

# Elkhead News

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## **1908**

### **January 31, 1908**

A large amount of lumber is being brought down from the Smith sawmill and stored in the Hugus Lumber yard.

### **February 7 1908**

G. L. Murphy is hauling lumber for a new barn which he will erect before spring is over.

A large amount of oats has been delivered lately to the Norvell Mercantile Co. by Messrs Adair and Solandt.

### **March 13, 1908**

500 teams are to be at work on the RR to Yampa.

UF Harrison of Elk Head went to Steamboat for the Gates-Ratcliff trial.

Bobbie Bowers of Elk Head was down to see Hayden this week.

### **April 3, 1908**

The Fulton bros. took the dance in Friday night.

Reece Horton and his wife moved to the ranch on Elk Head this week.

### **April 10, 1908**

Reece Horton and Orfie moved to the ranch this week.

Grover Horton of Elk Head was a Hayden visitor Tuesday.

Eight fine-bred driving horses and mares 3 and 4 years old, all bays; will weigh 1075 to 1125 pounds when grown; very gentle – will drive with foot over trace; every one a good puller. Phone over Adair and Solandt's mutual line.

J.W. Oldham

CR White of Elk Head spent several days in town this week.

Hubert Frink filed on a desert claim on the dry fork of Elk Head.

Sam Reid, Sr., of Elk Head spent part of the week in town. Mr. Reid was one of the first white men in Routt county, having come here in 1874. At that time he knew of but one other white man in the county.

### **May 1, 1908**

Carl Ledford, who has been trapping on Elkhead the past winter, came down on business and to get in touch with civilization the first of the week.

Mr. Fink from Dry Fork of Elkhead was a Hayden visitor Tuesday.

Will Kleckner came down from his ranch Wednesday. Will is one of the fellows who has to leave his ranch work to be in Denver May 7 as a witness in land cases

Oats from Adair to sell.

California Park Reservoir 6 miles above Kitchens-Kleckner

Shorty Huguenin moved out to Elkhead

John Kitchens and Shorty Huguenin built a house for John and one for Honest White.

Last Monday William Erwin, Bob Norvell and A.P. Wood viewed the new Elkhead Road. The commissioners will open this road during the summer. It is badly needed and when put into shape will be much help to the rapidly developing Elkhead region. Charles Harness has been surveying the road this week. As Hayden is the natural trading point for the Elkhead section, it is a wise move for all persons interested that a good safe road be built, and we are glad to see the work started.

Ed Knowles has gone to his ranch in California Park. Ed spent the winter in Glenwood Springs.

John Adair came down from his Elkhead ranch Monday.

Lee Barnes succeeded in getting a big he wolf in a trap the last of the week. Lee is determined to kill all of the wolves on Elkhead and has made a good start. That makes 8 he has caught this spring

### **May 8, 1908**

Mrs. Clabe Hayes of Elkhead was down this week to get a supply of provisions.

### **May 15, 1908**

Jim Oldham has drawn a map of a reservoir he proposes to build on his homestead. He has filed the map and platting with the state engineer.

### **May 29, 1908**

The people of Elkhead were down to attend a trial brought before Justice Fletcher by James Oldham for assault. The case was dismissed and all the witnesses generously offered to give up all claim for witness fees if the case is dropped. The hope is expressed that the little row is over that the dove of peace so eloquently described by Attorney Bob Norvell has settled on the scene. A neighborhood row is to be regretted always, and we never knew any good to come from one. Let it drop, boys.

Will Kleckner is down from his ranch taking care of Mrs. Kleckner who is sick with the measles.

Miss Paroda Bailey went to Slater this week by way of Twentymile Park.

### **July 17, 1908**

A couple of homesteads were filed on recently by Frank Corbin and Adrian Marshall. They are on the Dry forks of Elkhead.

### **July 31, 1908**

Mrs. CR White and two daughters, Annie White and Mrs. Bert Cohn came in from Tennessee.

Lee Barnes of Elkhead was in town Wednesday.

### **August 21, 1908**

Jim Oldham of Elkhead was in town Monday. He brought a team down for Will Kitchens.

### **September 4, 1908**

Adair – Lighthizer wedding. John Adair and Florence Lighthizer. Lighthizer is supt. of schools.

Sat night a crowd of Elkhead people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. CL Fulton and passed the night away dancing. The event was to celebrate the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton which took place a week ago.

### **October 2, 1908**

Edna Hughes, Ione and Irene Honnold and Everett Adair visited at the Charlie Fulton home on Elkhead over Sunday.

### **November 20, 1908**

Present conditions not being satisfactory, I will proceed immediately to remove all partition fences belonging to me from off the lines of my homestead, as

follows: Beginning at the N.E.1 cor, will remove 200 rods from off my N. line; then, beginning at the S.W. cor, will remove 40 rods from of the west line – adding new fence to connect and building a fence across the east end setting all fences 80 feet or more within the surveyed lines. JW Oldham.

### **December 4, 1908**

J.D Nash and wife of Elkhead were transacting business in town Saturday.

The hospitable doors of the John Adair family [for Thanksgiving dinner] opened to ye editor and his family.

### **December 11, 1908**

The Bowers threshing machine is at work on Elkhead.

J.H. White came down from Elkhead Monday.

### **December 25, 1908**

UF Harrison was in town Thursday from Elkhead.

Albert and Reece Horton returned this week from a trip to Missouri.

The sawmill crew on Bears Ears came down to spend Christmas in town.

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### **January 1, 1909**

The community does not need you if you are a knocker – be a booster. Boost for Hayden and boost hard. Make it one of your New Year's resolutions.

A number of younger people were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Adair Christmas night. An oyster supper was served at 10 o'clock. A delightful evening was spent.

George Murphy of Elkhead was a Hayden visitor Tuesday.

J.F. White returned from a month's visit in Chicago. He again takes up the white man's burden on his Elkhead ranch.

### **January 15, 1909**

The Horton brothers, Reece and Albert, were in town a couple of days this week.

### **January 22, 1909**

Fritz Nash of Elkhead was in town Monday.

### **January 29, 1909**

George Murphy and wife of Elkhead were in town Saturday on business.

George Stokes is well enough to go back to the Adair-Solandt ranch

Charles Fulton of Elkhead came down to the metropolis on business Wednesday.

John Jodske, after several weeks spent at Smith's sawmill, came down Wednesday to get a breath of Hayden air.

Snowfall around Pilot Knob is reported to be the lightest for several years.

Mrs. R Horton met with a painful accident last Friday. While walking across the bridge near Ed Smith's her foot slipped into a hole in the bridge, causing a badly sprained ankle.

### **Feb 5, 1909**

Elkhead Telephone company has community cutting poles for its line and will begin putting them in place and stringing the wire in the near future.

Charlie Shaefermeyer and family are staying in town this week.

### **Feb 12, 1909**

John Kitchens and wife of Elkhead spent several days in town this week.

Charlie Pisor came down from Elkhead and raised a big noise (?) in town as he usually does. Charlie is working for Fred Sayre.

Mrs. CR White of Elkhead spent a few days visiting in town this week.

### **Feb. 19, 1909**

JH and HH white came down from Elkhead Sunday. They report a good deal of snow up there.

EO Knowles came down from Clark the last of the week where he has been working for some time.

### **March 12, 1909**

Ferry Carpenter writes from Princeton, New Jersey saying that he is getting along well in the university and that he reads the Republican with much interest each week. Ferry completes his college course this year, but may take a law course later.

### **March 19, 1909**

FE Davidson of Elkhead was transacting business in Hayden Monday.

### **March 26, 1909**

Ed Knowles was down from California Park the first of the week.

Lee Barnes wished to come in touch with a high grade civilization, so he came down from his ranch on Elkhead this week.

### **April 2, 1909** [120 voters in Hayden district]

George Murphy of Elkhead came from his ranch Tuesday and proved up on his claim.

### **April 16, 1909**

ED Smith and his helpers are hauling lumber part way from the mill. When the roads improve the lumber will be hauled the rest of the way on wagons – the first haul being made on sleds.

Ed Knowles came down from California Park Tuesday. Ed says he has some hay up there to sell.

John Jodske took out his last papers recently and is now a full fledged American.

“The cattle situation is anything but promising now. Feed is gone: the cattle are poor and the weather has been bad for those turned out on the range. This year’s winter even closes the mouths of those who are wont to tell of that terrible winter 15 or 20 years ago. Old settlers say it is the longest winter in 30 years experience.”

Snow blockade on Corona Pass. Passengers in a snow shed. Broke into freight cars to get food.

Over an inch of water fell Monday and Tuesday in the form of rain and snow.

### **April 23, 1909**

Will Kleckner was down from his ranch the last part of the week. He reports his stock as doing well, not having lost any up to date.

John Adair spent most of the weeks at the Adair-Solandt ranch in Elkhead.

### **April 30, 1909**

“Rush of Homesteaders Begins” \$50,000 spent advertising Routt Co rail line. Moffat Road sent out 10,000 letters to response to inquires.

Charles Fulton was in town Tuesday.

John Adair has about completed a bungalow on his Elkhead ranch. John and his wife will make this their home a part of the year at least.

### **May 7, 1909**

Considerable excitement resulted in the community from a fire threatening buildings of John Adair Wednesday afternoon. The fire was in the grove west of the barn and started from burning out irrigation ditches. Quite a number of town people went out to the ranch and after some hard fighting the fire was extinguished. Little harm was done.

### **May 14, 1909**

CR White came down from his ranch on Elkhead Thursday.

WH Evans, the Forks stonemason, is quarrying stone for Shaw bros. who are going to build a big stone house.

### **May 21, 1909**

John Adair came down from Elkhead the first of the week. Mrs. Adair will go to the ranch as soon as school is over.

### **White – Elmer**

On Wednesday morning the marriage of Miss Anna White and Nick Elmer occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius White of Elkhead. Only a few of the near relatives were present. The ceremony was performed by Justice S.J. Fletcher.

Both bride and groom are well and favorably known in this part of the country, having lived here a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer will live on the Donelson place. The Republican extends best wishes to the newly married couple.

### **May 28, 1909**

Elkhead got on a tear Saturday and began to run over the road. Lloyd Smith and several assistants put culverts through the embankment and it is that the flood waters will not bother any more. All the streams have been high, but cool weather has lowered them.

[11 grads from 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Hayden]

### **June 11, 1909**

Charles Shaefermeyer lost six cows the past week from eating poison weeds on the range.

Mrs. Bailey from Iowa, mother of Mrs. Charles Fulton, came in on Monday's stage. Mrs. Bailey will spend at least part of the summer here.

### **June 18, 1909**

John Kitchens spent the first of the week in town. John says crops are booming on Elkhead

LC Hugenin's family are now on their Elkhead ranch, but "Shorty" is still painting and plastering.

### **June 25, 1909**

Charlie Fulton and wife rejoice over the arrival of a 9 pound boy last Friday.  
[Ben Fulton]

Some of the Hayden young people attended a dance last Friday night at the Murphy home on Elkhead.

Cliff Fulton is erecting a new barn on his Elkhead ranch.

The Elkhead people are talking about having a post office established up there.

WW Wells and wife of Denver came in Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have taken claims on Elkhead.

### **July 2, 1909**

[homesteaders meeting front page.. trouble with land claims]

Ferry Carpenter recently made a pleasant call at the editorial sanctum. Ferry is an enthusiastic rancher since getting through his college course at Princeton. We look to Ferry to turn out a big lawyer of the Abe Lincoln type some of these days.

Isadore Boloten, who has located a claim above the rimrocks in Elkhead, was in town the first of the week and purchased a riding horse of A Ralston.

[Eastern investors looking at anthracite]

### **July 16, 1909**

Dr. Solandt took a drive over the Elkhead road last week with commissioners Choate and Stillings. We hear the road is to be worked now. Good!

John Adair and wife of Elkhead spent the last of the week in town.

Ferry Carpenter's father and sister, from Chicago, spent 2 or 3 days with Ferry at his ranch the past week. They were on their way to Seattle to attend the Alaska- Yukon exposition.

### **July 23, 1909**

Charles Fulton went to Steamboat Springs Wednesday with a load of lumber.

Chas Pisor was down from his ranch this week.

Sam Reid of Elkhead was a Hayden visitor this week. Sam boasts of a splendid crop of strawberries, there being 10 berries on one stem. He also has small potatoes on plants started from seed raised in Texas this season.

Stephen A. Day filed on a claim last week. In the Elkhead country, Mr. Day will take up a soldier's claim and will thus need to stay on the claim but a year.

[population of Hayden 500]

### **July 30, 1909**

Charlie Fulton is a Yankee trader sure enough. First he traded an old coat and vest his wife would not let him wear for a watch, he then traded the watch for a good sewing machine.

PC Carson is surveying some ditches on Elkhead this week.

MA Solandt of Vancouver, BC visited with his brother, JV Solandt, over Sunday. The brothers had not met for over twenty years. Mr. MA Solandt was astonished by the immense grass crops this country raises.

[mention of dry wheat farming north of Hayden by Bob Norvell]

### **August 6, 1909**

Mrs. Bailey, mother of Mrs. Charles Fulton, left for her Iowa home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton brought her as far as Hayden, spending Sunday and Monday in town.

E.O. Knowles came down from his California Park ranch this week. He is helping Jim Oldham put up hay.

John Jodske and Jim Oldham of California Park and Elkhead left for a short trip to Steamboat Monday. John is very enthusiastic over his hay and potato crops this year.

### **August 13, 1909 East Elkhead News #1**

Mrs. C.F. Fulton's mother left Sunday for her home in Iowa.

Reece Horton expects to finish haying this week and then to help John Adair on the McKinley place where they will run 2 crews.

Jack White is helping Fred Shaefermeyer put up hay and the two of them claim a record breaking day's work for stacking rye with a wagon and fork.

Geo. Murphy expects to get his Timothy stacked this week.

Sam Lighthizer and Mr. Frink are building fence for Coke Roberds on his Morgan Creek claim.

Mr. Lambrect and wife and family visited the Galloway place Monday and Tuesday of this week.

George Forman helped Reece Horton in the hayfields. Geo. is reported as the best stacker team boy in these parts.

In response to a hurry up call from town for butter, Bruce Dawson took a load down in fifty three minutes.

Mrs. Lighthizer is staying at her son's place on Dry Fork.

Mr. Frink has his hay all up. He and Sam Lighthizer expect to help Geo. Murphy with his.

Shorty Huguenin reports lots of berries around his place.

### **August 13, 1909 RCR**

Ferry Carpenter's big dance came off on schedule time last Friday evening. A good time is reported. Some of the Hayden young folks spent their time till 1 o'clock looking for a dead cow in the road, and after several hours wandering they found it. The Hayden crowd did not get home until after 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

### **August 20, 1909 East Elkhead**

Charlie Fulton's sister and two brothers are visiting him.

George Murphy has been helping Sam Lighthizer and Mr. Frink with the Roberds fence.

Fred Shaefermeyer has had an unusually large hay cutting this year.

Jack White, George and Charles Forman, Bill Rider and Mr. and Mrs. Roberds made up a fishing party to the Flattop region last week.

William Kleckner cut his knee with an axe, but the wound is healing first rate.

John Kitchens and wife went berrying to Agnes mountain Sunday.

Frank Wells of Long's gulch took a party fishing on Elkhead Sunday.

Bert Coleman was down from the sawmill and spent Sunday at the home of CR White.

Mr. and Mrs. Day have a tent upon their homestead on Elkhead and are beginning to make things look like home in that vicinity.

Bruce Dawson and wife made a trip to Deep creek Friday and got a load of strawberries and raspberries at the Miller place. They report a thriving berry business going on in that locality.

### **September 3, 1909 East Elkhead**

Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Sam Lighthizer were berrying on the John Adair Bear River ranch the first of the week. They spent the latter part of the week in putting up choke cherry, sarvis berry and currant jams and jellies.

A.D. Galloway has set out a fine strawberry patch on his Dry Fork place.

Mrs. Si Dawson and two daughters drove up to the McKinlay place Friday to visit the Adairs. They returned Saturday.

Fred Shaefermeyer helped Herman Foster put up hay Wednesday and Thursday on the latter's Morgan Creek ranch.

The Fultons returned from a camping expedition to Encampment, Wyo., Friday.

Charlie Fulton's sister and younger brother, George, returned to their home in Xenia, O., Tuesday. His brother Ed went back to Nevada to look after his mining interests.

J.F. and Cassius White are back from the Flattops. They will take in doings at Steamboat this week.

George Murphy has been haying all week.

The rain and wind knocked down a lot of Sam Lighthizer's prize oats.

Bobby Bowers is back from the mill for a few days to put up his grain.

The petition for establishing a post office at Elkhead has been heard at Washington and the prayer granted. C.R.White of the W. Branch has consented to act as postmaster. An effort will be made to establish rural free delivery on the country road going up, and in Long's gulch and over that road coming back. It will be tri-weekly.

### **September 10, 1909 East Elkhead**

Clabe Hays and family attended the celebration in Steamboat.

Mrs. JB Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Whitney and children visited the BP Dawson ranch Saturday and were treated a concert on a new Columbia graphophone.

Cliff Fulton was a Steamboat visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

Jack White is putting a new roof on his barn.

Reece Horton has commenced plowing on his desert claim.

Mrs. Reece Horton visited at the Galloway home.

Jim Barnes is digging one of the largest potato cellars in the county.

Bruce Dawson expects to move his family to their Bear River place this week and put their children in school.

### **September 7, 1909 East Elkhead**

Jim Barnes has been giving away strawberry plants and a good many neighbors have been to see him recently.

Jack White is plowing.

Reece Horton has started in to break up 70 acres on his desert claim.

A. D. Galloway will move to the sawmill in a few days to skid logs for Ed Smith.

The snow laid flat most oats in the area.

The Fulton boys have taken contracts for sawed log cabins.

Sam Lighthizer is living on the Frink place.

Mr. Wiggins was looking over the Dry Forks country Monday with the intention of settling thereabouts.

Mr. Jones, who has been working for Jim Oldham, went on to California Monday.

Fred Shafermeyer has been gathering his stock and putting it in the White pasture.

### **October 8, 1909**

C.R. White has 5 tons of as fine potatoes as ever seen which he raised on one half acre of ground without irrigation.

Alva Parks is building a house on the Stephen Day homestead.

Kleckner and Kitchens have put up 300 tons of hay and will be through with the grain this week.

### **October 15 1909 East Elkhead**

John Adair commenced stacking his grain Monday.

The Fulton brothers finished stacking their grain the latter part of the week.

Herbert Fink, Mr. Burk of Lamar and JP Brackett were sightseeing on Dry Fork last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adair visited at Sam Lighthizer's Sunday evening.

Jim Barnes and family came out to their ranch Friday to dig potatoes, of which he has a large crop.

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Ed Knowles left for the Peak this week. Ed is going to strike it rich this winter if hard work and high hopes will do it.

John Jackodovske accompanied by a scientific gentleman representing the interior department visited California Park one day last week to look over John's homestead claim. The gentleman gravely informed John that coal might be found at a depth of 4000 or 5000 feet and in order to acquire a patent to the surface it would be necessary for John to relinquish his right to the coal, which John promptly refused to do. John says he has lived on the claim six years and fulfilled all the requirements of the law.

### **October 22 1909**

Fred Bowers finished threshing on Dry Fork.

E. Shelton of Hayden did some surveying on Elkhead for Mr. Fredrickson.

One tree at the Bear's Ears sawmill made 5,000 feet of lumber. One log measured 1360 board feet. Yes, Routt county has lumber along with other products.

### **October 29, 1909 East Elkhead**

Miss Maggie Williams is staying with Mrs. John Kitchens.

The threshing machine will finish at the Kleckner and Kitchens ranches this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Williams visited in the Elkhead region last week. Mr. Williams is looking for stock in that country.

Mr. Brown, a friend of Bill Kleckner, is still camping on Elkhead.

### **November 19, 1909 East Elkhead**

William Fulton and wife near Denver are visiting relatives on Dry fork.

J.V. Solandt and Dad Carlin were at the Solandt-Adair ranch this week.

AD Galloway and wife came down from Smith's sawmill last week to work on their ranch.

Bill Flannigan went down Dry fork the latter part of last week with a fine matched team which he had purchased on upper Elk river.

E. Shelton of Hayden did some surveying on Elkhead for Mr. Frederickson.

Mrs. GL Murphy spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. S.D. Lighthizer.

Clifford and Ed Fulton have been doing some building on Clifford Fulton's ranch this fall.

### **Dec. 17, 1909 East Elkhead**

Sam Lighthizer starts hauling logs this week for his new house.

Messrs Glandon, Haller, Frederickson are comfortably located for the winter on their homesteads west of the Elkhead ranch.

Will Kleckner was buying hogs and timothy seed on Dry fork Saturday. Will reports having butchered a fine lot of fat hogs.

Mr. Haller made a trip to Steamboat the last of the week with a load of hogs from the Elkhead ranch.

Miss Ruby Glandon is spending a few days with Mrs. Lighthizer.

### **December 31, 1909**

Funeral. The funeral of Alta Lorene, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sayre, was held from the home of Mrs. A.S. Williams Monday at 2:30 p.m. Internment was in Hayden cemetery.

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### **January 14, 1910**

Charles Pizor lost a horse Tuesday valued at \$200.

### **January 28, 1910 East Elkhead**

Henry Summer was here Thursday after beef.

Mrs. Goodman Crawford, Mrs. Haller and children and Mrs. S.D. Lighthizer spent Tuesday with Mrs. GL Murphy.

Arthur Frederickson and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. SD. Lighthizer.

Ralph Kelley was at Elkhead Saturday after Two-bar horses.

Bob Bowers returned home Saturday after spending several days on Bear river.

Sam Lighthizer made a trip to Hayden with grain the first of the week.

### **April 8, 1910**

Bill Figley and Steve Cook came to town Saturday to welcome a large party of friends from Arkansas. Three families of newcomers arrived – Ernest Maynard, wife and child; Edward Maynard, wife and three children, two of whom are grown; Oscar Crane, wife and three children. All of these came to locate on claims near Hayden.

### **May 6, 1910 East Elkhead**

John Adair is fencing the lower part of the Elkhead ranch. It will be a great help to the people in this vicinity.

Mrs. S.D. Lighthizer and Mrs. Murphy made a trip to Hayden Saturday.

AD Galloway and Ernest George are doing a quite a lot of fencing and farming.

Mrs. H. L. Frink and son visited Hayden Saturday.

Fred Schaefermeyer has in a large crop of grain. Fred had a calf nearly killed by a wolf recently he had to kill the calf.

Isadore Boloten is fencing his place on Calf Creek.

Perry Barnes has in a big crop of oats.

### **July 1, 1910**

The bridge over the Dry Fork of Elkhead is being put in. This will be a great convenience to the people of that section who have forded the stream for years.

Ferry Carpenter arrived from the east Wednesday. Ferry is still for Routt County from head to heels.

### **July 8, 1910**

July, 1910 finds the East Elkhead country better fixed as regards transportation and communication facilities with Hayden than ever before. The new road under the bluff, put there by the Citizen's Club has brought us half an hour nearer town and several hard pulls.

The post office at Elkhead, with its tri-weekly delivery, has been a boon to the ranchmen--who have never been certain when they could get or send mail. And, too, the Elkhead telephone company has begun to overhaul and remake its line so as to furnish phone service unsurpassed by any other mutual line in the county.

Quite a bit of building has been done in this section the last few weeks. Ernest George, who has taken up the land between the Murphy and Galloway place, has put up a good 16x24 log house. Jack White has completed a new log chicken house. Fred Schaefermeyer has put up a log house for Lou Segar on his homestead adjoining Fred's place. J. Pierie Prevo has the logs cut for his new house.

There is a larger variety of growing stuff on Dry Fork than ever attempted before. A.D. Galloway has tomato plants in bloom. He started them in cold frames. He also has some pumpkin plants in bloom. Ferry Carpenter has set out two dozen apple trees which came from Brandon, Manitoba Canada and are of a stock that bears fruit in a hardier climate than this. They are all doing finely.

George Murphy returned Sunday from Snake River.

A.D. Galloway brought a new milk cow of Dave Sellers.

Mrs. Charles Fulton gave a picnic party in Hayden on the evening of the 5th and the bachelors of this section came in for a good time and a fine meal.

Willie Careon of Chicago is visiting at the White place on Morgan Creek.

### **July 22, 1910 East Elkhead**

We had a good soaking rain Saturday which freshened up the whole country hereabouts.

This week has been quite a visiting time on Dry Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Hayden spent Thursday at the Hughes home.

Mrs. Ruby Glandon visited Mrs. Sam Lighthizer Tuesday.

Mrs. Frink and family were up to the Murphys Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest George ate dinner Sunday with the Galloways.

John Adair and wife, Mrs. Weltha Lighthizer and Mrs. Copeland of Council Bluffs, Ia., are at the Elkhead ranch.

The Jones family from Michigan, who have homesteaded on Dry Fork, are camping on the Oldham place.

Jack White and Willie Carson joined the Flattop brigade Thursday and went fishing.

Herbert Frink has gone down on the river to help G.A. Whiteman put up the Dawson hay.

Reece Horton started haying Monday.

*Too late for publication last week.*

The long stretch of rainless weather we have had has set everyone to haying, or preparing to hay. The ranchmen on Elkhead and Dry Fork have had enuf water to irrigate, therefore their cutting will not be so far below the average as that of the creeks.

The Lighthizer boys are putting up the hay on the McKinlay ranch by contract. Reece Horton will commence cutting Monday.

Fred Shaefermeyer finished stacking Tuesday. He reports a short crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Horton and Annie Smith went on a four day camping trip to the Pothole country Thursday and report the fishing to be top-notch.

Everett Adair made two trips from the Elkhead to the Bear river this week, taking down horses and milch cows.

Mr. Stanton and family were upon their claim Monday.

Shorty Huguenin and family moved to their place on Elkhead Thursday.

Dick Kitchens is carrying the mail this week.

Lou Segur was hauling lumber to his place Monday.

Charlie Fulton went to Hayden Saturday.

A petition for a new school district is before the county superintendent. This will include a strip of country north of the Yampa river extending into the Elkhead country. It will include about 60 square miles, beginning about three miles east of Craig; also about four miles west of Hayden. This will make a large district, and ought to be able to support a good school. The assessor's difficulties will be increased and the Craig and Hayden school districts weakened by the formation of this district.

### **July 29, 1910 East Elkhead**

This week the old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines," has been guiding most of the Elkhead ranchmen. Stacks have been going up every day on the

Adair-Solandt place. Reece Horton has been at it all week with a crew and expects to finish by Tuesday.

Ernest George has been helping George Murphy hay on the latter's place. The Fulton boys have started work in their fields.

Jack White is getting out house logs for a new residence.

Willie Carson of Chicago, who has been visiting on the White Place, went over on the South fork Monday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Denton.

The George Honnold family has been visiting at the Fultons. Both families went up to California park for a camping trip over Sunday.

Mr. Glandon was repairing the telephone line Saturday.

The squirrels and chipmunks have destroyed more grain than every before in this region, and plans are being discussed to devise a co-operative plan against them.

Mr. Bingham of Texline, Okla., who has been visiting his brother-in-law, C. T. Roberds, has been up to survey ditches and a reservoir for his desert claim adjoining the Roberds claim.

We had a slight frost Saturday night, but not enough to hurt tomatoes on the Galloway place.

### **August 5, 1910 East Elkhead**

Word has been received from Senator Guggenheim saying the post office and star route mail line to Elkhead has been established. Sealed bids for carrying the same should be in by Aug. 23. Forms and blanks may be had at the Elkhead or Hayden post office.

Reece Horton finished stacking a record breaking hay crop in record-breaking time on Tuesday and there was none of it rained on.

We had several good rains last week which were welcomed by all. Even those with hay down were glad to see it, and already the grain and potato crops are showing the effect.

George Murphy and Ernest George have finished haying at the former's place and have gone down on the river to help Nick Elmer.

The Lighthizer boys are making the hay fly on the Adair-Solandt place. They average 25 tons a day.

Al Galloway and Bill Stevens are helping Ferry Carpenter lay up a log barn.

John Nickelson is putting in a dam for a 100-acre foot reservoir on the Alva Parks desert claim.

John Kitchens and Bill Kleckner expect to begin haying as soon as the warm weather lets up a bit.

Jim White has gone down on the river to help Fred Sayre hay.

Julia Smith came down from Bear's Ears the last of the week and visited with the Galloways.

Vannie Kitchens has been carrying the mail lately.

Ferry Carpenter took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kitchens. Ferry is circulating a petition to form a new school district. Two families who have taken up homesteads in the proposed district have 28 children --11 in one family and 17 in the other. Fact. At this rate Routt County will soon lead the state in school census. Come one school marms. Some nice looking ranchmen up here. Now is your chance.

### **August 12, 1910**

Mrs. Geo. Murphy drove to town Thursday and brought back Mrs. Chas. Schaefermeyer and children and Romaine Covert. They spent a very pleasant week visiting and picnicking, and Sunday Mrs. Covert and Charlie Schaefermeyer drove up and brot them back.

Jack White went to Bear's Ears mill for lumber Monday.

Fred Schaefermeyer is busy enlarging his reservoir.

AD Galloway and wife took supper with the Hortons Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Ruby Glandon visited with W.P. Crawford's folk's on Sunday.

A.A. Fredrickson, Jim Barnes, Bobbie Bowers and Sam Lighthizer were Hayden visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Fulton has a turkey that hatched 12 turkeys from 12 eggs.

F.R. Carpenter picked the first of his cucumber crop Monday.

Bobbie Bowers has gone to Craig to help in the hay harvest.

Dave Sellers brought a fishing party up to Elkhead Sunday.

### **August 19, 1910**

It was a great shock to the people of this section to hear of the death of Herbert Jones small boy, Sunday. Dr. Solandt was in attendance and brot the sad news down the creek. The Joneses are recent settlers up here, but have already won the respect of their neighbors and the sympathy of the community goes out to them at this time.

Sam Lighthizer and family spent Saturday visiting at the Bruce Dawson home.

George Hughes moved back from Bears Ears Saturday.

The Frink family spent Thursday at the Haller home.

The Witlows were in town Monday. They have moved back from the McKinley mesa to their ranch on Elkhead.

Al Galloway and Geo. Murphy cut rye on Tuesday.

Mr. Summer of Denver spent a couple of days with Jack White last week.  
Fred Shaefermeyer found his grain too green to cut all of it.  
Mr. Barlow spent Monday with Ferry Carpenter.  
Mrs. Charles Fulton has been in town this last few days as their boy was sick.  
The Horton brothers drove to town Monday.

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#### Death of Little Herbert Jones

Herbert M. Jones was born June 14, 1906 at Irving, Mich. He came with his parents to Routt county about five months ago. A short time ago the family moved to their ranch on Calf creek, where he was stricken with cholera infantum, being sick but one day. His death occurred August 14, and Interment was made on the homestead among the beautiful hills and vales Herbert looked at and wondered. On Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, kind neighbors and friends helped to lay the body in his last resting place.

#### August 26, 1910

The Hughes family moved back to the sawmill Saturday.  
Herbert Frink is back from the river and will be on his place until he moves to town to put his family in school.  
Jim Oldham brought the Cook family to Elkhead recently.  
Herb. Jones was helping Art Horton hay Saturday and the latter will go up and finish the Jones' new log house.  
Art Horton bought a full blooded Jersey cow of Frederickson's and is feeding it up on potatoes.  
F.R.Carpenter and Jack White bought a bunch of cows of Coke Roberds last week.  
James Riley has filed on a claim adjacent to Mrs. Fulton.

#### September 2, 1910 East Elkhead

The dry weather continues and we had two cold nights, Wednesday and Thursday, which frosted down the potatoes and nipped the young alfalfa.  
Mrs. Bryon Shelton and Sam have been spending the latter part of the week at Charlie Fulton's.  
Al Galloway has been cutting oats while Frank and Paul Jones shocked them.  
Jack White is getting down logs for a new house.  
Herman Foster has been helping Fred Shaefermeyer on his reservoir.  
Lou Segur and bride drove out to their claim on Wolf Mountain Sunday.  
There were 97 people at Ferry Carpenter's dance and 65 horses tied to the hitch racks.

Owing to the dry weather the grain in this section was so well ripened that the frost did not affect it.

### **September 9, 1910 East Elkhead**

There was a chivari party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Horton's Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tex McDowell who rode out from town after their wedding and will spend their honeymoon in this section of the country.

All the Dry Fork region extend congratulations to Geo. Murphy on the successful outcome of his contest with the government over his coal rights. The outcome means a lot to those in this neighborhood who have been in doubt as to whether they were to receive fair play at the hands of the Interior department or not.

Jim Oldham has been hauling coal the past week.

Al Galloway has put a new partition in his house.

Herbert Jones has his new house almost finished.

It is reported that the government declined to accept any of the bids offered for carrying the mail to the Elkhead postoffice. It is hoped that an agreement can be fixed up whereby we will not lose our mail service.

Reece Horton and wife drove to town Monday.

### **September 16, 1910 East Elkhead**

The bids for carrying the mail to the Elkhead postoffice were not rejected completely as reported but were returned, owing to a technicality in the lowest bidder's bond, and new bids must be in by Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.

The three school teachers who filed on adjoining claims near the Fletner cabin have let contracts for the construction of cabins and expect to move here as soon as possible and commute.

The Lighthizer boys finished staking the second cutting of alfalfa on the McKinley place on Saturday.

Miss Bessie Jones has been visiting Miss R. Carpenter and Miss Hetty Terry at the Murphy's the last week.

A.D. Galloway and H.M. Jones drove to town Wednesday.

Jack White has the poles hauled and strung out to stay his fence with.

Charlie Shaefermeyer was up to the Shaefermeyer Bros ranch Sunday.

A.P. Wood drove the president and vice-president of Hugus & Co. up to the Adair-Solandt place on Friday.

The Cary roundup outfit was working this part of the county last week and took a bunch out down Deep Creek.

Mrs. Sam Lighthizer visited at the Geo. Murphy place on Saturday.

Coyotes have been making raids on the poultry yards in this region lately. Jack White's Thanksgiving turkey was carried off the Shaefermeyers place and

chickens were turning up missing pretty regularly until the Murphy dog brought the thief to bay and Mrs. Murphy shot it.

Herbert Jones has moved his family into their new residence on Calf Creek.

Art Horton was a Hayden visitor on Saturday.

The Oldham-Fulton case over a dead calf has been dismissed by the prosecuting attorney for lack of sufficient evidence.

Sam Adair will probably bring a thresher in to this part of the county to thresh the grain.

Fred Shaefermeyer reports a record breaking oat crop this season.

Ferry Carpenter broke his plow in 3 places trying to plow up Oak brush roots last Saturday.

### **September 23, 1910 East Elkhead**

Walter Olmstead is staying at the Kitchens-Kleckner ranch. He sold his cattle to Dave Sellers Friday.

Rees Horton and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horton and baby went camping in California park Saturday.

William Kleckner has gone to the lower country for fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. White visited with Bert Coleman on Sunday.

Art Galloway and wife started for the Peak on Sunday. A juryman subpoena was the main reason for the trip.

Miss Bessie and Frank Jones are staying at the Galloway ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson and daughter took dinner with the Murphys on Sunday.

Charlie Fulton expects to haul coal this week.

Herbert Jones was a Hayden visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Miss Terry and Miss Carpenter went down to Lighthizers and all had dinner with the Two Bar outfit last Sunday.

### **November 11, 1910**

[killing of Chub White by Maude Keller]

Ruth Carpenter and Hetty Terry, who have been staying at the Geo. Murphy home for several weeks, left Tuesday for Boulder where they will spend the winter.

### **December 16, 1910**

A small band of sheep was brought in from Baggs, Wyo., last week by John Kitchens and others and taken to the Elkhead and Dry Forks country. The owners are anxious to try sheepraising. If the experiment proves a success they will increase their bands next spring.

Jack White left for Chicago and other eastern points Monday. Jack will spend his Christmas with the home folks, but expects to return to Routt within a few weeks. He will meet Ferry Carpenter in Chicago and they will spend part of the holidays together.

Isadore Boloten is at Phippsburg for the winter.

Jacob Lauver, father of Mrs. E. D. Smith, died in Ohio Nove. 22 when enroute for his home in Pennsylvania. Mr. L. had been visiting a brother in Nebraska, Mrs. Smith accompanying him there last spring. In November he started for his home in Mitlin or Miflin? Pa. When he reached Weylersville, O., he was taken sick with heart trouble and died at the home of John Smith, a brother of our own Ed. Mr. Lauver was 77 years of age and had accumulated considerable property by his industry and frugality. Nine children survive him. Mrs. Lauver died about a year ago.

### **December 30, 1910**

The wolves are killing off cattle north of town. They go in packs of 8 or 10. There should be more bounty on wolves and it will be worthwhile to kill them.

Sam Lighthizer came down from his Elkhead ranch the first of the week to get some supplies.

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### **January 13, 1911**

John Adair moved 203 head of cattle and 18 head of horses from his ranch east of Hayden to the Adair-Solandt ranch on Elkhead.

### **January 26, 1911 School District Fails Routt County Courier**

The Elkhead school district had a strenuous time a-borning and has finally given up the ghost after going so far as to elect officers. The first attempt was a failure because, owing to the large amount of territory included toward the north, the small taxpayers were about to vote the schoolhouse away from the heavier property holders along the river and get control of the district, so that it became imperative on them to find a flaw in the proceedings, which they did. The second attempt ended in an equally difficult position on the part of the valley people, and after going so far as to elect as directors U.F.Harrison, Mrs. J.E. Leftwich and F. E. Davidson, they finally decided to give up the attempt at the present and the boundaries of the Craig and Hayden districts will be restored as they were.

