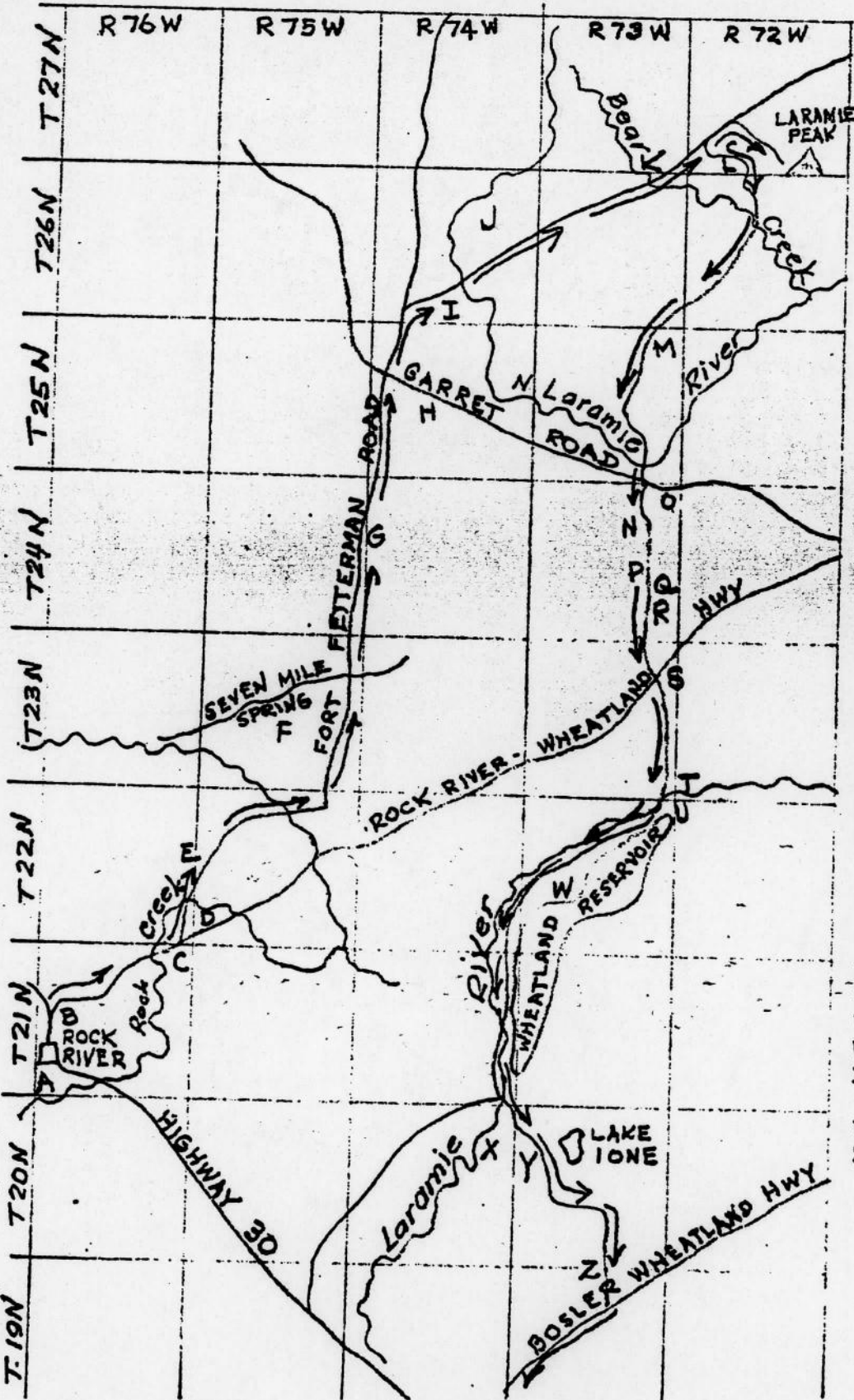


16th ANNUAL OLD TIME RANCH TOUR
 LARAMIE AND EAGLE PEAK
 Sunday, July 17, 1966

Visit to country and ranches steeped in history from Rock River around back of Laramie Peak, down to the Wheatland Reservoir Area and Lake Ione.



