



SOMETHING SEEMS pretty funny to these Big Timber baseball players who tried their skill at the game riding donkeys last week. (Pioneer photo)

## Baseball on 'beasts'

By LINDA GENTRY

The Sweet Grass County Fairgrounds rocked with laughter last week when the Jaycees met the Big Timber Firemen for a "Donkey Baseball" game.

After about two hours of play, Jaycees emerged the victors, managing four runs, while firemen scored only three.

Game rules were simple. There were no strike outs. Each player took his donkey wherever he went.

The pitcher and catcher were the only players on the field without donkeys. But it wasn't really that easy—they were required to stand with one foot in a tire at all times and they could not move or drag the tires.

To tag a runner out, the first baseman had to be on a donkey, catch the ball and have the donkey's hoof in the center of a tire that served as a base. But not necessarily in that order.

The other players merely had to be on their donkeys to legally throw the ball.

Illegally thrown balls were returned to the field throughout the game.

Batters hit the ball standing on the ground, then got on the donkey to ride to first base. They could ride, drag or carry the animal to second and third bases, but had to ride the donkey to home plate.

Donkeys, furnished the The Burro Farm of Colfax, Calif., were an assortment of beasts that walked, balked, went the wrong way and appeared to do their best to frustrate the players.

During the final inning of the game, batters used a large shovel to hit the ball. At that time, it was difficult to miss the ball even in the dark.

Dan Ames, playing on the Firemen's team, was the game's casualty. He dislocated his knee and was taken to the hospital.

Ames was replaced in the right field and game continued.

After the game, the Jaycees presented their annual fireworks display.

# Frye's gets okay for new apartments

A Big Timber corporation has received word of approval of a federal loan to construct a 16-unit apartment complex.

Jim Snodgrass, president of Frye's, Inc., this week announced he had received authority to construct "a rural rental housing project by the owner-builder method." Earlier the corporation had received approvals of federal funds.

The complex will be built on West 2nd Avenue, behind

Frye's Cafe and Motel.

Receipt of the approval from the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) is another step in a series leading toward the construction of the facility, Snodgrass says. Tentative plans have been turned over to Johnson-Graham and associates, a Billings architectural firm, which will complete work.

Snodgrass says he plans to use local contractors to build the apartments. "Stan Todd

will be coordinating most of the work," he said Monday.

IF ALL GOES well, Snodgrass says construction should be started by October. He expects it will take six to nine months to complete the building.

The two-story structure will include 12 two-bedroom and four one-bedroom apartments. One story will be

located at ground level.

The one-bedroom units, which will include 672 square feet of space, will have a kitchen-dining room, living room, bathroom and bedroom.

The two-bedroom units, which will have 816 square feet of space, will include the kitchen-dining room, a living room, bathroom and the two

bedrooms.

Snodgrass says "a lot of people" have asked about availability of space in the new unit, but he is waiting until construction is started before taking applications for room.

The apartment will be the first, new apartment building to be constructed in Big Timber in a number of years.

## Bicentennial calendars available

Copies of the 1976 Sweet Grass County Bicentennial Calendar will be on sale this weekend at Pioneer Day, according to members of the local committee.

The calendars, which feature county historical points of interest and landmarks, is being sold in order to raise funds for the Bicentennial celebration.

All the sketches have been donated by local artists for the project. The cost is \$2.50 per calendar.

Printed by The Pioneer, the 8 1/2 by 11 inch calendars are

on a buff colored stock and are bound with a black plastic binding. The cover features a sketch by Jack Hines.

Other artists and sketches include:

January, Lion and the Mouse by Steve Aller;

February, Crazy Mountains by Marilyn Grosfield;

March, 1908 VEERAC fire engine by Ed Webber;

April, "Rivers Across" by Steve Oiestad;

May, Grand Hotel by Darlene Stene;

June, Porcupine Butte by Judith Grosfield;

July, Independence Hotel by Anne Aller;

August, Stage stop in Dead Man's Canyon by Virginia Pederson;

September, Basin Creek School by Ella Adam;

October, Anderson Lithia Spring Hotel by Helen Clark;

November, Shepherd's Monument by Dave Hodges;

December, Buffalo Jump by Doris Mauland.

Calendars will also be on sale at various businesses in town.

## Todd Construction new Boise Cascade dealer

Todd Construction, Inc. has been named an authorized dealer for the complete line of Boise Cascade homes.

The firm will market homes throughout the area, and will be one of more than 200 Boise Cascade home dealers in 16 western states, including Alaska.

