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No Action Taken on Re-Routing Of Highway 91 at Special Session of Council Last Night

No definite action resulted at the special meeting of the city council last night regarding the partial re-routing of U. S. Highway 91 through Dillon. A group representing some 20 Dillon business interests, the Beaverhead Museum and the County High School Board met with members of the city council and Mayor Phillip Lovell and discussed the pros and cons without reaching any definite agreement, but with a tacit understanding that the matter would be considered further.

Tom McGovern was spokesman for the business men's committee which included A. C. Cochrane, Henry Felkner, Dan Carpita, W. H. Mitchell, Lester Kurtz, George Gleed, and Mrs. Fred Woodside representing the Beaverhead Museum and Ed Hilger the high school board. Council members present were President Max Mugaas, Phil Cottom, T. W. Sargent, Carl Robertson, E. W. Bond, Arlo Herman and Cliff Mockel, and City Clerk Don Smith. There were several spectators.

As the discussion progressed, it was obvious that the point of misunderstanding was in the confusion resulting from the loose use of the term "truck route" instead of "highway route" in reference to the proposed change. The council last Wednesday evening had approved a State Highway Commission request to change a portion of the route through Dillon to turn east from Montana for three blocks on Helena to Atlantic and thence south on Atlantic to Glendale to continue on the present Atlantic street route. The abandoned six-blocks route would then revert to the city for maintenance.

Until last Thursday, following the council's action, it appears that the much discussed route change had been understood by most people as a truck route change to allow trucks to by-pass the business section. Actually the proposal, and so understood and discussed by the council, was to change the official routing of Highway 91 along a six-block segment.

A potent factor from the council's view-point is the planned construction and widening of Highway 91 as a federal project to become a 4-lane military route, perhaps in the near future. Surveys already made for this change will by-pass Dillon with construction on a route west of the main part of town from a point north of Dillon to connect again with U.S. 91 several miles south. This, the council felt, would automatically divert traffic from the present alternate route through Dillon—especially trucks. With the proposed re-routing of 91 in town, the city stood to gain valuable engineering surveys plus construction of a 24-foot paved (blacktopped) strip through town at no expense, or a full street-width paving with the city financing one-fourth of the construction costs.

However, opinions expressed by various members of the committee held that business losses to the community resulting from re-routing would outweigh any benefits received. Hilger, representing the high school board, pointed out that within the past two years the board had formally expressed opposition to a route that would pass on two sides of the high school, as the proposed change would do. He also said that the hazard has been increased by the use of the new Vocational Agriculture building at the corner of

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Square Dance Festival Committees Are Named at Bureau Meet

Chairman J. E. Selway yesterday appointed committees for the Square Dance Festival to be given by the Beaverhead County Farm Bureau at Western Montana college gym at 7:30 on Saturday evening, March 10.

The Festival will begin with a Grand March led by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swartz, assisted by Ella Laden and Mrs. Azile Garrison.

Music will be furnished by the Hillbilly's Orchestra, and a record player will be furnished for the dancing groups which have rehearsed to special recordings.

In the afternoon, children who take part in the Festival dances will be entertained with a special movie at the Roberta theatre.

Committees appointed at the meeting of the Farm Bureau group in the County Extension

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Vigilante Co-op Annual Meeting Here on March 31

Manager Howard Babcock and members of the board of directors of the Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc., are formulating plans for the annual meeting which will be held here on Saturday, March 31. Annual reports on operations will be made at that time and directors will be elected from five districts within the 9-county area.

Following the election the directors will hold a board meeting at which a vice president and secretary-treasurer, whose terms as directors expire this year, will be chosen.

The districts which will elect directors and the present incumbents are as follows: Dell-Lima-Monida, George H. Briggs; Silver Star-Waterloo, Edward Nolte (vice president); Dillon South, Hedb Wheat (secretary-treasurer); Dillon North, Holger Carlson; Townsend, Frank Shearer.