KEY TO MAP

- A- Rock River
- B- Marker Ft. Laramie and Ft. Fetterman Road
- C- Leaving Rock River and Wheatland Highway
- D- Hall's Ranch
- E- Moore's (formerly A.S. a Mable D. Gillespie) Ranch
- F- Seven Mile Stage Station
- G- Fort Fetterman and Rock Creek Stage Road
- H- Garret Road
- I- Intersection of Road up Antelope Creek to Douglas
- J- Leslie Atkinson Ranch
- K- Lawrence Prager's and Mrs. Frank Prager, Jr.'s and David Prager's Ranch
- L- Eagle and Laramie Peaks
- M- The late Frank Prager, Sr.'s Ranch
- N- Garret P.O. and Ranch
- O- Green Cabin. Property of Robert Sturgeon
- P- Thomas Atkinson's mail box
- Q- Hall's Land
- R- Sidney Sturgeon, Jr.'s house
- S- North Albany Community Club House
- T- George Dodge's residence
- U- Spillway of Wheatland Reservoir
- V- Kite Ranch to right
- W- Wheatland Reservoir
- X- Schmale Brothers (formerly S.W. Gillespie) Ranch
- Y- Lake Ione
- Z- Wallis and Miller Ranch (formerly Boughton, Coble Bosler Ranch)

Sixteenth Annual Old Time Ranch Tour

This tour is sponsored by the Albany County Historical Society, The University of Wyoming Summer School, The Kiwanis Club, and The Denver Westerners. The tour has been arranged by A. S. Gillespie, W. A. Riedl, John Paulson, George Burgess, Bill and Ray Malody and Lawrence Patterson, County Agent.

Bring your car, FAMILY, FRIENDS, LUNCH AND SOME WATER OR OTHER LIQUID and be at the Court House Square in Laramie at 7:00 A.M., July 17, 1966.

Today we will see all of the early ranches on a line from Rock River to Laramie Peak on our way north. We will eat our lunch at the base of Eagle Peak on the north-west side. We will continue around Eagle Peak to the Head of Horse Shoe Creek, then we will pass between Eagle Peak and Laramie Peak and go through Friend Park where our general direction will be south and we will visit all of the ranches on a line back to Laramie.

Touring speed of the caravan is fixed at 50 miles per hour on Highway 30, and 45 miles per hour on the Rock River and Wheatland highway and about the same rate of speed across to Eagle Peak. To Bear Creek and the ranch of the late Frank Preager, Sr. to 15 to 20 miles per hour, then we speed up to 40 miles per hour where the road is good and well traveled. After leaving the Gillespie, now Schmale Ranch, we will have to reduce the speed to 30 miles per hour until we come onto Bosler-Wheatland Highway 34. By following this schedule we should return to Laramie about 5:37 P.M. Follow your leader and drive in safety distance from the car ahead. Then dust should be no problem.

The ranchmen on this route welcome this tour. LET ALL OF US TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION AGAINST FIRE SO THAT WE WILL NOT LEAVE ANY SMOKE BEHIND US--ONLY DUST. So, please do not throw any matches or cigarettes out on the ground. In getting permission to cross these people's land, and getting the privilege of making a stop for lunch, a promise was made to them that all precautions would be taken.