### **February 3, 1911**

The petition for a new school district to be carved out of districts two and three has been received by Superintendent Smith. The boundaries proposed are as follows: Beginning with sw corner of sec 6, tp 7n, r 88 w; thence north to the nw corner of tp10 n, r 88w; thence east to the ne corner of tp 10, r 87; thence south to se corner of sec 1, tp 7 n, r 87 w; thence east to se corner of sec 1, tp 7n, r 88 w; thence west to place of beginning. Forty-four children of school age are named on this petition.

### **March 3, 1911**

A meeting of all those interested in having a school in the Elkhead section is called for March 4 at 2 o'clock. Come and help decide this matter. G.W. Smith, Supt.

### **March 10, 1911**

The question of the Elkhead school district has been the most interesting and exciting one this week. People seem to have decided opinions on both sides, and the superintendent is "up against it" in a sense.

### **March 17, 1911 County School Notes**

The people of Elkhead will vote on the formation of a school district April 15. They will first try to decide the location of the schoolhouse or houses, and then vote on the formation of the district. If formed this district will have a valuation of \$175,000. This will be taken from Districts 2 and 3. District 3 has drawn taxes from three townships of coal land lying north of Morgan Bottom district for years and the new district includes this. The proposed district has 44 children.

### **April 21, 1911**

There was good attendance at the meeting called to form a district in the Elkhead section. The meeting was held at the George L. Murphy home and those who were in time to partake of the bountiful dinner provided by Mrs. Murphy speak in the highest terms of her culinary ability. About 25 persons were in attendance. This meeting was called to order by superintendent Smith after which A.D. Galloway was elected chairman and L.C. Huguenin secretary, a committee of 5 was chosen to report on locations of a schoolhouse. After an intermission of a half hour, the committee reported in favor of two school houses one to be on Calf Creek on the McKinley ranch, the other to be about a mile west of Jim Barnes' place. This report was accepted without dissent. Next the voters decided for the formation of school district 16 to 3. This will be District 11, or more generally known as the Elkhead District. School officers were chosen.

Will Kleckner, president, Mrs. Chas. Fulton, secretary, A.A. Fredrickson, as treasurer. It was decided to meet at the Adair-Solandt ranch at regular school meetings at which time a board of directors will be chosen as in other districts.

Jim Barnes was the only disturbing factor at the Elkhead school meeting last Saturday. Jim made a noise like a joker all the time and if it had not been for the women he would likely have been ducked in Dry Fork.

### **April 28, 1911**

Will Kleckner and AA Fredrickson took their oath of office before the county superintendent as directors of the new school district north of town, Friday.

### **May 12, 1911**

Frank Corbin was down from his Elkhead ranch this week to get some machinery. Frank has built a comfortable bungalow on his ranch.

### **May 26, 1911**

Elkhead voted a five mill tax, but there is some doubt whether this will carry them through the year and erect two schoolhouses.

The Elkhead School district advertises for bids this week to put up their first schoolhouse.

A ten pound boy arrived at Charlie Fulton's Tuesday night. Mother and child are doing well.

Shorty Hugenin has been at work in town this week.

Ira and Lloyd Smith have the contract for making the Murphy Lighthizer ditch north of town.

James Oldham has levied on part of Charlie Fulton's property in order to secure damages that were awarded him some months ago.

### **June 9, 1911**

All are through seeding and are busy planting potatoes and making gardens. Rye is up and looking fine.

Steve Shipka is back on his ranch below Parks and says he is going to raise oranges, apples and cherries.

Kleckner and Kitchens bought Reece Horton's sheep. They have sheared 70. John is great on shearing and is going up into Wyoming to show them how to do it scientifically.

Steven Day, Mrs. Day are back on their homestead for the summer.

A considerable number of deer have been seen going to the higher range.

Alva Parks has commenced irrigating from his new reservoir and it necessitates the opening of a new road immediately to reach this part of the country from Long Gulch.

After a drive to Bears Ears sawmill Will Kleckner reports the road in fair condition with little snow.

Bert Coleman is experimenting with seeds and plants. If successful he will have some surprises for Routt county people.

Rev. Spriggs and wife and S.B. Reid, all of Hayden, have recently been guests of Mrs. John Kitchens.

### **June 23, 1911**

Sam Lighthizer, Ernest George and John Bowers were Monday visitors from the Dry Fork - Elkhead country feeling so good over the rains that they had to come to town to talk about it.

Claib Hayes has the contract to build the first schoolhouse on Elkhead. It is to be located near the Adair place and school opens in two months. The other schoolhouse will be built a little later.

Jim Oldham was a visitor Saturday. He says the sale of property seized for him will not occur until some time after the sale of tomorrow.

### **June 30, 1911**

The Wilson government surveying party has moved from the south side to the Elkhead country. There are about a dozen surveyors in the party.

Isadore Boloten is at work at Oak Creek.

John Kitchens came down from his Elkhead Ranch and spend a few days in town this week.

The heavy rains which have fallen all over this country have made the farming prospects bright.

Ferry Carpenter came in from the East yesterday and is now on his ranch.

### **July 7, 1911**

Elkhead Celebrates

Sixty four people gathered in the grove below Frink's place to celebrate the fourth. A big picnic lunch was spread under the trees and the many varieties of eatables were passed around. Only the bachelors, homesteaders and cowpunchers were allowed to eat thru two tables. After lunch a number of games were pulled off. Frank Jones won the lemon race (potatoes were too scarce). Everett Adair took the free for all foot race. Rose Barnes was voted favorite in the ladies relay; then followed a tug of war and jumping contest in both of which Frank Corbin was star performer. Shorty Hugenin was judge. Geo. Hughes and Bill Montheath's fiddle music proved too much for those with dancing blood in them to resist, so several quadrilles were called off with four couples to a set and

quite a lot of grass was tramped down. Thunder clouds and home chores caused the crowd to break up, altho a few went to the Hughes' ranch and danced until morning.

### **July 14, 1911 East Elkhead**

Reservoirs, ditches, schoolhouses and residences are among the improvements going on this summer.

The Lighthizer-Murphy-Frink ditch which takes water out of Dry Fork near the upper end of Murphy place and runs four and a half miles, covering Frink and Lighthizer mesa, is about half done.

John Nickleson has the contract for the White-Roberds reservoir on Morgan Creek, and the work is in progress.

The new schoolhouse is almost finished.

Jack White is living in his new house and working for Nickleson.

Ferry Carpenter has several apple trees that stood their first winter in fine shape.

Reece Horton has been working on the Sage Creek reservoir.

The H.L. Lane family have been eating green peas out of their garden for two weeks.

Same Lighthizer has the Frink place leased. Frank Jones will help him hay.

Plenty of wild gooseberries in the quakers of the Elkhead region. -- also a good show for raspberries.

### **July 21, 1911 East Elkhead**

Lew Segur surveyed and measured the Murphy Lighthizer Frink ditch Saturday.

Lloyd and Ira Smith expect to move to Williams Fork and begin the Dunstan reservoir this week. Frank Smith and Herman Foster will go with them.

Reece and Mrs. Horton moved to their ranch Sunday.

Fred Shaefermeyer started cutting timothy Monday.

Jack White and Ferry Carpenter visited at the Dawson ranch Sunday.

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A boy arrived at the home of A. Fredrickson of Elkhead last Saturday.

### **July 28, 1911 East Elkhead**

A big rain covered this section Friday and Saturday.

Lee Barnes will stay on the Murphy ranch in their absence and will help Murphy thru haying.

Quite a bit of hay was down when the rain came.

Mrs. Jim Barnes has been putting up gooseberries that they gathered on Shorty Hugenin's place.

New schoolhouse finished by C. D. Hayes Thursday and inspected by Directors White and Murphy on Saturday

John Adair starts first of the week with two carloads of cows for Denver.

Frank Corbin is up to the Bears Ears helping Geo. Hughes.

Mrs. Roy Lambkin has been berrying at Hugenin's.

Wolves are reported on the head of Calf Creek.

[Under North Elkhead]

Mrs. Geo. Kleckner visited the family of Will Kleckner for a week. George came up Sunday and Mrs. Kleckner and the little Inez returned with him to Hayden Monday.

As haying is now in full force, it is hoped there will be less rain for some days to come.

Walter Olmstead and Mr. Craig, a wealthy sheep man whose home is in Denver, were the guests of John Kitchens for a few days. They made a trip to California park and had fish fry on their return. It is reported that Mr. Craig is looking over land in this section and was quite favorably impressed.

The new schoolhouse for Elkhead is a neat little building. It has been formally accepted by the school board. They expect to have school begin about Aug. 1. A teacher has not been selected yet, though a number of applications are in for consideration.

The post office is now at the McKinley ranch and John Adair is postmaster.

A number of cowboys from Casper, Wyo. passed through on their way to California Park.

Nannie Kitchens and Galen drove to the Ed Leftwich place and brot home a quantity of currants.

### **August 4, 1911**

"Make hay while the sun shines" has been the guiding principle in this section the past week. Murphy, Fulton, Shaefermeyer, Horton and Adair all have hay down and stacks going up.

Lew Segur surveyed for Ferry Carpenter Thursday. The prisoners [Ferguson boys] who escaped from Hahn's Peak came down Morgan Creek and stole a gun and several trinkets out of Jack White's house.

Fred Shaefermeyer was fishing in California park with the Murphys.

Bessie Jones is staying with Mrs. Sam Lighthizer while Same is on the river haying for Elmer.

Word was received from Denver that the Colorado telephone line into this district would begun as soon as poles could be gotten in.

Albert Smith who is farming the Harrison place on Calf Creek has some of the finest oats ever seen in these parts; put in with a press drill and is Iowa seed and has not been irrigated.

### **August 11, 1911**

Albert Horton wife's parents are in Watrons, NM.  
John Adair and wife were down from Elkhead Tuesday.

### **August 18, 1911 East Elkhead**

Reece Horton finished haying Saturday and George Murphy expects to get done this week if the wind will let him stack.

Bobbie Bowers finished shocking his grain Monday and went to Craig to attend court.

Billy Wright is helping Ferry carpenter do some ditch work.

Mrs. Sam Lighthizer, Miss Bessie Jones and Master Leonard Lighthizer visited at the Murphies Tuesday.

Fred Shaefermeyer bot a gray work horse of Albert Squires.

Jack White is planning a dance to warm his new house on Friday, August 18th. Everybody and their friends are invited and a big time is looked forward to.

The holes for the Colorado telephone are dug to the divide and the poles are being hauled.

The furniture for the new schoolhouse was in Steamboat Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. John Kitchens returned from Hahns Peak through California Park.

Master Galen Kleckner is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Ellis, at Hahns Peak.

### **August 25, 1911 East Elkhead**

Jack White's dance last Friday was a big success. About 60 people were present and the time from sunset till sunrise went pretty quickly. Refreshments were served about midnight and a relay of musicians kept the dances going till daylight.

John Adair left Monday with six carloads of fat cows for the Denver market.

R. W. Haller and family have moved back to Elkhead and say the country looks better than ever by comparison with Nebraska.

Fred Shaefermeyer has been binding Nick Elmer's grain.

H. M. Jones went to town Friday.

Mrs. S.M. Dawson and a party of children took dinner with Ferry Carpenter Friday.

Reece Horton and wife were in town Wednesday.

Thursday Art Horton hauled out the new schoolhouse furniture, and Sunday Directors White and Murphy drove up and put the desks and seats in position.

School will open as soon as a teacher with an accepted certificate can be obtained.

Albert Smith has been binding considerable grain in this section. He has some nearly ripe muskmelons on the Harrison place.

### **September 1, 1911 East Elkhead**

School started Monday with Miss Williams as the teacher. It is expected to hold a 4 1/2 month term on Elkhead and then to have another 4 1/2 month term in the Frank Corbin cabin on Dry Fork.

Albert Smith cut Reece Horton's oats, Friday.

John Nicholson expects to finish the White-Roberds reservoir on Morgan Creek, this week.

Ferry Carpenter finished his corral Saturday and Sunday 20 head of the Carpenter and White Hereford calves were branded in it.

The two-bar outfit have been holding 250 head of horses on the G.L. Murphy place.

Cliff Fulton was in town Monday.

### **September 8, 1911 East Elkhead**

Miss Susan K. White of Evanston, Illinois, is visiting her nephew, Jack White on Morgan Creek.

Sam Lighthizer drove home from the river, Thursday.

The telephone crew moved camp from the Foster to the Carpenter place on Monday.

A.D. Galloway has been helping Ferry Carpenter repair flumes and build a branding chute.

Mrs. C. D. Hayes drove to town Saturday.

Reece Horton and John Adair are putting up the second cutting of alfalfa on their places.

R.W. Haller brot two loads of household goods down from Steamboat last week.

The new school has been very well attended and Miss Williams reports prospects of a very successful term. Following are the 18 children enrolled.

Myrtle, Pearl Rose, Marvin, Frank and Nettie Barnes

Leila Ferguson

Eleanor, Adelbert and Louis Haller

Galan Kleckner

Florence, Helen, Yolita, and Tommy Jones

Roy Johnson

Charles Riley

John Workman

## **School Statistics**

It may be of some interest to our readers to read a few school statistics of Routt County. As we recently made out the annual report ending July 1 we are somewhat steeped in figures.

There are 31 schools districts in Routt County. All are third class but one district 4 or Steamboat Springs. A district must have at least 350 persons of school age to become a district of second class.

In all there were 1288 pupils enrolled in the schools of the county. Of this number, 600 were in graded schools and of the 600, 77 were high school students. The average daily attendance was 898.

Only eight men were employed in the schools of the county and 72 different women or eighty different teachers in all. The teachers received \$22,643.17 during the school year. If we divide this by 81, the number employed at the time, we find that each teacher received \$444. The average monthly salary of male teachers in the county was \$88 month, of female teachers, \$52. There were 35 school houses and 54 school rooms in the county. The school houses are valued at \$21,225. Ten schools have libraries, 34 rooms have globes and maps, 35 rooms have blackboards. The cost of maintaining the schools of the county is \$5.40 per pupil average attendance, and \$3.83 per pupil enrolled. Districts most in debt are the Steamboat, Yampa, Oak Creek and Hayden districts.

## **September 22, 1911**

The 2-bar outfit took a herd of beef cattle through on their way to the railroad last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest George have moved back to their place on Dry Fork.

Reece Horton and Will Kleckner were summoned for jury service and drove up to Hahns Peak, Sunday.

Joe Covert has been helping Fred Shaefermeyer stack grain.

George Murphy hauled fence posts last week.

Jack White has finished his reservoir and is setting the headgate valves in concrete.

Sam Lighthizer and family, Mr. and Mrs. George, Miss Bessie Jones went berrying last Saturday.

The Colorado telephone company line was completed to Ferry Carpenter's house and will run to the Pilot Knob Sawmill.

County Superintendent Smith visited the school Thursday.

A.D. Galloway was at his place, Saturday.

## **October 13, 1911**

RW Haller has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail between Hayden and Elkhead. Beginning October 21, a roundtrip is to be made each Saturday.

### **October 27, 1911**

The box supper at Elkhead school house Saturday night netted the school about \$25. The program offered was highly credible to the pupils, and a treat to the patrons. The affair concluded with a dance.

### **November 17, 1911**

Reece Horton has gone to Missouri for the winter and Mrs. Horton will spend the winter in the State of Washington. George Stokes will take care of their Elkhead ranch.

Ernest Maynard defied the snowstorm and came in from Dry Fork for supplies yesterday.

### **November 24, 1911**

Miss Fulton of Xenia, Ohio is visiting her brothers Charles and Clifton on Dry Fork.

### **December 15, 1911 East Elkhead**

Elkhead is a seventh day Advent post office in that we will have mail one day in seven.

The Adair-Solandt hotel is run by a tenderfoot who guarantees that any man who grumbles about his wife's cooking will be cured by one day's board with him.

H. Haller moved into his new residence last week.

H.M. Jones will move to the Harrison Ranch soon.

Geo. Stokes and friend Bob are chasing coyotes and gophers for pastime, pleasure and profit.

Elkhead school will close on the 10th with an interesting program. Miss Williams is one of Routt's most efficient teachers.

Dick Kitchens is hauling coal for Matt Gates from Deep Creek to Steamboat.

### **December 22, 1911**

Albert Smith of Elkhead sold 126 pounds of Garton's Swedish Oats to Joe Hitchens last spring and from this Joe threshed 165 bushels. Smith's oats were not so heavy, weighing 44 pounds to the bushel.

Jack White left for Evanston, Illinois Monday. He will spend the holidays with his relatives there.

### **December 29, 1911**

School district number 11 wishes bids for the erection of a school house. This school house is to be built on or near the Frank Corbin place. For specifications call at the Republican office. All bids should be in by noon Dec. 30. Address all bids to Republican office. J.F. White, secty dist.11.

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### **January 5, 1912**

#### Certificates Issued

As a result of the last teachers' examination certificates have been issued to four men and ten women or girls. Morace Hurst and J.D. Funk received first grad high school certificates; Myron A. Cronk and Horace Hurst received first grade certificates; Harold Felton, Nita Smith, Harriet Chase, Mary Marshall, Elizabeth Quinlan, Louise Gunsaul, Mary McDowell and Susie Pethie received second grade certificates; Sarah McDowell, Blance Brazill and Lulu Bailey received third grade certificates.

The grammar examination was extremely hard, and those who do not keep up in current events received lower grades than they would otherwise. Since our teachers are trainers of future citizens, they should be stronger than they are in history, civil government and current events.

### **January 19, 1912**

Albert and Art Horton were down from the Dry Fork country last Saturday.

George Murphy and wife were down from Elkhead Saturday, and while here George completed arrangements with Harold Felton to teach school at the Barnes place. Mr. Felton opened school there this week, to continue as long as the children can attend.

### **January 26, 1912**

There are 2 1/2 feet of snow now on Elkhead

Making a trip to the postoffice last Sunday, Vannie Kitchens, John Workman and Galen Kleckner had to shovel through six feet of snow drifted on top of a hill.

The Elkhead postoffice is getting quite a bit of cancellation.

Frank Dengg has cleared out most of the coyotes from this locality.

School was started at the Barnes place last week.

### **February 2, 1912**

After sojourning in Evanston, Illinois for several weeks, Jack White returned last Friday to the land flowing with milk and honey.

Alfred Smith of Elkhead was in town Monday and took home some fine chickens. Mr. Smith is going into the chicken business with standard breeds.

Jim Oldham was down from his Elkhead ranch yesterday and says the snow is about 30 inches deep there.

US patent recorded for AD Galloway.

### **February 9, 1912**

Ferry Carpenter writes that Woodrow Wilson's stock is going up all the time in the east. He thinks Wilson will land the democratic nomination. This is the way it looks in Massachusetts, at least.

### **February 16, 1912**

Clifford Fulton of Elkhead was in town Monday, trading.

Ernest George came down from his Elkhead ranch Tuesday to get a view of the best town in Routt County once more.

### **February 23, 1912**

The night is not so dark, the mud so sticky or the snow so deep but Dr. Solandt answers the call of the sick. Tuesday he received a telephone call to come to the Haller home on Elkhead as Mrs. Haller was quite sick. He started out, getting as far as George Hughes' with his team. There he had to take to snowshoes and Emory Clark also started down Long gulch to meet the doctor, but he had to take snowshoes as the snow was too deep for his horse to wade. We understand the heroic doctor go thru all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisel of Illinois came in on Saturday's stage. Mr. Bisel is son-in-law of Mr. Maynard and will make his home in Elkhead. He expects to engage in the .y industry as that section is especially adapted to strawberries.

A girl arrived at the Haller home on Elkhead Tuesday night.

WT Starr of Elkhead was a Hayden visitor, Wednesday.

### **February 23, 1912 A Rough Experience**

R.W. Haller, the Elkhead mail carrier started out from his home Saturday to come to Hayden to get the mail. When about two miles out his horses floundered down in the snow and he tied them to a fence and borrowing a pair of snowshoes from Ernest George he started on foot for Hayden. Arriving in Hayden he took the mail sack and although he was almost exhausted he started back on his snowshoes about 4:00 o'clock. It was night when he reached the Hayden divide and he tried to make a fire but the wind was so strong it blew the fire out. To keep from freezing Haller went on and crawled under a bridge remaining until

daylight. He then started on and got as far as the Carpenter reservoir having gone snow blind. George Murphy was on the lookout for Haller and found him on the Carpenter place. Strange to say, Mr. Haller was not injured much by exposure and after a good sleep was apparently all right.

### **March 1, 1912**

WT Starr was in Hayden Monday night.

Clifford Fulton was down from the ranch Tuesday for a sled load of stuff to eat.

JE Ferguson from upper Elkhead was in town Tuesday.

### **March 8, 1912**

Ernest George and wife have gone to Snake River to work for the Twin Bar outfit.

Mrs. Will Kleckner of Elkhead visited with friends and relatives in town the past week.

### **March 22, 1912**

Eph Rider and family moved to the McKinley ranch on Elkhead Tuesday and Eph will be a horny-handed son of the soil this year anyway.

### **April 12, 1912**

The death of Mrs. Ernest Maynard of Elkhead occurred Thursday morning at 1 o'clock. Death was caused by jaundice and she had been sick for some time. A husband and a child one year old survive. The funeral will take place at the Maynard home this afternoon. The community extends sympathy to the bereaved husband in this hour of sorrow.

HO Felton teacher at Elkhead accompanied by Frankie Barnes snowshoed down from the Barnes ranch Friday.

### **April 19, 1912**

Reece Horton was in Tuesday from his ranch. Ferry Carpenter writes that he is anxious to get back to Routt Co. and start in his law career. Ferry will be our first lawyer and we're predicting for him complete success.

### **April 26, 1912**

Ben Bisel and strawberries. Mr. Bisel, Strawberry specialist has had 25 years experience in strawberry cultivation and will try his luck in this country.

He thinks he never saw richer soil or soil better adapted for strawberry culture than the quaking aspen ground found in various parts of Routt County. Ben Bisel will be here in a week having sold his farm in Illinois and now seeks a location.

### **May 10, 1912**

Elmer Foote was down from Elkhead Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Hayes. Elmer is at work measuring the waterflow on the streams of Upper Elkhead.

George Murphy was elected Treasurer of the Elkhead district and Jack White secretary. They voted a 5 mill levy.

Benjamin Bisel and family arrived from Illinois Friday and were met by DL Bisel who took his brother out to the Maynard ranch north of town.

### **May 17, 1912**

Shorty Hugenin has taken his family to the ranch for the summer but will himself work in town part of the time.

### **May 24, 1912**

A Boy arrayed at the home of Albert Smith of Elkhead on the 22nd.

Jack White has turned over 90 acres of ground this spring and is still at work.

Julia Smith graduated from high school.

RW Haller brought JM Riley wife and child down from Elkhead Tuesday. Mr. Riley is quite low with consumption. The family is staying at the Cowen home.

### **May 31, 1912**

Charlie Fulton, wife and little son came down from Elkhead Sunday and attended the Riley funeral and visited friends in town a short time.

Ira Smith came up from the K-Diamond ranch where he has been at ditch work for some time. Ira will assist his father in reservoir work for a time. Keep your eye on Ira for he is going to surprise Hayden people pretty soon -- his is not as faint hearted as some of the girls may think.

The Elkhead section is making big improvements and all the ranchmen are as busy as bees. The land is unusually rich in the hills and valleys there and will produce wonderful crops. It is a wonder how that country is settling up. The people of Hayden do not fully realize what that country is beginning to mean to

Hayden. We would suggest right here that more attention be paid to keeping the roads in repair north of Hayden -- if one road boss is not big enough to get around to all the places let him hire more help.

### **Obituary**

Josiah Maurice Riley was born in the state of New Jersey, March 22, 1880 and died at Hayden, Colorado May 25, 1912 at the age of 32 years, 2 months and 3 days.

On March 1, 1904 he was married to Adalaid Smith at Leesburg, New Jersey. One son, Charles Norton Riley was born to them, the same being now a lad of 10 years, who with the mother survives the deceased.

For several years the family resided at Millville, NJ where Mr. Riley had charge of an automobile garage. Several times he was severely ill from such diseases as pneumonia, neuralgia and rheumatism. In hopes of improving his health they moved to Routt county Colorado July 1910 and settled on a homestead in the hills some miles north of Hayden. During the past few months his physical condition declined rapidly finally ending with his death.

He leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Riley of Rosehayn, NJ besides 6 brothers and 2 sisters to mourn his death.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Harley H. Gill who used for his text 1 thess.5:9-10. The remains were interred in the Hayden cemetery.

### **Damage Suit**

James Oldham has brot suit against SA Adair for \$500 damages as the result of a personal encounter between them about ten weeks ago. Oldham got the worst of the mix and will press his suit thru his attorney, Ray Monson while attorneys Gentry and Wiley will represent Sam.

### **June 14, 1912**

Ferry Carpenter will take the Colorado Bar Examination July 5 and 6 and reach Hayden July 8.

Isadore Boloten was in from the homestead Tuesday for all the supplies he could take away.

### **June 28, 1912**

Miss Heermans and Mrs. Eph Rider were down from Elkhead Saturday

John Jakodovske was in town this week for the first time in several weeks.

John doesn't let much grass grow under his feet, having traveled most of the winter.

George Hughes came to town Monday behind his mules. George has just completed a very good five-room house on his ranch and rightly feels proud of his efforts. He recently hauled the fire boxes to California park for the forest rangers.

### **July 5, 1912**

A sister of J.F. White from Evanston, Ill., is here visiting for the summer. Jack brot her down from Steamboat Wednesday.

Lew Segur has surveyed a reservoir site for Isadore Boloten in the Elkhead country.

### **July 5 1912**

#### **Ira Smith marries**

Ira Smith and Miss Bessie Jones were married at the home of the bride's parents on Elkhead Sunday afternoon. Charles Harkness, justice of the peace, officiating. The families of the bride and groom were present. Everybody knows Ira Smith as he has been a Hayden boy from his babyhood. Miss Jones came here with her parents about three years ago. She is a young lady of estimable qualities and will be a real helpmeet for Ira. Ira Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ED Smith on of our best known pioneers, and has the same traits of industry and honesty that characterizes his father. Success to the young couple in life's battles. Ira and his wife will live at the Sellers-Cook reservoir where he will work all summer. this fall he will take up his residence on the claim he filed on recently northwest of Hayden.

### **July 19, 1912 East Elkhead**

The season of 1912 bids fair to be a record-breaker for crops in this section.

Sam Lighthizer has a fine stand of rye on his mesa.

Haying will begin on Adair-Solandt ranch this week.

Mrs. Eph Rider and Miss Miriam Heermans rode to town Friday afternoon.

Miss Heermans spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Anne White on the JF White ranch.

Albert Smith is farming the Frink place and has some fine oats in on the mesa.

Cliff Fulton drove to town Saturday.

Jim Barnes and Jim Robinson took down a load of lumber to town Friday.

Some of Ferry Carpenter's apple trees came through their second winter in fine shape and three cherry trees stood the test also.

Geo. Murphy and Reece Horton have each been irrigating their meadows.  
Fred Shafaermeyer took dinner at the White's Saturday.

### **July 26, 1912 East Elkhead**

Miss. Annie White visited at Murphy's Saturday.

The Misses Honnold stopped at Fulton's Sunday on their way to Snake River.

Fred Shaefermeyer is building a new cellar and spring house.

Lew Seger has been surveying a line from Morgan Creek to Long Gulch for Earl Wilkins

Reece Horton is experimenting in raising stock beets on his ranch.

Misses Heermans and White, Jack White, Ferry Carpenter and Charlie Forman spent Sunday at the Dawson Ranch.

Sam and Mrs. Lighthizer were in town Saturday.

Lee Barnes has been helping Isadore Boloten put up a new house and barn.

There will be church at our schoolhouse Sunday afternoon July 28th at 2:30.  
Sunday school at our schoolhouse is postponed until after haying is done. Mrs. Rhoads is to be our teacher for the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway will go to the Carpenter Ranch today and may stay there a month or more.

### **August 2, 1912**

The unsettled weather has delayed ranchmen in their haying.

Mrs. Geo. Hughes and Mrs. Kleckner were berrying Monday and visited at the Geo. Murphy ranch.

Jim Barnes and family too dinner with AD Galloway and wife Sunday at the Galloway place.

Charlie Fulton hauled a load of coal from town Sunday.

Miss Anne White visited at the Roberd's ranch Sunday.

Jim Robinson and Isadore Boloten are haying for Earle Wilkins.

Ferry Carpenter rode his bicycle from his place to town in an hour and ten minutes.

The recent rains have insured a grain crop and filled reservoirs and streams.

Shorty Huguenin went to his claim Saturday returning Monday.

H.L Jones went to town Saturday.

[not in column: H Felton of Calf Creek is working on lower Cary ranch.  
Jim Oldham raised some fine strawberries on his ranch north of town. He brot a few to town last week.]

### **August 9, 1912 East Elkhead**

The sound of the mowing machine will be heard the first of this week on all the hay ranches in this section., everyone has waited for the weather to settle and is now hard at it.

The Adair-Solandt ranch has a new patent hay stacker which opens and shuts like a jackknife; it builds good stacks and is light and portable.

Ira and Mrs. Smith rode up to the Jones ranch Sunday.

Cliff Fulton started cutting hay Sunday.

Misses Merrill and Hofstetter, Jim Brock and Milton Horton rode up to the Horton place Saturday.

Will Kleckner was down from his Elkhead ranch and took out a load of provisions.

### **August 16, 1912**

The Hayden Lumber company has its sawmill at Bears Ears running in charge of George Hughes and the Pilot Knob mill in charge of Albert Herod.

J.C. Freeman of Medicine Lodge, Kan., has been in town the past two weeks. He is looking for a location. He is a first class plumber and tinner. He also wishes to take up a claim.

The Misses Sickles, Heermans, Adams and Thomas are taking the teachers' examination in Hayden. Several teachers will send their manuscripts in from outside places.

### **August 23, 1912 East Elkhead**

Rains of last week delayed haying for a day or two, but this week's fine weather will see the completion of most of our stacks.

Cliff Fulton was in town Monday.

Mrs. Segur and Mrs. Prevo took lunch with Mrs. White Tuesday.

Miss Susie Jones, who has been spending her vacation with her parents on Calf Creek, drove to Steamboat Springs Saturday on her way to California.

Fred Shafaermeyer has a big hay crop and a fine stand of wheat and brome grass.

Miss Heermans passed all her teachers' examinations with a high mark.

The lumber for the new school house near the Barnes has been hauled and Tush Holderness is expected to do the work. He expects to wait till next Thursday.

### **August 30, 1912 East Elkhead**

Eph Rider has put up a lot of hay on the McKinley Ranch; one stack contains 67 tons.

Miss Ruth Carpenter is staying with the Riders on the Adair-Solandt ranch.

Jim Barnes has been hauling from Steamboat Springs this week.

Lee Barnes took his team back from Hayden this week.

### **September 13, 1912 East Elkhead**

Fred Schaefermeyer is binding his big grain crop.

A surprise dance at the Murphy ranch Saturday resulted in a very enjoyable time.

Jim Barnes was in town with a load of lumber Tuesday.

Ferry Carpenter and his sister got back from their trip to Pyramid Friday.

The C.L. Fulton family came home from a camping trip to California park Sunday. They were with the Smith-Jeffcott party.

Wednesday night a dance was held in the new schoolhouse. Fred Schaefermeyer and Jim Barnes furnished music with mouth organs. The dance lasted until daybreak.

Clay Taylor was over from the Forks Monday and traded bulls with Carpenter and White.

Monday coyotes got all but four of Murphy's chickens. Wednesday Mrs. Murphy got the coyote.

John Adair was up to his ranch Sunday.

Cliff Fulton is finishing his new house.

### **September 20, 1912**

Albert Smith has been binding Reece Horton's oats.

Fred Shaefermeyer and Lee Barnes are helping Jack White harvest his grain.

Friday of this week is the last day of school. A box supper a play and a dance take place at night.

Messers Skinner and Kirk of Denver visited at the White ranch Tuesday.

Jim Barnes and Jim Robinson have been hauling lumber to town this week.

Saturday's snow did not do much damage to the grain in this section.

Sam Lighthizer and family were in Hayden Monday.

### **September 27, 1912**

Elkhead School Closes

Friday evening the log schoolhouse on the Adair-Solandt ranch was crowded to its full capacity. It was the last day of a successful five month's school by Miss

Heermans. The entertainment began with a play by the pupils entitled "Idle Irene". The little folks entered into the spirit of the play with great zest. Sam Lighthizer, soon after the play was calling off the quadrille, while Bobbie Bowers, Art Horton, Eph and Bill Rider took turns at the fiddle. After the famous baby boys of this community were stowed away the box suppers were auctioned off and the bachelor homesteaders had the feast of their lives. It was a gray dawn before the merry party broke up.

### **East Elkhead**

Cliff Fulton has his new house almost finished and it makes quite an improvement for Dry Fork.

Albert Smith cut Horton's and Harrison's oats.

Fred Shaefermeyer and Lee Barnes are helping Jack White harvest his grain.

J. C. Freeman, who has been helping harvest in this section, talks of taking a homestead and bringing his family here.

Jim Robinson is hauling lumber for a new spillway for the White-Roberds' reservoir.

Jim Barnes is building a cellar for Ferry Carpenter.

Mrs. Eph Rider and two daughters brot the Misses Heermans and Carpenter to town Saturday and Bill Rider took them to Steamboat the same afternoon.

The round up has been going on here the past week.

Messrs. Maynard and Cook were in town Friday and report a big spud crop at their places.

### **Oct. 4, 1912**

Mrs. Chas. Fulton and sons are spending the week in town.

Wm. Kleckner and Galen were in town Saturday.

Geo. Stokes has been hauling coal to the McKinley ranch.

Lee Barnes hauled several loads of coal from Deep Creek for Jack White.

Al Galloway put 2 windows in Carpenter's cabin and re-daubed it for winter use.

Reece Horton is building a cellar to put his stock beets in.

### **October 18, 1912**

Jim Barnes expects to move his family to Utah for the winter.

JC Freeman and Fred Williams expect to file on homestead claims on Morgan Creek.

Jack White took a bunch of Carpenter and White steers to the railroad yesterday.

Reece Horton has been hauling lumber from Bears Ears to build cattle sheds.

Mrs. Daly visited at the Fultons Sunday.  
Messrs. Ferguson and Fredrickson were in town Saturday and took out supplies for the winter.  
Lew Segur has built a new barn, Sam Lighthizer helping.  
Herbert Jones and Mr. Daly went to Pilot Knob mill Monday to cut logs.  
Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Lighthizer were in to visit Mrs. John Adair Sunday.  
Isadore Boloten was up from the Breeze basin reservoir for a load of grain.  
John Bowers was in town Monday and took his father out to the ranch.

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### **January 3, 1913 East Elkhead**

Several merry Christmas parties were celebrated in this neighborhood last week. Mr. and Mrs. Reece Horton entertained Albert Horton and family and Art Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith spent the day with the Jones family on Calf Creek. Mr. Jones was down from the mill and Frank and Paul both up from the river; among those gathered around the board at the Eph Rider's were Sam Lighthizer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Fred Shafermeyer, Ferry Carpenter, George Stokes and Ernest Maynard.

John Barr is living on the Jack White place and feeding the cattle through.  
Albert Smith was in town the day before Christmas.  
Cliff Fulton spent the day with Charlie and family.  
Messrs Ferguson and Bisel were in town Saturday after a load of provisions.  
Henry Cook made his folks a visit the last of the week.

### **January 17, 1913 Last East Elkhead**

Mrs. Geo. Murphy spent part of last week in town visiting with friends.  
A.A. Fredrickson was in town Saturday and took home a thoroughbred Poland China bear Sunday.  
Walter West was down from the sawmill Monday to get a tooth pulled.  
Clarence Stanfield got one ear nearly cut off by the belt at the sawmill and Annie McDowell sewed it on again.  
John Adair moved a bunch of cattle to the Elkhead ranch Saturday.  
The Carpenter White Herefords were brought down from the Shafermeyer to the J.G. MacLaughlin place Wednesday.  
John Kitchens took a cow and calf to his ranch from the Mike Smith place the middle of the week.

### **February 7, 1913**

The Elkhead school closes today. Miss Sickles has proved herself a competent teacher.

George Hughes said he took a pint of whiskey up to the Bears Ears sawmill a short time ago and the next day after the fellows saw George took a pull at the bottle all were sick and that the bottle was empty before George could say, "Have one on me".

Mr. Bisel of Elkhead brot a few sacks of oyster to town the past week. He gets them from a deposit about two and a half feet thick near his place. A four foot bed of shells has been found south of town. It seems quite sure that the oysters flourished above the land where we live a few years before John Weiskopf ran a newspaper.

### **March 7, 1913**

The Elkhead school closed this week. Miss Sickles was given a months more of teaching is the reason it did not close sooner.

### **March 21, 1913**

B.R. Bisel was down from Elkhead Saturday with some more oysters shells. Mr. Bisel says they have a pretty good Sunday school in his neighborhood.

### **May 16, 1913 Government Surveyors Here**

Saturday M.E. Gilderbloom and Roy Chase came in town with some other surveyors. Mr. Chase will begin work near Craig and later work north and northeast of Hayden. Mr. Gilderbloom with a party of about 11 assistants will begin a re-survey of the townships recently withdrawn from entry. The survey will start near the mouth of Elkhead and extend several miles east of town. Before the survey is completed all the townships on both sides of the river, which are 6, 7, 8 and 9 of ranges 86, 87, 88, and 89 will be resurveyed. This will take all of country from Elkhead to Elk River and from Bears Ears to about five miles south of town. Ed Gilderbloom has charge of the surveyors which will make Hayden the source of supply and about eight local boys will be added to their corps of surveyors.

