mease Drug to his son, Wm. H. Mease and has moved to Sacramento, Cal., for the winter. A full interest has been purchased by Mrs. Sarah D. Mease, and her son James has accepted a position in the firm as her representative. The business will be operated under the name as formerly.

## DAGGET COUNTY CONVENTION IS HELD

Niels Jalleason of Manila, was in Vernal during the fair. He brought word that at the county convention held in Dagget county the following were nominated as candidates: Commissioners, M. N. Larsen, Geo. C. Rasmussen and Niels Jalleason; clerk, A. J. Stewart, assessor and treasurer, D. M. Nelson; sheriff, A. T. Twitchell; attorney, C. F. Olson. These officers will be voted for in November.

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## IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

There is no questioning the fact that Uintah County and the Ashley valley are attractive, and that we have some thing good to offer people who come here to settle. If this were not so, we would not find people purchasing land and homes here. When they could buy on the rail-road. But we have it, and plenty—bargains that are real, and men who come here don't go away unsatisfied. Some of the most important transac-tions of the week are the following:  
The Joe McKnight place recently purchased by C. H. Howell has been disposed of to Hyrum B. Seeley of Hazelton, Idaho. Mr. Seeley has re-turned to his home to get his fam-ily and they will locate here early this fall.  
The old Caldwell place in Naples has been purchased by Edgar H. Adair of Yuma, Colo. who has al-ready taken possession. Mr. Adair's mother, Sarah J. Adair has pur-

# Thirty-one Men To Leave Wednesday

A telegram was received today by the local exemption board to the effect that the balance of the men liable under the selective draft are to leave Vernal at 6 a.m. October 23, so as to reach Price to take the train there on the morning following.

The board has been at a loss to know just what to do, as no informa-tion was received, except that a schedule was to be furnished stat-ing the number of men to dispatch each day. This information came by wire, and stated that definite in-formation was to follow. The board in order to be prepared for any emergency, notified the 21 men liable to be ready on 24 hour notice as to their departure. So when the tele-gram came today stating that the en-tire number would leave, it was something more definite for the members of the local board to work upon.

The thirty-one men who are to leave are:

- Charles L. Johnson.
- David Clarence Caldwell.
- Wm. H. McConkie.
- Beth McConkie.
- Chas. Henry Comer.
- David D. Mooseman.
- Alonso Finch.
- Myron Duncan Perry.
- Stephen A. Poulson.
- Frank R. Steinkes.
- Albert Rachel.
- Stephen Laren Ross.
- Winifred Long.
- Evie Oreda Richens.
- John Edward Mayer.
- Earnest Herbert Bell.
- Lewis Alexander Davall.
- Amos Hoast.
- Alton Rulon Meyers.
- Linton Leroy Williams.
- Roy Vernon Martin.
- Grand Rasmussen.

- Clifford Daniels.
- Wilkie O. Fussman.
- Roy Curtis.
- Joe C. Board.
- Jacob Liny Workman.
- Floyd Wilbur Brown.
- Glenn Leland Mitchell.
- Carlisle Reynolds.
- Calvin Beaulaire Shaffer.

Word has been received that the district board have withdrawn the exemption of Harold Samuel Kettler. They allowed the claim some time ago, reversing the decision of the local board, and have now decided to honor their judgment by with-drawing their counter ruling.

The Express is proud to print the statement following, made by the local board in regard to the men examined under the selective draft. We rest here in saying there are few other counties in the entire United States who can boast of such a record for cleanliness and purity in community. When one stops to consider that men of all classes and of many nationalities were called, this is indeed remarkable.

"We the local board of Uintah County feel to compliment the young men and also the people as a whole, upon the excep-tional cleanliness found among the men examined by us under the selective draft laws which called them into service in the United States army. Out of the 225 men who appeared before this board, none were dis-qualified because of venereal disease of any kind. We be-lieve this to be an exceptional record worthy of public recog-nition."

JAN. O'REILLY, JR.  
RICHARD POPE,  
DR. GEO. W. GREEN

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MANILA'S ELDEST RESIDENTS — Four of Manila's senior citizens were honored at an organizational meeting of the Manila Historical Society. They are, from right, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boren.

## Manila Historical Society Organized

MANILA — The first organizational meeting of the Daggett County Historical Society was held Monday of last week at the Manila Elementary School library with Dr. Charles Peterson conducting, assisted by Kent Powell, senior at the University of Utah majoring in history.

On display were about 200 exhibits of Kerry Boren's collection which consists of articles such as hand carved washboards, shoes of early pioneer children, choke strings worn by the mountain men, bootleg whiskey bottles, a boot jack, a blood stained knife that was used by a Mexican murderer, pictures of early settlers, outlaws, early homes and other buildings and sites.

**AFTER VIEWING** these exhibits Dr. Peterson led a discussion of the history of the area, how many phases might be studied, the benefits and projects which a historical society could give or undertake such as getting the oral history of the older people who experienced or knew the history, marking historical sites, preserving collections and recorded history, the publishing of articles and books and taking historical tours.

A committee composed of John Elwell, Kerry Boren, Timothy Potter, Mrs. Duane (WaNeta) Lamb and Mrs. Harvard (Delores) Redden was appointed to draw up the articles of the constitution and by-laws. A meeting for this purpose was held at the Manila Elementary School Monday.

**TUESDAY** citizens of Manila again met at the Manila Elementary to approve the articles of constitution and by-laws and elect executive officers and a board of directors for the Daggett County Historical Society.

Manila's oldest long time residents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boren attended the meeting. Other people attending whose families were pioneers of this area were Archie Lamb, Vernon Nelson and Elbert Steinaker, Sr.

**KEITH SMITH**, the oldest Daggett County resident who was very active in the settling of this community was unable to attend the meeting, but called Dr. Peterson just before the meeting to express his interest in the organization of the historical society in this country.

Others who attended were Town President Duane Lamb and Mrs. Lamb and Phil Johnson of the U. S. Forest Service in Dutch John.

**REFRESHMENTS** were served by Mrs. John Elwell and Mrs. Rex Lund. Dr. Peterson said he felt a closeness with people from small communities like Manila and sometimes is tempted to forsake his position and retire to one. He was born in Snowflake, Arizona and later lived in LaSal before going to Brigham Young University for his bachelor and masters degrees. He received his Doctorate at the University of Utah.

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The Crawford and Thompson Cattle Company wintered their cattle in Brown's Park for a number of years. A Mrs. Brown, whose full name or that of her husband's I have been unable to obtain, went with this company. Mrs. Brown operated a saloon in the Park. I understand that she was the only white woman there for many years. They say she was very handsome and the park was named for her. The Crawford and Thompson Cattle Company were in Brown's Park last, about the year 1866. It was about 1863 that Duncan Blair took his squaw to Diamond Mountain where he had a cabin at what is now known as Blair's Basin.

(The above information is from Mrs. May Coon Ruple, age 80, address Vernal, Utah.)

From the information I was able to get from Peter Dillman, Lafe Richardson, George D. Merkley and Mrs. Ruple, the names of the following were some of the first settlers in Daggett County, although I was unable to get the dates when they settled there; Charles Grouse of the Hot Creek Horse Ranch; Thomas Davenport, cattleman; Valentine Hoy, cattleman who was shot by the outlaw P. H. Johnston in March, 1897, during the tri-state outlaw roundup; John Bassett who ran a trap line in the park. He had two daughters and a son. His daughter, Ann, was known to all the inhabitants of this section as "Queen Ann". She could throw a gun as fast as any man and never hesitated to use one on either man or animal. John Bassett was often suspected of cattle rustling, but was never in any definite trouble over it. His younger daughter, Josie,

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had a husband disappear under rather mysterious circumstances. Her second husband was afraid of her and left for a better populated section for protection.

In 1933, Josie Bassett McNight-Morris was arrested for cattle rustling. The case hung in the court for three years. It caused no end of wise cracks when the 81-year old woman was acquitted. Even the man who had lost the cattle hated to send a woman of her age to the penitentiary for rustling cattle. There was a son in the family but he was not as well known as his sisters.

Billie (W. G.) Tiltsworth was the author of several books in which Brown's Park played a prominent part. He wrote most of them while he was living there. I have not been able to find the names of the books he has written.

Joseph Toliver was a stockman and general rust-about. He was killed in a brawl in a Vernal saloon.

Jess and Henry Hoy, brothers of Valentine Hoy, were cattlemen and considered some of the most respected citizens of that section.

John Jarvis was a ferry owner and merchant. His body was found in a boat floating down Green River many miles below the ferry with a bullet hole to tell the tale. This was about 1908.

There was a man named Jim Peterson, whose disappearance has always mystified his friends.

Other men who lived in that section were George Law, Jess Ven, Ed Rife, Jim Warren, and Lewis Allen. The town of Manila was built on the homestead of Lewis Allen and the town was known for many years as Lewis Allen.

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crime supposedly reflected on him.*

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The information I was able to get concerning the early settlers of the county and the names which were given to me by the people I interviewed were so few, that I consulted the old assessment rolls to see if I could add to the list.

The following is a complete list of the taxpayers in what is now Daggett County for the years 1888 to 1893 inclusive, with their various addresses:

Gora Lewis, Brown's Park	Ben Van Dusan, Burnt Fork
Charles Crouse and Overholt, Brown's Park	James Warren, Brown's Park
R. H. Driscoll, Henries Fork	G. J. Dowd, Henries Fork
Zeb Edwards, Burnt Fork	George Solomon, Henries Fork
George Finch, Henries Fork	Thomas Davenport, Brown's Park
H. N. James, Brown's Park	Henry Hoy, Brown's Park
Clark Logan, Henries Park	John Jarvis, Brown's Park
S. G. Larg, Burnt Fork	Lewis Allen, Henries Fork
William Larg, Henries Fork	Charles Pyman, Henries Fork
Henry La Course, Brown's Park	B. Gamble, Burnt Fork
G. B. Stewart, Henries Fort	John Hughes, Burnt Fork
Stall and Turles, Burnt Fort	J. S. Hoy, Lodora, Colo.
George Stall, Burnt Fork	
William Stall, Burnt Fork	

Many of these men were assessed for cattle or horses. Some of them were assessed for both. Only a few were assessed for real estate and none of them were assessed for improvements. The above is a complete list for the five years mentioned.

# Daggett County History Gives Highlights 50th Year Anniversary

Kerry Ross Boren

Continuing with the history of and in keeping with the 50th anniversary of Daggett County, it is interesting to review the first school system. Due to the close proximity of adjacent boundaries and because of the counties round about, the story of education in Daggett County is the story of adjacent areas as well.

The first teacher was William Pearson who, as a private tutor, instructed the four boys and five girls of the Phil Mass family whose ranch was located twelve miles west of Manila on Henry's Fork. Mr. Pearson taught at the Mass Ranch until 1884 when he began teaching public school at Burnt Fork. The first public school at Burnt Fork was organized on September 10, 1877 as a part of District Number 8 of Uintah County, Utah and of which Daggett County was then a part. The first trustees were John B. Anson, George Stoll and W. H. Mass. Nine children were in attendance.

The first school organized for pupils living in Utah and not including those of adjacent areas was constructed in 1897 at Birch Creek about sixteen miles west of Manila. The school, located in District Number 13 of Uintah County (later Daggett), was a log cabin about 12 by 12 feet in dimensions with dirt roof and plank floor. It was considered to be very "Modern" at the time for it had the luxury of glass window lights over the previous flour sack drapes. The building was located on the ranch of Garibaldi B. Gamble and stands today, even though at a new location on the old Gamble ranch. The school was in operation from 1897 to 1898 when the new Manila District was organized and funds were diverted to that place. Teachers at the Birch Creek School were, in 1897, Millie Catterson, and in 1898, H. E. McMillan who had a reputation for handling the "hard-cases" which sometimes meant both pupils and parents.

On January 10, 1900, the Coon Hollow District of Wyoming was formed out of the old Utah district. From this school came many of Daggett County's most outstanding pioneer teachers and educators. Of these, one of the most notable was Niels Pallesen who came from Denmark in 1889. He taught school at Coon Hollow (now McKinnon, Wyoming) for several years and married one of his pupils, Dora Pearson, daughter of Wil-

liam Pearson, mentioned previously. Niels Pallesen taught at Lonetree, Linwood, Washum and Manila and was the clerk of the school board at Manila until his death in 1941.

The first public school in the vicinity of Manila was located on the Dick Son ranch, though still in Wyoming. The school was part of District Number 8 of Sweetwater County and was organized in July, 1888 with R. E. Son, D. H. Washum and F. M. Easton, trustees. The school operated between the years of 1888 and 1892 and had a peak enrollment of about 15 pupils. The first teacher was Miss Annie Pape.

But the school of which we are most concerned, the first to be located in what is now Daggett County, was situated about five miles east of Manila on lower Henry's Fork and just above the old town of Linwood. The school was only slightly south of the Utah-Wyoming line. The building itself was of log construction, wooded floor and dirt roof, 14 by 16 feet in dimension with wood stove. Established in 1893 the school operated for two years. Paper was not available and slates were used. The only teacher employed by this school was Charles Driskell, Daggett County's undisputed first school teacher.

Now we approach the most unusual and certainly most interesting of all the schools Daggett County may lay claim to. And yet, because of the peculiarity of this school, Daggett County may claim to only half the fame, because this school was located exactly upon the state lines of Utah and Wyoming. So very unusual was this school that the famous Ripley chose to use it in his equally famous column, "Believe It Or Not."

In 1904, a realization came to the two states that a school was necessary for the education of the children residing in that area. But there were not enough pupils to make it expedient to construct two schools, one in Wyoming and another only a few yards away in Utah. and so a joint agreement was made by the two states and the two counties and the two districts involved to construct a common school, situated exactly upon the state lines, with equal jurisdiction in each state. One side of the school would be operated by Wyoming with Wyoming students seated there, the other in Utah with only Utah students.

The originators of this novel idea were Robert Swift, George Solomon, Marius N. Larsen, Keith Smith, George Finch and George Hereford with materials and labor furnished by many local residents including John

Despain, Edward Tolten, Willard Schofield, Frank Ellison and others.

Construction began early in 1904. The ridge-pole was laid directly over and parallel to the state lines. The school was one large room, 35 by 23 feet, of frame construction with metal sheeting outside and painted red. The inside was heated by a large wood heater and lighted by kerosene lamps which were placed on various shelves. A large blackboard was located on the west wall and windows faced both north into Wyoming and south into Utah.

Ripley claimed that it was the only school in the United States to be constructed in two states at one time as well as two counties under the cooperation and jurisdiction of two school boards with students from two states in attendance, seated in two different states but in one building. Confusing? It was often the cause of much controversy, also. In Wyoming the law was quite liberal concerning the physical discipline of students who became unruly or hard to handle. They were allowed to be smacked quite soundly, in fact. But Utah was quite another story. They were definitely very prude about physical persuasion. Therefore, it was often easy for a Wyoming student to escape punishment by merely stepping across the room into Utah. The teacher of course was often in a quandary as to what to do. Nevertheless, necessity was the mother of invention and the teacher finally and simply dragged the unruly student back into Wyoming and there gave him his discipline.

The first school in Manila was a log cabin located on the site of the present Archie Lamb residence. Benjamin Slagowski was the first teacher. Subsequent schools were located in the old Town Hall (1904-1912) and in what is now the Daggett County court house (1912-1922). In 1922 a new school was constructed near the hill above Manila and remained the county's only school until it was remodeled and added to by the present new structure and joined by the Dutch John elementary school in the east end of the county and by the new Manila elementary school located just across the road from the Manila high school.

The story of education in Daggett County cannot be covered in one article with the entirety it merits. Necessarily, many of the prominent teachers and administrators and many interesting stories have been omitted. Education is definitely an integral part of the 50 years of progress in Daggett County and indeed, extends even beyond that period.

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# Daggett County holds first water conference

Forty-three people representing three irrigation companies attended the first Daggett Water Conference. Daggett Soil Conservation District under the leadership of Carol Gardiner organized the event in partnership with Dinosaurland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D).

Former Utah Lt. Governor, Gayle McKeachnie, kicked off the event with a presentation on canal company and director responsibility. Gayle cited several cases where everyday type of water scenarios turned into lawsuits. This raised several discussions on how current

operating procedures could cause problems.

Lunch was served by Manila FFA with Bill Schell as advisor. Funding for the conference was made available by the Bureau of Reclamation, Central Utah Water Conservancy District with Daggett School District donating the meeting room.

Brent Draper, NRCS, demonstrated plant consumptive rates. Overwatering rarely meets the plants' needs. Daggett Conservation District has purchased four soil moisture meters. Producers are encouraged to sign up for one so they can monitor the plants' water needs during the 2005



Gayle McKeachnie discusses responsibilities of a canal company. Several cases were cited where everyday scenarios turned into problems. McKeachnie suggested that proper management can protect all interests.

growing season. Contact Carol Gardiner at 307-780-7282 if you are interested in having a meter installed on your property.

Gary Roeder, NRCS, and Steve Gerner, USGS, discussed upcoming programs that farmers can take advantage of. Producers need to get ready now for 2006 funding opportunities.

The final presentation was Water Rights by Bob Leake, State Engineer. Leake discussed how the original water right must stay intact. Saving water does not mean the landowner can increase the acreage beyond the original filing. Not using the water right as filed can cause forfeiture.

Participants gave the conference a high rating. Many expressed an interest in a similar conference in 2006. Door prizes were donated by Jim and Barbara Briggs, Don and Joann Williams, Mountainland Supply, Harward Irrigation Systems, Roosevelt IFA, and Vernal IFA.

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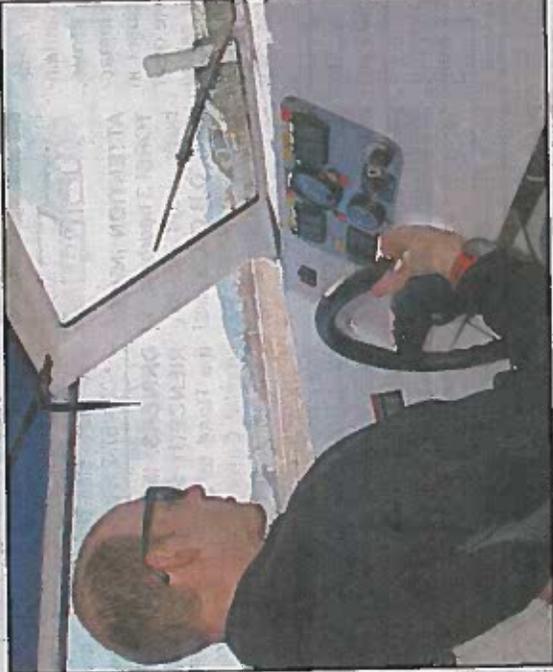
# FLOATING ABOVE IT ALL

## Daggett County launches new hovercraft

By DEBORAH TRACY  
Vernal Express

A vehicle loaded with "cool factor" is expected to be a valuable winter tool for the Daggett County Sheriff's Office. On Saturday, the department's newest vehicle, an eight-passenger turbo diesel-powered hovercraft, glided more than 16 inches above cracked ice, patches of open water and Flaming Gorge shoreline in demonstrations and rides for the public.

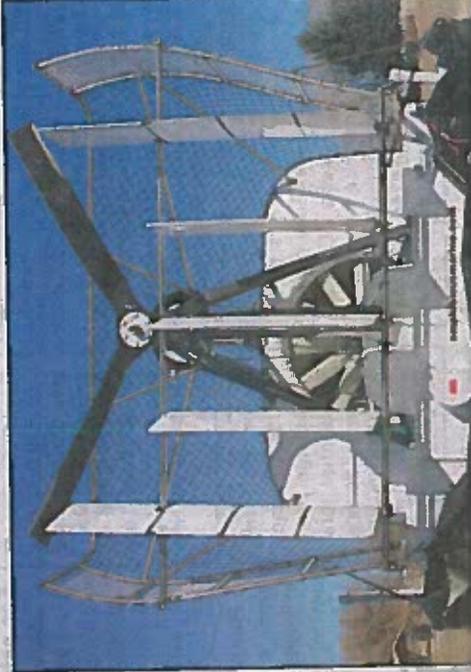
The vehicle, manufactured by Amphibious Marine Inc. of Shelton, Wash., actually arrived in Manila on Friday, Feb. 1. Coming along with the machine was Bryan Phillips, whose small company manufactures four or five such vehicles a year.



Bryan Phillips of Amphibious Marine Inc. pilots the Explorer-22 hovercraft over thin ice last Saturday.



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# Daggett County Makes Definite Proposition in Boundary Line Dispute

John S Bennett sheriff Dr T W Tinker, county clerk and recorder and Niels Pallesen county commissioner, of Daggett county, are over on a land contest case before the U S land office Mr Bennett is also looking after the assessment for that county, as he is also serving as assessor Commissioner Pallesen feels that the commissioners of Daggett county were placed in a wrong light over the published statement concerning the boundary between Daggett and Uintah counties According to what he says the facts are that at the first meeting on Diamond Mountain, Daggett county representatives were at the place of meeting first When the second meeting was called for the 20th of September the letter of notification was received on that date at 11 30 a m at Manila The meeting was set for 12 30 that same day on the southern boundary of the county The letter was dated the 15th, and it reached Manila five days later Hence it was impossible to get the officers and a surveyor and be at the appointed place on time

Mr Pallesen says that when it comes to placing any one's property in jeopardy, or causing any undue

inconvenience to anyone, it is not the intention of any official of Daggett county He says they have offered to meet the situation squarely, and have made this boundary offer to Uintah county commissioners Commencing at the west boundary, and following the defined water shed to some place near the head waters of Pot creek, where the watershed becomes broken, thence due south on township line for three miles, or to the center of township 1 South of Salt Lake meridian thence due East to the Colorado line Such a division, he claims would be a good compromise and follow closely the water way of Pot creek

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Daggett county will be added to the counties of Utah officially on Jan. 7. The election which was held on Dec. 24, went off very quietly, as there was but one ticket in the field. Manila was decided upon as the county seat.

Tabulated returns on the election are as follows.

	Manilla	Linwood
Commissioners		
• Geo. C. Rasmussen	52	11
Marius T. Larsen	52	11
Nells Pallesen	52	11
Clerk & Recorder		
A. J. B. Stewart	52	11
Assessor & Treasurer		
Daniel M. Nelson	52	11
Sheriff—		
Ancel T. Twitchell	52	11
Attorney—		
Charles F. Olson	52	11

There was but one vote favoring Linwood as county seat and that was cast in Linwood precinct.

Now that the county has complete organization of officers and officially recognized as one of the counties of the state the residents in this prosperous section carry on all matters pertaining to county government in a town which is easily accessible, such as is Manila. Manila is sixty-five miles north from Vernal, and in certain times of the year the road is almost impassable, putting citizens who had business to transact in the county seat at a great inconvenience.

A special election which was held in Uintah county resulted in a majority vote being cast in favor of the establishment of the new county.

The new county is named "Daggett" in honor of Ellsworth Daggett, a pioneer mining engineer and one of the trio that first developed the plan and carried forward the work of diverting the waters of Sheep Creek, one of the main water supply sources of the section. Mr. Daggett is now a resident of Salt Lake and is actively and heavily interested in the growth and upbuilding of the new county.

Daggett county covers an area that is forty-nine miles in length and seventeen miles wide. The boundary line begins at the intersection point of the boundaries of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado thence west to the 110th meridian of west longitude, thence south to the main divide of the Uintah mountains thence east to the Colorado state line thence north to the point of beginning.

At the present time it is conservatively estimated that the arable section of the new county is in excess of 60,000 acres, the soil being well adapted to wheat, alfalfa and potatoes. There is a great abundance of timber, both for fuel and lumber, sawmills are numerous and easy of access, and coal is being developed near the town of Linwood.

The farmers are today receiving for their wheat 40 per cent of the money paid for the cash loaf where as last year they received less than 20 per cent of the prices of the loaf. The recent announcement of the U.S. Food Administration elimination of hoarding and speculation together with stabilization of prices are responsible for the doubled share of the retail price. Farmers are now reaping living.

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# Daggett County property owners get rude New Year's news: huge tax hike

Paying for the costs of a wildland fire and a double-slaying have put Daggett County commissioners in a financial pinch. The only way out ap-

pears to be a substantial raise in property taxes.

Late last month commissioners voted unanimously to hike taxes for

the first time since 1991. The increase will raise an additional \$281,233 in property taxes over 2002 collections of \$211,503. That means the owner of a primary residence in Daggett County with a market value of \$147,610, who paid \$699 in property taxes in 2002, will pay \$860 in property taxes this year.

About \$100,000 of the tax hike will go to pay costs associated with the prosecution of Lewis and Michael Heffelfinger, the father and son accused in the 2001 killings of Kelly J. Carter and Brad W. Gross. The victims, who are from Vernal, where hunting when they were allegedly accosted by the Heffelfingers and shot to death. The Heffelfingers have pleaded not guilty.

Utah's smallest county is also responsible for at least \$25,000 of the expenses incurred fighting the Mustang Ridge wildlife fire in July in near Flaming Gorge Reservoir. In addition, Daggett County, like other counties in Utah, is facing large hikes in health insurance premiums for county employees.

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Utah's Lt. Governor Elect Gary Herbert sits next to a happy RaNae Wilde, winner of Utah's Outstanding Elected Official Award for 2004, during a meeting of the UAC in St. George.

## Daggett County Recorder selected top elected official

RaNae Wilde, Daggett County Recorder and Assessor, has been selected as Utah's Outstanding Elected Official of the Year for 2004.

Wilde was presented with the award Nov. 14 during the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Conference held in St. George.

The Daggett County News states, "Her selection was based on her service to the Utah Association of Counties, County Related Involvement, General Community Service and a vote of the UAC Elected Officials."

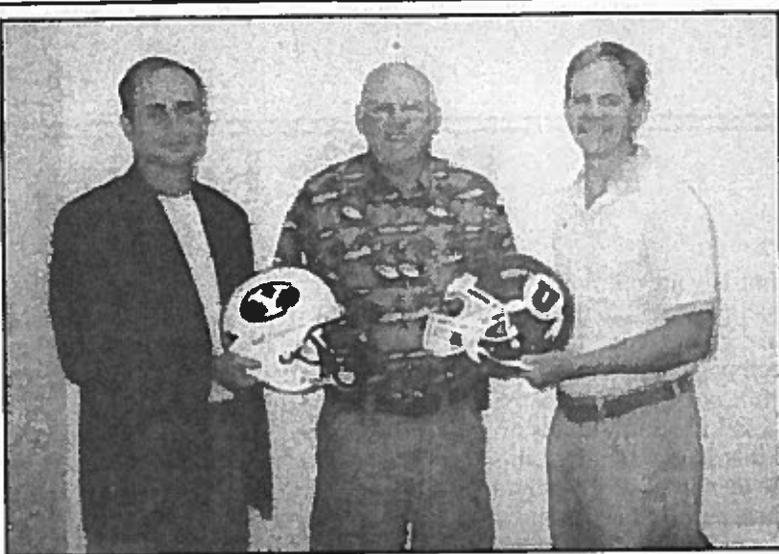
Wilde had previously been selected as the Outstanding County Recorder of the year. This award made her eligible to compete with other affiliate winners for the UAC award. Eligible affiliate winners

included recorders, attorneys, commissioners, treasurers, clerk-auditors and assessors.

Chad Reed, chairman of the Daggett County Commission, stated, "Congratulations, RaNae, for the recognition this award brings to you for all your hard work. Thank you for all you do and for the recognition your work has brought to Daggett County."

Wilde said of her award and the experience of receiving it, "It was totally awesome. I was so surprised. It was my night. I was ending my term as secretary of the UAC executive committee and then I got this award."

Wilde is in her third term as recorder for Daggett County. She has worked for the county since 1971.



## Daggett County Sheriff receives helmet of appreciation

Kenny Hansmire and Ed Smart present Daggett County Sheriff Allen Campbell with a Lavelle Edwards autographed BYU helmet and Kyle Whittingham autographed Utah helmet in appreciation for his contributions to protecting the children of Daggett County through the American Football Coaches Association and FBI's National Child Identification Program.

# Daggett County to celebrate 57th birthday January 7th

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By Kerry Ross Boren

January 7, 1976, Daggett County will celebrate its 57th birthday in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial. During the summer of 1917 several of the prominent residents of Lucerne Valley made a journey over the mountain to Vernal, county seat of Uintah County, of which, at that time, they were a part.

These representatives, which included Peter Guff Wall, Daniel Nelson, Marius N. Larsen and several others, debated with the county officials on the possibility of being set apart as a separate county.

**JULY 31, 1917** an election was held. In the Daggett District there were 74 votes in favor of separation and none against. In Uintah District there were 323 votes for separation and 156 against. On November 16, 1917 acting-governor Hardin Benning (in the absence of Governor Bamberger) signed the proclamation creating the new county.

A vote was made on the name of the new county and two propositions were set forth; Finch County, in honor of George Finch, an early settler, and Daggett County, in honor of surveyor-general Ellsworth Daggett, who was prominent in surveying the area. The latter name won over by one vote and Daggett County was created.

December 24, 1917 election of officers was held with the following persons being the first elected for the new county: commissioners - Marius N. Larsen, chairman of the board; George C. Rasmussen and Neils Palleson. Clerk and recorder: A. J. B. Stewart. Assessor and treasurer: Daniel M. Nelson. Sheriff: Anciel Twitchell. County Attorney: Charles F. Olsen.

Other offices were also determined as follows: County physician, Dr. F. W. Tinker; Brown's Park Board, T. F. DeJournett; Linwood, Keith Smith; Manila, Albert E. Waite; Antelope, John Bennett; Birch Creek, John W. Myers. Constable of Manila Precinct was Leo B. Stewart.

out, citizens asked for a reconsideration of the school system and a new district was established January 24 with board members Henry Twitchell, Albert E. Waite, A. J. B. Stewart, Charles F. Olsen and W. F. Nebeker. The latter did not qualify and Neils Palleson was chosen in his stead.

Committee for State Road was established with the following: Ammon Nebeker, Peter G. Wall, C. F. Olsen and Dr. F. W. Tinker.

Daggett County officially became established January 7, 1918, and some of the following events taken from the first county minutes are of interest to local residents, many of whom are descended from those persons involved.

**April 1, 1918:** Samuel Warby, for hauling the commissioners, \$5. A. T. Twitchell for delivering prisoner to Green River, Wyoming, \$7.50. Kenneth Sawyer, first County Road Commissioner, \$3 per day wages.

**May 6, 1918:** A communication from Mrs. Mona Schofield about the poor pension was referred to Commissioner Palleson. Also first suggestion of a county building and county telephone.

**June 3, 1918:** Sheriff Anciel Twitchell recommended Mark Anson as deputy sheriff without salary.

**JULY 1, 1918:** First county registration officers - Ratie Searle, Linwood; Nellie P. Stewart, Manila; John Fluhman, Antelope; Mrs. William Crookston, Bridgeport (Brown's Park); Mrs. Sanford Green, Greendale.

**September 3, 1918:** Commissioners met at 3 p.m. in clerk's office. . . . The attorney was instructed to fix up a lease with Willard Schofield for the office and he will be paid for six months in advance (for space in the Old Town Hall, since destroyed).

**November 14, 1918:** County officers elected. State Representative, Heber Benning, Jr.; Clerk and Recorder, F. W. Tinker; Treasurer, Daniel Nelson; Assessor and Sheriff, John S. Bennett.

Surveyor, Kenneth Sawyer; Attorney, Charles F. Olsen; Commissioner, four-year term, Neils Palleson; Commissioners, two-year terms, Henry Twitchell and George C. Rasmussen.

**February 3, 1919:** Francis Marion Twitchell appointed deputy sheriff without salary. Request by Sheriff Bennett that the sheriff have appropriate stationery and also a writing table. . . . John Tolton appointed deputy sheriff in Linwood Precinct.

**AUGUST 4, 1919:** Communication from Willard Schofield was heard to the effect that he would furnish lumber to build a toilet, providing the county would build the same; and a motion was made by Mr. Palleson to accept the offer. . . . Report from H. H. Twitchell that part of the logs to build the jail were on the ground and the rest would be there soon.

**December 1, 1919:** Five hundred books presented to the county as a nucleus for a county library by the State Library Association (the county still has no library). An ordinance was drawn up forbidding anyone under 18 years of age in local pool halls.

**COUNTY ROAD** employees for 1919-20 were as follows: Leo Stewart, Vern Hardy, John Schofield, Wilford Twitchell, Steven Twitchell, Ollie Nielson, A. O. Nielson, William Warby, Marion Warby, Ezra Stewart, George Warby, Charles Workman, Edward Boren, Marion Twitchell, Joseph Warby, William Griffin, O. W. Beckstead, Rulon Anson, Wallace Twitchell, J. R. Limb, Archie Lamb, Mark Anson and John Bennett. County court house janitor was Mona Schofield.

When Daggett County celebrates its 57th birthday January 7, 1976, it will be in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of the nation. It will not make headlines, but to the residents still living who can remember those events and persons, it will

is leaving Vernal on account of her health.

F. G. Slaugh and wife of Vernal passed through Duchesne Thursday enroute to their new home at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Slaugh and Julius Jensen of Duchesne are brother and sister—Duchesne Record.

Verl Johnson and Eva Bennett, both of Cedar View, Duchesne County, were married by Justice of the Peace Ashley Bartlett Wednesday November 28. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

On Saturday last, a very pleasant surprise dinner party was given by Mrs. Lynne Ashton in honor of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Ashton, who left Sunday for California. After the dinner, music and informal chats were enjoyed by those present.

The Orpheus Theatre have booked, "The Eyes of the World," and "Heroic France," two pictures which have been secured at no little expense on account of their merit. They have created a sensation in every city where they have been shown.

The following people have sold their property in and around Vernal. Henry Reich has sold his farm north-east of town; Wm. Hartle on Ashley creek; Charles Harding of North Vernal, and Adolphus Ladman. Many of these will erect new residences in town or land that they have purchased here.

Calder Brothers are making a number of much needed improvements at the creamery. Besides this, on the north side and in front of the creamery, land is being leveled and loosened up for a lawn, to take the place of the uncultivated land. The plant has also been connected with the city mains, which makes everything more complete around the plant.

Guy Samuels, son of Mayor Ed. A. Samuels, suffered a painful bruise on Wednesday of this week, as result of driving a very excitable team. A piece of harness became loose near the double trees and he stopped the horses to repair the damaged part. As he got off, the team lurched forward, knocking him down, the whole weight of the wagon passing over his leg. Fortunately Mr. Samuels escaped with a bruised leg.

Geo. A. Starbird, of Denver, who has considerable land holdings in Vernal and Moffatt, was in Vernal transacting business at the local land office this week. He made the Express a call while here. Mr. Starbird is trustee of the Platte River Irrigation Co.

C. W. McConkey left this week for Moab. Mr. McConkey is interested with other men in uranium properties in that locality and goes there to work his claims. His family will remain in Vernal during the winter as Mr. McConkey does not expect to return until spring.

The Royal Neighbors are doing their "bit." They spend one evening of each week knitting and sewing for the Red Cross. In addition to this work practically all the Neighbors are members of the local chapter of the Red Cross and assist in that organization.

Rebekahs are still having birthdays. Even Mrs. Meredith and Miss Rodabaugh each had a birthday last week, and great was the shower of handkerchiefs. Mrs. Kelly and Miss Jorgensen entertained in their own happy way. Miss Lawrence rendered two piano selections and altogether the evening was an enjoyable one.

Daguer county Utah is now in official existence and will actually commence its career on the first Monday in January, 1907. Harden Bonillon, Secretary of state and acting governor having affixed his signature to a proclamation completing the creation of the new county. This new political subdivision is created from the extreme northern part of Uintah county and judicially will be a part of the Second district, which hereafter will be comprised of Weber, Davis, Morgan and Daguer counties.

Utah's industrial commission is in receipt of a telegram from the bureau of mines at Washington, D. C., this week in which it is stated it is impossible as yet for the bureau to provide the necessary printed forms and licenses for explosives licensing in this state. Until such forms can be sent forward dealers will continue as usual. All vendors and mine foremen should keep, however, records in itemized form as the law provides as near as possible. State Mine Inspector Howard is asked to cooperate in the handling of explosives.

M. Cooley, cattleman and party of Butte, Montana, stopped in Vernal for a few hours Monday while enroute to Denver, Colorado. The party was traveling in two cars well equipped for rough roads.

Today is the last day of November, and it is as beautiful and warm as a day in May. Roads are dusty, birds are singing everywhere, and lilac bushes are in bud. If you want to enjoy real life, come to the beautiful Ashley Valley.

Ben A. Critchlow, manager of the Golden Rule store will speak on "Character vs. Reputation," at the M. T. A. conjoint session Sunday evening in the First ward. Mr. Critchlow is an entertaining talker and should be heard on this absorbing topic.

J. P. Blankenship, J. E. Blankenship, J. D. Gray and R. L. Robinson constituted a party of stock growers and farmers from Abbott, Texas, who were in Vernal this week. They were here for the purpose of looking over various farms and stock ranches nearby, with the intention of purchasing.

The program for the conjoint sessions of the Y. L. and Y. M. I. associations of the Second ward, will be as follows: Violin solo, Peter Hansen; vocal solo, Ethelene Bartlett; instrumental trio, Peter Hansen and family; address, Annie K. Bartlett; selection, Second Ward quartet; Current Topics Paper member Junior Girl's class.

The first calendar to reach this office for the coming year was received from the Williams' Meat Market. This calendar is a fine specimen of art work displaying very clearly the fine lines of painting in the engraving of "Her Fetal Gift," a thoroughbred Kentucky horse in an open meadow, with a smiling girl standing by its side holding a bunch of stalks.

"I've heamed when you hollered, "Oh, Glille!" I've hopped when you bellowed, "Oh, say!" I've fallen for "Dearly" and "Mizans!" And everything else till today. But there's one thing that's got to be different. From now till the Great War is done— Unless you're prepared for a rib, You've got to quit calling me "Hun."