PLACE	ELEVATION	TIME	MILEAGE	
			Approx. Local Trip	
LARAMIE	7165	7:00	00	0
Diamond Horseshoe on left		7:10	2.10	2.10
Aunt Mary Erhardt		7:11	.5	2.6
Frank C. Bosler, Formerly King Brothers		7:18	5.5	8.1
Roy Lundberg, formerly Bill Krueger, right		7:22	1.6	9.7
McKechnie where trees are, left		7:24	.8	10.5
Howell Station on U.P.R.R., left		7:25	1.0	11.5
Laramie Peak staring at you north.				
Elk Mountain to left and north of the Medicine Bow Mountains				
Oasis Ditch		7:29	3.4	14.9
Boughton Canal		7:31	1.8	16.7
Laramie River		7:33	.8	17.5
Ghost Ranch- East ½ mile		7:34	.4	17.9

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		TIME Approx.	Local Trip
Bosler		7:34	.7 18.6
Wallis Bros., north-east		7:36	1.7 20.3
Schmale Bros. (formerly Oliver Hill Ranch		7:39	2.4 22.7
The Laramie River, north	7000	7:42	1.2 23.9
Original Cooper Lake Station		7.42	1.8 25.7
Cooper Lake Basin west of U.P.R.R.		7.44	1.5 27.2
Lookout Station	7180	7:46	1.4 28.6
Lookout Knoll to right. In June 1890 a little 14 year old boy was found dead by Luttie Dunn. Mystery never solved.			
Harper Station		7:34	5.7 34.3
Thornton Ranch, recently owned by J.S. Malmquist. Can be seen about about two miles north-each		7:58	2.9 37.2
Lance Robinson Ranch to right.		7:59	.2 37.4
Nelson Ranch to left		8:00	1.4 38.8
Rock Creek Stream		8:01	.1 38.9
Rock River.			
Everyone must fill their car with gas and oil at Rock River For safety take an extra quart of oil. There are many filling stations in Rock River so some of the caravan should start having their gas tanks filled at the first station. The leader will wait at the city limits until all are lined up. Any one who is unable to leave Laramie at the scheduled time can easily catch up with the caravan at Rock River.			
Leave Rock River		8:11	.5 39.4
Number 3 Canal where the line of trees are to left. At fork of oil road is marker between highways indicating the location of the Fort Laramie and Fort Hallock soldier's road and trail.			
Malmquist first house right. Now owned by L.W. Bailey Ranch to left originally owned by Ray Bottom.		8:30	.6 40.0
Rock Creek		8:35	2.1 42.1
Leave Rock Creek and Wheatland Highway (Hall's mail box.)		8:39	2.1 44.2
Noel Hall Ranch		8:41	1.0 45.2
Old Rock Creek Station at right.			
Going through gate on to Tatman Brothers land formerly owned by A.S. Gillespie and Mable D. Gillespie			
Leave Tatman Ranch		9:17	1.2 46.4
Leave gate Section 18.T 22 Rg.76		9:37	1.4 47.8
Gate in Tatman's fence and windbreak., corral and loading docks.		9:53	3.5 51.3
Six Mile Creek and cattle guard. Ranch house to right was A. B. Gillespie's		9:59	1.6 52.9
Seven Mile Springs whre once was a Stage Station.		10:02	1.6 54.5
Government corral and three pastures.		10.05	.7 55.4
Good view of Elk Mountain to left.		10.32	1.2 56.6
Leaving Tatman land. A.B. Gillespie first settled.		10:34	.3 56.9
View of Old Fort Fetterman and Rock Creek Road		10:34	.3 57.2
Just crossed N Cross land. Now going onto True land.		10:42	.7 57.9
		10:45	1.8 59.7