Cross-Country and Jumping Events In Ski Championships Last Week End Mark Successful Tourney

A good turnout of spectators watched exciting performances in ski jumping and cross country championship contests held under the auspices of the Northern Rocky Mountain Ski Association and sponsored by the Dillon Ski Club last Saturday and Sunday at Tash Hill, near Elkhorn. Seventeen racers competed in the cross-country on Saturday and 21 jumpers took part in the competition on Sunday.

In jumping, Jim Livers, Whitefish, was unopposed in the open division and won the event, scoring 206.5 points.

Reider Peterson, Bozeman, representing Gallatin County high school, won the Class B competition with 206.2; second went to Warren Ranta, Butte, 203.4; and Gene Stone of Dillon and Jim Neely of Butte tied for third with 185.9.

Bill Haley of Gallatin County high school walked away with C class honors with 221.7, followed by a team mate, Ken Keyes, with 206.7 and Ed Gilliland of Whitefish with 203.7.

In conjunction with the N.R.M.S.A. Championships, the Butte Ski club offers a trophy for the two longest combined standing jumps after competition. Any jumper regardless of classification may participate. This event gave the spectators the greatest thrill of the day as the top jumpers put extra effort into distance.

Warren Ranta of Butte won the trophy with two jumps of 114 and 131 feet, but was hard pressed by an amazing little sixth grader from Whitefish in the person of Douglas Street who jumped 122 and 114 feet. Bill Haley of Gallatin thrilled the crowd when he soared out with a 158 foot jump, a record for the hill, however a fall on the landing disqualified him for the trophy. Young Haley, a high school sophomore, has recently returned from an Olympic Training Camp at Steamboat Springs, Colorado where future Olympic prospects were given jumping instruction.

Dillon boys who competed and their place were, B class: Micky McKenna, 5th; C class: Dallas Bostwick, 6th; Bud Riebhoff, 10th; Steve Foster, 11th; Craig Cornell, 14th; and David Bostwick, 15th.

Gordon Williamson of Gallatin county high school won the junior cross country, running the 2½ mile course in 16 minuees, 11 seconds, followed by Dale Evenson of Whitefish with 16 minutes, 25 seconds and Paul Renne of

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Ag Day Program to Start at 10:30 Tuesday Morning

Tuesday, February 21, the second annual Agricultural Day will be presented by the supervisors of the Beaverhead Soil Conservation District.

The program will be held at the Elk's Hall starting at 10:30. While attending the Agricultural Day visitors will also be able to view the display of the Marketeering Caravan.

The Agricultural Day program is an educational and entertaining program arranged by District Soil Conservation Supervisors in the inferest of better agricultural methods.

The program starts out with a film, "Return to Eden," a film which has been very well received where ever it has been shown.

A lunch will be served at noon by the following businesses: P. J. Lovell Co., Mockel's Farm Equipment, J. W. Walters Garage, College Motor Co., Cochrane Motor Co., Basin Mercantile and Helming Bros. of Wisdom.

Boy Scout Program In Area Outlined At Meetings Here

Three important meetings have been held in Dillon this week to organize the year's program in the Pioneer District of the Vigilante Boy Scout Council.

Monday evening a charter review board meeting was held in the Vigilante Electric building; last evening there were two meetings, that of the district committee at a 6 o'clock dinner in the Andrus Hotel and an 8 o'clock monthly Round Table meeting at the Vigilante building.

The review board meeting Monday evening was for the purpose of re-registering unit charters that expire in March, including Twin Bridges troop 25 and the Cub Pack at Lima. Review board members are C. Gosta Miller, Paul Bramsman and Lester T. Jones.

Chairman Al Muchmore presided at the meeting of district committeemen last night at the Andrus Hotel when the program for the area was reviewed and explained.