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According to Sheriff Allen Campbell, the Erich family has donated nearly 184,000 hours of service to the Daggett County 911 service and at least one of them has had to man the phones and radio at all times, 24 hours a day. The Erich family's work has all been volunteer hours over the past 21 years and their efforts have been a vital part of the emergency response team in Daggett County providing help to many in Utah and across state lines.

In appreciation, the Erichs



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Over 350 people attended the Erich Appreciation Day dinner August 9.

Sheriff, along with a check for \$250, three very comfortable rocking chairs, and other items.

Among numerous other visitors throughout the evening the Erichs were honored

Utah Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Flowers. Although the Erichs chose not to speak during the evening's events, it was said that they enjoyed their years of service very much but are

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## Election problems in Daggett County?

The Utah Attorney General's Office is investigating claims that a number of people who have registered to vote in Daggett County do not live there.

According to a report on KSL-TV last week, more people have registered to vote in the county with an estimated 900 residents than in years past, despite the county's population remaining about the same.

Daggett County Clerk Vickie McKee told KSL she was told by Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert's office - which oversees elections in Utah - that she's not allowed to check if individuals registering to vote live in the county.

On Friday, Herbert's chief of staff, Joe Demma, told the *Standard* that what McKee was told is correct. Demma said individual voters may challenge the residency of other voters, but the county cannot demand proof of residency when a person registers to vote.

Among the issues the Attorney General's Office is investigating, is the use of the one address 14 times by family members of Rick Ellsworth, the candidate seeking to unseat incumbent Sheriff Allen Campbell. Ellsworth told KSL the family members own property in Daggett County, but don't have physical addresses.

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## Daggett County voter scandal coming to end

Fifty-one people were charged with misdemeanors for illegally registering in Daggett County even though they didn't live or have primary residence in that small county near the Wyoming border.

Assistant Utah Attorney General Pat Nolan told a judge Friday that the diversion agreements were the best way to deal with defendants who didn't live in the county, but who believed they had been told they could vote there anyway.

MANILA, Utah (AP) - A scandal over voter registration in this small community is getting resolved.

The Utah Attorney General's Office on Friday agreed to diversion agreements for 28 of the 51 defendants. If they don't get into trouble in the next six months, misdemeanor charges against them will be dropped.

The case stems from the 2006 race for Daggett County sheriff when challenger Rick Ellsworth beat incumbent Alan Campbell by 20 votes out of 594 cast.

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## Daggett Co. sheriff will not face election-related charges

MANILA, Utah (AP) - The Utah Attorney General's Office says it won't file criminal charges against the Daggett County sheriff after investigating allegations of voter fraud.

A police report says a relative of Sheriff Rick Ellsworth told police that he asked her to register to vote for him in the 2006 election in Daggett County, even though he knew she didn't live there.

Ellsworth's attorney, Gerry D'Elia, denied the allegation that the sheriff encouraged out-

of-county residents to vote.

"If these people asked (if they could vote), he informed them to go to the clerk and see if they qualify," D'Elia said.

Scott Reed, chief of the Utah Attorney General's criminal justice division, said there isn't sufficient information to support charges.

Ellsworth won re-election by 20 votes.

Questions about the election began after Democrat Allen Campbell, then the incumbent

sheriff, complained before voting started that the county's voter rolls included people who didn't live there.

Earlier this year, about 50 people were charged with misdemeanors for illegally registering to vote in the county. A few have been convicted but most of the cases are scheduled to be dismissed in 2009 if the defendants complete probation.

Reed said there wasn't enough evidence of organized fraud to support other charges.

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## DAGGETT COUNTY

*Area:* 682 square miles; *population:* 690 (in 1990); *county seat:* Manila; *origin of county name:* after Ellsworth Daggett, who helped develop irrigation for the county; *principal cities/towns:* Dutch John (285), Manila (207); *economy:* electric power generation, lumber, livestock; *points of interest:* Flaming Gorge Recreational Area, Ashley National Forest.

Daggett County is located on the north slope of the Uinta Mountains, which are unique in that they comprise the only major mountain range in North America that runs primarily east and west. The Uintas also contain the highest peaks in the state. Leidy Peak at 12,028 feet is the highest peak in the county. The Uintas are the source of much of the water for the Green River, which cuts through the Uintas at the east end of the range. The county is bordered on the north by Wyoming, on the east by Colorado, on the south by Uintah and Duchesne counties, and on the west by Summit County.

Rich in trees, water, and wildlife, Daggett County was the summer hunting grounds for Indians of Wyoming and Utah. The first known white men to visit the county were fur trappers who came to the mountains in the 1820s trapping for beaver. Perhaps the most famous of these was General William Henry Ashley. In 1825, after organizing a fur company in St. Louis, Ashley traveled to the Green River country to see for himself the land of the beaver and other wildlife. That same year he floated down the Green River into the Uinta Basin and then traveled by horse and foot through Summit County back to southern Wyoming, where the first mountain man rendezvous was held.

Other trappers and traders soon followed in the footsteps of Ashley. In 1837 Fort Davey Crockett was built at Brown's Hole by Philip Thompson and William Craig. The fort supplied goods to the trappers of the area. A German traveler described Fort Crockett as being "somewhat poverty stricken, for which reason it is also known to the trappers by the name of Fort Misery."

In 1869 and 1871 John Wesley Powell visited parts of Daggett County. Starting at Green River, Wyoming, Powell floated down the Green and Colorado rivers, and on each trip he studied the geology and geography, animal and plant life, and the Indians who lived in the area.

About that same time it was rumored that the Uinta Mountains were full of diamonds. Important and wealthy people in America and in Europe invested in the claims, hoping to make a lot of money. They soon found out that the discovery of diamonds in the Uintas was a hoax.

Daggett County was used for the summer grazing of sheep and cattle trailed in from parts of northern Utah and south-

western Wyoming. The introduction of irrigation in the 1890s by Adolph Jessen, Ellsworth Daggett, R. C. Chambers, and others made it possible for farmers and their families to live in the county. The first permanent settlers included the James Warby and Franklin Twitchell families.

In 1917 the state legislature created Daggett County out of the northern part of Uintah County, and Manila was named the county seat. Daggett was the last of the state's twenty-nine counties to be organized.

Daggett County's economy is based primarily on the raising of livestock, hay, and alfalfa; but it is also an important producer of electric power for Utah and surrounding states. A new town, Dutch John, was built near Flaming Gorge to provide a living place for people who work at the dam. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is a popular place for boating, fishing, and other recreation activities.

Craig Fuller

## CYRUS EDWIN DALLIN

Cyrus Edwin Dallin was a sculptor and educator. He was born in 1861 in a log cabin at Springville, Utah, of Mormon pioneer parents, Thomas and Jane Hamer Dallin, and developed an early interest in art and Indian life while herding animals and attending Springville's one-room school sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of which he became a member. At eighteen, the gifted youth moved to Boston where he studied sculpture under Truman H. Bartlett. Within a short time he gained international recognition for his monumental, award-winning, equestrian statues of American Indians and patriot leaders. To prove himself, he twice studied sculpture in Paris under master teachers Michel Chajou and Jean Dampt at the Julian Academie and Ecole des Beaux-Arts.

During his first visit to Paris in 1890, Dallin learned that Buffalo Bill and his Wild West company were performing in that city. Cyrus was drawn to their encampment, where he worked side by side with the famous animal painter Robert Bonheur and modeled a statue of a mounted Indian, *Sig of Peace*, which won an honorable mention at the Paris Salon. He later became a respected instructor of sculpture at the Massachusetts School of Art, as well as a civic leader, archery champion, making his permanent family residence at Arlington Heights, Massachusetts.

Upon his marriage to Victoria Colonna Murray of Boston in 1891, Dallin returned to Utah for a few years to create an Angel Moroni statue for the Salt Lake City LDS Temple, as well as the Brigham Young monument on Main Street

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# Daggett Deputy laid to rest

By TABATHA DEANS

Express Writer

"All units, final call Delta 7—End of Watch, time 15:12."

That was the final dispatch that came over police radios Jan. 3 as Daggett County Deputy John DeHart (Delta 7) was laid to rest in the Altamont Cemetery. It is customary to retire a deceased officer's number, in DeHart's case, Delta 7, upon their passing.

Their designated number will never be used again.

Dozens of law enforcement officials from Daggett County, Uintah County, Naples City, Utah Highway Patrol and Vernal City listened somberly to the ritual of retiring DeHart's number, while standing in the bitter cold, in full dress uniform, with small black bands across their badges, signifying the passing of a comrade.

DeHart's popularity within the community was evident by the number of mourners who attended the Jan. 3 funeral in Dutch John, then drove in procession nearly 100 miles to Altamont for his burial. More than a dozen law enforcement vehicles escorted the procession, with red and blue lights flashing, and sirens wailing.

Deputy DeHart was honored with a 21-gun salute, and taps was sounded through a silent graveyard covered in fresh snow. The American Legion Toyack Post 53, from Altonah displayed flags in honor of DeHart's service to his country and his community. Dozens of family members, friends and fellow officers attended the graveside service, and despite below-freezing temperatures, lingered about to share stories of the beloved father, grandfather and deputy.

Daggett County Sheriff Rick Ellsworth brought smiles to the faces of mourners as he shared a favorite story about DeHart.

"John used to take the inmates out on work detail in the forest," Ellsworth recalled. "He installed a device under the seats of the

van, which he called the 'fart machine.' When the inmates were in the van, he would push the button that emitted a sound like a fart. The inmates, thinking the others were the offenders, would lay into each other. John got a kick out of it every time."

On a more serious note, Ellsworth says one of DeHart's qualities was the way he interacted with the inmates at the correctional facility in Manila.

"He treated them all with respect and understanding," he says. "Any of those inmates would have done anything for him. I really liked his friendship, and the fact that he was always willing to help others."

DeHart's daughter, Melissa DeHart-Ellertson, says her father's top priority was always his family.

"He was always there for us. We did everything together," DeHart-Ellertson says. "He was a good father and grandfather, and the most important thing to him was making sure his family was taken care of."

Fellow Deputy Karen Jensen reminisced about DeHart, telling of the time he taught Melissa how to shoot by taking her out to shoot at stop signs. She also recalled DeHart's good

nature.

"Melissa brought home a cat that looked just like one they already had. One was an indoor cat and the other one stayed outside," recalled Jensen. "One of the cats was really mean and the other was really nice. John didn't realize there were two

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Noreen DeHart pauses during the graveside services to pay tribute to her husband while holding the American flag that was presented to her. (Gary Parker/Vernal Express)

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Noreen DeHart, surrounded by family and friends, pays her last respects to her husband, John DeHart. DeHart was a Daggett County Sheriff Deputy for nearly 11 years, and died Dec. 29, due to complications from cancer. (Gary Parker/Vernal Express)

## Deputy

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different cats for almost a year."

Stories of DeHart's love of animals abounded at the services, with mourners recalling the time he dove into the Provo River to rescue a deer from drowning, and

nearly suffered hypothermia in the process. Others spoke of the time DeHart saved an abandoned dog, and kept it hidden in the garage for two weeks before telling his wife. The dog, Topsy, became the family pet.

Officer John Martineau relayed the story of going to DeHart's home, and finding

him dressed in a pink scarf with "sparklies" on his neck, playing dress-up with his granddaughter.

DeHart served with the Daggett County Sheriff Department for nearly 11 years, before being stricken with esophagus cancer earlier this year. He succumbed to the disease after four

months of treatment.

After dropping roses onto DeHart's grave, officers began making their way back to their respective cities and counties. And although Delta 7 had been officially retired, his fellow officers will never forget him. (DeHart's full obituary appears on page A4.) [tdeans@vernal.com](mailto:tdeans@vernal.com)

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# Daggett jail escapees indicted

Two convicted murderers who escaped from the Daggett County Jail in September are facing federal charges.

In a grand jury indictment unsealed Wednesday, Danny Martin Gallegos and Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo are charged with carjacking, possession of a stolen firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The charges against Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo are related

to their Sept. 29 confrontation with a 79-year-old retired police officer at a camp trailer near Manila. The two escapees tied the man up and stole his SUV, which contained two pistols and a rifle.

After Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo left, the man freed himself and notified authorities who caught up with the men in Rock Springs. The pair was arrested after Gallegos was wounded in

a gunfight with police.

Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo are also accused of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution in a federal complaint filed two days after their jailbreak.

No court date has been set in either case. Federal prosecutors have said that more charges could be filed against the pair if an investigation led to evidence of other crimes.

explained Lincoln Brown, of KVEL radio, "Those are the annoying three-tones that hit the airwaves on the radio when we test awareness for emergency preparedness."

Important information usually follows the tones with the emergency broadcast system. KVEL Station owner Steve Evans said, "The Emergency Alert System is in place for civil authorities to activate in case of an emergency."

"EAS disseminates updated emergency information to correct misconceptions and to avoid rumors that contribute to panic," said Evans.

What if the threat to the community is undetermined? Detective Sergeant Bob Taylor, of Vernal Police Department, said, "A call for an unknown threat may dispatch Emergency Management Equipment, particularly if the call involves hazardous material of uncertain origin."

Emergency response teams can employ remote sensing devices to distinguish chemical or physical threats, such as explosives. On display with Taylor were two remote sensing devices, the first, "can use a single drop to identify one of thousands of different compounds, such as caustic acids or dangerous chemicals with no threat to the operator."

The next instrument is a remote x-ray machine that can be safely operated from a distance of up to 200 yards.

"Used by fire departments, law enforcement teams and hazmat crews, this tool can identify the contents of a suspicious package without threat to the officer," said Taylor.

Both implements have unlimited applications for law enforcement officers, which Taylor said have been used at the post office, schools and in clearing meth labs throughout the county.

## Decade Changes Daggett County From Isolation to Tourist Mecca

(The following interesting article on Daggett County appeared in the September, 1963 issue of Utah Fish and Game Dept. magazine.)

By Dick Bennett

Years ago, the periodic visitor, dropping in to say hello in this once isolated corner of Utah, found very little change. True, the automobile has replaced the horse and buggy, roads have changed and improved, farms and schools have gradually been modernized, but changes have not been rapid nor drastic. More like the gradual maturing of a close friend, changes were made so slowly without altering the basic features, that one paid little attention to them.

IF THE VISITOR hasn't been back to Daggett for the past ten years, he might wonder if he has come to the same place. He probably would feel much like the man, who after a prolonged absence, comes home to find his house remodeled, his wife's hair a different color, the children nearly grown, the garage torn down and moved, and even the driveway located in a different part of the yard. He probably would have as many conflicting emotions as do those who witness the recent changes in this part of Utah that has remained so long, so near to the original wilderness ways.

A main factor in this transformation has been the construction of the Flaming Gorge Unit of the Upper Colorado Storage Project. This unit is located in the extreme northeastern corner of Utah, about six miles south of the Utah-Wyoming state line. From where it crosses the Utah-Wyoming state line, the Green River winds approximately 32 river miles to the dam itself. It is about 29 river miles downstream from the dam to the Utah-Colorado state line. The dam is about 47 miles from U.S. 40 at Vernal, Utah and about 60 miles from U.S. 39 at Green River, Wyoming. The new town of Dutch John, Utah has been built two miles northeast of the damsite.

THE DAM IS 435 feet above the old river bed and 922 feet above the lowest point in the foundation. It is 1320 feet long and 27 feet wide at the crest. The base of the dam is 130 feet wide.

Flaming Gorge Lake, when filled to capacity, will extend 81 miles up the Green River. The maximum pool level will be at the altitude of 6,940 feet above sea level. The total area of the reservoir will be 40,000 surface acres, and the total storage capacity will be 3,788,000 acre-feet.

From the damsite almost to the Utah-Wyoming line, the lake lies in colorful, steep-walled canyons. Just downstream from the state line, it breaks out of the canyons, through the majestic Flaming Gorge to form the widest part of the reservoir. When completely filled, the lake will have a shoreline ranging from steep, colorful cliffs, to rolling hills and open plains.

The gates at the dam were shut down and the reservoir started filling November 1, 1962, with a shoreline rising about three feet per day. By November 13, 1962, the surface of the lake had risen to the level of the temporary swinging bridge one and one-half miles upstream from the dam. This bridge was removed October 23, 1962, cutting off direct travel between Dutch John and Vernal. By April 20, 1963, the water had risen to 238 feet above the river bed at the damsite, and was still rising at the rate of one and one-half feet per day. The bridge between Manila and Dutch John was used as long as possible, it was taken out and travel discontinued about May 20, 1963.

LINWOOD, Utah will be completely inundated. The homes and buildings of this little community have already been moved out of this area.

The lake will be an ideal place for boating. Already four boat docks are under construction and nearing completion. The National Park Service is building two—Antelope Flat and Lanesac Valley, while the Forest Service is building two further downstream—Cedar Springs and Dutch John Draw. Utah Parks and Recreation boating regulations will be enforced on the lake.

The lake will make quite a difference in the fishing in this area. Last October the first steps were taken to establish a good coldwater fishery in connection with the project.

This meant eradicating undesirable fish from the Green River and its tributaries.

This was done with rotenone under cooperating agreement of the Utah State Department of Fish and Game and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. The venture was the largest of its kind ever undertaken, and proved almost 100 per cent effective. Treatment began just below Pinedale, Wyoming and was continued downstream to the last tributaries above the damsite. Dioxifying chemicals were put into the river in the Brown's Park area below the dam to counteract the rotenone.

AS SOON AS feasible, planting was begun January 2, 1963. Utah planted nearly 800,000 kokanee in Sheep Creek. During March, Wyoming planted the first rainbow trout in the lake proper. April 9, 10 and 11, about one million rainbow trout were planted by the Utah State Department of Fish and Game, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. This was done with a barge furnished by Wyoming.

All the regulations on the lake between the two states' departments have not been determined, but the lake is bound to give people of both states a great deal of pleasure through fishing, boating, and other water sports.

With the increase in suitable waters and marshlands, we are looking forward to an increase in the waterfowl population. Duck hunting should be much better in this part of the state than it has been heretofore. Many islands used for nesting by the Canada geese will be flooded. It is hoped this loss can be compensated by the large island which will be formed in the Sheep Creek arm of the lake.

THE BIGGEST game management problem arising from this project will be with the mule deer and antelope population in this area. The reservoir will cover about 8,200 acres of deer winter range and about 4,300 acres of antelope habitat in the Spring Creek—Antelope Flat area. The antelope will be forced eastward into badly depleted habitat. Unless specific measures are carried out to replace these losses, the antelope herd and the hunting associated with them in Daggett County may be in jeopardy.

The most serious effect on deer hunting will be the elimination of the migration trails between their winter and summer ranges. These ranges are separated by the Green River and the growing lake. The narrower parts will be steep canyon walls and deep waters, making it impossible for the deer to cross. If the deer try to cross on the ice, great loss may result.

Studies are now being made and for the past few years have been made to predict what the outcome may be. During the winter of 1961-62, fifty head of deer were trapped and tagged on the winter range in the Dutch John area. During the winter of 1962-63, forty deer were tagged. In this way their migration can be followed and studied. Last summer these tagged deer were seen as far west as Bear River. Some are crossing below the dam, and as yet there has been no loss observed in increasing.

ONLY THE future can show the ultimate results. But this is bound to be a major concern of the Utah State Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to fishing, hunting, and boating, the Park Service and Forest Service are planning and building many lovely picnic and recreation areas. The over-all recreation development plans of the Forest Service call for 66 campgrounds, 15 scenic overlooks, 4 boat docks, and about 50 miles of access roads. The campgrounds will accommodate more than 9400 people simultaneously and will receive an estimated 300,000 visitors yearly.

Two resorts have been built and are operated by private owners. The Forest Service is building a foot trail along the north side of the Green River from below the damsite to Little Hole. This trail is 7.2 miles long and will take 150 calendar days to complete. The hiker can see, along this trail, some of the prettiest scenery in Utah.

Yes, the last ten years have seen a lot of change in Daggett County, and the past ten years will probably see much more.

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DISTRICT 6

January 23, 1883 page 18 book A. district 6 was created boundaries of #5 changed. The petition for new school district was brought in by W. Reynolds.

#6 began at the foothills on the section line west of Mrs. Gibsons and running thence S to the S creek thence E on the line of said S Creek to the foothills. Thence around the foothills to the place of beginning. (This description does not include Dagget)

DISTRICT 6 AND 13 <sup>1895</sup> <sup>1898</sup>

**March 4 1895** (or is it **1898**) page 189 A petition was presented signed by Robert Pope, A.Q. Boan and Eleven other residents of **Brush Creek** praying that the county court create a school district on Brush Creek by setting off that portion of District #6 lying north and east of the dividing ridge between Brush Creek and Ashley. There are about 30 children of school age in their district. That district #6 school house if from 8 to 16 miles from the homes of said school children. It was ordered that a new school district be created to be known as school district 13. (gives description) Robert Pope A.Q. Boan, and James Eskelson were appointed trustees of District #13.

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**March 4, 1895 page 189** A petition was presented signed by Robert Pope, A.Q. Boan and eleven other residents of Brush Creek, preying that the county court create a school district on Brush Creek by setting off that portion of District #6 lying north and east of the dividing ridge between Brush Creek and Ashley. They said they had thirty children of school age. (Gave description)

**December 2, 1895** page 207 book . A petition was presented by John Winn in behalf of the school trustees for District #6 setting forth that an action of county court Mar 4, 1895. A new school district had been laid off to be known as School District # 13. The trustees appointed for the new District #13 had not been qualified. No school had been maintained insaid school district and that a number of children from oposed District #13 are now attending school in District #6. Whereas petitions asked that this court resent its order creating school district 13 that no further apportionment be made to trustees of new school district and that the county court instructs the county superintendent of schools to pay to school District #6 the appropriations for all the children embrassed within that portion of the district that was cut of. It was moved and carried that the prayers of said pettioner be granted and that the action of the court creating school dist #13 be and is hereby recentded.

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*Look between March 4 1895 - 1900 to see where Dist 6 included Mrs. Daggett Dec 2 1895 see if there is a class*

**Page 209 July 6, 1895.** A petition was received from Jeorge Finch, M. Larsen and 14 others. All residents of Henry Fork and vicinity asking that a school District and poling place be created comprising of the following territory to wit. All that part of Uintah County in Utah Territory lying north of Uintah

Mountains and west of Green River. Since there were no person recommended in the petition to act as officers in the said school district the petition was laid on the table. The clerk was instructed to write to said petitioners for information regarding who should be appointed to fill the school district officers.

**Daggett page 244 september 16, 1896.** Resolved that all that portion of the State of Utah lying north of the Uintah Mountains and west of Green River be and the same shall be known as School District #13 and as county precinct #6. B. Gamble, George Finch and Wm. Wyman appointed trustees for S.D. 13.

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store and post office were first located in a galvanized iron building on the Larsen place. After a few months Frank Smith bought out Larsen's interest, but kept the name of the corporation. After a short time, they moved the Smith and Larsen Mercantile and the post office to the bunk house on their ranch. Later Keith Smith took over the mercantile store from his father. Smith later sold one-third interest in the store to George Rasmussen. By this time Larsen and Smith each had hotels of sorts. Smith's had three rooms to rent, and the woman running it served meals to itinerants as well as to men working on the place. Larsen and Smith each carried on a livery stable business as well, and Larsen later opened another store. There was also a dance hall. In 1909 William Gardiner applied to Uintah County commissioners for a license to run a saloon at Linwood.

In 1907 a petition was sent to Uintah County Commissioners by Edward Tolton asking that a voting precinct be established and that a justice of the peace and constable be appointed. This was granted and the boundaries were to conform with school district #17. Frank W. Smith was appointed justice of the peace and Frank Ellison as constable.

### SCHOOLS

Several schools were held in Wyoming with the Utah students attending. <sup>just information on</sup> ~~will only tell about schools in Uintah County.~~ <sup>around Brown Fork</sup> ~~The first school was located~~ <sup>in Utah County</sup> ~~about five miles east of Manila on lower Henry's Fork and just slightly south of the Utah-Wyoming state line.~~ <sup>the first school was located in Utah Co. school dist. for</sup> ~~The cabin was of log construction, wooded floor and dirt roof, fourteen by sixteen feet with a wood stove.~~ <sup>(could find nothing in minutes)</sup> ~~The school was established in 1893 and operated for two years.~~ ~~Students were from the Large, Finch, and Hereford ranches.~~ ~~As paper was not available, slates were used.~~ ~~Curriculum included reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling and geography.~~ ~~The only teacher at the school was Charles Driskell.~~ <sup>(FN)</sup>

The first school established for Uintah County pupils residing in this area was petitioned for on July 6, 1895. The petition signed by George Finch, M. Larsen and fourteen other residents of Henry Fork and vicinity was sent ~~over~~ to the Uintah County Commissioners. The petition asked that a school district and polling place be created comprising of the following territory to wit: All that part of Uintah County in Utah Territory lying North of the Uintah Mountain and west of Green River. However, since there were no persons recommended in the petition to act as officers in the said school district, the petition was tabled. The clerk was instructed to write to the petitioners for information regarding who they would recommend <sup>to</sup> be appointed to fill the school district offices.<sup>6</sup>

(Find where it was finally set up in minutes) The school was constructed

Kerry says this school was constructed & held in 1897

#1 District 6

page 189 District 13 met 4/1897

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in 1897?(Kerry) at Birch Creek, some sixteen miles west of Manila and about four and one-half miles south of the Burnt Fork, Wyoming, schools. This was set up as School District #13 of Uintah County, Utah. The school was a cabin, twelve by twelve feet, dirt roof and plank floor, with glass windows. The building was located on the ranch of Caribaldi "B" Gamble. The school operated from 1897 to 1898 when the new Manila district #15 was organized and funds were diverted to that place. Teachers were, in 1897 Millie Catterson, and in 1898, H.E. McMillin.

In October of 1898 the Uintah County Commissioners received a petition signed by residents of Lucerne Valley asking that a school district be created. At this meeting it was deferred pending more information regarding boundaries. On November 25, 1898, new School District #15 was created. The new district took in parts of districts 6 and 13. Willis Twitchell, Benjamin Slagowski and Frank Ellison were appointed as trustees. <sup>in County the school was first 1898</sup> The school was held in a small log cabin, located one block east of the present Manila school. The school served until 1903 with Benjamin Slagowski as the first teacher. Slagowski was a graduate of the Beaver Stake Academy of Southern Utah and was brought from Ashley Valley to serve as teacher for the new school. He was followed by Andrew Vernon and the last teacher was Mattie Vernon.

In 1901 or 1902 a community hall was constructed under the direction of Bishop Willis Twitchell and Peter G. Wall which was used as a church. The "Town Hall," as it was called was thirty by forty feet and had the first tongue-and-grooved floor in the area. In 1904 the Town Hall was utilized as a school when a new church was built a few yards to the south. As a school, the building was partitioned with canvas curtains and two teachers taught at the same time. Peak enrollment was about forty pupils and school was held in the Town Hall until a new school building was constructed in 1912. The old town hall passed from ownership of Peter G. Wall to Willard Schofield who later used it as Manila's second store, a dance hall, post office, etc.

In 1912 a two-story log school building was constructed two blocks west of the Town Hall by George and Adolph Hastrup. This school had four classrooms, two on each floor, and served as a school for Uintah School District #15 until Daggett became a county in 1918. The school continued on under Daggett County until 1922 when the building was purchased to become the Daggett County Courthouse.

Bucket O' Blood saloon owner, Bob Swift, and other ranchers Charles Large, Frank Ellison, George Finch and George Hereford for many years had fought to obtain a school for their children in the Linwood area. Finally, on January 12, 1900, the school was secured. It was a log structure, twelve by fourteen feet, dirt roof, plank floor and contained a wood stove. The school was

located three and one-half miles northwest of Linwood and west of the Bucket O' Blood Saloon. The school operated for four years with an enrollment of twenty-six students in its final year. WAS THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 17 SEE COUNTY RECORDS

With the closing of this school in 1904, both Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and Uintah County, Utah, recognized the need for a better school in which to educate their children living on both sides of the Utah-Wyoming state line. It seemed foolish to build a school on each side of the line since they were all neighbors. Therefore, they needed a school where students from both states could be housed within the same school, and yet be under jurisdiction of the state in which they claimed residence. It was suggested that Sweetwater County District #13 (Wyoming) and Uintah County District #17 (Utah) join together in the construction of one school to serve both states. In order to bypass certain state laws and restrictions, the school would be constructed exactly upon the state line. The originators of this novel and practical scheme were Robert Swift, George Solomon, Marius Larsen, Keith Smith, George Finch and George Hereford. *School Trustees were Keith Smith, George Finch and Edward Tolton.*

Construction began in the early summer of 1904. The ridge pole was laid east to west directly on the state line. Therefore, as the building arose, the north part lay in Wyoming while the south part was in Utah. It was one large room, thirty-five by twenty-three feet, of frame construction with metal sheeting outside, painted red. When the unique building was completed it was called the "Little Red School House" and the school was referred to as the "Stateline School." The Utah students sat in desks on the south side of the building and the Wyoming students sat on the north side. The black board ran along the west wall and the room was lighted by windows looking north into Wyoming and south into Utah. It was heated with a large wood heater and lighted by kerosene lamps on variously located shelves.

The little school was featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not. They claimed it was the only school in the U.S. to be constructed in two states at one time under the cooperation and jurisdiction of two school boards with students from two states attending in the same building but seated in different states.

There was confusion at times for the teachers, as how a student could be disciplined, for Wyoming law was liberal concerning discipline of pupils while Utah was somewhat stricter. Therefore, when a Utah pupil stepped out of line, he was unceremoniously dragged across the room into Wyoming and disciplined. In 1905 there were twenty students and enrollment rose to forty students by 1907.

Gerald Thorne of Vernal was asked to teach the school in 1912-1913. Thorne was a small man and, although he accepted the position, he was a little

# DUI arraignment set for Daggett attorney

The Daggett County Attorney will be arraigned in Manila Tuesday on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Attorney Wayne Searle was arrested two weeks ago for DUI after an off-duty Daggett County Deputy observed him drive off a highway, through a fence and then back onto the highway.

Since his arrest, Searle has filed

two suits. He filed a suit against the county sheriff for a undercover sting operation two years ago.

A second suit was filed against the county commission and other county officials for alleged misuse of funds. Searle asserts that the county overpaid Attorney Larry Steele when he was hired to take Searle's place when he took a medical leave of absence for 30 days. Searle

received treatment in an alcohol rehabilitation center.

Searle claims the county paid Steele \$3,000 for a month's work.

County Commissioner LaRay Sadlier Tuesday said he didn't know exactly how much the county paid Steele, but the pay was based on the amount of work he did.

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Sadlier said the commission would not take any action, if any, against their attorney until the outcome of the trial is known.

In the suit against the Sheriff's Department, Searle charges that Sheriff Gaylen Jarvie hired an undercover agent Janet Varner to entice juveniles to party at her Manila home.

Sheriff Jarvie said the charges against him were not right and the timing of the suit is questionable. Searle said he was too costly to build than the old ones were. Still, most of us just go on throwing it all away.



## Attorney arrest correction made

In last week's Vernal Express it was erroneously reported that Daggett County Attorney Wayne Searle was seen by an off-duty Utah Highway Patrol Trooper. The report on the arrest of Mr. Searle for driving under the influence stated that he was spotted by an off-duty Daggett County Sheriff's Deputy. The deputy noticed Searle drive off the highway, through a fence and then back onto the highway. An on-duty Daggett deputy was alerted to the incident.

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## EDUCATION IS INTERSTATE.

### One District in Each State Helps to Pay Expenses of Teacher and Equipment.

From the Inter Mountain Republican:

~~To sit at a desk in Wyoming and re-~~  
cite lessons to a teacher in Utah is the unusual privilege of school children at Linwood, Utah. The boy whose duty is to keep the fire going in the stove brings wood from a pile in the Beehive state and deposits it in a box in Wyoming. The state line runs under the middle of the school house.

To this inter-state school are sent children from district No. 17 of Uintah county, Utah, and from district No. 13, Sweetwater county, Wyo. One of the directors is Mr. Keith Smith of Linwood, who is a guest at the Knutsford.

"The school building is owned by private parties," said Mr. Smith yesterday, "so there is no chance of an inter-state disagreement in the matter of maintenance and improvements. Utah joins with Wyoming whenever a new stove or a wall map is needed and the funds are raised by giving a "grand ball" in the schoolhouse. Desks and benches are removed for the night and the ranchers drive over to Linwood for a distance of twenty miles or more for the social event. On these occasions, the expences for the orchestra are light and lamps and lanterns are brought by the visitors, so most of the receipts from the modest charges are available for the purchase of the necessary articles of school furniture.

SCHOOL ONE OF THE BEST.

"The Utah-Wyoming combination makes it possible for this unique school to be one of the best of its kind in either state as the school season is

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Vernal Ward, October, 21th.  
Jensen Ward, November, 1st.  
Maeser and Naples Wards, Nov.  
Mountain Dell Ward, Nov. 15th

### A Mass Convention of Socialist Party.

Official Call, October 20th.  
The Socialists of Uintah county hereby requested to meet in mass convention at 10 o'clock, Saturday, 20th, 1906, at Jake's hall in Utah, for the purpose of nominating candidate for State Representative, placing in nomination a full ticket county officers to be voted for at general election, to be held November 6th, 1906.

The following precincts are called to representation: S. Ashley, Ashley, Dragon, Dry Fork, Creek, Jensen, Manilla, Naples, S. Vernal and N. V. The convention will also name a Central Committee. Chairmen of several precincts are requested to call primaries for the purpose of nominating Justice of the Peace and conduct on Friday evening Oct. 19th, held under the direction of the chairman of each precinct. By order of County Central Committee.

L. N. MEREDITH, Chairman  
C. H. GRAY, Secretary

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Linwood is about 100 miles from Salt Lake and 50 miles from the nearest railroad.

**Notice.**

The partnership heretofore existing between J. B. Philippi & J. A. Wilson, under the firm name of Philippi & Wilson Attorneys-at-Law, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, said Philippi retiring from the firm, and said Wilson succeeding, and remaining as the successor of said firm. All bills due the firm are payable to said Wilson. All debts of the firm are

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Department of the Interior, Salt Lake, October 12, 1905. It is hereby given that notice of his intention to take proof in support of a certain Entry No. 10822, made August 29, 1905, for 100 acres of land, Section 37, T. 12 N., R. 10 E., S. 4, made before the Register, Utah, on Tuesday, October 11, 1905, and the following witnesses residence upon the land, viz: A. Palmer, Carey T. B. and A. M. Lyddell, Utah. Nov. 24

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## Eleen T. Williams

Eleen T. Williams died Tuesday, April 9, 1996. She was born May 31, 1915 in Salt Lake City to Hyrum and Janette Thompson. She spent her early years in Salt Lake City, she attended West High School and graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in home economics. She moved to Manila to begin her career as a teacher, where she met Paul Williams. They were married April 15, 1939.

She started a new career of rancher's wife, homemaker and mother. She also was Daggett County clerk, principal and superintendent of the Daggett County school district, the postmaster of the Linwood post office until the water from Flaming Gorge Reservoir would soon cover Linwood and their home. Their home was moved to Minnies Gap, Wyo. and Eleen became Dutch John's first postmaster. She retired in 1978 and began a new career as the executive secretary of the Flaming Gorge Natural History Association where she worked until 1989. Eleen spent her remaining years in Salt Lake City and Minnies Gap.

She was president of the Daggett County Historical Society and was on the board of the Flaming Gorge Natural History Association and Wasatch Cache Interpretive Association.

Eleen traveled all over the world. She enjoyed sewing, reading, crafts and history.

She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Amburn of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Patrick (Pauleen) Baker of Minnies Gap, Wyo.; one son, Mr. Emmett Williams, and daughter-in-law, Vicky, of Pocatello, Idaho; one sister, Mrs. Martin (Melba) Larsen of Salt Lake City; one brother, H.C. Thompson of Salt Lake City; five grandchildren: Paul Jonas of Anchorage, Alaska, Monte Williams of Idaho City, Idaho, Mrs. Jerry (Mysti) Horawath of Boise, Idaho, Travis and Jaris Baker of Minnies Gap; three great-grandsons: Brandon, Jeremy and Nicholas Jonas of Anchorage, Alaska.

Funeral services will be held Saturday April 12, 1996 at 11:30 a.m. in the Flaming Gorge Elementary School in Dutch John. Viewing is 9:30 a.m. April 12, 1996 until services. Graveside services will follow at the Williams Cemetery at Minnies Gap.

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Uintah Basin Standard

# New Daggett County Sheriff takes the reins

COURTESY SUSIE POTTER,  
Daggett County Sheriff's Office

Erik L. Bailey was approved and sworn in by Judge Charlene Hartmann as Daggett County Sheriff on May 12 in a special commission meeting.

The Daggett County Republican Committee nominated Bailey to serve the remainder of Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen's term as the Daggett County Sheriff.

Bailey of Ogden, Utah, has served in law enforcement for over 25 years serving in various positions and places. He worked for the Utah Department of corrections for eight years from 1991 to 1999 promot-



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ing to sergeant during that time and earning a Medal of Merit and three Certificates of Commendation. He then joined the Syracuse Police Department where he worked until 2011 serving as a police officer, K-9 officer, and detective. He continued to work for the next four years in various positions for the Utah Transit Authority Police Department. He served as a member of the S.A.F.E. Team, a patrol sergeant, and a patrol administrative sergeant. Recently, he served as a lieutenant with Grantsville City Police Department through March of 2017.

His law enforcement experience, coupled with his educational achievements, bring a wealth of

knowledge and experience to Daggett County. We are pleased to welcome him here and look forward to the benefits he will bring to Daggett County and the Sheriff's Office going forward.

