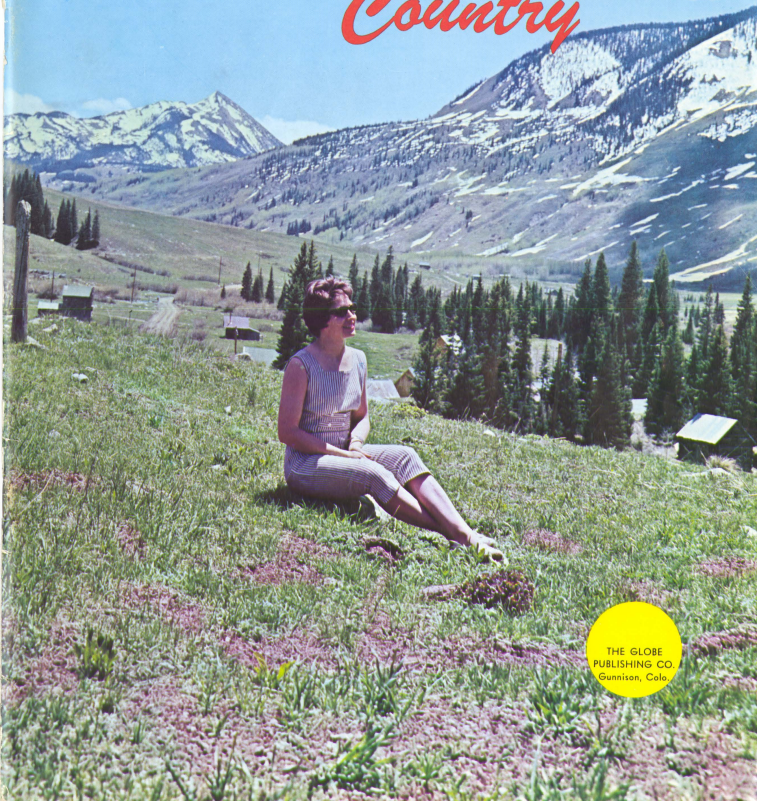
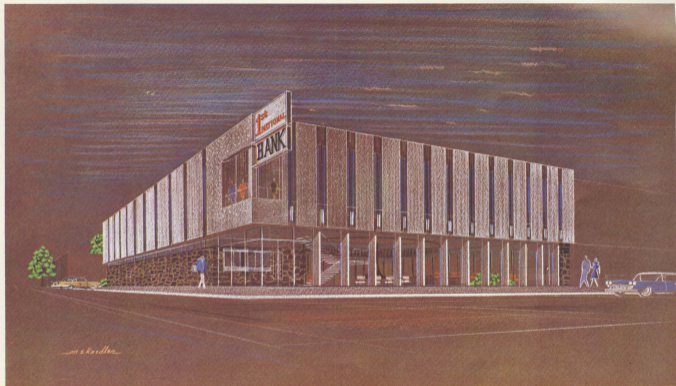


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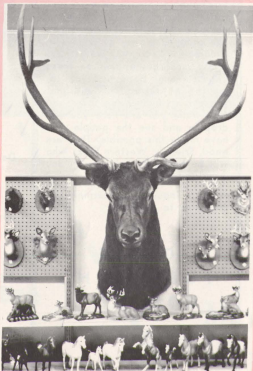
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Dear Traveler:

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Sincerely,
JOHN A. LOVE

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Curecanti To Benefit Fishing

By B. H. Snyder

Twenty miles of one of the nation's finest trout streams will soon be inundated and lost to fishermen forever. The Blue Mesa Dam of the Curecanti Unit of the U. S. Colorado River Project will impound water from near the mouth of the Black Canyon National Monument to within five miles of the City of Gunnison. Thousands of anglers from nearly every state in the Union, who have fished the famous Gunnison River, are lamenting the eventual loss of this wonderful stretch of water. Abounding in natural fish food, especially hellgramites—which evolve into Willow flies, this portion of the river has produced more trophy trout than any other comparable water in the country.

But this is only one side of the story—the minor side. There are many compensating factors about the big reservoir which will greatly offset the partial loss of this popular river. To begin with, the contour of the future lake is a very unusual one. There are three deep canyons which the impound-



ed water will pierce for several miles; there are many wide gulches that will be penetrated; and innumerable coves which will be filled. But a large part of the reservoir will spread over meadow land where the water will be comparatively shallow. Trout tend to move out of the deep places to cruise and feed in the shallow areas, particularly in the evening. This means that fly and spin fishermen will have miles of excellent fishing from the bank, and from light rowboats along the shore. Covering 9,180 acres, with a total shore line of 95 miles, Blue Mesa will become the largest body of water in Colorado. With this immense area, it is not hard to imagine it as a "Fisherman's Paradise" for trollers as well as fly rod anglers.

A local private hatchery recently purchased by the Colorado Fish & Game Department is being remodeled and enlarged to make it one of the biggest in the nation. Its primary purpose is to stock the new reservoir, but with its unusually large capacity it will also be used to supplement the present excellent planting program for the many trib-

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utaries, thereby improving the fishing in the entire area.

With many large trout remaining in the big river, and the stocking of millions more after the lake is filled, coupled with the vast area the fish have in which to elude the anglers, some of the speckled beauties will grow to enormous size. Furthermore, great numbers will migrate to the tributaries emptying into the reservoir, and these rivers and creeks will harbor bigger trout than they have ever had before.

So, instead of the Curcanti Project "ruining" the fishing in the Gunnison Country, as so many have feared, it is going to enhance it to a degree never imagined.

Besides several miles of choice, but hard-to-get-to trout water, in the spectacular Black Canyon, which is two and one-half miles deeper than the famous Royal Gorge, there still remains 15 miles of the Gunnison River running north of Almont. It is here where the stream is formed by the confluence of East and Taylor Rivers. The latter heads high up on the Continental Divide and is fed by eight good creeks. Halfway of its length is a big reservoir where trollers and others have enjoyed fine fishing for 25 years. A Federal Project, built for irrigation purposes, the stream flow from Taylor Dam is regulated by the water users in the Uncompaghe Valley. The river has been

rated one of the best fly streams in the country, but the extreme fluctuation of the water level, after the dam was constructed, seriously impaired the fishing during part of the season. However, with the major part of this irrigation water being used below Blue Mesa Reservoir, we have reason to assume that the flow of the stream from Taylor Dam will be more uniform in the near future. So we can look forward to that great fly fishing we enjoyed here in the past. Pushing down a 20-mile canyon, this portion of the river is so swift that anglers have to use the long-handled "crutch" nets if they wade this rugged stream, which is full of jagged rocks and huge boulders. Easterners have told me the Rainbows they catch in this ice-cold water are the firmest they have ever handled.

East River has ten tributaries feeding it from the Crested Butte region, where, the annual snow fall average of nearly 300 inches has inspired a two million dollar ski center. A fast, cold stream, it has been a favorite with fly fishermen for many years. In fact, the pressure has become so great here the Colorado Fish & Game Department, with the consent and cooperation of the land owners, has set aside five miles of the river, above Almont, for fly fishing only, and all trout under twelve inches must be put back unharmed. Anglers who "fish for fun" will be glad to learn

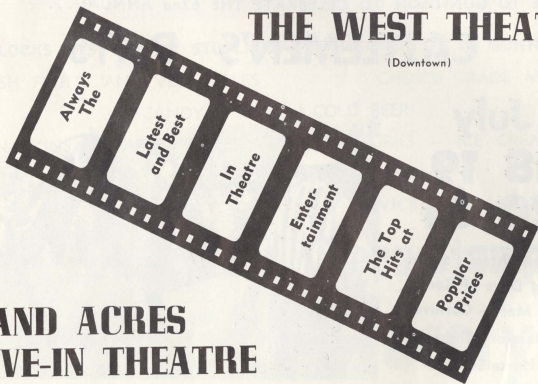
that more of these restricted waters are being planned in this area. The hatchery previously mentioned is located on this stream, and many of the big Rainbows that have to be taken out are being transferred to the river this spring.

Numerous other rivers and creeks flow into the Gunnison River near the new reservoir site. Two of the major ones are the Tomichi and Lake Fork. The latter begins its journey 50 miles away in the San Juan Mountains, flowing through beautiful Lake San Cristobal, then on past the little town of Lake City where 2,000 Texans reside in the summer and 200 Lake Citizens in winter. Speaking of Texas, it isn't surprising to learn that 13,612 of them hunted in our state during the 1961-62 season. What's the matter, you all, aren't there any BIG deer or elk down there? Incidentally, you fishermen who like to hunt might be interested to know that Colorado led the nation that winter with a record deer kill of 147,341, of which 9,000 were harvested in the Gunnison National Forest; and our county was first in the state in the number of elk bagged.

The Lake Fork runs northwesterly through hay land and deep canyons, and will be covered for several miles when the new reservoir is filled. For many years there was virtually no fishing in this fine stream because of chem

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ical "tailings" reaching the river from metal-mine mills operating in the area. The pollution killed the aquatic life and the starved trout could not survive. The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad once paralleled this river, hauling thousands of tons of rich ore before the mining slump caused its abandonment.

After the mines closed the polluted water gradually cleared, with the fish food thriving once more. Today the Lake Fork is very productive, and is especially popular with fly rodders.

Tomichi Creek starts up near Monarch Pass and runs along-side U. S. Highway 50 for many miles, gaining volume from several little streams. Coursing through rich hay meadows, its long, slow, glass slicks are a dry fly fisherman's dream. Big Brown trout are often taken here, and there will be some real lunkers when migration from the new lake begins.

Some dams have been built in the smaller streams in the upper valleys, and more are in the planning stage. Ranchers, Soil Conservationists and the Fish & Game people are cooperating in this important work. In addition to providing more fishing water, these dams will prevent spring floods and soil erosion, regulate and maintain a steady flow, permit heavier stocking of "Keeper" trout in the creeks, and hold back silt that would eventually wash down into the big reservoir. The creek beds

in the mountain valleys are very rocky so very little silt will collect in the lakes created, and with a moderate stream flow through the lower valleys and meadows the sediment going into Blue Mesa will be comparatively light. This pleases the Reclamation engineers and the Department of Fish & Wildlife, as well as the anglers who will be fishing the lakes in the years to come. Some of the reservoirs built in the state had excellent fishing for several years, but suckers gradually took over, thriving in the mud bottoms. These lakes are drained and the suckers eradicated before more trout are planted. One such reservoir was found to have 100 suckers to every trout.