Commenting on the appointment, Stan Todd, president of the firm, said, "We

are pleased to have been selected as an authorized dealer for Boise Cascade Homes." He said through the Boise Cascade program, the local business will offer buyers with a choice of "more than 30 different housing models"

Todd and his family have lived in Big Timber for 15 years. Until recently he served as Big Timber City

Council member.

Construction projects by his firm have included a number of homes, the First State Bank Building, Coast to Coast Store and the bar and motel addition at Frye's. The firm Tuesday was awarded a contract for the new Sweet Grass County medical-dental professional building, and will be involved in construction of the new Frye's apartment complex.

## Hospitality

### House notes

By MRS. N.B. GALLETINE

Movies were shown last Thursday with 20 in attendance. We had an interesting film on how our potato became such a popular food. Lunch was served by Tillie, Middleton and Olga Denny.

Arts and crafts on Tuesday afternoons at 2.

The Golden Age Warblers sing on Wednesday nights at 8. Anyone is welcome to join them. The Warblers will sing at the Pioneer Day celebration on Saturday, the 19th at 3 p.m.

Bingo will be played on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

Katie Black will take Blood Pressure readings on the 23rd from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the meal to be served once a week at the Hospitality House, please come in and sign up, so we can make further plans. The meal will be served at noon, and probably on Wednesdays. There will be a charge of \$1 per person to defray expenses.

There will be the Bicentennial Freedom Train in Billings on October 10-13. We would like to have every senior citizen who is interested, come in and sign up, so we can order a chartered bus. There will be a little cost to each one.

This must be done as soon as possible, so tickets can be ordered and other arrangements made. Call Hospitality House for more information.

### Schools to get transport funds

Sweet Grass County schools have or soon will receive \$5,080.39 as a second transportation reimbursement from the state for public elementary and secondary schools.

The payment, by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is based on claims submitted to her office for transportation by the districts.

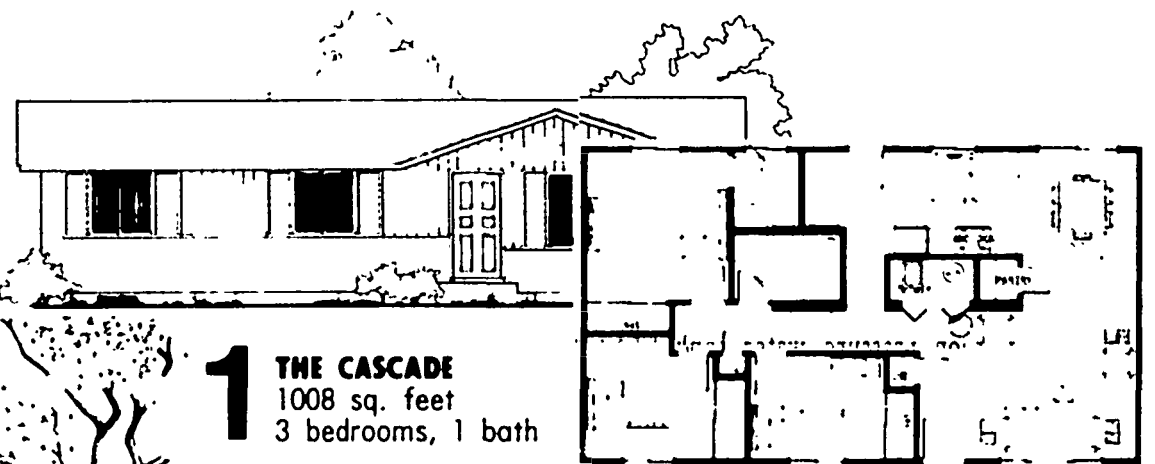
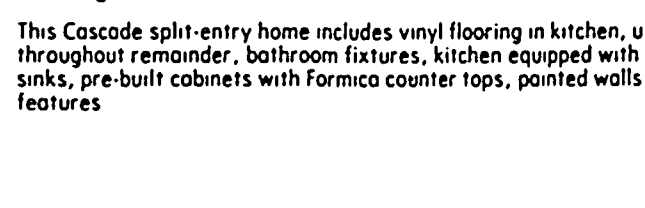
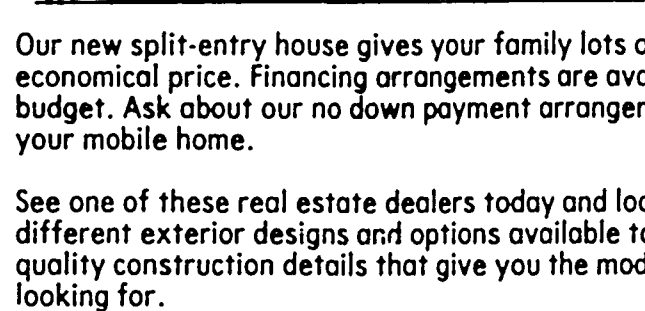
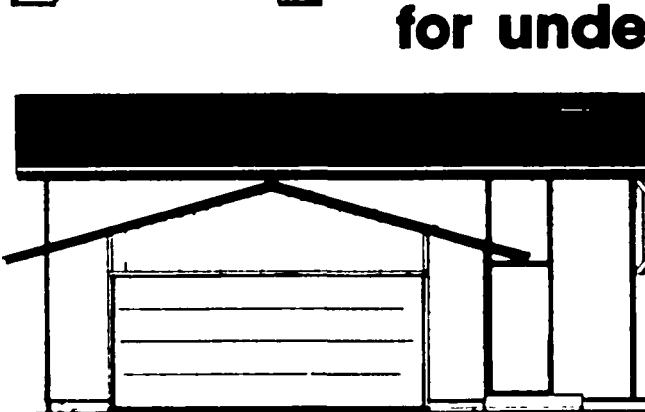
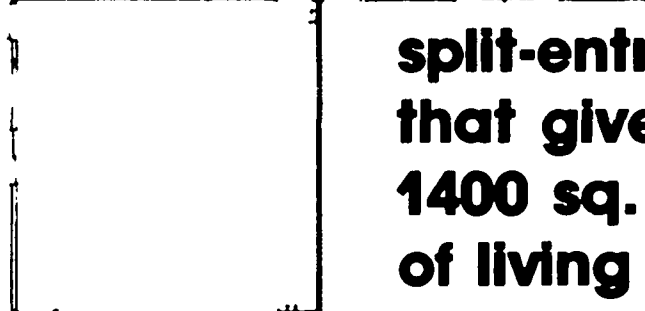
The state pays one third of the basic costs of pupil transportation in accordance with a schedule set by law.