PLACE	ELEVATION	TIME	MILEAGE	
			Local	Trip
Boswell Springs two miles to right		10:52	1.2	60.9
Crossing cattle guard. Going off True land onto Harry Dunlap's land		10:54	.3	61.2
Government corral to left.				
Pine Ridge, highest point in this section		10:56	.4	61.6
Laramie Peak. Our goal looking at us.		11:00	4.3	65.9
Cow Creek Hills to right.		11:01	1.2	67.1
Crossing cattle guard off Dunlap land onto Merle Robins (Formerly owned by Frank Dobson)		11:02	1.4	68.5
Pinto Rock, highest point to right four miles		11:04	.7	69.2
Twenty Mile Creek (Distance from Old Rock Creek which was the way the streams were named--so many miles from Rock Creek where stage changed horses. Section to right was a wheat field.				
Government corrals		11:07	1.2	70.4
Small Government pastures right				
Cattle guard		11:09	.6	71.0
Twenty-Two Mile where passengers were fed.				
Road to Day Atkinson's Ranch on Sheep Creek to left.		11:11	.2	71.2
Road to Garrett to right.		11:12	.5	71.7
Off of Robbins on to Dunlap.		11:13	.5	72.2
Intersection of road to Leslie Atkinson's and Antelope Creek		11:15	2.7	74.9
Cattle guard going off of Dunlap land		11:16	.2	75.1
North Laramie River		11:18	1.4	76.5
Crossing Merle Atkinson's cattle guard		11:21	1.1	77.6
Leslie Atkinson's cattle guard		11:23	.8	78.4
Leslie and Katherine Atkinson's		11:25	.9	79.3
Antelope Creek Basin to right		11:25	.9	80.2
Leave Atkinson's cattle guard		11:40	2.8	83.0
Cattle guard		11:45	1.8	84.8
Cattle guard		11:46	.5	85.3
Cattle guard		11:47	.2	85.5
Bear Creek		11:56	1.3	86.8
Lawrence Prager's Ranch house		11:57	1.1	88.1
Gate. We are leaving Lawrence Prager's		12:04	1.1	89.2
Gate		12:06	.2	89.4
Calf Shed to right		12:06	.6	90.0
Formerly Ed Holm and Akin Ranch. Now owned by Mrs. Frank Prager, Jr.		12:08	.3	90.3
Gate entering Mrs. Frank Prager, Jr's.		12:10	.3	90.6
Windy, Beaver and Ram are the group of three peaks at left.				
After leaving Prager's, Eagle Peak to right		12:22	1.0	91.6
ONE HOUR STOP FOR LUNCH AND CROWNING OF QUEEN		12:30	.7	92.3
After lunch a program				
Leave campsite		1:30		
Intersecting gate		1:35	.4	92.7
Intersection of Esterbrook Road		1:36	.1	92.8
Gate		1:45	.4	93.2
Horse Shoe Creek		1:46	.1	93.3
Heading for Laramie City. Should be there early in the evening. If we were here early in the morning we would be in the long shadow of Laramie Peak, which is to our left. We are directly between Eagle and Laramie Peak.				

PLACE	ELEVATION	TIME	MILEAGE	
			Local	Trip
We are in turkey country. Watch on the ground and in trees for them.		1:51	1.0	94.3
Gate		1:53	.4	94.7
Gate		2:05	1.0	95.7
Intersection of road from left		2:12	.6	96.3
North Bear Creek		2:23	2.0	98.3
Bear Creek proper		2:30	.6	98.9
Late Frank Prager's, Sr. gate		2:31	.6	99.5
Gate		2:37	1.6	101.1
Harry Prager's to right 1/4 mile		2:40	1.3	102.4
Home of the late Frank Prager, Sr. Indian fighter and later cattle and sheep grower. Now the home of Dora Prager Burnett		3:00	1.6	104.0
Cattle guard leaving Prager land		3:02	.7	104.7
Cattle guard		3:05	1.0	105.7
Cattle guard		3:08	.9	106.6
Cattle guard		3:09	.3	106.9
Cattle guard		3:11	.7	107.6
Cattle guard		3:17	2.6	110.2
Intersection of Garrett P.O. Road		3:18	.3	110.5
North Laramie River		3:20	.9	111.4
Cattle guard		3:21	.2	111.6
Green Cabin, property of Robert Sturgeon		3:26	1.5	113.1
Cattle guard		3:27	.2	113.3
Goodrich's mailbox				
Cattle guard between Hall's and Sturgeon land		3:28	.6	113.9
Now in Antelope Basin				
Cattle guard going off Hall's land and onto Sturgeon's		3:36	1.1	115.0
Sydney Sturgeon's house, right				
Cattle guard in division fence		3:38	.8	115.8
Sydney Sturgeon's Reservoir				
Duck Creek		3:40		
Cattle Guard leaving Struggenn's land and entering W. I. Palmer land		3:43	1.5	117.3
Wheatland and Rock River Highway.				
Any one who does not care to complete the tour may turn right.		3:44	.4	117.7
Cattle guard on Palmer land		3:46	.7	118.4
North Albany Club House		3:48	.7	119.1
Cattle guard entering George Dodg's land		3:56	3.8	122.9
Cattle Guard		3:59	1.2	124.1
Cattle guard		4:01	.8	124.9
LARAMIE RIVER		4:02	.2	125.1
Home of George W. Dodge				
Cattle guard		4:04	.2	125.3
WHEATLAND RESERVOIR, NORTH LAKE				
Cattle guard leaving Dodge land and entering land of Adam Boyd.		4:08	.2	125.5
SPILLWAY OF WHEATLAND RESERVOIR				
Cattle guard going off of Boyd land and entering Kite land. Now owned by Frank Boyd.		4:16	3.8	129.3
Laramie River and Kite Ranch can be seen after crossing last cattle guard. Look to right				