A question being asked currently is "How fast will trout grow and how big might they get in the Blue Mesa Reservoir?" In some mountain lakes fish grow at a fantastic rate and attain great size, while in others they do not do so well. It all depends on the food supply, the depth and temperature of the water, and the severity of the winters. After several extremely cold winters, I have known lakes to be almost devoid of trout. Then, following a few mild seasons, the fishing would come back strong. Of the many natural lakes in this area, one stands out in my memory. Long Lake, near Crested Butte, is very narrow and sits atop a flat mountain. It is fed by some melting

snow, but mostly from warm springs in the bottom. Although its elevation is about 10,000 feet, we used to have a lot of fun swimming there as kids, and it was a walk of four miles from town. I vividly remember it was "loaded" with all kinds of aquatic life, but generally known to have no trout. In June of the middle 1920's, a forest ranger and a local landowner carried four 5 gallon cans of two-inch Rainbows from a truck parked a mile away. They told me about the planting and asked that I keep it a secret so the fish could attain some growth. Two years later, in August, my brother and I went up to see what progress they had made. It was late afternoon and we were happy to see "dimples" all over the center of the lake. The trout were rising to small floating insects, but just barely breaking the surface, and giving no clue to their size. It was almost dark now and we had failed to get a strike, although large "rings" were appearing near the shore—close enough to reach with our fly rods. After many fruitless casts, I disgustedly threw my line close to shore, turned my back and was reeling in to quit when I heard a splash directly behind me. Somewhat startled, I instinctively tightened the line with a sharp jerk, and immediately the still of the night was badly broken by a leaping, thrashing Rainbow that battled for nearly five minutes. My bro-



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ther, who had given up earlier, came running down the steep bank and almost fell in making a cast to a "riser," which he landed after a stubborn fight. It was so dark we could hardly see our flies, but we managed to catch one more each. The amazing thing was they weighed about two pounds.

Two years later, or only four years after the two-inchers were planted, an eight pounder was caught in this lake. Even if the trout do not grow this fast in Blue Mesa, one thing is certain: many of them will attain a size that will win prizes for years to come.

So vast and recreationally important is this Curecanti Project that the Federal Government is planning five immense recreation centers on the shores of the lake, at a reported cost of one million dollars each.

Relocation of roads and the building of several bridges will enable visitors to converge on the big reservoir from all directions. Two of the bridges, already completed, tower 340 feet above the river beds, and the impounded water will rise to within twenty feet of these structures. Traffic is now passing over them on U. S. Highway 50 affording motorists spectacular views of the future fishing site.

940,000 acre feet of water is a lot to collect, especially when prior water rights require a large portion of it to flow on to the lower valleys, but with

melting snows from some of the nation's highest peaks, feeding it, the lake will fill in three years, with normal precipitation, after the dam is completed.

The multi-million dollar job is progressing on schedule, but there is some good news: fishing will be permitted in the area for two more years. Anglers shouldn't miss this opportunity to fish this 20-mile stretch of the famous Gunnison River before it is covered for all time. Those who come will indeed be tempted to speculate with amazement concerning the still bigger trout the new lake should provide. How large might these be? We believe that no other river in America has produced more or larger trout per mile than this fine stream. Year after year many fish have been caught here ranging from four to ten pounds, and some even bigger.

Several years ago a fisherman and his wife were vacationing in a cabin on the lower Gunnison. He strung a hammock between two cottonwood trees so she could relax and watch him fish nearby. One warm day she dozed off as he disappeared in the distance. Suddenly she was awakened by a peculiar noise in a shallow little backwater connected with the river. Something was furiously cutting the surface of the water. With a hurried and close approach she saw it was a large trout.

Supposedly, the fish had chased a minnow from the river and had become stranded in the slough. Aware of any enemy's presence, the trout was now frenziedly trying to escape. Knowing how difficult it is to handle a live fish out of the water, the lady decided it would be impossible to catch the fellow barehanded, even in very shallow water. Most fishermen are not noted for their presence of mind when a good trout is at stake, and in this situation the lady had to think real fast. Tearing a sweater from her shoulders, and with careful aim, she threw it over the rambling, bewildered fish. Writhing and splashing with intense fury, the trout blindly made a desperate effort to reach the river. With a mad dash and scramble our lady friend heaved the squirming creature well onto the grassy bank, after which she made an undignified one-point landing in the middle of the puddle. And the trout? A beautiful Brown weighing 15 pounds.

POPULATION

Total Gunnison County population in 1960 was 5477. Because of increased construction on the Curecanti dam project on the Gunnison River and the continued development of the Crested Butte ski area, an estimate of the population in January, 1963 is 5800 for the entire county. This will slightly increase and fluctuate through 1963.

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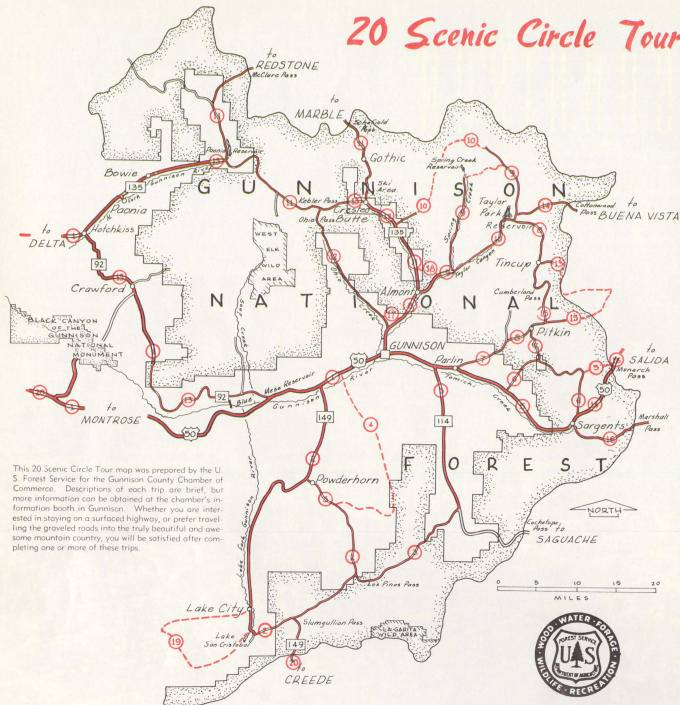
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20 Scenic Circle Tours



This 20 Scenic Circle Tour map was prepared by the U. S. Forest Service for the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce. Descriptions of each trip are brief, but more information can be obtained at the chamber's information booth in Gunnison. Whether you are interested in staying on a surfaced highway, or prefer traveling the gravelled roads into the truly beautiful and awe-some mountain country, you will be satisfied after completing one or more of these trips.

ALL TRIPS START AT GUNNISON

- No. 1—Curecanti Project and Black Canyon of Gunnison on U. S. 50 and St. 92 via Montrose, Delta, Hotchkiss and Sappers. 183 mi.
- No. 2—Lake City via U. S. 50 and St. 149, over Slumgullion Pass, Cathedral, Powderhorn, return via St. 149. 106 mi.
- No. 3—U. S. 50 east to St. 114 up Cochetopa Creek, to Los Pinos Pass, Cathedral, Powderhorn, return via St. 149 and U. S. 92 mi.
- No. 4—Jeep Trip, west on U. S. 50, across 10-Mile Bridge, up Willow Creek to Vulcan, Rock Creek, down Beaver Creek to Powderhorn.
- No. 5—Monarch Pass via U. S. 50, back over old Monarch Pass to 50. Cross Continental Divide 2 Times. 61 mi.
- No. 6—Sargents via U. S. 50, up Tomichi Cr., over Black Sage Pass to Waunita Hot Springs, down to U. S. 50. 73 mi.
- No. 7—Waunita Hot Springs via U. S. 50 and county road thru Independence Gulch & Powderhouse Gulch to Pitkin, down county road to Ohio City and Parlin. 61 mi.
- No. 8—Pitkin via U. S. 50 and county road, over Cumber-

- land Pass to Tincup, Taylor Reservoir, down Taylor Canyon to Almont, return via St. 135. 90 mi.
- No. 9—Taylor Canyon to Reservoir, Dinner Station Camp Ground, Trail Creek, down Rocky Brook, Spring Creek to Taylor Canyon, Posinger car port of the way. 75 mi.
- No. 10—Taylor Canyon to Reservoir, to Italian Creek, Italian Mt., into Spring Creek, down Cornett Cr. to East River and St. 135. Four-wheel-drive for portion. 85 mi.
- No. 11—Crested Butte via St. 135, thru Schofield Pass to Marble and Placita. McClure Pass, down Mudsty to Panna Reservoir, east to Kebler Pass and Crested Butte, Portion 4-wheel drive. 144 mi.
- No. 12—Crested Butte via St. 135, up Cool Cr. to Ohio Pass, down to Gunnison on St. 135. 65 mi.
- No. 13—Crested Butte via St. 135, over Kebler Pass to Panna Reservoir, to Panna, Hotchkiss, Crawford on St. 92 to U. S. 50. 146 mi.
- No. 14—Taylor Canyon to Reservoir over Cottonwood Pass to Buena Vista, to Poncha Junction via U. S. 285, on U. S. 50 over Monarch. 142 mi.
- No. 15—Four-wheel drive. Pitkin via U. S. 50 and county

- road, over Cumberland Pass to Tincup to St. Elm, up Chalk Cr., over Hancock Pass to Quartz Cr., return county road to U. S. 50. 80 mi.
- No. 16—Sargents via U. S. 50, over Marshall Pass, down Poncha Cr. to Poncha Spgs., over Monarch Pass, cutoff an old Monarch Pass down Tomichi Cr. to U. S. 50. 130 mi.
- No. 17—Short trip on St. 135 to Allen's Lane, across to Ohio Cr., and back. 15 mi. Ranch country.
- No. 18—Almont via St. 135, up Taylor Canyon to Esquire ranch, back over Jack's Cabin cutoff to St. 135. 28 mi.
- No. 19—Four-wheel drive. Lake City via U. S. 50 and St. 149, up Henson Cr., over Engineer Pass and Cinnamon Pass to Lake Fork of Gunnison, Lake San Cristobal, Lake City and return. 150 mi.
- No. 20—Long trip. To Durango via U. S. 50 west, U. S. 550 to Ouray and Silverton over Red Mountain and Malas Divide. Mesa Verde west of Durango on U. S. 160. Return Durango to Ragosa Springs, over Wolf Creek Pass, to South Fork, to Creede return via Lake City. Cross four divides, 2-days, car travel.



GUNNISON... Land Of The Future!

by Stan Tyler

The initial step to make the Gunnison Country an area of unlimited industrial benefits and an insurmountable vacationland is already underway!

Americans, wherever you are, you can be a part of the Gunnison Country's great industrial progress and vacationland enjoyment. Consider the possibilities of a Gunnison Country vacation, or business venture, or a permanent home in this wonderful land in western Colorado!

Initial steps are now being taken in the Gunnison Country to develop the area's age-old potential in the modern age.

The keynote in America's progress today is organization, pointed toward

economic might with a resulting increase in the wealth and stability of the country as a whole. So it is in the Gunnison Country in the modern age. With an all-inclusive organization of manpower, brainpower, machinery and determination, the people of the Gunnison Country are slowly and with amazing stability advancing toward the completion of the initial step of developing their country's potential.

And now the people of the Gunnison Country are showing the type of dogged determination that pushed pioneers across the rugged Rocky Mountains to settle and develop fertile areas of grazing and farm land. Captain John Williams Gunnison, who, with his group of United States Topographical En-

gineers, pushed through the Gunnison Country in the mid-1800's and left a mark on the land that is being revived in spirit by the people of today's Gunnison Country. True, only his name was left in the town of Gunnison, but a spirit of realization of new wealth and development is also present in the Gunnison Country today. This land is truly one of the "last frontiers" of America. And, like a true frontier, the spirit of the people reflects the land in which they live . . . the Gunnison Country!

America has moved in the Gunnison Country, as witnessed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Curecanti Unit Project in the area. The Curecanti Project is a part of the United



Curecanti Unit — Morrow Point Dam Looking upstream from a high point between Cimarron Creek and the Gunnison River. Morrow Point Dam, a 465-foot high concrete-arch dam, will be located immediately upstream from the railroad bridge across the Gunnison River. Note transmission line access road and Morrow Point-Curecanti 230-kilovolt transmission line structure in right center of photograph.