Sheriff Bailey met with available staff immediately following the swearing in ceremony to share his vision for the Sheriff's Office and the Daggett County Jail. His positive views and willingness to roll up his sleeves and get to work for the people of Daggett County is obvious and well received.

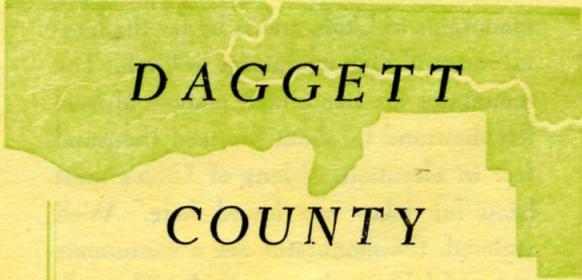
He shared his primary focus with this message, "I look forward to rebuilding the trust of the community, law enforcement, and the state of Utah."

DAGGETT COUNTY has an interesting historical past. Here some of the first settlements by white people were made. The fur traders made some of their first and finest catches in this part of the country. Here the outlaw "Butch Cassidy" chose to have his headquarters for a great portion of his bandit career. Such names as Brown's Hole and Hide Out are known to many who have read about the notorious outlaw.

ONE OF THE most wonderful natural phenomenal curiosities in the county is the fifteen-mile underground creek. At its head it is known as Lost Creek. At its terminal it is known as Sheep Creek. The connection between the two creeks was proven definitely in the year 1939 when the water of Lost Creek was colored a distinctive red by a particular kind of red clay. Soon this same water began running from the cave which is a large tributary of Sheep Creek.

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## FACTS About DAGGETT COUNTY



THE COUNTY OF DAGGETT in the State of Utah is mostly forest with about 400 square miles of timbered land as compared with the total area of 712 square miles. This timbered area consists of the highest mountains in Utah, and is by far the largest range of high mountains in Utah. The mountains are like a high plateau of from ten thousand to about fourteen thousand feet in elevation. Many of Utah's most beautiful lakes are found here. Well watered, the mountains are a continuous series of lakes and small creeks. The only native herd of elk in Utah is found on this range. The Green River cuts its gorge at right angles through these mountains almost two thousand feet deep in places. These are the only mountains in the United States whose drainage runs due easterly.

THE POPULATED AREA of the county lies adjacent and near the high mountains with an elevation of about six thousand feet. To the north of this is the desert plain of Wyoming. The county is mostly arid especially in the winter time with little or no snow except in the mountains. All winter grazing for livestock is the usual practice. The bright sunshine in the wintertime, and the cool nights in summer make the climate most comfortable. The occupation of most of the people consist of raising sheep and cattle. The most important commercial farm crop is potatoes, but all small grains and hay are produced to be fed to livestock.

THE LARGEST DEPOSIT of rock phosphate in Utah is in Daggett County. Practically all of the natural gas produced in Utah comes from Daggett County. This gas is piped into Salt Lake City furnishing an important source of fuel for that community. Undeveloped mineral resources in addition to those already mentioned, are manganese, coal and copper.

Elaine Carr

**From:** Daggett News <news@daggettcountry.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** Public Lands Initiative - FYI  
**Attachments:** 2014\_DC\_Bishop\_PLI\_proposal.pdf; PLAC Contacts.pdf

The public lands advisory council has asked us to send this letter out for your consideration and comment. Thank you for your interest in this important issue.

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February 5, 2015

To all Daggett County residents and stakeholders;

The Daggett County Commission has been working with Congressman Bishop's office, several environmental groups, SITLA (Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration), other federal and state organizations, key stakeholders and Daggett County residents over the last several years to develop legislation that would benefit Daggett County. This legislation, known as the Daggett County Public Lands Initiative (see attachment), would address public lands within the county and was intended to promote economic development and to resolve public land issues.

Recently the Daggett County Commission resurrected the Daggett County Public Lands Advisory Committee (DCPLAC) and tasked them to review this proposed legislation and make recommendations to the Commission. Following a series of public meetings that began in November of 2014 the DCPLAC has recommended that the current proposal is not acceptable in one form or another but that a revised or modified proposal could benefit the County.

Consequently, the DCPLAC is seeking your input into the development of a new agreement or modification of the existing agreement. We are looking for suggestions that would best promote economic

development and/or resolve public lands issues. If you feel that things are “just right” as they are let us know. We are seeking input from Daggett County residents and other key stakeholders.

Our time line is short since it is our goal to have an agreement worked out by the end of March to meet the legislative time lines that Congressman Bishop has laid out. Consequently we are requesting your input by February 19, 2015.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to talk to a member of the DCPLAC (current committee membership with phone numbers is attached). You are also encouraged to attend our next meeting that is planned for Feb. 23 at 6:00 PM at the Daggett County Courthouse where we will be considering comments received. We expect additional meetings to be scheduled at that time.

To be most effective we ask that you get as specific and as detailed as possible. As you can see in the existing proposal when we “get” something we are expecting that we'll have to “give up” something. Please send your input to the Daggett County Commission at [commission@daggettcountry.org](mailto:commission@daggettcountry.org) or send a hard copy to PO Box 219, Manila, Utah 84046.

For more information you can go to the Daggett County website at [www.daggettcountry.org/pli](http://www.daggettcountry.org/pli) to look at maps, comments and other information regarding this proposal. This website is being set up and expected to be fully operational by February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your input into Daggett County public lands concerns and opportunities.

Ross Catron  
DCPLAC Chairman

# DAGGETT COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE PROPOSAL

## PRINCIPLES

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### Background

On August 12, 2014, Daggett County submitted an initial proposal to Congressman Rob Bishop for Federal land management changes in Daggett County. The proposal is a component of Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative. The county requested assistance from the Utah Congressional delegation and Governor Herbert in finalizing the proposal by "putting together a final plan that will benefit the concerns of the county as weighed against other interests."

Between August and October, staff from Congressman Bishop, Governor Herbert, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and leaders from conservation organizations including the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Grand Canyon Trust, The Wilderness Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Sierra Club have worked to finalize the Daggett County proposal. These principles reflect the consensus on a revised proposal that these stakeholders support.

### Principles

The parties below agree to support, as a part of the Public Lands Initiative, the following:

#### LEGISLATIVE COMPONENTS

AUTHORIZE AN EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION (SITLA) THAT WOULD INCLUDE—

- Conveyance of approximately 4,546 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and 5,605 acres of National Forest land, as generally shown on the map, from the Federal government to SITLA. Federal lands to be traded to SITLA include a energy revenue producing site and the forest land southwest of the junction of highways 191 and 44, subject to value equalization.
- Conveyance of approximately 10,621 acres of SITLA land to the Federal government. SITLA lands to be traded include inholdings within the proposed wilderness and conservation area, and lands adjacent to Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

PUBLIC PURPOSE CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND—Conveyance of approximately 800 acres of Federal land, as generally shown on the map, from the Forest Service to Daggett County for a shooting range, landfill site, power substation, or other authorized public purposes as defined under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

OTHER LAND EXCHANGE— Authorize an equal value exchange of approximately 130 acres of National Forest land to the Deer Lodge Homeowners Association in exchange for approximately 78 acres of land owned by the Association, subject to value equalization. The lands to be traded are generally shown on the map.

**COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**—Authorize a cooperative agreement between Daggett County and the Federal land management agencies in accordance with existing law and standard cooperative management procedures for the cooperative management of the historic Swett and Jarvie ranches in a manner that maintains public access and the historic values of the properties.

**EXCHANGE OR SALE OF CABIN SITES**—Authorization for the Forest Service to convey the property beneath the currently existing cabins near Browne Lake by exchange or direct sale in accordance with standard land sale procedures. Revenues from any sale will be used to acquire National Forest inholdings in Utah from willing sellers.

**CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION**—Establishment of a Conservation Area (CA) in the northeast portion of the county that includes approximately 31,083 acres of BLM land, as generally shown on the map. The CA will be managed to preserve its natural resource values in a manner consistent with other conservation areas. The entire CA will be withdrawn from development, but a specified portion, as generally shown on the map, will permit subsurface oil and gas production with no surface occupancy. The CA will be withdrawn from easements and rights-of-way. Motorized vehicles will be limited to designated routes, as generally shown on the map. Vegetation management will be permitted only as necessary to address fire, insects or disease. Grazing will be permitted. All management activities will be consistent with the CA purposes, which will include recreation, including hunting and fishing. CA will become part of BLM's National Landscape Conservation System.

**WILDERNESS DESIGNATION**—Wilderness designation for approximately 33,254 acres of Bureau of Land Management land and 49,154 acres of National Forest land in the county, in accordance with the Wilderness Act, as generally shown on the map. Management will be consistent with the Wilderness Act.

**WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION**—Designation of approximately 14 miles of the Green River from 0.5 miles downstream of Flaming Gorge Dam to the Indian Crossing boat ramp, as generally shown on the map, as a scenic river in accordance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, with assurances that the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam, existing rights-of-way, state jurisdiction over fish and wildlife management may continue. Management will be consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

**RELEASE OF RECOMMENDED WILD AND SCENIC RIVER**— The approximately 14 miles of the Green River, from the Indian Crossing boat ramp to the State line, as generally shown on the map, will no longer be subject to section 5(d)(1) of the Wild and Scenic River Act.

**RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**— Release of the approximately 3,000-acre Utah portion of the Cold Springs Wilderness Study Area from 603(c) of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENTS**

**CAMPGROUNDS**—An agreement to work together to ensure that the Forest Service would maintain specified campgrounds in Daggett County.

Upon passage of Federal legislation implementing these principles with the support of the parties, the parties agree to support:

**REOPENING THE SEARS CANYON ROUTE**—Support BLM in reopening the route up Sears Canyon to recreational ATV use, in accordance with existing law.

**ESTABLISHING AN ATV CONNECTOR DOWN DUTCH JOHN CANYON**—Support the BLM and Forest Service in establishing a recreational ATV route down Dutch John Canyon in accordance with existing law.

#### **OTHER COMPONENTS**

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**R.S. 2477/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT**—The State, Daggett County, the United States, and a number of the other parties to this agreement are involved in adversarial litigation regarding the validity of R.S. 2477 claims in Daggett County. An equitable settlement of those claims is an important element of this Agreement, and the parties recognize the various parties' important interests in providing the public with continued rights to travel across public lands in Daggett County and in providing for Wilderness and other roadless areas that are free of motorized routes and vehicles. The parties agree to work in good faith to resolve the R.S. 2477 claims and related interests in Daggett County through legislation, settlement of the pending litigation, administrative processes, a combination thereof, or other means. The parties agree to the following interrelated principles at the outset of that process:

- **CERTAIN ROUTES CURRENTLY OPEN TO MOTORIZED TRAVEL**—The claimed class B and class D routes as generally shown on the map that are—(1) outside of the boundaries of the proposed Wilderness Areas and the Conservation Area, (2) open to public motor vehicle travel in the BLM's current Resource Management Plan, and (3) located on BLM land—should remain available for public motor vehicle travel and the County and/or State should hold rights-of-way for public motor vehicle travel on such routes. The rights-of-way for class D routes will be "as is, where is".
- **ROUTES WITHIN WILDERNESS AREAS AND CONSERVATION AREA**—The claimed routes as generally shown on the map that are within the boundaries of the proposed Wilderness Areas and the Conservation Area should remain closed to motor vehicle travel, and the County and the State should dismiss their corresponding R.S. 2477 claims from the pending litigation or otherwise abandon such claims.
- **OTHER ROUTES CURRENTLY CLOSED TO MOTORIZED USE**—Other claimed routes that are—(1) outside of the areas proposed for Wilderness or as a Conservation Area, (2) closed to public motor vehicle travel in the BLM's current Resource Management Plan, and (3) located on BLM land—may be administratively reconsidered for opening to public motor vehicle travel. The parties agree that resolving these routes is important and will work for an appropriate administrative process for doing so.

**AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT**—The environmental parties agree to ask congressional sponsors to remove Daggett County from America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

## Daggett County Proposal Side-by-Side

<i>Conservation Gains</i>	<i>Local Gains</i>
Acquisition of 13,010 acres of SITLA lands within proposed conservation areas and adjacent to Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area	Energy revenue producing areas transferred to SITLA
Consolidation of 78 acres of Forest Service land, made possible from the Deer Lodge Homeowners	5,605 acre transfer of Forest Service land to SITLA for economic development purposes
31,083 acre National Conservation Area on BLM lands	Conveyance of federal land to Daggett County for shooting range
33,254 acres of BLM Wilderness	Conveyance of federal land to Daggett County for power substation
49,154 acres of Forest Service Wilderness	Conveyance of federal land to Daggett County for landfill
14 mile Wild and Scenic River designation of the Green River	Deer Lodge Homeowners Association acquisition of 130 acres of National Forest land
Resolution of RS 2477 Claims within conservation and wilderness areas	Cooperative local management agreement between the federal government and Daggett County at Jarvie Ranch
	Cooperative local management agreement between the federal government and Daggett County at Swett Ranch
	Resolution of land ownership for cabin sites near Browne Lake
	14 mile release of Wild and Scenic River designation on the Green River
	Release of 3,000 acres of Cold Springs WSA
	Maintain operations of certain existing campgrounds within Daggett County
	Reopening of Sears Canyon OHV Route
	Establishment of OHV connector route within Dutch John Canyon
	Resolution of RS 2477 Claims outside of conservation areas
	Daggett County dropped from American's Red Rock Wilderness Act
	Grazing and all Valid Existing Rights protected and recognized within newly created conservation and wilderness areas

## **DAGGETT COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE - PRINCIPLES**

### **COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- County to receive 800 acres of Forest Service land adjacent to Dutch John for a shooting range, power substation, and landfill.
- County to receive increased annual revenue from the transfer of energy revenue producing site to SITLA.
- County to benefit from SITLA-Forest Service land exchange that may facilitate development of year-round resort.
- County to cooperatively manage historic Swett and Jarvie ranches to maintain their economic value as tourist attractions.

### **INCREASED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ON STATE OF UTAH INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS**

- Large SITLA land exchange that will trade scattered and low economic value SITLA holdings for consolidated holdings that have higher revenue potential.
- Lands to be acquired by SITLA include an energy revenue producing site and Forest Service land that is sought for year-round resort development.

### **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION AND RESOLUTION OF WILDERNESS**

- Establish over 80,000 acres of wilderness on BLM and Forest Service land.
- Establishing a 30,000-acre conservation area.
- Designate a portion of the Green River as a wild and scenic river.
- Forest Service and BLM to acquire state lands within conservation and wilderness areas.

### **RESOLUTION OF R.S. 2477**

- County to receive rights on open routes on BLM land outside of proposed wilderness and conservation area.
- County and State of Utah to relinquish claims on routes within proposed wilderness and conservation area.
- Establish a process for county to apply for rights-of-way on closed routes on BLM land outside of proposed wilderness and conservation area.

### **OTHER BENEFITS TO DAGGETT COUNTY**

- Land exchange to facilitate a homeowners association acquiring their home sites from the Forest Service.
- Facilitate the exchange or sale of the Forest Service lands containing privately-owned cabins to the cabin owners.

### **INCREASED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Protection for important hunting habitat as a conservation area.
- Ensure that the Forest Service maintains specified campgrounds.
- Upon passage of legislation, support the reopening of the Sears Canyon route to ATV traffic and the establishment of an ATV route up Dutch John Canyon.

## Daggett County Public Lands Advisory Committee Members

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# Federal funds help Daggett sheriff

The U.S. Forest Service and local law enforcement agencies have a unique relationship because of a 16 year old law. Public Law 92-82, known by most as the Sisk Act, authorizes the Forest Service to reimburse state and local law enforcement agencies for certain law enforcement activities within national forests. This is done through cooperative agreements between the Forest Service and the local and state agencies, according to Forest Service officials.

This law assists many counties which have low tax bases, because of large proportions of federal lands. These counties are reimbursed for expenses such as extra officers, jailers, dispatchers, overtime, and equipment needed to cope with large numbers of visitors drawn to the national forests.

A case in point is Daggett County where much of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is located. The majority of the recreation sites are located in Daggett county which receives approximately 800,000 visitors each year. Peak recreation use in Daggett County can be as high as 2500 visitors, on some occasions, which is over three times the local population. To assist the county, the Ashley National Forest provides Sisk Act dollars for law enforcement.

Sheriff Gaylen Jarvie of Daggett County says without these funds Daggett County would lose one-third of its law enforcement budget. Sisk funds support a part-time clerk, two reserve deputies and their vehicles, and some additional equipment. Over the years, Sisk support has allowed purchase of diving equipment for lake search and rescue; lake squad cars; and the transfer of a boat to be used for lake patrol, search and rescue. Overtime for time spent on the forest has also been paid for through Sisk. Sheriff Jarvie says without this money the Daggett County law enforcement program would almost cease to exist.

Daggett County is composed of almost 85 percent National Forest land. Jarvie said Daggett County is not the only county in this situation. According to Congressman Howard Nielsen's office, there are four other counties in the United States with the same problem (low tax base because of large amounts of federal land). Most all western states have similar problems but to a lesser degree.

The public wins with the Sisk Act too - they receive protection and help that would not be available in the national forests otherwise. The forest service receives much needed assistance on holidays and weekends, and local agencies receive backup from the forest service when it is needed.

This relationship is obvious in Daggett County, where a small sheriff's department is reinforced by officers of the Forest Service, Utah Highway Patrol, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation. Each does their own enforcement, but they support each other when help is needed.

A portion of the National Recreation Area lies in Wyoming. Daggett County and the Forest Service also cooperates with Sweetwater County, Wyoming; the Wyoming Highway Patrol and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Such cooperation is a real boost to Forest Service law enforcement. It frees Forest law officers to enforce Forest Service laws and regulations while other enforcement agencies enforce state and local laws. Forest Ser-

vice Officer Jeff Larrieu says he has seen this system work well in other states where the local agencies received reimbursement for expenses they incurred.

Larrieu staed, "Because of this and the willingness of the Forest Service to assist, the local agencies actually provided more work than was required by the cooperation agreement,

just as Daggett county does today. Through cooperation, different law enforcement agencies can learn about each other's jobs. It also allows us agencies to understand each others' problems."

The Sisk Act is not only a boost to local agencies, but a great boost to public service, as well.

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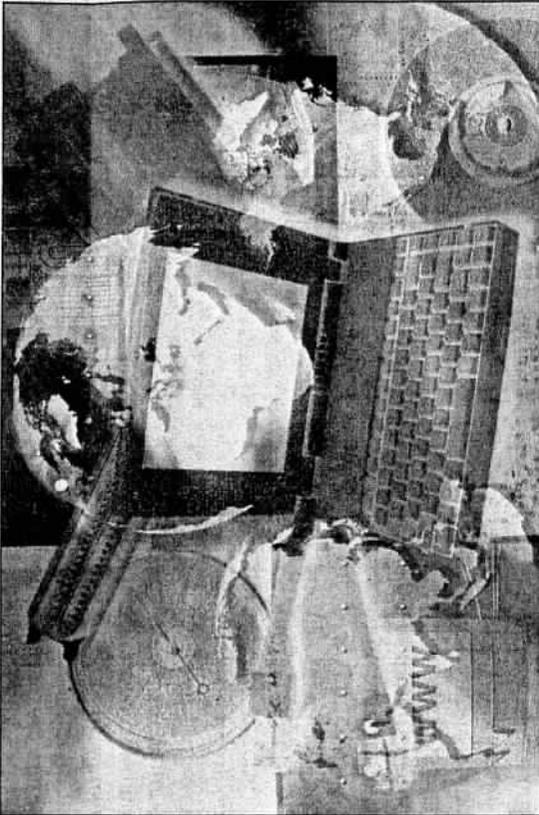
# Fiber-optic internet coming to Daggett County

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The Utah Education and Telehealth Network and Strata Networks plan to bring fiber-optic internet service to Daggett County by spring 2019, greatly improving the speed of service to the area.

For now, plans include service to Manila High School, Flaming Gorge Elementary in Dutch John and Uintah Basin Medical Center's Manila Clinic. Service may also extend to area cell towers, an electrical substation near the Flaming Gorge dam and to UDOT cameras along U.S. routes 44 or 191.

"We're really just trying to get faster fiber-based internet to the



schools," UETN Associate Director Dennis Sampson said. The project is budgeted at \$3.3 million. UETN, which provides internet and communication infra-

structure for Utah's schools, secured 80 percent of the project's funding - \$2.64 million - through E-Rate, the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund.

The Universal Service Fund comes from fees the U.S. government charges telecommunications companies with the goal of funding universal access to telecommunications. The fees are often passed onto consumers, appearing as a "universal service fee" on bills.

UDOT will provide \$500,000 and UETN will provide \$160,000.

Although the current project will not provide residential or commercial fiber optic service,

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Sampson said Strata may choose to do so on its own.

"Strata obviously has some business interests," Sampson said. "They're doing the project."

Strata Marketing/Public Relations Manager Tyler Rasmussen wrote in an email that service could be connected to local internet providers in Daggett County.

"Strata will not be providing fiber service to residents as part of this project," Rasmussen wrote. "The fiber service will be delivered to the two previously mentioned schools, according to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) contract, and may be delivered to the other locations/organizations according to future needs and discussions."

In addition to benefiting education and healthcare, Sampson said that UETN and Daggett County leaders hoped the project would also improve the area's economy.

"Our intent is also to help the economic development, as well," Sampson said.

Daggett County Commissioner Jack Lytle said he was glad the service would extend to the county.

"We look at it as an economic development project," Lytle said. "It'll be a great opportunity for the county."

Cable for the project will be laid from Vernal to Daggett County adjacent to U.S. Route 191. Once in Daggett County, the cables will be routed along both U.S. Route 44 and U.S. Route 191 to reach Manila and Dutch John, respectively.

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# Five charged in Daggett Jail investigation

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Five former Daggett County law enforcement officials are looking at charges brought forward by the Utah Attorney General's Office in Daggett County 8th District Court on Friday, May 5.

According to charging documents, former Daggett County Sheriff Jerry R. Jorgensen, 64, former deputies Logan Walker, 46, Joshua J. Cox, 27, Rodrigo Toledo, 26, and former Sheriff Lt. Benjamin C. Lail, 31, are facing charges stemming from an investigation into the Daggett County Jail.

On Feb. 17, the Utah Department of Cor-

rections (UDC) removed 80 state inmates from the Daggett County Jail as a result of an ongoing investigation of alleged misconduct by staff.

According to UDC Executive Director Rollin Cook, "This case involves multiple, distressing allegations among line staff and command staff in the Daggett County Jail. These are serious, criminal allegations, involving unprofessional conduct and unacceptable correctional practices, which put the inmates and the public in jeopardy."

Cook said the charges stem from a department investigation into misconduct and criminal allegations at the county jail, including assaults on state inmates, mismanagement,

inappropriate behavior between staff and inmates and unsafe correctional practices. "There was a lot of different types of misconduct going on," Cook said.

The Department of Corrections also claims jail staff members were sleeping on the job, sneaking in handheld video game consoles, and hosting barbecues for certain inmates.

Attorney General Sean Reyes said Friday that the alleged actions of at least one defendant constitute unbelievably inhumane conduct and a reprehensible miscarriage of justice and the actions of all the defendants are inexcusable.

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Charging documents paint a grim picture of the Daggett County Jail and alleged misconduct by jail personnel. Aggravated assault, excessive use of force, theft and illegal use of a Taser are cited in the charging documents released Friday.

Jorgensen is charged with failure of sheriff to safely keep inmates, a class A misdemeanor, obstruction of justice in a criminal investigation or proceeding, a class A misdemeanor, and official misconduct, a class B misdemeanor.

Jorgensen resigned in April amid allegations of misconduct.

Charging documents state that on or between April 2016 and April 2017, Jorgensen was the elected Sheriff of Daggett County, and failed to properly supervise and/or discipline deputies within his department and under his control, even when misconduct was specifically brought to his attention, including, but not limited to, failing to safely keep all persons committed to his custody and held at the Daggett County Jail.

Documents allege that during this time period, a deputy sheriff assaulted inmates at the Daggett County Jail using a Taser, and inmates were exposed to harm from K9s brought into the jail to be trained as service dogs.

Documents also state that on or about April 18, 2016, "Jane Doe two" sent an email to Jorgensen reporting an incident within the Daggett County Jail. The incident described Lt. Lail turning on a Taser and pointing it directly at the

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Cox, 27, faces the most charges: seven third degree felony aggravated assault charges, two third degree felony transporting a dangerous weapon into the secured area of a correctional facility charges, one class A misdemeanor theft charge, and one class A misdemeanor or reckless endangerment charge.

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secure perimeter of the garage of the Daggett County Jail. Documents state that the defendant (Cox) used his personal Taser in drive stun mode on witnesses John Does 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. The witnesses were originally promised a case of soda if they could endure the tasing for five seconds. According to witness statements, they were tasered more than once.

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Count eight stems from an incident on or about Oct. 17, 2016, in the woodworking shop of the Daggett County Jail. The defendant used a Taser as an "initiation" to the work crew, which was required by Cox in order for one of the

inmates to keep his outside work privileges.

The inmate acknowledged that the event happened against his will. This incident was witnessed by a second inmate. Again, Investigator Dimick confirmed the use of the Taser on Oct. 17, by a review of the Taser discharge log records.

For count nine, transporting a dangerous weapon into the secured area of a correctional facility, documents state that on or about Oct. 17, 2016, Deputy Cox brought a personal Taser inside the secure fenced perimeter and the secure area of the jail where the jail inmates are housed, in violation of jail policy.

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so Cox could teach uncertified K9s basic obedience training. Documents state that the inmates were intentionally exposed to the K9s when not on a leash, and both were bitten. Cox is not a certified K9 officer, and therefore put the two inmates at risk of serious bodily injury.

Daggett County and the Daggett County Sheriff's Office declined to comment on the charges posted today by the Attorney General's office. They also declined to comment on who has been formally charged.

In a prepared statement, Jack Lytle, who is currently serving as head of the Sheriff's Office said, "Our emphasis is on refilling the Sheriff's position and maintaining our collaborative relationship with the Governor, his staff, and the Department of Corrections. There is a lot to work through and we appreciate everyone's sensitivity to that end. Hopefully we can stay focused on looking forward and learn from the past. We have great employees and we owe them that effort."

A statement released by Cook said: As the numerous felony and misdemeanor charges against the Daggett County employees show, the investigation into the jail operations uncovered allegations of abuse of inmates at the hands of the jail's employees and mismanagement by its leadership.

Once the investigation began, many jail staff mem-

bers, community members, and inmates previously incarcerated at the jail came forward with additional information that corroborated the allegations of inappropriate and unsafe behavior by county staff.

The results of the investigation uncovered not only the suspected activity that results in criminal charges, but a culture of pervasive, unacceptable correctional practices, such as sleeping on duty, providing inmates with video games and holding barbecues for select inmates.

Utah Department of Corrections places the safety of our facilities as the top priority. Under its previous management, the Daggett County Jail was not safe for the inmates or the public. Those responsible for these inmates and the management of this jail failed to properly manage staff disciplinary actions and significantly downplayed the severity of these acts.

We would like to note there were many good correctional officers and staff employed by the jail, whose reputations should not be tarnished by the actions of a handful of staff and the leadership.

We are currently working with county officials. We will not return any state inmates back to this jail unless and until we have confidence the new leadership at the jail holds safety and security as its main concerns.

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**Dutch John Humanitarian Project**

The community of Dutch John joined together to create humanitarian kits to send to the victims of the natural disasters that are happening all around the world. The citizens had a fund



raiser to acquire the funds necessary to purchase the materials and then on December 19th they gathered together to assemble 400 kits for shipment to those places like the Philippines and the Northeastern parts of the USA where they were hit so hard by the recent storms. Thanks to all of those who participated in the project!

**Best Support Business Award**

**Business/Individual Name: Myvocom**

Pat and Sandy Asbill are very involved in the Myvocom business and they provide internet to many of the local businesses. Pat is also involved in the community as a school board member, has served on the Manila Planning & Zoning Board and the County Board of Adjustments and is currently serving on the Rural Broadband committee for the Uintah Basin Association of Governments. He helps keep the free over the air TV going and puts up and takes down the Christmas lights in Manila each year.



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## Spirit of Flaming Gorge Business Award

Business/Individual Name: Villa Cafe

The Forrester's and the Villa Café have gone out of their way to be an active participant in the activities of Daggett County. They volunteered to help with the location of one of the Burbot Bash check-in sites. They also went to the Senior Citizens and have offered to deliver meals to the seniors during the winter months. This is a huge benefit considering how many of our seniors don't like going out when the weather is bad. They have been friendly and offer something new to the community with their smoked meat products. Glad to have them in the community

## "Big Dreamer" Award

**Flaming Gorge Recreation Service – Delta Plan One.** The crew at Flaming Gorge Recreation Services have been working hard to develop their business into something that improves the community and is an asset to the area. They have not accomplished everything they had hoped in 2013, but have made significant progress. Their idea fills a need for additional lodging and incorporates bringing new people to the area that are not familiar with Flaming Gorge and the opportunities that are here. Their remodel of the store and restaurant area and the new buildings or Shires are completed and are inviting and appealing.



## Spirit of Flaming Gorge Individual Award

It was a tie this year!!

**Mark Wilson:** Mark Wilson has long been the lead person who developed the flaminggorgecountry.com website, brought the Flaming Gorge Magazine to print, has volunteered many years on Chamber and County boards. He is one of the last remaining Lion's Club members and is integral in keeping the Cow Country Rodeo going. Mark deserves this award not only for his selfless volunteerism but for being a role model to the youth of our area. He employs many locals and through his guidance and support he helps them gain confidence and a strong work ethic. He has been a mentor for many of his employees and is not only a strong boss but a compassionate friend. Mark Wilson embodies what the Spirit of Flaming Gorge award means.

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# Flaming Gorge proposed land swap gets support from Uintah County

By **MARY BERNARD**  
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Uintah County Commission signed a letter on Oct. 3 in support of Daggett County's proposed land swap near Flaming Gorge.

Daggett's commission proposes to facilitate a dollar for dollar land transfer between the US Forest Service and the Utah State School and Trust Lands Administration to develop 420 acres of recreation property.

"The forest land is on sections around Flaming Gorge near Linwood Bay," said Daggett County Commissioner Jerry Steglich.

The exchange would have to be approved by Congress, including a USFS land west of Linwood Bay and SITLA land near the Sheep Creek geological loop.

The goal of the exchange is to market the reservoir property to developers to bring needed jobs and tax base to the area explained Steglich.

"The project has been in the works for six years," said Steglich, adding that the land exchange bill will come before Congress shortly. "However, Daggett County's congressional delegation (Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Rob Bishop) is looking for broader support for the project."

He along with co-commission member Stewart Leith, were asking neighboring counties to sign support letters, which the delegation will present to Congress as part of the proposed action.

Daggett County is not a direct

recipient of funds, acreage or money from the exchange, but hopes to see commercial development in the area fostering positive economic growth for Manila.

"Our partner on this project is Trout Unlimited, they came to us as a part of the deal, which is a blessing to Washington D.C. as it satisfies our needs and that of the environmentalists," Steglich said.

Trout Unlimited's interest in the land swap involves a section of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam proposed to be designated as "scenic" under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in the bill.

The scenic designation, which may be the first such designation in the State of Utah, offers a strong marketing aspect of the exchange.

The scenic Green River reaches would include the blue-ribbon fishery below the Flaming Gorge Dam and a portion near the Jarvie Ranch.

Commission members from both Daggett and Uintah counties noted the win-win status of the proposed land swap, but reserved only lukewarm support for the scenic designation.

"Let's hope this Wild and Scenic River does not become contagious and works its way down through Uintah County," said Uintah County Commissioner Mike McKee.

In fact, the portions of the Green River proposed for permanent designation are already managed as wild and scenic, which Daggett protects for its economic, fishing, agricultural and wildlife values.



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# Criminal trial of former Daggett County Jail staff moved

## STAFF REPORTS

The criminal trials of four former Daggett County deputies and the former sheriff have been moved to Summit County.

On July 3, a judge approved the transfer of the cases against former sheriff Jerry R. Jorgensen, former Lt. Benjamin Lail and former deputy Joshua J. Cox to Summit County's 3rd District Court. The cases against former deputies Logan Walker and Rodrigo Toledo were transferred the week before. The reason

given for the transfer was that there would be a greater chance of securing an impartial jury in Summit County.

All five men face charges brought against them by the Utah Attorney General's Office on May 5. The charges came about as the result of an ongoing investigation into allegations of misconduct at the jail.

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The severity of the charges lead prosecutors to argue for a venue change in the trial. It was argued that, because of the size of the community, the men being tried were too well known for an impartial jury to be seated.

"Due to the low population of Daggett County, coupled with the fact that Daggett County derives about 30 percent of its total revenue from the operations of the jail, it is likely that any potential jurors would be either directly related to any of the defendants, or any potential jurors would be in a business dependent upon the jail. Therefore, finding an unbiased juror pool would be extremely difficult," states the motion to transfer the trial. "A jury selected from Daggett County would be reasonably likely to fall short of the standards of fairness and impartiality. There would be a larger and more impartial pool of prospective jurors in adjoining Summit County."

# Briggs honored for service in Daggett County

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Gene Briggs, retiring County Clerk/Auditor/Recorder/Treasurer, was awarded the "Outstanding County Officer" award at the Utah Association of Counties' annual convention held Nov. 11. The nomination for the award was made by the UAC Board of Directors. This is done on points earned through voting, UAC activity, county job performance and community service. Daggett County is the only county in Utah that has all four offices combined. They will be divided next year.

Briggs was born in Manila and moved across the state line into Wyoming, where he grew up on a ranch and learned to love and appreciate livestock all his life. He graduated from high school in 1951 and married Ferl Lamb later that year. He served in the U. S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and spent most of his military time in Germany. He and Ferl raised one son, Floyd, who was born in 1956. They have three grandchildren, Scott, Nicole and Wade.

Briggs attended Utah State University from 1958 to 1960. He says his job has been rewarding and that he has enjoyed serving Daggett residents. He has been active in the UAC serving on the Board of Directors several times; serving as secretary/treasurer and vice president in the Clerk Auditors Association, and serving on committees dealing with taxation, elections, legislature, roads, courts, natural resources and other activities.

He says he has appreciated the resources and leadership made available by UAC. He feels that through their efforts in organizing and combining mutual interests from other counties, much has been gained.

During the past 28 years Briggs has been in office, Daggett County has moved from an old courthouse with total manual operation to a new facility that has a functional computer system that is continuously updated to meet the needs of the



Gene Briggs

county. Daggett County leads the state in cooperation among county officers and employees who are dedicated to serving other people.

In the community, Briggs has served on the Daggett County School Board for five years; as Manila's representative on the Sweetwater County Fair Board for 25 years; Soil Conservation District secretary for several years; 4-H beef leader for several years, and started the horse club in Manila and served as its leader for several years.

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# Guilty pleas in illegal voting probe

MANILA, Utah (AP) - Three people have pleaded guilty in a case of illegal voter registration in Daggett County.

Fifty-one people have been accused of illegally registering in Daggett County, a misdemeanor, even though they don't live there.

The case involves the 2006 election, when then-Sheriff Alan Campbell complained that the voter rolls were growing in the small county near the Wyoming border.

Fourteen people listed the address of the parents of sheriff candidate Rick Ellsworth. He defeated Campbell by 20 votes.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports that three people pleaded guilty to a lesser charge Friday and were fined \$500. They are Zachary B. Millett of Roosevelt, and Wyoming residents Brandon C. Ellsworth and Charles C. Rich.

Six other people also pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, but their records will be wiped clean in a year if they avoid trouble. They signed up but didn't vote in Daggett County.

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HISTORY OF DAGGETT COUNTY

My recollections of the life, as it was, and is now, in the northeasterly part of Utah, now Daggett County, dates back to 1894.

Lucerne Valley, as it was best known at that time, was given its name by Adolph Jessen, a prominent mining engineer of Salt Lake City, who had been awarded a government contract, of surveying and platting the unsurveyed lands in that region. In making this survey, Mr. Jessen came in very close contact with every legal subdivision, its contour and soil, and I remember now, as I often heard him say, "what grain and lucerne this land would produce, if water could be brought into this valley." Later on, Mr. Jessen made investigation of the watersheds on the north slope of the Uinta Mountain and found that Sheep Creek and its tributaries could be conveyed in a canal on the mountain, turned loose in Lodge Pole Canyon, caught up again at Connor Basin and conveyed in another canal, into Lucerne Valley.

Mr. Jessen and his associates, Elsworth Daggett and R. C. Chambers of Park City, early day fame, formed the Lucerne Land & Water Company and let the contract for building the first canal, which was completed in 1893. In the early spring of 1894, the main canal through Lucerne Valley was built and from then on, settlers came in and took up homesteads and desert entries, secured water stock from the water company and in a few years Lucerne Valley commenced to bloom; bare desert spots and sage brush land was turned into green fields of alfalfa and grain and as the years went by, all of the available good farm land was taken up and all of the water stock sold out to the settlers and the end of the Lucerne Land & Water Company.

As fast as the water stock was sold to the settlers, it became known as the Sheep Creek Irrigation Company, the present title of the irrigation system.

Mr. Jessen did not stop with building the first canals into the valley, but he made surveys of various lakes and reservoir sites, the most notable of which being the Hickerson Park site, of which Mr. Jessen said, "if there should ever come a drough causing shortage of water, this reservoir when built, will, for all time, secure ample water for the Sheep Creek System."

The Hickerson Park Reservoir was not built in Mr. Jessen's time, nor to the present time, but the present day Directors of the Sheep Creek Irrigation Company are now promulgating plans for the building of said dam in Hickerson Park and as far as this writing, have met with splendid co-operation from the United States Forest Service, the Water Storage Commission of Utah, and the Utah State Engineer's Office.