### **June 6, 1913**

#### **Repairing Bears Ears' Mill**

George Hughes, Si Michaelis, Hime Fiske and several others went to Bears Ears sawmill Monday. The Hayden Lumber company proposes to make extensive additions to the equipment of the mill. The big boiler and engine at the planning mill will be moved to Bears Ears. The lumber will be sawed, edged and planed before hauling down to Hayden. There is an immense body of lumber near the mill which amply justifies the improvements being made. Bill Monteith is

dickering with the company for a big job of cutting and we may be sure that the saw mill there will be a busy place this summer and fall.

### **June 27, 1914**

Article on Belgium investors

### **August 8, 1913**

The Oldham Trail

The most engrossing matter of interest this week was the Oldham insanity trial held before the county court in Steamboat. About 40 persons from Hayden and Deep Creek were present, being summoned by the defense of prosecution. Ferry Carpenter represented the state and Judge Parks of Denver the defense. Aside from the numerous lay witnesses Dr. Dodge of Steamboat and Dr. LaZell of Denver were present as expert witnesses.

The trial was taken up mostly over quibbles between the attorneys, the questions being forced upon Attorney Carpenter by Attorney Parks. Carpenter held his own first rate. An attempt was made to settle the matter outside of court which was finally accomplished. Oldham is to leave the country within twenty days never to return, if he leaves he gets \$1000. John Kitchens is the trustee of the fund and he and Sam Diamond are to keep personal supervision of Oldham until he leaves.

### **August 15, 1913**

Our population is increasing all the time, this week it was a girl at the home of Jas Freeman northeast of town.

### **August 22, 1913**

There was a big dance at Arthur Horton's on Elkhead Saturday night. Miss Myrtle Horner of the Elkhead school was in town Saturday.

The E.D. Smith family went berrying at the foot of Sand mountain last week and secured a fine lot of raspberries, but Thursday night a bear came nosing around the camp in a very familiar manner. The women made a hike for Pilot Knob sawmill the next morning.

### **August 29, 1913**

Charlie Fulton brot Miss Ida Kenton, the Elkhead school teacher, in Saturday. Miss Kenton was called to Denver and may go on to Indiana. She resigned her school and will not be back to the Dry Fork school.

### **September 12, 1913**

The ranchmen northeast of town are starting improvements this fall which will add much to the appearances of that section of the country. Fred Schaefermeyer is putting up a fine big granary. James Freeman is building a good log house, Tom Prevo is getting logs out to put up a substantial house on his claim, Lester Reed is starting a large barn and Harry Gorman is also planning to put up a good barn this fall. The homesteaders northeast of town have very rich soil to till and this country will develop right along with the rest of the Hayden valley.

### **September 19, 1913**

Jack White a Benedict

The marriage of J.F. White and Miss Ann Ehrat took place in Chicago Sept. at the home of the brides parents. The happy young couple returned to Routt county at once and have taken up their residence on the White ranch ten miles north of Hayden. Miss Ehrat not long ago proved up on a homestead about four miles west of Sidney. The newly married couple start out in life with the best chances of success and happiness. Ferry Carpenter was the only Hayden citizen at the wedding. Jack has been improving his place for several years and by his industry has succeeded in improving his ranch until he has one of the best in the Elkhead section. Mrs. White is well enough acquainted with western life so she can be of great help to Jack in winning a fortune.

### **November 28, 1913**

Ed Smith is getting ready to put out a crop on his ranch north of town. This is the old Frink ranch.

A full crew are at the Bears Ears Sawmill and count on having a good run for several weeks.

### **December 5, 1913**

Threshing in the Elkhead country is now over. Fred Shaefermeyer was the last to finish and he had his done on Thanksgiving day. Nearly all the neighbors for miles around were present and Fred killed a fat sheep in honor of the occasion.

### **December 12, 1913**

The FR Hayes family, recently from Medicine Lodge, KS, is living in the Dunstan house.

### **December 19, 1913**

Isadore Boloton got back from Meeker the first of the week. He brot 28 head of cattle with him which he bot in the White river country.

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**January 16, 1914**

Jim Oldham advertised the sale of Charles Fulton's place and the sale was dated for last Saturday. As Oldham had to put up \$200 to pay Fulton for his homestead exemption and did not have the money to put up the belief is expressed that Oldham is at the end of his string so far as the collecting of an old judgment he has against Fulton.

**February 20, 1914**

A.D. Galloway has been putting up ice on his ranch the past week.

The Wayandt Wagners and Gelman families spent Sunday at the Galloway ranch.

Dr. Solandt and Leslie Kinsey visited the McKinley ranch one day last week.

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Mrs. A.A. Frederickson visited the Galloway ranch one day last week.

We hear that E.D. Smith had a narrow escape from being buried under the snow at the mill the other day. He had dug thru the snow to a pile of lumber when the snow caved in but Ed got out of the way enough so the snow just caught his feet. He might have been suffocated or crushed had he been two feet further in.

**February 27, 1914**

Thomas Haxton and family expect to be down from Steamboat this week and will take up their residence on their claim in this neighborhood.

A.A. Fredrickson has bought some hay of Adair-Solandt and is hauling it from the Hayden valley.

Reece Horton and wife spent Sunday visiting the Galloway ranch.

Sam Lighthizer and family expect to move to the ranch next week.

Reece Horton bought a cow of A.A. Frederickson a few days ago.

**April 3, 1914**

Miss Mary McDowell, who taught the Elkhead school last fall, has been engaged to teach there again this spring.

### **April 17, 1914**

[From "Local News"]

F. R. Hayes has rented the Isadore Boloten place on Elkhead. Hayes has taken up a claim above the Boloten place, but has not yet built a house on it.

J.E. Ferguson and wife of Beaver Creek were in town Monday and Tuesday.

### **May 1, 1914**

John Jokodowske has gone to Williams Fork to work for K. H. Zwick.

### **May 8, 1914**

#### **One Killed--Two Shot**

Jim Oldham fires on a group at school meeting, killing Clifford Fulton and wounding Charlie Fulton and Sam Lighthizer

The most terrible shooting affray that ever occurred in this section took place at the school meeting held in the Elkhead district Monday afternoon. The meeting was held at the old Galloway place, now Ferry Carpenter's so as to accommodate the voters in all parts of the district. The meeting was peaceful and James Oldham was one of those who attended. He spoke to Ferry Carpenter and Sam Lighthizer at the meeting and seemed to be grouchy at both for the answers they gave. He and most of the men started out to the fences near the corral to get their horses. A group of men consisting of Charles Fulton, Clifford Fulton, Sam Lighthizer and others were standing a few feet from Oldham who went to unhitch his horse. He held the bridle rein in his left hand, reached into his breast pocket and commenced firing at the group of men. Charlie Fulton is thought to have been the first object he shot at. Charlie ran off holding his leg. Clifford Fulton started to run away to the left of Oldham, who after firing four or five shots at Charlie turned and started shooting at Clifford who fell after three bullets had struck him; two through the lower part of the body and one through the leg. Sam Lighthizer and Frank Corbin rushed towards Oldham who had drawn a second automatic revolver from his breast. In the scuffle that took place Sam was shot diagonally across the fleshy part of this hand by the automatic going off, but only bone was broken. Frank Corbin got a good hold on Oldham and with Sam's assistance they bore him to the ground and tied him hand and foot. Oldham was badly beaten up in the scuffle his head showing several scalp wounds and his nose and eyes being badly battered.

Clifford Fulton on being asked by Charlie if he was badly hurt said "He has killed me," to which Charlie replied "He got me in the leg, too." Deputy Sheriff Jack White soon arrived and was making arrangements to take Oldham to town when he learned that deputy Emory Clark was coming to get him and take him to

Hayden. Clifford and Charlie Fulton were taken to the Charlie Fulton ranch, where Clifford died about sundown. The doctors summoned, Enochs and Solandt, made as good time as possible over the terrible roads, but neither could get there for some time. Dr. Enochs drove from Hayden arriving at 6:15, and Clifford died at 7:30, being conscious until the last, but with two bullet holes thru his body he had no hope. Dr. Solandt was down at Craig and started from there, but upon reaching Hayden received word that Clifford was dead. The wound of Charles Fulton is in the left leg above the knee, and as the ball did not strike the bone it is thought that he will soon be around. Sam Lighthizer has a very painful left hand but the wound is getting along as well as could be expected. Oldham was taken to Steamboat the same evening on a railway motorcar. Chivington coming down for him.

This sad affair was not altogether unexpected as there have been several charges of insanity brought against Oldham, one being brought by Charles Fulton and a Hahns Peak jury turned Oldham loose. Oldham brought a suit for damages against Fulton and was awarded a \$1500 judgment. Last June, Oldham was again brought to trail on the charge of insanity, information being filed against him by eight Hayden citizens. Many Hayden citizens have feared that the trouble between Oldham and his neighbors would result in a terrible tragedy. The trial came up in June and all the witnesses were present. The attorneys in the case, Carpenter for the prosecution and Parks for the defense, made an arrangement whereby the case was dismissed. Several Hayden residents raised \$1000 with the understanding that Oldham was to get out of the county and stay out. The result was Oldham went down to Craig for a day or two and then came back. Most of the people in Hayden have felt for a long time that Oldham was a dangerous man, while a few have thought otherwise and held that Oldham was persecuted.

The coroners jury was presided over by W.H. Bashor and met Tuesday. Its verdict was that Clifford Fulton came to his death as a result of wounds inflicted by a weapon in the hands of James Oldham, and that the attack upon Fulton was premeditated. County attorney Monson was present at the inquest. The members of the jury were L. Emrich, foreman, E. Wagner, Ford Weyant, Will Green, George Whiteman and Sam Reid.

## **May 15, 1914**

### **Clifford Fulton**

The funeral of Clifford M. Fulton took place at the Congregational Church Wednesday at 2pm Rev. EE. Cain conducted the church services. As a member in good standing and respected by all of the Masonic Lodge, Clifford was given a Masonic burial and was placed to his final rest with all the respect a lodge can bestow. He was one of our promising young men and

probably did not have an enemy in the county except the man who shot him. He was a young man of more than ordinary intelligence and industry and was absolutely upright. Few people can point to so unsullied a moral record. Sober, accommodating, clean and trustworthy we have lost a good friend and excellent citizen by the death of Clifford Fulton. It is one of the saddest experiences of human life to see a young man of his nobility of character brought to his death in such a manner.

Clifford Fulton was born in Ohio 31 years and six months ago. He came to Routt County about ten years ago and took up a homestead on Dry Fork of Elkhead. Six brothers and one sister survive to mourn his loss. One brother Charles, and his family live on Elkhead just above the Clifford Fulton ranch. He is suffering from a bullet wound received at the same time Clifford was shot. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the relatives in this time of sorrow.

On same day as first article:

At the Elkhead school meeting Mrs. Chas Fulton was elected secretary to succeed Jack White, who has moved out of the district, and E. D. Smith is the new president of the school board.

### **May 29, 1914**

Ferry Carpenter came in Monday morning after several days absence in the east.

U. F. Harrison was in town Monday. He was after his level and said he was going to run some laterals on his ranch on Calf Creek. Harrison is not quite thru planting his 50 acres of potatoes.

### **June 5, 1914**

Reece Horton was a Hayden visitor Saturday, coming down from his Elkhead ranch.

George Hughes and son Eddie returned to Bears Ears sawmill again Tuesday after a short time in town. They report four inches of snow up there Monday morning.

### **June 19, 1914**

The Oldham Case

This case was called Tuesday morning. A jury was selected by 2:30 p.m. The jurymen are Chas Fay, C.H. Hunich, C. E. Auter, E.F. Hill, John Main. WI Orr, George C. Merrill, J.W. Diton, A.C. Bower, C. J. Scribner, G. W. Hoffman

and W.W. Carle. These men are from Yampa or south of Steamboat and know very little about Oldham or his alleged insanity. Judge Clover of the defense asked every jurymen if he would acquit a man of a crime if the actor was insane or if there was even a doubt of his sanity. A refusal to answer "yes" meant being left off the jury. There are about two dozen witnesses about as many for one side as for the other. All who have been connected in former cases have been summoned mostly by the defense with the idea of proving Oldham's insanity. The experts in the case are Sibbald of Denver and Dodge and Willett of Steamboat and Enochs of Hayden. The latter is the one who testifies of Oldham's sanity.

Latest 6p.m. Carpenter has made his argument. Clover for defense talks this morning to be followed by Attorney Gentry closing the argument for the prosecution and the case. It may be decided by the jury today.

George Murphy was down from his Elkhead Ranch Saturday.

Ferry Carpenter and Jack White recently found one of the Adair-Solandt cattle on the range in dying condition from larkspur poisoning. They applied the new forest service remedy and the steer came through all right and is now fattening up for the fall market.

Ed Fulton is in Steamboat attending the Oldham trial. After this is over Ed will go to Ohio but expects to return soon.

A.D. Galloway expects his father in from Michigan on today's train.

RE Norvell, Sam Adair, Sam Lighthizer, Dr. Solandt and G.W. Smith summoned as witnesses on the Oldham case, were excused Wednesday evening and all but Norvell returned home that night. Tush Holderness going after them in his auto.

## **June 26, 1914**

### **Oldham Jury Hung**

After being deadlocked for over twenty-four hours the jury in the Oldham case failed to agree on a verdict. It has been rumored that eight were for the murder in the first degree and four for insanity. The case will come up again in the September term of court.

Isadore Boloten sold his thorobred cattle to Reece Horton the past week and bot a bunch of cattle of Bruce Dawson.

James Barnes's mother, Mrs. Crawford, of Bellingham Washington came in on Friday's train and is visiting the Barnes family on Elkhead.

F.R. Carpenter made a business trip to Glenwood Tuesday returning today.

### **June 26, 1914**

Adair and Solandt have bought 240 acres of land of Mary Lee McKinley for \$6000. This adjoins their big Elkhead ranch and gives them 1880 acres in one body. It is probably the best stock ranch in northwestern Colorado, if not in the state.

### **July 3, 1914**

Miss Mary Officer came down from Elkhead Saturday. She is teaching school there.

A.A. Fredrickson came in the last of the week to meet two of his nieces who are here from Nebraska to visit at the Fredrickson home.

Paul Blakemore of Moline Ill. came in the past week to spend the summer. He is a cousin of Ferry Carpenter.

### **July 17, 1914**

Mr. A.D. Galloway and wife, parents of A.D. Galloway, after a months visit started for their home in Adrian Michigan, yesterday.

### **August 1, 1914**

Shorty Hugenin and family will take up their residence in Harris. Shorty has lots of work to do there painting and papering.

### **August 21, 1914**

The people north of Hayden are counting on having some good exhibits of grains and vegetables at the fair. If you beat us you will have to go some.

Mrs. A. Frederickson was in town Saturday.

The J.D. Funk family visited at the Galloway Smith ranch Sunday.

Lloyd Smith has about completed the Smith-Lighthizer irrigation ditch and next week he will begin to work on Williams Fork for the Butler boys. They will construct a big reservoir which will keep Lloyd busy until snow flies.

Jack Wiseman finished putting up hay on the Jim Oldham place last week.

P.C. Carson and family visited at the T.J. Haxton place Sunday.

Gibbs brothers have cut 90 acres of grain already and have about 100 acres more to cut. Their crop is fine this year.

### **September 25, 1914 The Oldham Case**

As we go to press the Oldham case is on trail. Most of our readers will remember that Oldham shot Clifford Fulton to death and shot Charles Fulton in the leg and Sam Lighthizer in the hand at the Elkhead school meeting last May. He was tried last June and the jury hung so the case was called up Tuesday of this term of court. It took all day Tuesday and most of Wednesday morning to select a jury. A special venue of 15 men in addition to the 48 already selected was ordered Tuesday evening. Oldham has A.M. Gooding and the prosecution has Gentry and Carpenter for attorneys. The defense under the pleas of poverty places the cost on the county. Oldham has summoned 22 witnesses and the prosecution has summoned 8. The jury consists of Elmer King of Toponas, W. H.M.Clure, Charles Bird Walter Chapman of Yampa, Frank McClelland and Herb Lufkin of Sidney, Herod Fulton and Elof Nelson of Oak Creek, Herb Gee and A. H. Crosby of Steamboat, Charles Gibbs of Elk Mountain and R. F. Linberg of Twentymile.

Ferry Carpenter is again assisting Attorney Gentry in the Oldham case and A. Gooding is acting as Oldham's counsel. The jurymen for this term number 48, most of them being from Yampa and the upper country. The liquor cases in Steamboat and Hayden are the other principal cases for this term of court.

### **October 2, 1914**

#### **Oldham Found Guilty of First Degree Murder**

The Oldham trail closed Saturday evening and the jury was out until Sunday afternoon. An agreement was reached giving a verdict of first degree murder and recommending life imprisonment. The defense made for Oldham was insanity. He had been tried twice on that charge and had been turned free. About a year ago eight citizens of Hayden made the charge for a third time against Oldham, but the matter was compromised by paying Oldham \$1000 to leave the country. It was thought that this would save trouble and probably property and life. Through bad advice or lack of moral principles or both, Oldham did not leave the country as he was expected to and might better have done, but after going to Moffat county for a day or two he returned to his ranch apparently filled with a desire to get revenge. He attended the Elkhead school meeting on May 4th of this year, and then without any warning whatever he commenced to shoot at Charlie and Clifford Fulton. Clifford was shot in the body and he died a few hours afterward. Charlie was shot in the leg. Sam Lighthizer, in trying to get a second gun from Oldham, was shot through the hand. He and Charlie Fulton soon recovered from their wounds.

Oldham was tried at the June term of court, Judge Clover being his attorney, and Gentry and Carpenter being the prosecuting attorneys. The jury did not agree, so the case was retried at this term of court.

### **October 23, 1914**

Galen Kleckner of Elkhead has entered school for the term.

### **October, 23, 1914 County School Notes (Kindness of Mrs. E. Peck)**

[Excerpt:] In district No. 11, known as Elkhead district, some decided improvements have been made in the school, and many excellent books and much equipment have been added to the school. "Verily a live school director maketh a glad teacher." .

Increase in valuation in District 11, \$40,410.

### **October 30, 1914**

The Elkhead school gave a program of two hours length last Friday night which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. After the children had rendered the program there was a box supper. The boxes sold well and each contained a dandy lunch. After lunch came dancing, which was carried on until nearly daylight. The school will continue another month with Miss Mary Officer as teacher.

The Dry Fork School in the same district will close tonight with a program and supper. Miss Mary McDowell is the teacher. Both schools will have domestic science equipment next year and a plot of ground will be broken up near the school house for agricultural purposes. This is the up-to-date way of doing things.

### **November 6, 1914**

Miss Mary Mc Dowell who completed a successful term of school on the Dry Fork of Elkhead Thursday stayed over in Hayden until Wednesday so as to exercise the right of voting.

### **December 4, 1914**

Al Jones, Dave Sellers, and John Adair acted as an appraising committee on part of the estate of the late Clifford Fulton.

Ed Fulton was in town for the first time in many days. He brot Miss Mary McDowell down to the train. Miss McDowell closed her term of school on Dry Fork Friday and was returning to her home near Sidney.

Chas Fulton come down from his Elkhead ranch Monday and went to Steamboat Tuesday to look after business matters.

### **December 11, 1914**

Boloten proves up on his claim: John F. White, FRC, Charles Fulton and Reece Horton signers.

### **December 23, 1914 Steamboat Pilot**

Frank C. Corbin of Elkhead has filed a petition in the county court asking for determination on heirship in respect to his brother, who died at Hayden three years ago. Deceased had filed on government land and final proof will be made by the heirs.

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### **January 8, 1915**

James Oldham has been granted a stay of 90 days for his attorney to submit his case to the state supreme court.

ED Smith and Charles Estep had the time of their life moving the boiler of the old Beale mill six miles toward Sidney the past week. The boiler rolled down hill a couple of times and the road was in bad shape so they had to repair it. It took three days to go six miles. Ernest Campbell will use the boiler at a mill southeast of Steamboat.

### **January 29, 1915**

#### **Boloten Buys Oldham Ranch**

The deal is practically closed whereby Isadore Boloten acquires the James Oldham ranch. This is one of the best small ranches north of town and was owned by the well known Oldham who, was recently convicted of murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Oldham has used all his property up in his numerous lawsuits and the purchase is made as much though his brother Frank as anyone else. Boloten will make use of the ranch to feed cattle which he is acquiring.

Ferry Carpenter and Jack White are determined to have a fine Hereford bull even if they have to buy three or more to get one. They had the bad luck to lose two a short time ago and now they have one which the bot of Davis and Trumbull, who have a fine herd at Saratoga, Wyo. This one is sixteen months old and weights 1000 pounds. It is probably as fine a calf as has been brot to or raised in this country.

### **March 12, 1915**

The people in the Elkhead country are going into the dairy business, three or more separators having been sold out there.

### **April 16, 1915**

FR Hayes, Jas. Barnes, HF Morsbach and Charlie Fulton, all of Elkhead country were in town this week.

### **May 7, 1915**

The Elkhead schools begin May 10 with Mrs. Leroy Baker of Steamboat, and Miss Mary McDowell of Sidney as teachers. Mrs. Baker has a state reputation as a domestic science teacher. Miss McDowell has been taking special work in school for several months thus adding to her qualifications as a first class teacher.

### **May 7, 1915** School Meetings

The Elkhead school meeting was well attended and much hot air and high flown oratory was indulged in. The district voted \$5000 in bonds to erect a fine central school house on or near the Isadore Boloten place.

It was also decided to build a school house in the south part of the district for the smaller children in that district and give them a six months term. The scheme of hauling the children to school did not meet with favor and each pupil from a distance will furnish his own saddle horse or other means of conveyance.

### **June 11, 1915**

A contractor was out in the Elkhead district looking over the site of the new \$5000 building to be erected on the Boloten place as a central school.

### **June 25, 1915**

Frederick Seeley of Denver has been hired to supervise the construction of the new Elkhead school house which is to be built near the Isadore Boloten place at a cost of \$5000. Mr. Seeley oversaw the construction of the fine Hugus block in Meeker.

The building is to be constructed of native stone which is found in large quantities near the building site. Good sand has also been found near. The building will be 30x50 and consists of two large rooms which can be thrown into one to be used for social gatherings of the community. The light will come from the side and rear, there being no cross lights. The basement will be used of a gymnasium, manual training room and such other school activities as thought necessary. Excavating for the building is already in progress and if sufficient help can be secured the building will be completed in three months. This will without doubt be the most up-to-date country school house in the county, being provided with water, heating system and modern conveniences. The Steamboat school is the only other school, even in town, that will be as convenient and to date.

**July 23, 1915 (under Additional Local)**

There was a big dance at the Art Horton place Saturday night and a tip top time is reported.

George Murphy and wife were down from Dry Fork Wednesday and took out a buggy load of provisions, for themselves and neighbors. George says his timothy is not quite as tall as last year but he will have a good crop.

**July 30, 1915 (under Here and There)**

Several Routt county papers had optimistic news about the Laramie Hahn's Peak and Pacific building into Routt county, and the Moffat County Courier announced that the Union Pacific was going to build into Craig from Wamsutter. Let 'em both come; we have plenty of coal for all the roads that will build into our great empire.

**August 20, 1915**

Financial Statement  
Of School District No. 11, County of Routt, State of Colorado, from July 1, 1914 to June 30, 1915

RECEIVED

Amount on hand June 30, 1914 held by County Treasurer:

General Fund -----	47.12
Special Fund-----	297.23
Bond Fund-----	178.86

Amount on hand June 30, 1915,

Held by District Treasurer-----581.87  
 Received from general fund by apportionment 277.74  
 Special Tax for school purposes-----1196.64  
 Special tax for redemption of bonds -----44.98  
 Total-----2593.34

PAID

For teachers' salaries-----415.00  
 For fuel, rent, insurance and all current expenses 389.89  
 For Tuition -----101.50  
 For permanent improvements -----215.14  
 For Furniture -----44.08  
 For library purposes -----212.87  
 For interest on registered warrants -----47.52  
 Total paid out during year-----2011.47  
 Balance in hands of County Treasure to credit of district:  
 Bond Fund-----223.54  
 Special Fund-----358.83  
 Total-----1875.27  
 Amount of district warrants registered and unpaid 855.00  
 Balance in hands of District  
 Treasurer June 30, 1915-----581.87

MRS. C.L. FULTON  
 Secretary of District No. 11

**September 3, 1915**

**Mrs. James Robinson**

The death of Mrs. James Robinson took place Saturday morning. The Robinson family live in the Elkhead country where they have been improving a claim for several years past. Mrs. Robinson has not been well and strong for some months. Death was the result of premature child birth. The burial services took place at the Hayden cemetery the same evening. The death is especially sad from the fact that the sorrowing husband has three care [sic] of the small children on his hands, besides his other burdens. Many neighbors and friends extend their sympathy to Mr. Robinson in this hour of great trial. Rev. Chapman conducted the burial service.

Miss Mary McDowell teacher of the Dry Fork School was in town Sunday in attendance at the burial of Mrs. Robinson. Miss McDowell has taken a claim in the Elkhead section and thus may be reckoned among our permanent citizens.

### **October 15, 1915**

#### Elkhead School Opening

The new school house in the Elkhead district is to be formally opened Friday night November 5. On that evening the graduating exercises of the Dry Fork as well as those of the Elkhead school will be held. After the school program a dance will be given. Everybody invited to attend the whole evening.

### **Steamboat Pilot: November 10, 1915 Model Rural School Community Celebrates Opening of New Educational Building**

The people of school district No. 11, Elkhead, Friday night celebrated the completion of their school building, which is the model country school edifice of the county. At present there are two schools in the district, the Elkhead school being presided over by Mrs. LeRoy Baker, and the Dry Fork school under the charge of Miss Mary McDowell. These are to be consolidated in the new building. The graduation exercises of the two schools were held Friday night in the new building the following class being given diplomas: Lela Ferguson, Frank Barnes, Ina Hayes, Eleanor Haller, Gayland Kleckner, Florence Jones, Helen Jones and Ezra Smith.

People went from far and near to enjoy the exercises and to view the new building, in which they take a justifiable pride.

The building is constructed of stone and is 30x50 feet, with basement. It has a heating plant and is well lighted and ventilated. The main floor is divided by folding partitions and can be thrown into one room when desired for school purposes or for a community center, for it is intended as a meeting place for any gathering of interest.

In the basement are the domestic science and manual training rooms and also recitation rooms. The building cost \$5,000. The district is the fourth largest in the county in point of valuation, having property listed by the assessor at \$705,000.

### **November 19, 1915**

C.L. Martin and his father in law GW Mitchell of Locust Grove, Okla. Came in on last night's train. They expect to locate here if they can find suitable claims.

### **December 3, 1915**

U.F. Harrison is putting up a house and other buildings on his place on Calf Creek. He will have a well improved place before he quits.

**December 17, 1915**

Report of School District. 11 Bond issue...

**Receipts**

The \$5000 of bonds being at 6 per cent interest and due in 25 years optional in 15 were sold at \$1025 which brought to the district...\$5125

**Expenditures**

The following amounts were paid out of the above fund:

**Excavation**

**\$86.06**

Lloyd Smith 86.00

**Labor on Walls**

**\$872.40**

Contracted to Frew Bros. at  
\$1.20 per perch 872.40

**Hauling**

**\$312.40**

x cents per lb from Hayden  
Lloyd Smith 191.63  
Robt. Harmon 4.90  
James Barnes 10.00  
J.P. Caster 6.25  
F. Maynard 4.90  
L.C. Williams 5.00  
G. S. Montieth 31.00

**Materials**

**\$3,725.82**

J. W. Hugus and Co. 513.03 .  
? A U Lumber Co. 740.00  
George L. Hughes ?  
CF Bates 33.50  
C. L. Fulton 27.20  
Geo. Kleckner 1.40  
? 1.25  
Tr Hardware Co. 26.20

**Labor**

**\$1,740**

E. F. Sealey 682.70

F.R. Hays	383.50	
Wm Cowen	58.00	
Jos. Cober	60.40?	
Robt Shultz	196.50	
E. S. Fulton	291.40	
Chas Pizor	100.00	
Jerry Mansfield	81.25	
A Ferguson	13.50	
Dick Estep	7.30	
Louis Chacho	6.20	
Walter Claire	1.25	
<b>Furnace</b>		<b>339.84</b>
Michael Heating Co.	320.84	
Freight	18.80	
J.C. Freeman	71.00	
<b>Blackboards</b>		<b>21.11</b>
Centennial School supply Co.	21.12	
Interest, Phone calls, telegrams, express and miscellaneous		<b>23.54</b>
Balance in bank Dec. 8, 1915		.57
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<b>Total</b>		<b>5126.00</b>

Signed this 8th day of Dec. 1915 Board of Directors of Dist. No. 11 By F.R. Carpenter, Treas.

### December 31, 1915

Nearly 200 people gathered at the new Elkhead school house to celebrate Christmas day. The marriage ceremony of Thomas McManus and Gertrude Sprague took place at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Chapman from Hayden officiating. The ring ceremony was used, and the Christmas tree and festive trimmings of the room made a very pretty setting for the service. Mrs. William Kleckner had provided a bountiful wedding dinner which was served in the Domestic Science room in the basement. The afternoon program was as follows:

- Opening prayer and talk by Rev. Chapman
- Song by everyone.
- Song by the Elkhead boys and girls.
- Recitation by Jeannette Haller.
- Duet by Lela Gibbs and Eleanor Haller.
- Recitation by Jessie Morsbach

Recitation by Allie Kleckner  
Recitation by Leila Ferguson

After the program, the Christmas tree was lit up with candles and Santa Claus put in an appearance and distributed sacks of candy and nuts to all the children. Fritz Woshram sang Sill Nacht in German, which was enjoyed by all. Dr. Solandt who was scheduled to talk, telephoned up that he could not get away, and to tell everyone a Merry Xmas from him, this message was received with applause, and a like Greeting returned to him over the phone. After sunset, the Xmas tree was removed and its place taken by the musicians, and a big never to be forgotten Christmas dance was soon in full swing and lasted till broad daylight.

### **January 1, 1916**

It seems that in the last issue of the Republican, we neglected to print a very interesting item. As this is the first time we ever passed up an important piece of news we know that our readers will pardon us if we give it now. It seems that on Christmas day when Reece Horton and wife and Chuck Pierson were returning from the Elkhead school the team ran away and scattered the harness, sled, dishes, cranberry sauce, cake and Mrs. Horton all over the road. Nor was this all, for Mrs. Horton rolled off the road and over the bank and stuck in the top of a handy pine, with only some cranberry sauce and butter and gravy for company. We have reliable information that Chuck and Reece had to cut down the tree to save the situation and the lady. When interviewed neither Mr. Horton nor Mr. Pierson would admit being the driver at the time of the occurrence, but both expressed regret that the cranberry sauce was spilled.

### **January 14, 1916**

Lester Earl Maynard

The sad news of the death of Lester Earl Maynard of Elkhead reached town Wednesday evening. The young man had been suffering from locked bowels and Doctor Solandt after two heroic attempts finally reached the bedside of the boy a few hours before he died but could not save his life. Lester was 18 years old last May. He was a young man who was highly respected by those who knew him best. Industrious and trustworthy and having good habits, his employers speak very highly of him. The funeral services were conducted this morning at the Maynard home and burial took place near by.

### **February 11, 1916**

James Davis and wife, Cris Graves, Charles Grose and Mr. Laturno, also Frank James [Jones?] and G. W. Mitchell were down from the Elkhead country the first of the week. Mrs. Davis underwent an operation here yesterday. The Elkhead people report about five feet of snow in their country.

### **March 31, 1916**

The Elkhead people are talking about a new election district which would include the Hayden district north of Hayden divide, probably, or near that line anyway, and swing north when straight north of town. The definite boundary will be set forth in the petition and the new Elkhead school house will be designated as the polling place.

### **April 28, 1916**

#### **Ruby Hayes**

The death of Ruby Hayes the seven year old daughter of F.R. Hayes and wife of Elkhead took place Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Death was caused by bronchial pneumonia and the little girl had been sick but a short time. The funeral services took place at the Hayes home Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock and burial was made on the ranch. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

#### **Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy of our friends and neighbors shown during the sickness and death of our daughter and sister Ruby.

F.R. Hayes and family

### **May 5, 1916**

The regular annual meeting of School District No. 11 was held at the new stone school house on Elkhead Monday May 1, 1916. Mrs. C.L. Fulton was re-elected secretary of the District for a term of three years by acclamation.

The summer school in the western end of the district was decided upon to be held in Julia Smith's cabin, beginning Monday, May 15, temporarily until the regular summer school building could be built on the new road. It was decided to begin school in the big school house Tuesday, August 1, 1916 and to run 2 rooms for a full term of 9 months. The matter of roads to the new school was taken up and a committee consisting of Henry Morsbach, Sam Lighthizer and C.F. Fulton was appointed by President E. D. Smith to select routes to the three sections of the district--Calf Creek, Dry Fork and Elkhead; the same committee was also delegated to select a site for a cemetery and to have the same surveyed when the roads are run out.

A petition was circulated asking the county commissioners to establish District 11 into a voting precinct with the new school house for a polling place; upon discussion it was ascertained that of about 70 legal voters in the district, only about 10 to 15 were able to get to Hayden to vote and that had to travel and average distance of 15 miles to get there.

It was announced that a meeting would be held in the school house Sunday, May 7, at 2 pm to organize a Sunday school to be held at the school house regularly. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

### **May 12, 1916**

Wilbert M. Hayes and mother who had been visiting the F.R. Hayes family of Elkhead for several days, left on the train Sunday morning for their home in Medicine Lodge, Kan.

### **June 6, 1916**

The Elkhead Sunday school is well attended and the interest shown is encouraging. The attendance runs up to 40 and 50 these Sundays.

### **June 16, 1916**

Ferry Carpenter got back from Chicago Tuesday night. He reports having had a fine time and that Chicago people are plumb daffy over Roosevelt.

### **June 30, 1916**

#### **A Good Road Surveyed**

For years the Elkhead section has been crying for good roads. There seems to be a decided move towards getting a fair start on making some good roads this season. A road has been surveyed by P.C. Carson which starts north of the Galloway place, runs close to the Ed Smith and Sam Lighthizer places past the Reece Horton farm thence to the new school building and from there to Calf creek and to the Pot Holes by the Lon Workman place. When completed this will give a good outlet to many Elkhead people to town and to their own neighborhood. The grade is not over 8 per cent at any place.

### **August 4, 1916**

#### **Elkhead School Opens**

Miss Dorothy Woodruff and Miss Rosamond Underwood of Auburn, New York came in last Thursday night and the next day went to the U.F. Harrison home on Elkhead. These young ladies are the new teachers for the Elkhead

school and both are graduates from Smith College. They come very highly recommended and Elkhead people count on a splendid school this term.

School started this week and will last nine months.

## **ELKHEAD RALLY DAY**

### **AUGUST 20**

The Sunday school at Elkhead has set August 20 as Rally Day. The whole country is invited to be present on that day. Come in the morning and bring your lunch and help eat the big dinner that will be served. Preaching by Rev.H.E. Chapman at 11 a.m. Dinner at noon and Sunday school after dinner. The Elkhead Sunday school is getting along famously and the Elkhead people are to be congratulated on having such an efficient worker as Miss Iva Rench as teacher in their district. Miss Rench has taken right hold of the Sunday school work and is making it a success. An unusually well-informed Bible student, she is capable of leading off in any line of Sunday school endeavor and has done so with great success. Miss Rench has taken up a claim in that section also and is going to be a permanent citizen. Her school work is also highly spoken of.

### **August 11, 1916**

#### Haying Notes (partial transcription)

The hay crop all over this section of the country is reported as exceptionally fine this year and a heavier tonnage will be stacked than last year, tho wet weather will keep its quality from being up to last year's. The alsike is thicker but not so high as last year and the timothy is shorter.

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Sam Lighthizer waited for the weather to settle before he started to cut his hay and put his time in at politics. He has decided that he made a good move.

George Marshall will put up the hay on the McKinley ranch this year.

Henry F. Morsbach is putting up hay on the old Galloway place this year and expects to live there part of the winter and feed it to his sheep.

Clarence Freeman was in town Tuesday hauling out machinery to put up they hay on the old Jack White place on Morgan creek.

George Marshall traded pasture on the old Foster place for hay on the C. T. Roberds desert place on Morgan Creek.

Guy Hayes will help George Murphy put up his hay on Dry Fork.

Fred Roller is now helping Fred Sayre in haying.

Andy Fryer, Ollie Hill, Frank and Douglas MacGreggor are helping John Adair in the hay field on the river.

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### **August 25, 1916**

#### Elkhead Sunday school Rally

The Hayden people did not get to hear Rev. Chapman Sunday morning for he and Clayton Whitman and Sam Reid went to Elkhead and Rev. Chapman preached in the school house that morning. After preaching service the picnic dinner was eaten. Seventy people partook of the appetizing food. After dinner the Sunday school met and Mr. Reid rendered some excellent piano music as he had for the church service in the morning. Mr. Whitman gave a short talk on the need and benefits in a community. Rev. Chapman also gave a short on Sunday school work. Miss Rench assisted by other teachers and local people is having a very successful Sunday school at Elkhead school. William Pritchard was also a visitor from the Hayden valley and Christof Bariel and family arrived on the scene late in the day. It was the opinion of the Hayden people that a very pleasant and profitable day had been spent with our neighbors to the north.

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of School District No. 11, County of Routt, State of Colorado, from July 1 1915, to June 30, 1916.