### Gordons move

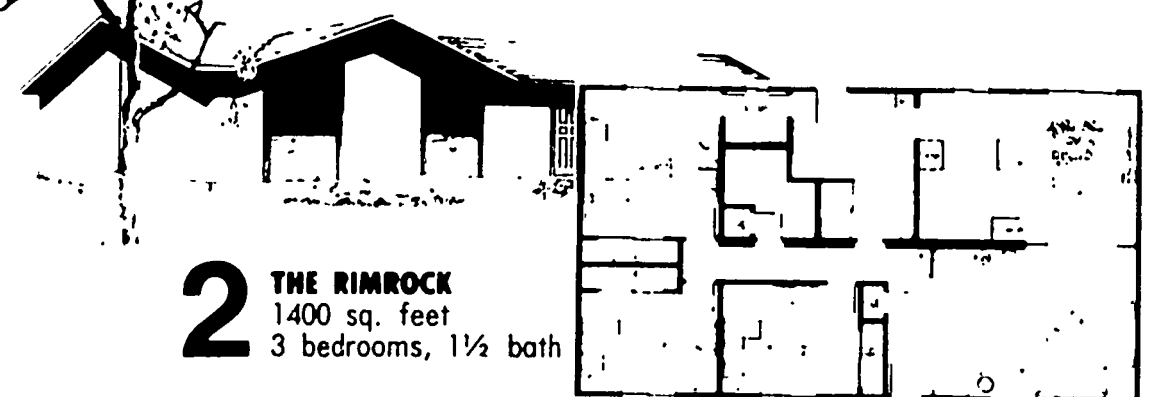
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gordon and family have moved to Grangerville, Id., where Gordon is working with the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist. Gordon, who was area game biologist for the Montana Department of Fish and Game, has been in Big Timber about seven years. He started his duties in the Nez Perce Forest June 23.