We have a habit of saying, "When Dreams Come True", the realization of the building of said reservoir in the very near future, will actually be a dream come true, to the present day farmers and stockmen of Lucerne Valley. With the Taylor Grazing Act, now in operation on the western range, it means that the farmers and stockmen cannot utilize the public range for pasture as they please, but means that the farmers and stockmen must produce more grain and hay and pasture, so that they may feed a larger number of livestock right within their own domain. To do so it means more water, the storage of every available drop of water, the Lucerne Valley slogan.

#### "THE HICKERSON PARK RESERVOIR"

Going back to the year 1898, we find Mr. Jessen prowling around the red sandstone cliff, about half way down Lucerne Valley, found a spot that appeared moist and said, "there is water here". He dug a small tunnel and got

a nice small stream of cool spring water. He laid out, then and there, a Townsite. What will we call it said someone, I don't know. A fellow came across the hill on horseback with the United States mailbag. Jessen tore into his mail and on the front page of the paper he read, "Dewey won the battle at Manila Bay." "Manila, Manila, let us call this town "Manila", " and so it was named. Since that time we seldom hear the name of Lucerne Valley any more. Now a days everything goes Manila, Daggett County, Utah. That calls to my mind, the year 1918; before that Daggett County was part of Uintah County, the high Uinta Mountains lay between us and the county seat at Vernal, and always inaccessible during winter months. The people petitioned for the creation of a County of their own, and after the election following with favorable results, Harden Bennion, acting Governor under the Bamberger administration, proclaimed the creation of "Daggett County".

At the time of the creation of Daggett County, when it came to the matter of what name to give it, our minds naturally ran to the man who first made it possible for the settlement of this valley, Chambers and Jessen were dead, but the old stalwart old Ellsworth Daggett, one time Surveyor General of Utah, and for many years a prominent mining engineer, was the only one left of the original "Lucerne Land & Water Company" and the people voted to name the county after him. Mr. Daggett later presented the county with a splendid painting of himself, which now occupies a prominent place in the County Court House.

Since the creation of Da gett County, we have seen prosperity to a certain extent, we have seen in later years drought and depression to its full extent, we have seen people and families come and go, but the sturdy, never

give-ups, are still here. I shall name just a few of the men, who more than many others, have helped to make Daggett County, a commonwealth: Keith Smith, a young Yale graduate came here about the year 1901; he spent a fortune to build up a large ranch and live stock business and for a long time, one of the County's largest taxpayers, and through his efforts and support, a big factor in the maintenance of Daggett County; he served unselfishly for 12 years as County Commissioner and still is a main wheelhorse.

Ammon Nebeker came here about 1906 or 1907, from Payson, Utah, established a large ranch and livestock business at Connor Basin, one of our large taxpayers, a man who is always willing to do things for others; he served eight years as Daggett County Commissioner.

Peter G. Wall, I cannot remember if he was the first Latter-day Saint Bishop of Manila or not, but he served as Bishop for a long time, and did more than any other to build up the L.D.S. Chapel; has been a resident of Daggett County a long time, a hard fighter for what he thinks is right and is one of the main stays in the creation of Daggett County.

There are a number more of sturdy, good, hard-working people of more or less prominence, too numerous to name here, but are serving the County unselfishly and always ready to do well to their fellow men.

Daggett County is small in area, approximately 20 miles wide and 50 miles long, comprising the northeast corner of Utah, bordering on the east Colorado, North Wyoming, west Summit County, Utah, south Uinta County, Utah. Daggett has probably also, the smallest population of any county in the <sup>United</sup> States.

The town of Manila in 1898, was a barren sand-blowed side hill, but there was enough water to supply the town at that time, and log houses went up, one and two rooms mostly, which in later years has given way to better houses, and several nice bungulows are dotted here and there in the town, two new stores and service stations; the L.D.S. church, courthouse and an up-to-date school building, thanks to Civil Works Administration, Federal Emergency Relief Administration and Works Progress Administration Projects, a town Park has been laid out, trees planted for wind-break, two new water tunnels have been driven in the red sand hill and water mains laid through the town; streets have been graded and graveled, all with the help of the Works Progress Administration Projects mostly; we have a small but comfortable hotel. Manila at the present time is now such a bad place to live.

After July 1st, 1938, we shall have a daily mail service, the Salt Lake newspapers will be on our tables the same day printed. With the contemplated move and possibilities of the building of the Hickerson Park Reservoir it will mean more farming, more stock raising, more people and more demand for larger school attendance, hence more demand for housing; the near future may see a real promising and prosperous Manila.

Roads and highway construction in the last few years have made marked improvements; in 1894 we did not have any roads, hardly as much as a wagon track, horse back trails were the common travel. A wagon track running from Evanston, Wyoming, to Fort Bridger and in an easterly direction through the bad lands to Lonetree, Burnt Fork and continuing down Henry's Fork to the Green River, was the only signknown as a road. A fairly good road now runs from Green River City, Wyoming, to the Utah State line at Linwood; from there the Utah State Road Commission in 1918, and 1919, built a state road through Manila, west to where it crosses the Wyoming State line; from there on west is

now a fairly good road to Lyman and Fort Bridger. From Manila south another state road was built to the forest line and Sheep Creek, from there a splendid forest road was built across the mountains via Greendale to Vernal. But the greatest improvement in road building was done by the forest service, when a CCC camp was located on Sheep Creek, a scenic, picturesque road up Sheep Creek Canyon to Summit Spring and west via Hickerson Park to the head of Birch Creek. This mountain road is worth the while of travel for recreation and scenic beauty and ranks amongst the best, four to five hours easy driving from Salt Lake City brings you to the mist of it.

Mineral and other hidden recourses are so far practically unexplored in Daggett County. In the extreme northeast corner sloping southwest toward Red Creek is Clay Basin where two oil wells<sup>are</sup> located, and at this writing a natural gas well producing 20,000,000 cubic feet per day has just come in. Further west is what is known as Goslin Mountain sloping south towards Dutch John Spring, and the Green River, prospects of copper ore, have been found there from time to time. Following down Green River to the mouth of Red Creek, we come to historic known "Brown's Park" of early day fame, one of the first places settled in Utah, and it extends across the Utah State line, into Colorado, but drops off abruptly at the Ladore Canyon. Brown's Park today is a good farm country producing lots of grain and hay, a haven for stockmen, with the best of facilities of good grazing range all around it. The Brown's Park Live Stock Company, at present managed by Stanley Crouse, a son of Charles Crouse, one of the best known characters of the early-day settlers in Brown's Park. The Brown's Park Livestock Company pays a good share of Daggett County's taxes.

On the way from Manila to Vernal, we encounter Greensdale, a small settlement in the mist of the mountains, a sturdy community of well to do sheep and cattlemen; we also find here the up-to-date Greens Lake Resort, with nice individual cabins, good meals, and accommodation of boats for fishing on the lake, a nice stopping place for travelers across the mountain road.

Approximately 20 miles west of Manila on the Summit County line the Daggett County settlement is known as Birch Creek, mostly cattlemen, who enjoy fine hay ranches, the most notable cattleman of that region being T. A. Welsh, one of the early day "ride em cowboy", a real cowboy of the old school, always ready with the helping hand to his neighbors and fellow citizens. Mr. Welsh is a good sized taxpayer in Daggett County. A new road (state road) from the Wyoming state line is now being built to connect with the forest road at the head of Birch Creek.

Coming back about ten miles southeast of Manila on the Green River, we encounter the Fleming Gorge Dam site; this power plant dam will undoubtedly be built sometime in the future. Such power plant would create demand for opening of other hidden resources, rich phosphate are in the vicinity of this dam site, the possibilities of oil, coal and manganese, is also in evidence.

# Budget reopened after jail closure

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On Feb. 17, Daggett County Sheriff's Office released information that 80 inmates had been removed from the county jail by the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) as a result of an ongoing investigation of alleged misconduct by staff.

On April 11, 2017, county officials met with UDC to discuss where the investigation has lead and what the next steps will be.

According to Daggett County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Susie Potter, the next steps will depend on the results of the meeting.

"We're hoping to have word on the course of the investigation from the meeting today," Potter said.

The jail continues to have no inmates, which is hurting the county financially. According to Potter, the inmates bring in about \$115,000 per month and that money goes back into the

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jail to keep it running with staff, electricity, and so on.

Since the removal of the inmates, Daggett County has had to reopen its budget to compensate for the lack of funds to keep the jail operational.

"We're trying to keep employees. There needs to be staff when the inmates

return," Potter said.

"The staff continues to do maintenance and stay busy with things they can't do when the jail is full. We will be glad to get the jail full again."

As of April 11, there were no details released as to the reasons for the investigation. Potter said the county is leaving a release up to UDC.

Messages were left for UDC.

## Daggett escapees plead not guilty

Two convicted killers pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal charges stemming from their escape last year from the Daggett County Jail.

Danny Martin Gallegos and Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo are each charged with carjacking, possession of a stolen firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The two could each face up to 35 years in prison if convicted on all three charges.

The pair was serving time for state murder convictions when they escaped from the Daggett County Jail in September. The federal charges stem from a Sept. 29 confrontation with a 79-year-old man that led to the capture of the two escapees.

Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo, who had been hiding out in the wilderness, are accused of tying up retired police officer Bill Johnson in his camper trailer and stealing his SUV. Johnson managed to free himself and get help.

Gallegos, who was shot after a high-speed chase, entered the courtroom Thursday in a wheelchair.

Both men will remain in custody at the Utah State Prison pending an April 15 trial. Both also faced state escape charges, to which Diaz-Arevalo has pleaded guilty.

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## Jail escapee pleads guilty

One of two convicted killers who broke out of the Daggett County Jail in September has pleaded guilty to an escape charge.

Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo, 27, pleaded guilty Oct. 26 to second-degree felony escape during an appearance in Manila's 8th District Court.

Diaz-Arevalo and 49-year-old Danny Martin Gallegos scaled a fence at the Daggett County Jail on Sept. 23. The fugitives hid out in the mountains that make up

the Utah-Wyoming border before stealing an SUV and then being caught in Rock Springs six days later.

The escape prompted a review by the Utah Department of Corrections of security at the 21 county jails that have contracts to house state inmates. The facility in Daggett County had all of its state inmates removed and only recently saw a handful returned.

After entering his guilty plea, Diaz-Arevalo asked to be

sentenced immediately. Judge A. Lynn Payne ordered Diaz-Arevalo to serve up to five years in prison, consecutive with the sentence he is already serving for the 2005 shooting death of his girlfriend, Lindsey Fawson.

Gallegos still faces an escape charge in 8th District Court. No date has been set for his initial appearance. Both men have also been indicted by a federal grand jury for being felons in possession of a firearm, possessing of a stolen firearm, and carjacking.

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# State prisoners yanked from Daggett jail

By Ben Wesslow  
Deseret Morning News

All 65 state prisoners housed in Daggett County Jail were removed on two different days last week after state corrections officials concluded security problems that had allowed two convicted murderers to escape were "systemic" and could not

be solved quickly. The removal immediately cost the Daggett County Sheriff's Office approximately \$42,500 per day per prisoner it was being paid by the overloaded state prison system.

The DCSO has a contract to house up to 80 inmates, which brings the county up to \$1.3 million a year and was essential to the county's plans to pay a bond that

funded the jail's construction. On Wednesday a first group of 20 prisoners was removed from where they were kept in a free-standing building that sat within the fence perimeter, and transferred to other facilities. Inadequate razor wire on the fence was identified as one cause of the Sept. 23 escape, and Utah

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## State Prisoners

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Department of Corrections Executive Director Tom Patterson decided the situation could not be quickly corrected.

"We didn't feel like our security concerns could be addressed adequately," Patterson said. "Our recommendations were to close that part of the jail to any inmates."

decided to remove the remaining 45 prisoners.

Corrections officials have said the jail's problems included staff (the lone deputy on duty the night of the escape was sick), procedures and technology (an electronically controlled door was not working, allowing the inmates to escape). As of Wednesday the door had not yet been fixed, and fencing had not been improved.

The jail remains on lockdown and the deputy on duty the day of the escape has since resigned. His name has not been released.

Juan Diaz-Arevalo, 27, and Danny Gallegos, 49, escaped from the jail on Sept. 23 by going through the broken door into a recreation area and eventually slipping out of the jail over a razor-wire fence. The pair then hid out in the mountains along the Utah-Wyoming border, living

"We didn't feel like our security concerns could be addressed adequately."  
— Utah Department of Corrections  
Executive Director Tom Patterson

off of spring water and rations of food they had stuffed in their pockets.

On Saturday, the pair broke into a 79-year-old man's camper trailer about 14 miles from the jail, tied him up and stole his SUV. Retired Salt Lake police officer Bill Johnson managed to free himself and get help.

After being spotted in Green River, Wyo., the two escapees led police on a chase that ended in Rock Springs when the men jumped out of the Ford Explorer armed with guns. Gallegos was shot and remains in critical condition at University Hospital in Salt Lake City. Diaz-Arevalo was captured and waived extradition to Utah. He is now back at the Utah State Prison in Draper, authorities said.

Both men already have been charged in Manila's 8th District Court with second-degree felony escape charges. Daggett County Attorney Bryan Sidwell told the Deseret Morning News on Wednesday he likely would file more charges against Diaz-Arevalo and Gallegos but was consulting with federal prosecutors.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah said they were reviewing the case.

Johnson, W. L. Johnson, Snow, Elmer Snow and Joe Haslem.

### Relief Societies of Two Vernal Wards to Give Musical at Imperial Hall

On Friday night, June 30, at the Imperial Hall there will be assembled the best music talent in Ashley Valley to give a program of instrumental and vocal music. There will also be a one-act play. Following the program a big dance and social will be held. The affair is being sponsored by the combined Relief Societies of both Vernal wards and promises to be a big event. The proceeds from the entertainment will be turned into the fund for the building of the Vernal first ward chapel.

### CAR OVERTURNED AT JENSEN SUNDAY P. M.

JENSEN (Special)—On Sunday afternoon in front of the Ertin Wilkins home just west of the Hotel Escalante, Marvin Peterson, driving a Ford sedan, caused the machine to swerve and upset in the berth of the highway. He was accompanied by his wife and small daughter, who both luckily, escaped injury. Mr. Peterson was pinned beneath the car and entirely unable to extricate himself, but aside from bruises, escaped injury.

A number saw the accident. Don Nelson and his brother Owen were the first to aid. Mrs. Peterson and daughter were much frightened and received considerable nerve shock. Mr. Peterson was taken to Vernal for examination to determine whether there were internal injuries.

### LADORE POSTOFFICE MOVED INTO UTAH

The Ladore postoffice which has been located in Browns Park for many years has been moved seven miles west and the office is now Ladore, Utah.

The place formerly known as Bridgeport, Utah, now becomes Ladore.

Jesse Taylor has been named postmaster. The stage line from Sunbeam will continue to carry the mail to Ladore. Oliver Watson's stage line contract having been extended to the new location.—Craig Empire-Courier.

### Twenty Years Ago

Warren Colton is home from Provo for his summer vacation. Warren had charge of the Gym department of the B. Y. Academy the past winter, and we take pleasure in announcing that under his leadership the B. Y. took first prize in athletics at the State field contest.

The Uintah Creamery today reached the 200 pound mark, for the first time since it was established. Yesterday 194 pounds and today 210 pounds of butter were churned. The new flues are expected to arrive in about ten days, and the creamery will be shut down for 2 days while they are put in place.

Clerk Hansen issued marriage licenses this week to Rebeau Calder and Miss Estella Willock, and Clarence W. Taylor of Fort Duchesne, and Miss Linnie Myers.

Horace and Miss Ella Coltharp returned home from Salt Lake City the first of the week. Horace drove his team in from Price in two days.

most scenic section of the Uintah mountains. The road will probably take a course around the north side of Baldy and then towards Mosby mountain where it will connect with a splendid highway to Lapoint.

At one curve of the road near the Brush Creek cave, there is to be found every specie of trees that grow within the Ashley National forest reserve, with the exception of two. The scenery along this road rivals that of any other place in the west. The road passes a short distance from the famous Brush Creek cave, which is reached by a splendid trail from the highway. This cave has been explored for thousands of feet, without finding the end to the underground passageway. With good flashlights and plenty of strong cord, a party may enjoy the thrill of their lives by exploring the underground cavern and viewing the beautifully colored formations inside the cave. Undoubtedly the cave will some day provide an attractive resort, when it is illuminated and enlarged at the opening.

All the construction work on the forest is under the direction of Supervisor J. O. Stewart, with Forest Ranger John S. Bennett of Manila, directly in charge. A number of key men are also placed over the Conservation Corps while they are at work. The work is well organized and planned far in advance of the crews. A Caterpillar tractor and grader is doing the preliminary work on dugways. The greater part of the grading will be done with teams and scrapers. Work on the road from Taylor mountain will be mostly single hand work, where large crews will be used. It is expected to have work enough on this road to keep the entire crew of 200 men busily engaged, when the camp is built up to its full quota.

In camp the men are under the charge of Captain Everett L. Upson, on leave from the University of Maryland. Captain Upson has four regular army men assisting him in supervising the men. First Sergeant Frank J. Sullivan, Sergeant Edgar Haskett, Mess Sergeant Richter, Pfc. T. J. McCabe, all from H. Battery, 2nd C. A. O., Ft. Monroe, Va. The camp is known as O. C. C. Number 1342.

Captain Upson and the non-commissioned officers are high in their praise of the hospitality extended them by the people of Uintah Basin. They said they had not been treated better and enjoyed themselves more in their lives. They are enthusiastic over the ideal location of their camp and are enjoying every minute they spend in the Uintah mountains. All the men in the camp are feeling fine and their attitude is the very best. Many of them have never been in the mountains before and the work to them is quite novel.

One young chap who has spent the most of his life about the larger Virginia seaport towns, bordering Chesapeake Bay, was putting in the strokes of an expert woodman with his axe, when he cut through a piece of timber and into his foot with the sharp blade. The services of an army surgeon were secured and several stitches taken to close the wound. The Virginian was layed up for a couple of weeks but he is still anxious to carry on his work as forester in the mountain work.

The men at the camp are living under the healthiest of conditions. The water and food is carefully tested and only the very best is given the men. Drinking water at the spring, which was piped at the

at the same time, is being piped at Price.

### Enjoy World's Fair

Mrs. H. B. Calder, Vera and Grant and C. S. Carter returned Tuesday from a tour of the east and a visit to the World's Fair at Chicago. They were also accompanied by Hamilton Calder of Provo. They met Grant at New York when he arrived on the S. S. Washington, on June 2. He had just been released from a mission to the Swiss-German field. The party was in Washington, D. C., on Decoration Day and visited Arlington cemetery where they saw the grave of the Unknown Soldier. At New York they went to the top of the 110 story Empire State building and looked down upon the city from a height of 1200 feet. While in Brooklyn Mr. Carter called Miss Evelyn Green on the phone. Miss Green is on a mission in the Eastern states.

They were greatly impressed with the wonderful exhibits at the Fair at Chicago, in the hall of religions they were the first to view the exhibit of the L. D. S. church, just being completed. They said it was one of the finest in the building. More than one and one-half million people visit the Fair each day. About a month from now and until the middle of October, will be the best time to go to the Fair, they said. A person should also take at least two weeks to see all the exhibits at the exposition.

### Winner of \$25 to be Named

According to Manager Thomas Karren of the new Utah Oil & Refining company station, located just across the street south of the post-office building, the name of the winner of the \$25 purse for submitting the best name for the station, will be announced Saturday night, when the contest closes.

All those who desire to submit names must have them in not later than Saturday night, according to Mr. Karren. Considerable interest is being shown in the contest and some very good names have been submitted.

Mrs. Ella Platner and daughter, Betty Rae of Craig, who have been visiting a week with Mrs. Platner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cook, returned to her home Wednesday.

in the Primary association for years and a Relief Society teacher.

The deceased was born in Salem, Utah, October 23, 1871; her parents were George P. and Mary Davis. On February 4, 1891, she was married to Peter A. Case at Provo, Utah, who survives. Mr. Case is the mother of ten children nine of whom are living. Those surviving are George Albert Case, Ivanhoe, California; Ralph L. and Solomon O., are both World War veterans from Jensen; Ernest F. Jensen; Mrs. Paul Watkins, Vernal; Mrs. Roy Elefritz, Garrettsville, Eldon and Elva all of Jensen. She is also survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. William Evans, Ogden; Mrs. Charles Morris, Pleasant Grove; Orson P. Davis, Salem. There are thirteen grand children.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Jensen ward chapel under the direction of the Jensen ward bishopric; George Case and family from California are expected to be present. Interment will be in the Jensen cemetery under the direction of the Swain Funeral Home.

### Rabbit Ear Pass Now Open

Lion President, J. R. Douglas received a telephone message Tuesday morning from the Mayor of Steamboat Springs, Colo., saying that Rabbit Ear pass had been officially opened to travel that morning. The road is in splendid condition and many tourists are coming this short, scenic route in preference to the other routes which traverse long arid spaces.

### RANGELEY WELL GIVES 300 BARRELS DAILY

The deep test oil well drilled by the California company in the Rangely field, about 55 miles east of here, was reported flowing about 300 barrels daily.

The well was bottomed at 6000 feet. After it was found the gas pressure was insufficient to force the oil through the nine-inch casing that had been installed, the flow was cut off and a four-inch casing substituted.

At the opening dance at Baxters on Saturday night it is reported there were more than 60 cars from Utah. The dance was held in a newly completed hall, just over the Utah-Colorado state line.

### Chinese Actress at World's Fair



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## Lawsuit against Daggett County Jail to proceed

STORY BY DEREK HOPPER  
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In a ruling handed down Friday, Jan. 11, 2019. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawsuit against Daggett County and those associated with the accused abuse of inmates will move forward in federal court.

In May of last year, the ACLU of Utah announced that a lawsuit had been filed on behalf of Steven Drollette and Dustin, two former inmates at the Daggett County Jail. Since the initial announcement, other inmates including Joshua Asay have joined the lawsuit, according to



information provided by the Utah Investigative Journalism Project.

"Damages and injunctive relief for a pattern of severe cruelty against them while they were incarcerated at the Daggett County Jail." are being sought according to formal complaints from the victims of abuse.

The complaints describe being attacked by police dogs, guards shocking with Tasers for entertainment, threatened with a gun, physical assault, and the denial of medical and mental health care.

Complainants also contend that county and state employees and officials were aware of the pattern of abuse but failed to take action. In the decision, issued on Friday, Judge Kimball of U.S. District Court denied the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss.

Prior to the decision, an advisement hearing was held on Dec. 18, 2018, where the court heard the Motion.

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**INDIGESTION**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior,  
S. Land office at Vernal,  
ah, December 13, 1915.  
Notice is hereby given that  
George Warby, of Antelope,  
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Claimant names as witness:  
James A. Briggs, Jacob C.  
Anderson, George Hastrup,  
Knud Ronholt, all of Manila,  
Utah.

PETER HANSON,  
Dec. 17-Jan. 14. Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land office at Vernal,  
Utah, December 13, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that  
Volmer Nebeker, of Antelope,  
Utah, who on July 17, 1909,  
made Homestead entry, Serial  
No. 02402, for S 1/2 NE 1/4, S  
NW 1/4, Section 3, Township 2  
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to the land above describe-  
before M. N. Larsen, U.  
Commissioner, at Antelope,  
Uintah County, Utah, on the  
twenty-fourth day of Jan-  
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Claimant names as witness:  
Hugh Twitchel, James W.  
Twitchel, Manilla, Utah, P. G.  
Wall, Ammon-Nebeker, Jr.,  
of Antelope, Utah.

PETER HANSON,  
Dec. 17-Jan. 14. Register.

**NOTICE TO WATER USERS**

State Engineer's Office, Salt  
Lake City, Utah, December 8,  
1915.

Notice is hereby given that  
Lula King, whose post office  
address is Dragon, Utah, has  
made application in accord-  
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the Compiled Laws of Utah,  
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SE cor of the SW quarter  
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publication of this notice.

W. D. BEERS,  
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**NOTICE TO WATER USERS**

State Engineer's Office, Salt  
Lake City, Utah, December 10,  
1915.

Notice is hereby given that  
Sidney H. King, whose post  
office address is Dragon,  
Utah, has made application in  
accordance with the require-  
ments of the Compiled Laws  
of Utah, 1907, as amended by  
the Session Laws of Utah,  
1909, 1911 and 1915, to appro-  
priate two-thousandths (.002)  
of a cubic-foot of water per  
second from Lost Spring, Uint-  
ah County, Utah. Said spring  
issues at a point which bears  
S 76 deg 8 min W. 6,944 feet,  
from the 180th Mile Post on

as No. 6420.  
All protests against the  
granting of said application,  
stating the reasons therefor,  
must be made by affidavit in  
duplicate, accompanied by a  
fee of \$2.50, and filed in this  
office within thirty (30) days  
after the completion of the  
publication of this notice.

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**NOTICE TO WATER USERS**

State Engineer's Office, Salt  
Lake City, Utah, December  
2, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that  
Reuben T. Freestone, whose  
post office address is Vernal,  
Utah, has made application in  
accordance with the require-  
ments of the Compiled Laws  
of Utah, 1907, as amended by  
the Session Laws of Utah,  
1909, 1911 and 1915, to ap-  
propriate five-sevenths (5-7)  
of a cubic-foot of water per  
sec from Brush creek and Cot-  
tonwood Wash, Uintah county,  
Utah. The quantity of water ap-  
propriated from Brush creek  
will be diverted at a point  
which lies 528 ft N of the SE  
cor of the NE quarter of sec  
10, tp 3 S, R 22 E, Salt Lake  
base and meridian. The quan-  
tity of water appropriated  
from Cottonwood wash will be  
diverted at a point which lies  
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creek at its point of diversion  
from where the commingle  
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cation is designated in the  
State Engineer's office as No  
6381.

All protests against the  
granting of said application,  
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## LINWOOD AND MANILA

Manila and Linwood now located in Daggett County must be included in our Uintah County settlements. Daggett County area was a part of Uintah County for thirty-eight years, from 1880 to 1918.

The first settler was Uncle Jack Robinson, a mountain man, who constructed a cabin on lower Henry's Fork about three miles west of where Flaming Gorge is now located. Other early notables included Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, Uncle Dick Wooten, and Liver-Eating Johnson. Jim Baker entered the region in 1839 and built a cabin further west. He was joined by his brother John Baker who built his cabin a few miles west of Jim's on the banks of Henry's Fork. Many young adventurers and mountain men settled in lodges near John Baker's cabin creating the first semblance of a town and a trading post for trappers and Indians which supersede Fort Bridger in that capacity. They were closely associated with the people in Brown's Park. In 1877 Frank and Jessie James came west to California and on this journey spent some time in Brown's Hole and along Henry's Fork. Accompanied by the old trapper, Jim Baker, the James Brothers spent part of the winter in the old cabin of Uncle Jack Robinson.

In the late 1800s many ranchers settled on the north side of the Uinta Mountains which was first in Green River County, Utah Territory. After the creation of Wyoming Territory in 1868, when most of the Green River County was lost, Summit County, Utah, was extended eastward to the Colorado line incorporating what is now Daggett. In 1880 when Uintah County was formed out of Wasatch, Summit and Sanpete counties, this area became a part of Uintah County.<sup>1</sup> Although geographically belonging to Utah, economically the people in this area were tied to Wyoming. They were for many years isolated from the rest of Utah behind the High Uintas and could be reached by decent roads only from Wyoming. Travelers going to Uinta Basin usually traveled through Brown's Hole.

When the ranchers in the Linwood-Manila areas became a part of Uintah County all business pertaining to homesteads, taxes and other county business had to be taken care of at the Uintah County Courthouse in Ashley Valley. There was an abundance of beef, deer and elk to provide meals during the cold winters, and they grew and stored vegetables in the summer. In the fall the settlers would make the long journey over the mountain to Ashley Valley using the Carter Road built by the soldiers in 1882. In the valley they would pick up the well-known Ashley Valley staples of apples and honey and take care of county business.<sup>2</sup> Freighters also made trips down to Ashley to deliver supplies from Wyoming. Tom Welch was one of the freighters, helping his step-father in freighting goods from Green River City, Wyoming, to all of Ashley Valley,

including Fort Thornburgh and Fort Duchesne. At that time, Green River City was the closest supply station to those forts outside of Fort Bridger. The freight consisted mostly of grocery supplies but Welch once stated that a good deal of whiskey went to Fort Duchesne. Welch also freighted supplies into the town of Ashley located on the Ashley Creek bottom just north of the present Vernal. The town of Ashley then consisted of only a saloon, a dance hall and several crude houses or cabins.<sup>3</sup>

Whenever men settled an area, there seemed to soon appear a saloon and dance hall. Both of these were found on Henry's Fork—the Bucket of Blood Saloon and a splendid octagonal dance hall. George Widdon was born January 7, 1881, and was still alive in 1965. He spent his life around Burnt Fork and Henry's Fork and told about the dance hall in an interview:

There used to be some wild old dances in that old dance hall. I remember some good ones. You know, the dance floor manager was a real strict guy about men having to wear coats. He just wouldn't let them dance if they didn't, so some of the guys would pass their coat around to their friends in order for everybody to get to dance. Lots of them would come in drunk and that dance manager would toss them right out again. He wouldn't let anybody talk bad in front of the women folk, either.

The whole country was rough at that time. I used to see Butch (Cassidy) and his boys up at dances in the old Burnt Fork Hall, lots of times. Some of them was sure rough—but not Butch. Oh, he was a real swell guy. They can't tell me anything bad about him, I just won't believe it. I knew him well. My brother Tom rode with Butch's gang, and they used to lay over in Green River at Tom's barn on the south side between rides.<sup>4</sup>

These dances were considered pretty wild, but if they were not wild enough the men could always go to the Bucket Of Blood Saloon which was constructed in 1882 and located northwest of Linwood. This establishment was built to profit from the business of cattlemen and outlaws who inhabited the region co-equally. It is not known who first constructed the saloon, although it may have been Robert D. Swift who first appears as owner-operator of the popular establishment several years later. Swift, a tall, thin, likeable guy, served as bartender at the saloon for many years. His cabin was located just across Henry's Fork from the Bucket of Blood. Swift constructed a foot bridge between his cabin and the saloon in the early 1880s which was directly on the Wyoming-Utah state line.

The Bucket of Blood was located in Utah, only five yards from the Wyoming state line. The saloon was a log structure with a dirt roof, about fifteen by twenty-five feet running east to west. There was a porch on the south side of the building with a slab roof. There was also a board sidewalk and a hitching post for horses on the south front. The saloon itself was located in the east end of the building and sported a polished bar and several homemade booths. The west end contained a store room for liquor and supplies, which included a supply of kerosene lamps which were hung from nails in the log beams of the ceiling and which were constantly shot out by the rowdy customers.

Professional gamblers and regional outlaws found the saloon to their liking. Being just five feet from the Utah-Wyoming line, it was a fairly safe place. If the law came after an outlaw from one state the culprit could hop across the line. Tom McCarty, head of the infamous McCarty Gang spent several winters as a visitor at the bar. After a holdup in Colorado, which nearly cost McCarty his life, he "holed up" in an old cabin built by James Bridger, located on Bridger Bottom of the Green River at the place now under water at Buckboard Bay of Flaming Gorge Lake. The notorious Kid Curry and Ben Kilpatrick, the "Tall Texan," spent much time at the bar while spending the winter in Hide-Out Canyon on the Green River, eluding the law and using Linwood as a supply base. The most famous visitor at the Bucket of Blood was Butch Cassidy. He was friends with many of the men in the area including Bob Swift, M.N. Larsen, Cleophas J. Dowd, George Solmon and Willard Schofield, to name a few. Other visitors included Sundance Kid, Elza Lay, Red Bob, and Harry Tracy along with other members of the Wild Bunch.<sup>5</sup>

The bar was sold several times. Bob Swift sold out to Charles Harvey, Sr., who sold the saloon to Henry Weyman in about 1910. A man named Haverson next owned the establishment and by this time the old saloon was an imposing structure, completely decorated with a lavish hardwood bar and hanging lamps. This unique bar which bore a sign reading "\$1.00 per hole for each bullet shot into this bar," supplied liquor to many distinguished persons of one profession or another. Among them was Dan Mackey, "The Millionaire Shepherder," who brought his entire crew into town each Friday and remained over until Sunday, spending as much as \$1,000 over the bar.<sup>6</sup>

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In 1893 Adolph Jessen, a prominent mining engineer of Salt Lake City, had been awarded a government contract for surveying and platting the unsurveyed lands in the area as the result of some mining excitement in the vicinity. At that time, he became impressed with the agricultural potentialities if water could be secured in what was called "Dry Valley" and later became "Lucerne Valley." Subsequent investigations convinced Jessen that water from

Sheep Creek and its tributaries could be conveyed in a canal along the mountain, turned loose in Lodge Pole Canyon, stored in Cannon Basin, and conveyed by another canal into "Dry Valley." Acting upon his conviction, Jessen and his associates, Ellsworth Daggett and R. C. Chambers, formed the Lucerne Land and Water Company in 1893-1894. The canal which carried the water was called the Sheep Creek Canal. It watered 10,000 acres in the west and middle part of the valley. With the introduction of water into the region settlers came in to take up homesteads. Gradually the stock in the water company was sold to the settlers, and eventually the early company dissolved, and the irrigation system became known as the Sheep Creek Irrigation Company.<sup>7</sup>

Water having become available, Mormon colonists penetrated the region in 1896 to take up homesteads. They came principally from Beaver, in the southern part of the state. The original company consisted of James Warby, George Warby, Franklin Twitchell, and Daniel Morgan Nelson and families. They were followed by Samuel Warby, Edward Tolton, James Reid, and Axel Anderson and families. The settlement consisted of log cabins built around what was known as the "dugout" and which stood just above the present town of Manila. This was the beginning of the town of Manila in the western part of Lucerne Valley.<sup>8</sup> Jessen, who had surveyed the townsite in 1898, had the plats all packed and ready for mailing to Washington, D.C. listing the name of the town as Chambers in honor of his partner. Then Jessen received the news that Admiral Dewey had just defeated the Spanish at Manila Bay. To commemorate this victory, Jessen unpacked the plats and changed the name to Manila. Manila was incorporated in 1936.<sup>9</sup>

In 1899 a group of homesteaders in the eastern valleys around Henry's Fork who were hoping to get water cheaper started a water system of their own. This was called the Peoples' Canal and it took water from Henry's Fork instead of from Sheep Creek and watered the 2,000 acres on the eastern end of the what is now Daggett County. The canal wasn't completed until 1902.

One of the men, George Solomon who located in this area, had a townsite surveyed for \$60 and wanted to name it Linwood—another name for cottonwood, but the town didn't come to pass. In 1903 Solomon sold his ranch out to Keith Smith, an easterner who had just graduated from Yale University. The ranchers living in the area had been receiving their mail at the Washam Post Office in Wyoming. However, Dick Son, the postmaster became blind, and as there was on one else to run the post office, Keith Smith who now owned the ranch on the Linwood townsite, applied for a post office. On October 17, 1903, Smith received a letter of appointment. The Linwood Postoffice was in existence for sixty years and Smith remained as the Postmaster until 1919, a year after Daggett County was formed.

On November 16, 1903, Keith Smith's father, Frank Smith, and Marius Larsen started a store called the Smith and Larsen Mercantile Company. The store and post office were first located in a galvanized iron building on the Larsen place. After a few months Frank Smith bought out Larsen's interest, but kept the name of the corporation. After a short time, they moved the Smith and Larsen Mercantile and the post office to the bunk house on their ranch. Later Keith Smith took over the mercantile store from his father. Smith later sold one-third interest in the store to George Rasmussen. By this time Larsen and Smith each had hotels of sorts. Smith's had three rooms to rent, and the woman running it served meals to itinerants as well as to men working on the place. Larsen and Smith each carried on a livery stable business as well, and Larsen later opened another store. There was also a dance hall. In 1909 William Gardiner applied to Uintah County commissioners for a license to run a saloon at Linwood.

In 1907 a petition was sent to Uintah County Commissioners by Edward Tolton asking that a voting precinct be established and that a justice of the peace and constable be appointed. This was granted and the boundaries were to conform with school district #17. Frank W. Smith was appointed justice of the peace and Frank Ellison as constable.

## SCHOOLS

Several schools were held in Wyoming, most around Burnt Fork, with the Utah students attending. This publication will only provide information on schools in Uintah County. A school was located about five miles east of Manila on lower Henry's Fork and just slightly south of the Utah-Wyoming state line. The dates of this school is unknown. It was probably in District #6 or may have been a private school.<sup>10</sup> The cabin where the school was held was of log construction, wooded floor and dirt roof, fourteen by sixteen feet with a wood stove. The school was established in 1893 and operated for two years. Students were from the Large, Finch, and Hereford ranches. As paper was not available, slates were used. Curriculum included reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling and geography. The only teacher at the school was Charles Driskell.

Another school established for Uintah County pupils residing in this area was petitioned for on July 6, 1895. The petition signed by George Finch, M. Larsen and fourteen other residents of Henry Fork and vicinity was sent over to the Uintah County Commissioners. The petition asked that a school district and polling place be created comprising of the following territory to wit: All that part of Uintah County in Utah Territory lying North of the Uintah Mountain and west of Green River. However, since there were no persons recommended in

the petition to act as officers in the said school district, the petition was tabled. The clerk was instructed to write to the petitioners for information regarding who they would recommend be appointed to fill the school district offices.<sup>11</sup>

On September 16, 1896, it was resolved by the county commissioners that all that portion of the State of Utah lying north of the Uintah Mountains and west of Green River be known as School district #13 and as county precinct #6. B. Gamble, George Finch and William Wyman were appointed trustees for the school.<sup>12</sup>

A school building was constructed in 1897 at Birch Creek, some sixteen miles west of Manila and about four and one-half miles south of the Burnt Fork, Wyoming, schools.<sup>13</sup> The school was a cabin, twelve by twelve feet, dirt roof and plank floor, with glass windows. The building was located on the ranch of Caribaldi "B" Gamble. The school operated from 1896-1897 to 1898 when the new Manila district #15 was organized and funds were diverted to that place. Teachers were, in 1897, Millie Catterson, and in 1898, H.E. McMillin.