#### **RECEIVED**

Amount on hand July 1 1915,

Held by County Treasurer:  
 Special Fund-----358.33  
 Bond Fund-----223.54  
 Bond Proceeds-----5129.86

Received from general fund by  
 Apportionment----- 463.77  
 From special tax for school  
 Purposes-----1860.15  
 From special tax for redemption of bonds-----321.54  
 From all other sources -----157.50  
 Total -----8511.69

**PAID**

For teachers' salaries -----1623.00  
 For fuel, rent, insurance and all current expenses ----428.50  
 For buildings, furniture, and permanent  
 Improvements-----5235.20  
 For library purposes-----130.45  
 For interest on bonds-----300.00  
 For interest on registered warrants-----66.43  
 For rebate taxes and fees-----252.62  
 Total amount paid out during the year -----8046.20

Balance in hands of County Treasurer to credit of district, July 1, 1916  
 Special Fund-----160.92  
 Bond Fund-----307.57

Total -----\$8514.69

Balance in hands of County  
 and District Treasurers, as above -----468.49

MRS. C.L.FULTON.  
 Secretary of District No. 11

**Sept 15, 1916**

Ed Smith brot his sister Miss Bessie to the train Wednesday and the latter started for her home in Ohio. She had spent about two months with her relatives in the Elkhead country.

U.F. Harrison and Miss Mary McDowell came down from Elkhead Wednesday with the ballot box and Mrs. Dell Coffin brot the Williams Fork box down.

The marriage of two of Elkhead's well known people occurred last Friday in Steamboat. Rev. McDowell performed the ceremony which made James Hood and Miss Susie Jones husband and wife. The young folks will start to housekeeping on the Hood claim north of town. Mr. Hood is a son of Mrs. James Ferguson and the bride is a daughter of Herbert Jones and wife, both well known families of the Elkhead country, and both well thought of by their numerous friends and acquaintances.

### **Sept 29, 1916**

**Dr. Solandt Killed in Automobile Accident: Crushed beneath car on Trull Road.**

Monday evening when returning from Steamboat where he had taken the mother of Si Michaelis Dr. Solandt was crushed beneath an automobile and after lingering for about 15 ½ hours he died form the injuries at 11:30am Tuesday. But Wright was driving the Ford car for the livery barn and Dr. Solandt was sitting beside him on the front seat, and Si Michaelis was in the back seat. The night being dark they ran past the Hayden turnoff, following the Hahn's Peak road. It was decided to go ahead and cross the Elk river bridge coming back by the way of Trull. When coming down the steep hill north of George Trull's house the lights went out and the car swerved to the left and toppled over. The boys got out by jumping but the Doctor was impeded by a heavy fur coat and was caught under the car making an outcry as the car struck him. Trull and his hired man heard the noise and the car was soon raised and the unconscious man was taken to the Trull home and Dr. Blackmer of Steamboat was summoned and he came in 20 minutes. Dr. Whittaker of Harris was also summoned. Mr. Solandt soon regained consciousness and Dr. Whittaker brot him on to his office at Mt. Harris. Everything possible was done to relieve the Doctor but his ribs had been pressed into his lungs and his liver had been torn loose. He was conscious most of the time and talked a little, dictated his will, and arranged his business affairs. Many people visited him in his last hours and as they knew his life was only a question of hours.

It is probably that the death of no person in the Hayden community could have caused such general sorrow. For 18 years this coming December he has lived constantly in Hayden ministering to the wants of the sick and afflicted. John Vernon Solandt was born in Ontario, Canada in October 1869. As a boy he was in poor health, but he had a great ambition to do something and be somebody in the world. He went to New England for a few years but while still a young man entered McGill University in Toronto and graduated from the veterinary

course March 30, 1894. He left there on account of asthma and came to Colorado graduating from the medical course of the University of Denver in 1898. He came to Routt county in December 1898 and thru the suggestion of Dr. Jefferson took up the practice of medicine in the Hayden valley, which meant for 25 miles on each side of Hayden also. He was elected coroner in 1904, he has been county physician, member of the Hayden school board, mayor of the town, and was on the town board constantly. He belonged to most of the fraternal orders in the town and was in fact one of our most active public men in all walks of life.

### **October 6, 1916**

HM Jones homestead claim patent. Witnesses UF Harrison, FR Carpenter, Doc Solandt, Lewis Hugenin

Program of Teachers Association.

Which is to be Held in the Hayden School Building To-Morrow.

9: 30 music. Art in the room of a busy teacher, by Miss Rench, of district 11, discussion led by Miss Spingston of Hayden. Dramatization – when, where, how, and how often by Miss Tulley of Hayden, discussion led by Mrs. Colburn, of Mt. Harris. Teaching the essentials, by Mr. Carpenter, discussion led by George W. Smith.

1:30 Music. Question box. How can we teach our pupils to think? By Mr. Wilson of Mt. Harris, discussion led by Miss Underwood of district 11. History thru the grades, by Mrs. Stukey, of Hayden, discussion led by Mr. Funk, of Hayden.

7:30 lecture at the church by Mrs. Mary C.C. Bradford, state superintendent. A reception will be given after the lecture to meet Mrs. Bradford. The music will be under the direction of Miss Taylor, supervisor of music in the Hayden schools.

### **Dec. 8, 1916**

Mrs. Cook's baby has been very sick the past week and Dr. Whitaker was called to attend her. The baby is now reported much better. The weather has been quite wintry the past week, but the attendance has been good just the same.

The school is quite busy preparing for the Christmas program. We expect the whole community will attend this program.

F.R. Hays has been doing some carpentry work at the school house the past week.

U.F. Harrison has moved his sheep to the old Galloway place to feed them through the winter.

Population of Hayden: around 500.

## **Dec. 15, 1916**

### **Christmas at the Elkhead School House**

Arrangements have been made for the annual Christmas Party at the new stone school house on Elkhead. The entertainment will begin at 5pm and after the program will come the Christmas tree and Santa Claus, and then a dance.

The chairmen of the committee in charge are as follows: decorations, Julia Smith; program, Miss Underwood and Miss Woodruff, treats, Mrs. C. L. Fulton; dance, Sam Lighthizer.

The affair as usual will be a community one and everyone is invited to attend. The girls in the school who are planning on organizing a Camp Fire organization will have a sale of home made candies. The school children will give a Christmas play and songs. There will be good music for the dance and with a 50 by 30 floor and a furnace heated building fun and comfort are assured for all.

As considerable interest has been manifested as to the practicality of a winter school in the rural districts of the county it might be well to add that this 2 room rural school, where the average distance traveled by each pupil is 2 miles, the attendance and work has been exceptionally good. There are 27 children of the possible 540 attendances for November, there were only 30 absent days. In the upper room which includes the 1st year high school pupils there were only 6 days absence during November.

## **December 29, 1916** Elkhead

The Elkhead school children sent out a box of presents to the Children's Hospital in Denver.

Bob Harmon's baby has been sick this week and the Harmons could not attend the Christmas program.

Julia Smith, Miss Underwood, Miss Woodruff, Florence Jones, Isadore Boloten, Lloyd Smith, and Clyde Mitchell were at the schoolhouse Saturday afternoon decorating. Owing to the bad storm the tree did not reach the school house until 3:00 o'clock. Miss Underwood and Miss Woodruff stayed to finish up, and then were afraid to start home over the unbroken trail. They had supper and were preparing to retire on the Domestic Science room table, when a rescue party consisting of Frank Harrison arrived.

Mrs. Thrun, Mr. Campbell and Frank Jones were up at the mill and could not get down to attend the Christmas program.

Mrs. Fulton gave a Christmas dinner for several of the old bachelors, Christmas day.

Sam Lighthizer started to the program and got as far as the Galloway place when the storm became so bad he went back home.

### **Dec. 29, 1916**

#### **Elkhead Christmas Celebration**

In spite of one of the worst blizzards of the winter Monday afternoon, 117 persons attended the Christmas festivities at the new school house Monday night. The school children entertained the crowd for one and half hours. Miss Underwood's room gave a clever play, " The Obstinate Family,." The pupils showed both ability and training. Miss Woodruff's pupils sang Christmas songs and gave recitations. One of the last things given was Miss Woodruff's little folks singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." The program closed with a jolly Santa Claus song by the school. At the close of the program good old Santa arrived. He brot a sack filled with good things to eat for each child in the neighborhood, a stocking filled with gifts for each schoolchild and a gift for each child present. A treat of candy, nuts, popcorn, apples, and oranges was passed to the grownups. Dancing began at eight o'clock with Clarence Horton in charge of the floor. Sam Montieth, George Hughes, and Art Horton furnished the music. Well filled baskets were brot and two suppers were served, one at nine o'clock and the other at midnight. Mrs. Haller made coffee by the gallon. Because of the storm everybody had to stay until morning.

### **January 5, 1917 Elkhead**

The Camp-fire girls, who are organizing on Elkhead, thank every one who helped to make their sale of home-made candy a success; especially Mrs. C.L. Fulton, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, and Mrs. George Mitchell who donated candy and Shorty Huguenin who auctioned off the last few boxes. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$13.75.

Ed Smith and son Jake, got into the Pilot Knob sawmill, Monday, having been five days on the road from the ranch to the mill. All hands came down for about a weeks vacation. They had been snowed in for three weeks. Mr. Campbell says that this was the most unpleasant he has had in 35 years of sawmilling...

Sam Lighthizer is finishing the threshing in this neighborhood. He has threshed for George Murphy, Isadore Boloten, Chas. Fulton the past week. Isadore Boloten had 700 bushels of extra fine oats. Lighthizer is now at Reece

Horton's, the gasoline threshing outfit is found to be the most practical we have used as it is easy to move, requires only five or six men and gets the grain out in good shape.

Lloyd is staying on the Ed Fulton ranch during Ed's absence.

### **January 12, 1917**

Elkhead School notes

The attendance at the new Elkhead School house is remarkable considering the bad storm and distance some of the children have to come. Mssr. Hays, Morsbach and Ferguson took their children to school every day during the bad weather in December. Jim Robinson and Ed Fulton made several trips to the school keeping the roads open. Ben Fulton is attending every day and rides two miles and here's to the plucky Elkhead girls who donned big brother's overalls and skied to school.

Miss Woodruff and Miss Underwood never failed to be at the school house, riding a distance of two and a half miles.

Mr. Mitchell and his family moved to the little school house months ago and H M Jones moved his family into the Boloten homestead cabin to be nearer the school.

Attendance for December was: number enrolled 26; average daily attendance 22, never absent 14.

Charlie Riley is back in school after an absence of 2 weeks.

Eleanor and Delbert Haller are staying with the Fultons.

### **Elkhead**

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson spent Sunday at Bob Harmon's.

Eleanor and Delbert Haller started to school Monday and will finish the term. They are staying at Mrs. C.C. Fulton's for the present.

The Campfire Girls held their first meeting Friday afternoon at the Elkhead school. Mesdames C.L. Fulton, H.M. Jones, J.G. Hood, and G. Mitchell were present. Helen Jones was elected president; Lula Ferguson [sic], secretary; Ina Hayes, treasurer; and various plans were discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson went to town last week.

### **January 19, 1917**

AD Galloway and wife have located near Noel, Missouri where they have bot a poultry and truck farm. AD has started to build a new house and they find the neighbors quite friendly. They say the land is not nearly so rich as in Routt Co.

### **January 26, 1917 Elkhead**

Isadore Boloten went out to the Stock Show.

The boys over twelve at the Elkhead school partitioned off a room in the basement for their manual training tools last week and are putting in a partition for the campfire girls cozy corner this week. Mr. F.R. Hayes supervised the work. The work was well done and speaks well for the boys' ability and Mr. Hayes' instruction.

Perry Hayes, Perry Barnes, Chas. Pizor, and Elmer Smith were in Hayden last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mathis came out from Hayden last week and will spend the winter at the Lee Barnes ranch.

The Pilot Knob and Bears Ears mills are again running full force we are told. Several loads daily are being hauled from Pilot Knob, with that and the coal hauling the roads were in fine shape until the last snow.

We have not heard of any absentees in the schools during this snowy weather.

The weekly meeting of the campfire girls could not be held last week on account of the absence of Miss Underwood, the guardian. The girls are fixing up a cozy corner in the new school building. Mrs. Geo. Hughes donated the springs for a couch, and the manual training class is making a box for them.

Charles Riley has been absent from school the last week. He and his mother are going to New Jersey to spend the winter.

Lloyd Smith was in town Saturday to order the necessary articles to be used in preparing the chili for the dance he is giving at the Ed Fulton ranch on Dry Fork. Loyd is getting rather "skittish" for an old man.

The coal mine on Cottonwood was shut down from Monday until Friday while Bob Harmon was in Hayden having his tools sharpened. Clarence Horton has resumed his work there after a rather lengthy siege of la grippe.

Sam Lighthizer is back again from a threshing trip over south of Hayden, but is planning to start out again for Fortification in a few days.

Jim Robinson moved Gratis Cook and family down from "Little Arkansas" last week. Gratis is going to work for Geo. Cook south of Hayden.

## **February 2, 1917**

Lloyd Smith gave a dance at the Ed Fulton place last Saturday evening. There was quite a crowd and everybody had a fine time.

Jim Hood lost a horse last Sunday.

Mr. Carpenter visited the Elkhead school Monday. He gave a nice talk besides giving the domestic science class a demonstration in corn bread making, old bachelor style. The corn bread was fine and Mr. Carpenter's visit was much enjoyed.

The Morsbach boys have been absent from school for several days with tonsillitis.

The Elkhead campfire girls are working on their costumes and fixing up their cozy corner in the school house.

Isadore Boloten had the misfortune to lose nine sheep Monday night, by the collapse of the roof on his new sheep shed.

There are 1,700 sheep being wintered in this neighborhood. Most of these were brot in about the first of Nov. so the sheep industry is still in the experimental stage, with most of our ranchers. While only half of the sheep are protected with sheds, they are in good condition and a very small loss, about two per cent, is reported.

Miss Underwood and Miss Woodruff started to the Harrison ranch thru the blizzard Tuesday evening but were not able to make it so they went back to the school house. They spent the night at the C.L. Fulton ranch. Mr. Fulton going after them with a team.

Delbert Haller and Lewis Harrison stayed all night at the school house Tuesday night.

Mary Mc Dowell who is teaching at Grover, in the northeastern part of the state, writes that there is no place like Routt county. Two of our local poets wrote the following verses. Mrs. McDowell's neighborhood on Elkhead is known as "Little Arkansas."

O! Take me back to Arkansas  
To the cabin on the hill  
To the tumbling, laughing rill  
Where the folks are hard to beat,  
Where they call the school marms sweet.  
In "Little Arkansas."

Here's to Arkansas.  
Where the skies are mostly blue;  
Where our troubles are but few;  
Where the sweetest flowers grow.  
O! Let me always love my beau  
In "Little Arkansas."

O! Take me back to Bull Pen creek,  
And I will never complain.  
Of winter's snow or summer's rain.  
O! Let me sow and let me reap,  
And I never more will weep.

In "Little Arkansas."

Sam Lighthizer has bot the B.A. Dawson hay and moved his cattle to Williams Forks yesterday.

There will be a valentine dance at the Elkhead school house Wednesday, February 14. The Elkhead campfire girls will serve supper and Clarence Horton is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Walter Crowell, Floyd Blake, Lowell Gibbs, and Henry Morsbach who have been hauling lumber from the Pilot Knob sawmill are snowed in at the old Jack White cabin. They got out of grub and Thursday broke a trail to Ferry Carpenter's place where they found a supply of eatables.

### **February 9, 1917**

Ferry Carpenter took the Boy Scouts for a snowshoe "hike" last Saturday. The boys were carried in sleighs to the Jack White place and from there skied to Mr. Carpenters place. After supper the boys indulged in a moonlight "hike" over the neighborhood. They stayed at the Carpenter cabin and snow shoed home the next day. The boys said that they had a fine time.

### **Feb 23, 1917**

#### **Valentine Dance at Elkhead School House.**

Valentine's night about 100 residents of the Elkhead country gathered at the new school house for a dance. The teachers and pupils had made considerable preparations for the event. The folding partition between the two rooms was swung open making a good dance floor, 50 feet by 30 feet, the gasoline lighting system illuminated every part of the building, and the furnace provided comfortable heat. In the basement the new cozy room fitted out by the Camp Fire Girls of the school proved a popular rest and dressing room for the ladies and babies. The new room for shoe cobbling was of interest to many. Isadore Boloten who had learned that trade in Russia is giving free lessons once a week, and the leather is furnished at cost to the pupils; last week one boy half soled his shoes at a total cost of 29 cents. Clarence Horton acted as floor manager and kept things in full swing with his usual tact; George Hughes and Sam Monteith on the violin and Mrs. Thrun on the piano furnished the music. Square dances, waltz, quadrilles, Virginia reels, and circle two-steps were interspersed with the regular round dances. When the orchestra played Tipperary everyone gathered round and sang the new school song which is composed to that tune, by some of the high school pupils. At midnight supper was served by the Camp Fire girls in the domestic science room, and the only complaint made was that there was too big a variety of cakes and sandwiches to choose from and that things were sold too cheap. The girls took in \$23 for their camp. A part of this will be used to pay for the furnishings in their cozy room. The partitions, doors, etc. are being done

by the boys of the manual training class under the supervision of Frank Hayes. The dance lasted till daylight Thursday and school was not held that day, but on the following Saturday to make up for it.

### **March 2, 1917**

Isadore Boloten has bought Ed Smith's sheep and he moved them to his ranch Saturday. Mr. Boloten is getting to be quite a sheep man.

The Elkhead school had a vacation of three days this week. The teachers attended the carnival.

Mr. Carpenter visited school Tuesday and gave us a nice little talk on Washington and Lincoln and the American idea. We enjoyed his talk very much and hope he will come again soon.

School celebrated Washington's birthday last Friday. The Camp Fire Girls had charge of the program and every one seemed to enjoy it. It was a very stormy day but we had a few visitors.

Lewis Harrison was sick this week and could not attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Hood moved to their homestead last Wednesday.

Jean and Ed. Milner have lost two horses in the last week.

A dance was given in Art Horton's barn last Saturday evening. There was quite a crowd and everyone had a good time. The "cats" were fine.

### **March 11, 1917**

Miss Eleanor Haller is absent from school this week on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. C. T. Fulton is spending the weekend in Hayden with friends.

Miss Irene Smith has been visiting in school this week and will join the Camp Fire Girls.

Miss Mildred Woodruff has returned to her home and will be missed very much at the Elkhead School where she has been a frequent visitor.

### **March 23, 1917**

Ferry Carpenter visited the Elkhead school Monday and at the noon hour he treated the school to a sugaring off which was appreciated by all.

Mrs. C.M. Fulton returned from Hayden this week.

The Camp Fire girls held their first ceremonial meeting this week, initiating Ione Smith, Misses Dorothy Woodruff, and Julia Smith were present at the meeting.

Steve Cook has moved from Hayden to his ranch on Dry Fork.

Frank Hayes is doing some carpenter work for F.R. Carpenter.

## **ELKHEAD SCHOOL SONG**

Tune of Tipperary

composed by Eleanor Haller and Helen Jones

Way up on dear old Rimrock Ridge  
Where the snow is white and deep  
Where the air is clear and fresh and  
cold, to school we always trudge  
With such a bunch of Boys and Girls,  
we could not be asleep,  
And I'm sure you cannot help but  
think, we're very hard to beat.

Chorus

Its a long way to Elkhead School House  
Its a long way to go,  
It's a long way to Elkhead School House,  
To the finest school I know.  
Then it's good bye, oh, little school house  
Away down by the rill.  
It's a long, long way to Elkhead School House,  
Clear up on top of the hill.

We're a merry group of pupils,  
As you presently will see,  
We can sing and laugh and study and of fun we have just tons;  
If you should happen in some day, we'd be busy as a bee,  
For in study, work and everything, we are way up in "G."

### **March 30, 1917**

Mrs. H.M. Morsbach and Mrs. J.M. Ferguson visited the school this week.

Mrs. Underwood gave a first aid demonstration to the Camp Fire Girls  
Wednesday.

A dance was given at the Elkhead school house last Saturday. The Camp  
Fire Girls served supper.

### **April 7, 1917**

Isadore Boloten gave the Elkhead School a lecture last Thursday on  
ranching.

Frank Jones lost a horse last week.

Jim Robinson and A. Ferguson started for Hayden last Friday and the roads were in such a bad condition that they had to stop at the Emrich place on Morgan Creek and did not get home until Saturday.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Hayes Sunday, April 1st.

### **April 13, 1917**

Bob Perry came in last night and accompanied Ferry Carpenter to the Elkhead school which gave its closing program today and also one tonight. The school term there has been a very successful one being conducted by Miss Dorothy Woodruff and Miss Rosamond Underwood. It is with regret that the Elkhead people learn that the two young ladies will not return to teach the school this coming year.

L.C. Huguenin was in town Wednesday to get a load of groceries and other necessities of life to take out to the Adair Ranch on Elkhead. Shorty, as he is usually called, is running a store at the Adair ranch and also has set up a barber chair. Shorty is a versatile fellow and is pretty good barber so he will barber, farm and sell groceries.

### **April 20, 1917**

Closing exercises of the first nine months term of school, beginning August 4, 1916 were held at the Elkhead consolidated school house Thursday evening April 12. In spite of the fact that it was impossible to get a horse over the roads on account of the melting snow, about 30 parents and residents walked upon the crust early in the morning and were on hand for the exercises.

The lower grades gave a series of Mother Goose character monologues and the upper grades room gave a very cleverly acted farce. The eight grade diplomas were presented to Adelbert Haller and to Lewis Harrison. The attendance and the work at the school thru out the long and exceptionally severe winter have shown that a winter school is feasible for the rural districts of any county. The credit for the success of the term lies with the pupils who have faced all kinds of weather to get there, in part with the parents who have assisted and co-operated in that matter, and in part with the unusual perseverance and pluck of the two young lady teachers, Misses Underwood and Woodruff who have not only not missed a day's attendance and kept a snow trail open the 2 1/2 miles from where they boarded at Harrison's but who worked with such interest and vitality as to make the scholars want to come. In recognition of their bravery and loyalty in these matters they were presented by the school board of District No. 11. with a gold medal apiece with a cut of the school on one side and an inscription on the reverse side.

A dance followed the exercises, after a short war meeting at which the residents of Elkhead pledged their support to the prosecution of the war.

Misses Underwood and Woodruff drove to Hayden Friday and went out on Saturday's train to their homes in Auburn, N.Y. and with them go the best wishes and gratitude of the community they have so well served.

### **April 27, 1917**

Ira Smith sold his homestead to R. Haller.

### **May 11, 1917**

UF Harrison is the president of the Elkhead school board being elected Monday. While most of the voters came on snow shoes there were 23 votes cast. Mrs. Charlie Fulton, the secretary had a hard time getting there on horseback. A nine months school beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of August was voted. Last year's school of nine months was very satisfactory.

### **May 18, 1917**

#### **High Water**

The past week has seen high water in Yampa river and tributaries. Dry Creek has been running full and the Temple reservoir about five miles south of town on Dry Creek broke Monday afternoon, the water nearly all ran out. Luckily Charlie has his main reservoir intact as yet so he will have sufficient water to irrigate with. The water in Dry Creek came down so fast that the spillways could not carry it so it broke over the dam, washing a hole thru the dam. Coke Roberds reservoir at the head of Morgan creek broke Monday night and the water was lost. As John Adair was driving some horses across Elkhead bridge near the Foster place the bridge went out and carried some of the horses down stream but all swam out and were saved. The Yampa river bridge south of Craig went out Monday and the approaches to the Thornburg bridge just west of Lay have been washed out. The central span of the Craig bridge was carried away by a big tree which lodged against it. It is feared that the coal camps will have more water than they can take care of if the river gets as high as it has two or three times in the past 25 years.

Ira Smith went to work at Wagner Ranch. [paraphrased do not have exact date only May 1917]

**July 13, 1917:** *Routt County Sentinel*. Elkhead Draft Registration: Everett W. Adair, Frank C. Corbin, Farrington R. Carpenter, Earle C. Callen, Ernest B. Sargent, Earl M. Rice, Thomas E. Mathis, Paul J. Jones, Ed. C. Hughes, James C. Hood, Louis Charos, Clarence E. Horton, Otto C. Horton, and Frederick H. Eshom.

### **July 20, 1917**

The opening of the Elkhead school for the winter term in the stone house has been postponed from Aug 6 to Sept 3 on account of the late season and that so many of the pupils being needed in the hay fields. The new teachers engaged for the school are Miss Delcina Neilson and Ruth Bodfish of East Hampton, Mass.

### **August 31, 1917**

The Elkhead people are going to have a teacherage in their district. The work has already started and the building will be constructed of stone. Mr. Frew will do the stone work and Mr. Hayes the carpenter work. When completed the building will be two stories, but only the lower story will be completed this fall.

Miss Elizabeth Fulton, sister of Charley and Ed Fulton, and her friend Miss Helen Jobe from Xenia, Ohio and Miss Marian Carpenter and Miss Dorothy Hall from Evanston, Ill. Rode in horseback from the Fulton and Carpenter ranches and spent last Saturday enjoying the sights of Hayden and also the soda fountains.

E.D. Smith and Sam Lighthizer are having a new irrigation ditch put in and Lloyd Smith is doing the work. This will increase their irrigated land considerably. They are going to install a pumping plant for the upper ditch. Ed says he has begun to prepare exhibits for the fair.

George Murphy put up the biggest hay crop he ever had on his Dry Fork ranch. George is a good booster for the fair and is looking around to get some exhibits that will equal his former displays and Mrs. Murphy is going to get right in line with her domestic science exhibit.

### **Sept. 7, 1917**

School opened Monday with 28 enrolled. The school prospects are good for this year.

The walls of the teacherage are now up one story. This teacherage is being built by private funds and it is expected that the district will in time purchase the building.

Janette and Eleanor Haller will make their home in Mary McDowell's cabin this fall and winter so as to be near school during the term.

Sam Lighthizer is putting up one of the best houses in the country. The house is to be 28 square feet square and the basement has already been completed. It will be two stories in height and have hot and cold water and be modern thruout. Sam is one of the boys who has made good in the stock and farming business in this community. Has Lighthizer, Tush Holderness, and W.G. Kimball are doing the work on the house.

A marriage license for Charles Pizor and Miss Julia Smith was issued the last of week by the county clerk. We have not heard by whom or where the ceremony was performed if at all as yet. Both are young folks and highly respected residents of the Elkhead country.

### **Sept 14, 1917**

Enrollment at the Elkhead school reached 42 Wednesday. Work on the teacherage has been suspended on account of the lack of lumber.

Frank Harrison is working at the Dawson Ranch.

G.W. Smith and Boloten were visitors at the school Wednesday. They were fishing in California Park this week.

After spending the summer here Mrs. E.F. Carpenter, Miss Marion Carpenter and Miss Hall left for Evanston, Ill. This morning. Mrs. Carpenter is F.R.Carpenter's mother and Miss Marion is a sister.

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Mrs. Toole took Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. P.D. Norvell out to the F.R. Carpenter ranch yesterday and the young ladies took dinner with Mrs. E.F. Carpenter and daughter and also picked a fine lot of cherries.

A census was kept during the month of August of the vehicles which passed along the road west of Steamboat and it was found that 7,878 gasoline vehicles and 4,519 horse drawn ones passed during the month.

### **Oct 5, 1917**

Smith-Pizor

The marriage of Miss Julia Smith to Charlie Pizor took place about midnight Friday night. The young people drove out to Justice Price's place southwest of town and were married by him. The groom has a ranch north of town where the newlyweds will make their home. Charlie is a successful sheep man and stands well in the community. Mrs. Pizor is a daughter of E.D. Smith and one of the graduates from the Hayden high school and is a very estimable young lady. May long life and a full share of happiness attend Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pizor.

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[talk in the Newspaper Apr 11, of FRC starting a company for WWI]

### **October 12, 1917 Elkhead**

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Leonard Horton and wife leave for the Zwick ranch Sunday and expect to remain there this winter.

The lumber for the teacherage has arrived and work is progressing on the building.

Sam Lighthizer and U.F.Harrison are threshing.

### **October 26, 1917 Elkhead**

Our school teachers, Miss Bodfish and Miss Neilson spent Saturday and Sunday in Hayden. A certain young gentleman has taken pity on them and sees that they get to see the town once in a while.

Earle Callen brot out a load of fine furniture for Isadore Boloten the past week. That boy Isadore is fixing up some.

It is reported that the Cook family will live in or near Hayden this winter.

We are in hopes the teacherage will be ready for occupancy before an other month as the work is progressing nicely.

Dixon Biggs was visiting at the U.F. Harrison home.

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Mrs. Geo. Mitchell of the Elkhead country has been at the bedside of her father in Iola, Kan. For some time. Her father is very sick and her return home is indefinite.

Charlie Pisor has bot Frank Corbin's bunch of cattle. Charlie is now both a sheep and cattle man, and has just stepped up a notch by being a married man. Success to you Charlie.

### **November 2, 1917**

first letter from FRC in army.

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Guy Hayes came up from the Yampa Valley and visited with his folks, F.R. Hayes and family over Sunday.

F.J. Haller from Omaha, Neb. is visiting with his brother, R.W. Haller.

U.F. Harrison after threshing for F.R. Hayes, A.A. Fredrickson, John Adair, Claude Meyers and Mr. Haller, has stored his machine for the winter.

A.A. Fredrickson is well pleased with his grain crop this year as wheat went 31 bushels per acre and his oats 34 bushels. He had close to 1,100 bushels of grain.

Mrs. Helen Jones visited with the Ira Smith family in Hayden the last of the week.

Mrs. Elsie Hugenin has bot a new kitchen and the teachers expect to eat some of the good things cooked on this within the next ten days.

Flora Huguenin and sister Marie and Delbert Haller will be the new pupils in school next week.

Emil Rench and wife will live in town this winter having rented the small Shattuck house.

There was a lot of excitement on Elkhead Saturday when the Cook boy was lost. He was found near Coke Roberds place.

The school board made an official visit Tuesday afternoon.

Everett Adair left for Canada Monday to be gone for several weeks on a visit.

There was a big shipment of cattle from the Cary Ranch Saturday and the same day Pisor and Fulton shipped 4 cars of sheep from Hayden. Byron Shelton shipped 3 cars of spuds from Hayden Wednesday and Temple and Toole shipped five cars of cattle.

### **November 9, 1917**

Miss Rench has bot the Chris Graves ranch and the Graves family will move to Hayden this week.

L.C. Huguenin family now live in the teacherage and the girls will get to attend school regularly now.

Miss Mary McDowell is now teaching at the stone school house thus making three teachers in the building. She teaches just in the morning.

George Kitchens has leased his ranch to Don Taylor for a term of years.

Mrs. G.W. Mitchell is back from the funeral of her father. She spent several weeks at his bedside before his death.

The dance at Sam Lighthizers' was attended by about 60 people and some did not get home until Sunday morning.

F.R. Hayes of Elkhead was down from his ranch Tuesday. He did the work on the new teacherage and the Huguenin family has moved into the new building for the school term. The teachers will make their home there also.

[John T. LaTurno: notice of final patent on Elkhead land]

### **November 16, 1917**

Frank and Tom Harrison spent the weekend with the U.F. Harrison family.

Isaih Scott and son Homer spent a few days in Hayden the past week.

Mrs. S.A. Wright, Mrs. Byron Shelton and Sam Shelton visited the school last Friday.

There was a little snow here Tuesday evening but it soon melted.

A Red Cross organization will be organized tonight at Elkhead. Inclement weather interfered with Hayden people assisting earlier in the week.

Herbert Jones assisted by Jim Ferguson and Lee Barnes have finished repairing the dam of the Roberds Reservoir and Ira Smith and Tex McDowell have finished cleaning the ditches.

### **November 23, 1917**

The Clyde Meyers family left for Denver last week on a short visit.

The Herbert Jones cabin near the school house is being built and should be completed within a week.

Earl Erwin was in his neighborhood this week looking for his horses.

The third edition of the Rim Rock Echoes will be read Wednesday Nov. 28. Gladys Mitchell is editor.

The new piano is now at the school house and is a fine one.  
Ernest Wagner and Leslie Kimsey were Elkhead visitors this week.  
There will be a dance and chicken supper at the school house Thanksgiving night.

Louis Charos who took up a claim north of town bot four horses and other stuff on credit and left the country the first of the week. He sold some of the horses which had a mortgage on them by the banks and never said anything about paying other bills before leaving. Louis is a foreigner and said he was going to join the army but whether he is a patriotic ignorant Greek or a rascal remains to be seen.

### **Nov 30, 1917**

Mrs. Evan Marr is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Harrison.

Friday evening the people of Elkhead formed a Red Cross auxiliary. Messrs Jack Toole, Philip Norvell, S.A. Wright, Mrs. Temple and Miss Rench came up from Hayden to speak and help in the organization. The membership is now forty-two with a campaign on for seventy-five. If you haven't joined, join now.

The school received a letter and picture of the cantonment at Camp Funston from Ferry Carpenter this week.

Mrs. G. W. Mitchell is at home again.

A new piano and picture of Sir Galahad arrived at the school house Sunday.

Miss Mary McDowell is has been having quite a serious time with one of her ears.

On Friday, Dec. 14 there will be a dance and box social at the school house. All proceeds to go to the local Red Cross Auxiliary.

Clyde Myers returned from Denver.

L.C. Hugenin and Chas Fulton each made a trip to town on Tuesday.

The Jones family moved into their cabin near the schoolhouse Wednesday.

[John T. LaTurno appeared before E. Shelton, US Commissioner for final patent on land in Elkhead.]

### **December 7, 1917:**

Carpenter's letter to the Elkhead School.

Camp Funston, Kansas

Dear boys and girls,

I want to tell you a little about my school which I have been attending for the past 7 weeks. There are about 30,000 of us pupils here between the ages of 21 and 31 and about 1000 teachers or officers as we call them. We have all been to schools like you are attending when we were your age and it is largely because we

did go to schools and learn about his country we live in and the price at which it was made what it is, that we are willing to leave our occupations and homes and come here.

This is an emergency school built almost in a night and is typical of scores of others all over our land.

I am enclosing a picture of the school or cantonment as it is called. I might describe it under three headings for you:

1st. As you see it is about 4 square miles of wooden buildings each one of which houses 250 men who have their own kitchen and dining rooms. They are all electric lighted, steam heated and have running water and modern plumbing. In fact they are a fair average of the housing and town plumbing of the country.

2nd. The men there are earnestly putting in 8 hours a day and most of their waking hours in trying to learn to make an effective army whose business it will be to destroy and kill -- 2 things your school teaches not to do. The men are anxious to learn the work because they believe it is the only way the country can have peace and be undisturbed and continue to have homes and businesses and schools like yours.

3rd. The camp and the men in it -- the army that will go out from it and the folks at home who will pay to equip, furnish, sustain and suffer for it are all evidences of the fact that we are a nation which does not believe in letting other people do as the please. That we believe there is a right and a wrong conduct for every person and nation and while it may vary through the ages and always is hard to distinguish, nevertheless when any person or nation deliberately does what we believe is wrong and persists in it and calls it right then we will shut our eyes to all comforts and conveniences and even to all our teachings about not killing etc. and will at any cost try to make what we think is right, respected.

I am glad you will all have a chance to get the lessons of this war from the papers and magazines -- they seem so much more alive than books.

If we have lots of good pupils in schools like yours, then schools like mine won't be necessary.

I'd like to drop in and see you and when the times comes around for skis I'll be wishing I could hit the "long long way to the Elkhead School House way up on the hill."

If you have any Rim Rock Echoes I'd surely enjoy them.

Good bye and good luck to you all from, Ferry Carpenter.

### Dec 14, 1917

L. C. Hugenin has leased his place to A.C. Loveland of Denver for the coming year.

Lewis Harrison took his sister, Mrs. Marr, to the Cary place the first of the week returning by way of Hayden.

Clyde Meyer spent a couple of days in Hayden this week.

G.W. Mitchell who is looking after the Lee Herod place came up to visit his family the first of the week.

James Robinson endeared himself to the school children by bringing a lot of them to school in his sled.

The Elkhead school will have its program and school treat Friday afternoon Dec. 21.

Harvey Waterhouse has been bringing hogs to the Adair ranch this week by the sled load. Harvey and John are going into the hog business.

### **Dec. 21, 1917 Elkhead Progress**

The past year has been the best year Elkhead people have enjoyed considered from a general standpoint. The crops have been fair and the prices good. Ours is a livestock section and with the introduction of sheep our livestock industry has enlarged and several of our citizens have made good money on sheep. Among the sheepmen we would mention Isadore Boloten, Perry Barnes, Fred Schaefermeyer, Charlie Fulton, Perry Barnes and John Kitchens, Sam Lighthizer and H.F. Morsbach did have good sized bunches of sheep but have sold most of them. Sam is going into the shorthorn cattle business. Quite a number of our farmers will receive good returns from their grain crops. The cattle business has brot good returns to several of our stockmen and taken altogether we are in a prosperous condition. Our homesteaders are improving their claims and we have one of the best country schools in the state. Elkhead is doing its part in the various patriotic enterprises such as the Red Cross and the YMCA.

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The Red Cross benefit supper and dance the night of the 14th was a decided success. Shorty Huguenin was auctioneer and he made a good job of it keeping the house in a roar and got high prices for the boxes. The night's receipts for the Red Cross were \$115.00. Not so bad for a sparsely settled country. In all the people of this section have contributed \$190.00 to the Red Cross within a month. We don't believe the towns can come up to that.

Hal Lighthizer and Tex McDowell visited at the Huguenin home, now the teacherage, last Friday.

Herbert Jones and Henry Morsbach have contributed a flag pole and flag for the school which will be raised today as part of the Christmas program.

Ed Milner furnished the Christmas tree for the Elkhead School and the children appreciate it as they do the many good things that are done for them.