Unit leaders attended the Round Table meeting at 8 p.m. last night at which a special training course was conducted by Kirby Crowley, Butte, Vigilante Council training chairman. The meeting was under the direction of Rex Clark and members of commissioner's staff. Also in attendance and helpers in the training program were two other Vigilante staff members, Merton K. Mathewson, council executive, and E. C. Wright, field executive, of Butte.

PER'S WILL CONDUCT ELKS INITIATION ON OLD TIMER NIGHT

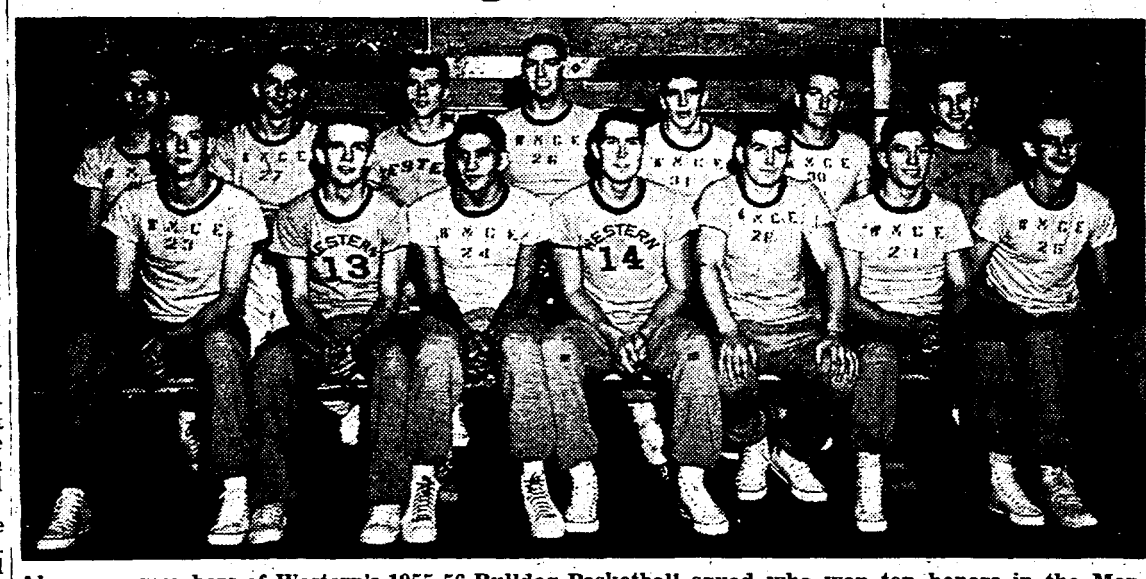
With Past Exalted Rulers in the chairs, Dillon Lodge 1554, B.P.O.E. will observe Old Timers Night next Wednesday, Feb. 22. Pins for 25-year memberships will be presented to S. E. Whitworth, Frank O'Keefe, Malcolm Stone, G. A. Pomeroy and John Neighbor.

Following the initiation to be conducted by the PER'S, a lunch will be served by present officers.

Past Exalted Rulers will occupy the following chairs: Exalted Ruler, Walter Delaney; Leading Knight, Harry Tash; Loyal Knight, Dave Williams; Lecturing Knight, Harold Murray; Esquire, Ed Hilger; Treasurer, Byron Sanborn; Chaplain, John Walters; Inner Guard, Phil Lovell. Secretary Frank Lasich will make the 25-year pins presentation.

Rush Jordan, President of Western College, will make the address of welcome to the new members.

Montana Collegiate Conference Winners



Above are members of Western's 1955-56 Bulldog Basketball squad who won top honors in the Montana College Conference this week to become another of Coach Bill Straugh's outstanding teams at the local institution.
BULLDOG SQUAD — Left to right — front row — Donovan, Hilger, Barber, McLeod, Keltz, Anderson, Paro. Back row — Puccinelli, Pitman, Bork, Kenney, Cooper, Scott, Graham.

Western Wins MCC Championship by Two Wins at Billings; Fans Plan Triumphant Welcome for Team Thurs.