In October of 1898 the Uintah County Commissioners received a petition signed by residents of Lucerne Valley asking that a school district be created. At this meeting it was deferred pending more information regarding boundaries as the east boundary would interfere with District #6. On November 25, 1898, new School District #15 was created. The new district took in parts of districts 6 and 13. Willis Twitchell, Benjamin Slagowski and Frank Ellison were appointed as trustees.<sup>14</sup> The school was held in a small log cabin, located one block east of the present Manila school. The school served until 1903 with Benjamin Slagowski as the first teacher. Slagowski was a graduate of the Beaver Stake Academy of Southern Utah and was brought from Ashley Valley to serve as teacher for the new school. He was followed by Andrew Vernon and the last teacher was Mattie Vernon.<sup>15</sup>

In 1901 or 1902 a community hall was constructed under the direction of Bishop Willis Twitchell and Peter G. Wall which was used as a church. The "Town Hall," as it was called was thirty by forty feet and had the first tongue-and-grooved floor in the area. In 1904 the Town Hall was utilized as a school when a new church was built a few yards to the south. As a school, the building was partitioned with canvas curtains and two teachers taught at the same time. Peak enrollment was about forty pupils and school was held in the Town Hall until a new school building was constructed in 1912. The old town hall passed from ownership of Peter G. Wall to Willard Schofield who later used it as Manila's second store, a dance hall, post office, etc.

In 1912 a two-story log school building was constructed two blocks west of the Town Hall by George and Adolph Hastrup. This school had four classrooms, two on each floor, and served as a school for Uintah School District

#15 until Daggett became a county in 1918. The school continued on under Daggett County until 1922 when the building was purchased to become the Daggett County Courthouse.

Bucket of Blood saloon owner, Bob Swift, and other ranchers Charles Large, Frank Ellison, George Finch and George Hereford for many years had fought to obtain a school for their children in the Linwood area. Finally, on January 12, 1900, the school was secured. It was a log structure, twelve by fourteen feet, dirt roof, plank floor and contained a wood stove. The school was located three and one-half miles northwest of Linwood and west of the Bucket of Blood Saloon. The school operated for four years with an enrollment of twenty-six students in its final year. School District 6 and 13 were both in operation at this time and included parts of Wyoming. (Get someone to figure by district where at)

With the closing of this school in 1904, both Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and Uintah County, Utah, recognized the need for a better school in which to educate their children living on both sides of the Utah-Wyoming state line. It seemed foolish to build a school on each side of the line since they were all neighbors. Therefore, they needed a school where students from both states could be housed within the same school, and yet be under jurisdiction of the state in which they claimed residence. On May 1, 1905, M. N. Larsen brought a petition to the county commissioners recommending that a new school district be formed out of School District #15 (Manila.) The petition went under advisement. At the commissioners' meeting on November 6, 1905, they granted that the new district be formed and called District #17. George Finch, E.H. Tolton and Keith Smith were appointed as trustees, and bonds were fixed at \$300 for each man.<sup>16</sup>

It was suggested that Sweetwater County District #13 (Wyoming) and the new Uintah County District #17 (Utah) join together in the construction of one school to serve both states. In order to bypass certain state laws and restrictions, the school would be constructed exactly upon the state line. The originators of this novel and practical scheme were Robert Swift, George Solomon, Marius Larsen, Keith Smith, George Finch and George Hereford.

Construction began in the early summer of 1904. ???(district not granted until nov, 1905) The ridge pole was laid east to west directly on the state line. Therefore, as the building arose, the north part lay in Wyoming while the south part was in Utah. It was one large room, thirty-five by twenty-three feet, of frame construction with metal sheeting outside, painted red. When the unique building was completed it was called the "Little Red School House" and the school was referred to as the "Stateline School." The Utah students sat in desks on the south side of the building and the Wyoming students sat on the north

side. The black board ran along the west wall and the room was lighted by windows looking north into Wyoming and south into Utah. It was heated with a large wood heater and lighted by kerosene lamps on variously located shelves.

The little school was featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not. They claimed it was the only school in the U.S. to be constructed in two states at one time under the cooperation and jurisdiction of two school boards with students from two states attending in the same building but seated in different states.

There was confusion at times for the teachers, as how a student could be disciplined, for Wyoming law was liberal concerning discipline of pupils while Utah was somewhat stricter. Therefore, when a Utah pupil stepped out of line, he was unceremoniously dragged across the room into Wyoming and disciplined. In 1905 there were twenty students and enrollment rose to forty students by 1907.

Gerald Thorne of Vernal was asked to teach the school in 1912-1913. Thorne was a small man and, although he accepted the position, he was a little nervous because the class consisted of some of the larger boys from neighboring ranches who objected violently to being educated. On the first day of school, these protesters threatened to drag the small teacher through Henry's Fork, whereas Mr. Thorne proceeded to cut himself a section of stiff rubber hose and with this "persuader," he was able to conduct his classes in reasonable safety.

This unique school was one of the best of its kind in either state as the school season was longer by several months than the average country school and for this reason, the trustees were able to procure better teachers than were willing to sign for the shorter season. The way the school worked was also unique. Utah would begin the school using Utah textbooks and Utah school regulations. Wyoming children came and studied with the Utah students at the expense of taxpayers of Utah. After Utah had paid the bills for three or four months, the children switched over to Wyoming books and regulations and the teacher reported to the Wyoming county school superintendent. Inter-state spelling matches were regular weekly occurrences. The teacher was required to keep two roll books—one for each state.

One of the trustees behind this school was unique in himself: Keith Smith was a Yale University graduate. His brother, Sanford M. Smith, who also resided at Linwood was a Yale graduate. Keith's son later went from Linwood schools to Yale.

Many incidents can be connected with the "Old Stateline Schoolhouse" as it is now called. Whenever a new stove or a wall map was needed the funds were raised by giving a dance in the schoolhouse. Desks and benches were removed for the night and the ranchers drove over to Linwood, a distance of twenty miles or more for the social event.<sup>17</sup> The folks danced in the Utah side

and drank in the Wyoming side. During a dance one night an unknown character appeared from out of the darkness and emptied his 30.30 rifle into the back wall of the building just as the dancers had seated themselves, fortunately, for the bullets passed over their heads and no one was injured.

Tom Welch was a Wyoming peace officer for Henry's Fork at the time the school was operating. One day he received a call to pick up a boy who had quarrelled with his dad and left home. Welch found the boy in the Stateline School, but he was seated on the Utah side, and Welch only had authority in Wyoming. He couldn't arrest the boy, so he sat down in a chair on the Wyoming side and waited. Along towards morning it became pretty cold, so the boy built a fire in the stove and leaned back in his chair, propping his feet up on the stove. Officer Welch kept telling him he would get him sooner or later. As the schoolhouse warmed up, the boy fell asleep. Then the officers collared him by the neck and dragged him across the room into Wyoming and arrested him.<sup>18</sup>

The Stateline School continued to operate until about 1918. <sup>which was then</sup> At that time Daggett County was taken out of Uintah County, so they were no longer responsible for schools in that area. The enrollment had dropped with many Wyoming students having moved to the nearby Washum School. <sup>And</sup> Therefore, the school was forced to close.

Before World War I, freighting was done almost entirely by wagon and the short haul from Green River City made Linwood a good supply base for the sheep companies. When trucks came into general use it became easier and cheaper for big outfits to haul their supplies directly to the camps from towns on the railroad. Then the big sheep companies began to fold and the sheep boom was over. The booming town of Linwood began to fold. Larsen sold out his store, the dance hall was torn down, and the hotels and boarding houses were empty. The Bucket of Blood fell into Henry's fork one spring when the stream decided to change its course. <sup>Linwood</sup> The town became a ghost town.

When the government decided to build the Flaming Gorge Dam, the remaining buildings were either burned or moved from the area. The little red school house was moved and was used by the Jarvie family as a granary. It still stands on the Wyoming side by the home of Ruth and Pamala Jarvie. Their home is one of the old two-story hotels which was moved from Linwood.

The government bought out the ranchers and burned the remainder of the town in 1962. The little town of Linwood was under two hundred feet of water by 1963.<sup>19</sup> (could put poem here) <sup>good!</sup>

In 1917 the residents of the area petitioned the Uintah County Commissioners to form a new county. A vote was put on the ballot with seventy-four people in the Daggett area voting for the change and none against and with 325 in the rest of Uintah County for and 156 voting against.

Therefore, Daggett County was formed from a part of Uintah County.

When the boundaries were announced, Governor Simon Bamberger was absent and acting governor Harden Bennion signed the proclamation on November 16, 1917. Daggett County assumed legal existence on the first Monday in January which was January 7, 1918. The new county was named Daggett by its residents in honor of Ellsworth Daggett, first surveyor-general of Utah, and the only surviving member of the three men who formed the Lucerne Land and Water Company and opened up the region for farming. Manila still a thriving town became the county seat.

The boundaries established by the governor seem to have been vague in one respect, so that in 1919 a dispute arose between Uintah and Daggett counties as to the location of that portion of the boundary line between the east boundary line of Ashley National Forest and the Utah-Colorado line, which traversed Diamond Mountain. The primary source of contention was a strip of valuable grazing land approximately seventeen miles long by six miles wide. The dispute was settled in favor of Uintah County, the boundary being located north of Pot Creek rather than between Diamond and Pot Creek.<sup>20</sup>

### Endnotes

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10. District #6 was called the Union District and the Union school operated in the lower part of Ashley Ward north of Vernal. It was later enlarged to include the area from the Colorado state line to the Wyoming line, so it included the northeast corner of Uintah County. I cannot locate when District six was enlarged. It was created in 1883 and the boundaries were changed when other districts were formed. In 1900 I found a description of all school districts and at that time it included the area to the Wyoming line. The County Commissioners formed the districts, and I gleaned this information from their minute books and other records.

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13. Kerry Ross Boren (Unpublished manuscript copy located in Uintah County Library Regional History Room) unpagged.

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17. Vernal Express, 20 October, 1906.

18. Tom Welch interviewed by Kerry Ross Boren at Green River, Wyoming, in 1959. (Taken from Boren's unpublished manuscript 979.215 located in Uintah County Library Regional History Room. <sup>different format from #15. #3</sup>)

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20. Original document in files of state engineer's office. The state engineer had been empowered by the legislature to settle such boundary disputes. (L of U, 1917 p. 367, sec. 1322.)

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The cold and sore throat epidemics that has been bothering the people outside has reached Vernal.

G. W. Boone has a new touring automobile. John W. Pope went to Dragon and brought the car in

Mrs. Mary E. Stevens of Linwood was in Vernal this week to have her husband, Reuben H. Stevens will probated. Mr. H. H. Tolton came to assist Mrs. Stevens.

Roger Horricks came in from Hayden this week. He says there is a movement on foot to consolidate the schools of Hayden and Parker. It seems that is the solving of the problem over there if it can be done.

Linwood enjoys the distinction of being probably the only town in the state where the school house is on the boundary line of another state. The house stands on the Sweetwater, Wyoming-Utah, Utah boundary line and the children from both states meet in one room. The teacher keeps two registers and makes out two reports one for Wyoming and one for Utah.

*June 17, 1910*

**UNION**

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## LUCERNE VALLEY

Manila and Linwood, located in Lucerne Valley must be included in our settlements although they are now in Daggett County. For thirty-eight years, from 1880 to 1918, Linwood and Manila were a part of Uintah County.

- Many ranchers settled in the area around the late 1800s. Although geographically belonging to Utah, economically they were tied to Wyoming. They were for many years isolated from the rest of Utah behind the High Uintas and could be reached by decent roads only from Wyoming. Manila and Linwood were the two main supply centers for the growing number of ranches in the valley. There was an abundance of beef, deer and elk to provide meals during the cold winters. In the fall the settlers would make the long journey down over the old Carter Road to Vernal to pick up the well-known Ashley Valley staples of apples and honey.<sup>1</sup> In 1880 when Uintah County was formed, the ranchers in the Lucerne Valley became a part of Uintah County and all business pertaining to homesteads, taxes and other county business had to be taken care of at the Uintah County Courthouse. Freighters also make trips down to Ashley to bring in supplies from Wyoming. Tom Welch was one of the freighter helping his step-father in freighting goods from Green River City, Wyoming, to all of Ashley Valley, including Fort Thornburg and Fort Duchesne. At that time, Green River City was the closest supply station to those forts outside of fort Bridger. The freight consisted mostly of grocery supplies but Tom once stated that a good deal of whiskey went to Fort Duchesne. Tom also freighted supplies into Ashley town located on the Ashley Creek bottom just north of the present Vernal. The town of Ashley then consisted of only a saloon, a dancehall and several crude houses or cabins. (Kerry book)

## LINWOOD

The first settler in Linwood was Uncle Jack Robinson, the mountain man, who constructed a cabin on lower Henry's Fork. Other early notables were Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, Uncle Dick Wooten, Live-Eating Johnson and others. Jim Baker entered the region in 1839 and built a cabin. Many young adventurers and mountain men settled in lodges near John Baker's cabin and there arose the first semblance of a town and a trading post for trappers and Indians and supercedes Fort Bridger in that capacity.

In 1899 a group of homesteaders who were hoping to get water cheaper started a water system of their own for the 2,000 acres at the eastern end of Lucerne Valley. This was called the Peoples' Canal and it took water from

Henry's Fork instead of from Sheep Creek. The canal wasn't completed until 1902. One of the men, George Solomon, located in this area had a townsite surveyed for \$60 and wanted to name it Linwood—another name for cottonwood. In 1903 Solomon sold his ranch out to Keith Smith, an easterner who had just graduated from Yale University. The ranchers living in the area had been receiving their mail at the Washam Post Office in Wyoming. However, Dick Son, the postmaster became blind, and as there was on one else to run the post office, Keith Smith who now owned the ranch on the Linwood townsite applied for a post office. On October 17, 1903, Smith received a letter of appointment. The Linwood Postoffice was in existence for sixty years and Smith remained as the Postmaster until 1919 a year after Daggett County was formed. On November 16, 1903 Keith Smith's father, Frank Smith, and Marius Larsen started a store called the Smith and Larsen Mercantile Company. The store and post office were first located in a galvanized iron building on the Larsen place. After a few months Frank Smith bought out Larsen's interest, but kept the name of the corporation. After a short time, they moved the Smith and Larsen Mercantile and the post office to the bunk house on their ranch. Later Keith Smith took over the mercantile store from his father. Smith later sold one-third interest in the store to George Rasmussen. By this time Larsen and Smith each had hotels of sorts. Smith's had three rooms to rent, and the woman running it served meals to inerants as well as to men working on the place. Larsen and Smith each carried on a livery stable business as well, and Larsen later opened another store. There was also a dance hall. In 1909 William Gardiner applied to Uintah County commissioners for a license to run a saloon at Linwood.

In 1907 a petition was sent to Uintah County Commissioners by Edward Tolton asking that a voting precinct be established and that a justice of the peace and constable be appointed. This was granted and the boundaries were to conform with school district #17. Frank W. Smith was appointed justice of the peace and Frank Ellison as constable.

George Widdon who was born January 7, 1881, and was still alive in 1965. He spent his life around Burnt Fork and Henry Fold and told about the Burnt Fork dance hall in an interview:

There used to be some wild old dances in that old dance hall. I remember some good ones. You know, the dance floor manager was a real strict guy about men having to wear coats. He just wouldn't let them dance if they didn't. so some of the guys would pass their coat around to the ir friends in order for everybody to get to dance. But lots of them would come in drunk and that dance

manager would toss them right out again. He wouldn't let anybody talk bad in front of the women folk, either.

The whole country was rough at that time. I used to see Butch (Cassidy) and his boys up at dances in the old Burnt Fork Hall, lots of times. Some of them was sure rough—but not Butch. Oh, he was a real swell guy. They can't tell me anything bad about him, I just won't believe it. I knew him well. My brother Tom rode with Butch's gang, and they used to lay over in Green River at Tom's barn on the south side between rides.

These dances were considered pretty wild, but if they were wild enough there was always the Bucket O' Blood saloon northwest of Linwood which was constructed in 1882. This establishment was built to profit from the business of cattlemen and outlaws which inhabited the region co-equally. It is not known who first constructed the saloon, although it may have been Robert D. Swift who first appears as owner-operator of the popular establishment several years later. Swift, a tall, thin, likeable guy, served as bartender at the saloon for many years. His cabin was located just across Henry's Fort from the Bucket O' Blood. Swift constructed a foot bridge between his cabin and the saloon in the early 1880s which was directly on the Wyoming-Utah state line.

The Bucket O' Blood was located in Utah, only five yards from the Wyoming state line. The saloon was a log structure with a dirt roof, about fifteen by twenty-five feet running east to west. There was a porch on the south side of the building with a slab roof. There was also a board sidewalk and a hitching post for horses on the south front. The saloon itself was located in the east end of the building and sported a polished bar and several homemade booths. The westend contained a store-room for liquor and supplies, which included a supply of kerosene lamps which were hung from nails in the log beams of the ceiling and which were constantly shot out by the rowdy customers.

Professional gamblers and regional outlaws found the saloon to their liking. Being just five feet from the Utah-Wyoming line, it was a fairly safe place. If the law came after an outlaw from one state the culprit could hop across the line. Tom McCarty, head of the infamous McCarty Gang spent several winters as a visitor at the bar. After a holdup in Colorado, which nearly cost McCarty his life, he "holed up" in an old cabin built by James Bridger, located on Bridger Bottom of the Green River at the place now under water at Buckboard Bay of Flaming Gorge Lake. The notorious Kid Curry and Ben Kilpatrick, the "Tall Texan", spent much time at the bar while spending the winter in Hide-Out Canyon on the Green River, eluding the law and using Linwood as a supply base. The most famous visitor at the Bucket O' Blood was Butch Cassidy. He

was friends with many of the men in the area including Bob Swift, M.N. Larsen, Cleophas J. Dowd, George Solmon and Willard Schofield, to name a few. Other visitors included Sundance Kid, Elza Lay, Red Bob, and Harry Tracy along with other members of the Wild Bunch. (Kerry Book)

The bar was sold several times. Bob Swift sold out to Charles Harvey, Sr., who sold the saloon to Henry Weyman in about 1910. A man named Haverson next owned the establishment and by this time the old saloon was an imposing structure, completely decorated with a lavish hardwood bar and hanging lamps. This unique bar which bore a sign reading "\$1.00 per hole for each bullet shot into this bar," supplied liquor to many distinguished persons of one profession or another. Among them was Dan Mackey, "The Millionaire Sheepherder" who brought his entire crew into town each Friday and remained over until Sunday, spending as much as \$1,000 over the bar.(Kerry Book)

Saloon owner, Bob Swift, and other ranchers Charles Large, Frank Ellison, George Finch and George Hereford for many years had fought to obtain a school for their children and finally, on January 12, 1900, the school was secured. It was a log structure, twelve by fourteen feet, dirt roof, plank floor and contained a wood stove. The school was located three and one-half miles northwest of Linwood and west of the Bucket O' Blood Saloon. The school operated for four years with an enrollment of twenty-six students in its final year.

With the closing of this school in 1904, both Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and Uintah County, Utah, recognized the need for a better school in which to educate their children living on both sides of the Utah-Wyoming state line. It seemed foolish to build a school on each side of the line since they were all neighbors. Therefore, they needed a school where students from both states could be housed within the same school, and yet be under jurisdiction of the state in which they claimed residence. It was suggested that Sweetwater County District #13 (Wyoming) and Uintah County District #17 (Utah) join together in the construction of one school to serve both states. In order to bypass certain state laws and restrictions, the school would be constructed exactly upon the state lines of both. The originators of this novel and practical scheme were Robert Swift, George Solomon, Marius Larsen, Keith Smith, George Finch and George Hereford.

Construction began in the early summer of 1904. The ridge pole was laid east to west directly upon the state line. Therefore, as the building arose, the north part lay in Wyoming while the south part was in Utah. It was one large room, thirty-five by twenty-three feet, of frame construction with metal sheeting outside, painted red. When the unique building was completed it was called the "Little Red School House" and sometimes referred to as the "Stateline School."

The Utah students sat in desks on the south side of the buildings and the Wyoming students sat on the north side. The black board ran along the west wall and the room was lighted by windows looking north into Wyoming and south into Utah. It was heated with a large wood heater and lighted by kerosene lamps on variously located shelves.

The little school was featured in Ripley's believe it or not. They claimed it was the only school in the U.S. to be constructed in two states at one time under the cooperation and jurisdiction of two school boards with students from two states attending in the same building but seated in different states.

There was confusion at times for the teacher as Wyoming law was liberal concerning discipline of pupils while Utah was somewhat stricter as how a student could be disciplined. Therefore, when a Utah pupil stepped out of line, he was unceremoniously dragged across the room into Wyoming and disciplined. In 1905 there were twenty students and enrollment rose to forty students by 1907.

Gerald Thorn of Vernal was asked to teach the school in 1912-1913. Thorn was a small man and although he accepted the position he was a little nervous because the class consisted of some of the larger boys from neighboring ranches who objected violently to being educated. On the first day of school, these protestors threatened to drag the small teacher through Henry's Fork, whereas Mr. Thorn proceeded to cut himself a section of stiff rubber hose and with this "persuader," he was able to conduct his classes in reasonable safety.

This unique school was one of the best of its kind in either state as the school season was longer by several months than the average country school and for this reason, the trustees were able to procure better teachers than are willing to sign for the shorter season. The way the school worked was also unique. Utah would begin the school using Utah textbooks and Utah school regulations. Wyoming children came and studied with the Utah students at the expense of taxpayers of Utah. After Utah had paid the bills for three or four months, the children switched over to Wyoming books and regulations and the teacher reported to the Wyoming county school superintendent. Inter-state spelling matches were regular weekly occurrences. The teacher was required to keep two roll books one for each state.

One of the trustees behind this school was unique in himself, Keith Smith was a Yale University graduate. His brother who was also at Linwood was also a Yale graduate. Keith's son later went from Linwood schools to Yale.

Many incidents can be connected with the "Old Stateline Schoolhouse" as it is now called. Whenever a new stove or a wall map was needed the funds were raised by giving a dance in the schoolhouse. Desks and benches were removed for the night and the ranchers drove over to Linwood for a distance of twenty miles or more for the social event.<sup>2</sup> The folks danced in the Utah side

and drank in the Wyoming side. During a dance one night an unknown character appeared from out of the darkness and emptied his 30.30 rifle into the back wall of the building, fortunately just as the dancers had seated themselves for the bullets passed over their heads and no one was injured.

Tom Welch was a Wyoming peace officer for Henry's Fork at the time the school was operating. One day he received a call to pick up a boy who had had a quarrel with his dad and left home. Welch found the boy in the Stateline School, but he was seated on the Utah side, and Welch only had authority in Wyoming. He couldn't arrest the boy, so he sat down in a chair on the Wyoming side and waited. Along towards morning it became pretty cold, so the boy built a fire in the stove and leaned back in his chair, propping his feet up on the stove. Officer Welch kept telling him he would get him sooner or later. As the schoolhouse warmed up, the boy fell asleep. Then the officers collared him by the neck and dragged him across the room into Wyoming, and arrested him.(Kerry Book interviewed by Boren in Green River, Wyo in 1959.)

The stateline school continued to operate until about 1918. At that time Daggett County was taken out of Uintah County, so they were no longer responsible for schools in that area. The enrollment had dropped with many student having moved to the nearby Washum School. Therefore, the school was forced to close. The little red school house was moved and was used by the Jarvie family and used as a granary. It still stands on the Wyoming side by the home of Ruth and Pamala Jarvie. There home is one of the old two-story hotels which was moved from Linwood when Flaming Gorge Dam was built and backed up water covering the little town of Linwood. The government bought out the ranchers and the little ghost town of Linwood was under water by 1963.<sup>3</sup>

## MANILA

Manila was settled in 1896 when the Lucerne Land and Water Company was formed to bring irrigation to the area. The water was taken out of Sheep Creek while it was still the mountains, and was called the Sheep Creek Canal. It watered 10,000 acres in the west and middle part of the valley. The town was named Manila because Admiral Dewey had just defeated the Spanish at Manila Bay.

## SCHOOLS

The first school established for Uintah County pupils residing in this area

was petitioned for on July 6, 1895. The petition signed by George Finch, M. Larsen and fourteen other residents of Henry Fork and vicinity was sent over to the Uintah County Commissioners. The petition asked that a school district and polling place be created comprising of the following territory to wit. All that part of Uintah County in Utah Territory lying North of the Uintah Mountain and west of Green River. However, since there were no persons recommended in the petition to act as officers in the said school district, the petition was tabled. The clerk was instruted to write to the petitioners for information regarding who would be appointed to fill the school district offices.<sup>4</sup>

(Find where it was finally set up in minutes)The school was constructed in 1897?(Kerry)at Birch Creek, some sixteen miles west of Manila and aobut four and one-half mmiles south of the Burnt Fork, Wyoming, schools. This was set up as School District 13 of Uintah County, Utah. The school was a cabin, twelve by fwelve feet, dirt roof and plank floor, with glass windows. The building was located on the ranch of Caribaldi "B" Gamble. The school operated from 1897 to 1898 when the new Maila district was organized and funds were diverted to that place. Teachers were, in 1897 Millie Catterson, and in 1898, H.E. McMillin.

1. Stephen L. Carr, The Historical Guide to Utah Ghost Towns, (Salt Lake City, Utah: Western Epics, 1972) 68.

2. Vernal Express, 20 October, 1906.

3. Much of the material for Linwood came from the following sources: Keith Smith, Recollections of Keith Smith of Linwood, Utah, (self-published 1968, copy located in the Uintah County Library Regional History Room folder #1397: Kerry Ross Boren, (a collection of unpublished material of Daggett County presented to Doris Burton by Kerry Ross Boren. Copy located in Regional History Room. (979.215 misl.)

4. Uintah County Commissioners minutes page 209, 6 July, 1895.

## Manila resident serves over 20 years as Vernal Express correspondent

Sixty-year resident of Manila, Clara Robinson, has been prying into people's lives for many years. But her prying hasn't been negative, only good investigative reporting.

Mrs. Robinson has been the Manila correspondent for the Vernal Express for over 20 years. Before reporting to this newspaper, she was the correspondent for the Green River Star, the Rock Springs Rocket and the Mountain View Pioneer from Manila. She was also the Manila Town Clerk for over 13 years.

She moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ruble to Manila in 1933 after graduating from high school in Green River. She has remained in Manila since 1933 other than a few short moves from the valley. She says she has seen many changes especially since the Flaming Gorge Dam was constructed. She reports on everything from the winter weather to construction of county buildings. She also covers school events as well as senior citizen happenings.

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agreed with.

As a long-time member of the local M and L Homemakers Club, Mrs. Robinson and other members raised funds many years ago to place a fence around the local cemetery. As she described the cemetery, it wasn't taken care of and she heard people who returned to the area for funerals make comments about its condition. So the club bought fencing that sat in the county yard for many years. It wasn't until Duane Lamb and Albert Steinaker were elected County Commissioners that the cemetery got its face lift.

The commissioners purchased additional land, planted lawn and installed a sprinkling system, and yes, erected the fence to protect the cemetery. Now Mrs. Robinson hears positive comments from visitors about the condition of the cemetery.

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member she is a reporter trying to get a story. A story that over 16,000 people across the country will read, as well as the people who live in the area she serves.

Two Manila High School girls brought home medals from the State Track meet last weekend that was held in Provo. Melissa Barber of Dutch John took first place in the high jump with a 5-foot jump. In addition, Candice Collett, also of Dutch John, placed fifth in the long jump with a jump of 14-feet 9 and one-half-inches. They are coached by Charles Mohler who said he hopes the track team does well next year.

This has been clean-up week in Manila and Daggett County. Some things that have needed to be cleaned up for a long time was accomplished. Many of the school children helped while others worked all week on their own lots and along the highway.

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On May 26, there will be a friendship picnic at Constitution Park in Roosevelt. The Manila people will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. that day and everyone is to bring their favorite dish. There will be no meal served at the Center that day.

A home health meeting will be conducted at the Senior Citizen Center in Manila at 10 a.m. on June 10.

Warm days this past week have caused the fruit trees to bloom and other trees to leaf out. Daffodils are about through blooming as are the tulips while new flowers are beginning to sprout.

The Manila Elementary School traveled by bus on May 11, to take a ride on the Heber Crepper. The Utah State Bookmobile will be at Daggett Schools for the last time this school year on May 21.

Manila High School students will travel to Lagoon on May 21.

The Manila LDS Seminary will conduct graduation exercises at 3 p.m. on May 23 at the Manila LDS Chapel.

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activities. Manila High students are content with the lifestyle they lead which draws them back to their home after college. For many, their chosen fields will force them to stay in a more populated area, but some choose to return to Daggett County to raise their own families. Many of Manila's youth are multi-generational.

The celebration of Daggett County's 75th anniversary will be a year-long event, according to Kanoe Wilde a member of the Daggett Centennial Committee. The celebration will be in conjunction with Utah's Centennial events. Waineta Lamb, the high school librarian, has set up an extensive exhibition in the library of Daggett memorabilia and students are interviewing their relatives on their histories. These interviews will be placed in a book for everyone to see.

Daggett County is small in size only but big on spirit. The pioneer spirit of its residents that will be continued to the next 75 years.

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spread themselves among different

# Missing youth found alive in Uinta Mtns

**DAGGETT COUNTY** - A 14-year-old boy, missing for days in the Uinta Mountains, was found alive and well Sunday night, the Daggett County Sheriff's Office reported.

Andre Duran was found by Daggett County Search and Rescue members Woody Bair and Elray Coleman about 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. The youth was found in the Hickerson Park area of the Spirit Lake drainage. The rescuers took him to safety by horseback.

Daggett County Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen said he wanted to thank the people and agencies for their help in the rescue.

On Aug. 1, Duran went miss-

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PHOTO: JERRY BODILY

Searchers from Daggett and Uintah Counties as well as others helped in the search.

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ing from an overnight solo camp. H was part of a youth camp held by the Journey Impact Ranch out of Mona, Utah.

Along with the Daggett County SAR, other searchers included the Daggett County Sheriff's Office, Uintah County SAR, Rocky Mountain Search Dogs and members of Journey Impact Ranch.

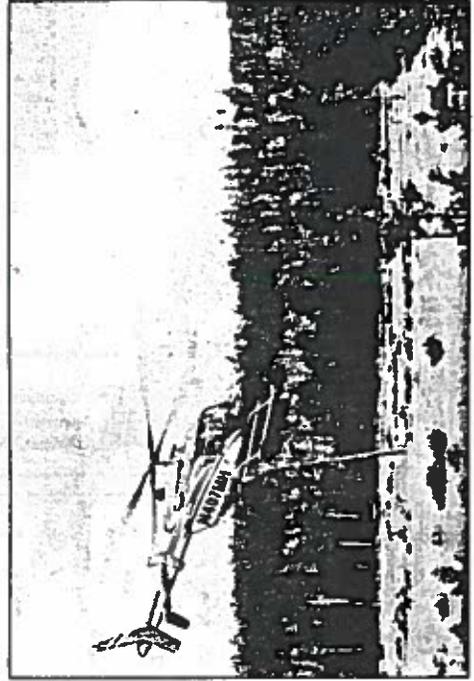


PHOTO: JERRY BODILY

Even air support was offered in the search for Andre Duran.

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GUNFIGHT ENDS WEEKLONG SEARCH

# Murderers Captured, 1 injured

By **Gene Linn**  
Utah Basin News Service

Two convicted murderers were captured and one was wounded by gunfire seven days after they escaped from the Daggett County Jail. Authorities were alerted to the whereabouts of the pair after a man they robbed and left bound, escaped. The fugitives apparently hid out in mountains no more than 14 miles from the jail they escaped from the previous Sunday.

On Saturday night a 79-

year-old retired Salt Lake City police officer living in a summer home near Manila was accosted at knifepoint by Danny Martin Gallegos, 49, and Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo, 27, according to law enforcement authorities. They allegedly secured their victim hand and foot with duct tape and took his 1988 Ford Explorer, which contained a .22 rifle, .22 pistol and .38 pistol.

The man spent an hour working his way free, then flagged down a car and called 911. He

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## Murderers

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provided the dispatcher with a description of his vehicle and the men, who were still wearing their colored jail jumpsuits, with Diaz also wearing a jacket he had acquired.

The Explorer was spotted in Green River, Wyo., outside a Pizza Hut about 9:38 p.m. Saturday by a Sweetwater County Sheriff's deputy. Officers closed in and the vehicle fled onto I-80 where it reached speeds over 100 mph, according to Sweetwater Sheriff's detective Dick Blust.

Road spikes were placed in the SUV's path outside Rock Springs. After crossing the spikes the vehicle traveled one or two miles before pulling to the side of the road. Police said Diaz-

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2030. The two men were last seen by Daggett County jail officers during a 2 p.m. inmate count Sunday. Their absence was discovered during an 8 p.m. count.

The families of Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo's victims were critical of the lack of notification they received about the escape from state Corrections officials.

Corrections spokesman Jack Ford said the agency uses an automated system - Victim Information and Notification System - to alert anyone on Friday or VINE - to alert anyone with an interest about changes in an inmate's status. That system though relies on Corrections to update information about an inmate. In the case of Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo, state officials didn't have the information until they heard news broadcasts about the escape Monday morning.

"The bottom line is it didn't get put into our database, which would have then accessed the VINE system," Ford said. "We're trying to get to the bottom of this and get this resolved so we don't have this problem again."

Ellsworth said a community phone tree was activated in Manila and the surrounding area to spread word of the escape. The sheriff also said his staff made an effort to notify state Corrections officials about the escape at the same time he was called Sunday night. Ellsworth personally passed the information along to a Corrections employee at the Utah Sheriff's Association convention he was attending in St. George.

Ford said that employee left a message on his supervisor's voice mail.

Ellsworth said interviews with inmates inside the Daggett County Jail have revealed that Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo had had served just over a year in prison before being transferred to Daggett County. His next parole hearing was scheduled for until 2026.

Diaz-Arevalo gunned down his ex-girlfriend, 22-year-old Lindsey Rae Rawson, in the head in May 2005 with a sawed-off shotgun as she sat in a car with her son and sister watched. He had served just over a year in prison before being transferred to Daggett County. His next parole hearing was scheduled for

The Daggett County Jail remains on lockdown. State officials were expected to wrap up their inspection of the facility late last week, but it is unclear when they will decide on the future of Daggett County's contract to house state inmates, which generates \$1.3 million annually for the county.

The Deseret Morning News contributed material to this report.

Arvalo, who had been driving, jumped out with the .38 pistol and Gallegos jumped out from the passenger side armed with the rifle.

"The men were ordered by officers to drop their weapons and freeze," Blust said. "They did neither. Gallegos turned with the rifle in his hands and was shot by one of our deputies. He dropped to the ground with the rifle beneath him."

Diaz fled and officers did not fire because there were homes nearby. He was soon captured, and is being held in Sweetwater County Jail. Gallegos was flown to University Hospital in Salt Lake where he was reported in serious but stable condition as of Sunday. Blust said Diaz has not cooperated with police who interviewed him.

The capture came a day after the Utah Department of Corrections announced it was scaling back its search effort and concentrating tracking down information on the two men in hopes of finding them.

Search teams had appeared to be closing in on the pair last Wednesday after a Verbal man reported having contact with them at a turnout on U.S. 191. But when that tip turned out to be a fraud (See related article on A-6) and another lead in Evanston, Wyo., failed to pan out, the visible part of the manhunt came to an end and the investigative phase came to the fore.

"Our own sheriff's office investigators, Utah (Department of Corrections) investigators, and the [U.S.] marshals have been working this aspect of the case from the outset," said Daggett County Sheriff Rick Ellsworth in a press release issued Friday. "They're continuing to hit it hard. It's meticulous detail work; developing leads, following them up, investigating sighting reports, interacting with law enforcement and the

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**"The men were ordered by officers to drop their weapons and freeze, they did neither." - Sweetwater Sheriff's detective Dick Blust.**

PAIR GONE SIX HOURS BEFORE MISSED

# Murderers escape from jail

By Geoff Leach

Utah Basin News Service

Authorities in Utah and Wyoming are searching on foot and by air for two convicted murderers who escaped Sunday afternoon from the Daggett County Jail.

The men, 49-year-old Danny Martin Gallegos and 27-year-old Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo, were last seen at 2 p.m. during an inmate count, according to Daggett County Jail Sgt. Quentin Wilde. They were discovered missing during the 8 p.m. inmate count.

"They went over the fence," Wilde said, declining to discuss how the men made it outside the jail walls, due to the ongoing investigation. "I can't really disclose that information."

The sergeant said Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo, who also uses the name Juan Lopez Garcia, were confined to their cells 23 hours a day. They were not considered trustees and did not hold jobs in the jail.

"They've been pretty well-behaved here," Wilde said.

Gallegos had been at the jail

since Aug. 3, Diaz-Arevalo since July 27, said Utah Department of Corrections spokesman Jack Ford. They were being housed in the minimum security facility under a contract with the department.

Ford said the determination to send a state inmate to a county jail is based largely on the individual's behavior behind bars. County jails have the right to refuse any state inmate for management or medical reason.

Still Ford said Corrections officials were likely meet this week to review whether they should remove all inmates with murder convictions, a history of escapes or lengthy prison sentences from jails.

"I think there has already been some discussion about pulling out those people that are on long, long sentences and would be a threat [to escape]," Ford said.

A command center has been established in Daggett County today, Ford said, and investigators are looking for anything that might point them to where Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo are hiding.

"We're now full steam ahead trying to find these guys," Ford said, conceding that senior Corrections officials didn't receive notification of the escape until Monday morning.