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			Local	Trip
Going onto the dirt dam of the <u>Wheatland Reservoir</u>		4:22	2.4	131.7
Cattle guard				
Caretaker. Archway where the water is taken out of Wheatland Reservoir		4:23	.5	132.2
Large Canal after passing Kite ditch		4:27	.4	132.6
Large stone pillars. Now on McGuire's land		4:28	.3	132.9
McGuire's loading docks and corral		4:32	3.8	136.7
Lake Ione and <u>Schmale Bro's</u> (Formerly Samuel W. Gillespie Ranch)	7120	4:35	2.0	138.7
Now on Boswell Springs, McGill or Kite Road to Laramie.				
Cattle guard in cross fence of John Bell land		4:36	1.0	139.7
Laramie River and steel bridge		4:38	1.0	140.7
Intersection of three roads at bridge: one to Blue Grass, one to Laramie, and one to Schmale or Gillespie Ranch. To right is the Cow Camp, once the summer headquarters of THE SWAN COMPANY SHEARING PENS.		4:39	.3	141.0
Schmale Brother's Ranch (formerly settled by the late Samuel W. Gillespie in 1884. The man who killed the last buffalo in south-eastern Wyoming in 1881 near the mouth of Plumbago Canyon.		4:43	2.0	143.0
<u>Lake Ione</u> , once supposed to be a bottomless lake. Pioneers claimed to have seen sea serpents in it. Contains 1300 acres of land. Once produced 800 to 1000 tons of hay from its meadows. S.W. Gillespie raised oats that would yield 45 pounds per bushel, and some years 5000 bushels.	7000	4:35	1.0	144.0
<u>Long Lake</u> at right 3½ miles long. Shore line owned by Wallis Brothers and Schmale Brothers. Four Mill Knoll, 3 miles east to left.				
Gate leaving Schmale Brothers land and entering land of Fred Phifer		4:57	1.0	145.0
Going onto the Fort Fetterman and Laramie Road		4:59	1.0	146.0
Gate entering <u>Wallis Bro's</u> land. Hay meadow and ranch can easily be seen at the right.		5:03	2.00	148.0
This ranch was settled by an Englishman, E.S.R. Boughton in the year of 1883. Land on each side of the road. Water supplied from Boughton Canal, with application of water from the Laramie River. These meadows yielded up to 2000 tons of hay.				
E.S.R. Boughton sold the ranch to John Whitaker who improved it until the winter of 1899 when he lost 500 cattle of his herd of 1500. He then sold the ranch to The Iron Mountain Company (Late John C. Coble and late Frank C. Bosler, Sr.) in 1900.				
The ranch was the headquarters for the famous live-stock detective, <u>Tom Horn</u> .				
Entering Bosler and Wheatland Highway 34.		5:18	4.00	152.0
Caravan to disband upon entering Highway 30		5:21	3.0	155.0
Soon to be in LARAMIE.		5:37	16.0	171.0

GOOD-BYE AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A VERY PLEASANT TRIP.