—Bureau of Reclamation Photo by Vern Jetley

States Department of the Interior Colorado River Storage Project which will store, regulate, and put to widespread beneficial use the waters of the Upper Colorado River and its tributaries. The main purpose of the Curecanti Unit is to control the flows of the Gunnison River, a major tributary of the Upper Colorado River. Three other such storage units are either completed or under construction at the present time as a part of the Colorado River Storage Project—the Flaming Gorge Unit on the Green River in the northeast corner of Utah; the Navajo Unit on the San Juan River in northwest New Mexico; and the Glen Canyon Unit on the Colorado River in northern Arizona. The Curecanti Unit is the first step of a long range program that will develop the Gunnison Country's potential in industrial might.

The Curecanti Unit includes plans for three damsites in the Gunnison Country—Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal dams. Primary purpose of the Curecanti Unit is to develop the water storage and hydro-electric power generating potentialities along the 40-mile sections of the Gunnison River below Gunnison and above the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. Other purposes of the Unit are irrigation, recreation and flood control.

The Blue Mesa Dam is the major feature of the Curecanti Unit. This dam will be a 342-foot high earthfill struc-

ture that will contain 3,000,000 cubic yards of carefully selected fill material carried from nearby sources to the Jam site. The valuable reservoir storage of the Blue Mesa Project will consist of 940,800 acre feet and the powerplant will have a 60,000 kilowatt capacity. These facts mean one thing in the future for the Gunnison Country—unlimited industrial, stock raising, and agricultural might.

Official start of the construction on the Blue Mesa Dam and powerplant, was marked by a groundbreaking ceremony at the damsite July 7, 1962. Award of the \$13,702,230 prime contract with the Bureau of Reclamation was made in April, 1962, to the Tecon Corporation of Dallas, Texas.

The prime contractor is approximately on schedule at the present time. Predominately fair weather during the past construction season, with temperatures well above normal, has resulted in remarkable progress in the Curecanti Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project.

Scheduled completion date for the Blue Mesa Dam and powerplant is February, 1966. The powerplant is expected to begin operation in June of the same year.

On September 7, 1962, a 1,850-foot long diversion tunnel was "holed thru" at the Blue Mesa damsite. This tunnel is diverting water of the Gunnison River

around the Blue Mesa damsite at the present time.

Blue Mesa Dam is being constructed 25 miles downstream from Gunnison, the heart of the Gunnison Country, and about 1½ miles downstream from the town of Sapinero.

The Blue Mesa Dam will be a huge structure, symbolizing the giant development of the Gunnison Country. The crest will be 800 feet long and will stand 340 feet, or 34 stories above the level of the Gunnison River. At the base, this giant earth wedge will be nearly one-third mile wide.

The dam embankment will consist of three zones of selected material, each distinguished by its particular structural and permeable properties and by the method of placement. The Blue Mesa powerplant will be constructed at the downstream toe of the dam. Construction of the powerhouse will be carried out in two stages. The first stage is part of the prime contract for the dam, and the second stage will be carried out in a separate completion contract which will begin in the summer of 1965.

The Blue Mesa powerplant will house two 30,000-kw generating units. Blue Mesa Reservoir is expected to begin to fill with spring runoff in 1966.

Relocation of the principal transportation artery through the Curecanti Unit area is also called for in the Blue

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Mesa Project. This main artery of the Gunnison Country includes the western Colorado cities of Gunnison, Montrose, Delta and Grand Junction on its route. The relocation of the highway involves the construction of two structural steel bridges, each about 270 feet high, the highest of their kind in Colorado. When the Blue Mesa Reservoir area is filled, the water level will be about 10 feet below the bridges over the Gunnison River and the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. This water body will be the largest in Colorado.

The highway relocation project, largest job of such nature ever undertaken by the State of Colorado, routed traffic over the new Gunnison River and Lake Fork bridges on November 29, 1962. This project actually signalled the start of the huge Curecanti Project. Construction of the 1,500-foot long bridge across the Gunnison River and the 990-foot long bridge at the Lake Fork crossing, was begun March 14, 1961, under a contract which includes relocation of 6.4 miles of U. S. Highway 50 around the Blue Mesa damsite and the lower part of the reservoir. The highway project is the most costly in the history of the Colorado Department of Highways. The Bureau of Reclamation will pay \$3,110,008 of the cost of the project, while the Highway Department's participation will amount to \$517,834. Award of a second con-

tract was made in spring, 1962, involving relocation of more than 5 miles of highway in the central portion of the Blue Mesa Reservoir eastward from the new Gunnison River bridge. This work is moving ahead rapidly. The third and final segment, scheduled to be started in the spring of 1963, will be over 5 miles long and will include relocation of Colorado State Highway 149 at the upper end of the Blue Mesa Reservoir.

The major feature of the Curecanti Unit development—the Blue Mesa and the Morrow Point damsites—will together develop 760 feet of the 1,000 feet of potential power head along the 40-mile reach of the Gunnison River Canyon. The Morrow Point Dam will be 465-feet high, 720-feet long, of thin-arch concrete structure, located 12 miles downstream from the Blue Mesa dam and immediately upstream from the point where Cimarron Creek enters the Gunnison River, approximately 22 miles east of Montrose.

Preconstruction surveys and exploratory foundation drilling have been conducted at the site of the Morrow Point Dam and powerplant. Invitations for bids began February, 1963 and initial construction started late in spring, 1963.

The narrow Morrow Point Reservoir will have a total capacity of 117,000

acre-feet. An underground power plant will be built at Morrow Point and will house two 60,000-kw generating units. The underground powerplant will be the first structure of its kind to be built by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Crystal Dam and Powerplant, third feature of the Curecanti Unit, will be located downstream from Morrow Point Dam and just above the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument and the inlet of the Uncompahgre Project's Gunnison Tunnel. It is planned as an earth- and rock-fill structure, about 230 feet high and 660 feet long at the crest.

Flows of the Gunnison River will be largely controlled by the Blue Mesa Reservoir, which will provide the greater part of the capacity for the Curecanti Unit. Water released through the Blue Mesa powerplant, together with minor downstream inflows, will receive short-term regulation at the smaller Morrow Point and Crystal Reservoirs. Releases through the Morrow Point Dam and powerplant will be relatively uniform during the irrigation season to maintain flows needed for downstream water rights. A predetermined flow will be maintained at all times through the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, in order to preserve scenic and recreation attractions.

The development of the Curecanti Unit in terms of facts and figures a-



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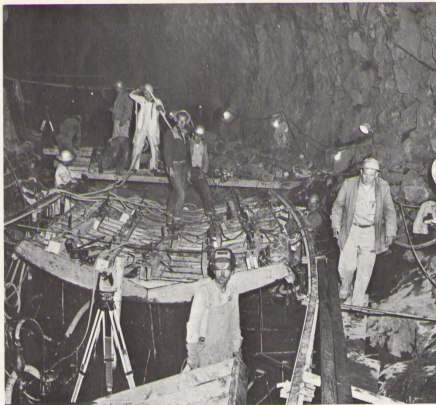
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lone spells out the increase in the industrial might of the Gunnison Country. However, when we discuss the impact the project has on the Gunnison Country, we see unlimited possibilities for industrial development in the future.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In the Gunnison Country's long-range program of developing her potential, one cannot disregard the recreational opportunities which will be almost double that which they have been in recent years.

Perhaps many people will say that the Curecanti Unit Project will undermine beautiful scenic areas and possibilities of commercial vacationland ventures, but such is not the case. The Blue Mesa Reservoir will create a new type of recreation opportunity heretofore non-existent in the Gunnison Country. Included in the plans of this vast project are several recreation areas: Lake Fork, located at the Blue Mesa damsite; Sapinero, located 3 miles east of the dam; Center Point, located 10 miles east of the dam and 15 miles west of Gunnison; and Iola recreation site, located 12 miles east of the dam and 12 miles west of Gunnison. All of these sites will have facilities for boating, fishing, water skiing and swimming. This will make the Gunnison Country unparalleled in vacationland recreational opportunities in the western



Workers in process of leaving diversion tunnel at site of Blue Mesa Dam
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OTHER VACATION OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the nation, our forests are a source of recreation and peace to millions. Gunnison National Forest is no exception. In keeping pace with modern developments in the Gunnison Country, the Gunnison National Forest is right on top. At Big Soap Park, located on Soap Creek, 14 miles north of Sapinero, the U. S. Forest Service has planned a significant recreation site. At this point, the Blue Mesa Reservoir will extend on U. S. Forest Service land to include Soap Park Reservoir. Eight hundred acres of grazing land in the area will be flooded. The Soap Creek Reservoir will have boating and water skiing facilities. Present Forest Service plans include six camp and picnic sites for 80 family units (one unit is a family of five), plus a marina with boat landing dock facilities.

Fishing in the Gunnison Country will not be reduced, compared to previous years. In fact, added fishing advantages in lake fishing will exist all throughout the Blue Mesa Reservoir area. Stream fishing will be more plentiful and productive than in past years on Gunnison River tributaries. A few streams that the vacationer can take advantage of are: Beaver, Steuben, Stevens, Dry, East, Elk, Red, West Elk,

Soap, Corral, Curecanti, Blue Pine, Willow, Cebolla, and Sugar Creeks all offer excellent fishing in the summers and will be even better after the Curecanti Unit is completed.

The Forest Service has planned no less than eight campgrounds with accommodations for 150 family units (750 people) in the future years as needs demand them. This will mean a heretofore unheard of availability of campgrounds for recreation enthusiasts in the Gunnison Country.

With the continued development of Crested Butte, Colorado, 28 miles north of Gunnison, the Gunnison Country offers a winter recreational center that is rapidly becoming one of the nation's most distinguished ski centers. The famous Crested Butte ski area is located on the northern slopes of 12,175-foot Crested Butte mountain. Ski trails such as Paradise, Keystone, Joker-ville, etc., are named after famous local mines. A comfortable warming house, restaurant and bar, sport shop with ski rentals, and a nursery service, plus luxurious overnight, accommodations, compliment the area's ski facilities. The 60-meter jump provides thrills for both jumpers and spectators. Certified European and American instructors combine basic techniques to expedite the beginner's progress. A professional Ski Patrol is on duty at all times.

In addition to all of this, Crested

Butte has the most up-to-date lift facilities available. For the 1962-63 season, the Telear Gondola lift was installed to serve the expert and the intermediate ski runs. The gondola cars stop individually for loading and unloading of skiers and sightseers. The length of the lift is 7,500 feet with a vertical rise of 2,000 feet. Its capacity is 850 skiers per hour. An extension leading nearly to the top of the mountain is planned for the gondola for the 1963-64 season. The 3,500-foot T-bar, installed in 1961, serves the intermediate slopes with a vertical rise of 700 feet and a capacity of 760 skiers per hour. Also the J-bar that serves the beginner's slopes, has a length of 800 feet and a vertical rise of 200 feet. Its capacity is 600 persons an hour.