Gallegos pleaded guilty in March 1991 to first-degree felony aggravated murder in the shooting death of 18-year-old Tammy Snydergaard of Sandy. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss two counts of attempted aggravated murder against Gallegos in exchange for his plea.

Court documents show that Gallegos hid in his ex-girlfriend Stephanie Groves' closet on the night of March 11, 1990, and attacked Groves, Snydergaard, and Peter Esquibel with a gun. Groves and Esquibel were able to escape to a bedroom. Snydergaard was found dead in the living room from a gunshot to the head.

Gallegos was spared the death penalty, but was ordered to spend the rest of his life in prison for the slaying.

Diaz-Arevalo shot and killed his 23-year-old girlfriend, Lind-

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# Murderers

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sey Fawson, on March 16, 2005, with a sawed-off shotgun in a car while her young son sat nearby. He was found the day after the shooting by police, hiding in the Jordan River Bottoms.

Diaz-Arevalo pleaded guilty under an agreement with prosecutors and was sentenced to five-years-to-life in prison for first-degree murder, one-to-15 years for second-degree felony possession of a dangerous weapon, and zero-to-five years in prison for third-degree felony child abuse. A drug possession charge was dismissed.

An appeal of Diaz-Arevalo's conviction is pending before the Utah Court of Appeals.

Gallegos is described as a white male, 5 foot 7 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

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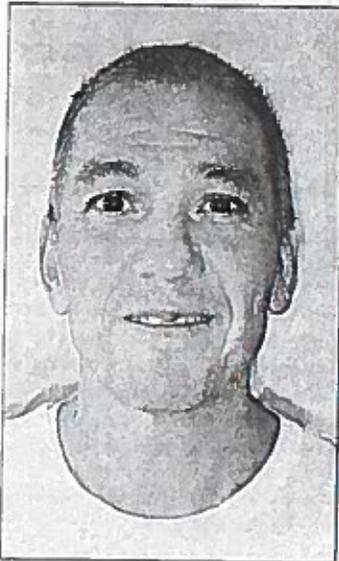
Anyone with information about the two men should not

confront them, but should call the Daggett County Sheriff's Office at (435) 784-3255 or Central Dispatch at (435) 789-4222.

Contributing: Linda Thomson, Deseret Morning News



Diaz-Arevalo



Danny Gallegos

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much encouraged by the results of their operations. They suspended because of the low price of crude oil, 40 cents a barrel being the price at that time. It is now \$1.25 a barrel with a rising market. This condition warrants renewed efforts to develop this field.

A strong company, "the Ute," the people for whom Judge J. T. McConnell is operating locally, is preparing to do some drilling immediately.

Their operations will be in the White river country and the results of their work, on this side of the Green river, will doubtless give the oil men valuable information.

Speaking of the country in general, Dr. Coke says that the surface indications of subterranean oil lakes are the strongest in the world. He believes that the Uintah Basin is destined to be one of the greatest oil fields in the world, and that the oil industry will overshadow all other industries in this part of the state. The oil is by far our greatest natural resource.

So far, drilling has been done with portable rigs, but standard rigs will, of necessity, be used in the development of this field.

Regarding crude oil, the Doctor says that there are now over fifty commercial articles manufactured from it and that kerosene is now simply one of the by-products.

#### DUCHESNE

(From The Record)

President and Mrs Wm H Smart have moved back to Roosevelt.

J. M. Russell and Andrew Whitlock were transacting business here Sunday. Local cattlemen will deliver to the Roosevelt Commission company upwards of four hundred head of cattle on the 12th.

Further Duchesne is not successful in lauding the convict camp, it will still respond to the call of increased production. No seed needed for crop planting will be ground up. Production first and the road camp afterwards.

The Reservation News plant has been sold to C. B. Cook of Myton. Since B. F. Grant abandoned the field, the publication of the News has been suspended but will be revived again during the summer under the general management of Mr. Cook with Harold Dubendorff as local editor and manager. The paper, a name for which has not been chosen will be published either at Altonah or one of the other north basin towns.

The regular meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night was adjourned to listen to talk of R. S. Collett and others regarding the establishing of a convict camp on the Price-Myton road. The speakers of the evening were R. M. Pope, W. L. Dean and George S. Sloan. The

another this week have returned to their home at Myton.

The Eighth grade girls surprised Mr. Iverson, who was giving the final exams, Monday and Tuesday, with a delicious lunch.

Grandfather Ross who has been in bed for the past seven years from a broken leg has been quite ill the past week.

Mrs John Hair, Sr., who has been cooking at the shearing corrals, returned home a week ago.

#### SOUTH LIBERTY

Mary Hall of Hayden is here visiting with relatives this week.

The weather is very cold and disagreeable, doesn't seem like summer will ever come.

Mell Caldwell has been here the last week visiting his parents. He and a Mr. Anderson have leased an eighty acre tract of land from the Government. They left yesterday morning for Idaho.

Everybody is busy trying to farm although it is too cold for anything to grow.

Seed grain and potatoes are a scarce article in this part.

Some seed wheat and beans, and it is a great help, especially to the farmers of the Government land.

#### NEBEKER RETURNS HOME

SATISFIED WITH HIS WORK

Frank Nebeker, of Manila, who has been in Vernal over a week circulating a petition to secure an election to decide the proposition of dividing Uintah county, left for his home yesterday morning. He secured sufficient signatures to his petition to empower the county commissioners to call the election. The proposition has been favorably received by the people of Vernal.

Mr. Nebeker argues that the Manila and Bridgeport country should be given the privilege of working out its own destiny independently of the people residing on the south side of the range. They are willing to bear the expense in order to secure the benefits of civil government. He returned well satisfied with the success of his mission. The election will be held sometime in July.

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Notice is hereby given that David E. Brown, of Cedarview, Utah, who, on February 6, 1909, made Addtl. 11d Entry, Serial, No. 0753, for Lot 15 in Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 21 East Salt Lake Meridian,

has filed notice of intention to make Supplemental final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vernal Utah, on the 16th day of June, 1917. Claimant names as witnesses: Emanuel Brown, of Cedarview, Utah, Clarence Bird, William H. Oaks, Willie L. Johnson, all of Vernal, Utah.

PETER HANSON, Register. May 11, June 15

THIS notice. W. D. BEERS, State Engineer.

Date of first publication 1917, date of completion May 28, 1917.

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC

Department of the Land Office at Vernal, 1917.

Notice is hereby Elizabeth E. Swett, of who, on May 27, 1909, 1915, made Homestead 02311 and 05661, for

Advertisement for the Uintah State Bank. It features a large clock face with the numbers 1 through 12. The clock is mounted on a brick wall. To the right of the clock, the words "SAVING" and "FIRST" are written in large, bold, block letters. Above the clock, the words "UINTAH STATE BANK" are written in a smaller font. Below the clock, there is a small caption that reads "THE BANK WITH THE PINK CLOCK".

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L. A. Pike has sold his apiary and farm on the Indian Bench to A. C. Emert. The apiary consists of about 200 colonies of bees and the farm consists of 40 acres. Mr. Pike has not yet decided what he will do or where he will locate, but for the present is just resting, which is the proper thing to do at his age.

The play, "All On Account of Polly" presented by the Willcox academy in the Orpheus, Thursday night was very well presented. Some of the young people show very exceptional talent for the short training they have had. The song and dance by Miss Eva Kelly was very good as was the entire show. The parts were very well taken and was a credit to any school.

A welcome home party was given by the stake and Vernal 2nd ward at the Gym, last night, in honor of President Colton and family and Pearl Larson Eaton and Marlon Shaffer. It was an exceedingly pleasant social event at which many splendid numbers, witty speeches, and dancing were enjoyed. The guests of honor each expressed pleasure at the testimonial given them.

The Patriotic service at the Orpheus last Sunday night was a very successful affair. It was planned and presided over by the Mutuals of Vernal. Walter Wooly presided. The music was excellent, all patriotic. Special numbers were as follows: Selections by Uintah academy orchestra. Star Spangled Banner, Miss Hamilton Ladies' quartette "Flag without a stain," Reading, Miss Fern Gerber, Cornet solo, Wallace Cragan. Intensely patriotic addresses were delivered by Thomas W. McDonnell and Senator Don H. Colton.

The Express manager, Mr. Hillman and family, returned Tuesday from a five month trip in Southern California. The trip home was made over the Midland Trail or Southern branch of the Lincoln Highway as far as Ely, Nevada. There we struck a blizzard which caused one days delay and we were told that the roads were impassable in Salt Lake city, and advised by the Auto Club to go south and east through Southern Utah, and to Vernal by way of Price. We did so and here we are, but the last four days marred the pleasure of the whole trip home. The road through the Clear Creek and Ballina canyons is badly washed out and the grades steep and muddy.

He is connected with the medical corps.

Last Tuesday night the Board of governors of the Commercial Club met and appointed a committee to take general charge of all war and preparedness measures. The personnel of that committee is as follows: Don B. Colton, chairman, Earl Thompson, vice chairman, Albert H. Kneale, George W. Perry, Edward D. Samuels, Mrs. L. W. Curry and Mrs. John N. Davis members. The first meeting will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

### WATERWORKS CONTRACT FINALLY AWARDED

The bids for the construction of the city water main extension to the Ashley canyon was awarded by the Mayor and city council of Vernal city last Saturday night. Heuser, Packard & Co. being the successful bidders. J. H. Lym, who has been figuring for some time on the proposition also submitted a bid, but was \$396 lower than the successful firm.

The contract was made at \$25,750. Work will begin in about a month and must be completed in about 120 days from date of beginning.

### NEBEKER WORKING FOR COUNTY DIVISION

W. F. Nebeker, of Manilla, arrived in Vernal again yesterday morning, after having made a trip home, via Salt Lake City, to confer with his associates and the citizens of Manilla and vicinity upon the change in the proposed boundary line from the Salt Lake base line to the water shed. He has returned for the purpose of circulating petitions asking the county commissioners to call an election in July to decide the question of county division. He intends to make a thorough canvass of the county to secure signatures enough to insure the election. The reasons for the attitude of the people of that section is the fact that they are isolated from the county seat about half of the year and at all times they are deprived of most of the benefits of county government. One serious condition is the advantage that the lawless element has over those who are peaceably inclined. The matter is rendered more acute by the fact that Wyoming being a wet state liquor in any quantity is brought over the line and no way has been devised to punish the offenders. The petitions are to secure the election. The question will be settled then.

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# Brady awarded with Golden Shovel Award

MANILA—Ned Brady was selected for the 2014 Golden Shovel Award in Daggett County for his commitment to the land and water.

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Ned Brady honored.

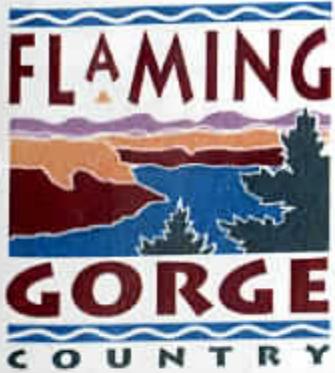
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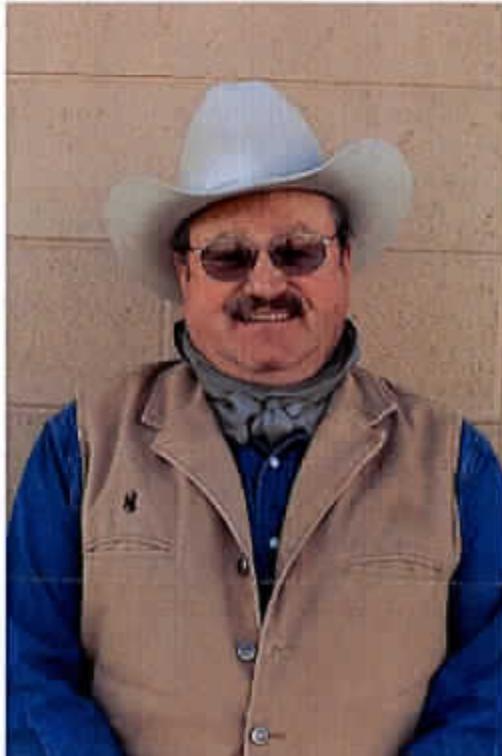


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### AT NEW COUNTY WILL BE PLACED IN COURT AREA

Harden Bennion, secretary of state, has announced that a conference would be held in a few days with a view to determining what judicial district the new county of Daggett shall be placed in. Daggett forms a portion of the northern part of Uinta county, the citizens there having recently by vote decided to form a county of their own. This will make twenty-nine counties in Utah.

Those who will attend the conference will include Governor Bamberger, Mr. Bennion and Judge A. B. Morgan of the Fourth district. The opinion prevails at the capital that the new county will be assigned to the court of the First, Second or Third district, as being more accessible than the Fourth.

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THE PRESENT Daggett County Courthouse is a 70-year-old remodeled school building; it is inadequate and needs replacing. Voters will go to the polls March 21 to vote on a bonding issue to help finance the construction of a new modern building.

# New courthouse proposed for Daggett County

By R. Alan Gandy

On March 21, a bond election will be held in Daggett County to determine the outcome of a proposed new \$390,000 County Courthouse. If the county residents pass the bond, the county will advertise for bids by March 22. The bids will be opened April 14 and construction on the new facility will begin within 10 days after the bid is accepted, according to Chairman of the County Commission, Albert Neff.

Architects have estimated that the building will cost \$350,000 and the needed office equipment and furnishings will run another \$40,000. Through Federal Revenue Sharing and payments in lieu of taxes, the county has already accumulated \$227,000 toward the project since it was first proposed six years ago. The bond election, if passed, will be for \$225,000 for a six year period to raise the additional money. The repayment of these bonds would come from the same source as the existing money, thus the

new facility will not raise county taxes in any way.

The present county courthouse used to be a school. It is now over 70 years old and completely inadequate to serve the county's needs. Space is not available for all of the county offices and the limited space that is available is mostly outdated.

The proposed new structure will be built directly in front of the existing building and will connect to it by a breezeway. The County Commission is not sure what the disposition of the present facility will be. It can be used, moved, or taken down, depending upon the needs of the county and the wishes of the county residents.

The new facility would consist of 10,000 square feet of office space and court rooms for the county, with additional space available for lease to the town of Manila, the school superintendent, and for two holding cells for the sheriff. There will also be room for a jail if one is ever needed in the future.

So far, the county commission is 100

percent behind the project. Chairman of the commission, Albert Neff, stated, "A new courthouse will add much to the community of Manila, and be a source of pride for all Daggett County residents." A public meeting will be held in the community of Dutch John as soon as copies of the floor plan and elevation drawing are available. Any questions or comments to be considered at this meeting should be directed to the County Commission, Daggett County Courthouse, Manila.

Utah's first surveyor-general, and his partner Adolph Jessen, directed the building of huge canals from the alpine lakes in the High Uintas to bring irrigation to the valleys. But the location still remained extremely isolated during these years, separated from the county seat at Vernal by the majestic and usually inaccessible Uinta Mountains, Utah's highest range.

As a result of its isolation, Uintah County would and could not assist the section in roads, schools and governmental problems. The residents paid taxes but received no benefits. It was a matter of bitterest contest for many years. Then early in 1916 a petition was made at Vernal to acquire the sum of seventy dollars to fill a mud-hole in Daggett's worst road. The request was denied. Thus it was that the residents of this section determined to create their own county.

A COMMITTEE of men including Peter G. Wall, Daniel M. Nelson, Marius N. Larsen, Willard Schofield and George Rasmussen made the wagon journey over the mountain to seek the permission of Uintah County for the withdrawal. Surprisingly, most of the influential men of the Uintah Basin were in favor of the change; Daggett had long been a thorn in the side of progress for Uintah County.

An election was immediately called and held on July 31, 1917. The results were in the Daggett district 74 in favor, none against; in Uintah County, 325 in favor, 156 against. The election was carried. But a name was needed. Two choices presented themselves, that of Finch County, in honor of the area's oldest living resident, or Daggett County in honor of Utah surveyor-general and the area's god-father of settlement. The vote was unanimous for Daggett who received the news at the State Capitol with much appreciation. He still held interest in the local water and canal company.

ELECTION OF officers was held December 24, 1917 and they were as follows: commissioners - George C. Rasmussen, Niels Pallesen, and Marius N. Larsen; clerk & recorder - A. J. B. Stewart; assessor & treasurer - Daniel M. Nelson; sheriff - Anciel T. Twitchell; county attorney - Charles F. Olsen; county physician - Dr. F. W. Tinkert; constable for the Manila precinct - Leo B. Stewart.

ALL THINGS being in readiness, the petition for countyhood had been submitted and signed by acting Governor Harden Bennion on November 14, 1917, the declaration making

noted in the minutes of September 3, 1918:

"COMMISSIONERS met at 3 p.m. in Clerk's office (the commissioners had moved in previous to this official notice). Present Larsen and Rasmussen; minutes of meeting held Aug. 5, 1918 was read and approved. The attorney was instructed to fix up a lease with Willard Schofield for the office and he will be paid for six months in advance."

But there was one convenience which the lease failed to cover. However, Willard came to the rescue on August 4, 1919:

"COMMUNICATION from Willard Schofield was head to the effect that he would furnish lumber to build a toilet, providing the County would build the same; and a motion was made by Mr. Pallesen to accept the offer. We can only assume that Mr. Pallesen had good reason to make such a motion.

Some of the other interesting notations from the Daggett County minute books coincident with the organization of the county are as follows:

Election held November 14, 1918. Heber Bennion Jr. first State Representative for Dag-

and the scene of much of this county's greatest history, is now under process of being torn down. Efforts of the Utah local historians have done little to save it. Though small in size and isolated from its parent state, Daggett County has regained her stature as the scene of the Flaming Gorge Dam and is fast gaining a reputation for her fascinating history. Here was the first permanent residence in the State of Utah; here was the first visit by eastern whitemen to the western regions; nearby was the first Fur Rendezvous; here are America's most scenic canyonlands and becoming popular ever increasingly as a winter sports area.

Daggett County is small in size only. Perhaps it, more than any other in the State of Utah, deserves the proposed motto "Utah's Most Historic County".

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# Northeastern Utah has many interesting historical events

By Hartt Wixom

Vernal Express Outdoors Writer

You can't hunt, fish, or camp in northeastern Utah for long without soaking in a certain amount of additional local lore: the rich history of Daggett and Uintah counties.

Most of my early experiences in and around "Dinosaurland" as the maps billed it, were fishing the Green River, Flaming Gorge, the eastern toe of the Uintah Mountains, or hunting into Clay Basin-Taylor Flat. In those days "late" hunts required a deer-seeker to cross the Green River ice, according to some old-timers. But, the thing I personally remember best was the colorful na. es of every canyon or mountain encountered.

Oversized muley bucks, for example, are chased over Cold Spring Mountain. But, in the late 1890s it was desperate men like Harry Tracy, or Tom Horn. Yes, I'll give local historian Kerry Boren ample credit—as far as I'm concerned he did as much to write Robert Redford's "Outlaw Trail" as the movie actor did—but I've also been intrigued enough by Daggett history to explore much of it on my own.

One of the interesting aspects has been comparing points of view. For instance, in Sheep Creek Canyon south of Manila is a sign which reads: "Cleophas J. Dowd, 1857-1897, Dowd homesteaded this valley from 1885 to 1897. He was killed by his associate, Charles Reaser, in self defense (note: original spelling) and two of his children are buried here."

Whether is was "self defense" or not, depends on who says so. (This is not a Utah State Historical Society marker.) Historians other than the signmaker often claim Reaser to be innocent of that shortcoming. I have no quarrel in the matter. I remember the sign best as being near the spot where I caught a nice limit of rainbow trout not too many summers ago, although I suspect they were placed there via hatchery truck to "Sweeten" Sheep Creek. Farther upstream, near another historical marker commemorating families drowned in a wall of water sweeping down the canyon, I caught native cutthroats.

Higher in the canyon, I have had to apply the brakes to let cow elk scurry in front of me, and one time, two young muley bucks. It is great country, rich in wildlife as well as history. There is not space here to enumerate the many experiences thereabouts watching a bobcat dragoff a freshly-killed beaver, coyotes howling mournfully, brook trout slurping in my offering at Browne Lake. But, wherever you go, take time to read the historical markers. I would also recommend taking along a book or two, including: Charles Burrough's "Where the Old West Stayed Young," Tom Horn's own autobiography (although for some reason I cannot take all this sly hero-outlaw says as gospel truth), Charles Kelly's sometimes embellished "Outlaw Trail," and various locally written publications, including "Our Strip of Land," the history of Daggett County.

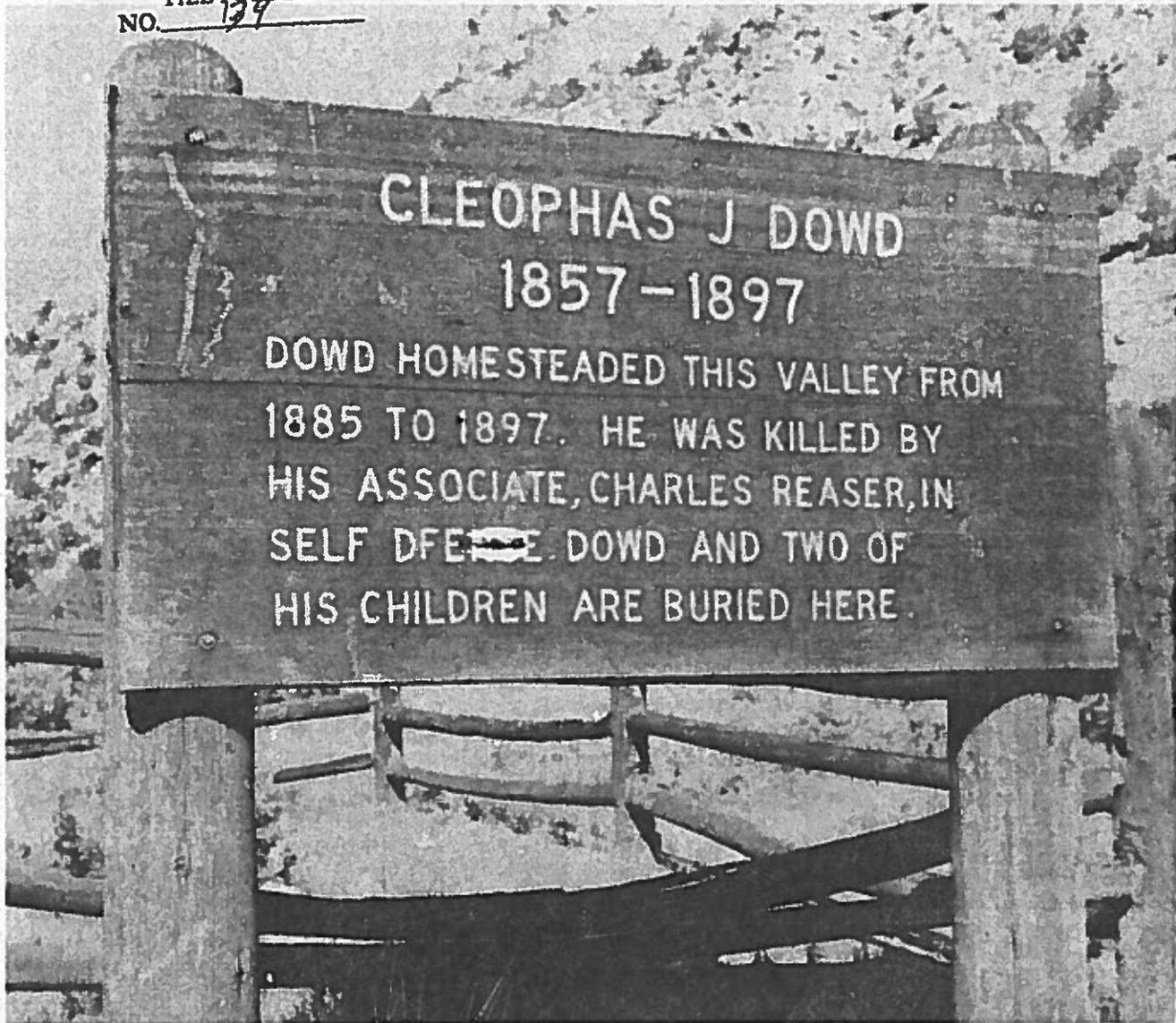
There are also the versions written by such confessed outlaws as Matt Warner, who almost didn't live long enough to be an outlaw, one encounter being with warpath Utes in Duchesne County, enroute to a hideout on Pot Creek north of Vernal. Warner had shootouts at mining camps on the Uinta south slope, and I suppose you would have had to be a Philadelphia lawyer, and eye-witness both, to decide which of the many versions were best.

There are also many such jewels of history, outlaw and posse, within the remote Book Cliffs southward. But, they are not as remembered in plaque

and sign as in Daggett County. If you are headed for trout fishing below Little Hole near Dutch John, you will probably drive through Jesse Ewing Canyon, and it would be so worth your while to read the incredible exploits of this ambitious soul. Ditto on Charley Crouse (Crouse Canyon), Baptiste Brown (Browns Hole or Park) and many others. Some settlers here knew Butch Casidy. It's all an interesting interlude to your local fishing and hunting.

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**HISTORY MARKER**—another sign of history (among top fishing-hunting) in Daggett County.

...arned are doing nicely.

R. E. Vickery, general passenger agent of the Colorado Midland railroad Co., was in Vernal attending to business. He left for Grand Junction on Friday.

Richard Tiffany and Henry Millican are conducting the Cabaret dances at the Orpheus, and are on leaving for a lurid clean, high-grade entertainment.

Ray Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bates of this city, who is stationed at Mare Island is reported to be improving. He was released from the hospital two weeks ago.

March 4 to March 9 has been designated by the National government as Farmer's Repair week. In our next issue we will devote considerable space to this very important matter.

Allen of Ogden has been assisting in the stock-taking at the Golden Rule store. He returned to Ogden Monday, wonderfully impressed with the possibilities of Ashley Valley.

The Rebekah lodge at their business meeting decided that instead of giving their annual St. Patrick's day dance, to donate the sum that would be otherwise expended to the local Red Cross chapter.

The board members of the new board of education for Daggett county are as follows: Elbert E. Watto, Pres.; Charles F. Olsen, vice-president; A. J. B. Stewart, clerk of board; Niels Palleen, treasurer; Henry Twitchell.

The Vernal Drug Co. held its annual stockholders meeting last week and re-elected S. D. Colton, W. H. Siddoway and Chas. S. Carter, Jr. directors. The financial report was read and showed a most substantial increase in business for the first year in its new location. S. D. Colton was again elected president by the directors.

The Bank of Vernal is distributing among the business firms of the city atlas maps of Europe. On one side of the map, which is very comprehensive, is shown lines of communications, rivers, and the principal cities now figuring in the world's great battle. On the reverse side are statistics of the military strength of each nation, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Robinson and family of Provo, are new-comers in Vernal to make their permanent home here. Mr. Robinson was formerly an instructor at the Utah Academy, and has been teaching school and practicing law while in Provo. According to the Provo papers, however, Mr. Robinson's main business here will be the raising of sheep and cattle. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orson Calder.

This winter has been the best winter for saw mill men in the history of the industry. At present, however, there is but one mill running, that of A. C. Nelson. Fred Felch, a timberman of long experience, has furnished the mill with logs enough to make 90,000 feet of lumber. When this run is completed, Mr. Nelson will discontinue his mill to engage in the cattle business in the Hill Creek country. The other saw mills will commence operation in the spring, which will relieve the local shortage of lumber.

An old pioneer in this valley since 1876 says that there has been three

chased Cannam's Confectionery has fallen through.

The home of Wm. H. Cook was blessed with the arrival of a baby girl on Monday, and the happy mother and daughter are in the best of condition.

Dr. G. H. Christy was called to Lagoon on urgent summons Tuesday afternoon to attend the daughter of Bert Charles, who is seriously ill at that place.

Ex-Mayor Ed. D. Samuels, and daughter, Mrs. Vern Shimmins, left for Salt Lake Wednesday morning. Mrs. Samuels is reported ill and it is said that an operation is necessary.

Judge Morgan will be here to hold a term of the district court on March 14. Local attorneys are all busy preparing for the coming session. Sessions will be held in Duchesne on March 4.

The final contest in public speaking will be held in the Vernal Second ward, for contestants in that ward, next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Several musical selections will be rendered during the evening and a general invitation is extended to attend.

Russell Harrison brought into the office of the Express a large egg laid by one of his mother's flock of buff orphingtons. The egg weighed 3 1/2 ounces and measured 5 1/2 inches around. If anyone has a hen that can beat it, we will be glad to hear from them.

J. Winter Smith, a former resident of Vernal and now of southern California, in writing to friends here states that he successfully presented the moving picture "Over There" in the interest of his boy scout troop. Mr. Smith while in Vernal was Deputy Scout Commissioner for this county.

The final contest in public speaking for the Utah Stake M. I. A. will be held on March 11. The wards are holding their tryouts on Feb. 26. A contest between the winner of the prize in Utah stake and the winner in Duchesne stake will be held in the middle of April.

The sale of Thrift stamps is progressing rapidly. The school children are making efforts to have a stamp in every pupil's hands by Saturday night. Jos. Varruska, the cheese maker at Calder Bros., creamery purchased a \$100 War Saving Certificate. Mr. Varruska also owns two issues of Liberty bonds.

The two farces which were to be presented at the Vogue on March 2, have been postponed until March 11. The following cast of characters will appear in "My Neighbor's Wife": Merrill Bennion, Ed. Evans, Bernice McNeil, Katherine Calder and Miss Lewis. Merrill Bennion and O. A. Larson will appear in "The Corner for Two." The proceeds of this entertainment is to be turned over to the building fund of the Second ward.

Gerald Girard, husband of Mrs. Avon Girard, has been visiting in Vernal the past week and returned Thursday to his home in Portland, Ore. He reports that the Columbia fishing industry on the Columbia river is better than it has ever been before. Fall salmon that formerly sold for seven cents a pound now demands fifteen cents. Fish which heretofore has not been utilized is being assorted and the best canned.

M. F. Ketchum, of Ouray, spent a few days in Vernal this week. Mr. Ketchum is a salesman at the Curry Merc. Co., of that place.

Principal Ellis of Bennett spent the week-end in Vernal. While here he attended the meeting of the Uintah County Teachers' association.

The Junior Red-Cross auxiliary of the Central School is very busy every Friday afternoon in doing work for the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Among new automobile purchasers in Chas. Tucker, who owns a ranch near Vernal. Mr. Tucker is acting host to all his friends in furnishing joy rides.

The seventh grade Central school has purchased Thrift Stamps and War Savings certificates to the amount of \$36. J. Frank Watkins is instructor of this enterprising and up-to-date grade.

The Board of Education was in session on Tuesday. Among other matters of routine business discussed was the acceptance of the school buildings at Dry Fork and Union. A full membership was presented.

The picture, "The Poor Little Rich Girl," presented by the Central school was a distinct success. A tidy sum was realized, which will be used to purchase supplies for the Junior Red Cross auxiliary of the school.

A roadster, of the racing type is being built by the mechanics of the Vernal Motor Co. When completed the car will have every improvement which will facilitate a possible speed exceeding any car in Utah Basin. It is said.

The clean-up contest as being conducted in the schools in Uintah county by Jas. H. Wallis, is meeting with wonderful results in the improvement of the conditions in each school. Encouraging reports are being forwarded to the superintendent's office on the work done so far.

Spring is here and school baseball has commenced. The Fifth grade of the Central school in a "slug-fest" rub away with a game played with the Sixth grade with a score of 28 to 1. Batteries were: Fifth grade, Clyde Hacking and Carl Davis; Sixth grade, Jeremiah Merkle and Clement Eaton.

A marriage of local importance was that of J. L. Means, of the Vernal Motor Co., and Marie Ostergard of Myton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. A. Downey.

A request in the Red Cross for supper was served the bridal couple at the American Cafe, by Mrs. Arthur Rich.

The Board of Education offices which are now located on the grounds of the Central school are now serving the needs of the board and the superintendent, Earl Thompson in ample shape. The building which is of the portable style can, in the event of the offices being moved, be utilized as additional school room for the Central school.

The Second Ward basketball team and lost a game at the most recent Saturday at the Gymnasium. The opposing teams were the Juniors from Maeser and the Seniors from Olines. The Junior game resulted in a score of 23-18 in favor of the Second warders. The Senior game resulted in the Second ward coming

the general fund of Washington, D. C. has passed the first time in which solid insurance, from Feb. 12. The party who are now in the country will do well to avail themselves.

Easter Sunday comes on the first full moon, which is March 21, the date of the equinox.

A big public meeting at Naples on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p. m. will feature a "Thrift Stamps and War Prices School Problems Club Work." J. N. musical features. fifteen years of

The Day and have bought out the Co., and will old stand until the rage, being built completed. They do all kinds of tee to give first service, specialties and tires automobiles. Jack of the new com

A Theo Johnson Wednesday from brother-in-law, had died at the holy would arrive, for burial be remembered Vernal's drug of his death, drug stores in Johnson will a son.

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 es, and Summit county  
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 Myton, Duchesne and  
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 its contemplated trip up  
 that it could be at Du-  
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 held in support of the  
 highway. It is proba-  
 board will attend the  
 Deseret News.

**SOCIAL CLUB  
 DES ROOSEVELT**

hospitably received—  
 Full House and  
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 y afternoon the Vernal  
 club assembled its min-  
 Uintah academy band  
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been reappointed for service in the  
 coming season.

By the terms of the filings the  
 government has a right to all the  
 water it can put to beneficial use  
 prior to 1919, in the parts of the  
 Uintah basin in which the old Du-  
 chesne Indian reservation is situat-  
 ed. Private settlers who made sub-  
 sequent filings, were to be entitled  
 to the surplus waters. Until the  
 present time there has been consid-  
 erable surplus, and a large number  
 of filings have been made by pri-  
 vate water users. To prevent their  
 too general use of the water, how-  
 ever, the government last year filed  
 suit against them enjoining them  
 from using more water than the  
 amount left after enough is reserved  
 for the government lands.

The settlers hoped to establish  
 claims to the water through their  
 having placed it to beneficial use,  
 despite the fact that government had  
 made the primary filing.

The appropriation will be expend-  
 ed on the reclamation of the land,  
 including the breaking, leveling and  
 placing in condition for irrigation.  
 To do this the government will de-  
 part from its usual practice of leas-  
 ing or selling the land, and will hire  
 men to do the work.—Deseret News.

**PETITIONS ASKING FOR  
 COUNTY DIVISION**

People of Manilla Taking Active  
 Measures to Bring the Matter to  
 a Vote in July

Petitions are now being circulated  
 for signatures asking the county  
 commissioners to call an election in  
 July to vote upon the proposition to  
 divide Uintah county at the water-  
 shed dividing the waters of the Uin-  
 tah Basin from the waters of the  
 Henry's Fork. This line would nat-  
 urally be very crooked and would  
 necessitate a meandering survey.  
 Another difficulty is the fact that  
 the 110th meridian is in Duchesne  
 county, by virtue of the Billings bill,  
 now a law of the state of Utah.

The new county is to be Daggelt  
 county, so named for one of  
 the promoters of the Lucern valley  
 project.

The petitions will be well circu-  
 lated in all parts of the country for  
 the signatures of all who are favor-  
 able to the proposed division.

**COUNTY BEE INSPEC-  
 TOR MAKES TOUR.**

Joab Collier, our county bee in-  
 spector has made an extensive tour  
 over the western part of the county,  
 returning last Saturday. He held a  
 meeting at Fort Duchesne with a few  
 bee-keepers and made a thorough  
 inspection of all yards of bees in  
 that vicinity and found them all  
 healthy. He next held meetings at  
 Hayden, where he found quite a  
 bunch of enthusiastic beemen.  
 Everything at Hayden is O. K.

disco:  
 Dear Sirs:

The Department of State on Feb-  
 ruary 8th issued the following  
 statement:

"It having been reported to him  
 that there is anxiety in some quar-  
 ters on the part of persons residing  
 in this country who are the subjects  
 of foreign states that their bank de-  
 posits or other property should be  
 seized in the event of war between  
 the United States and a foreign na-  
 tion, the President authorizes the  
 statement that all such fears are en-  
 tirely unfounded. The Government  
 of the United States will in no cir-  
 cumstances take advantage of a state  
 of war to take possession of property  
 in which international understand-  
 ings and the recognized law of the  
 land give it no just claim or title.  
 It will scrupulously respect all pri-  
 vate rights alike of its own citizens  
 and of the subjects of foreign states."

It has been suggested by the Fed-  
 eral Reserve Board that member  
 banks give wide publicity to the a-  
 bove statement and that wherever  
 it appears advisable it should be  
 printed on placards and posted  
 prominently.

Yours truly,  
 A. KAINS, Governor.

William Neal, of Jensen, is still  
 in a serious condition. His ribs  
 were broken and driven into his  
 lungs, causing air to enter the  
 pleuro cavity. His case is a very dif-  
 ficult one. To add to his trouble  
 he is afflicted with rheumatism.  
 Under it all he is very cheerful and  
 appears to be recovering slowly.  
 An operation is not deemed advis-  
 able by his physician.

aggregation of local inn-makers  
 assembled under one banner in the  
 town and they all lived up to their  
 reputations.

Among the thirty persons in the  
 show, were the old-fashioned girl and  
 ballet dancers, who made a mag-  
 nificent hit; they were Pearl Sab-  
 main, Lela Hamilton, Miss Dav-  
 Mrs. Clark, (Jensen), Donnelly, and  
 Edith Page, (As), Afro-American,  
 "Cullud," Pete Clark, "Scotty" Goss,  
 Dr. Rich, William Anderson, Dick  
 Fowler, and Charlie Johnson were  
 engaged. L. S. Allen, president of  
 interlocutor.