# We have a new plan for you.

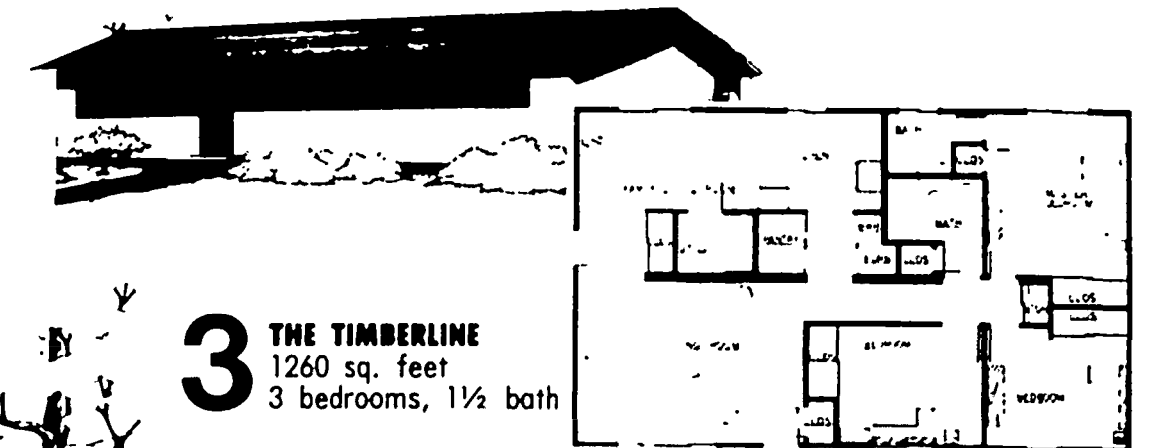
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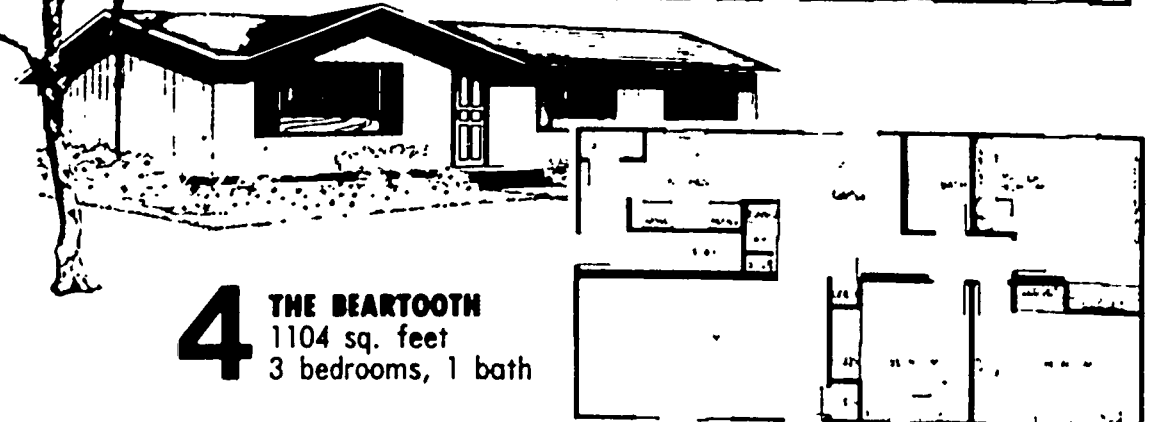
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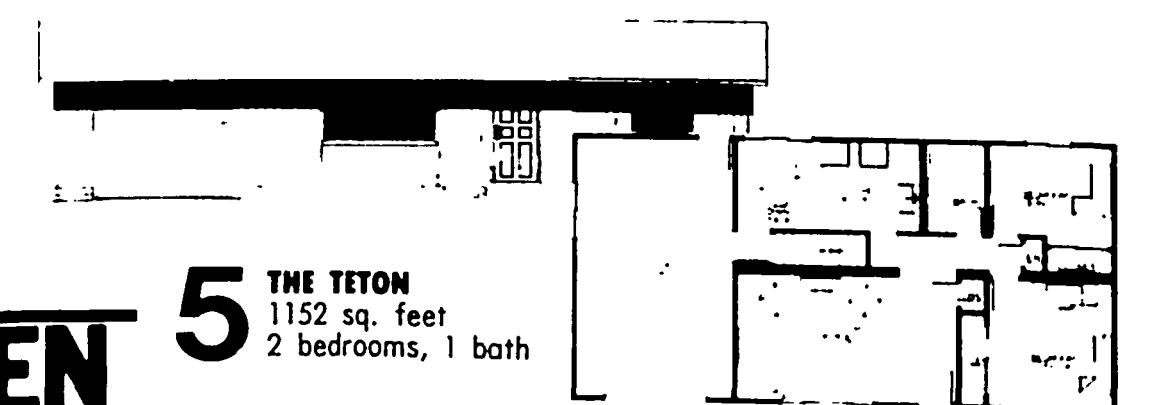
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