If you're coming to the Gunnison Country, Crested Butte is easy to reach. All-weather highways connect Crested Butte with all major U. S. cities. Trans-continental railroads serve Denver, Pueblo and Salida, all near the Gunnison Country. Frontier Airlines daily scheduled service to Gunnison, provides connections with coast-to-coast jets. Single and multi-engine air taxi service is available. Scheduled buslines serve Gunnison and there is a shuttle-bus service from Gunnison to Crested Butte.

Crested Butte is open for skiing from Thanksgiving to mid-April. This Febru-

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ary, the North American Nordic Combined Ski Championships were held in Crested Butte.

Add skiing to Crested Butte's already famous fishing, hunting, exploring, hiking and camping facilities, ghost towns and old mining camps, and you have an unsurpassed vacationland enjoyment.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The educational facilities in the Gunnison Country are keeping pace with modern needs. Late in 1962, the Gunnison school board of the RE-IJ District in Gunnison County renamed five elementary and secondary schools. Two new structures are under construction at the present time.

The Gunnison Country houses one of the better institutions of higher learning in the State of Colorado in the name of Western State College of Colorado at Gunnison. Present enrollment of the college is a record-breaking 1,500, with an expected enrollment of 1,600 in the fall of 1963. The institution was founded and constructed in 1911. It has a past as illustrious as the Gunnison Country itself. In the past three years, Western State has added four new women's residence halls and a cafeteria complex and a new science building with latest equipment, Hurst Hall. Western State has an eye toward future development with present needs in mind, as the College has planned a one million dollar addition to the present Leslie J. Savage library. Also, the College has planned additional housing developments and increased improvement in the maintenance department and facilities.

Vacationers may attend Western State's summer school at Gunnison in sessions of 2-, 4-, 6- or 8-weeks. This summer, WSC will host internationally famous historian, Walter Prescott Webb in the social sciences department as well as other distinguished personalities. Also in August, Western sponsors a nationally famous Music Camp for youth from throughout the 50 states. Further information and brochures may be obtained by writing the Public Services Division of Western State Col-

lege at Gunnison.

North of Gunnison, Crested Butte is rapidly becoming a center of cultural and recreational interest which will add to the educational attractiveness of the Gunnison Country. Art shows, sponsored by individuals living in the area, and by students of the art department of Western State College, are annual and regular events.

A few miles northeast of Crested Butte at Gothic, an old ghost town, is the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, famous throughout the nation in the study of nature.

One of the finest educational aspects of the Gunnison Country is the Law-Science Academy at Crested Butte which is conducted by Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, Director of the Law-Science Department of the University of Texas.

UNLIMITED INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES

The Gunnison Country is a source of unlimited industrial wealth that is just now being tapped.

With its unlimited resources in hydro-electric power, mineral wealth, the Gunnison National Forest and its prospering cattle industry, the Gunnison Country will surely become one of the leading producers of industrial and agricultural might in the future in the Rocky Mountain region.

The aforementioned Curecanti Unit Project is going to manifest many changes in the Gunnison Country. The Blue Mesa powerplant will house two 30,000 kilovolt generators, each driven by a 41,500 horsepower turbine. This will make a total of 60,000 kilowatts being generated for the area surrounding the Blue Mesa dam. This power will be carried by transmission lines to all points of the huge Gunnison Country and to power booster stations along the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers for relay to other parts of the Rocky Mountain region.

In the heart of the Gunnison Country is the Gunnison National Forest an area with unlimited potential for the lumbering industry. One company has foreseen this and has constructed a large

lumber mill a few miles south of the City of Gunnison. The mill began operations this year. According to the U. S. Forest Service, the Curecanti Unit Project will in no way affect the lumbering possibilities. Over 1,700,000 acres of land are contained within the boundaries of the Gunnison National Forest which has its headquarters in the City of Gunnison and rangers at their various stations throughout the area.

The grazing land affected by the Curecanti Project will be negligible, and the Gunnison Country will maintain its high rate of production in cattle raising. Last year, the Gunnison Country received plenty of moisture, and this, of course, always results in a bountiful hay crop with which to nourish healthy herds of cattle. This area is recognized as one of the most ideal locations for the production of superior cattle and sheep. The Gunnison Country is also nationally recognized for the excellence of its purebreds. Twenty thousand feeder calves and more than 3,500 yearlings are produced each year. For further information concerning the cattle and ranching business in the Gunnison Country, contact Warren R. Mergelman, Secretary of the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association, or William Mealy, Gunnison County Extension Agent, both in Gunnison, Colorado.

CATTLEMAN'S DAYS

One of the outstanding entertainment highlights of the summer in Gunnison County is the annual rodeo and celebration, "Cattlemen's Days". At this event you will see some of the top cowboys in the nation performing on wild bulls and broncos, vying for top cash prizes.

In addition to the rodeo, the celebration boasts a big Pioneer banquet, Horse Show, Beef Show and Sale, a big community parade, as well as dances and a carnival.

Cattlemen's Days, one of the early shows of its kind, is held about the middle of July each year, and has come to be known as the "Granddaddy of 'Em

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

One of the most progressive and far-sighted groups in the Gunnison Country is the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce, an organization which is striving hard to further the development of the area in all phases.

Within the Chamber are various Divisions, encompassing all businesses and individuals in the area, with an eye toward helping not only the business-

men and ranchers, but all of the citizens of the community as well.

The Chamber provides many services for visitors to the Gunnison Country, with an information booth and office located near the east edge of the City of Gunnison on Highway 50. If you are in need of information or assistance, contact the Chamber of Commerce, Phone 222, Gunnison, Colorado. You will find them most willing to assist you.

HOMESITES AVAILABLE

Recently, The Gunnison County Development Corporation developed the exclusive Dos Rios homesites on the world-famous Gunnison River just west

of Gunnison in the heart of The Gunnison Country.

After the corporation purchased the sites in 1960, many months were spent clearing underbrush and dead timber, designing and platting initial homesites, constructing roads, park areas and lakes (stocked with fighting Rainbow and cutthroat trout).

The 50-acre development is now open for homesites right on the Gunnison River, with larger tracts available. Population density will be one site per acre. Approximately three miles of river bank are being reserved for the Dos Rios homeowners and their guests. Included in the site's purchase

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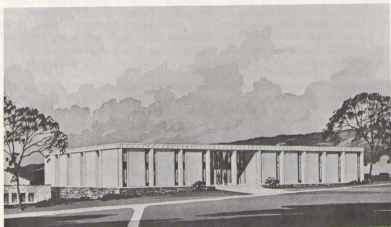
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Savage Library, center of learning at Western State, contains over 80,000 accessioned items, 12,000 pamphlets, an extensive collection of Western Americana, and some 575 periodicals, both domestic and foreign, are currently received. The Library is an official depository for publications of the United States Government.

There are 30 major buildings on the 223-acre Western State College campus, wide sidewalks connect all these, and parking areas are convenient to each. Over 150 acres are planted to lawn, and the campus is landscaped with trees and shrubs. Street lights adequately illuminate the entire campus at night.

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Western State College teams compete in many scholastic, art, forensic and physical education events with representatives from other colleges and universities, and there is an extensive intramural program conducted on campus in a variety of activities.

Western State College of Colorado, governed by the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges, is a liberal arts institution with a professional school of education. Over 300 courses leading to the bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees are offered in eight divisions containing 32 departments. The major divisions are Arts and Humanities; Business; Education; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Music; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Social Studies.



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price are: area roads, septic tank sewage disposal, electric power lines, fresh-water well, all meeting full specifications and county regulatory bodies. Prices vary slightly, according to the size of sites, location, and similar factors. This is the first time in The Gunnison Country's history such magnificent sites have been available on the famous river. In all probability there will be little such land available in the future. The vast Blue Mesa Reservoir will eventually extend to within a few miles of Dos Rios. Dos Rios homeowners will have boating, water sports, and additional fishing on Colorado's largest lake. Recently added to the Dos Rios area is a new, 39-unit luxury motel, complete with swimming pool, cocktail lounge, dining and convention facilities. A complete golf course is now in the planning stage.

The major external force exerting an influence on the potential of The Gunnison Country is the Bureau of Reclamation's Curecanti Unit project. The Blue Mesa dam west of Gunnison will create Colorado's largest body of water and will, as already mentioned, open up the Gunnison Country to the title of vacation center of Western United States.

Such companies in Crested Butte, north of Gunnison, as Crested Butte Ltd., and Ore Bucket, Inc., are showing what outside influence can do to

the Gunnison Country. Crested Butte is already one of the recognized ski centers of America and in the near future will become even more so. Food and lodging centers as well as mining companies are being developed in the heart of the Gunnison Country by many outside influences.

UNPARALLELED VACATIONLAND

The Gunnison Country is an unparalleled vacationland which will become even greater in the future.

In the past, The Gunnison Country has been an unexcelled vacationland for millions of Americans. The fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, enjoyment of natural beauty, ghost towns, boating, rockhound, and winter sports activities of The Gunnison Country that existed in the past will continue to exist in the future in this country, only with double its volume.

Fishing in The Gunnison Country is renowned the world over for excellent catches in both lakes and streams. In The Gunnison Country, over 1,300 miles of stream await fishermen from all parts of the world. Previous to the construction of the Blue Mesa dam fishing was available only in small, high altitude lakes, but with the completion of the dam and reservoir project in 1966 the Gunnison Country will have the largest body of water in the state of Colorado available for fishing. This will mean an added advantage to fisher-

men. As well as being able to fish numerous small lakes and streams in The Gunnison Country, trolling and lake fishing will be in abundance along many miles of lake shoreline and surface area of the Blue Mesa Reservoir.

The natural beauty of the Gunnison Country will not be impaired, but improved by immediate and future planned developments in this country. Future developments will not spoil the fresh air aspect of a Gunnison Country vacation, or the cool summertime temperatures. The gold, fiery reds and oranges of the Gunnison Country's fall will still be available in abundance to vacationers. Winter sports, such as skiing, ice skating, tobogganing will not diminish, but increase with the development of Crested Butte, north of Gunnison. Latest industrial developments will not take away the natural beauty of the 14,000 foot mountain peaks and the beautiful forests over-looking the Gunnison Country. The Curecanti Unit Project will not destroy the natural beauty of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument located 60 miles west of Gunnison.

The camping facilities in the Gunnison Country will be greater than ever before, and facilities will be provided to maintain the natural beauty of the campsite areas. Camping, hiking, picnicking, riding, hunting and fishing will be every bit as abundant as they

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were before the influence of industrialization on this area. More than 30 campgrounds exist now or will exist in the near future in The Gunnison National Forest. Additional campgrounds are being planned for inclusion along the edges of the Blue Mesa Reservoir when it is completed.

Hunting will be better than ever before in The Gunnison Country. The Blue Mesa Project will drive many animals to higher ground and they will be concentrated in a small area so that the possibility of kills should be unexcelled in Gunnison Country hunting history. The bird season in the early days of September will be just as plentiful

as always. Big Horn sheep season will be unaffected. October 15 marks the opening of deer, elk and bear season in The Gunnison Country. After the completion of the Curecanti project, this should be one of the better hunting seasons of The Gunnison Country.

Ghost town trips will be unaffected by the Curecanti project in The Gunnison Country. Such towns as Tincup, Gothic, Irwin and Washington Gulch will be completely unaffected by future developments in The Gunnison Country. Interest will continue to boom in ghost town areas simply because more and more people will continue to make The Gunnison Country their va-

cation-country.