The third edition of the Rimrock Echoes gotten out by three of the big boys in school, Ezra Smith, Cecil Scott and Lewis Harrison, is to be read at the Christmas program this afternoon.

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### Jan. 4, 1918

Hal Lighthizer and wife spent Christmas week at the LC Hugenin home.

School opened Monday after a Christmas vacation.

Frank Harrison spent Christmas with his parents on Elkhead.

Tom Weatherford was in this community the first of the week looking after his horses.

A dance will be given at the school house Feb. 15. Everybody invited.

Egbert Maynard and grandson Velmer, spent a few days last week in Hayden.

Delbert Haller entered school Monday adding one more to the happy crowd at the McDowell cabin.

Helen Jones and Leila Ferguson spent a few days last week in Hayden.

### Jan 18, 1918

Mesdames Donelson of Hayden and Eph Rider of Coalview returned from a several day's visit at the George Murphy home this week.

Isadore Boloten attended the entertainment given by the Hungarian Quartette Friday night.

Miss Flora Huguenin is the latest addition to the Camp Fire Girls.

H. N. Jones is working at the U.F. Harrison place this week.

L.C. Hugenin and family, the school teachers and H.N. Jones wife and daughter Minnie took dinner at the U.F. Harrison home Jan. 6.

James Hood spent a night at the Hugenin home. The school teachers, Misses Bodfish and Neilsen were in Hayden over Saturday.

Guy Hayes has quit work at Chas Fulton's and plans to go to Kansas to work the rest of the winter.

Mr. Thrash is now working in the Star coal mine for Lon Workman.

The school teachers, Misses Bodfish and Neilsen were in Hayden over Saturday.

A.A. Frederickson and R.W. Haller of Elkhead were hauling grain to town yesterday.

There has been quite a thinning out of people in the Elkhead section for the winter. Mr. Laturno, Dode Hankins, Mrs. Riley, and Mr. Sargent and their families are going east for the winter. The Rensch family, Steve Cook family, Luther Martin family, Ernest Maynard and Perry Barnes and John Hankins are in Hayden. Geo. Mitchell and family are on his ranch on Lower Elkhead.

Isadore Boloten and Perry Barnes dissolved partnership in the sheep business a short time ago.

Lon Workman is running the coal mine on Cottonwood Creek and Jim Robinson and Clyde Meyer are helping him. Considerable coal is being hauled lately since the sleighing became good.

Among the Elkhead citizens who attended the stock meeting in Hayden were the Fulton boys, H.F. Morsbach and Isadore Boloten.

### **Feb. 18, 1918**

Isadore Boloten got back from the stock show first of the week.

Elkhead school now boasts of a new Singer Sewing machine. This school keeps just a little ahead of the procession and sometimes far ahead.

Beginning this week the Elkhead school will be conducted six days a week for the rest of the term.

Ed Fulton, Earl Callen, Lee Barnes and Jim Robinson were in Hayden the first of the week.

E.D. Smith took dinner at the teacherage Monday. The teacherage is about the center of Elkhead social life these days.

On account of there being no powder in the country the Cottonwood mine had to shut down.

Frank Harrison who has been at Mt. Harris for some time came home the first of the week for a few days.

There is to be a dance at Elkhead the night of Feb 15 in honor of St. Valentine.

### **February 8, 1918**

#### **Frank R. Hayes**

The sudden death of Frank R. Hayes of Elkhead took place Monday morning about 4 o'clock. Death was caused from heart disease. He was sleeping with one of the boys and the boy heard his father breathing deeply early in the morning and went to his mother's room and told her. When she got to the room, Mr. Hayes was dead. Frank R. Hayes was born in Ohio 50 years and 7 days before his death. He moved to Kansas with his parents while still a baby and lived there until about 4 years ago. He was a carpenter and contractor for many years and worked at his trade until the time of his death. Mr. Hayes was a kind father, a good neighbor and an excellent friend. He was married in 1896 and to this union 8 children were born of which six boys and one girl survive. The funeral was conducted by Rev. S.A. Wright at the Congregational church in Hayden Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and burial made in the Hayden cemetery. Mr. Hayes was a member of the Modern Woodsmen and carried insurance in that order. All the family were present at the funeral except the oldest son Guy who had gone to Kansas a short time ago.

[Ina Hayes is the one surviving girl. Ruby Hayes, 7 years old died earlier that winter. Her body was moved to Hayden the following summer and buried near her father's grave.]

### **March 1, 1918**

Mrs. U.F. Harrison and son Lewis are back from a several days visit at the Evan Marr home.

L.C. Hugenin and family came back from Hayden the last of the week accompanied by Hal Lighthizer and wife who are visiting at the Hugenin home.

There was a short patriotic service held at the school house last Wednesday in honor of Washington and Lincoln.

C.L. Fulton and son Ben, Isadore Boloten, Ed Fulton, Eleanor Haller, Lloyd Smith and Misses Bodfish and Neilson were among those who attended winter carnival last week.

E.F. Morsbach and Isiah Scott made a trip to Hayden then to the Johnson sale on Williams Fork this week.

James Robinson has been hauling coal to the school this week.

Miss Mary Smith is visiting friends and relatives in Hayden this week.

Remember the Shadow sale and free dance at the school house March 8. Proceeds go for the benefit of the Red Cross.

### **March 8, 1918**

Among the visitors from Elkhead to Hayden the past week were A.A. Fredrickson, Eddie Hughes and mother A. Ferguson and James Robinson.

Ernest Maynard proved up on his claim Saturday and took several of the Elkhead citizens to Hayden on that day.

Reece Horton is suffering from an attack of lumbago this week.

H.F. Morsbach bot 10 head of cattle at the J.E. Johnson sale last week and has brought them over to his ranch.

The campfire girls held a ceremonial meeting at Miss McDowell's cabin last Thursday night, Miss McDowell giving a supper after which the girls skied home.

Hal Lighthizer, the painter and paper hanger, is working at the C.L. Fulton place this week.

Guy Hayes has entered the army being enrolled in the motor mechanical department and is now in Camp Hancock, Ga. He enlisted in Wichita, Jan. 30.

The ski jumpers of the Elkhead school are doing some good jumping from a four foot jump off, Ezra Smith jumping 45 feet and Ben Fulton 28 feet.

### **March 15, 1918**

We need Aeroplanes at Elkhead now to get around well. Not good for sleighs or wagons either not to speak of autos.

The shadow sale and dance netted the Elkhead auxiliary about \$50 which is quite satisfactory to all who participated.

Hal Lighthizer and wife returned to Hayden the last of the week after a two weeks visit in the Elkhead country.

The boys manual training class has just completed a new bookcase for the school.

The Elkhead school is now an organized War Savings society and Isadore Boloten spoke to the school Monday on the importance of buying Thrift Stamps.

Mrs. S.A.Wright attended the Shadow sale last week staying over the night with her sister Miss Neilson and Miss Bodfish.

Ted McCandles the Craig veterinary was in this section Friday.

### **March 22, 1918**

Elkhead

The third Liberty Loan for \$3,600,000,000 will be offered for sale to the public April 6. Buy if you can and if you can't buy a bond buy some War Savings Stamps.

George Mitchell of Lower Elkhead was up to his old homestead Monday.

Egbert Maynard is herding sheep for Ed Miles.

Ed Fulton went to Hayden and Steamboat to be gone a few days this week.

Misses Mary McDowell and Elinor Haller were week end visitors at the U.F. Harrison home.

Several donations to the Red Cross since the Shadow Sale and dance at the schoolhouse have increased the fund by \$55 which we feel is doing fine patriotic work.

The Elkhead school has adopted the card system for its library and any resident of the district may by presenting his card secure one of the library books.

Lon Workman has been down from the coal mine on Cottonwood and expects to take charge of a mine near Elk river this spring. Lon is always looking for some coal to dig and usually finds it.

### **March 30, 1918**

Paul Jones writes from Boston that the ship he was on enroute to Cuba was sunk. Paul lost all his belongings and will have to remain in Boston for two or three months.

Mrs. Jim Hood visited with her folks, the Herbert Jones family, the last of the week.

A. C. Loveland and family of Denver have rented the L.C. Hugenin ranch are here ready to start spring work.

Alexander Ferguson is in Hayden today to prove up on his claim before Commissioner Shelton.

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Shorty Hugenin came home from the sale held in Hayden Saturday with an additional cow and calf.

Within two months Mrs. Geo. Murphy turned in 9 knitted sweaters and Mrs. Harrison and Ruth turned in 5 sweaters and 3 pairs of socks all for the Red Cross. Who can show a better record and at the same time do the farm housework?

Buttercups are in bloom on Elkhead near the school house and Isadore Boloten is thinking of putting out some orange trees on his ranch this season. Nothing ventured nothing have.

### **April 19, 1918**

Tom Wetherald is helping U.F. Harrison put in his crop.

Do not forget the dance at the school house the night of May 4. Come out and help the Camp Fire girls raise enough money with which to buy a Liberty bond.

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison have been taking examinations this week in order to complete their term of school work. They will help with the farm work now.

Tommy Jones made a trip to Hayden this week.

Mrs. Herbert Jones returned home this week after spending most of the winter in Hayden.

The road up Buck Gulch is said to be nearly completed which is good news to the Elkhead people.

Tex McDowell and wife are helping Ed Fulton this spring. Ed will put out about 150 acres of crop this year. He was in town the first of the week to get some new machinery.

The Paulding family from Missouri are now on the Adair ranch for the season.

J.C. Freeman and family are living at the Carpenter house but later may move to the Galloway place now owned by Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Morsbach who lives in the latter house will move to the Boloten homestead.

H.F. Morsbach was helping J.C. Freeman last week.

Earl Callen and family were visited this week by Earl's mother.

All members of the Elkhead auxiliary are earnestly requested to meet at the teacherage April 24 to plan for the summer work.

John Adair has been out on his ranch the past week getting right into the harness for spring work.

Aubrey Maynard has quit working at the Fulton place and has gone home to work.

### **May 3, 1918**

The meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary took place last week and new officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Herbert Jones; secretary-

treasurer, Mrs. Charlie Pizor; chairman of the sewing committee, Mrs. L.C. Hugenin; chairman of the knitting committee, Mrs. Geo. L. Murphy.

Ernest Maynard and Miss Gladys Mitchell were at the Maynard home Sunday visiting.

Miss Mary McDowell quit teaching at the Elkhead school last Saturday the term being closed so far as her work is concerned.

The Hensley family moved to the Charlie Fulton place last week.

Bob Harmon and wife have moved to the Adair ranch for the summer.

There will be a dance and a supper at the school house the night of May 4th.

Ferry Carpenter gave an interesting talk to the school last Thursday. We are always glad to see Ferry visit the school.

Miss Ruth Harrison spent the weekend at Miss McDowell's cabin and stayed Monday night at the teacherage.

### **May 17, 1918**

Isadore Boloten elected treasurer of the Elkhead district. [cannot confirm in paper until June 13, 1919]

### **June 7, 1918**

#### **Shelton- Neilson**

A wedding of more than usual interest took place about 2 am Sunday morning at the B.T. Shelton home when Sam Shelton, the only son of Byron Shelton and wife, was united in marriage to Miss Delcina Neilson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S.A. Wright, brother in law of the bride. Only the immediate relatives and Miss Bodfish, a close friend of the bride were present. Sam Shelton is one of our best young men and comes from one of our highly respected pioneer families. He is assisting his father run the Shelton ranches and by his industry and good judgment is succeeding well in the agricultural line. Miss Neilson came to Routt County about a year ago and has been one of the teachers of the Elkhead School. She is a sister of Mrs. S.A. Wright and a young lady of attractive personality and good education. Mrs. Shelton received her education in Massachusetts while her husband has been educated in Colorado having completed the course in the Hayden high school and afterward took a course in the State Agricultural college.

Samuel Shelton, called Sam by everybody, had a strenuous time Saturday night having been put through the third degree of Masonry which took until one o'clock Sunday morning. From the Masonic hall he went home to get married about two o'clock. The following morning about 8 am the happy young couple left in the groom's auto for Mytons Utah where they will visit at the Dr. Enoch home. Mrs. Enoch being a sister of the groom. After a time they will return and make their home near Hayden. The Republican joins with many friends in wishing the young couple a long and happy wedded life.

### **Dance in Honor of Milton Horton**

Saturday night there was a big dance given at the Elkhead schoolhouse in honor of Milton Horton who is here from California. A big crowd was present and there was plenty of music and good refreshments were served to all present. Mrs. Reece Horton, mother of Milton, was the hostess for the occasion. Sam Montieth, George Hughes, Mrs. Callen, Si Dawson, and Jim Brock and wife furnished the music. Practically all the Elkhead people were present and quite a number from Hayden. Those from Hayden were John Kitchens and wife, Hal Lighthizer, Si Dawson, Stanley Brock and wife, and Jim Brock and wife, Miss Hazel Stratton, Hilton Stratton, Glenn Donelson, Miss McCraig, Ed Edington and wife, Jesse Armstrong, Miss Ayres, Elizabeth Peters, Miss Irene Honnold, Albert Ford, Mrs. Roney of Kansas and Miss Mary Egry, the latter being from Williams Fork.

Luther Martin and family have moved up to his homestead to live while he puts in the crop.

Charlie Pizor and wife have moved up to their homestead for the summer.

Mrs. F. R. Hayes received a letter from her son, Guy, a few days ago. He has been in France for nearly two months.

The dance Mrs. Reece Horton gave in honor of her son, Milton, was well attended over 100 people were present. Everyone had a splendid time.

The people who were appointed as the Sports committee for July 4th will meet at the schoolhouse Sunday.

Mrs. J.M. Ferguson and daughter Leila were in town last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ira Smith spent the last week with her mother, and her sisters Helen and Minnie accompanied her to town where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. Loveland has been very ill and the doctor came out from town last Friday. She is reported to be much better. Mrs. Hugenin is caring for the youngest child during her illness.

### **June 14, 1918 *Small item***

Tom Prevo had a bad fall last Saturday and is about knocked out since with a lame back. He was stretching barb wire when the wire broke and he fell headlong down the side of a gulch.

Otto Horton leaves for Loveland today where he will visit with relatives a few days before entering the army.

It is reported that Paul Jones who is in the navy was recently married.

### **June 28, 1918**

Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. Tex McDowell were visiting Mrs. Julia Pizor last Sunday.

Elizabeth and James Freeman are visiting Mrs. JM Ferguson.

Bob Harmon and family moved up to their homestead on Calf Creek last Sunday.

Henry Morsbach's mother is going to Santa Ana California to visit with her daughter.

The Elkhead campfire girls held a meeting Tuesday at the LC Huguenin home those present were guardian Ruth Harrison, Ina Hays, Helen Jones, Flora Huguenin and Leila Ferguson. They are making some articles for the Red Cross Sale.

The flag bot by the people of this locality has been raised on Pilot Know. It can be seen for a long distance.

### **Local and Personal**

John Adair gave a dance to a lot of Elkhead and Hayden people last Saturday night. In spite of the rain there was a house full of people and the dance went merrily on until the small hours of the night. John was the host and played his hand generously furnishing excellent refreshments and also met all the expense of the entertainment. John says these are times above all others when the people should try to be sociable and friendly as we have sadness enuf during this war and we see where he is right.

Miss Iva Rench came down from her claim in the Elkhead country with her brother Emil the last of the week and visited a short time in Hayden. Miss Rench will not teach in the Hayden schools the coming year.

### **July 5, 1918**

Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. Tex McDowell were visiting Mrs. Julia Pizor last Sunday.

Elizabeth and James Freeman are visiting Mrs. J.M. Ferguson.

Bob Harmon and family moved up to their homestead on Calf Creek last Sunday.

Henry Morsbach's mother is going to Santa Anna California to visit with her daughter.

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## **July 12, 1918**

Some of the members of the Red Cross met at the schoolhouse Sunday and cleaned up the building and also cleared up the picnic grounds.

The men who worked on the roads and made the race track were Rice, Murphy, Myers, Harrison, and son, Hortens, Hood, Jones, Rensch, Huguenin, Boloten, Hayes and Ferguson.

Hal Lighthizer and wife and Miss Bodfish were visiting the Shorty Huguenin family.

Mrs. Evan Marr and Mrs. Little are visiting with their mother Mrs. U.F. Harrison.

Several articles were left in the schoolhouse the Fourth. A man's hat was found in the ladies cozy corner and also a ladies coat. The owners obtain them by calling at the teacherage.

A meeting will be held at the school house in the afternoon July 20 for the purpose of organizing a Grange.

The Republican caucus was held at the school house Monday.

## **July 12, 1918**

### **Elkhead Celebrates**

A large crowd gathered at the Elkhead school house July 4th to celebrate. The picnic dinner held at noon that day was served among the trees in cafeteria style. After the dinner the people assembled in the school house for the program. Reverend Evans gave a talk and Mrs. Sherry gave a very interesting talk on Red Cross work. Misses Young, Neilson and Bodfish entertained them with excellent music.

The Red Cross sale was held outside the building. Shorty Huguenin auctioned off the numerous articles that were donated. They brought a good price, the total proceeds from the sale amounting to \$321.40.

The horse races and foot races were held in the evening. There was an excellent ladies horse race, also a relay race. At about 6:30 supper was served on the picnic grounds.

The dancing started soon afterward. The musicians who donated the music were George Hughes, Mrs. Collen, Clarence Horton, Ray and Emma Fiske, Miss Bodfish, Bob Gray, Mr Reed and Sam Monteith. The proceeds of the midnight supper dance, the cream and lemonade amounted to \$136.59.

The Elkhead auxiliary wishes to thank everyone who so generously donated their --- and money and ---to make the celebration a success.

## **July 19, 1918**

Mrs. Huguenin and daughter Marie have returned home after spending several days in Hayden where they were having some dental work done.

Jim Hood and wife took dinner with Mrs. J.M. Ferguson.

Elkhead has been having some good rains lately and the crops are looking finer. The frost which we had a while back did not hurt anything.

H.M. Jones and wife went to Hayden Saturday expecting to go to Steamboat to see their son, Frank, off as it was reported he had to leave Moffat county the 16th in the Selective draft.

The Democratic caucus met at the schoolhouse July 12 and elected Isadore Boloten and HM Jones as delegates to the county assembly. L.C. Huguenin was elected committeeman and Mrs. JM Ferguson as committee woman.

Egbert Maynard has returned home to Elkhead after herding sheep for quite a while.

Hallers and Paulings are building a cabin at the schoolhouse for their children to live in and go to school this winter.

Shorty Huguenin and daughter Flora made a trip over to their ranch Saturday.

Ruby Hayes the seven year old daughter of Mrs. F.R. Hayes who was buried on the homestead was removed and laid by the side of their father in Hayden Cemetery last Saturday.

Remember the meeting at the school house July 20 to organize a Grange.

## **July 26, 1918**

The Elkhead Red Cross held a business meeting at the school house Wednesday the 17th and elected officers to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Mrs. HM Jones and Mrs. Julia Pizor. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. George Murphy, chairman, Miss Bodfish secretary and Ed Fulton treasurer.

Wilda Smith has been visiting with Marie Huguenin the past week and Eva Rider visited with Flora Huguenin on day.

A small crowd gathered at the school house Saturday afternoon to organize a Grange but the organizer could not come so the people celebrated the American victories and enjoyed themselves in numerous ways.

Flo and Roxie Williams visited with Leila Ferguson several days last week.

Some Red Cross work has been received here both yarn and sewing. The materials can be obtained at the teacherage.

Also in legal notices: Solandt estate probated. States undivided ½ interest in McKinley ranch: 1840 acres in McKinley ranch and 479.52 acres and water rights in Blowitt Ranch.

### **Aug 2, 1918**

Last Saturday we had the privilege of going to Elkhead as far as the school house. Part of the way from Fosters on, we went over the new road. This road when a few dozen gates are eliminated and the roadbed settles will be quite a convenience to some of the Elkhead citizens. The Elkhead country is keeping up with the rest of the country in improvements and the fine fields of grain dotting the horizon all the way indicate the farmers are going to have a prosperous year. There are too many good fields of grain going the way to mention them in detail but the acreage is increasing. Ed Fulton has added over a hundred acres to the tillable area on his state land above Ed Smith's. The Adair ranch surely makes a pretty picture as you drive on the road above it. The Elkhead school building, a sort of monument to Ferry Carpenter, can be seen for many miles in all directions and is a well constructed convenient building of which the district may be proud. We only wish Hayden had as good in proportion or even at all. We came back by the Carpenter place and noticed old Glory flying from a high pole at Ferry's home. A new flag was there due to the thotfulness of Jack White. The Elkhead country is an extensive one and many prosperous ranchmen are now living there where but a few years ago only sage brush waved in the wind. As the years go by the tillable area will increase and more settlers will come in so that Elkhead will add more and more to the wealth and prosperity of the county.

### **Aug 2, 1918**

The Campfire girls will give a dance for Frank Harrison Saturday night Aug 3. Any help in furnishing music for the occasion will be appreciated.

The Red Cross held a meeting Wednesday and gave out the knitting and sewing work to the various members. For the size of the auxiliary we are doing real well.

Mrs. George Murphy has knit 18 sweaters for the Red Cross since she started to work for it and she knit two in one week.

The George Smith family, Rev. White and Mrs. Sophie Neilson drove up to the teacherage Saturday afternoon and took supper at the Huguenin home. Wilda Smith accompanied them home.

Otto Miller, Otto Horton and Aubrey Maynard sent the Campfire Girls a fine picture of Camp Cody.

### **Aug 16, 1918**

U.F. Harrison has started work on the reservoir he is building on Calf Creek. He took the crew to help him a few days during haying.

The Elkhead Campfire girls have been doing quite a bit of Red Cross work. Each girl made a baby layette this spring. Their guardian, Ruth Harrison has knit seven sweaters; Ina Hayes, four; Leila Ferguson, two; Helen Jones, one; Eleanor Haller two; and Ina Hayes has knit a pair of socks.

Helen Jones has returned home to Elkhead after working near Hayden for some time helping to make hay.

Yoleta Jones is spending a few days with Ione Smith.

Jim Hood brot his father to town Monday as he was returning to Oklahoma after a short visit with his son.

The farewell dance given in honor of Frank Harrison was well attended and every one present had a good time. Frank left the Monday following.

L.A. Hood is visiting with his son James C. Hood and is from Alfalfa county, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Vada Horton and Jake Smith spent Sunday with their sister Mrs. Charlie Pizor.

The ranchers in this section started haying about August 1.

Flora Huguenin is visiting in Hayden this week, having accompanied her father to town.

### **Aug 23, 1918**

Lee Barnes has been quite sick the last week but has recovered.

Several fields of grain are ready to be cut and Isadore Boloten has already commenced work.

Shorty Huguenin has work on his cabin near the Elkhead school He is hauling lumber from town.

A. Ferguson and daughter, Leila were in town Monday.

Lee Barnes and Ernest Maynard are going to do about five days work in the Cotton wood coal mine.

Sergt. John C. Driscoll will visit his parents on Williams Fork next week.

Perry Barnes left this week to enlist in the army services, or the navy.

### **Annual Financial Statement**

Of school district No. 11, county of Routt, state of Colorado for the year beginning July 1, 1917 and ending June 30, 1918:

#### **Received**

Amount on hand July 1, 1917, general fund -----	7.70
Special Fund -----	433.28
Bond Fund-----	180.64
Received from general fund	
by apportionment -----	488.59
From special school tax-----	2768.76
From special tx for interest on bonds-----	348.51

From all other sources -----25.00  
 Total-----4251.48

**Paid**

For teachers salaries-----1650.00  
 For fuel, rent, insurance and current expenses-----687.24  
 For buildings -----100.00  
 For furniture-----284.12  
 For permanent improvements-----51.40  
 For text books and supplies-----148.43  
 For rebate taxes & fees-----68.21  
 For int on bonds-----301.00  
 Total amt pd during year-----3288.46  
 Balance on hand co. treas.  
 June 30, gen fund-----123.92  
 Special fund -----614.36  
 Interest fund -----224.74  
 Total-----4251.48  
 Amount of district warrants registered and unpaid -----616.18  
 Total amount of bond issued by the district -----5000.00  
 Mrs. C.L. Fulton, sec. dist. No 11

**Aug 30, 1918**

Leonard Lighthizer has been quite sick and unable to attend school, but is now much better.

School started Monday, Aug 19 in the little school house near E.D Smith's. Miss Mary McDowell is the teacher.

Elmer Smith went up to Steamboat to register. He is the only young man in the neighborhood who has reached the age of 21 since the June registration.

Mrs. George Murphy and Mrs. Reece Horton were up to the teacherage Saturday and packed up some more articles to be sent to the Steamboat chapter of the Red Cross. Elkhead has certainly been doing a lot of Red Cross work.

Helen Jones has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith, for a few days.

Charlie Pizor and wife have moved down to her homestead.

Paul Jones has been discharged from the Navy as he never entirely recovered from an attack of pneumonia which he contracted soon after he entered service.

School starts in the Elkhead school house on September 2, Labor day.

The Elkhead school starts next Monday with Miss Ruth Bodfish and Miss Iva Rench as teachers.

**Sept 6, 1918**

Earl Callen has been hauling logs to build him a house near the school house so Fredonia can attend school more conveniently this winter.

There will be several families living near the school house this winter.

Mrs. U.F. Harrison came back from Oak Creek the first of the week with Robin Perry and Ruth Harrison, accompanied him home and she will be in Oak Creek for several days.

Mrs. RW Haller will have charge of the teacherage this term. Shorty Huguenin will soon move out of the teacherage into his own house which is pretty well completed.

The school house is receiving a new coat of paint. The work is being done by A.C. Loveland.

The registration board sat at the school house Tuesday.

### **Sept 13, 1918**

Miss Mary McDowell, who is teaching school at the schoolhouse near the Sam Lighthizer place was in town Saturday for the first time in several weeks. Miss McDowell has taught in the Elkhead district for several years and is proving up on a claim there.

### **September 27, 1918**

#### **(from Our Boys and War Notes)**

Ferry Carpenter has been sent to Howard Payne college, Brownwood, Tex. And has charge of 200 soldiers at that place. Ferry says it keeps him on the jump to whip them into shape. Ferry says the way the government is jumping around him he does not expect to be there more than a month. The country there was hit hard by the drought and the only money being made is from the oil business. On Oct.2 he will complete a year of army life and he is going to make a summary of the year's work and will probably send the Republican that summary which we will be glad to publish for the benefit of our readers.

The last news from Frank Harrison is that he was on the coast and expected to leave for France soon.

### **Oct 4, 1918**

Jones family have moved into their house near the school

Mrs. Ira Smith and her little daughter have been visiting at the home of her parents, Herbert Jones and wife.

On the night of Oct. 5 there will be a dance given by the Wayno club at the school house, in honor of Jake Smith and Pat Murphy who are soon to leave for the war. All are invited to attend.

Tom Wetherald is working on the Harrison reservoir.

Eddie Hughes has sent the Campfire Girls a picture of Camp Dix. This makes three camp pictures the girls have and many pictures of the boys which are placed on the bulletin board.

Al Galloway and wife from near Fort Collins are visiting at the Reece Horton home.

Bob Harmon and family have moved to Hayden for the winter.

The Luther Martin family have moved to lower Elkhead for the winter.

H.F. Morsbach left for Denver the first of the week.

Mr. Sandstet and wife and two brothers, Mr. Masters and wife, M. Regan and Mr. Fry are visiting at the Haller home during the hunting season having come from Eastern Colorado.

Hal Lighthizer and wife and Horsee Vesey from Denver visited at the Huguenin home the first of the week.

L.H. Scott has moved to the Boloten ranch. Earl Callen is now working for the Sevens and lives near the school house.

### **Oct 11, 1918**

H.F. Morsbach brot a bunch of sheep down from Steamboat on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Ira Smith has been visiting at the home of her husband's parents, E.D. Smith and wife.

The dance given by the Wayno club Saturday night was not very well attended and the boys in whose honor the dance was given, Jake Smith and Pat Murphy, did not get back from hunting in time to attend. The girls hardly know whether the joke is on them or on the boys; a good time resulted at the dance anyway.

Mrs. J.M. Ferguson and Mrs. L. C. Huguenin made a trip to Hayden this week.

The Elkhead auxiliary of the Red Cross cleared \$320 at their sale the day after the fair on the fairground.

The Red Cross held a meeting the night of the dance and appointed a committee to organize a Junior Red Cross.

[Farmers getting \$3.18 for their wheat]

### **October 18, 1918**

#### **Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our appreciation for the kind acts and words of our friends and neighbors during the sickness and funeral services of our wife and mother Mrs. Ida Kleckner. W.H. Kleckner and family.

### **November 8, 1918**

Milton Horton Williams

Monday Mrs. Reece Horton received a telegram from Los Angeles stating that her son Milton had just died from influenza. Milton was not yet in the government service, but was expecting an appointment to the electrical or mechanical corps any day. He was a bright, industrious young man about 24 years of age. He attended the Hayden school for several years and was a general favorite with teachers and pupils. He has been in California for four or five years and was home on a visit this past spring. He was rapidly becoming an expert along mechanical and electrical lines. His work was such that he could get excellent positions without any effort. Dying at the age of 24 and being a young man of unusual ability his loss will be keenly felt by his mother relatives and numerous friends.

### **Nov. 22, 1918 Junior Red Cross Entertainment**

Come to the Elkhead school house Nov 27 at 8 pm. The Junior Red Cross social and dance will take place. Admission 5 cents for every foot of your height, and 2 cents for each inch over. Children free. A short program and games for everybody. Dance from midnight until morning. Lunch provided for all. Remember the evening before Thanksgiving.

### **Elkhead Items**

Mrs. Peck visited the school last Thursday and Friday.

L.C. Huguenin and Emil Rench were in Hayden the past week and brot back lumber for Miss Rench's cabin and a new stock of goods for the Elkhead store.

R. W. Haller and wife, visited at the teacherage Sunday.

Mrs. Ira Smith visited her sister, Mrs. Jas Hood this week.

Mrs. A.D. Paulding spent a few days with her daughters the past week. The girls are attending the Elkhead school.

Miss Iva Rench will move into her cabin near the school house Friday of this week.

Elkhead has been lucky so far as we do not know of a single case of the flu in this neighborhood.

### **Dec. 6, 1918**

#### **Elkhead War Work**

The Elkhead district, while a rural community has certainly done its share when it come to the request of the government for help.

The Red Cross which was organized a little over a year ago now has 95 members and as an auxiliary has contributed \$881.48 to the chapter. Last Fourth of July \$85 was raised as a result of the celebration which went to the national organization.

The sewing department is to be very highly commended for the large amount of work which they did. They made 43 pairs of socks, 12 operating gowns, 10 pairs of pajamas, 40 comfort kits, 11 hospital shirts, 20 refugee garments. By the knitting department there we find there were 70 sweaters made and 16 pairs of socks. The work of the knitters was delayed quite a bit on account of the inability of the chapter to get yarn.

The Junior Red Cross organized the day before Thanksgiving so as yet they have been unable to complete any work. They have 42 members and expect to get to work as soon as instructions and supplies are received.

In the third Liberty Loan Elkhead subscribed for \$1500 and at the fourth the subscribed \$2500.

In the PWW campaign which just closed \$128 was raised besides \$40 by the Victory girls and \$15 by the boys.

The WSS society of Elkhead has brot \$421.25 while at the drive made in June \$1260 was pledged.

Elkhead has not neglected the second line of defense which is represented by the farmers 24,000 bushels of grain raised in the district, besides much hay and stock. Besides this Elkhead has many boys in training camp and at the front who are doing their bit for their country and county. contributed by Miss Bodfish

### **Dec 13, 1918**

The threshing has all been done in the immediate Elkhead neighborhood. Charlie Fulton is the exception and he is now threshing.

Eleanor, Jeanette and Adelbert Haller are at home now. All three are sick with the yellow jaundice and will not be back in school any more this year.

Joe Smith, an old friend of L.C.Huguenin is here visiting the Huguenin family.

Richard Ferguson gave a small party to his boy friends on his twelfth birthday. A good time is reported by all who were present.

Roy Hayes, a twelve year-old boy of the Elkhead school, caught a coyote in a trap this past week.

Mrs. Alex Ferguson made a trip to Hayden Wednesday of this week.

Levi Ferguson is visiting his brother Alex. Ferguson.

V. Rodregues is back from the Army with an honorable discharge and has been helping thresh out here this week.

The Christmas Red Cross drive is a \$1.00 membership fee from every member of the family.

A boy arrived at the Charlie Fulton home yesterday morning making five boys in the family.

Herbert Jones is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

George Murphy is threshing with the Boloten machine

Emil Rench and wife have moved to the old J.B. Dawson ranch for the winter.

### **December 20, 1918**

The Bears Ears saw mill is being dismantled and hauled to a new site nine miles east of Toponas. William Sanderson and William Scoville of Steamboat have bot the mill and W.J. Fountain and Harry Kenney of Steamboat are doing the hauling.

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### **Jan 17, 1919**

#### **ELKHEAD ITEMS**

Lewis Harrison and Louise Freeman are back in school again after a week's absence on account of sickness.

Fred Wiseman entered school Monday. He is staying at George Murphy's and rides to school.

Word has been received in the neighborhood of the death of Lance Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Graves. Lance was a former pupil in the Elkhead school.

Miss Rench's pupils had a half a holiday last Friday and spent the afternoon coasting and skiing.

J.G. Hood has been hauling wheat to town and storing it. He took a load down last Friday.

H.M. Jones is digging a cellar for Shorty Huguenin under the house.

Mrs. HF Morsbach was a visitor at the school last Wednesday.

The high school pupils are planning on a big entertainment at the school house February 14. They are going to start work on a play soon.

### **Feb 7, 1919**

Miss Iva Rench entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sargent, Henry Morsbach and family and Roy Hayes for dinner last Sunday.

Charlie Fulton and family took dinner at L.C. Huguenin's Sunday.

Gladys Mitchell has been visiting with her friend Miss Eleanor Haller.

The dance set for Feb 14 promises to be a big success. It is in charge of the Elkhead Victory Girls.

### **Feb 21, 1919**

The Elkhead Victory Girls took in \$46.60 at their pie social and dance Valentines day.

### **Feb. 28, 1919**

Reece Horton has sold his cattle and farm implements and part of his horses to WW Olmstead of Denver. Mr. Olmstead has also taken a four year lease on the Horton Ranch. Reece is not decided what he will do yet. If you go into the money loaning business, Reece, come around, for we know of a fellow who wants to borrow.

### **March 7, 1919**

The dance given by the Victory girls the 14th of Feb was well attended and the pies brot good prices and all told they took in over \$40.

Shorty Huguenin went to town last week and brot back a miner from Mt. Harris to help work the Cottonwood mine.

The Elkhead school children had a little program Friday the 21st to celebrate Washington's birthday.

Charlie Fulton, Joe Smith, Clarence Freeman and Shorty Huguenin were in Hayden last week.

A dance will be given at the Elkhead school house March 14. It is to be a Hard Time masquerade dance and the ladies are asked to bring supper. Everyone is invited to come.

U.F. Harrison has been working on his reservoir the past week and Jim Hood has been helping him.

Janie Robinson was absent from school several days last week on account of sickness.

Miss Bodfish taught school last Saturday to make up for the day she lost having her tooth attended to.

Miss Ruth Harrison came down to Hayden Tuesday in order to take the train for Oak Creek where she will stay with Mrs. Robyn Perry.

Mrs. Ferguson was in town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Herbert Jones went to Juniper this week to take baths for the rheumatism.

### **March 14, 1919**



### **Apr 18, 1919**

Why a Union High School. The proposition before the districts. editorial by FR Carpenter

### **Apr. 18, 1919**

Mary McDowell has finished her term of school in the schoolhouse near the Smith ranch and is now staying on her claim. She will start the term of school in Spring Gulch April 21.

Jesse Hale came out from Hayden last week and went over to his ranch in the Pot Holes.

The Elkhead high school was very busy working on their play for the last day of school, April 25. The play promises to be a good one.

Three girls--Ione Smith, Yoleta Jones and Flora Huguenin are graduating from the eighth grade this spring. This is the third class to graduate from the Elkhead school.

Stella Huguenin has a hen that has hatched some young chickens being the first chickens we have heard of in this neighborhood.

H. F. Morsbach, Ernest Sargent and L.C. Huguenin were in Hayden today.

### **Apr 25, 1919**

Ernest Sargent and Henry Morsbach went to Hayden Thursday to get an engine.

U.F. Harrison is reported as being quite sick.

Earle Callen is working for C.L. Fulton this spring.

A.A. Fredrickson bot a shorthorn bull of Sam Lighthizer.

Hal Lighthizer is plowing on his ranch and will put in quite a crop this spring.

It looks as if spring was here at last and everybody is farming or is getting ready to farm.

Floyd Brown is home on a furlough and is visiting at the Earl Rice home.

Miss Mary McDowell is visiting at the Sam Lighthizer home a few days before beginning the school in Rock Springs gulch.

Mrs. Vada Horton and little son visited at the Sam Lighthizer home Saturday and Sunday.

E.D. Smith is cleaning grain, getting ready to sow as early as possible.

Sam Lighthizer is a good fellow to trade horses with for he will trade two for one and if you talk right will trade one for none.

RW Haller's children are going to school in Long gulch this spring.

A shower for Miss Bodfish will be given at the Elkhead school house on the afternoon of April 30. Miss Rench and Mrs. Huguenin have the matter in charge.

Emil Rench and wife have moved to their claim.  
Isaiah Scott has moved back to his claim on Quaker mountain.  
Jesse Armstrong and family are moving to the Boloten ranch.  
Lloyd Smith came out from Hayden last week and will work for U.F.  
Harrison this spring.

Ed Fulton took Miss Bodfish to Hayden Monday so she could go to  
Steamboat and have an ulcerated tooth treated.