The show opened with a display  
 of a pure American flag and the  
 ladies' society sang "America  
 Love You."  
 Like bullets from a machine gun  
 the jokes, jokes hit and with  
 shot forth between interlocutor and  
 end-men.

The Ollo opened with "Silver  
 Threads Among the Gold" for the  
 ladies.

The irrepressible "Scotty" talk-  
 ative, tricky tricks with one his  
 dilapidated hat, his pointed high  
 teen distinct characters. Dick Fow-  
 ler's comic darky song provoked a  
 number of snickers.

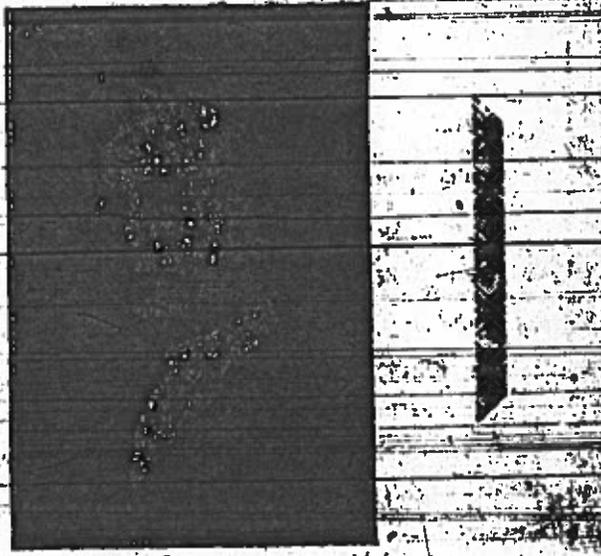
Sketch "What Killed the Dog" by  
 Allan and Fowler was a great hit as  
 were also Scotty's impersonation of  
 Harry Lunder in "Scotch Father."

The string band added life to the  
 merriment and shared with the lady  
 songsters much popular favor.

The closing number was an amu-  
 sing sketch by Mrs. and Mr. Pete  
 Clark and Merrill Donnelly. The  
 voices of the minstrel show of en-  
 tertainment are all bathetic pre-  
 the performance.

**Eloquent Sermon  
 Against Gambling**

Were this a sermon, I should no quarrel with the psychologist who  
 choose as a text, "Thou shalt not say, "From the moment of birth on  
 Covet," or, "Thou shalt not steal," through childhood the human being  
 in dealing with this subject I have gambles with nature for its existence.



home in Laurence, Kansas, Saturday.

Mrs. Viola Woods and Ted DeVilla of Salt Lake City visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Manwaring of Ogden visited during the week at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ashel Manwaring.

Miss Columbine Will went to Salt Lake City and Logan last week.

Mrs. Ashel Manwaring went to Provo last week to attend the funeral of a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alfred and family of Stockton visited Sunday at the homes of Mr. Alfred's uncles, Birchell Goodrich and Jerome Goodrich and families.

Visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLean were Miss Helen Oaks and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruckman and three children of Golden, Colorado. Also visiting at the McLean home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLean and Jess Hullinger of Roosevelt.

Howard Wiswell and children of Golden, Colorado visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Goodrich.

Clyde Ruppe's Sunday School class enjoyed a sleigh riding party. Afterwards they went to the home of Miss Carol Rae Southam for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Openshaw returned home Sunday from San Jose, California where they spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Richard Evans and family.

Miss Connie Haws entertained 25 guests at a pizza party last week.

Thirty young marrieds enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Southam on New Year's Eve. After dinner they all went to the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Samuels and family are living in the Clyde Gardiner home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jackson and family.

Steven Rasmussen returned to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho after spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Rasmussen.

Brent Collett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vene Collett of Kayville, spent the weekend visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Inez Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Rasmussen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner and three children went to Salt Lake City last Monday returning Tuesday.

More than thirty ladies cleaned the new Naples school last Wednesday. Proceeds will go toward a new organ for the ward.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ruppe over the weekend was Miss Gea'Vel Veen of Salt Lake City.

Lorin Price son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Price has received a call to the Mexican Mission.

at Annapolis, Maryland is the third oldest college in the United States; having been founded in 1694. This second, new campus was "colonized" last October.

## Plans to Make Daggett a County Made 50 Years Ago

MANILA - On January 7 Daggett County will be 48 years old and the story of its founding is one of pioneer hardship, political determination, and intense dedication.

The small area nestled in the farthermost corner of north-eastern Utah had been kicked around from one parent to another ever since its beginning. Originally it had been a part of Mexican Territory until it ceded to the United States in 1848 when it became a part of the large Green River County, Utah Territory. Its real problems began when the boundaries of Utah began to be more or less permanently established.

Soon it was a part of Summit County and this was not a good situation because it was so isolated from the rest of the county that little attention could be given it. It was thought that this problem could be alleviated by joining the small strip with Uintah County in 1890, but the problems remained the same. The citizens paid taxes but received little of the benefits such as roads, schools, etc.

There appeared to be no real solution to the problem until the year 1913 when the Utah Legislature passed an act whereby new counties might be established. Its provisions were that if any section of an existing county wished to become a separate unit it must petition its Board of County Commissioners with signatures of one-fourth of the electors in that section, and one-fourth of the electors in the rest of the county and be presented to the Board before the first Monday in May. Then a special election would be held in July before the voters of the entire county.

Early in 1916 some of the isolated citizenry met with the Uintah County Board in efforts to obtain some seventy dollars worth of funds to repair a particularly bad stretch of muddy road and were refused. Indignation ran high and the decision was made to attempt to divorce the little section of land from its mother county. A petition was arranged and signed in time to be presented early in 1917. The election results in July of that year were: Daggett District, 74, in favor, none against; Uintah District, 325 in favor, 156 against. The election was carried.

The new county was duly named Daggett, in honor of Ellsworth C. Daggett, first surveyor-general of Utah, the man most responsible for the develop-

ment of the area. On November 16, 1917 Hadden Bonnon, acting governor of the state of Utah in the absence of Governor Bamberger, issued the proclamation proclaiming Daggett a county, effective on the first Monday in January, 1918.

So on January 7, 1918, Daggett County came into existence. Its proclaimed boundaries were: Commencing at the point of intersection of the boundaries of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado, thence west to the one hundred and tenth meridian of west longitude, thence south to the watershed of the Uintah Mountains, thence east along said watershed to the Colorado state line, thence north to the point of beginning.

A few pertinent facts about Daggett County are that it is the smallest county in the state of Utah, one of the richest for its size because of its petroleum interests in the Clay Basin, has the lowest traffic fatality record in the nation, and has had a clean record of absolutely no illiteracy. Its 48th birthday will pass with no celebration, and probably very little mention, but Daggett County promises to be one of the most important counties in the nation in the future and perhaps its 50th anniversary will be of some real import to the State of Utah.

Also in January, Manila, county seat of Daggett County, will celebrate its 60th birthday from its founding in 1898. Of course, it is apparent that Manila received its name from the famous Battle of Manila, Philippines during the Spanish American War in 1898.

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Wednesday, afternoon Brent and I went to the queen's chapel (located right beside the palace) to see the casket (which was closed) and the floral offerings.

It was a most impressive sight. The casket was on a tapa cloth decorated riser and four official mourners sat on the floor. They each had a brightly colored piece of chiffon which they used to shoo away the flies when necessary.

ON EACH corner of the casket stood an honor guard in full dress who stood with his head bowed. However they couldn't resist the temptation to peek at the palongies. The casket was draped with the Tongan flag and didn't have any flowers on it. However the whole rest of the chapel was filled with wreaths, crosses and sprays of flowers. The palongies were especially asked to bring artificial flowers if they had them because they wanted some which would keep on the grave. In this heat flowers droop in just a short while out of water.

We took a nice arrangement made of the florentine flowers which mother gave me to bring here. I hope you don't mind, Mōiher. I decided you wouldn't care inasmuch as it isn't often you can give your handwork to a queen. We have fresh flowers here all the time so artificial ones really aren't necessary.

"QUEEN SALOTE" (Sal-o-lay) was a very friendly, gracious woman whom the people loved and they truly mourn her passing. The new king is King-Tundi (Tuney - with the accent on the last syllable) Touppou IV. He is a very large man - about 6 ft. 3, as was his mother, and weights about 380 pounds. He's spent most of his life being educated and traveling away from Tonga but perhaps now his duties will keep him here more.

I forgot to say that the Queen's Chapel is all done in highly polished wood and is very beautiful and well-kept. The surrounding gardens are lovely. Inside the chapel is a throne of awesome proportions inasmuch as the rest of the building is rather small. The mats on the floor were really beautiful, too.

ON THURSDAY at 10 a.m. the official procession left the palace and walked, at a very slow pace, about four blocks to the Royal Tombs, which are located inside the golf course. It was about the most impressive and picturesque thing I've seen. First came the Royal Band dressed in white uniforms trimmed in red. They played appropriate, mournful music. Then came and honor guard of 100 soldiers who marched two abreast.

Next was the supreme court judge and somebody else in their long, black gowns and white wigs. Next was the coffin. It was on a huge platform draped in black and with a black chiffon canopy over it. Two mourners in huge mats

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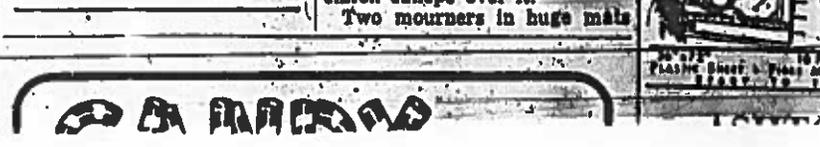
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# Public Land Agreement to protect hunting, fishing in Daggett County

Salt Lake City -- Stakeholders in Utah's Public Lands Initiative announced today they had reached an agreement that will help settle issues over public land management in Daggett County and protect fish and wildlife habitat prized by sportsmen, including a popular stretch of the Green River.

In a press conference in Salt Lake City, Trout Unlimited, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Governor Gary Herbert, Congressman Rob Bishop, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and other stakeholders presented their plan to the public.

The announcement came from a plan submitted in August by Daggett County to Congressman Bishop requesting federal land management changes. Since then, the county, Bishop and several conservation organizations have worked to finalize the plan and find consensus.

The new plan would help protect some of the best fishing in the country and provide Daggett County more economic security by initiating a series of transfers and designations, giving the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) more capacity to meet its goal of raising revenue while raising the protection status of highly valued public lands for sportsmen and women.

Charles Card, Northeast Utah Backcountry Coordinator, said managing the Green River for fish, recreation and wildlife would maintain the high quality of fishing that anglers and Daggett County residents have known for years.

"If we get these protec-

tions locked in, current river users can rest easy, knowing that future generations will have similar experiences on the Green through A and B sections," he said. "We value the collaboration and are appreciative of the work that has gone into this plan from all parties involved. It's encouraging to see this kind of progress and feel there have been great strides in protecting this fishery and native cutthroat streams in the Uintas."

Of note to hunters and anglers, the plan will:

Establish more than 80,000 acres of new wilderness on BLM and Forest Service Lands in Daggett County protecting important headwater streams for sensitive Colorado Cutthroat Trout populations.

Establish a 30,000-acre conservation area.

Designate about 14 miles of the Green River (one half mile downstream from the dam to the Indian Crossing boat ramp) as Wild and Scenic River. About 14 miles downstream from Indian Crossing will be released from Wild and Scenic River status.

Allow an equal value land trade between the Federal Government and SITLA that would give federal lands managers higher quality conservation valued lands and SITLA lands with higher potential for revenue.

For high resolution photos of the Green River, visit Trout Unlimited's photo site. All photo credits go to Trout Unlimited. Password: Green River

Trout Unlimited is the nation's oldest and largest coldwater fisheries conservation organization dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds. Follow TU on Facebook and Twitter, and visit us online at [tu.org](http://tu.org)

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# Reclamation awards \$4 million security contract to Daggett Sheriff's Office

SALT LAKE CITY – The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded a contract for \$4,021,347 to the Daggett County Sheriff's Office for continued security services at Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River in northeastern Utah. Daggett County has been providing security services since 2003. Current service has been under a stop-gap agreement with the Sheriff over the past three months as negotiations on the new contract have concluded.

Reclamation Commissioner Michael L. Connor said

the contract is significant for Daggett County, noting it is Utah's smallest populated county with slightly more than 1,000 people. "This agreement renews our joint commitment to the highest quality protection for Flaming Gorge using the well-trained professionals assigned through the Daggett County Sheriff's Office," Commissioner Michael L. Connor said. "Through this contract, the Sheriff's Office will continue to provide supplemental employment for 34 law enforcement per-

sonnel from various agencies in the area. Reclamation is pleased they will continue to provide the high level of security services at this critically important site."

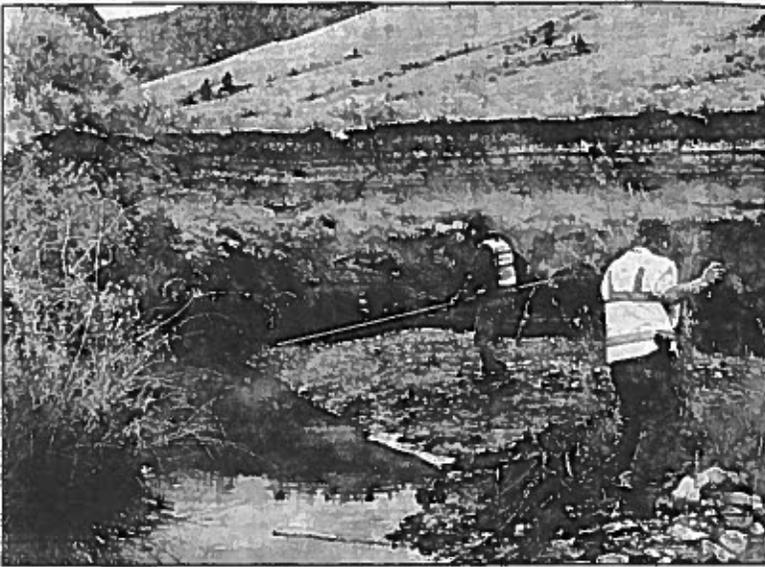
Power Manager Jane Blair said the Daggett County Sheriff will provide a year-round guard force for physical security services that include interacting with the general public, government employees, and other contractors in order to protect lives and property at Flaming Gorge Dam.

Flaming Gorge Dam is a

key unit of the Colorado River Storage Project, storing and delivering water in the Colorado River system, generating hydropower and providing recreation and world-class fishing opportunities on both the reservoir and the Green River below the dam. In spite of the dry conditions of past spring and summer, the reservoir is currently 81 percent full with over three million acre-feet of water in storage. The hydropower generated at the dam is distributed in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

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Searchers in Daggett County react after a parked vehicle raised suspicions.

# Searchers find body of missing Wyoming man

A body found Friday near Sheep Creek Canal in Daggett County has been identified as Gregory Johnson, 51, a musician in a Rock Springs band.

According to the Daggett County Sheriff's office, no indications of foul play were immediately evident although a forensic examination is being conducted and investigation in the case is ongoing.

Johnson was last seen at around 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, by fellow band members when they finished playing at the Wild Horse Saloon in Green River. On Tuesday, Sept. 4, a Utah hunter saw a gray Ford F-150 pickup parked near the mouth of Sol's Canyon, about 8.5 miles southwest of Manila. The next day, the hunter noticed that the vehicle had not moved and notified authorities.

Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen and

Capt. Chris Collett assessed the scene, which they said appeared to be a campsite. The pickup was identified as belonging to the Johnson.

The Sweetwater County Sheriff's office was notified, and Jorgensen and Collett began organizing a search involving deputies and search and rescue volunteers from Daggett and Uintah counties, as well as search dogs provided by Utah Search Dogs Inc.

One of the search dog teams found Johnson's body on Friday, less than 100 yards from the Sheep Creek Canal, which is fed by Long's Park Reservoir, about 2 miles upstream.

Though their findings are preliminary, the Sheriff's office said they believe Johnson fell into the canal, then tried to return to his vehicle and campsite and succumbed to hypothermia.

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# Sidwell quits voter fraud case in Daggett County

MANILA, Utah (AP) - Bryan Sidwell - the prosecutor in the Daggett County voter-fraud scandal - has quit the case.

Sidwell removed himself before 20 of 51 defendants could be arraigned. He refused to say why.

Paul Murphy, a spokesman for the Utah Attorney General's Office, told the Uintah Basin Standard in an e-mail that an assistant attorney general will likely handle the case in the wake of Sidwell's withdrawal. Murphy said court hearings are scheduled for half of the defendants on July

11. The remaining defendants are due in court on Aug. 8.

The voters are accused of illegally registering in Daggett County even though they don't live or maintain a primary residence there. The charge is a class A misdemeanor.

The case involves the 2006 election, when then-Sheriff Alan Campbell complained that the voter rolls were growing in the small county near the Wyoming border. Campbell, a Democrat, lost the election to Republican Rick Ellsworth by 20 votes.

Sidwell is an appointed rather

than elected county attorney, and two weeks ago the chairman of the Daggett County Commission said his employment was under review.

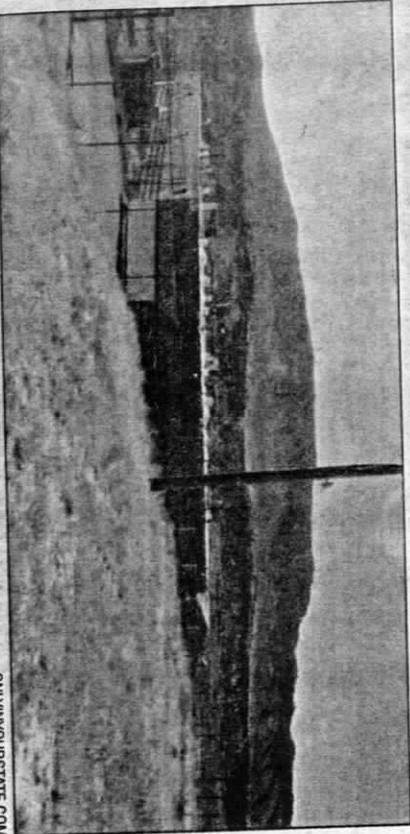
The prosecutor quit a day after Corby J. Raddon filed papers in Manila's 8th District Court accusing Sidwell of withholding evidence that exonerates him and trying to silence defense witnesses, The Salt Lake Tribune reported on June 13.

Raddon is asking a judge to dismiss the charge against him.

Sidwell said he won't comment until the cases are resolved.

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# State settles Daggett Jail inmate abuse case



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The Daggett County Jail has sat empty for over a year since it was shut down by Utah authorities in relation to a lawsuit alleging prisoner abuse by several guards.

**John Thompson**  
jthompson@ubmedia.biz

Attorneys defending the Utah Department of Corrections negotiated a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) over the past few months over allegations that inmates in Daggett County Jail were tortured by guards.

Representatives from the Utah Attorney General's office negotiated a \$122,000 payout to four former inmates in a case that implicated numerous Daggett County employees including former Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen and current Sheriff

**Erik Bailey**

The allegations against the Daggett County law enforcement community include that inmates were shocked with stun guns and attacked by law enforcement canines. The case was uncovered when a counselor from the LDS Church learned of the alleged abuses and reported it to church leaders who then approached the Utah Department of Corrections.

"While the state does not believe that the Department of Corrections or its employees violated these plaintiffs' constitutional rights," Darin Goff,

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assistant attorney general said Thursday. "The state of Utah opted to settle these cases in order to conclude the litigation and eliminate further risk to taxpayers."

Settlements were paid to inmates Joshua Asay, 29, \$32,000, and Dustin Law Porter, 39, Steven Droulette, 50, and Joshua Reed Olsen, 31 each received \$30,000.

The cases, tried in federal court, involved cruel and unusual pun-

ishment questions under the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The abuse of prisoners occurred between 2015 and 2017. Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes filed criminal charges against Jorgensen and four deputies for what he described as "unbelievably inhumane conduct."

Daggett County Jail was closed in result of the court action and has since sat empty. It is listed for sale at \$4.45 million and has been the subject of an article in the Los Angeles Times and other publications.

The cases against

Jorgensen and five deputies including Logan Walker, Rodrigo Toledo, Jeffrey Toome, Benjamin Lail and Mike Haddon have all been settled. A civil case against Sheriff Bailey is ongoing.

Former guard Joshua Cox, who was listed in court documents as the main perpetrator of violence against the inmates, pleaded guilty to three felonies, including aggravated assault. He spent four months behind bars for his offenses.

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# Department of Corrections issues statement on Daggett County Jail

## STAFF REPORTS

The Utah Department of Corrections issued a statement on the Daggett County Jail. The statement was given by UDC Executive Director Rollin Cook in response to personnel actions taken by Daggett County Sheriff's Office.

Cook's statement is, "The Department of Corrections appreciates the ongoing cooperation from the Daggett County Commissioners and County Attorney's Office as the investigation into misconduct and mismanagement at the county jail continues.

"We recognize the significant financial impact the removal of state inmates has to the county

and its citizens and we are committed to working with the county leadership to come to a resolution.

"This case involves multiple, distressing allegations among line staff and command staff in the Daggett County Jail. These are serious, criminal allegations, involving unprofessional conduct and unacceptable correctional practices, which put the inmates and the public in jeopardy.

"Because of the gravity of the allegations and the possible involvement at many levels of the Daggett County Sheriff's Office, the case deserves a thorough and careful review, which will take time.

"Current Sheriff's Office command staff continue to

be subjects of the investigation and we remain apprehensive about returning inmates to the jail under its current culture. State inmates will not be returned to the jail at this time. Future administrative actions will factor in our decision making for potential inmate placement."

UDC did not include any more information with the statement. No further details are available regarding additional details on the alleged crime or whether UDC will place inmates in Daggett County until the case is complete.

The investigation was turned over to the Attorney General's Office to be completed.

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## Correction officers terminated, Lt. resigns at Daggett County Jail

### DAGGETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Feb. 17, 2017, the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) removed 80 state inmates from the Daggett County Jail as a result of an ongoing investigation of alleged miscon-

duct by staff.

Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen and Chief Deputy Chris Collett met with UDC officials on April 11 to discuss the findings of their investigation. As a result of the initial report, Daggett County terminated employment of the two correction officers that were placed on

leave at the beginning of the investigation in February. They also accepted the resignation of the jail commander.

As the investigation is still ongoing, there will not be any information released on the allegations at this time.

## Daggett County Sheriff Resigns

### STAFF REPORTS

A news release issued on Monday April 24, stated that Daggett County Sheriff Jerry Jorgensen resigned effective Sunday April 23.

According to the release

Jorgensen started working with Daggett County on Oct. 29, 2007, as jail commander and was elected to be sheriff in 2010, beginning his first term in the beginning of 2011.

Jorgensen was reelected in 2014.



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Commissioner Jerry N. Taylor  
Chairman, Daggett County Commission  
Manila, UT 84046

Dear Commissioner Taylor:

Your concern for access across the Taylor Flat Bridge by the public and property owners is certainly legitimate and a concern we share with you. This Department and the Division of Wildlife Resources have a very deep interest in assuring legitimate access for all segments of the citizenry.

We also have other responsibilities that must be considered in the course of carrying out our mission. One of these responsibilities is for public safety and to not expose the state to a liability risk. I am confident that as we share your interest in access, you can share our concern for public safety and liability risks.

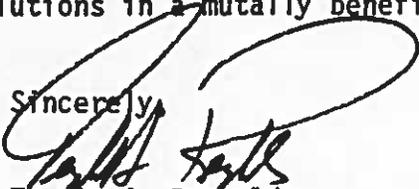
As plans for the Division of Wildlife Resources to meet state responsibility and provide for legitimate access have developed, we were pleased that a member of the Daggett County Commission and a representative of the private landowners met with Wildlife personnel on the site and discussed the alternatives available.

This meeting with the Daggett County Commissioner and other interested parties did not result in finding an alternative to installing a gate and lock. Therefore, the Division of Wildlife Resources is proceeding with this project, scheduled for completion in early May.

Please do not construe this to mean the matter is closed. We would be most interested in further discussion if the Daggett County Commission were to express an interest in taking ownership of the Taylor Flat Bridge. In the meantime, provision has been made for any person who has a need for access through the gate to obtain a key by signing a waiver of liability at either the Wildlife Resources Office in Vernal or Salt Lake City.

I sincerely hope we can continue to work together on the matter and that we can discuss developments and seek solutions in a mutually beneficial effort.

Sincerely,



Temple A. Reynolds  
Executive Director

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cc: Senator Glade M. Sowards  
Representative Gayle F. McKeachnie

# DAGGETT COUNTY COMMISSION

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Temple Reynolds  
Division Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Daggett County has learned of a rumor that Wildlife Resources is in the process of building a gate and lock for the Taylor Flat Bridge. If this is true, we are greatly opposed.

We have not been contacted in regard to this matter and we are emphatically opposed to the gate and closure because of the public access to the Taylor Flat and surrounding area. Four Hundred Fourteen people own private property in that area. They and numerous other recreational users would be involved as a camping area and boat ramp are located there. They would be inaccessible with this closure.

Daggett County will use any measures to remove this gate and lock.

Yours truly,

cc: Gov. Matheson  
Wildlife Resources

DAGGETT COUNTY COMMISSION

*[Signature]*  
Jerry N. Taylor  
Chairman

earned are doing nicely.

R. E. Vickery, general passenger agent of the Colorado Midland railroad Co., was in Vernal attending to business. He left for Grand Junction on Friday.

Richard Tiffany and Henry Millican are conducting the Cabaret dances at the Orpheus, and are endeavoring to furnish clean, high-grade entertainment.

Ray Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bates of this city, who is stationed at Mare Island is reported to be improving. He was released from the hospital two weeks ago.

March 4 to March 9 has been designated by the National government as Farmer's Repair week. In our next issue we will devote considerable space to this very important matter.

Allen, of Ogden has been assisting in the stock-taking at the Golden Rule store. He returned to Ogden Monday, wonderfully impressed with the possibilities of Ashley Valley.

The Rebekah lodge at their business meeting decided that instead of giving their annual St. Patrick's day dance, to donate the sum that would be otherwise expended to the local Red Cross chapter.

The board members of the new board of education for Daguerre county are as follows: Elbert E. Watto, Pres.; Charles F. Olson, vice-president, A. J. B. Stewart, clerk of board, Niels Palleesen, treasurer, Henry Twitchell.

The Vernal Drug Co. held its annual stockholders meeting last week and re-elected S. D. Colton, W. H. Siddaway and Chas. S. Carter, Jr. as directors. The financial report was read and showed a most substantial increase in business for the first year in its new location. S. D. Colton was again elected president by the directors.

The Bank of Vernal is distributing among the business firms of the city atlas maps of Europe. On one side of the map, which is very comprehensive, is shown lines of communications, rivers, and the principal cities now figuring in the world's great battle. On the reverse side are statistics of the military strength of each nation, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Robinson and family of Provo, are newcomers in Vernal to make their permanent home here. Mr. Robinson was formerly an instructor at the Uintah Academy, and has been teaching school and practicing law while in Provo. According to the Provo papers, however, Mr. Robinson's main business here will be the raising of sheep and cattle. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orson Calder.

This winter has been the best winter for saw mill men in the history of the industry. At present, however, there is but one mill running, that of A. C. Nelson, Fred Felch, a timberman of long experience, has furnished the mill with logs enough to make 90,000 feet of lumber. When this run is completed, Mr. Nelson will discontinue his mill to engage in the cattle business in the Hill Creek country. The other saw mills will commence operation in the spring, which will relieve the local shortage of lumber.

An old pioneer in this valley, since 1870 says that there has been three

chased Cannam's Confectionery and fallen through.

The home of Wm. H. Cook was blessed with the arrival of a baby girl on Monday and the happy mother and daughter are in the best of condition.

Dr. G. H. Christy was called to La-point on urgent summons Tuesday afternoon to attend the daughter of Bert Charles, who is seriously ill at that place.

Ex-Mayor Ed. D. Samuels, and daughter, Mrs. Vern Shimmins, left for Salt Lake Wednesday morning. Mrs. Samuels is reported ill and it is said that an operation is necessary.

Judge Morgan will be here to hold a term of the district court on March 14. Local attorneys are all busy preparing for the coming session. Sessions will be held in Duchesne on March 4.

The final contest in public speaking will be held in the Vernal Second ward, for contestants in that ward, next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Several musical selections will be rendered during the evening and a general invitation is extended to attend.

Russell Harrison brought into the office of the Express a large egg laid by one of his mother's flock of buff orphingtons. The egg weighed 3 1/2 ounces, and measured 6 1/2 inches around. If anyone has a hen that can beat it, we will be glad to hear from them.

J. Winter Smith, a former resident of Vernal and now of southern California, in writing to friends here states that he successfully presented the moving picture "Over There" in the interest of his boy scout troop. Mr. Smith while in Vernal was Deputy Scout Commissioner for this county.

The final contest in public speaking for the Uintah stake M. I. A. will be held on March 11. The wards are holding their tryouts on Feb. 26. A contest between the winner of the prize in Uintah stake and the winner in Duchesne stake will be held in the middle of April.

The sale of Thrift stamps is progressing rapidly. The school children are making efforts to have a stamp in every pupil's hands by Saturday night. Jos. Varruska, the cheese maker at Calder Bros. creamery purchased a \$100 War Saving Certificate. Mr. Varruska also owns two issues of Liberty bonds.

The two farces which were to be presented at the Vogue on March 2, have been postponed until March 11. The following cast of characters will appear in "My Neighbor's Wife," Merrill Bonnell, Ed. Evans, Bernice McNeil, Katherine Calder and Miss Lewis. Merrill Bonnell and C. A. Laxman will appear in "Dinner for Two." The proceeds of this entertainment is to be turned over to the building fund of the Second ward.

Gerald Girard, husband of Mrs. Avon Girard, has been visiting in Vernal the past week and returned Thursday to his home in Portland, Ore. He reports that the salmon fishing industry on the Columbia river is better than it has ever been before. Fall salmon that formerly sold for seven cents a pound now demands fifteen cents. Fish which heretofore has not been utilized is being assorted and the best canned.

M. F. Ketchum, in Vernal, a few days in Vernal this week. Mr. Ketchum is a salesman at the Curry Merc. Co., of that place.

Principal Ellis of Bennett spent the week-end in Vernal. While here he attended the meeting of the Uintah County Teachers' association.

The Junior Red Cross auxiliary of the Central School is very busy every Friday afternoon in doing work for the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Among new automobile purchasers is Chas. Tucker, who owns a ranch near Vernal. Mr. Tucker is acting host to all his friends in furnishing joy rides.

The seventh grade Central school has purchased Thrift Stamps and War Savings certificates to the amount of \$36. J. Frank Watkins is instructor of this enterprising and up-to-date grade.

The Board of Education was in session on Tuesday. Among other matters of routine business discussed was the acceptance of the school buildings at Dry Fork and Union. A full membership was present.

The picture "The Poor Little Rich Girl" presented by the Central school was a distinct success. A tidy sum was realized, which will be used to purchase supplies for the Junior Red Cross auxiliary of the school.

A roadster, of the racing type is being built by the mechanics of the Vernal Motor Co. When completed the car will have every improvement which will facilitate a possible speed exceeding any car in Uintah Basin. It is said.

The clean-up contest as being conducted in the schools in Uintah county by Jas. H. Wallis, is meeting with wonderful results in the improvement of the conditions in each school. Encouraging reports are being forwarded to the superintendent's office on the work done so far.

Spring is here and school baseball has commenced. The Fifth grade of the Central school in a "slug-fest" run away with a game played with the Sixth grade with a score of 36 to 1. Batteries were: Fifth grade, Clyde Hacking and Carl Davis; Sixth grade, Jeremiah Merkley and Clement Eaton.

A marriage of local importance was that of J. L. Means, of the Vernal Motor Co., and Marie Ostergard of Myton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. A. Downey.

Last Monday afternoon, a wedding supper was served the bridal couple at the American Cafe, by Mrs. Arthur Rich.

The Board of Education offices which are now located on the grounds of the Central school are now serving the needs of the board and the superintendent, Earl Thompson in ample shape. The building which is of the portable style can, in the event of the offices being moved, be utilized as additional school room for the Central school.

The Second Ward basketball team won and lost at the most recent Saturday at the Gymnasium. The opposing teams were the Juniors from Maeser, and the Seniors from Gilnes. The Junior game resulted in a score of 23-18 in favor of the Second warders. The Senior game resulted in the Second ward coming out with a score of 20-18.

Word was received from Washington, D. C. that the time in which soldiers' insurance, from Feb. 17 to April 17. The party who are now in the country will do well to avail themselves of this privilege.

Easter Sunday comes on March 31. Last year's date on which the church reckoning, 24 A. D. 2011, comes on the first full moon, which is March 21, the day of the equinox.

A big public meeting at Naples on W. Feb. 27, at 7:30 p. m. will feature a following program: Thrift Stamps and Supt. Earl Thompson and War Prices "School Problems, Club Work," J. N. musical features. fifteen years of as

From February 2nd inclusive the log Machine Co., free tractor service for the Lake City for the and prospective purchasers of Case tractors and their interest in gas and cordially invited.

The Day and have bought out rage Co., and would stand until the rage, being built completed. They do all kinds of tea to give fire service, especially stories and tires, automobiles. Jack of the new company.

A. Theo John Wednesday from brother-in-law, had died at the body would arrive today, for burial he remembered Vernal's drug store of his death, and drug stores in Johnson will be son.

A request in the Red Cross letter to call upon others who have their homes in order the local chapter of the (Uintah County) called upon, it is to be hoped to work in with the request.

recipient of a prize at his evening. The organization, and their part in the and proceeded their worthy all entitled in

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The Fall of Cottonwoods  
my dad's poem-Linwood, Utah 1963

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The young man  
hesitates before stepping down  
from his green government truck.  
He needs to talk to Tom, to tell him  
that tomorrow they will burn his barns and corrals,  
bulldoze the barbed wire fences  
and fell the cottonwoods that have aged  
with him on the banks of Henry's Fork.

" . . . the bew dam is finished,  
the lake is beginning to fill . . ."

Tom wears the rings of years in his face  
and his gnarled hands have grown  
stiff and brittle in the dry summer sun.  
Wind-whipped and silent, he turns his back  
to the young man and puppet-steps  
down the long wooden porch and through  
the warped door of his weathered home.  
Inside the air smells strong of fruit  
and must, undisturbed like the long  
neglected dust.

The young man promised to move the bunk house  
and grainery to higher ground,  
but Bessie's grave and the copper mine  
will never be found.

Finding the coffee pot cold, Tom shuffles  
to the den where large, yellowed calendars  
collage the gypsum walls. He pauses,  
fingering a small one from the Linwood Merc.,  
of building burned the week before.

" . . . the new dam is finished  
the lake is beginning to fill . . ."

Slumping into his cracked, leather chair  
he lights his stubby cigar. The lingering smoke  
curls into shape: A grey stallion -- the wild, free  
and ready to run! Eyes closed, Tom fills his mind  
with beating hooves . . . too full to hear  
his son drive away  
in the green government truck.

--Carol Lynn Gardiner

# Three out of five former officers plead guilty in Daggett jail case

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Three out of five former Daggett County Sheriff's Office employees entered guilty pleas in the 2016 Daggett County Jail case involving allegations of unprofessional conduct and unacceptable correctional practices, which put the inmates and the public in jeopardy. Former Daggett County Sher-

iff Lt. Benjamin Charles Lail, 32, pleaded guilty in Summit County's 3rd District Court to class A misdemeanor reckless endangerment, on Sept. 6, 2017, in relation to the April 14, 2016, case, according to court documents.

Lail was sentenced to a term of 365 days with the total time suspended, required to pay a fine

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of \$2,500. The fine was partially suspended, giving Lail a total fine of due of \$750.

Lail was court ordered to make a payment of \$100 each month till May 2018.

Lail was sentenced to serve under supervised probation for the period of 12 months. Conditions of his probation include writing an apology letter to his attorney, surrendering his Police Officer Certification to the State of Utah and maintain good behavior and have no violations of the law.

Lail is scheduled in court for a review March 12, 2018.

Former Daggett County Sheriff, Jerry Rulon Jorgensen, 64, pleaded guilty on Sept. 6, taking a plea deal of a plea in abeyance, dismissing the charges of failure of sheriff to safely keep inmates, a class A misdemeanor, obstruction of justice, a class A misdemeanor and official misconduct, a class B misdemeanor.

As part of the plea in abeyance, Jorgensen was ordered to surrender Peace Officer Certification to the State of Utah and pay a fee in the amount of \$500 or 50 hours of community service.

According to court documents, the plea is held in abeyance for the period of six months, after-which the charges will be dismissed.

Jorgensen was given 30 days to withdraw his plea and is scheduled for a review on March 6, 2018.

Former Daggett County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joshua Cox, 27, pleaded guilty, dropping seven charges: five counts third-degree felony aggravated assault; third-degree felony transport weapon/ammo/etc - secure areas or facility; and reckless endangerment, a class A misdemeanor.

Cox is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 6, in 3rd District Court on two counts aggravated assault, a third-degree felony; one count transport weapon/ ammo/etc - secure areas or facility, a third-degree felony; and theft, a class A misdemeanor.

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A troop of Negro Cavalry on bivouac at Vernal.

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**D**ID YOU ever hear how Spirit Lake got its name? Jim Lamb told us this one as he got it from the Indians. A group of Shoshone bucks went off on a little hunting party up in the Ballies. One of them was following an elk trail and along toward dusk, he came to a big lake surrounded by pines. He decided he'd better spend the night there, and go on hunting in the morning. He wrapped up in his blanket at the foot of a pine and went to sleep.

All of a sudden, a noise woke him up. It sounded like a bell ringing, deep and sort of muffled. The moon had just come up and was slipping along behind some clouds, and the lake was all sort of misty. He got up and looked out at the water where the sound seemed to come from. There, down under the black surface of the lake, he saw a herd of white elk moving along. The leader was wearing the bell that gave off that solemn, muffled note.