The winter sports picture in The Gunnison Country has yet to reach its peak. As previously mentioned, unexcelled improvements are being conducted in the winter sports offerings at Crested Butte.

The Gunnison Country's recreational and vacationland developments are an initial step in the long program of continued improvement in vacationland facilities in The Gunnison Country. Scenic trips in the heart of The Gunnison Country will become increasingly popular in years to come, but scenery will not become spoiled by the increasing amounts of population. The Gunnison

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The West Elk Wild Area and a portion of the La Garita Wild Area on the forest are large tracts of land with limited access and restricted resource use. These areas offer the enjoyment of relatively unspoiled Forest Lands to the visitor so inclined.

A program of campground rehabilitation and expansion, commencing in 1957 and continuing today, has added to the quality and quantity of camping and picnicking facilities on the Forest. Facilities are of a rustic type, consisting primarily of fireplaces, tables, tent sites, and toilet facilities. In many campgrounds, trailer parking and drinking water are provided. Forest camp-



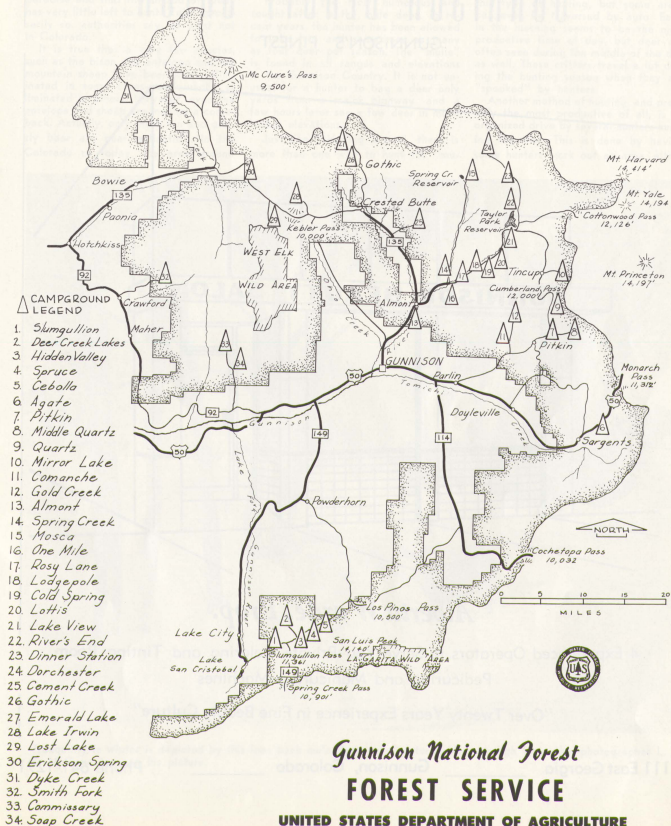
grounds are located at elevations ranging from 8,500 feet to 11,300 feet affording a variety of vegetative types and climatic conditions. Camping facilities and wood for campfires are free of charge on the forest. Campgrounds having heavy use are posted with maximum stay limitations. These limitations are imposed to allow everyone equal use of camping facilities.

Much of the water stored and utilized by the Curecanti Project, now under construction, will come from Forest watersheds. The management of these watersheds to assure continuing production of pure water is an important responsibility of the Forest Service.

Livestock, coming from many of the ranches in the lower valleys of the Gunnison Country, graze National Forest lands in the summer months. National Forest grass and timber constitute an important share of the Gunnison Country's economic assets.

Gunnison National Forest visitors may acquire detailed information by contacting the Forest Supervisor's Office in Gunnison or District Ranger's Offices located in Gunnison, Crested Butte, and Paonia.

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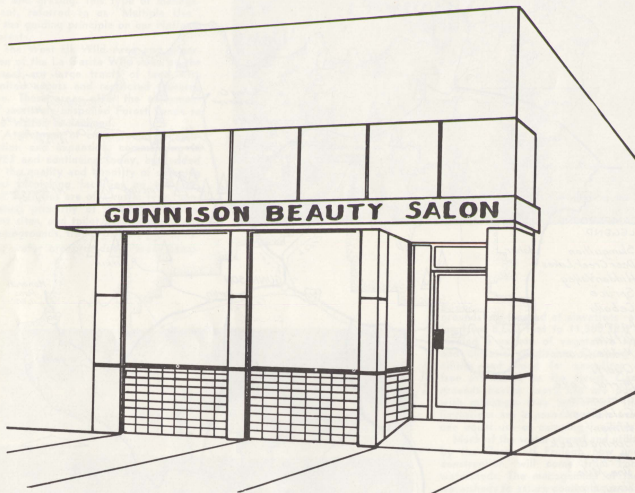
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Most folks seem to believe that the early-day pioneer lived in a hunter's paradise and that the nimrod of today has very little left to hunt. 'Taint necessarily so, authorities say, at least not in Colorado.

It is true that a very few species, such as the bison, the antelope and the mountain sheep have been partly eliminated in some cases—and wholly eliminated in others. However, even the antelope and sheep are making a comeback. Actually, only the bison and grizzly bear are near extinction. In the Colorado of today, the area around

Gunnison is host to more than its share of big game animals and to several species of small game and birds.

Probably the most numerous and sought after is the mule deer. In recent years, the hunter has been allowed to take two and sometimes as many as four deer per season. The "mule" is found in all ranges and elevations in the Gunnison Country. It is not unusual for a hunter to bag a deer only yards from a major highway, and a few hours later see a few deer in much higher elevations.

Just like "skinning a cat", there is more than one way to hunt the "mu-

lie". Many hunters simply drive the back-country roads and do very well. A four-wheel drive vehicle is best for this type of hunting, but some areas can even be traversed by auto. Early in the morning seems to be the most productive time of day, but deer are often seen during the middle of the day as well. These critters travel a lot during the hunting season when they are "spooked" by hunters.

Another method of hunting, and probably the most productive of all, is an organized drive by several hunters hunting together. This is done by having some hunters work out an area, either



Tranquility in winter is depicted by this lone buck mule deer who ventured close enough for author-photographer L. R. McGraw to snap his picture.

on foot or horseback, while others wait on deer runs to intercept the animals.

Many people prefer to "still-hunt". This is done by each hunter traveling afoot. He quietly wanders along through both tree-covered spots and open areas, while carefully observing everything around him. In the trees, or "timber" as many of us call it, he must travel very slowly and watch for movement or for objects which appear to be out of place. Then, if the hunter discovers an animal, he must be absolutely sure that it IS an animal. This is probably the most difficult part, but is very important—being unsure of his target has caused many a hunter to shoot a fellow

man.

Probably more people prefer still-hunting than any other method, since this type affords the hunter the greatest opportunity to enjoy all that nature offers in this vast wilderness. One of the most important elements of any out-door sport is the chance to "get away", and big game hunting in the Gunnison Country provides this in abundance.

Much of the time, the hunter can pursue elk in the same area where he hunts deer. The bull elk is often called the most lordly and spectacular animal on the North American continent—and this is not difficult to believe

once you have seen an old bull in the wild. No doubt about it . . . the elk IS a magnificent animal. The battles which these old boys stage is something to behold, and it is not uncommon for a hunter to hear an elk bugle during the earlier part of our hunting season.

There are at least a few elk in all parts of the high country in the Gunnison area, and many in some area. If the hunter is fortunate, he may be able to get in the middle of a "bugling match" when the bulls are busy bugling back and forth to each other. The matter of fighting between the big bulls is common knowledge—but occasionally a hunter may hear a small bull toss

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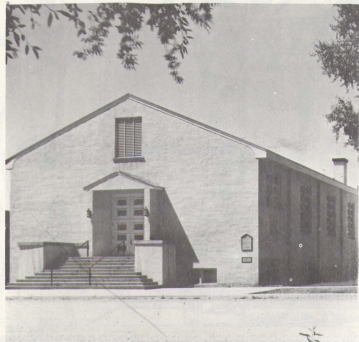
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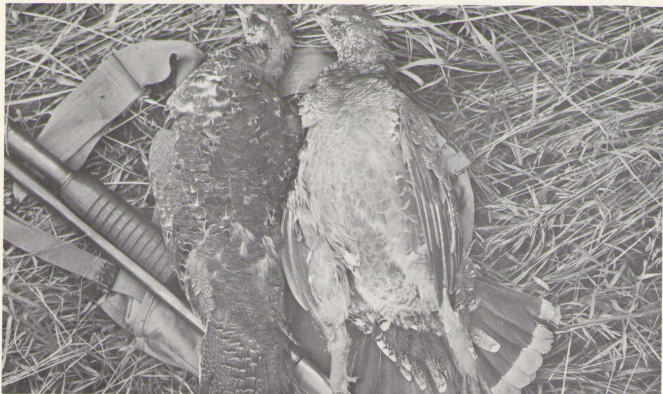
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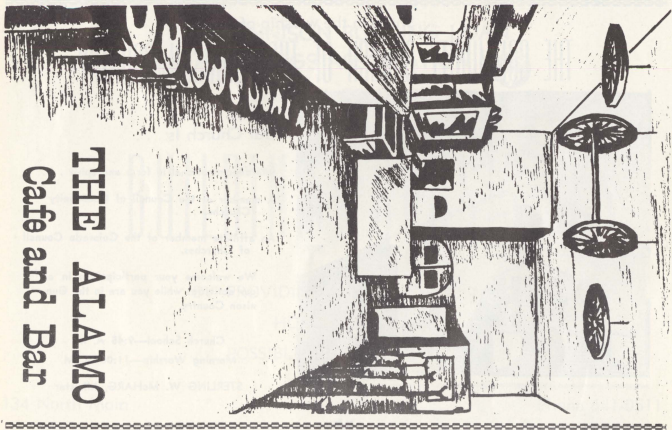
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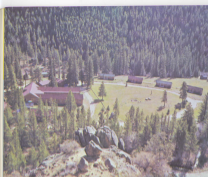
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Each year, both residents and non-resident hunters may engage in a drawing held by the Colorado Game and Fish Department for the purpose of issuing a certain number of antlerless elk permits. The hunter lucky enough to have his name drawn has the privilege of taking an animal of either sex. This means that his chance of success is greater, since he can choose either a bull, cow, or fall elk.

The Gunnison Country has its share of trophy heads, both elk and deer

An elk head, taken years ago near Crested Butte north of Gunnison, was discovered recently, hanging nearly unnoticed on the wall of a barroom. The same elk head was measured for size and now perches securely at the top of the record list for all-time hugeness.

At least one mule deer buck has been seen the top of this list, and we have every reason to believe that many bucks would have been listed in the record books if they had been noticed and measured.

In order to insure a successful hunt the best bet for an outsider is to hire a guide or tie up with a local hunter.

Quite a few guides operate in the Gunnison area, and most of them can furnish the sportsman with most of the necessary equipment, as well as guide him during the hunt. The Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce has a list of all guides, and can furnish each one's address. The Game and Fish Department can do the same.

If the visiting hunter prefers not to hire a guide, he would do well to hunt with some local hunters if possible. Failing in that, it is advisable to arrive far enough ahead of the opening of season to spend some time getting advice and directions from either local hunters or from other visitors who have

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Pretty Kitty—but don't get too close is the advice of L. R. McGraw who managed to get this photo of a Colorado Bobcat while keeping a safe distance.

been here before. It is wise to talk with as many people as possible in order to get the most and best information.