Charles Pizor got some grain of S.D. Lighthizer's Thursday for grain.

## **May 2, 1919**

### **Graduation Exercises at Elkhead School**

The last day of this term of the Elkhead school was celebrated by a program in the afternoon in which the children of the primary room taught by Miss Iva Rench gave some very pretty dances, songs and a play and flag drill.

Supper was served in the domestic science room and in the evening came the graduation exercises of the eighth grade and Mrs. Peck presented the graduates, Ione Smith, Yolita Jones and Flora Hugenin with their diplomas.

Then followed a play by the high school, entitled "The man from Brandon" which was well acted by all who took part.

A dance followed with supper at midnight and dancing lasted until daylight.

The entire program and entertainment was a credit to the pupils of the school and particularly to Miss Ruth Bodfish and Miss Iva Rench, the teachers who have had a very successful year, as was shown by the training and work of the pupils.

Mrs. Peck gave a very interesting talk to the three eighth grade graduates the night of the closing exercises.

Jim Robinson and two boys moved down to the Hayden valley on the C.N. Mason place where he will work this summer

Miss Flo and Roxie Williams spent Thursday at the Freeman ranch and attended the exercises and dance at the Elkhead school house Friday night.

Janie Robinson will stay with Mrs. Ernest Sargent this summer.

Earl Callen and family have moved down on the Charles Fulton place for this summer.

U.F. Harrison after being sick all spring is at last able to be around.

Jim Hood has rented the Isadore Boloten homestead and A.F. Ferguson has rented Jim Robinson's homestead.

## **May 9, 1919**

\*\*\*\*Union High School Assured.\*\*\*\*

### **May 9, 1919**

F. R. Carpenter and J.C. Freeman are going into the dairy business in earnest. Saturday Ferry was in Craig and bot a \$700 pure bred Ayershire bull and seven cows of Mr. Gossard, who has some fine stock on his ranch. Carpenter and Freeman will keep this dairy stock together and expect to increase the herd gradually. All the stuff bot thus far is pure bred of a high grade. This is going to give the community an idea of the Ayershire breed and also give an idea of the profits of the dairy business. We are glad to see this start and believe it will be a success.

### **May 23, 1919**

Bob Harmon moved to his homestead this week.

Mrs. Fannie Hayes and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson were in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuster are working for the men who are surveying the California Park road.

James Barnes is on his ranch now and his two sons, Marvin and Melvin are with him. The came in from Vernal Utah in a motor truck.

### **May 30, 1919**

Tex McDowell is doing some good work on the Elkhead roads and is putting in full time Elkhead people tell us.

George Harmon and wife of Trinidad are visiting at the Bob Harmon home on Elkhead. The two boys are brothers.

### **May 30, 1919**

\*\*\*\*\*First Union High school organized

### **June 13, 1919**

#### **Bodfish - Fulton**

The marriage of two of the Hayden's most highly respected and best known young folks took place Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational parsonage in Steamboat, the party going there by auto, the couple were Edgar Fulton and Miss Ruth Bodfish. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Horace Sanderson, pastor of the Steamboat Congregational Church, in the presence of Mrs. Sam Shelton and Miss Sophia Neilson near friends of the bride. The groom is a well-known rancher. He owns a good ranch north of Hayden, and has won an excellent reputation for his honesty, industry, and good judgment. Miss Bodfish came here about two years ago from Massachusetts and has been principal of the Elkhead school the two years she has lived here and has been quite successful in her

teaching. Miss Bodfish is a very attractive young lady and is accomplished both along vocal and piano musical lines. Both young people have more than the usual number of friends who wish them happiness in their married life. After the wedding ceremony Mrs. Sanderson served light refreshments to the wedding party. The newlyweds went to their ranch home north of Hayden and are starting out in life there.

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A.A. Fredrickson had the misfortune to lose a \$250 mare he recently purchased of Dave Sellers. The mare got cut on the barb wire and had to be killed.

Miss Iva Rensch has been helping Mrs. Peck this week with her superintendency work.

Mrs. Fredrickson and children are back in Holdrege, Neb. visiting relatives for a few weeks.

The Elkhead school house is to be modernized this vacation and a good building made better.

Miss Rensch has been re-employed for teacher by the Elkhead school board for the coming year and the board is trying to get a man for principal.

C.P. Homer brot Sam Colman, Mrs. Waterhouse and mother and sister out to the Adair ranch the first of the week. They came especially to see Harvey Waterhouse who is making good money raising hogs in partnership with John Adair.

Shorty Huguenin and J.B. Smith were Hayden visitors the first of the week.

Arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration at Elkhead are progressing nicely and a speaker has already been obtained. The Mt. Harris orchestra will furnish music for that occasion and there will be many features of interest which will make the day a pleasurable one to those who attend.

### **June 20, 1919**

Arrangements have been completed for the big Fourth of July celebration at Elkhead. Earle Johnson has charge of the program of sports and it promises to be of the best. After the sports the Elkhead Patriotic club announces a patriotic song service at the school house. There will be a basket picnic dinner at noon, supper at six and lunch at midnight. The dance at the schoolhouse in the evening promises to be the big event of the season. Music will be furnished by the Harris Orchestra. Everyone plan to come. Bring your family and your basket of eats.

### **June 27, 1919**

Elkhead Ready for the Fourth

Plans for the celebration at Elkhead have been completed and promise to be the best ever held in the history of that district.

Prizes will be offered for the winners in the races.

Basket Dinner at Noon.

The following is the program for the day and evening of the Fourth.

Races...

Horse Races

Boys' sack race

Potato races

Girls' foot race

Fat man's race

Address by Capt. Ferry Carpenter

Patriotic singing by the Liberty Chorus club

Baked supper

Dance all night Music furnished by Mr. Harris orchestra. Lunch at midnight.

Bring your basket of eats and come to ELKHEAD for a big time.

### **July 4, 1919**

Mr. Olmsted and Mr. Snyder and son were in the Elkhead neighborhood this week.

Bert Maynard came out in his car last week and took his mother and his niece Vera to his home on Williams Fork for a few weeks visit.

Mrs. U.F. Harrison was called to Oak Creek by the serious illness of her son, Edward. When last heard from he was in no immediate danger.

Jack Patten is camping on the Jim Barnes place.

Mr. Talbot has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Corder; he left for his home last week.

Fred Schaefermeyer and Jim Bruner dipped their sheep in Isadore Boloten's vat and then the three bunches were thrown together and taken to Sand Mountain where Bruner will have charge of them thru the season.

### **July 11, 1919**

#### Big Time at Elkhead

The celebration held at Elkhead was the largest one yet held there. The sporting events furnished much amusement. The picnic dinner, supper and midnight lunch were all greatly enjoyed. Mr. Carpenter gave a fine patriotic address. Earl Johnson had charge of the sports and he did well. Sam Lighthizer, Miss Rench and LC Huguenin were the committee on preparation and prizes were give the winners of the sporting events this year: Florence Jones won the

girls' horse race and Tommy Jones the boys' horse race; Ferry Carpenter won the free for all foot race.

### **July 11, 1919**

Guy Hayes is one of the latest of our soldier boys to return home.

Mrs. Ferguson has a sister, Miss Mamie Asher and a cousin, Miss Jen-[sic] home on Elkhead.

### **July 18, 1919**

Bob Harmon is putting up fence for U.F. Harrison of Elkhead.

#### **Delco for Elkhead School**

Ernest Wagner closed a deal whereby the Elkhead school district has bot a Delco lighting plant and they will have the same installed right away. The system which Wagner has had on display will be put in and the school building will be lighted with this. It is also the plan to have moving pictures for the school and the Delco will be used for furnishing the light. The school board wishes the plant installed so it can be used tomorrow night. This will require double quick on the part of the man who installs it.

### **July 25, 1919 Elkhead Items**

The dance given by Geo. Murphy and wife was attended by one of the largest crowds that ever came to the Elkhead school house. An excellent supper was served at midnight and good music furnished until morning. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy will be greatly missed from this community as they were always willing to help in every beneficial and social enterprise and in the last two years both have done good work in the Elkhead Red Cross auxiliary.

H.M. Jones is hauling sand and cement and will soon start work on the cement walks around the school house.

Mrs. Maynard and grand daughter Vera are home after a few weeks visit on Williams Fork with relatives and friends.

Shorty Hugenin is moving his household goods to town and expects to move his family at the end of the week. He will live in the Schaefermeyer house which he recently purchased.

Haying has started in this neighborhood.

Tex McDowell is working on the road to the Pilot Knob sawmill and camping on the Jim Robinson place.

Clarence Horton and Frank Harrison are two of our boys who have just returned home from the army.

The Delco lights are a big improvement in the school house. They were installed in record time and were used Saturday night for the dance.

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Lloyd Smith recently completed the Harrison reservoir on Calf creek. It has a 25 foot dam and will furnish water for the Harrison ranch.

### **Aug 1, 1919 Elkhead Items**

HM Jones has bot Shorty Huguenin's house and store on Elkhead. He plans to move his family there and open up the store.

Jas. Hood and family, Mrs. Ferguson and children, William Raper and sister, Miss Jennie and Miss Mary Asher went camping in California Park last week.

Shorty Huguenin moved his family to Hayden last Saturday.

Miss Minnie Freeman from California visiting with her brother, Clarence Freeman.

James Hood took a load of hogs to town Tuesday of this week.

Ina Hayes visited with Lelia Ferguson Monday afternoon.

The Ferguson family made a trip to Hayden Tuesday.

### **Annual Financial Statement**

**Of school District No. 11, Routt county State of Colorado from July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919:**

#### **RECEIVED**

Amount on hand July 1, 1918	
General Fund	127.92
Special fund	614.38
Bond fund	224.74
Received from gen fund	426.38
Received from special tax	3,324.01
From spec. tax, int on bonds	378.22
From all other sources	50.00
TOTAL	\$4,479.51

#### **PAID**

For Teachers' salaries	\$1,960.00
For fuel, insur. and expenses	515.53
On buildings	400.00
For furniture	135.00
For permanent improvements	213.00
For interest on bonds	301.75
For int. on reg. warrants	6.97
For rebate taxes and fees	15.95

<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>3,548.50</b>
Balance in hands of Co. treas	931.31
	<b>TOTAL \$4, 479.51</b>
Amount of dist. Warrants Registered and unpaid	
	1,780.33
Total amount of bonds issued	\$5,000.
Mrs. C.L. Fulton, Secretary	

**Aug. 15, 1919**

Roy [Ray] Hayes of Elkhead was taken to Pueblo a few days ago as he has been mentally afflicted and it is hoped the change will help him.

**Aug 22, 1919**

Mr. and Mrs. William Fulton and son George of Littleton, Colo. and Mrs. and Mrs. Hugh Shellabarger and two daughters, Ruth and Gertrude of Castle Rock, Colo. are visiting at the Chas and Ed. Fulton homes.

Ruth Harrison has returned home after an extended visit with Mrs. R. M. Perry of Oak Creek.

Miss Leila Ferguson went to Hayden Tuesday to help at the Hayden lunch room until after the fair.

Ina Hayes was in town Monday of this week.

Mrs. Carl Corder and little daughter Katherine, left for Castle Rock Thursday to visit her mother.

All the farmers of Elkhead are thru haying and have begun to cut grain.

Herbert Jones has begun on the cement sidewalks in front of the schoolhouse.

The school expects to have moving pictures regularly when school opens. It is also the plan to have a shower bath at the school house and a bath tub at the teacherage. Elkhead is going to keep up with the procession.

Mrs. Ed. Smith and Miss Ione have been up to the Pilot Knob saw mill.

The Earl Callen family moved to Hayden the past week.

**August 29, 1919**

**DANCE PAVILLION**

During the Fair will be one block east of the Auditorium. There will be a 7-piece orchestra. Your ticket will be good at the pavilion or at the Auditorium. Don't forget location.

**September 5, 1919**

Isadore Boloten got back from Utah today in his auto.

Paul Heine, son of Mrs. Prevo, and James Kennedy of Williams Fork are two more of our soldier boys who got back from France this week.

Miss Eunice Pleasant has been elected principal of the Elkhead school. Miss Pleasant is a sister of F.M. Pleasant of Craig. Miss Ivy Rensch is the assistant in the school.

W.A. Dean, who has been working for Albert Horton on Dry Fork of Little Bear, after taking a buckskin pony belonging to the little Horton girl, tried to commit suicide last week. However, the home-made cartridge was weak, and he suffered only a flesh wound from which he is fast recovering in the Craig jail. He will be tried for insanity.

### **September 19, 1919**

Miss Reynolds, Miss West and Miss Dawley, of the Hayden school, and Miss Pleasant of the Elkhead school, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ed Fulton on Elkhead, and took the opportunity to visit the Elkhead school.

### **September 26, 1919**

#### **Elkhead**

Carl Corder is selling his household furniture preparatory to leaving Routt county.

H.M. Jones has put in a small stock of goods at his store, and expects to soon have a post office there also.

Tom Prevo and Mr. Freeman did some repair work last week on the teacherage. Miss Pleasant will move there in a few days. She is at present staying at the Ed Fulton ranch.

Frank Maynard, who, with his family, has been visiting his parents, has been quite sick, but is now on the road to recovery.

Altho the Elkhead school is short of supplies, the pupils have settled down to work in earnest. There is a senior class of five pupils, and about thirty are enrolled in the school.

Sam Lighthizer, Earl Rice, Mr. Omstedt, Ed Fulton and Ed Smith have finished threshing their grain. Mr. Bowers did the work with his machine.

### **October 3, 1919**

Mr. Kimball has completed the carpentry work on the teacherage and Miss Pleasant and Ione Smith have moved into their new home.

Yoleta Jones was absent from school Tuesday on account of sickness.

Mrs. Clark of Denver, Prof. Fairbrother and wife, Ferry Carpenter and L. Kimsey visited our school Wednesday of this week.

E.D. Smith has returned to the Pilot Knob sawmill after spending two weeks at home threshing his grain.

Ferry Carpenter intends to be at the school house next Friday to organize the Boy Scouts and the Boy Pioneers.

U.F. Harrison went to Deep Creek Tuesday to look after his cattle. He stopped at the school house on his way home.

The cement walks around the schoolhouse have been completed. It is expected that the walks will be extended next year.

Mrs. Earl Callen and daughter have moved to Hayden where Fredonia will attend school.

Carl Corder went to Castle Rock last week and Earl Talbot left Monday with Mr.Corder's horses.

### **October 10, 1919 Virginia Sayre**

On Sunday morning, Oct. 5 occurred the death of Virginia Sayre the eight year old daughter of A.L. Sayre and wife of Hayden. Virginia had been sick many weeks with diabetes, and altho everything possible was done to save her life it was all in vain. The past few days she was quite weak and for several hours before her death she was unconscious. Virginia was a bright, lovable child and had many friends among both old and young. The sympathy of the community goes out to the grief stricken family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Byers at the Sayre home about two miles east of Hayden and burial was made in the Steamboat cemetery.

### **October 17, 1919**

Ferry Carpenter was out at the schoolhouse Thursday afternoon to organize the Boy Scouts. Raleigh Johnson has charge of the boys.

Jim Davis has moved his family to the Kimsey place near town and the boys will attend the Hayden school.

Miss Pleasant rode horse back to Hayden last Saturday and reported an enjoyable trip.

Sam Lighthizer is threshing grain on Dry Fork. He has threshed for Fultons, Armstrong and Rench and is now at work on the Hood ranch.

Miss Iva and Mrs. Emil Rench visited with Mrs. Jesse Armstrong and Mrs. C.L. Fulton Sunday.

Mrs. Montgomery, the teacher of the little school has resigned and gone to Denver. At present they have no teacher for the school.

Fred Eshom and wife have moved to Hayden so they may send their little daughter to school. Dorothy has been staying with Mrs. Freeman and attending the Elkhead school.

Mrs. Evan Marr is visiting her mother, Mrs. U.F. Harrison. Her little daughter Virginia, has been there for several weeks.

## **October 24, 1919**

It is not enuf to get some fine Ayrshire cows you must get a good place in which to keep them; that is the way Freeman and Carpenter feel about it. Accordingly they have been at work on a fine concrete dairy barn which has 18 stanchions, a calf room, a breeding room, granary and other room and good equipment which are contained in a good dairy barn. Tom Prevo and J.C. Freeman have been working like Trojans to get the barn built before winter set in and they have gotten pretty well along with it.

## **November 7, 1919**

Elkhead had a big celebration at the school house Halloween. Miss Rench's pupils gave a party in the afternoon. The dressed up as Brownies and ghosts and entertained their guests with folk dances and games. Apples and popcorn were served and the party closed with a talk and a reading by Mrs. Peck which were greatly enjoyed by everyone. That night the first picture show, "Leap to Fame" was given and this was followed by a dance which lasted until the wee, small hours of the morning.

H.F. Morsbach took his sheep to town last week and shipped them to Denver. He is going on to Kansas where he will visit friends and relatives. He expects to bring back some dairy cattle and he intends to go into the dairy business.

Mrs. Ed Fulton and Miss Pleasant have been canvassing this neighborhood for the Solandt Memorial Hospital and are succeeding real well.

Charles Fulton and Charlie Pizor shipped their cattle last Friday and U.F. Harrison drove a bunch to town Saturday to ship.

Quite a crowd from Hayden attended our Halloween dance. There were several teachers and pupils of the Hayden school present besides many others.

Mrs. Julia Pizor and son James are visiting at the Ira Smith home.

The moving picture machine was not brot out until Friday and was installed in record time to enable us to have a show that night. The school children are eagerly looking forward to their work this winter in which the machine will be used. We plan to have public shows twice a month.

Everyone is doing fall plowing here and quite a lot of ground has been turned over in this vicinity.

November 11 a dance will be given at the Elkhead school house. Everyone is invited to attend. The Grange will be organized that night and all farmers and their families are invited to join.

Our song books for the community singing have arrived and we used them for the first time Friday night. We plan to have community singing for about half an hour on the nights we have our picture shows.

## **November 21, 1919**

The dance given by Clarence Horton Nov. 11 was quite well attended by the Elkhead people in spite of the storm. An excellent supper was served at midnight and everyone reported a splendid time.

Mrs. Ed Fulton went to Hayden Tuesday and left Wednesday for Denver where she will stop for a few days before going to Massachusetts.

Ione Smith was absent from school Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Ferry Carpenter was a visitor at the school last Thursday. He brot the film out for our Saturday night show.

Percy Kitchens was not able to get here Tuesday night so the Grange was not organized until Saturday night. The membership is 22 and the officers are: H.F. Morsbach, Master; H. M. Jones, Overseer; Mrs. J. M. Ferguson, Chaplain; J.G. Hood, Steward; Mrs. and Mrs. Sargent, Assist. Stewards; Ed Fulton, Secretary; Jesse Armstrong, Treasurer; Miss Iva Rench, Lecturer; Charlie Fulton, Doorkeeper. It was arranged that the Grange should meet at the School house Thanksgiving day and eat dinner together. Anyone wishing to join should bring their dinners and enjoy a real Granger's Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Morrison the teacher of the Trull school was at our Grange meeting Saturday night.

The picture show scheduled for Tuesday night was not given until Saturday night as the films were not brot out. Ernest Sargent deserves the thanks of the people, for he operated the machine free of charge.

The people of this neighborhood are working very hard to get a post office at Elkhead with H. M. Jones as postmaster. The mail must be carried free for three months in order to get the office established.

The Elkhead high school is giving a dance at the school house Nov. 27. The ladies are asked to please bring supper. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Clarence and Otto Horton commence work on the Cottonwood coal mine this week.

The Elkhead Campfire girls have received a special permit from headquarters to reestablish their Campfire with only five active members. The Campfire has been discontinued for over a year and so many of the members are too far away to attend weekly meetings.

Several weeks ago the high school English class wrote some letters about their school to an English class in the Kansas City schools. Mr. Carpenter read one of the letters and considered it so good that he made several typewritten copies of it and sent one to Miss Stanwood of Chicago and several very interesting letters have been received from her English class by our pupils.

The people of Elkhead have been trying to get a postoffice at the Elkhead school house and we understand their efforts are to be rewarded by the establishing the post office right away.

Louis Charos and wife are now in Denver. Louis wrote to Marshall Starr some time ago that he had gotten married and was coming back to Hayden and "I will bring it along with me."

### **Dec. 5, 1919**

The Grange Thanksgiving dinner at the school house was a very enjoyable affair. There was worlds of good food for everybody. An excellent program was given that afternoon including several clever little dialogues and some songs by Miss Rench's room. Mr. Morsbach read a paper on the history and purpose of the Grange. The program closed with a community sing.

The Thanksgiving dance was quite a success in spite of the fact that our musicians sent word at a late hour that they could not come. Thanks to Ernest Reed, Hazel Walker, Mrs. Jones and Art Horton we were furnished with good lively music until morning and every one had a rousing good time.

Miss Pleasant went to town horseback Wednesday evening returning Sunday afternoon after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. R. M. Perry of Oak Creek.

The picture show scheduled for Nov. 27 could not be given as the machine broke down during the first reel.

E. D. Smith was down from the Pilot Knob sawmill for Thanksgiving festivities. He will discontinue work at the mill about Christmas.

Mrs. U.F. Harrison has left for Oak Creek where she will visit for a few weeks with her son and daughters.

Clarence Horton ran a pick into his arm when working at the coal mine and he went to town as soon as possible and had the wound treated and will be back at work soon.

Mary Smith starts teaching at the little school house in Dist. 11 Monday of this week. Mrs. Clyde Myers has been teaching the school until Mary finished her term at Spring Gulch.

It was announced Thanksgiving night that a dance would be given at the school house Dec. 13. Everyone is invited to attend.

The high school English class has organized a "Better Speakers Club" for the purpose of practicing public speaking and learning parliamentary law. The members take turns in presiding over the meetings which are held Tuesday during the recitation period.

Lewis Harrison, Ezra Smith, Richard Ferguson, Jesse Morsbach, Tommy Jones, and Elzie Scott have passed examinations and are now Tenderfoot Scouts.

Ferry Carpenter has been coming up Thursday afternoons and drilling the boys. Frank Harrison is to be their Scout Master.

Mr. Ingle and son George have moved into the Elkhead neighborhood and Mr. McBride and family have moved into the Jim Robinson place.

Two fifes and a drum have been received by the Boy Scouts and every boy expects to learn to play both instruments.

Mrs. J.G. Hood spent last Sunday with her parents, H.M. Jones and wife.

Leona Armstrong has been absent from school several weeks on account of having a severe cold.

## **December 19,1919**

### **Christmas Program at Elkhead**

The people of Elkhead plan to have a program, Christmas tree and a dance on Christmas day. The program will start about 3 p.m. after the program the picture show will be given and then the dance will follow. This will give the people a chance to eat their Christmas dinner at home and still have a chance to enjoy the program show and dance at the school house. Midnight lunch will be served and all are requested to bring lunch for the occasion. Miss Rench has charge of the program and we are thus assured it will be a good one. All are invited whether you live in the Elkhead neighborhood or not.

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## **January 9, 1920**

### **Elkhead Post Office Opens**

The first trip to the newly established Elkhead postoffice was made by HF Morsbach last Saturday. HN Jones is the postmaster and also runs the store at Elkhead school house. The mail will be carried by the patrons of the office for 30 days and a dozen of the Elkhead people have agreed to carry the mail turn about during this period and do it gratis. As the Elkhead country has settled up a great deal since the first attempt was made to have a post office there is that this effort will succeed and it is hoped that all who can will aid in any way possible to make the post office and permanent thing and this can be done by patronizing it in any way possible.

## **January 9, 1920**

At last we have our post office established at Elkhead with H.M. Jones as postmaster. The mail was carried to Hayden for the first time last Friday, Henry

Morsbach taking it down. The mail is to be taken to Hayden twice a week, Tuesday and Friday and brought out from Hayden on Wednesday and Saturday.

Sophia Neilson spent Wednesday and Thursday with Eunice Pleasant at the teacherage.

Helen Jones spent Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith. She returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Fulton went to Hayden Friday. Sophie Neilson, Eunice Pleasant and ye scribe went with her, all but Miss Neilson returning home the next day.

The Grange meeting was held Saturday afternoon with about 25 members present. Ed Fulton resigned as secretary and Ezra Smith was elected in his place. An executive committee consisting of RL Barnes, Clarence Freeman and UF Harrison was elected and Jesse Armstrong was elected purchasing agent. The meetings are to be held every Saturday afternoon beginning promptly at 2 o'clock until further notice. The Grange desires the presence of every member to at least one meeting in this month.

Jim Hood and A Ferguson have finished hauling Mr. Ferguson's hay from the Pot Holes.

Florence Jones has been at home visiting with her parents since Christmas. She went back to her sister's Mrs. Ira Smith, last Saturday.

Flo Williams is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. JC Freeman.

A group of young people went on an enjoyable trip one day last week. The trip ended at Cottonwood Coal mine where they visited with Mrs. Vada Horton and went thru the coal mine.

The little school had only two days vacation at Christmas time. Mary Smith began teaching last Monday so the school would close earlier in the spring.

### **January 16, 1920**

A Grange meeting was held Saturday afternoon and it was decided to not have any meetings until the regular meeting which is the first Saturday afternoon in February. JC Hale, County Agent will be here at that time and will speak during the lecture hour. Don't forget, the meeting begins promptly at 2 o'clock.

Jake and Ira Smith have been hauling lumber from the Pilot Knob sawmill. Ira received word that his family was sick and started home Saturday.

Little William Fulton has been absent from school the past week on account of sickness.

The high school botany class has been using the microscope, which was loaned to them by JF White, in their class work the past week. Professor Fairbrother has also loaned the school some glass slides to place their specimens on.

Ed Fulton brot two of the crew down from the sawmill Saturday as they have discontinued work at the mill.

Two fire extinguishers have been purchased and placed in the Elkhead school building. The boys have been instructed in using them. We had our first fire drill Wednesday afternoon.

WA Engle reported finding several head of cattle at the foot of Sand Mountain and several men have taken saddle horses and are trying to get them out. Lee Barnes has skied ahead at the Elkhead post office as the cancellation must come to a certain amount for the establishment of a post office. Mr. Scott carried the mail to town Tuesday and Charley Fulton made the trip last Friday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Iva Rench had been quite sick this week and Ina Hayes and Leila Ferguson are substituting for her.

The leap year dance which was to have been given by the Elkhead girls, the 23rd has been postponed.

The school subscribed to the Ford Educational weekly which consists of a reel of educational films every week in the year and only costs \$12.60.

Minnie Jones and Oliver Morsbach have been made Knight Banneretts in the Health Crusade.

## **January 23, 1920**

### Elkhead Items

(By Leila Ferguson)

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## ELKHEAD ITEMS

Dr. Little brot the Red Cross nurse Miss Dailey out to Elkhead last Tuesday to assist the sick people wherever she was needed most.

We had no school the past week at Elkhead as so few children were able to attend school.

Miss Pleasant returned from Craig last Wednesday evening bringing her nephew Rex with her. Rex will remain on Elkhead for some time.

Last week Ernest Sargent found 4 head of cattle on Quaker Mountain and with the help of a couple of men got them out. The cattle were taken down to the Elkhead ranch.

As Ed Fulton was too ill to make his second trip with the mail A. Ferguson took it to Hayden last Tuesday. Ernest Sargent made the trips Saturday and Tuesday this week.

Si Michaels is helping Charley Fulton by feeding his cattle.

Jim Hood and H.M. Jones have been hauling coal for the schoolhouse.

Don't forget the Grange meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>. and make an attempt to be here at that time.

The death of Jake Smith came as a shock to everyone and has cast a shadow over many homes in this neighborhood as Jake was a young man who was well liked by young and old. The heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended to the sorrowing family.

Ye scribe has been on the sick list for the last week so these items are a little short of news.

The floral tributes at the funerals were quite beautiful and showed great thotfulness on the part of friends.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the kind words and acts of our friends in this hour of sadness caused by the death of our son and brother Elmer Jacob Smith.

E.D. Smith and family.

## **February 6, 1920 Elkhead Items (By Leila Ferguson)**

HM Jones and A. Ferguson are helping Jim Hood haul his house logs from the Pot Holes. Jim is going to erect a fine new log house on his ranch this spring along with other improvements of a substantial nature.

Miss Rench who has been very sick for some time is reported to be improving but very slowly. It will take her at least two weeks to become herself again, physically.

Helen Jones returned home Wednesday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith, near Hayden.

We had our fourth picture show Monday night, the subject was "The making of steel."

Guy Hays came home Saturday for a few day's visit with home folks.

Rex Pleasant entered school Monday.

Clarence Horton returned to the Cottonwood coal mine Saturday where he resumed work. Mrs. Horton and the baby remaining at the Ed Smith home.

J. B. Scott and Guy Hays were the mail carriers this week.

### **February 13, 1920**

J.C. Hale, County Agent, will met with the Grange the latter part of this month, his visit being postponed on account of the flu epidemic. The date will be announced later. The Grange met at the school house Feb. 7th, with a rather small attendance as so many members will still unable to come. For the lecture hour Mrs. Ferguson arranged an impromptu program, Mrs. Fairbrother entertaining the crowd with some excellent piano music and others contributing readings and recitations.

Henry Morsbach is sawing lumber with his sawmill for J.G. Hood.

Miss Grace Dailey, the visiting nurse went to Hayden Friday and left for Denver the following morning. Miss Daily has been a great help in the neighborhood and some of her patients think that their recovery would have been doubtful if it had not been for her excellent nursing.

Guy Hayes left for Oak Creek Friday after spending about a week with his folks.

Ione Smith spent the weekend at home with her parents. Her father brot her up to the teacherage Sunday evening.

Tommy Jones has been helping Clarence Horton at the Cottonwood coal mine but has now returned home to attend school.

Ferry Carpenter visited the Elkhead school last Friday and after the children had sung to their hearts content gave a very interesting talk on "What is a Citizen?" This is the first of a series of lectures which Mr. Carpenter will give to constitute a course in civics.

The Boy Scouts and Boy Pioneers spent an hour Friday afternoon in drilling. Ferry Carpenter's visits to Elkhead are certainly enjoyed by these boys. Richard Ferguson, Jesse Morsbach, Elzie Scott, Tommy Jones, Lewis Harrison and Ezra Smith have passed the Tenderfoot examinations and received their badges.

The high school botany class is taking up the study of Bacteria and yeast.

## **February 20, 1920**

Clarence Horton has quit mining coal at the Cottonwood Coal mine for this winter. He moved his things down to the ED Smith ranch Friday.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Hood last Wednesday, Feb. 11. Mrs. Hood is at the H.M. Jones home.

ED Smith, HM Jones and Frank Harrison have been the mail carriers for Elkhead the past two weeks.

An excellent picture show was given at the school house last Wednesday evening with about forty people present. The Ford Weekly reel, "A Bit of Heaven" and a Pathe Drama "I want to be a Lady" were part of the show. Miss Pleasant ran the machine and Mrs. Fairbrother entertained before the show with piano music.

The upper and lower rooms at Elkhead school joined in having their Valentine box. Some very pretty Valentines were made by the lower grades.

Frank Harrison, Assistant Scout Master spent about an hour drilling the Boy Scouts and Boy Pioneers Thursday.

## **February 27, 1920**

J.C. Hale, County Agent will be at Elkhead March 6th at an all day meeting of the Grange. He urges all who can to be present. A big dinner will be served at noon.

A poultry and also a pig club will be formed at the Grange meeting, March 6th.

Mrs. Fairbrother's little daughter, Julia, went to Hayden Thursday. We will all miss Mrs. Fairbrother greatly as she added so much to our entertainment by her piano playing.

Miss Rench resumed her teaching Friday, after an absence of two weeks caused by sickness. We are glad to see her back again.

Ruth Harrison is home again after several month's absence at the Perry home in Oak Creek. She brot little Virginia Marr with her to the Harrison home for a few days visit.

Mrs. Ed. Fulton came back to Elkhead after many weeks absence visiting her relatives in Massachusetts.

Flo Williams went to Hayden this week after spending some weeks at the JC Freeman home. Mr. Freeman has moved into a house near the Elkhead school so he can send his children to school during the time of bad roads in the spring.

Jesse Armstrong has been head mail carrier the past week.

The Elkhead boys are wondering when that ski meet with the Hayden boys is going to take place. The Elkhead boys are ready.

### **March 12, 1920**

The primary room has again organized an Audubon society and will study as many of the native birds as possible.

The boys and girls formed a poultry club at the meeting March 6th and start with about 20 pullets. Only purebred stock will be raised and a poultry show will be held at the school house next fall. Ina Hayes is leader of the club.

J.C. Hale, the County Agricultural Agent, gave a fine talk on dairying at the Grange meeting last Saturday. There was good attendance and a big dinner.

The upper room of the school was dismissed last Friday so several of the students could attend the Ski Carnival. Among those who went were Leila Ferguson and Ezra Smith.

A. Ferguson and J.C. Hood have been carrying the mail the past week. The time for free carrying of the mail expires the last of March.

The High School Senior class held a meeting Wednesday afternoon and elected Ezra Smith president and Leila Ferguson Secretary and treas.

Miss Iva Rench entertained several friends at her home last Saturday evening and the evening was spent with card games, and refreshments were served during the evening.

J. H. Dreifuse has been at the Jesse Armstrong place and has arranged to help run the place the coming year and will move over from Yampa where he now resides.

### **March 26, 1920**

The Grange officers held a meeting at the school house last Saturday and preparations are being made to initiate the new members at the next meeting which will be held some time in April.

H.M. Jones has returned home after spending several days at the Ira Smith home near Harris.

Miss Pleasant rode horseback to Hayden last Wednesday and then from there to Craig to take the teacher's examinations.

Clarence Freeman is the Elkhead mail carrier for this week.

Miss Iva Rench and Mrs. Emil Rench spent Sunday at the C.L. Fulton home.

Ezra Smith has joined the W.O.W. and went to Hayden last Thursday for his initiation.

The Ford Weekly picture show was given last Friday during the noon hour at the Elkhead school house and those who saw it say it was the best one we have ever had.

### **April 2, 1920**

Mr. Carpenter gave his third lecture in Civics, "How a Bill Becomes a Law," on Friday afternoon to the High school room. The class acted as the House of Representatives and the Senate introducing, debating and voting on a bill.

Ina Hayes entertained the High school pupils with a big turkey dinner Sunday evening at her home.

The English class has just finished an analytic study of Magazines including all types from the Atlantic to the Breeders' Gazette taking in consideration the make up, purpose and contents of each.

Elizabeth Freeman returned to school again after an absence of several months.

The English Literature class is now studying the Modern Drama and reading John Drinkwater's Abraham Lincoln.

Ferry Carpenter and Clarence Freeman have been the Elkhead mail carriers the past week.

A Ferguson is spending a few weeks in Southern Colorado while on his way to Oregon.

The question of feed is becoming serious in this locality as the March storms have continued all week with several inches of snow daily.

Several of the young people here attended a dance at the Reed home in Long Gulch Friday evening and the report a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. U. F. Harrison has returned home after spending several weeks at Oak Creek with her daughter.

### **April 9, 1920**

The Grange meeting held April 3 at the school house was well attended. Mr. Dreifuse was made a 4th degree member.

Miss Iva Rench resigned as lecturer and Mrs. Emil Rench was selected to take her place. The program consisted in community singing, songs by the Jesse Armstrong children, talks by JC. Freeman, JE Armstrong and H.E. Morsbach and the program ended with an old fashioned spelling match in which Ernest Sargent and Charlie Fulton were the champion spellers.

Friday Ferry Carpenter was at the school and gave his regular lecture to the civics class.

The high school English class gave a banquet last Friday noon and several members gave short talks, Ina Hays acting as toastmaster.

Miss Pleasant spent the week end at the J. F. White home and returned to Elkhead Sunday evening.

The time of probation for the Elkhead mail route has ended. The amount of cancellation was \$66.00. It is that the route will be regularly established.

A hard times party will be given at the Elkhead school house the night of April 16 by the Grange. All persons in the community are invited to be present.

### **May 7, 1920 Pilot**

The primary room gave a "Hard Time" party Saturday night. Elizabeth and James Freeman and Herbert Scott received prizes for costumes. A good time resulted. The evening was spent in playing games of various kinds.

The Commencement exercises will be May 22. The graduating class numbers five. A burlesque and drama will be given in the afternoon at the school house.

Elzie Scott walked to Hayden this week and brot out the first class mail for this community.

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### **STILL BUYING PROPERTY**

The past week has seen considerable transfer of property in Hayden and surrounding community. Alva Jones bot the G.E. Maynard ranch in the Elkhead country thus making the third ranch he has bot there.

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Egbert Maynard bot the Gibbs place this week and will move into it later.

### **May 21, 1920**

The Elkhead Commencement program and dance will be held at the school house Saturday May 22. The Class Day exercises begin at three o'clock that afternoon ending with a burlesque dramatization "A Day in School."

The Commencement exercises will be held at eight that evening. Professor J F. Reynolds of the University of Colorado will deliver the address and Rev. RE Warren of Mt. Harris the invocation and benediction.

The eight piece Craig Concert Orchestra will furnish music for both the afternoon and evening exercises.

The dance immediately follows the Commencement exercises and the Hayden orchestra will furnish the music. It is the earnest wish of the graduating class that everyone who has ever come to Elkhead return again and anyone who has never been here to make this an occasion for a visit.

Helen Jones entertained Miss Pleasant and the High School girls at a dinner Wednesday. The color scheme was carried out in blue and gold.

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison have stopped school to help with the farm work.

Farm work has started in this community.

Ruth Harrison is spending a week with Eunice Pleasant at the teacherage.