Terrified, the Indian plunged off through the woods, not looking or caring where he was going. Two or three days later the rest of the party found him. He was still pretty much out of his mind from fear of what he'd seen. After he'd been fed and rested a bit, he managed to tell his companions about his experience but the poor chap was never quite right in his mind after that. The other Indians recognized the lake from his description, and named it Spirit Lake. The Shoshones always gave it a wide berth, especially at night.

Nobody else has ever seen those white elk, as far as we know, but if you listen on a still summer night, you can sometimes hear that muffled bell ringing, way down under the surface of the lake.

The first time any officer of the law was ever known to stick his head into Brown's Park was when one of the Hoys swore out a warrant for the arrest of Isom Dart. The sheriff in Rock Springs didn't like the idea of trying to serve the warrant, so he deputized Joe Philbrick, who was supposed to be the toughest

man in town and was said to be wanted in three states.

Just how Joe handled it isn't known, but he got his man and started back to town with Isom in a buckboard. On their way in, the buckboard slid down a bank, and Joe, Isom, the horses, and the buckboard all landed in a heap at the bottom of a wash. Joe was out cold but Isom caught the frightened horses, pulled the buckboard off Philbrick, patched him up, and drove into town. There Isom surrendered himself to the sheriff, who promptly clapped him into jail.

When Philbrick came to and heard about it, he was plenty mad. Any man, he figured, who'd do what Isom had done, deserved to go free. The jury evidently agreed with him, for they promptly acquitted Isom, rustler or not.

Joe Tolliver was finally made town marshal down in Vernal. Presumably, the idea was that one Brown's Park badman could handle any number of local toughs. Joe was a good marshal while he was sober, but unfortunately he seldom attained that condition more than once or twice a year.

One day, so the story goes, Joe was in the tansorial parlor getting himself spruced up. He started boasting about what all he was going to do to clean the town up, and started to brandish his six-shooter around to emphasize the point.

"Better put that gun away before you hurt somebody," the barber suggested, mildly.

"Hell," yelled Tolliver, "the thing's perfectly safe. Look!" And with that, he pointed the gun at his head and pulled the trigger. And that was Tolliver's last shave, close or otherwise.

**ONE TIME** when I was about seven or eight," Jim Lamb began, "a Ute Indian named Crazy John came up to Bridger from the White Rocks Agency, and brought his young squaw with him. He bought a gallon of firewater to take back to sell, but he sort of miscalculated and got most of it aboard himself. He came over to our cabin and wanted to

stay all night, but my father persuaded him to go down to Uncle Jack's Indian camp just below us.

"When he got there, he suddenly got the idea that it was time to beat up his squaw. She fooled him, though: She sneaked out and came back to our place. My father told her she could spread her blanket by the fireplace if she wanted to stay, so that's what she did.

"We'd just about got off to sleep when we heard somebody outside shaking the door pretty hard. I was afraid he'd break it down, so I got up and let him in. It was Crazy John, and he was on the warpath for sure. He had a big old butcher knife with him, and he was waving it around.

"'Me cut-em squaw's head off,' he told us, and started to do it.

"Now my father was a pretty mild man usually, and never fought much, but he sure got pretty cranky at that. He told that buck to lie down and behave himself and go to sleep. The old fellow was crazy drunk and didn't pay any attention, he just kept dodging around trying to get his hands on the squaw.

"There was a hatchet with a long handle over by the fireplace, so while they were ducking around the cabin, I got hold of that and sneaked up and knocked him one on the head with it. He stretched out flat, and he sure looked like a dead Indian for a few minutes.

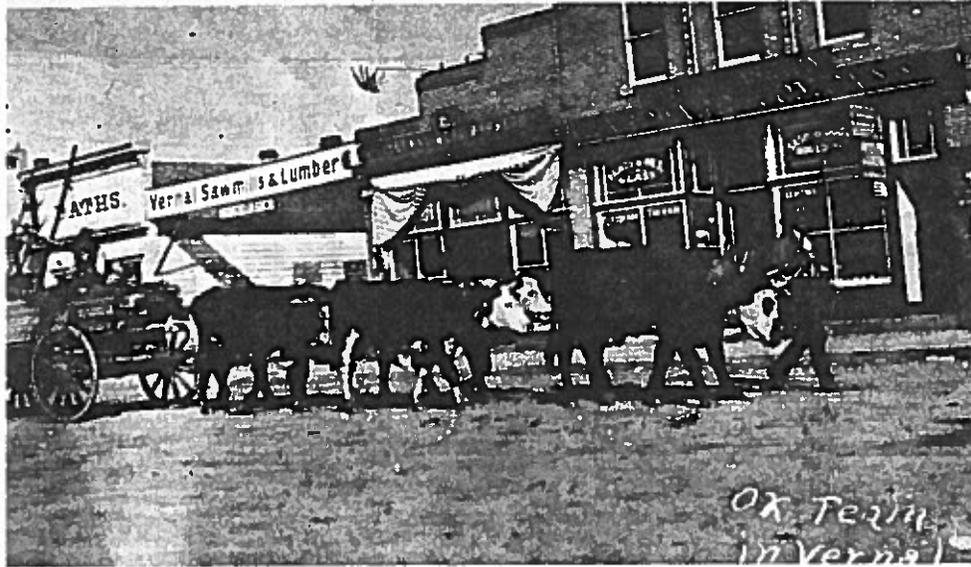
"'Now you've played hell for sure,' my father told me. 'Them other Indians'll come up and kill us all.'

"That sort of scared me, and kid-like, I started to bawl. I sure felt mighty relieved when John came to and started to get up.

"'Lie down,' my father told him, real sharp. I guess the old buck thought he meant it this time, for he grunted, rolled up in his blanket, and went off to sleep.

"In the morning we gave 'em something to eat. Crazy John seemed to be mighty anxious to pull out and get back home. Well, it seems they got as far as Young's Springs that night, and camped there. Crazy John piled into the rest of

**Campfire talk. We're not saying it's all true, we're just saying, "That's the way we heard it"!**



Vernal, Utah, around 1900.

that whiskey jug. Then, he didn't do a thing to that squaw but take his knife and cut the fingers off both her hands, and then take a firebrand and burn the ends so's she wouldn't bleed to death.

"Well, when they got back to the agency, the squaw told the other Indians what he'd done. They grabbed hold of him, and held him down while they got a ring, heated it, and branded him with it right on the forehead. After that, he was always sort of an outcast. His squaw left him, and none of the other Indians'd have a thing to do with him."

**F**OR MANY YEARS, Daggett County had a real hermit. He was Amos Hill, a lean, lanky, grizzled old fellow who lived in a little wickiup down between Trail and Allen Creeks. He lived there for more than twenty years, raising a little garden, and doing some placer mining down along the Green River in Red Canyon. It was a never-failing source of astonishment to parties making a boat trip down the river to run onto him there.

His house, no bigger than a dog kennel, was built over a hole in the ground leaving earthen steps for him to sit on close to his little fire. He had a series of zigzag ditches by means of which he irrigated a garden, a small alfalfa patch, and a little patch of corn almost smothered by sweet clover. He had a few cattle to care for, but he spent most of his time panning the river sand.

For clothes, Amos wore ragged overalls and a piece of canvas with a hole cut out for his head. His boots were made of fifteen-inch squares of rawhide laced to old rubber boot uppers. Two or three times a year he would make a trip to Linwood or Vernal with a pack horse to get supplies. He had formerly been a rancher up near Lonetree. Even there he had been a bit moody and solitary, and finally he had moved down into the remote river canyon to be by himself. He got friendly with the people who settled at Greendale, and when James Swett moved away, Amos left his hermit's hideout and went along with him.

Amos was over eighty at the time.

And do you know about the "Bucket of Gold?" It must have been '98, because Solomon was away fighting in Cuba at the time, that there was a train robbery on the U.P., north of here. Maybe it was at Fish Cut, or maybe at Point of Rocks; it doesn't really matter much. Anyway, the robbers lit out for the mountains, but they were pretty closely pursued by a posse. Up at Conner Basin, the pack horse carrying the treasure—which was estimated at \$85,000 in gold coin and bullion—gave out, and the outlaws "borrowed" a fresh one which happened to be an old roan called Cleveland, belonging to Solomon.

Charley Brant was up in Long's Park

at the time, and saw those fellows coming along. He recognized old Cleveland, and started over to investigate. The outlaws pulled their guns, so Charley made tracks out of there in a hurry. He said afterward that he recognized one of the party as "Red Bob," and he knew it wouldn't be healthy to linger around there.

Well, the posse caught up with the gang over near Vernal, rounded them up, and stuck them in jail. They were tried, found guilty and sentenced to the pen. But they'd got rid of the gold somewhere along the line, and the authorities couldn't persuade them to tell where it was.

The discovery of a metal bucket over in Dowd's Hole, with the painted letters, "U.P." on it, aroused great speculation and excitement. Several people tried digging around, but all they got for their trouble was a few extra callouses, and after a while the excitement died down.

About two years after the robbery, a Negro showed up in the district and lodged himself in an old cabin over near McKinnon. He was generally known as Nigger Turner, and for years afterward, McKinnon was known as "Coon Holler" in honor of his stay there. He was observed to go up through Conner Basin with a shovel, and spent a lot of time roaming around the mountains. It was remembered that there was a Negro in the original holdup gang. Turner wasn't the same man, but interest in the treasure hunt revived. Nigger Turner stayed around a couple of years, and then disappeared as suddenly and unexpectedly as he'd come. What had happened?

Well, Ole Nielsen used to tell that Turner came over to him one day and confided in him. He'd been in the pen, and while there, another Negro had told him about hiding the gold, and had drawn him a map showing where it was

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"Crazy John, the Indian who laid out the year round, for forty-eight years, two miles above Whiterocks. In normal years the snow reached a depth of two-and-one-half feet, and he would move his fire around in a small circle and sit where the ground was warm. Sometimes he would go to sleep and fall over and they would have to chop his hair loose from the ice and snow in the morning. His people would throw scraps of food to him as you would feed a dog. The writer has seen him many times; twice he had rocks in his hands hunting rabbits as far as a mile and a half from his camp. Once he had just returned with a rabbit and it was lying beside the fire. I have often wished I could have spied on him to see how he cooked it. Once in a while his friends would put up a canvas wickiup, but he would burn it when night came. I once saw him with an old overshoe on his left foot, the only item of clothing I ever saw him wear."

—Leo Thorne

## Uinta Yarns

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located. So the authorities wouldn't find it, he'd scratched it on the instep of his shoe. Ole helped him copy out the map, and together they deciphered it. It was shortly after that Turner disappeared. Ole said that it looked to him as though the map was right around Long's Park. No one ever knew whether Turner actually found the treasure or not. A man who was working for Solomon at the time also disappeared, and there was talk of foul play.

Ern Crosby has another story. He tells us that one morning Bill Riggs came over to his place at daybreak all excited, and rooted him out of bed. "Come on," he says, "get up. We're going up and find that buried treasure."

"Aw, hell," says Ern, "I don't believe there's any treasure there. Turner probably got it."

"No," says Bill, "I know right where it is. I had a dream last night, and I know the exact spot."

Well, Ern didn't have anything particular to do that day, so he went along. They got up in Dowd's Hole, and went along until they came to a little wash, and there was a dead pine sort of tipped over, with the brown needles on it.

"There," says Bill, "that's it. Just like it was in my dream."

So they got out their shovels and dug. Sure enough, they hadn't been at it more than a minute when the shovel hit something. They got it out, and it was an old shoe. Ern got a bit excited then, and they both started digging away.

In a minute they'd turned up a pair of old overalls. Now they were getting somewhere. They dug all around until the place looked like a plowed field, but they didn't find another sign of anything. And it was easy to see that the ground in other places hadn't ever been disturbed.

Finally Ern went back to the overalls and hunted through the pockets. "There's your treasure," he says to Bill, and held out fifteen cents!

—Reprinted from the book, *Our Strip of Land, A History of Daggett County, Utah.*

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# Nearly 400 in Daggett County Without Needed Fire Protection Uintah Fire Suppression Special Service District Vows to Assist



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Approximately six months ago, Daggett County officials changed the locks on the doors of the fire station in Dutch John, fueling the flames to already bad relations between them and the community while helping place the eastern part of the county in fire danger. "They changed the locks and the one key is in Manila an hour away," said William (Bud) Rogers, the mayor of Dutch John. "No notice. Not to the fire chief in Dutch John, not to any volunteers."

According to Rogers, in an attempt to reopen the fire station and return equipment back to the town, Dutch John has on several occasions attempted to renew an interlocal agreement with the county.

"Twice this year, I've drafted interlocal agreements with them for equipment transfer that we have been working on

for three years," Rogers said.

According to Rogers, those agreements have not been met with favor from the county.

"We're trying to get an agreement worked out with Dutch John to make this a better situation," said Randy Asay, a Daggett County commissioner. "There's been a struggle between the county and the town of Dutch John. It's hurt both the town and the county."

Asay said he brought the matter before the Uintah Fire Suppression Special Service District after the county was informed by their lawyer that, because of liability issues, they needed a better fire protection plan in place.

"The volunteers that we could get did not want to be county volunteers, they wanted to be city volunteers," he said. We had a fire chief in place but he would go more for the city than he would for the town. It's just been very frustrating."

According to Asay, Daggett County and Dutch John have to find a way to build more of a consensus.

"We need to work to make things work and not distrust one another," he said. "It just seems like it goes from one time to the next."

Until that consensus is reached, approximately one-third of Daggett County's residents stand to be without the fire protection they need. A situation that representatives of the UFSSSD say puts those people in "grave danger."

"Basically, my angst to this is that we are going to try to provide a service that we can't adequately supply," said Brian Gorum, UFSSSD board chairman. "Because of the distance, we are going to put out ashes instead of fires."

"We are aware of the time, the hour that it's going to take to get there," Asay said. "We do have fire trucks and a fire station in Dutch John. If

there was some way to work it out to use some of that to make time a little faster, or whatever, we have those in place."

Because firefighters from Uintah County won't be able to respond to fires in eastern Daggett county as quickly as a local department would, Gorum said the citizens in Daggett County may face other hardships.

"Coming from the insurance business, I know this is going to put the citizens in the entire eastern side of Daggett County in a precarious situation," Gorum said. "My application says 'is there a fire station within five miles or 10 miles, whatever the company standard is, and it's a yes or a no. With this situation, my company is not going to write any business up there.'"

"We realize that it's not a good thing. It's not a permanent answer to this problem," Asay said about needing the assistance for fire protection. "We want to get to the point that we have to work together

with the town. This would be a way to get something in place until we get that done."

While the desire is for Daggett County to be self-sufficient, members of the UFSSSD understand that there currently is a need for assistance.

"What I would love to see is, we have offered to train Daggett County firefighters, whether that's Dutch John, Manila or both," Gorum said. "My thought is that we want to be good neighbors and we want to help you get the best fire service you can."

As a result of wanting to be good neighbors, and help the residents of Daggett County while the county and Dutch John attempt to extinguish the flames that are dividing them, The UFSSSD agreed during their regular meeting Wednesday to assist Daggett County with fire protection services for the eastern part of the county. That agreement stipulates that Daggett County pay the UFSSSD \$5,000 per

year and the actual cost incurred per incident for firefighter salaries.

"We're going to charge you \$5,000 dollars, which is a lot of money in the scheme of things but it's not," Gorum said. "We contract with Roosevelt to take care of Ballard. They charge us \$60,000 a year plus expenses. So, we're giving you a brother-in-law deal here. We know that money is tight and we are going to try to help you out. But, the citizens of Uintah County can't help you out forever."

While the agreement between Daggett and Uintah is an open-ended agreement that either party can leave at any time, Gorum made it clear that the UFSSSD did not consider this a long-term agreement.

"We need all parties to come together and get this worked out," Gorum said. "Get this worked out quickly. This can't go on for years."

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 Yours truly,  
 REY MERC. CO.  
 by G. M. Skinker."

In the application it is set forth  
 that Mr. Ewing is the owner of natu-  
 ral gas of the approximate produc-  
 tion of 5,000,000 cubic feet per day  
 produced at and on the property of  
 the Ashley Valley company. The cost  
 of the construction of the pipe line  
 is estimated at approximately \$120,-  
 000, and the applicant intends to sup-  
 ply not only Vernal, but intermediate  
 points between the source of supply  
 and Vernal.

and convenience to the resi-  
 dents of the community which it is  
 sought to serve, and that the supply  
 of natural gas on the property of the  
 Ashley Valley Oil company is suffi-  
 cient and adequate to take care of the  
 demands of Vernal for many years.  
 A copy of Mr. Ewing's application is  
 as follows:  
 1. That he is a citizen of the Uni-  
 ted States and a resident of Salt Lake

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# Line to Salt Lake Will Run

New developments of the plan to  
 build a \$7,000,000 pipe line to bring  
 natural gas to Salt Lake from the well  
 in the Baxter basin and elsewhere in  
 Wyoming indicated Friday of last  
 week that the linking of this city with  
 the new sources of fuel is nearer than  
 was originally proposed according to  
 the Salt Lake Tribune. In fact a dis-  
 patch from Rock Springs, Wyo. Fri-  
 day night stated that work on the  
 project would practically begin Satur-  
 day morning, when a surveying party  
 will start work from that point.

Following the arrival in Salt Lake  
 early last week of representatives of  
 the Ohio Oil company and other in-  
 terests, reports were circulated that  
 an important new turn was imminent.  
 In the party of oil men were L. Fitz-  
 patrick of Findlay, Ohio connected  
 with large oil interests; C. R. Hetz-  
 ler of Binnings, Mont., a prominent  
 figure in western oil development,  
 and D. J. Crawford of Lewellyn, Pa.

## Freight Rate Hearing At Vernal, March 1st

As a result of a conference held at  
 the state capital Saturday morning be-  
 tween representatives of the Lions  
 club and Uintah county farm bureau,  
 officers of the Sterling Transportation  
 company, Utah Shippers bureau and  
 the Public Utilities commission, an  
 order was entered by the commission  
 that a hearing of all matters affecting  
 freight rates in and out of the Uintah  
 Basin be set for March 1, at Vernal.

At first it was thought the entire  
 situation might be adjusted by an  
 agreement on the part of the Vernal  
 representatives being entered into with  
 the Transportation company, accept-  
 ing a reasonable raise of the rates now  
 in effect. To this end the Farm Bu-  
 reau representatives met with the  
 Sterling officials before the opening of  
 the conference Saturday morning and  
 suggested a number of changes which  
 were agreed to, but when the confer-  
 ence opened, and the following drastic  
 increase in the present rates were pro-  
 posed, James H. Wallis, representing  
 the business interests tied up in the  
 Lions Club, informed the commission  
 that he would not assume any re-  
 sponsibility in the matter, inasmuch  
 as no opportunity had been given to  
 make a study of the proposed increases  
 in freight rates, nor the new classi-  
 fication schedule.

Following is the proposed increases  
 from Salt Lake:

Via Sterling Transportation Company						
To	Mileage	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Duchesne	132	\$1.33	\$1.19	\$1.07	\$ .96	
Myton	152	1.51	1.35	1.21	1.08	
Roosevelt	164	1.56	1.41	1.26	1.13	
Fort Duchesne	173	1.63	1.47	1.30	1.18	
Vernal	200	1.75	1.58	1.39	1.26	

Via Eastern Utah Transportation Company						
To	Mileage	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Duchesne	62	\$ .77	\$ .70	\$ .62	\$ .56	
Myton	82	.95	.86	.76	.68	
Roosevelt	94	1.02	.92	.82	.74	
Fort Duchesne	193	1.11	.99	.89	.79	
Vernal	125	1.26	1.13	1.01	.90	

Judge E. E. Corfman, chairman of  
 the Public Utilities commission felt  
 that no increase should be made in  
 the present rates until after a public  
 hearing should first be held in Vernal,  
 March 1, to which delegations would  
 be invited from all parts of the Basin,  
 and at which hearing representatives  
 of the Sterling Transportation com-  
 pany and the Utah Shippers Bureau  
 would be present.

there was no semblance of hostility  
 against the officials of the Sterling  
 Transportation Co. but rather a de-  
 sire to co-operate in an effort to agree  
 upon an equitable increase in rates.

At the conference in the state capi-  
 tal the following were present: James  
 H. Wallis, W. S. Henderson and E.  
 Peterson of the Lions Club; A. Theo-  
 dore Johnson, Ernest Eaton and F. O.  
 Lundberg of the Uintah County Farm  
 bureau; Willard Richards and A. T.  
 Burton of the Sterling Transportation  
 company; Judge Prickett, Attorney  
 Snyder and Judge McCarthy of the  
 Shippers bureau; Judge E. E. Corfman  
 and E. B. Stoutnour of the Public  
 Utilities commission, and Frank Ostler,  
 secretary.

### Unique School Still Stands on Utah-Wyoming Line

Sweetwater county, Wyo., and Dag-  
 get county, Utah, share an interstate  
 oddity in a one-room school house  
 which stands part way between Man-  
 lla and Linwood, Utah, on the state  
 line, the line running through the mid-  
 dle of the room.  
 The house was built more than  
 twenty-five years ago, and was so ar-  
 ranged that one teacher could teach  
 the children in the two states.  
 In the days when it was used the  
 children from Utah sat on the south  
 side of the aisle and those from Wyo-  
 ming on the north side, so that all  
 attended school in their home state.

The utmost good feeling pervaded  
 the discussion at the conference, and

## Winder

the farmers, and  
 in the hell wants his  
 en declared that 1700  
 is were in favor of the  
 bill.  
 red to the action of  
 hamber of commerce,  
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## Western Venture Small Rig

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 30, 1928.  
 Editor, Vernal Express:  
 "Dear Sir:—It may interest your  
 readers to know of the activities of  
 the Western Venture Corporation in  
 the Vernal district.  
 "This concern, as you know, is now  
 drilling for oil on what we call the  
 Vernal Monocline, about 6 miles south-  
 west of Vernal.  
 "Last week the small 'Armstrong  
 rig was discarded as inadequate for  
 the tough formations encountered, and  
 a number 23 Star rig set up which is  
 now drilling every day, making a 12 1/2-  
 inch hole. At present, within a depth  
 of approximately 250 feet has been  
 attained. Progress should be much  
 more rapid from now on, as the heav-  
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 quickly carry the hole to the objec-  
 tive which lies around 900 feet deep.  
 "The Western Venture well is lo-  
 cated in the SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, Twn. 5  
 South, Range 21 E., S. L. M. and Base.  
 This is about half mile northwest of  
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 the oil zone at only 575 feet. At 780  
 feet both the drillers and Mr. Reed  
 claimed they could have made a well  
 for 200 to 400 barrels daily capacity.  
 The oil zone proved to have a total  
 thickness of 525 feet.  
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 road west of Vernal, and it is sur-

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A Utah State Corrections officer searches at camp trailer for escaped murderers Danny Gallegos and Juan Diaz-Arevalo at a roadblock on U.S.-191 Wednesday. Authorities focused on the highway because of a tip from a Vernal man who said the two inmates asked him for a ride Tuesday. The 27-year-old admitted Thursday that he lied, according to police. Photo | Mike Terry, Deseret Morning News

## Vernal man might be charged for 'tip'

By Geoff Liesik

The man who reported seeing two escaped murderers Tuesday night near the Daggett/Uintah county line is expected to be charged with making a false statement to police.

Sweetwater County (Wyo.) Sheriff's Detective Dick Blust, a spokesman for the search effort that turned up Danny Martin Gallegos and Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo on Saturday night, said the Vernal City Police Department has determined that the tip provided by the man was false.

"They reinterviewed the guy this morning and he confessed that he made it up," Blust said Wednesday. "Charges are being prepared ... through the Uintah County Attorney's Office. There's always the issue of restitution on something like this. This guy ran up quite a bill."

Vernal Police Chief Gary Jensen would not comment on his department's investigation, referring questions to

the Daggett County Sheriff's Office. Uintah County Attorney JoAnn Stringham was out of town at a training conference and could not be reached for comment.

Authorities from throughout Utah and two Wyoming counties spent Wednesday in a concentrated search along U.S. 191 between Manila and Vernal looking for Gallegos, 49, and Diaz-Arevalo, 26, after receiving at least four tips that the men were spotted in the area Tuesday night.

Blust said the tip that investigators believe was false put the escapees at the Stringham Cabin turnout last Tuesday at about 7:45 p.m. A temporary command post for the search effort was erected at the turnout, which is about 34 miles north of Vernal. When the men were captured Saturday it was determined that at least for some of the time, they had been hiding in the mountains just 14 miles from the Daggett County Jail.

SWAT and dog teams combed the area along the highway while aircraft used

infrared cameras to try to locate the missing inmates. The Utah Highway Patrol setup a roadblock and troopers showed drivers photos of Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo, urging them not to pick up hitchhikers.

"Daggett County, the (U.S.) Marshal's and the Department of Corrections have ... developed some new leads this morning and they're following up on those," Blust said Wednesday.

The new leads - that Gallegos and Diaz-Arevalo were hiding in an Evanston, Wyo., home - proved Thursday to be a dead end.

"The Evanston Police Department responded swiftly and efficiently to this report," Daggett County Sheriff Rick Ellsworth said in a statement released Friday. "When the report came in to their office, they placed the home under surveillance immediately and called us. A team of Utah Department of Corrections officers and United States Marshals responded, but it proved to be a false lead."

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# LIVING FOUNTAIN OF REAL BOOZE

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES  
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It is reported upon apparently re-  
liable authority that one business  
house in Vernal has, since June 1st,  
1910, paid invoices for whisky alone,  
a sum aggregating approximately  
\$2,345.15.

## GLINES WARD

The Sunday school and mutual  
gave a Valentine dance Tuesday  
night. A good crowd was in atten-  
dance and every one had a good  
time. The music was furnished by  
the Sunday school orchestra.

Mrs. Jesse Conner, daughter of  
Mrs. Drullard is here from Denver  
on a visit with her folks.

Andrew Johnson is again suffer-  
ing from the effects of an attack  
of pneumonia.

Mrs. James Reed is sick this  
week.

George Wardle and Johnnie Hair  
left for Price last Monday.

Marion Abplanalp, son of John  
Abplanalp, is just recovering from  
an attack of bronchitis.

School is running again with a  
good attendance.

Archie Johnson and Otto Nelson  
went to Jensen to play for a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herring are over  
to the Reservation visiting friends  
and relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Duke is recovering from  
an attack of heart trouble.

Pete Harrison and John Glines  
left Sunday for Price.

Lysle Hadlock was over to Moffat  
on his ranch last week.

Word comes from Bingham that  
Thomas and Allie Wilson of this  
ward are playing on the High school  
basket ball team and winning near-  
ly every game.

Mr. Vern Eaton and wife have re-  
turned to their home in Idaho after  
spending the biggest part of the  
winter here.

Albert Peck, who is stopping at  
the Traveller's Home, is a repre-  
sentative of Sweet-Causey-Foster Co.  
of Denver. This firm purchased the  
school bonds of Duchesne School  
district. During the past year or two  
they have handled the bonds of sev-  
eral counties in Utah including those  
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It is unlawful for any person un-  
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Court Action. I am,

Very truly,  
EARL THOMPSON

# WANT TO QUIT UINTAH COUNTY

Residents of Lucern Valley Orga-  
nize League To Work For  
County Division

The following communication  
from the Provo correspondent of  
the Deseret News was published in  
Salt Lake last Tuesday:

Vern Hardy, who is in from Man-  
lin, Uintah county, reports that a  
movement is on foot in his section  
for the organization of a new county  
to embrace a section approximately  
20 miles wide, by 60 miles long,  
from east to west, to be bounded on  
the north by Wyoming and on the  
east by Colorado.

The main reason for the proposed  
division of Uintah county is given  
as the difficulty of travel and the  
distance, about 70 miles to Vernal,  
the county seat. A 10,000 foot range  
of mountains with poor roads and  
impossible to travel in the winter,  
separates the settlers from Vernal.

The boundaries proposed for the  
new county, for which the name of  
Daggett, in honor of Ellsworth Dag-  
gett, promoter of the Sheep creek  
Irrigation company, has been selected,  
are as follows: Commencing at  
the northeast corner of the state,  
running west along the boundary  
line of Utah and Wyoming to the  
northeast corner of Summit county,  
thence south to the divide of the  
watershed, thence in an easterly di-  
rection to the Colorado line, and  
north to the place of beginning.

The territory contains large quan-  
tities of timber, and is adapted for  
cattle and sheep grazing which, with  
farming, are the principal indus-  
tries. There are also large deposits  
of coal, and copper and other min-  
eral mines are being developed. The  
Daggett county citizens' league has  
been organized to work for the crea-  
tion of the new county. The ex-  
ecutive committee of the league are:  
J. G. Wall, chairman; Niels Fall-  
son, secretary and treasurer; M. N.  
Larson, Keith Smith, F. W. Tinker,  
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# SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

Full and Free Consideration of Pro-  
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Planned

It has been decided by the board  
of education to meet with the people  
in the various parts of the county  
for the purpose of giving all in-  
formation possible regarding the  
proposed issue of school bonds. It  
is hoped that the people will take  
advantage of the opportunity thus  
afforded and be present at the meet-  
ings.

- The time and place where meet-  
ings will be held is as follows:
- Dry Fork, Wed., Feb. 21, 1 p. m.
  - Ashley, Thurs., Feb. 22, 1 p. m.
  - Union, Thurs., Feb. 22, 3 p. m.
  - Jensen, Friday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p. m.
  - South Liberty, Sat., Feb. 24, 10 a. m.
  - Lapoint, Sat., Feb. 24, 3:30 p. m.
  - Moffat, Mon., Feb. 26, 10 a. m.
  - Randlett, Mon., Feb. 26, 1 p. m.
  - Independence, Mon., Feb. 26, 3:30 p. m.
  - Wilson, Mon., Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m.
  - Hayden, Tues., Feb. 27, 10 a. m.
  - Bennett, Tues., Feb. 27, 1 p. m.
  - Alta, Tues., Feb. 27, 3:30 p. m.
  - Vernal, Wed., Feb. 28, 7:30 p. m.
  - Maceer, Thurs., Mar. 1, 7:30 p. m.
  - Glines, Fri., Mar. 2, 7:30 p. m.
  - Naples, Sat., Mar. 3, 7:30 p. m.
  - Davis, Mon., Mar. 6, 7:30 p. m.

The Vernal Gun club will have its  
big annual shoot on Washington's  
birthday. There will be both rifle  
and shot gun matches. Members  
are expected to gather at the rifle  
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much public interest in the event a  
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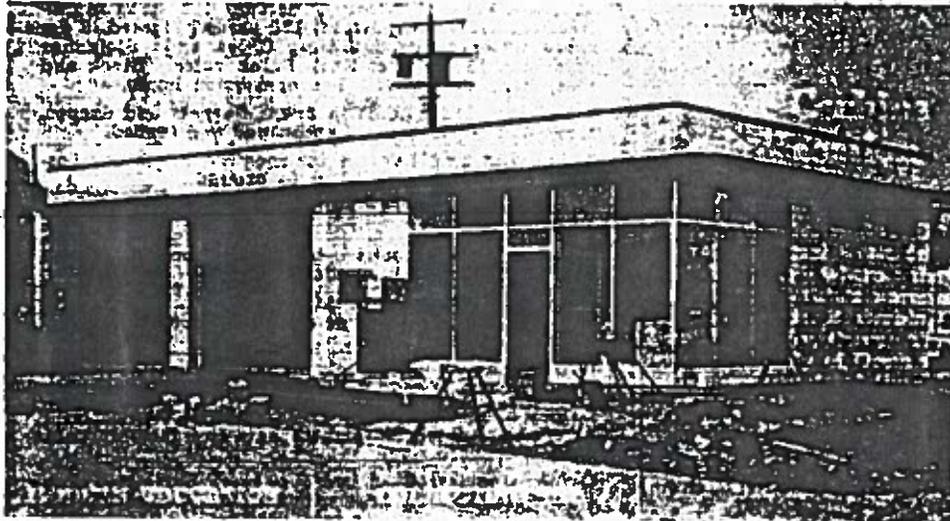
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AT LEFT IS the former service station at 118 West Main that was razed recently to make room for a new structure. At right the demolition is well underway. The building was estimated to be about 35 years old. The location was occupied earlier by a blacksmith's shop and some of the iron he used was found when concrete was torn up.



COMPLETION WORK is underway on the new service station at 118 West Main. Carl Cobbs is the new manager. The new building is farther back from the roadway than the previous one which provides more room for customers. (Staff photo)

## Water and Fire Sound Knell Of Linwood in Daggett County

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One of the most famous

landmarks was the old Smith-Larson store, established in 1903 and its log warehouses. George Rasmussen had operated the store for more than 50 years prior to his death year ago.

The old Rasmussen and Jarvic residences also were burned.

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At Tehran we were shown the crown jewels, perhaps the world's largest collector. When we hear of bushels of diamonds, pearls and other precious stones, we know what it means. One diamond called the "pea of light" weighed 144 carats and was inches wide. We saw hundreds of dishes filled with diamonds the size of marbles and pearls, ruby emeralds and diamond studded rifles, crowns, pistol holders and scabbards.

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## Tourists Enjoy Walking Tour o

By William B. Wallis  
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Jerusalem, Jordan, July 30 — Sunday we spent on a walking tour of Old Jerusalem. Among the interesting places visited were included the site of Pilate's Court where Jesus was on trial, and followed the Via Dolorosa or the "Way of the Cross" the path Jesus walked on his way to his crucifixion.

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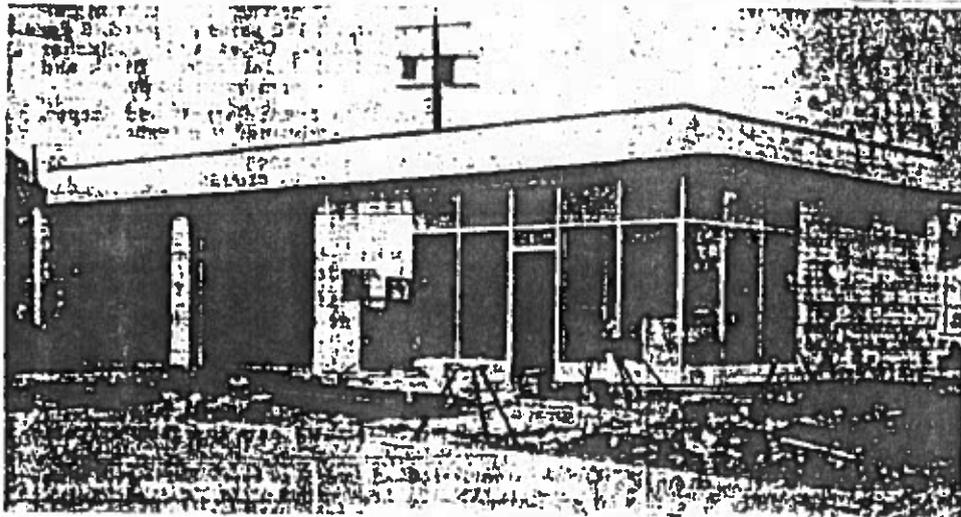
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## Penney's Plans Coat Caravan

Penney's will feature a touch of desert life Thursday when it welcomes a caravan to town.

The caravan will arrive in the form of Penney's traveling Fall Coat Caravan, according to Kent Anderson, store manager.

It will be at the store for about 10 days, offering women an opportunity to choose from 350 different fall coats.

"Penney's 1983 version of a caravan will give women here a chance to choose fall coat wardrobes from as complete and economical a selection as any shown in larger fashion centers," said Mr. Anderson.

Recent visitors in Utah were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ormsby and children from Pecos, Texas. While in Utah they visited Mrs. Ormsby's parents, the Sterling Bodily family of Kearns, formerly of Maester. While in Salt Lake City they attended several temple excursions.

The Ormsbys have just returned from a three weeks stay on the Texas Gulf and Mexico. On their trip to Utah they toured Grand Canyon and the Southern Utah parks. Joining them in Salt Lake City was Mrs. Ormsby's sister, Mrs. Clela Neilson of Napa, Calif.

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# Wind developers running tests in Daggett County

By PAUL FOY

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah startup says it will add sonar and laser devices along with mechanical wind meters to assess the potential for a wind farm in Daggett County along the Wyoming border.

Together, the devices will tell the company where on leased lands to put spinning turbines of different sizes to match wind conditions that can vary with the terrain.

It's a nuanced approach for wind farms, said Dick Cutler, managing member of Flaming Gorge Wind LLC, a subsidiary of Salt Lake City-based RAAM Power Inc.

"We're almost becoming a wind research facility," he said.

A contractor was calibrating the sonar measuring devices last Monday in Daggett County.

The company says it has snapped up rights to around 50 square miles, promising royalties to ranchers for use of their lands to install wind turbines.

The company isn't disclosing the royalty rate, but Cutler says ranchers are happy to take the money in Daggett County, population 940, which has little business outside of agriculture and recreational boating on Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

Locals around Manila, the county seat, joke that the sagebrush all leans in one direction and winds blow 40 mph most of the time.

The company, however, believes that wind speeds and directions vary significantly depending on terrain, with wind velocity higher in some drainage basins than level plateaus.

The idea is to match turbines of the correct size for financial and efficiency gains across the sagebrush lands.

"That's not been done in this country yet," Cutler said.

Flaming Gorge Wind is inviting Utah State University to experiment with using balloon-equipped LIDAR, or Light Detection And Ranging systems, to measure wind movements in the area.

The company already installed mechanical wind meters from the Utah Geological Survey. Those devices are measuring wind speeds over long periods of time. All of the devices are intended to assess the best locations for 50 or more turbines.

Flaming Gorge Wind is planning to build a 100-megawatt wind farm — equipment with that capacity could power around 7,000 homes. Wind farms, however, typically operate at under 40 percent capacity because the wind doesn't always blow.

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