The Western Bulldogs are undisputed 1956 basketball champions of the Montana Collegiate Conference.

Bill Straugh's fighting team wrapped up the conference title by defeating their rivals Eastern and Rocky Mountain in Billings, last Monday and Tuesday. Although the Dillon team still has one conference game left, their present record of eight wins and one loss assures them of the title. Eastern and Carroll have both lost three with only one left.

On Monday night the Bulldogs got revenge for their one loss of the season by running rough shod over the Eastern Yellowjackets, 86-70, and then on Tuesday they wrapped up the title by edging the tough Bears from Rocky Mountain 73-70.

The box scores:

Western 86				Eastern 70			
Cooper	3	5	11	Wirtila	5	7	17
And'rs'n	7	6	20	S'ymour	1	2	4
Scott	2	5	9	Dennie	4	5	13
McLeod	0	2	2	Polsfky	1	1	3
Donov'n	4	2	10	Haugan	3	1	7
Pitman	3	1	7	Kaiser	0	1	1
Keltz	4	17	25	Marlow	0	2	2
DeMar's	1	0	2	Gr'mst'd	4	3	11
				Winters	0	1	1
				Brenner	3	5	11
Western 73				**Rocky 70**			
Cooper	4	3	11	P't'rs'n	3	7	13
And'rs'n	2	0	4	Vinella	7	6	20
Scott	6	6	18	Sherm'n	2	1	5
McLeod	0	0	0	Alberta	1	0	2
Donov'n	1	0	2	Zur'vich	3	0	6
Pitman	8	1	17	Gehis	5	0	10
Keltz	9	3	21	Kramer	6	2	14

College and town fans are planning to give the team a warm and noisy welcome when the Bulldogs return from the basketball wars tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. A town-college committee headed jointly by Ted Hazelbaker and Jim Fitzpatrick are organizing a caravan complete with bright red fire truck, a band, and a long caravan of cars—plus a police and sheriff escort, to meet their bus and lead the triumphal procession about town, with festivities to follow.

ROBERTA WRIGHT WINS BETTY CROCKER HOMEMAKER AWARD

Dillon's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow has been named.

Roberta L. Wright has earned through competitive examination the honor of representing Beaverhead county high school in statewide judging for $1,500 and $500 scholarships, it was announced by General Mills, sponsor of this home appreciation program. A quarter million young women in the nation participated.

Miss Wright will also be eligible to compete for a $5,000 national scholarship award to be made to the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

She demonstrated her home making knowledge and attitude by receiving the highest score for her school in a written examination which was given graduating senior girls in 10,222 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools. Her test paper will be entered in competition with 92 school winners in this state.

The girl selected state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a $1,500 scholarship and a trip in April with her school advisor to

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Riverside Farm Bureau Meeting Friday Evening

Riverside Farm Bureau will meet at the district school house next Friday evening, Feb. 17, at 8 o'clock.

Dale Metlen and Elmer Selway will give a report on the National Cattlemen's Association meeting which they attended at New Orleans.

County Assessor Sylvester P. Meade will discuss the land reclassification law passed by the 1955 legislature.

Following the business meeting there will be square dancing followed by a pot luck lunch.

—Mrs. Norman Downing, reporter

THE WEEK'S WEATHER

A period of rising temperatures for part of the past week ending yesterday was going into a decline again at the week's end. Today at 2 p.m. the Union Pacific station thermometer registered one below zero. A severe cold wave has been forecast.

Highs and lows for the week were reported from the College weather station today as follows:

Date	Day	H	L	P
Feb. 8	Wednesday	26	-4	—
Feb. 9	Thursday	35	5	—
Feb. 10	Friday	36	19	—
Feb. 11	Saturday	38	23	—
Feb. 12	Sunday	42	27	T
Feb. 13	Monday	34	21	T
Feb. 14	Tuesday	28	6	T
	Average for week	34	14	—
	Total Precipitation			T