[Separate article]

### ELKHEAD GRADUATION EXERCISES

The Elkhead school graduates five students from the high school tomorrow night. So far as we can learn this is the first class of high school students graduated from a four year course from a country school in Routt county. The Class consists of Leila O. Ferguson, Ina Hayes, Lewis Harrison, Helen M. Jones, and Ezra D. Smith. Miss Eunice Pleasant has been teacher of the high school the past year and her work is very highly spoken of while the excellent work of Miss Iva Rench who taught the grades has been first class as usual.

**May 28, 1920**

### **Elkhead Commencement**

The Elkhead consolidated school graduated its first class of High school pupils on Saturday May 22. The class consisted of:

Ezra Smith, Leila Ferguson, Ina Hays, Helen Jones, and Lewis Harrison.

Weather conditions made travel difficult and the Craig Concert Orchestra was unable to come up, all other participants made the trip by horseback or auto and were present.

The class day exercises began at 4 p.m. and consisted of the Class History by Ina Hays, the Class Prophecy by Leila Ferguson, the Class Will by Ezra Smith, the Class Song by Class and audience and a burlesque entitled "A day at Elkhead" by the Class and others, all of which were well done and much appreciated.

At 7 p.m. a very unique banquet was spread at the Teacherage in honor of the Graduating Class and their fathers and mothers. The schoolboards and former teachers were also guests. After a very delicious repast served by members of the lower classes, a flashlight picture was taken of the assemblage and then followed the toasts which were as follows:

Introduction by Toastmistress Miss Eunice Pleasant.

"The Open Ranch" ED Smith

"Breaking Bronchos" Ina Hays

"Blazing the Trail" Mrs. RM Perry

"The Round UP" Lewis Harrison

"Grass Grown Trails" Mrs. Peck

"The Chuck Wagon" Mrs. CL Fulton

"Locoed" FR Carpenter

"Crossing the Divide" Dr. J.F. Reynolds

The affair was most entertaining and enjoyable. The place cards had been made by 2 of the pupils, Ione Smith and Yoleta Jones and the tables were beautifully decorated with mountain wild flowers.

The banquet adjourned and went to the school house where the Graduating exercises were held. Jos. Cuber and Sam Reid played the musical numbers on the program and the Commencement address was delivered by Prof. J.F. Reynolds, the head of the English Department of the State University at Boulder.

A regular old time Elkhead community dance followed and lasted till morning with supper served at midnight. An object of great interest to all the visitors was the wonderful display of work on the walls of the primary room made by the children of Miss Rench's classes. Woven rugs, baskets, clay modeling, base relief maps of the School yard, the school District and the county, calendars and many paintings and works of art and designs.

The entire community feels proud and well satisfied with the school work of the year and are especially pleased with the work of the two teachers, Miss Eunice Pleasant in the High school and Miss Iva Rench in the Primary room.

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#### ELKHEAD ITEMS

(By Leila Ferguson)

Frank R. Barnes, formerly of the Elkhead country, and Miss Beulah Hathoway of Farmington, NM were recently married.

The graduating class received congratulations Saturday from both Mrs. Hillman, formerly Miss Woodruff, and Mrs. Carpenter.

Helen Jones is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith.

Florence Jones will remain at home with her parents this summer.

J.G. Hood made a trip to Hayden Monday bringing out the Elkhead mail.

Ruth Harrison returned home Tuesday after spending some time at the teacherage.

H. F. Morsbach has returned home after spending some time with friends and relatives in Kansas. He is bringing back some thorobred Jersey cattle and plans to go into the dairy business on a large scale.

Miss Iva Rench is leaving for a summer's visit to Indiana. She plans to attend the Teachers' Normal while there.

#### **June 11, 1920**

Florence Jones made a trip to Hayden last week bringing out the Elkhead mail as she returned.

The regular meeting of the Elkhead Grange was held Saturday evening June 5th, at the school house. The Grange is growing fast and new members are coming in all the time. Richard Ferguson is the last one to be taken in.

The lecture tour was entertaining and instructive. A ciphering match and games of various kinds constituted the program. The next meeting will be held June 19, and plans for assisting the committee with the Fourth of July program will be discussed.

J.C. Freeman has moved his family down to the ranch.

A small crowd gathered at the school house Sunday to hear Rev. Byers and to organize a Sunday school. Officers were elected as follows: Eunice Pleasant, Supt.; Mrs. Emil Rench, Sec.; Mrs. I.B. Scott, Treas. Sunday school begins at two o'clock and everyone is urged to come.

Mrs. Emma Little and children of Oak Creek are visiting her parents, U.F. Harrison and wife for a few days.

### **July 2, 1920**

(no longer written by Leila Ferguson)

The Grange held a meeting Saturday 19th and had a good attendance and preparations were made for the 4th of July celebration to be held next Saturday. There will be sports in the afternoon, Ernest Sargent and Dreifuse are the committee. The Grange will serve cream and cake. Fireworks at night. Grange meeting in the evening after which will come a picture show and dance.

UF Harrison has moved his cattle over in the Pot Holes country the past week.

Mrs. Ira Smith visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. HM Jones and family last week, Mrs. Jones returning home with her Saturday.

Mrs. A Ferguson and daughter, Leila, were in Hayden the last of the week.

### **July 9, 1920 RCR**

Ione Smith has returned home after a few days visit with Denver friends.

Mrs. E.D. Smith and son Ezra are in Hayden attending the Chautauqua.

See Miller and family, Harry, Silver and Emma Armstrong attended the Elkhead celebration and visited at the Jesse Armstrong home a few days.

The dance at night at the school house at night was a thoroly enjoyable affair and we were supplied with an abundance of good music until morning. Jesse Armstrong was floor manager.

A Grange meeting will be held on Saturday July 17 at the school house. Make an effort to come.

Miss Leila Ferguson spent part of the week in Hayden attending the chatauqua programs.

Everybody come to Sunday school The supplies are expected any day; we need you and you need the Sunday School.

The sports program in the afternoon of July 3 was a splendid one. The program consisted of: --

Boys foot race, Leonard Lighthizer 1<sup>st</sup>; Rodney Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Girls foot race, Silver Armstrong 1<sup>st</sup>, Mildred Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Three legged race, Richard Mitchell and Lawrence Dexter 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ladies egg race, Hazel Walker 1<sup>st</sup>; Ina Hayes 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Small girls egg race, Emma Armstrong 1<sup>st</sup>.

Men's relay race, Bill Bonan, Boy Harrison and Jesse Armstrong were the winning string.

Men's potato race, J. Armstrong 1<sup>st</sup>.

Boys' potato race, Oliver Morsbach 1<sup>st</sup>; Homer Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Man's race with child on his back, Jesse Armstrong 1<sup>st</sup>; Jim Hood 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Men's foot race, Jesse Armstrong 1<sup>st</sup>.

Slow horse race, Arch Ryan on Jess Armstrong horse.

Free for all race, Boy Harrison 1<sup>st</sup>; Arch Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Saddle horse race, Hazel Walker [Watkins?] 1<sup>st</sup> Florence Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Small boys' horse race, Clarence Coverston 1<sup>st</sup>; Rodney Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Stake Race, Tex McDowell 1<sup>st</sup>; Boy Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Relay race, Boy Harrison 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bucking contest, A purse of \$13.00 was made up and Earl Moye won it.

The Elkhead Grange sold ice cream both in the morning and in the evening.

## **July 23, 1920**

Tex McDowell has been camped near the School house for several days while working on the roads in this vicinity. We are assured of a good road when Tex gets on the job.

A leap year dance will be given at the school house July 31st. The girls are to pay for the music and the gents bring the midnight lunch. Be sure to come for you will have a good time at Elkhead.

Ferry Carpenter has resumed work on his big stone barn at the Freeman place.

The Elkhead Grange held a meeting at the school house the 17, and they are trying to have a mail route to Elkhead changed.

Alva Jones is spending a few days with his family who are living on the old Milner Place this summer.

Miss Marian Bodfish and Bess Fulton are visiting with the Fulton families on Elkhead.

Miss Mary McDowell is spending a few weeks on her homestead.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pizor Saturday the 17th.

Yoleta Jones is spending a few days at the Ira Smith home near Mt. Harris. Eunice Pleasant has returned home from a shopping trip to Denver.

Mrs. Sargent of Indiana is visiting with her son, Ernest. His father and brothers are expected to come later.

Several Elkheaders have been in California Park fishing and camping. They all report a very enjoyable time.

Ed Smith and Mr. Geer have started work on the Pilot Knob saw mill.

### **August 13, 1920**

## **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Of School District No. 11, County of Routt, State of Colorado, from July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1920**

### **September 3, 1920**

Miss Bodfish, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Ed Fulton and her friend Miss Sophie Neilson, left Hayden Sunday morning for her home in Massachusetts.

Miss Fulton, a summer visitor at the home of her brothers Ed and Chas. Fulton has returned to her home in Xenia, Ohio.

Miss Nancy Knight, a teacher in the Hayden High school for the coming year is a guest at the F.R. Carpenter home on Elkhead.

### **September 22, 1920 Pilot ELK HEAD**

U. F. Harrison is working on his reservoir on Calf Creek.

Ecil Scott won the prize on the best pig at the fair and has gone to the state fair.

Chas. Fulton, Ed Fulton, Ferry Carpenter and families spent last Sunday at the Harrison ranch.

Clarence Freeman is going to move his family up to the schoolhouse for the winter.

Yoleta Jones spent last week on the Williams forks with her brother, Frank Jones.

H. F. Morsbach is putting the finishing touches to his silo.

Mrs. Jesse Ferguson and daughter Leila moved to Hayden having leased the ranch to Leir Ferguson.

Harrison Little who has been staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Harrison expects to return to his home in Oak Creek in a few days.

The farmers at Elk Head are all busy with their grain cutting.

Mrs. Anna White is the new teacher for the high school room. Her granddaughter, Virginia Clay, is staying with her at the teacherage.

Okla Walalk will stay with Mrs. White at the teacherage this winter.

Jess Armstrong has bought himself a new Ford.

Several people from Elk Head attended the fair at Hayden.

## **September 23, 1920**

### **Pleasant-Carpenter**

The most brilliant social event of the season took place last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Floyd Pleasant of Craig, when his sister, Miss Eunice Pleasant became the bride of Mr. F.R. Carpenter of Hayden. Promptly at eight o'clock and just preceding the ceremony Miss Sophie Neilson of Hayden sang "At Dawning" and "Because" accompanied by a cello obligato by Mr. Floyd Pleasant.

At the strains of "Lohengrin's wedding march" played by Mrs. Ed Fulton of Elkhead, the flower girls Misses Muriel Pleasant and Maribel Woodley opened the way with ribbon and flowers and the groom, attended by his brother, Mr. Kenneth Carpenter of Evanston, Ill., took his place beneath a bower of ferns and flowers prepared for the occasion. The Matron of Honor, Mrs. Carl Pleasant, preceded the bride who entered the parlor on the arm of her father, Mr. JM Pleasant of Kansas. The impressive one ring ceremony was used by the Rev. Toothaker of Craig.

The bride was handsomely gowned in a creation of white "Kittens ear Crepe" complemented with Pearl bead trimmings. She wore the "court train" with Miss Catherine Pleasant as train bearer. The bridal veil was of tulle caught up with a wreath of pink sweetheart roses and her shower bouquet was of white asters and sweetheart roses.

The bride's attendant wore a gown of yellow satin with blue tulle and carried a shower bouquet of chaminade roses. The groom wore the conventional black.

Congratulations followed the ceremony and some fifty telegrams from the numerous friends of the bride and groom were read. A delicious wedding dinner was served after which the bride followed the old time honored custom of cutting the bride's cake. After an evening of merriment and pleasure, the happy couple repaired to their auto amid showers of rice and well wishes and went to their home on Elkhead.

The bride has been a successful teacher in the Elkhead schools for the past year. The groom is a prominent young attorney where he needs no introduction

and the best wishes of the entire community go with him and his bride. The Republican extends its heartiest congratulations to the happy couple with best wishes for a long and happy life.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts among which was an elaborate platinum brooch set with sapphires, a gift from the groom. The out-of-town guests were Mr. JM Pleasant father of the bride, Miss May Pleasant, aunt of the bride, both of Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. F. Carpenter of Evanston Ill., father and mother of the groom, Mr. Kenneth Carpenter , Miss Marian Carpenter, Mrs. JC Woodley, brother and sister of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Perry of Oak Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood of Auburn, NY, Mr. and Mrs. Copley of Kansas City., Miss Nancy Knight of Evanston, Ill. and Mrs. Elizabeth Stanwood.

### **October 6, 1920 Pilot**

Mrs. And Mrs. Earnest Sargent have moved to the Sam Lighthizer ranch for the winter.

Clarence Horton has quit hauling lumber from the Pilot Knob saw mill and is going to begin work at the Cottonwood coal mine soon.

Richard Ferguson made a trip to Hayden this week after his mother and sister.

The basket ball grounds have been put in order and basket ball is the one and only game at school.

The bids are now up for the mail carrier, the mail to be carried from Hayden to Elk Head twice a week.

Leslie Kimsey was up in this country the first of the week looking after cattle.

Ina Hayes who is attending the Kansas university writes that she likes Kansas fine.

The school team expects to play the young men in this neighborhood at the game of basketball in the near future.

J.G. Hood hauled a load of hogs to town the first of the week.

Plans are being made for a Hallowe'en entertainment at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jones made a trip to town last week.

Ecil Scott returned home from the state fair and reports having a good time.

### **October 8, 1920**

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison left for Ft. Collins Saturday to attend the State Agricultural College this year.

Ruth Harrison has gone to Oak Creek to visit her brother Ed. She expects to remain until Christmas.

Ina Hayes writes that she likes it fine at Lawrence Kansas where she is attending the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Anna White the highschool teacher at the Elkhead school left for Ft. Morgan Saturday morning taking her granddaughter, Virginia with her. She found the altitude too high here.

Helen Jones who is training to be a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver writes to her friends that she finds the work hard but very interesting.

### **October 13, 1920 Pilot**

Mrs. Anna White, the teacher in the high school room, left for Sterling, Colo. This country being too high for her.

The Grange meeting held last Saturday was quite a meeting and a larger meeting is expected next time.

Miss Hazel Watkins is the new teacher for the high school room.

H.M. Jones is hauling sand for the foundation under the teacherage.

Miss Watkins spend the week-end with the F.R. Carpenters.

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison left for Ft. Collins last Saturday.

### **October 20, 1920 Pilot**

J.C. Freeman went to Hayden Thursday. He expects to do some plumbing work so will be gone for several days.

Guy Hayes is helping U.F. Harrison on his reservoir.

Jim Hood made a trip to town Thursday.

The Halowe'en party to be given at the school house the twenty second expects to be a success. There will also be a dance at the school house Halowe'en night. Everybody is invited to come and bring their lunch.

Leila Ferguson and uncle, Levi Ferguson, expect to leave for Oregon next week.

Cocoa is now being served at school. This is one of the factors for which Elk Head is noted.

All the farmers at Elk Head have dug or are digging their potato crops.

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson and daughter Leila are visiting at Elk Head before Leila goes to Oregon.

Jesse Armstrong and family and Mrs. C. L. Fulton spent Sunday with Miss Iva Rench.

Mrs. Floyd Brown is very sick. She is staying with her sister, Mrs. Earl Rice.

J.G. Hood and family and Richard Ferguson spent Sunday with the H. M. Jones family.

J. C. Freeman has been doing some work on the furnace at the school house. Storm windows are also being put in the west room in hop of making it warmer this winter.

### **October 22, 1920 Pilot**

Elkhead basket ball teams are doing fine work.

Ecil Scott, pig club prize winner gave an interesting account of his trip to Pueblo State Fair at the Grange meeting.

All boys and girls are in school now and attendance is fine.

The prizes from the school exhibit at the Routt County Fair, received by the school aggregated \$18.00. But the secretary of the Fair failed to submit a report for publication in the paper. Is the school work worth it?

Elkhead grange meets November 6. A big time is planned.

The picture, "Treasure Island" will be shown at Elkhead Saturday evening November 6th. It has been produced on a lavish scale by children. It will interest children and adults alike.

A Get-To-Getter and have a good time party will be given at Elkhead school Friday evening October 22 by the patrons. If you are one come on.

Miss Watkins of Texas is the new teacher for the Elkhead school.

### **October 29, 1920**

Miss Leila Ferguson left for Umatilla, Oregon Wednesday morning and will be with her father for several months he being located there.

Ferry Carpenter had a rather exciting fire at his ranch home last week. The lamp exploded and Ferry and his wife had to do some big hustling to save their home, but they succeeded suffering some loss to the kitchen and furniture.

### **November 5, 1920**

The teachers of Elkhead, Miss Iva Rensch and Miss Hazel Watkins rode to Hayden Sunday and expect to return Tuesday.

H.F. Morsbach makes his first trip on the Elkhead mail route Tuesday.

The Elkhead school is having a short vacation and will resume school Wednesday.

Miss Florence Jones is visiting with her parents for a short time.

Elkhead Grange meets Saturday night November 6th. A good time is assured to all members.

Mrs. E. Ferguson is spending a few days at Elkhead.

### **November 12, 1920**

Miss Helen Jones writes she is enjoying her work fine and has won her cap.

Frank Harrison has been ill for a few days but is improving.

Ernest Sargent and Mrs. Jones made a trip to Hayden Wednesday the latter taking the ballot box to Steamboat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sargent expect to be at the Armstrong place for the next few months.

Mrs. Floyd Brown who has been seriously ill at the Earl Rice home has recovered sufficiently to return to her home in Kansas.

The school literary club met and had an interesting session.

Guy Hayes has left Elkhead for the winter and expects to spend it in McGregor.

The Elkhead Grange met Saturday night Nov. 6th with a good attendance. The moving picture, "Aladdin" was given, also Mr. Merrill the county agent was with us and gave a good talk on the farm bureau.

Lost: On the Elkhead road. One lady's overshoe, and one man's leather glove. Finder return to Chas Fulton.

### **November 17, 1920 Pilot**

The picture, "Aladdin" was shown at the school house Saturday.

The Grange meeting Saturday night entertained quite a crowd. Four new members were taken in. After the meeting pie, sandwiches and coffee were served. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

Tommy Jones entered school Monday.

There will be a dinner, program and dance Thanksgiving.

Ernest Sargent and wife moved to the Jess Armstrong ranch to be there during threshing.

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson visited at Elkhead the past week but has returned to Hayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown and baby and Mrs. Brown's brother left last week for Kansas.

Emil Rench has gone to Hayden to work for the winter.

Okla Wamack was absent from school Monday and Tuesday.

### **November 19, 1920**

Emil Rench has gone to Harris where he expects to work this winter.

Jesse Armstrong and Mr. Dreifuse have gone to Hayden to work.

There will be a program and a picture show at the school house on Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving, November 24.

Mrs. Freeman expects to fix the manual training room this week and Miss Rench will start teaching it right away. Miss Watkins will have charge of the Domestic science arts.

The Jim Davis family are leaving Elkhead for the winter and expect to live in Hayden.

Ecil Scott is working at the Farmer's Feed Barn in Hayden for the winter.

Everybody come and bring their lunch and join in a big Thanksgiving supper to be given at the Elkhead school house Thanksgiving night at 7 o'clock. A big dance will follow the supper.

### **December 3, 1920**

Mrs. Freeman entertained Miss Hazel Watkins, Miss Iva Rench and Mrs. Emil Rench at dinner Thanksgiving day.

All members are urged to attend the Grange meeting on Saturday night December 4th as there will be an election of officers for the coming year.

Mr. Harrison and Jim Hood have bot a threshing machine and will start to threshing soon.

The picture show "Les Miserables" which was given at the school house Thursday night was pronounced good by all and the Thanksgiving supper and dance was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Hazel Watkins and Miss Iva Rench spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leckenby.

H.F. Morsbach is having a hard time carrying the mail having to take two days for the trip as the roads are in such bad condition.

### **December 8, 1920 Pilot**

The first in a series of pictures, "Pershing's Crusaders," was shown Thursday morning at the school house.

Jim Hood made a trip to town after kerosene for his threshing machine Thursday.

The Misses Watkins and Rench spent Thanksgiving vacation with the Sisenby and Rice families.

H. F. Morsbach, the Elk Head mail carrier, is having quite a time getting back and forth thru the mud.

J.G. Hood and U. F Harrison bought the threshing machine Tom Haxton and expect to do some threshing up in this part of the country.

### **December 10, 1920**

The pictures "Pershing's Crusaders" shown at the school house Monday was a fine educational film. Next week "Fighting on the Front" will be the feature. We aim to have these every Monday morning together with the Ford Weekly. Any one who can come will be welcome.

Emil Rench and wife have moved to Harris.

The school program being prepared will be given Friday PM December 24th at 2:30. Santa Claus is scheduled at that time also.

MUD? Who said mud It's frozen now.

Jim Hood and UF Harrison have their threshing machine ready for business. Clarence Horton is at the Coal Mine now ready for business.

Mr. Scott is hauling coal to the school house. H.F. Morsbach has hauled the mail for a month now and we wonder how we ever got along without the mail route.

### **December 24, 1920**

There is to be quite a gathering at the Charlie Fulton home tomorrow. U.F. Harrison and family, Ed Fulton and wife and F.R. Carpenter and wife are to be the guests.

### **January 5, 1921 Pilot**

#### **ELK HEAD**

The Christmas program Friday afternoon was well attended by the people of the community.

The picture show and dance given at the school house Christmas night was enjoyed by all present although the storm kept more people from coming.

Miss Iva Rench spent the holidays with her brother at Mt. Harris.

Clarence Horton and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Horton's folks, Ed Smith and family.

Miss Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Harrison had Christmas dinner at the C.S. Fulton home.

There will be a dance at the Sam Lighthizer ranch New Year's night.

The Rice Lisenby and Armstrong families were at the Hines place for an oyster supper Christmas night.

### **January 26, 1921 Pilot**

George Norvell is now principal of the Elk Head school.

C.L. Fulton sold a team to Jim Davis this week.

Ed and Ira Smith are breaking the road to the Pilot Knob mill.

Richard Ferguson and Ione Smith are back in school.

J.B. Scott and Jim Davis are hauling coal to the school.

It looks like the Elk Head postoffice will get daily mail. That will beat Steamboat.

U.F. Harrison is threshing his alfalfa seed, also some fine timothy seed.

### **February 4, 1921**

#### **ELKHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

The snow is about 4 feet deep on the level up here.

The mail carrier, HF Morsbach hasn't missed a single trip so far. That is more than the Moffat road can boast.

The boy scouts of the Elkhead school have reorganized with the following officers: Elzie Scott, pres.; Jesse Morsbach, sec.; Richard Ferguson, treas. Meetings will be held twice a week at the school house.

There will be a dance the Elkhead school house Saturday, Feb. 12. Everybody invited to come and bring your lunch.

Mrs. Ira Smith visited the HM Jones family the past week.

Miss Iva Rench and her friend Miss Mary Biersdorfer took Sunday dinner with the Jim Davis family.

### **February 9, 1921 Steamboat Pilot. ELK HEAD**

Mrs. Ira Smith and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Jones.

Tex McDonnell is giving a dance at the school house the 12<sup>th</sup>. Everybody is invited to come and bring supper.

The people of the community are filling boxes full of things to eat for absent members of the 1920 graduating class.

Miss Iva Rench and Miss Mary Byersdaffer spent Sunday with the J.C. Davis family.

F. H. Morsbach is making the trips regular with the mail. Daily mail has already been applied for.

Mr. Norvell had quite a hard time getting back to Craig. He expects to make another trip this week.

Ina Hayes, who is attending school at Lawrence, Kans. Is reported to be quite sick.

The pictures from Boulder come every week now and are shown every Monday morning at the school house.

E.D. Smith and son, Ira, are breaking the road up to the Pilot Knob saw mill.

### **February 11, 1921**

HF Morsbach, mail carrier on the Elkhead route, tells us that he had to have lots of help in getting the road open Tuesday, for the mail route. He gave us the names of the men of the neighborhood who helped in the big job. They were Jim Davis, C.L. Fulton, Earnest Sargent, Jesse Armstrong, Jack Dreifuse, Paul Hein and Ferry Carpenter, Mr. Leckenby, Earl Rice Sam Lighthizer and several others whose names he could not recall. Mr. Morsbach says his neighbors are still as patriotic as they ever dare be during the war.

Betty Freeman has been absent from school for several days on account of tonsillitis.

28 inches of snow fell here in 26 hours. We claim it was snowing.

Ferry Carpenter expects to bring a sled load of people up to dance tomorrow night.

The Elkhead school is preparing for the spelling contest to be held on February 18th.

Tardy marks are growing fewer every day. Mr. Norvell is interesting the boys and girls in getting to school on time.

### **February 18, 1921**

#### **ELKHEAD ITEMS**

#### **ELKHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

There was a large crowd at the dance on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a fine time.

The Morsbach boys were absent from school on Thursday on account of their father's illness.

Mrs. Ira Smith is visiting the Ed Smith family.

Dr. Little made a trip to the J.C. Freeman home. Elizabeth is much better.

H.F. Morsbach, who has been seriously ill was taken to Hayden Sunday, to receive medical attention.

Clarence Horton is going to shut down the coal mine on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

On his way back from Craig, G.W. Norvell stayed over night at the U.F. Harrison Ranch.

### **February 23, 1921 Pilot**

Little Betty Freeman, who has been sick with tonsillitis, is slowly recovering.

The picture, "huckleberry Finn," will be shown at the school house Tuesday afternoon. Everybody is invited.

The dance given at the school house the 12<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Morback had to be taken to Hayden on account of sickness. Guy Hayes is mail carrier in his place.

New shades have been put on the lights at the schoolhouse. They add a lot to the attractiveness of the rooms.

The pupils in the grammar grades are getting ready for the spelling contest to be held at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon.

The hard storms last week put the roads in bad condition for traveling.

### **February 25, 1921**

Mr. Morsbach is gaining so rapidly he expects to return home from Hayden this week.

JC Freeman returned to Mt. Harris after spending a week at his ranch. Betty is well on the road to recovery.

Miss Ina Hayes whose health has not been good in Kansas expects to return to Elkhead when Mrs. Perry comes back to Colorado about March 1.

The Manual training classes expecting to prepare and exhibit for the Routt County Fair at Hayden next fall.

The school movies on Monday showed two reels; one a war review, the other on salmon fishing.

In the spelling contest held last week Minnie Jones took 1st, R. Hayes took 2nd, Jesse Morsbach took 3rd.

Miss Rench was in bed with a very serious cold that threatened pneumonia.

Mrs. E.S. Fulton visited at the F. R. Carpenter home the past week returning to her Elkhead home Tuesday of this week.

### **March 4, 1921**

Mrs. C. L. Fulton took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Ernest Sargent.

Mrs. Ferguson is looking after the older Freeman children while Mrs. Freeman is in Hayden with those that are ill.

The movie this week showed the destruction wrought by the Germans in northern France.

Earl, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. JC Freeman died in Hayden Saturday morning.

Tommy Jones is back in school again this week.

Miss Iva Rench and the friend who is visiting her visited at the Sargent ranch on Saturday.

Mrs. Williams and daughter, Mr. Orville Hughes, visited with the former's daughter, Mrs. Paul Hine over the weekend.

The High School has gone a week now without a case of tardiness.

In another section

Reports from Ezra Smith who is attending the Agricultural college indicate he is doing well, having received over 90 in his studies and thus was excused from examinations. He expects to be home in April.

E.D. Smith was in town this week and attended the Odd Fellows meeting Tuesday night. Ed has his lumber hauled down to the foot of the hill and will finish hauling to town or to the ranches where needed later. He says there are five or six feet of solid snow at Pilot Knob.

### **March 11, 1921**

H.F. Morsbach is again on the mail wagon after 2 weeks of absence on account of sickness.

There was a dance at the Sam Lighthizer home the night of March 3 and a good time resulted.

Mr. Olmstead has moved his cattle to the Geo. Murphy place.

Prof. Geo. Norvell made his weekly trip to Craig starting Friday night and getting back Monday morning. There is something very attractive at Craig we would judge from the professor's actions.

AA Fredrickson and family visited at the ED Smith home Sunday.

The Sargents are staying at the Carpenter ranch while Paul Hine and family are looking after the Freeman family.

Gus Rosenberg is at work on the Carpenter barn which recently collapsed with the heavy weight of snow.

Yoleta Jones was absent from school most of the week on account of sickness.

The movie "Huckleberry Finn" was thoroly enjoyed by a large number of Elkhead people.

James Hood, pres. of the schoolboard visited the school last Tuesday.<sup>1</sup>

If there are any roads in the Elkhead country, just now we have not seen them.

This is genuine spring weather for Routt County.

### **March 18, 1921 RCR**

Al Moulfe is now at the old Lee Barnes place making repairs on the buildings.

Mrs. Woodley is now on Elkhead and will spend the summer here.

The movie last week was a war picture and was quite an interesting one. The Elkhead people are fortunate in being able to see some of the best pictures shown on the screen altho they are 15 miles from the railroad.

Dry Fork of Elkhead has been very high this week and is dangerous to cross.

UF Harrison and Charlie Fulton butchered last week.

Louis Harrison and Ezra Smith will soon complete their first year at the Agricultural College and are expected home in about three weeks.

Ina Hayes who has been in a hospital in Kansas is reported to be much improved in health.

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<sup>1</sup> James Hood was elected president of the Elkhead school board for three years and Sam Lighthizer re-elected treasurer for the coming year. [do not have exact date –need to check.] Probably late 1920.

Mrs. Perry's father, Mr. Underwood died recently at his home in Auburn, NY. Mrs. Perry is now at Auburn and she was formerly a teacher in the Elkhead schools.

The HM Jones family and Miss Ione Smith spent Thursday evening at the Teacherage.

### **March 23, 1921 Pilot**

J.C. Freeman and wife also Bettie and Lester are recovering. Paul, Jimmia and Louise did not take the diphtheria. Mrs. Ferguson cared for them and kept them in quarantine.

Mr. Freeman's sister, Minnie, from California, a trained nurse, came in and helped care for the sick. She is at the ranch now disinfecting and giving the three at home anti-toxins to make sure.

Prof. Geo. Norvell goes to Craig every week-end. His is getting the school shaped up here. The pupils come early and get right to work now.

Mr. Morsbach, the star route carrier, sees the stars some now as the snow is so soft in daylight. He has had some experiences lately. Tuesday he got into Dry fork of Elkhead when it was not so dry.

Lewis Harrison and Ezra Smith, students at the Agricultural college, Fort Collins, will be home in about three weeks to put in practice what they have gathered in new methods of farming.

Gus Grosenberg is working over the Ferry Carpenter barn. The heavy snow did some damage to it.

The W.W. Olmstead cattle moved over to the ranch on Dry fork of Elkhead last Saturday.

The movie "Huckleberry Finn," was well attended and enjoyed.

Jim Hood, president of the school board, was looking over things Tuesday. He seemed well pleased with the outlook.

There will be plenty of hay left over in this section.

Yoleta Jones was sick last week and out of school.

The outlook for farming is good as fronts is out and soil taking water fine.

Paul Hines and wife are back at the Kenwood ranch, after a week in Hayden helping look after the Freeman family. Ernest Sargent and wife stayed at Kenwood during their absence.

From Elkhead we can see many bare ridges in Moffat county.

### **March 25, 1921**

Messrs Davis and Dreifuse attended the White Brothers Sale. They report the property selling well in general. Milk cows brot around \$150, horses sold low and machinery high.

UF Harrison and wife visited at the Charlie Fulton home Sunday.

FR Carpenter was up to his ranch Sunday to look things over and give instructions in regard to repairing his barn.

Charlie Fulton is building a smoke house on his ranch.

Ernest Sargent and wife visited at the Davis home Sunday.

Ione Smith was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Mrs. HM Jones who has been sick for several days is able to get around again.

The five Davis children are out of school on account of sickness.

### **April 1, 1921**

Mrs. JC Freeman is back to the ranch and JC has gone to Mt. Harris to work.

The Davis children are in school again after several days absence caused by sickness.

Richard Ferguson, Elzie Scott and Tom Jones attended the dance at Steve Shipka's in Long Gulch last Saturday night.

Some members of the high school made a trip to the prehistoric oyster beds of Elkhead and thus got some practical knowledge of geology.

Inez Sargent was a Hayden visitor last Saturday.

The older Freeman children visited at the Morsbach home the past week.

The Jesse Armstrong children took Easter dinner with Miss Rench.

The Mountain View school which has been taught this winter by Miss Mary Smith closes this week.

The James Hood family took Easter dinner at the HM Jones home.

Mr. Morsbach out mail carrier made the round trip to Hayden after the mail Tuesday, this being the first round trip he has made in a month.

### **April 15, 1921 (By the Elkhead High School)**

The snow has been going fast the past week and the roads are dry in places.

Our mail carrier is now making the trips on horseback.

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison got back from Ft. Collins Sunday. They have been taking the short course at the Agricultural college and both made excellent records.

Ernest Sargent is helping rebuild the Carpenter dairy barn.

Among those who attended the community sale at Hayden last Saturday were Ed and Charlie Fulton, J. Davis, ED Smith, Guy Hayes, JH Dreifuse, UF Harrison and JB Scott.

## **April 22, 1921**

### **Castor - Horton**

The marriage of Otto Horton of Elkhead and Miss Myrtle Castor of Hayden took place at Craig Monday of this week. The bride is quite well known in this community and is highly respected and has many friends. The groom was a soldier in the late war and served in France and after the armistice received an honorable discharge. The young folks will live in the Elkhead country and Otto will farm the Reece Horton ranch this summer. He will also look after his claim which he is proving up on.

## **April 27, 1921** Pilot

Lloyd Smith, after spending the winter in New Mexico, is now preparing to move onto his ranch. Lloyd says Routt county is for him.

Otto Horton and Myrtle Castor were married at Craig last Saturday. They will work the Reece Horton ranch.

Richard Ferguson is learning to be a cow puncher but thinks he would rather drive a bunch than just one.

J.C. Freeman and Emil Rensch are home from Mt. Harris, as the mines are idle.

Jeannette Haller finished the eighth grade at Mount View school. Hope she will come home to Elkhead for the higher grades.

Several from here attended the Community sale at Hayden last Saturday. U. F. Harrison took some stock to enter in the sale.

Ezra Smith and Lewis Harrison got home from Fort Collins after several days hard traveling on the Moffat road. They said they did not walk or they would have arrived sooner. College life has fattened them up. Don't believe they rode skis much last winter.

Ernest Sargent is helping remodel the big Carpenter barn.

The boys are playing marbles. It must be spring. The girls are skipping rope, it is here sure thing.

## **May 18, 1921** Pilot

Ed Knowles, an old timer in these parts, was around shaking hands with friends last week. He has been in Utah for a year or so.

Sam Lighthizer was re-elected treasurer at the school election. Pro. George W. Norvell will be superintendent next year.

Mr. Fick from Pat's hole attended the school meeting. He looked upon human faces for the first time in four months.

U. F. Harrison has been on the sick list but is better.

Some have done a little farming but snow came on Saturday, May 8, and gave them a lay-off.

High water this spring. Elk Head creek looks like a lake from the school house.

Tom Hooker was up last week looking up the taxpayers and their possessions.

The road drag was over the trail just before the snow, making a nice smooth place for it to lay.

A two-foot fall of snow and the soil full of water looks like a good crop year.

### **May 25, 1921 Pilot**

Native population is increasing in Elkhead. Jesse Armstrong and wife have a baby girl and Ed Fulton and wife also have a girl baby.

Word comes from Oregon that A. Ferguson had a stroke of paralysis but is reported to be some better now.

We got a two foot fall of wet snow the last round but all is gone now and work is resumed.

Reece Horton has moved onto the Myers place which he bought lately.

Ed Knowles is coming back to the old love, moving to his ranch in California park.

Mrs. Clarence Horton is with her sister in Hayden.

We have word that Tex McDowell is working this way on the roads, so maybe we can reach town soon.

There was a dance at Elkhead school Saturday night, May 21.

School closed the 20<sup>th</sup> of May after a successful session.

Mrs. Ferguson is back on the ranch again.

### **June 1, 1921 Steamboat Pilot Elkhead (Special Correspondence)**

Farming is nearly done in this section. The creeks are still at the high water mark. The bridge at McKinley ranch was left high and dry by change in channel. [sic]

School has closed and all is lonesome around town except on rainy days when the farmers get tie to come to the city.

The dance last Saturday night passed off in fine style. The music as fine. Come again.

Ed McBride, Jerry Mansfield and Isadore Boloten, old timers, were callers today.

Jesse Armstrong will move to Hayden June 1. The will be missed in this country.

Isadore Boloton will go back to the farm.

It is reported that Al Galloway and wife are coming back. Seems good to see the old timers show up again.

Jim Davis has moved back to the homestead on Quaker mountain after spending the winter at the Ferguson ranch to be handy to school.

The meadows are starting out fine, also need seeding is getting a good start. Plenty of moisture in the ground yet. The dry farmers think they are misnamed.

Geo. W. Norvell has returned to Craig after conducting a good term of school here, but the best of it is he will return this fall reinforced.

## **June 8, 1921**

### **ELK HEAD**

(Special Correspondence) Pilot

Moving is the fad now. Paul Hines is moving from the F. R. Carpenter ranch. Ernest Sargent is taking his place caring for the Ayrshires. Jess Armstrong is going from the Boloton ranch. I.B. Scott will make hay which the sun shines on that place.

Emil Rench is going on his homestead on Quaker mountain. Also a new victim is preparing to move to the top of Quaker.

Clarence Horton will irrigate the bottom land on the John Adair ranch and Jean Reed with tend to the mesa part.

Mrs. Clarence Freeman and family spent the first half of the week in Hayden. Mrs. Fred Isham is coming out with her for a visit.

There will be a dance at the Sam Lighthizer home Saturday night.