If one is unable to be here for the big game season, he can always take part in the grouse season, which occurs in September of each year. Although the sage grouse, or sage hen, as they are usually called locally, have taken their lumps during recent years, they seem to be just as prolific as ever in some areas. Near Gunnison are several areas where the sage hens congregate each spring during the mating season, and they can still be found in the same general area later in the year. Also, in the sage-covered hills around Gunnison, many small springs of water can be found—each usually with its growth of willows, allover and green grass, serving as headquarters for a flock of sage hens.

Sage hen season usually lasts only a few days—but the blue grouse season is open at the same time and usually lasts a week or so longer. Actually, there are probably more blue grouse than sage grouse, but they seem to be more scattered, and the hunter often does not see them in as great numbers . . . Here, again, the outsider would do well to tie up with a local hunter. Willow grouse season is usually open at the same time, but not



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too many of these birds are seen.

One animal which few non-residents hunt is the common cottontail rabbit. Many of our local hunters spend a good deal of time looking for the cottontails, and during the winter months when the snow is on the ground, the rabbit is fairly easy to find. Most folks use a .22 caliber rifle and many have great success.

It is wise for the sportsman, especially the big game hunter, to take some safety precautions. First of all, each person should hunt with or near a companion—this is probably the most important precaution—and he should carry a compass and acquaint himself with the surrounding terrain. A survival kit is very necessary, and should contain these basic items: waterproof match kit, plastic ground sheet, small food items, canteen of water, a short length of cord and a small first aid kit. Some experienced hunters prefer different items, but just about everyone carries matches and food. It is, of course, important to wear clothing to fit the weather, since cold weather and snow are usually here by hunting season and one should wear warm winter clothes and waterproof footwear.

Each year a few hunters become lost, generally only temporarily. If this should happen to you, above all, retain your common sense and do not panic.

You should work your way **carefully** downstream or downhill, as this route will almost always lead to a road. If night approaches before you are found, find a shelter and gather a large supply of firewood before dark. By settling down and building a fire, you can avoid exposure and accidents caused by stumbling around in the dark. When daylight arrives, you can again resume your search for safety. Under certain conditions, however, a person is wise to just find a clearing and build a fire near shelter and wait for rescue. Searchers will usually find a lost person if he is in an open area.

For general hunting information, the non-resident hunter may write to the Colorado Game and Fish Department in Denver. For information regarding the Gunnison area, including accommodations and so forth, one should contact the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will also be glad to record your name and hunting destination in case your folks at home need to get in touch with you.

Yes, we still do have plenty of game . . . Some species, such as the "mulies", need to be harvested extensively to prevent over population. For that, we need lots of hunters and the non-resident fills a large part of the picture—so whether you live in Colorado or out-of-state, come on out and join us.



Look!—But don't touch. This is the advice of the Colorado Game and Fish Department who made this photo of a young mule deer fawn available for use in our magazine. Experience has taught outdoorsmen that wild animals are perfectly capable of taking care of their young and to molest them is both inhuman and dangerous.

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In 1961 Gunnison County topped the state in total number of elk killed during the big game season. It is always in the top three counties, which is the reason for the area's reputation for being a good place to hunt big game. What about deer? Gunnison is also

good for deer and consistently ranks up in the top ten Colorado counties as far as deer killed by hunters goes. Not only now, but many years ago when hunters were few, the seasons were short (4 days) and big game animals were relatively scarce the early-day hunters traveled into this area to bag their big game. Things have changed proportionately and now there are more hun-

ters, longer seasons and more big game animals, but the Gunnison country's reputation as one of the most desirable places to hunt still remains.

Why is Gunnison so popular with the hunting public! Mainly because of two main factors. First, the area has good, in some cases too many, populations of game animals. Secondly, and more important, there are plenty of places



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to hunt as over 80 per cent of the county is public land. Not all of this land is available due to access problems, but a large percentage is open to free public hunting. National forest lands make up the lion's share of the open area. In addition, many of the private landowners will give permission to hunt when they are asked, and ask you must as this is Colorado law.

Hunting opportunities are there for everyone, from the season-long pack trip into the timberline country for the more adventuresome nimrod to the hunter who likes to enjoy his hunt from the local motel or resort, working out from there each day.

Weather during the season can be extremely variable, depending on the year. One may look for extremes from snow and freezing temperatures to Indian summer conditions with very warm dry days; however, the nights are always cold during October. Mother Nature has a big effect on the hunting conditions. Snow early in the season makes hunting good. It dampens the forest and makes stalking easier. It starts the deer and elk migration down from the higher country so that they can be reached by the hunters. After a storm the animals move around more, again making it easier for the nimrod to bag his animal.

If the season is dry, with little or no moisture, the woods are noisy, the game is too inaccessible and the hunting success drops. This is what happened during the 1962 season.

Sometimes a special or post season is necessary to reduce the number of animals in a certain area. The Colorado Game and Fish Department has a special season for the area north and west of Gunnison, and it is probable that this area will continue as a post season for the next few years. Why? Because this particular deer herd is going to lose a considerable portion of its already critical winter range, or food supply, when it is flooded by the new

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There is even a special season for the bow and arrow enthusiast. Archery season (for archers only) generally falls sometime in late August or September. More complete information on all hunting seasons can be obtained by writing the Colorado Game and Fish Department, 1530 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, after July 1.

The Black Bear can be hunted from April 1 to September 15 each year on a special bear hunting license. In addition, a bear may be killed during the regular deer and elk season on the regular big game hunting license. The special bear license is not good during the late season. Bear are not too numerous in the Gunnison area, but they are present. Mr. Bruin is a fine trophy and you have as good a chance as the next guy to bag a bear.



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Gunnison Area Ghost Towns

By Dr. D. H. Cummins

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What traveller in the Rocky Mountains does not thrill to the thought of going into territory first visited by white men less than a century ago? Of all these visits to areas first settled by our forefathers, the most exciting ones are the visits to those old towns that once teemed with people of every description who were there either to dig the minerals from the earth themselves or to "grow fat" upon those who did the digging.

Much has been written about the

roaring, boisterous, booming towns of Creede and Cripple Creek in Colorado, Placerville in California, Virginia City in Nevada, Deadwood in the Dakotas, or Tombstone in Arizona. But in Gunnison County and the territory surrounding it are found literally dozens of towns that were founded as a result of driving desire on the part of men to gain sudden wealth by taking from the earth those minerals that man wants for personal adornment, utilitarian purposes, or financial gain.

Today, many of those bustling towns of the 1880's and 1890's are now completely uninhabited and the only traces

of man's presence are the decaying homes, mills, saloons, bawdy houses, and stores that once gave shelter, employment and amusement to the people living there.

On the other hand, many of these towns are still today the abodes of the descendants of people who once "dug the gold or silver." Strong defenders of their heritage, these people have kept alive the hopes and aspirations of those who lived there many years ago. In these latter towns, side by side, stand the rotting homes of the pioneers, the rehabilitated buildings now inhabited by the descendants of pioneers,



Ghost towns dot the mountainous area around Gunnison, and visitors find real pleasure in browsing thru old remains,

and those newer buildings, many times the homes of transplanted Texans, Oklahomans, and Kansans.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-three was the year that spelled doom for so many of the mining towns of Gunnison County as well as those of the entire state. It was in 1893 that the Sherman Silver Purchase Act was repealed, thus shutting off the purchase of up to 4,500,000 ounces of silver per month by the United States Government.

There have been sporadic outbursts since then, especially under the Pittman Act of 1918, and the silver legislation of 1934, but the silver mines that made Gunnison one of the silver centers have never experienced the re-birth necessary to convert the ghost towns into the bustling centers typical of pre-1893 days.

With the county seat of Gunnison as a hub, the roads and trails lead out in all directions to these ghost towns or near ghost towns. Thirty miles east of Gunnison at the foot of Monarch Pass on Highway 50 lies the old railroad town of Sargents. Here additional engines were attached to the old Narrow Gauge Denver and Rio Grande trains as they started their long, difficult climb over Marshall Pass.

From Sargents, the traveller can take off in a northerly direction toward the sites of three of Gunnison County's

most famous ghost towns. Ascending the Tomichi and probably stopping occasionally to pull out a "rainbow" or "brook", or to pause for a breath-taking view of the towering mountains, one will soon find the location of the three former towns of White Pine, North Star and Tomichi.

Of these, White Pine is the only one that has known any recent activity, but now is virtually deserted. At one time, White Pine was a town of over 1,000 population. Just a little beyond are the remains of the town of Tomichi, formerly Argenta, also a boom silver town but completely wiped out in the great snowslide of 1899. Just before arriving in White Pine, one can ascend Golena Gulch, where the remains of North Star are to be found. This place, at the time of its beginning, was known as Lake's Camp, named after its founder, the grandfather of Rial Lake, the present Director of Public Relations at Western State College.

Another place of interest is Waunita Hot Springs. One can leave White Pine, descend to the Tomichi to Dead Man's Gulch, and then cross a beautiful divide to Waunita Hot Springs. Or, one can leave Gunnison, travel 18 miles east to Doyleville, named after one of Gunnison's early settlers, and then travel north to the resort. During the 1880's and 1890's, this was a famous resort, typical of so many of its kind

at that time. Warm medicinal water, swimming, and many other recreational projects made it very popular. Its popularity waned and except for brief intervals it was unoccupied until recently. Rod and Junelle Pringle now operate their First Class Resort at this spot.

From Waunita Hot Springs, one can travel by another beautiful pass into the Quartz Creek Country. Or one can leave Parlin, a small town twelve miles east of Gunnison and then ascend the Quartz River to the old towns of Ohio City and Pitkin. These are centers of another rich silver strike of 1879 and 1880. Some of the most famous mines with buildings, old commissaries, etc., still standing, are found on Gold Creek (flowing into Quartz Creek at Ohio City) and Quartz Creek between Ohio City and Pitkin.

Here, also, is the old road bed of the Denver and South Park Railway. Far up Middle Quartz Creek, one can see where this railroad with a tunnel pierced the Continental Divide at Alpine Pass.

From Pitkin, the traveller can cross spectacular Cumberland Pass into the Taylor Canyon. Or one can go north from Gunnison to the resort of Almont and then follow the Taylor River Road. Eventually, one will reach Taylor Dam and then the site of the three former towns of Tin Cup, Hellerton, and Abbeville, all within two miles of each other. Tin Cup alone has survived, and

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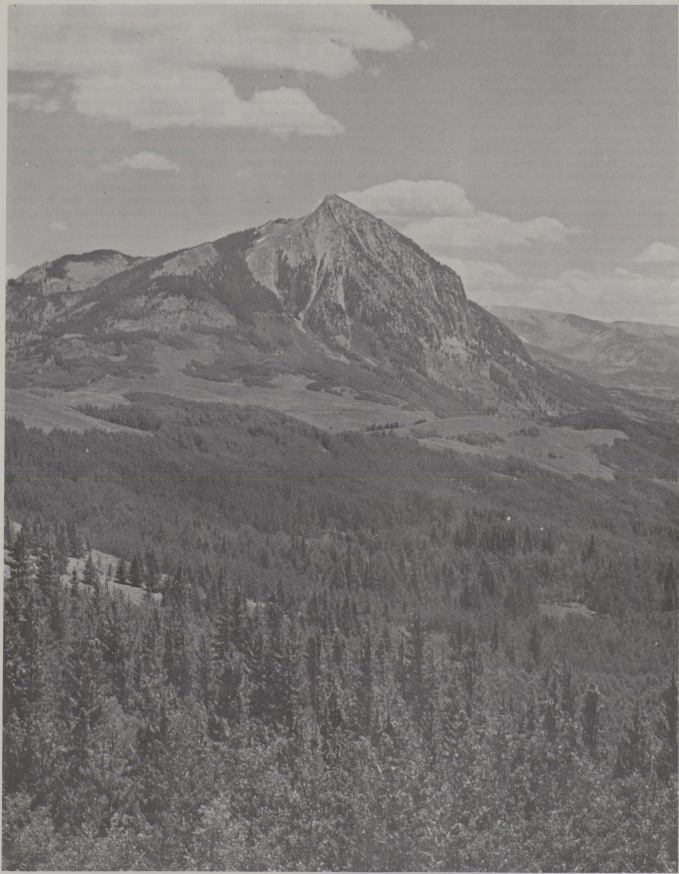
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now many a tourist stops there not only to review the greatness of the past, but also to secure accommodations for overnight in order that he may further explore the area. While at Tin Cup, one should take the former toll road to Dorchester and Bowman, once booming towns with wayside accommodations of all kinds for people traveling from St. Elmo to Aspen.

Once again in Gunnison, the traveller can take other roads leading to famous sites of the greatness of the past. State Highway 135 leads past Almont and Jack's Cabin to the town of Crested Butte.

Once a great coal-mining area and a center for silver mines of such places as Gothic and Irwin, it has seen its mining economy dwindle but its people with the rugged persistency of their ancestors have kept Crested Butte alive. Quaint buildings mingle with a modern school and fine homes and the recent development of a magnificent ski and winter sports area has brought new life to this village. Also from Crested Butte, one can take the road past the unique cemetery and the ski area, to Gothic, now entirely a ghost town except for summer cabins and a summer biological school. The cover picture for this year's edition was taken from just above Gothic, looking back toward Crested Butte with the town of Gothic in the middle foreground.

Here at Gothic is Judd's Falls, subject of the color picture in Blackstock's Pharmacy's advertisement on the inside back cover, a symbol of the traditions of the past and an easy climb from the ghost town. One can ascend by beautiful Emerald Lake to Schofield Pass and look down on the area made famous by the old town of Marble which contributed so much stone to buildings all over the United States. From Crested Butte, one can also ascend Slave Creek to the old town of Pittsburg or he can go to the left up Kebler Pass to the old towns of Irwin, Ruby and Floresta.

Another northern trip of interest is to start on Highway 135 and then turn off on the Ohio Creek Road to visit the once great towns of Castleton and Baldwin, formerly stations on the branch of the Denver and South Park Railway and also once great centers of the coal industry.

It must not be thought that all the memories of the past lie to the north of Highway 50. South of Gunnison lies the area known as Gold Basin. Here occurred the great gold discoveries of the 1980's that at one time rivalled such gold centers as Cripple Creek, Idaho Springs and Central City. Here by various roads leading from Gunnison can be found the old gold towns of Vulcan, Chance, Iris and Spencer— all of them with newspapers, stores and

homes.

Also by leaving Highway 50, the hardy traveller, if he is willing to walk a little, can ascend South Beaver to the ghost town of Aberdeen, noted for its granite that furnished the stone for so many buildings in Colorado and many other states. Great slabs of stone are still there for the traveller to see. Also south from Iola and the old railroad town of Sapinero, one can take off for Lake City and all the scenes of bygone days that made Hinsdale County at one time the mineral Capital of Colorado.

Americans love the greatness of their past, and nowhere more than in Gunnison County can such greatness be found.

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Many people may be surprised to learn that adventurous anglers have been boating the Gunnison for over thirty-five years. Johnny Knowles, Johnny Zugelder, George Besse, Pete Eastman and others of that vintage were probably the pioneers of Gunnison River navigation. Their primary object (then and now), was to get where others hadn't been—where the big, old lunkers lay under the cliffs and in the deep holes which are always on the other side.

These men learned where the channels, the hidden rocks, the treacherous rapids and the feared snags were to be found; they also learned where the big Rainbow played and the big Browns lurked, and where it was possible to lure the Natives from under the bank. Most of these old timers are still boating the Gunnison, and all of them are still catching the prize beauties of the riffle and pool.

In those early days (1925-1940) the homemade kayak was, ostensibly, the only type of boat that could negotiate the rapids, slide easily through the still pools, and with a stroke of the

double-bladed paddle, edge around and between the many boulders that loomed hazardingly in the channels.

Since it is virtually impossible to miss all the rocks in the river bed on any single trip, the canoe was impractical because its hide was not tough enough and also because it tipped easily. Today, however, aluminum canoes have solved most of these problems and several natives are using them.

Since World War II a different type of craft has made boating on the Gunnison more popular than ever. And, whether we old timers like it or not, it appears that it is here to stay.

This lumbering craft is none other than the rubber raft; the three, four, five or six man jobs float down the River with comparative ease, hitting and bouncing off everything in its way and giving its passengers a slow thrill while enabling them to catch fish along the route. To the kayak fisherman it is the difference between driving a bus load of passengers through a scenic drive or zipping over a mountain pass in a sports car.

It cannot be denied, however, that the "floaters" get to the good holes and that the passengers catch plenty of fish. As a matter of fact, the fast little kayaks lend themselves only to fly fishing, while the rubber boatsmen do well with bait and spinners as well. All of the kayak anglers are strictly fly casters and do all of their fishing from the boat, seldom stopping along the route and landing even the largest trout while afloat. The "rafters", as a general rule, will get to that favorite spot, beach along the bank, and foot fish for several hundred yards. All of it is fun, all is thrilling, and above all, the scenery is breath-taking.

It is possible to start an excursion from the confluence of the East and Taylor Rivers at Almont and ride the current and the rapids for twenty-five miles or more. A trip like this takes one through the tumbling waters of the upper Gunnison, through the twisting and roaring rapids of the Palisade area and thence into the slower, long pools of the meadow country. After that the more adventurous boatman might then chance the rugged waters of the Black



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Canyon which starts with a real test called Red Creek Falls. Having negotiated these, one might feel safe in riding the other less formidable cascades for another fifteen or twenty miles. Certainly the challenge is there awaiting one and all who want to give it a try!

Whatever the mode of travel, whatever portion of the river is chosen, whatever the bait, lure or fly, boating on the Gunnison is an enjoyable sport. Every trip is different and every trip presents new challenges—from the fish or from the very water itself. No trip is ever boring. There are many who take the trip strictly for the enjoyment of the boat ride and without the fishing—generally ladies. For this there is no better time than early in the morning when the air is calm and crisp and when the sun is at your back. From early in July until late in October the water is crystal clear and as one floats along he can see every rock on the river bed, every snag, and the green moss fighting the current to keep its home on the rock; occasionally, if one watches closely, he can see a trout dart away from the oncoming shadow of the boat.

Perhaps one of the most peaceful rides, where one might enjoy rugged scenery, clear placid pools and still catch a nice mess of fish, is from the

lola bridge down to a place near the highway called Navy Point. Here you will float over some of the best fishing waters in the entire West; here, also, you will pass through what has been, until recently, some of the best resort area in the Gunnison Country, and at the lower reaches of your trip you will pass through the headquarters of the Bureau of Reclamation's Curecanti Project (formerly Moncrief River Ranch).

To get a little faster ride and to be able to beach on unrestricted property, it is best to embark in the vicinity of the twin bridges, just a mile from the city limits West, and float down to the ten Mile bridge. Through this area there is limited constriction from land-owners and the fishing is good. Here and there are sprinkled islands around which some of the best catches of the year are always made and upon which one is legally able to beach his craft and foot-fish the surrounding waters.

It has been mentioned above that kayak and canoe fishermen are limited pretty much to fly fishing, but what could be more exciting than to hang onto a two or three pound Rainbow that doesn't want to "lead"—or be led! In fast water, with rocks the size of a boat popping up here and there, and a fat Rainbow hanging onto that fly, breaking the water every five to ten seconds—man, that's livin'! A guy can

get awfully busy during those times; dip the left oar, pull on the right one, get around that rock, miss the sandbar, don't let your line loosen, give him more line, bring him in slowly, don't horse him, get your net ready, oops—he's gone; no he isn't, there he is, look at 'im fight; C'mon, baby—ease into that net; man, it's a beauty. You hold him up in the bright sunlight and watch him wiggle and you thrill at the big wide red stripe and the enormous tail and fat belly. No matter how many you have ever caught—and lost—you get a thrill out of this one, and every one you ever catch thereafter. Fly fishing from a kayak has its own special thrills, never to be forgotten—the thrill of the ride, the thrill of the strike, the thrill of the catch! And last but not least, the thrill of the ride home, with the boat atop the car and the re-living of every detail of the trip. After all, the good wife who comes after you should know that her journey down the highway has not been in vain.

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Tips On Mountain Photography

By Bob Walker

The following suggestions are offered to you in hopes that they will help you make better pictures on your visits to the mountains this summer. It is easier to get good pictures in alpine regions than elsewhere if you keep in mind a few peculiarities. At this altitude the light is high in actinic value (that property of easily producing photographic images). The reason for this is that we are above that layer of dust laden or smog filled air so often encountered at lower elevations.

Here the sun can shine unobstructed upon your scene. Even when it is cloudy in alpine country the photographic val-

ue of the light is much greater than at lower elevations because the light doesn't have to pass through a thick blanket of debris laden atmosphere.

The foregoing would indicate that there would be a tendency to give too much exposure rather than not enough and that is true. If, however, you are fortunate enough to possess a good photo electric exposure meter, you may rest at ease since it will indicate the correct amount of exposure for you; although at times you are apt to think that it has gone crazy or out of order because of the great amount of light that it registers.

If the sun is very bright; its a fair

sign you should use a smaller aperture for the light to pass through or else use a higher shutter speed. Try using the table at the end of these suggestions.

There is always some disappointment in trying to record that distant snow capped peak from some green valley. You see it so clearly that you feel sure your camera will record it for you. It is well to remember that its size will be greatly reduced by the lens of your camera. Taking it in color will help. In black and white pictures you are apt to lose it completely because of the ultra violet rays in the light will cause it to record the same density as the sky. In this case a yellow filter



The mountain grandeur of the Gunnison Country, make this area a paradise for the amateur photographer, as well as professional shutterbugs.

placed in front of your lens will help it stand out. (Never use a yellow filter on color film).

With color film a light polarizing filter is sure to help but its use requires three times more exposure and some trouble to get ready.

Try photographing valleys and canyons early in the morning for black and white and as early as possible for color. Say 9:30 to 10:00 in the summer time. The haze always seems to get worse as the day progresses. It's usually most pronounced by 4:30 or 5:00 in the afternoon.

Some folks use it to give their pictures an artistic touch. Try taking some photos with the light shining obliquely through it. It can give a very pleasant atmosphere to your pictures. If you wish to get rid of as much of it as possible, a sky-light filter will help with color film at no increase in exposure.

A polarizing filter will do more, but needs the increased exposure. For black and white pictures a Wratten G (orange yellow) filter will help. It requires about four times exposure and use panchromatic film only.

In color we suggest you use the film you are accustomed to handling and whose characteristics most suit you. Then you won't place any additional handicap on yourself with unfamiliar characteristics.



This picture is further evidence of the photographic opportunities which are available in the Gunnison Country. Taken from high above the famous Gunnison River, this progress photo by Vern Jetley for the Bureau of Reclamation shows part of the construction work now going on in the area West of town.

For black and white work it is best to use the medium or slower (not so sensitive emulsions) since there is already a tendency to over-exposure. Save the fast film for indoor use or for the extremely poor light conditions.

The following table is based on a shutter speed of 1-50th of a second. It is easy to calculate other diaphragm stops once a basic exposure is found.

	Bright	Cloudy
	Sun Hazy	Bright
Kodachrome	F8	F6.3 F4.5
Ektachrome	F12	F9 F5.6
Plus X	F16	F11 F8
		to 6.3

Ansochrome same as Ektachrome.

Box camera users will have better luck using the slower emulsion in black and white such as Verichrome Pan film.

When taking Kodacolor it is best not to take pictures just after sun-up or too late in the evening. An hour and a half before it sets is a pretty good rule unless you are taking a sunset or sunrise, and in that case, point your camera right into the most brilliant color but never right under the sun unless it is well hidden under a cloud.

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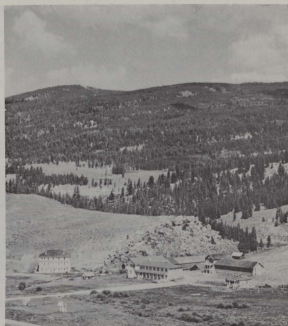
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Lions Club Fish Pond

Immediately South of the West end of the local airport lies a special piece of land. This land is unique in that it is the only public picnic area adjacent to Gunnison and it contains the only children's fishing pond in Gunnison County except for a small one at Pitkin, some thirty miles to the East.

The history of this 13.9 acre tract is not too important, but its development is. In 1946 the County Commissioners decided it to the Gunnison Lions Club for development as a public recreational area. For various reasons, mainly the lack of funds, no immediate development work was done. Then in 1955 some of the Lions began wondering just where the boundaries of this land were so a survey was made and the area plotted on paper. By using this map and actual inspections on the ground, a Lion's committee decided how best to develop their land for public enjoyment.

A naturally low, swampy area was ideal for the development of a children's fishing pond but this would mean the use of heavy equipment, pipe and other material. The Lions Club still

did not have enough money.

It is this part of the story that is the most important and answers the question: "Why is the United States the greatest nation on earth?" The answer is simple. Call it teamwork, cooperation or public spirit or any of a dozen similar names, mix a little American ingenuity and the impossible is relatively easy to do. That is what happened and is the story of the fish pond.

All local contractors were contacted; as were each of the three County Commissioners, and their response was immediate and cheerfully cooperative. The pond outline was staked out and a date set for construction to start. A total of nine "cats", some privately owned, and one dragline showed up ready for work. This equipment moved dirt for two days—almost completing the pond at NO EXPENSE to the Lions Club. Local oil companies furnished free diesel fuel for the equipment and local stores furnished cool refreshments for the men working. In other words, everyone was anxious to give a helping hand to a worthy public cause; the kind of public spirit that has made our

nation great. Of course, we like to believe that the good folks of Gunnison County are just a little more generous, a little more cooperative, and work together better for a common cause than folks one finds elsewhere.

Anyway, the pond was finished, fish screens installed, and we were ready for fish. At least two individuals approached the Lions Club with offers to personally buy fish to stock the pond. Such acts were appreciated, but they were not necessary. The Colorado State Game and Fish Department, through the hatchery at Pitkin, adequately stocked the pond with trout. They have kept it well stocked since the initial plant in 1956.

Almost all of the construction of the pond and the stocking of it with fish had been donated, so the Lions used their limited finances to purchase lumber and materials for construction of toilets, tables and fire grates for the public picnic area. The Gunnison County High School work shop built these items free for the club. Work sessions by the Lions in the evenings and week ends soon had these improvements in

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place. A well drilled free of charge by Clyde Peebles, provided pure drinking water. One set of swings was donated and set up for the enjoyment of the children. Firewood was cut by the Lions and the picnic area cleaned in general.

Those using the area should remember that it was developed for their use and enjoyment and should take care of it accordingly.

In order that more people can use and enjoy the area, no overnight camping is allowed. It is the belief of the Club that those people desiring to camp should go a little further from town, possibly up into the Gunnison National Forest where adequate facilities are available for camping.

The Lions Park is for both the local folks and tourists. While dad is out after the big one that got away last time, mother and children can enjoy a picnic at this area. All children under 14 years of age are invited to enjoy the fishing at the children's pond. The Lions merely ask that those fishing in the pond be true sportsmen and do not exceed the legal limit.

Future plans for the Lions park call for more fire grates, playground equipment for both old and young and lighting so that picnic groups can better enjoy those late, cool evenings. Plans also call for a pole fence along the north side of the area next to the county road. The parking area will be

raised further and graveled. Some day not too far away, the Lions also hope to erect a club house which can be used for some of their meetings and for meetings by local organizations.

When you use the facilities at Lions Park, please remember that it was unselfish cooperation on the part of many

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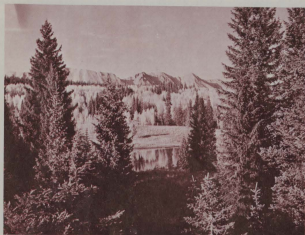
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When completed the reservoir storage will be 940,000 acre feet. More important to the vacationer is the recreation value of the lake with a shoreline of about 95 miles. Not only will it provide water sports, but fishing in the many coves and inlets will be tremendous. Work on this dam is scheduled to be completed by February, 1966. Plan ahead to schedule your vacation from the boating standpoint, but why not come to the Gunnison Country now to witness modern engineering at work.

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Although more and more families throughout the nation are making this their vacation headquarters each year, you will not find the over-crowded and over-commercialized feeling that seems to prevail these days. The Gunnison Country is progressing, but the atmosphere of friendliness still reigns.

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HOW TO GET TO THE GUNNISON COUNTRY

By Auto—Transcontinental U.S. Highway 50 traverses Gunnison County East and West, and is an all-weather highway as is St. Highway 114 entering the area from San Luis Valley from New Mexico, Texas and all states south-east and southwest.

By Bus—Continental Trailways, four trips daily.

By Air—Frontier Airlines with daily flights at the County Airport. Western State Aviation provides air service and car rentals.

At Its Best Year 'Round

This has been provided by the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Tomichi Ave., Gunnison, Colo. For additional information and literature on vacationing, fishing, hunting, Western State College, Crested Butte skiing, Ranching, Curecanti Dam Project, or if you are looking for a new place to live and work, write to the above address. Your inquiry will be courteously and quickly answered.



The Gunnison River—famed for its fine fishing, flows through some of the best ranchland in the country. The orthodox fisherman on the bank or wading in the river is not alone here. Many sportsmen use anything from rubber rafts to canoes and kayaks to get at the wily trout.



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Gunnison, the county seat, is the gateway to one of the most vital parts of the Gunnison Country . . . Crested Butte, just 27 miles north on State Highway 135. Formerly an active mining region of historical interest, this has always been one of the ideal summer vacation spots. Now it is a leading national ski area, not only for the vacation and weekend skiers, but for competitive meets. A visit to Crested Butte any time of the year is something you will never forget. The people to serve you are retaining elements of an intriguing past, while providing you with modern facilities.



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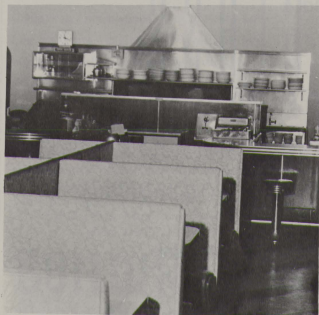
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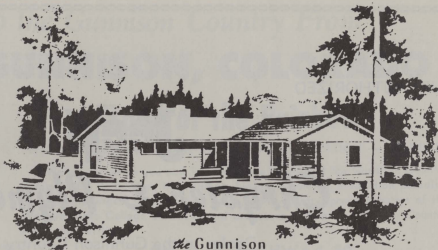
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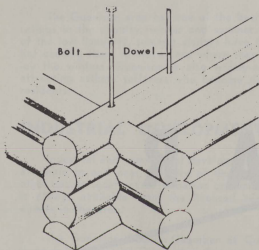
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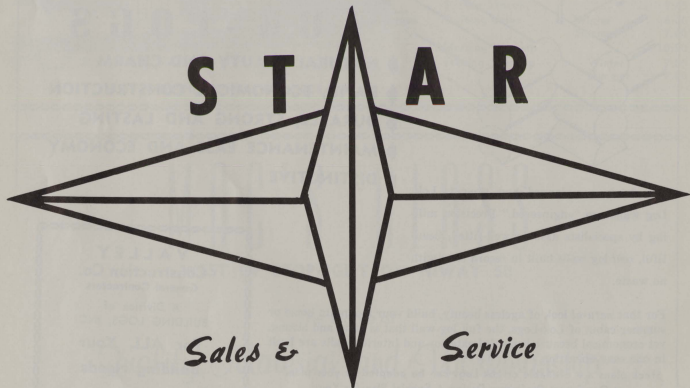
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THE WEATHER & WHY

The Gunnison area has one of the best comfort ratings in the country, winter and summer. Because of the low humidity, summer visitors have found relief causing them to move here where they also enjoy the winters. Gunnison is also widely-noted for attracting asthma sufferers who become permanent residents.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Industrial and commercial development sites are available in and near the city of Gunnison and in other county locations. Information on such property is always available from the licensed real estate agents in the area.

The Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce, through its Industrial Committee, has an entire city block available for sale, lease or other arrangement to those qualifying firms. It is zoned for industry, only three blocks off the main highway, and utilities are available.

For Further Information . . .

Contact the City Manager, Municipal Building, or the Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce, Box 628-A, Gunnison, Colorado.

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Contrary to some opinions, Gunnison and the Gunnison Country are not isolated. The city is located on U. S. Highway 50, one of the nation's main arteries. U. S. 50 runs east and west with Montrose, Delta and Grand Junction on the west, and Salida and Pueblo on the east, with excellent highways to Denver and Colorado Springs. Good state highways from Gunnison take you north to Crested Butte, southwest to Lake City and east to the San Luis Valley.

GUNNISON COUNTY

In the west-central part of Colorado, the county has an area of 3,243 sq. miles, extreme length 90 miles, width 65 miles. Climate in the valley is comparatively mild with short, cool summers and long open winters. Growing season about 70 days. The surface in the central part is a level mountain park in the Gunnison River Valley and bounded by rugged mountains north and southwest with elevations ranging from 6,875 ft. to more than 14,000 ft. The County is crossed by the Gunnison, Taylor and East Rivers, and many tributaries. Commission-type government with three elected commissioners.

CITY OF GUNNISON

This is the county seat of this expansive Western slope area. It serves as center of shopping and activity for Crested Butte, Parlin, Doyleville, Pitkin, Ohio City, Iola, Powderhorn and Sapinero in the county, Sargents in Saguache County, and to some extent, Lake City in Hinsdale County. Gunnison has a council form of government with an elected mayor and four councilmen, who appoint the city superintendent.

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