Mrs. A. Ferguson returned home Wednesday last from the Ed Fulton home where she had been helping care for the new baby.

Yoleta Jones went to Hayden to stay with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith, who is sick.

Ione Smith was up to the town of Elkhead Wednesday calling on old friends.

Mrs. D. M. Jones is spending the week-end at U.F. Harrison's.

Al Moufee is fitting up the Lee Barnes place for its new owner, Ferry Carpenter's sister, who will rusticate there this summer.

## **June 29, 1921**

Mrs. JC Freeman had some experience last Thursday as she was taking Mrs. Fred Isham to Hayden. As the river crossing was impossible they had to turn around in three feet of water and the nearly tipped the wagon over, but arrived back late that night. Saturday they tried again and made it to town that time.

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## July 20, 1921 Pilot ELK HEAD

A. Ferguson is very much improved in health since returning to Routt county from Oregon.

Miss Leila Ferguson has decided to stay and teach school in Routt county.

Helen Jones, a student nurse at St. Luke's hospital, Denver is home on a vacation. She likes the work very well and says she is going to stay at it and finish the course.

Jim Hood and wife, Yoleta and Minnie Jones spent a week in Williams fork country visiting at Frank Jones.

Miss Ruth Harrison is home at U.F. Harrison's for the summer.

John Adair and wife of Hayden were callers at Elkhead last Friday.

Ecil and Elsie Scott, Dick Ferguson, Jon, Ben and Billy Fulton spent a week in California Park. Of course, the fish just crawled out to save themselves.

There will be a party at the school house Saturday night for the 1920 class as they are all home at present. Dancing, games and a movie will be the program, also an alumni association will be organized.

The dance at the school house last Monday night was enjoyed by all. Also a dance at Art Horton's barn was well attended and enjoyed.

Okley Rice and brother were callers at Elkhead last week.

Ina Hayes and Helen Jones spent Tuesday at the F.R. Carpenter home. Carpenter and White branded the Herefords Tuesday.

Mrs. J.C. Freeman spent the week in Mt. Harris and Hayden. She expects to move to Mt. Harris soon. Mr. Freeman is employed there.

Haying is starting and there is a good crop of hay. The grain also looks good and cattle are filling out on the heavy grass.

Ed Smith got caught in a belt and was thrown. He was bruised some but no bones broken.

**September 28, 1921** Fair results. Best collection of Leaf Forms: First: Louis Frederickson, Elk Head; second Leonard Lighthizer, Elk Head. Drawings: First Leonard Lighthizer Elk Head; second Dorsey Lighthizer, Elk Head. Best Piece of Plain Sewings: second Okla Rice Elk Head

### **November 9, 1921 Steamboat Pilot**

Tommy Jones has entered school after helping Van Kitchens on the Olmstead ranch finish the fall work.

Mrs. Jim Hood was visiting her parents Tuesday and Wednesday.

The pupils are having a "home work" contest. Dan and ma can now take it easy I expect.

Alex Burt is building an addition to his barn for his dairy herd.

Ernest Sargent is building a secondary road out to the main road.

Homer Reed is working at the Carpenter Ayrshire dairy ranch.

H. M. Jones is building a wood and coal house.

Emil Rench is moving to Coalview for the winter.

The demonstration by the canning club of Hayden school at Elkhead was postponed until Friday, Nov. 4, on account of the death of one of the class.

Mrs. Julia Pisor is helping Mrs. Edward Fulton fill the hungry threshers.

The Elkhead mail route has been in operation one year.

It seems as if Uncle Sam would find some way for the farmers to get a little cash for their wheat and cattle so they could buy some of the government securities he is so keen to sell.

## **November 16, 1921 Pilot**

J.M. Davis is moving his family to their cabin at Elkhead for the winter. Everything is threshed in this vicinity, even the farmers. Prof. Norvell and wife took dinner with the Chas. Fulton family. The Fergusons took dinner with the Hoods.

### **ELK HEAD**

Ernest Sargent made final proof on his homestead Oct. 16.

P. R. Kiser and wife and son spent the week-end with Prof. Geo. Norvell and wife, coming up from Craig Friday and visiting the school in the afternoon.

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson is helping Mrs. Elmer Reed on the Myers ranch.

Elzie Scott is back in school after helping at home to finish the fall work.

Jim Hood and family spent Sunday at Alex Ferguson's.

The Girls Canning club from Hayden came out to Elkhead school and demonstrated some new kinks in canning. Mrs. J.M. Ferguson, Mrs. Minnie M. Jones, Mrs. Ernest Sargent, Mrs. Jim Hood, Mrs. I.B. Scott, Mrs. H.F. Morsback, Mrs. U.F. Harrison and Mrs. Ferry Carpenter attended the canning lesson and visited school also. Mr. and Mrs. Norvell served luncheon to all. Mr. McClain of Hayden schools also attended and gave some good pointers to the manual training class. Pearl Davis has entered school as they are now living in the city of Elkhead.

Ed Smith went up to the Pilot Knob sawmill to help to finish up the season's run.

The manual training class is making good progress under Prof. Norvell's guidance. They started out right by learning to fit and care for tools first.

Mrs. Fanny Hayes and Roy went to Hayden last Saturday.

H.M. Jones is making some improvements on the postoffice building.

It looks like Germany is starting a commercial war in several places.

Well we are save in Routt county as the price of wheat and cattle would make a Dutchman shiver.

## **November 30, 1921 Pilot**

H. T. Morsbach is now running his shingle mill on days at home from the mail route.

Mrs. Ira Smith and two children have been at H.M. Jones' for a few days while Ira was hauling lumber for their new house in Hayden.

Ecil Scott has entered school at Elkhead. Nearly all the boys are now at school.

Homer Reed's mother is staying with Homer and wife at the Kenmore ranch.

Prof. George Norvell and wife have gotten all the pupils interested in their work. All take hold and pull together.

The contest in spelling and arithmetic was won by Miss Ione Smith's line, so the losing line had to give a party to the whole community which was done Thanksgiving eve. The program carried out was fine and everybody enjoyed themselves, as well as their neighbors.

Many from here attended the box supper social at the branch school, Pleasantview. Thanksgiving night proceeds of the social went to help buy an organ for the school.

It is reported that the Perry mine on Cottonwood has opened a fourteen foot vein of coal.

Some are hauling coal on wagons as sledding is hard. Seldom do we have to wait for snow in this section.

Miss Eleanor Haller spent a few days with Miss Ruth Harrison last week.

### **December 21, 1921**

Ernest Sargent made a business trip to Hayden Saturday, coming back in the snow storm.

Jim Hood and family called at H. M. Jones Sunday.

Mr. Norvell, the superintendent of schools at Elkhead, was sick Saturday and Sunday but lost no time in school.

The Hayden Republican says that the Elkhead school pays their teachers the highest of any country school. Well they are worth it. Suppose Hayden thinks it is a city.

The boys at Elkhead are catching the coyotes and getting cash for the pelts which is something the rancher cannot get for his wheat, butter or eggs.

Walter and Ed Davis went to Hayden last Saturday for supplies.

The pupils had a dress rehearsal Friday evening of the play, "The Mulligans," which they will present Friday evening before Christmas. Tommy Jones and John Fulton make good looking girls.

Jim Davis came home from the mines and expects to stay for a while.

Mr. Simpson has got the mine on Cottonwood creek in working shape and is getting a good grade of coal out of fourteen-foot vein. Teams are hauling it to Steamboat.

Charlie Fulton upset with a two-ton load while coming down to Elkhead with coal. No damage was done.

Ed Miles was riding for cattle in this section last week.

Reese Horton and wife have moved back to their ranch after being away two years.

The new barn at the McKinley ranch is completed and in use.

The Hood and Jones families were callers at Ernest Sargent's last week.

We are expecting a great time Friday evening, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the program, supper, then dance until 12 o'clock.

### **January 24, 1922**

The Christmas program given at the Elkhead school was a success all around in spite of the storm. The people waited until the worst of the storm was over. Supper was served at 6p.m. After the program the floor was cleared and a couple of hours enjoyed in dancing, after which a midnight lunch was served. As it was still dark and stormy most all stayed until morning, dancing, visiting and playing games. People were in attendance from Mr. Harris, Hayden, Long gulch and Little Bear.

The Christmas tree for the little folks was a dandy. Ferry Carpenter came out from Hayden to impersonate Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Harrison and Ruth took Christmas dinner with Charlie Fulton and family and the H.M. Jones family with Jim Hood and wife.

Paul Jones came out to the school program and dance and also for a visit with the old folks before leaving for Texas. He likes the sunny land better than the snowy land.

Ira Smith and family spent the week-end at Ed Smith's.

Ed Fulton and family took Christmas dinner at his brother's, Charlie.

The stage got out from Hayden Friday in time for the entertainment.

Florence Jones came out Friday from Hayden in the stage for a week-end with the old folks, but as the storm was on coming out she took cold and had to stay longer.

Ernest Sargent is hauling hay out of Pat's hole to feed his stock.

J.B. Scott has leased the Boloten ranch for another year.

### **May 10, 1922 Big Time Promised**

If you wish to celebrate the Fourth of July in the cool of the mountains and at the same time enjoy a complete program of sports, a big picnic dinner and a dance in the evening, you will crank up your flivver and go to Elkhead.

The Boy Scouts of Elkhead, with a committee of young men of the community are to be in charge of the celebration. There will be unusual features.

The first event of the day will be a plowing match at 10o'clock. At 11 there will be a short program of speeches and music. Following this a biscuit making contest for the ladies. The boys will next have a hot biscuit eating contest. (A skilled physician will be in attendance). The big picnic dinner under the trees will

be free for all who come. After the dinner there will be races for girls, boys, fat men and slim men. Horse races will follow. The dance will be on the fine floor of the large consolidated school building.

The Boy Scouts expect to sell ice cream cones, lemo and knickknacks. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a radio receiving station which will be installed at the school house and available for the use of the whole community. An auction will also be held for the benefit of the radio fund.

The young men who are aiding the boys in putting on the celebration are Howard Bailey, Homer Reed, James Hood, Emil Rensch, Ernest Sargent, Frank Harrison and George Norvell, the leader of the Boy Scouts.

### **June 7, 1922 Pilot**

(Unavoidably omitted last week)

The Boy Scouts are working on the track today getting ready for the Fourth of July. They will have charge of the program and also run the ice cream and lemonade stand. They are raising funds for a radio station here, so all that wish to have a good time and help a good cause come to Elk Head school house on the Fourth of July. There will be a dance in the evening and lots of fun all day.

Jim Barnes and family are back on the ranch and say they are going to stay now so the children can attend the Elk Head school.

Everybody is busy finishing up putting in crops. The last snow was a wet one and kept the ground wet for a week after it melted.

Mr. Morsbach, the mail carrier, has a Lizzy Ford, which he is using to carry mail, etc.

The road gang has put the road in shape as far as Elk Head school house.

Yoleta Jones has gone to Craig to help her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith, as she was disabled by blood poisoning in one of her hands.

The contract to install the water system at the school house was awarded to Paul Hines, he being the lowest bidder.

The branch school will be discontinued the coming year and the pupils will be transported to Elk Head by teams. We certainly take pride in our school.

George Norvell and wife have been engaged to teach for another year.

Mr. Scott and wife will move their ranch soon, leaving Ecil and Elsie, the oldest boys, on the Bolton ranch to look after the work there.

It looks like Craig will have their railroad to Wamsutter, as they are still talking it, with the snow all gone. Never mind, when we got the tunnel we will build one on dirt, too, as anthracite coal will be needed by that time.

Ezry Smith and Lewis Harrison are expected home soon from Ft. Collins where they are attending school.

Come to Elk Head the Fourth of July and have a good time.

At the taxpayers meeting it was decided to form a community association to work for the good of Elk Head. J. M. Hood is the chairman, Ernest Sargent, secretary, H. M. Jones, Mrs. E. Rench, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, committee. H. T. Morsbach is to set delegate to the taxpayers meeting in Steamboat Springs June 3. On June 10 a meeting will be called at the school house to discuss the program of future matters.

### **Married in Craig**

Frank F. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Harrison, well known pioneers of Elkhead, and Miss Elnora Marie Haller, also of Elkhead, were united in marriage last week by Rev. Carl Wild of Craig. Mr. Harrison is also well known at Oak Creek where he was employed for some time. The young people will make their home on their homestead on upper Elkhead.

### **June 14, 1922**

Mrs. Van Kitchens' sister is visiting her.

Tommy Jones was home over Sunday with his people.

Okla Rice is learning to play the viola

Emil Rench is helping Van Kitchens on the Olmstead ranch.

Leila and Richard Ferguson, Ina Dayer, Ecil and Elsie Scott attended the Sports days celebration at Hayden.

The meeting at the school house June 10 was well attended and the ice cream was sure cold and cake good. Also the community association was further organized.

Mrs. Ernest Sargent had a birthday party at her home Sunday.

It should be good fishing on Elk river when those 50,000 fish that Marshall Starr dumped into Elkhead are grown.

Paul Jones writes that he is now in the motor machine shops at the Presidio of San Francisco.

### **July 5, 1922 Pilot**

Mrs. William Little

Mrs. William Little died suddenly at her home in Oak Creek Friday night. Death was due to a hemorrhage of the brain. Mrs. Little was taken ill while eating supper and 80 minutes later she passed away.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Oak Creek, Rev. Upham being in charge. Interment was at Hayden.

Mrs. Little was the wife of Town Trustee William Little of Oak Creek, and was well known and respected in that town. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

U.F. Harrison of Elkhead, pioneer Routt county residents. Her husband, two children, her father and mother and four brothers, Edward and Mark Harrison of Oak Creek, Frank Harrison of Elkhead and Tom Harrison of Denver, survive her.

### **July 19, 1922 ELK HEAD Steamboat Pilot**

The Boy Scouts netted about \$60 on the Fourth, which will be used to install a radio at the school. What will the printers do when all have the systems at their homes?

Sam Lighthizer and two boys, Leonard and Dorsy, are hauling fence posts from the Jim Davis ranch.

Haying is starting but promises a short crop. As every ranch has old hay it will not matter much.

Ed Smith is getting things in shape at the Pilot Knob saw mill to commence sawing lumber. Emil Sargent and Emil Rensch went up yesterday to help make the saw hum.

Yoleta, Minnie and Tommy Jones have been over to Frank Jones' on the little Flattops the past week.

The community club met at the school house Saturday evening, July 15. After the program, which was in charge of Clarence Horton, all indulged in pie and coffee.

There will be a barn dance at Art Horton's Saturday night, July 22. All are invited.

Hayden went to California park last Saturday, July 16. All report a good time.

A Ferguson family spent Sunday at the J. M. Hoods home.

H.M. Jones and wife went over to the ranch near Agnes mountain, looking at the fruit prospects which will not be very heavy, except the sarvis berries.

A young cyclone went by the schoolhouse last Friday but did not do much damage. The outhouses were nearly upset. Of course Kansas gets closer as the tunnel nears completion.

U.F. Harrison and wife have two of their grandchildren with them. They will attend the Elkhead school this coming year.

Mr. Harris sent about 30 fine people over to the celebration. Come again, we like to meet folks like them.

C.L. Fulton has been busy lately rebuilding fence. Charlie has a long string of wire to go over.

The water system at the school is completed and working fine. The next thing will be the radio and then perhaps an airplane, as we must keep up to date.

### **August 2, 1922 Pilot**

Jim Hood is building up sheep corrals for Bill Kawaltop in the Pot Hole country. There are nearly 10,000 sheep now in the park and pot holes.

Tom Ryan was a visitor in Elk Head last Monday. He took back a mower that he had lent to a neighbor four years ago.

Boloten and Chapman sold 1200 sheep to a Wyoming lady. She is doing the shepherdess act and looking after them herself.

We do not know if the passing of the dry law is to blame or not but it is surely dry. The last moisture to fall was the snow in the spring.

Jim Barnes has gone to Juniper Springs to take the mud baths to scare off the pain in his leg.

Mrs. Woodley and Mrs. Frank Barnes were callers at the C.L. Fulton ranch Wednesday.

Reese Horton was in the timbers Wednesday getting logs for bridges.

We don't know yet whether we will have the branch school pupils at Elk Head or not, as one week transportation is asked for and the next week a petition is brought in against it. Better rope your minds and brand them so you will be taken care of at the round-up.

## **December 6, 1922**

C.L. Fulton shipped a carload of cattle last Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>.

U.F. Harrison has gone to Oak Creek for the winter. Mrs. Harrison, Ruth and the grandchildren will live in the city this winter, occupying the McDowell cabin so the children can attend the Elkhead school.

R.W. Haller will look after the ranch for U.F. Harrison.

Willie Summers entered school today (Tuesday). That makes 60 enrolled now and very steady attendance. Both wagons are making regular trips on time, bringing 38 of the pupils.

Ed Smith is still sawing lumber at the Pilot Knob mill.

Lerch Covert has moved his family into the Isadore Boloten house so as to be handy to school. Lerch is hauling lumber from the Pilot Knob mill to Hayden

Lionel Tuck is mining coal in the Pothole bank. He will furnish the Elkhead community with coal this winter.

Mrs. Susie Hood and the baby, Mary Helen, are back home from Hayden. The baby is now three weeks old and has gained three pounds since birth.

John Middleton of the Adair ranch was riding this country yesterday.

Jim Davis has the addition to his house nearly completed. The family is here and the children are attending school. This is getting to be some winter resort.

The R.W. Haller family is in the old school house and of course the children attend school.

The boys are making good pocket money trapping, running the trap lines as they go to and from school. The Jim Barnes boys have 10 coyotes and Walter Davis four already. Catch them boys, St. Louis wants them.

Yoleta Jones is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith, near Craig.

The nights are long and there is plenty of room for sleep, so take a few minutes to watch the picture at sunset. Life will not look so gloomy, if the times are hard.

Jim Hood has moved to the Art Horton house as that is near the end of his route in transporting pupils to the Elkhead school.

### **December 27, 1922**

H. F. Morsbach had lots of grief on the mail trip Tuesday. He lost one horse by sickness and had the other troubles which made the trip two days long.

Mrs. Harrison moved to Oak Creek last Friday where they will live. U.F. Harrison having gone there some time ago. This community thus loses one its best public spirited and enterprising citizens. Our best wishes go with them.

We have as much depth of snow now as on Feb. 1 last year. Well, let it come. We do not want the dry wave to affect the water supply.

Lerch Covert is filling the coal bins at Elk Head with a good grade of coal from the Tuck mine, "Pot Holes".

Mrs. Covert returned Monday from a visit of several days at Hayden.

Christmas at Elk Head was celebrated by a school program in the early part of the evening and a dance given by the boy Scouts the rest of the night. The cast of the play was as follows:

Professor -----Clarence Horton  
Miss Judkins           Jean Smith  
(The Faculty)

Dorothy     Minnie Jones  
Alice        Jeanette Haller  
Tom         Richard Ferguson  
Harold.....Oliver Morsbach  
Mildred.....Lorean Covert  
Jack.....Jessie Morsbach  
(College Students)

Kathleen, Maid.....Mrs. Norvell  
Jonas, Butler.....Ecil Scott

There was also a tree for the little ones.

Ruth Harrison is still with us, staying at Prof. Norvell's.

Ernest Sargent and wife have gone to Indiana for the winter. Home ties are stronger than snow ties.

J.M. Davis is at work on a contract to run an entry into a coal seam on Dry creek.

Everybody is looking forward to a peep through the Moffat tunnel.

It is reported that work will start as soon as spring opens. The tax on hard coal that Pennsylvania has made should fan the industry in this section. We have plenty of hard coal as well as hard times to suit everyone. Of course the taxes are not worth mentioning.

Mr. Scott and E. D. Smith are hauling lumber from the mill on Pilot Knob.

Jim Barnes and son, Frank, are trapping on Deep creek as the coyotes have gone to the feed lots as usual. The coyotes announce that they will be back about Feb. so that the valley trappers will not get them all.

The Elk Head school boys are riding skis over the jump, getting vim for the contest later.

### **January 23, 1923**

The house of E.D. Smith in the Elkhead section was burned Christmas eve with all its contents. Clarence Horton and family were living this winter with the Smiths and both families lost all their clothing and effects. They were at the Christmas celebration at Elkhead and when they got home the house was in ruins. There was some insurance on the building.

### **February 2, 1923 Empire Courier. Elkhead has Unique Plan.**

Article in uncopied folder

### **March 21, 1923**

The Arthur Horton farm house 14 miles north of Hayden, in the Elkhead county was burned to ground Monday, March 12. The James Hood family had been living in the house this winter, but at this particular time were visiting the H.M. Jones home near the Elkhead school house. All the clothing and household fixtures of the Hood family were consumed, and these were not insured. The origin of the fire is a mystery as the family had been away for several hours.

### **April 18, 1923 Pilot**

One more week of school. Those finishing the eighth grade work are Richard Ferguson, Ecil Scott, Elsie Scott, Minnie Jones, Florence Fredrickson, Oliver Morsbach and Jesse Morsbach.

The roads are getting hard to stay on. Route No. 1, driven by J.G. Hood is still making trips but the others have quit.

Graduation exercises will be held April 18. Ferry Carpenter will start the pupils out on life's journey right, by giving the address.

The Boy Scouts gave a party at the school house last Saturday night. AS the radio was out of commission Mrs. H. M. Jones provided music for those present to dance. All enjoyed the evening.

Ione Smith will finish the twelfth grade this year.

Mrs. Hays is cooking at the new hotel in Hayden.

Jas. Hood has is getting settled down again after the fire.

John Adair is out at the ranch this week. John has to come out if the roads are rough.

C. L. Fulton is trying to make us think we are worth something on the assessment roll.

Lerch Covert has moved back to the ranch.

### **April 25, 1923 Pilot**

The Elkhead school closed Wednesday, April 18. Ione Smith completed the twelfth grade and Jesse Morsbach, Oliver Morsbach, Ecil Scott, Richard Ferguson, Elsie Scott, Florence Fredrickson and Minnie Jones finished the eighth grade. The commencement program was very much enjoyed by all who could get there. The roads were in bad condition. Most of the people that came told how they walked and led or drove the horse or team. In the evening after the school program the Boy Scouts gave a party to their friends, which included everybody and all enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Morsbach has been having plenty of grief carrying the mail. He has tried all ways except air wagons and is thinking of getting one of them.

John Middleton has returned from Texas and will have charge of the Elkhead ranch this year.

Ferry Carpenter came out from Hayden Wednesday to give the address to the graduates. He hurt his arm badly in a fall with his horse but kept on and gave a good talk to the pupils.

Jim Davis is moving his family back to the ranch after spending the winter at Elkhead, so the children could attend school.

The school stages have shown that a transportation system can be used here. The question of maintaining it will be one of the problems to be threshed out at the annual school meeting.

Frank Scott, formerly of the Elwood ranch, is to have charge of the Harrison ranch this year.

H.F. Morsbach has taken a contract to build a 35-foot silo for Ferry Carpenter on the Kenmore ranch.

A.A. Frederickson was taken ill after a trip to Hayden, as most of us are.

Ed Hughes moved back to his own place from the U.F. Harrison ranch.

Clarence Horton is moving to his ranch in the Long gulch country.

J.B. Scott is making a deal to buy the Bob Harmon ranch which adjoins the Scott homestead.

George T. Rolph has returned from a trip to Oak Creek where he conferred with the mine managers of the cottonwood mine. Rolph is driving entries and a cross-cut and also laying steel track in the mine. When the Moffat tunnel is completed the Cottonwood mine will be ready for business.

C.L. Fulton has been very busy rounding up the taxpayers and branding them for next year's gather.

### **May 16, 1923 Pilot**

U.F. Harrison was in this vicinity last week on business.

J.M. Hood is selling his stock machinery and is going to quit farming for while until he gets his h(?) back

The young folks gave a party for Miss Ruth Harrison last Saturday evening. Although it rained hard in the night there was a good turnout and a very fine time. Ruth is leaving soon for Oak Creek. Everyone is sorry to lose her.

The Boy Scouts will give a drama the night of June 2 at the Elkhead school house.

Emil Rench is out from Mt. Harris preparing to move his family to the homestead.

There was good attendance at the annual school meeting, Monday. The main question was on whether to retain the Norvells as teachers another year. Of the two candidates for the office of president Howard Bailey was favored by those in favor of keeping the Norvells and those opposed to retaining them voted for Mr. Morsbach, who was elected by a majority. The transportation of pupils was also worked over and the first left to those affected by the system and they decided against it. It was also decided to issue \$4,800 in bonds to take up the registered warrants against the district.

Farming operations are starting and some plowing is being done. It looks like we would have plenty of moisture this year, as there is plenty of snow in the hills and the soils is well soaked to start with.

Earl Rice expects to come back to the farm from Coalview soon.

Elsie Scott and Opal Summers are helping John Adair on the Elkhead ranch.

Ecil Scott and Willie Summers are at work on the Dawson ranch.

Tommy Jones is helping Van Kitchens on the Olmstead ranch.

Yoleta Jones is helping Mrs. Harmon in Hayden.  
Otto Horton, wife and baby are at home on the homestead.

### **May 23, 1923 Pilot**

The Elkhead Hayden stage had as passengers last Monday, May 14, Miss Ruth Harrison and Miss Minnie Jones. Miss Ruth goes to L.M. Chamber's for the summer and Miss Minnie is going to visit with the Hugenin girls a few days, then go to Craig to see her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith.

Farming is in full blast now. No greater gambler than the old man farmer. It is raining as this is penned and we prophesy three days of it at least.

Dick Ferguson is in the country for a few days, looking after his mother's stock.

Elsie Scott, Eddie Hodges, Tommie Jones and Alfred Summers are brushing the meadows, soon to be sweet with hay, for John Adair.

Ed Smith started for Craig with the Norvell goods and baggage last Friday. Soon after leaving the hill he came back afoot for help to get out of a bog. H.M. Jones and Jim Hood went down and put in most of the afternoon getting the wagon out and started on the way.

Everyone has moved off the hill now except the postmaster and his wife. All callers ask, "Isn't it lonesome?" They answer, "Yes, but a good lonesome."

George T. Rolfes is steadily at it at Cottonwood mine. Jim Davis and Walter Davis are helping him. They are making good progress on the entries and also are to dig a cross-cut.

Elkhead creek is on high at present.

Homer got a kick on the knee by a horse last Sunday but is coming out it all right.

Several in this neck of the hills are planning to plant head lettuce. Hope they will head off some wealth with it.

Si Michaelis went over the radio outfit for the Boy Scouts and found the grad condenser disabled. It was sent out for repairs.

Frank Harrison of Oak Creek has been out repairing fence on his ranch on Calf Creek. Lerch Covert will farm it for him this year.

Bill Caster is farming a part of the Adair ranch. The snow is nearly all out of sight and grass is starting good. Looks like a good year for stock.

I.B. Scott and Jim Scott, also Jim Hood, were in Hayden last week on business.

Ferry Carpenter was out to the Kenmore looking over prospects for a prosperous year.

### **June 20, 1923**

1 section of well watered pasture for cows, ½ section adjoining can also be had. H.M. Jones Elkhead, Colo.

### **June 27, 1923 Steamboat Pilot**

Raining at present and the writer is in the hills where it knows how. Lots of grass and that means good crops.

Jim Barnes is another that has head lettuce. Lurch Covert is also afflicted.

Frank Ault from McCoy is visiting the Ferguson and Hood families.

Lon Workman is enjoying rural life on his ranch in the pot holes.

Emil Rench moved his family to his ranch on Quaker mountain and then went to Denver to work.

Mrs. Ferguson and Leila attended

[missing]

H.T. Morsbach and family have gone to Kansas, Oklahoma and other points east for a visit. Jim Hood is the mail carrier.

J.B. Scott has moved to the homestead. H. M. Jones has done the same.

Miss Iva Rench is at home in Ivadale.

Bob Harmon drove out his cattle to the homestead.

Mrs. Ferguson and Lela are at home now.

Ed Knowles and John Jock Jadoskey are on their ranches in California park raising head lettuce.

### **July 4, 1923 ELK HEAD**

Richard Ferguson is carrying mail on the Elkhead-Hayden route at present.

The Boy Scouts will have charge of the annual picnic and dance at the Elkhead school house. Everybody is invited.

Marvin Barnes, Melvin Barnes, Roy Hayes, Richard and Leila Ferguson and Ina Hayes went to California park fishing last Sunday and caught their quota a fish.

The Boy Scouts will meet at the school house Tuesday, July 3, to get the race track in shape. They will lengthen it some. Bring your pony and try him out.

H.M. Jones and wife went up on Agnes mountain and gathered columbines. No prettier flower grows, no prettier states than old Colorado in June.

Lionel Tuck was at the Elkhead postoffice Wednesday.

Thomas R. Jones, usually called Tommy, has joined the U.S. army at Ft. Logan, Colo.

Campers are going into California park. The Bob Harmon family, Ione Smith, Yoleta Jones and Fredonia Callam went in Sunday for a week or ten days. Roy Hayes has one of the small lakes near Agnes mountain, stocked with fish that he got in one of the pools of Calf Creek just before they would have perished. If

all the small lakes would be stocked likewise many fish lives would be saved and mosquitoes scarcer as they clean up on the wigglers.

Several from this region went to the dance at Long gulch Saturday night.

### **July 25, 1923**

#### **Elkhead**

G.W. Rolph and wife has returned from Denver after a two weeks' visit.

Ed Smith has gone to the Pilot Knob saw mill for the summer, taking Clarence Horton, Otto Horton, Wm. Castor and Art Horton along to help.

Richard Ferguson has gone to McCoy to hay. Sam Lighthizer is working on the fence at the Hayden divide.

Fred Shaefermeyer and wife have gone to the western coast.

H.F. Morsbach has returned from Kansas and Nebraska and Jim Hood has gone to the old farm again.

Isadore Boloten has moved his sheep to California park.

Mrs. Ferguson has gone to the Hayden lunch counter to work.

Mrs. Fulton has turned over her charges to the Rolfes again after two weeks of caring for them.

### **August 29, 1923 Pilot**

(in a long entry of local news)

Ezra Smith returned to his home in Hayden from Oak Creek where he had his thigh injured in a mine accident. He is getting along fine but he will probably not be able to play football this year. He will leave for Fort Collins about Sept. 1.

James Funk has the contract for building the bridge across Elkhead creek northwest of Hayden.

### **September 19, 1923**

The Elkhead school commenced Sept. 10 with George Bushyager at the helm. The school closed the days of the Routt county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Fyree, who were visiting at the Mrs. Anne Hayes home, have returned to their home in Kansas.

H.M. Jones made a business trip to Steamboat Springs last Tuesday. He says the town is growing and improving in appearance. Even the springs show more activity since the last trip seven years ago.

Mrs. John Adair has returned to Hayden after spending some time at Elkhead ranch supervising the household work. John also has worked hard getting the hay in the stack under all kinds of difficulties.

At the dance at Art Horton's Sept. 8 everybody had a good time.

Ed Knowles and John Shultz have commenced shipping head lettuce. They are raising it in California park at more than 8,000 feet elevation.

Jim Barns and son, Marvin, also have some fine lettuce. Their oats also are as high as an average man's head and well filled with grain.

Minnie Jones returned home to attend school after spending the summer at Sapinero, Colo., with her sister, Mrs. Ira Smith.

Jim Hood and family have gone to Kansas City, Mo, on their eastern trip. They are visiting with Mrs. Hood's brother Frank Jones, at present.

Jim Davis is building fence.

Ione Smith is the teacher in Long Gulch school.

Frank Scott, who has had charge of the U.F. Harrison ranch the past summer, will be the new manager at Kenmore dairy ranch. Howard Bailey is going to the Dr. Whittaker ranch near Hayden.

## **December 12, 1923**

Thanksgiving eve the Elkhead community gathered at the school house and listened to the program given by the school, which was well given and enjoyed by those present. Then all had supper.

Miss Helen M. Jones surprised her home folks by coming in on the stage unannounced, as they were not expecting her home before Christmas. Helen is a graduate nurse of St. Luke's hospital in Denver and acting as a nurse in that institution.

Arthur Horton was a visitor at Elkhead on Thursday. Six of his horses strayed and he can get no track of them. Well, they are not stolen, anyway.

A team ran away with Marvin Barnes, throwing him off the wagon and injuring his hip, so that he was confined in bed a few days. He is all right now.

Frank Scott has left the Kenmore ranch on account of the poor health of Mrs. Scott who was crippled by an accident.

Jim Davis was home Thanksgiving. He is mining coal at the Sage Creek mine south of Hayden.

Helen Jones visited Ione Smith at her school Wednesday and also called on Mrs. John Adair, Mrs. Reece Horton and Mrs. Chas. Pizor. The next day the Solandt hospital in Hayden phoned an urgent call, asking her to help out there. She went down horseback to the foot of the hill where a car met her and took her down

to the hospital. It seems there are sick people here as well as in Denver. She has had some experience in appendicitis cases and reports her patient as doing well.

The teacher at Pleasant View, also Florence Frederickson and Pat Flynn attended the school exercises at the Elkhead school Thanksgiving eve.

Mr. Bushyager and family are spending the day at Chas. L. Fulton's. Mr. Bushyager is giving good satisfaction as principal and also is his daughter Mary as primary teacher.

Elsie Scott brought in five coyotes one morning. Walter Davis got four and Jim Barnes and Marvin nine so far. At that rate the coyote chorus will be rather slim by spring.

The school is preparing a fine program for Christmas even and will spread good cheer to all, as well as a good supper.

Miller Payton and wife, nee Yoleta Jones spent Thanksgiving with the Jones family here.

## **February 20, 1924 Pilot ELK HEAD**

The annual school contest and winter sports day at Hayden did not have many entries from Elkhead on account of much sickness in the families here. Those attending from here were the teachers, George Bushyager and Miss Mary Bushyager, and Elsie Scott, Homer Scott, Walter Davis, Jesse Morsback,[sic] Minnie Jones, John Fulton and Clifford Fulton, only four of whom were eligible to enter on account of their grade in school. Cecil Scott, Mrs. C.L.Fulton, H.M. Jones and wife were the only parents able to go. They were royally entertained by the residents of Hayden as well as seeing some good work done by the contestants. Hurrah for all of them!

There has been an epidemic similar to the flu going the rounds and it has confined many to their bed, but so far none are seriously ill.

Mrs. George Rolfes from the Perry coal camp on Cottonwood visited with the J.M. Davis family Thursday and Friday of last week.

The snow man is way behind in his snow delivery and will have to hustle to catch up.

Elsie Scott expects to attend the Ski Carnival at Steamboat Springs and take part in the jumping contests.

Rumor has it that Ernest Sargent and wife are coming back to Routt county in the spring from Indiana, where they have been for the past year.

Mr. Bushyager received a shipment of flat water salmon, ice packed, from the Pacific coast. We can say they were fine as we had one for dinner.

Jim Barnes has gone to Deep creek to make another raid on the coyotes. He surely gets them.

Mr. Turner of Deep creek is helping George Rolfes at the Perry mine on Cottonwood.

## **March 12, 1924 Pilot ELK HEAD**

Snow fell here Monday and Tuesday, about one foot in the two days.

Elsie Scott went to Hayden Sunday. Marvin Barnes, Ecil Scott and Homer Scott attended the dance at Cottonwood gulch Saturday night.

Lerch Covert of Elkhead and the Rev. Mr. Walsh of lower Elkhead will hold religious services at the Elkhead schoolhouse on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Everybody come.

Miss Florence Fredrickson visited Miss Minnie Jones last Sunday.

It seems that congress has cut the Mellon and is now trying to Garner the crop. It will take all their Muscle when they Ford the Shoals.

Lerch Covert is breaking the road to the school house from the west so that people will attend church.

William Fulton, son of C.L.Fulton, is recovering from an operation on his tonsils and expects to return to school soon.

News is scarce right now, nearly everyone has had the "flue" tme and are staying close to home.

Supt. Bushyager is giving the boys in the west room a course in manual training and Miss Mary Bushyager is showing the girls how to sew.

## **July 13, 1927 Pilot**

### **CHARGED WITH STEALING FIFTY HEAD OF SHEEP**

Sheriff Kitchens on Saturday arrested I.B. Scott, a ranchman living on the dry fork of Elkhead, north of Hayden, on a warrrent charging larceny of sheep. There were more than fifty head of sheep in his pasture and they are claimed by Isadore Boloten, who is running large bands of sheep in that vicinity. Scott has a wife and children. He waived examination and gave bond for his appearance in District court, and the trial will come up at the next regular term. Sheriff Kitchens is in temporary charge of the disputed sheep and is having them cared for by Clyde Williams of Elk river.

## **November 18, 1927 Pilot**

[Following other court news]

The first case in district court Monday was the state against I.B. Scott, rancher of Elkhead, accused of larceny of sheep. It was heard by the following jury: Harley Barber, Gordon Adair, Robert Crossan, George Clatte, Glenn Frentress, James A.

Brobeck, Perry A. Clark, A.B. Anderson, James A. Dixon, Hugh Chapman, Frank C. Dowell and Harry Arnold. After deliberation the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

### **June 1, 1928 Pilot ELK HEAD**

Homer Murphy and I.B. Scott made a trip to Steamboat Springs Monday.

Dick Ferguson has been hauling for I.B. Scott.

Ecil Scott made a trip to the I.B. Scott ranch Saturday.

Homer Murphy and Mr. Comstock, Marvin Barnes and wife, Clarence Horton and wife, Curtis Dickinson and Dick Ferguson were Hayden visitors Saturday.

School was out at Elkhead Friday, May 25.

Curtis Dickinson and Dick Ferguson were Craig visitors Saturday.

Arthur Furron and children are visiting at the Pooler home.

### **June 14, 1929 Man Arrested After Affray on Elkhead**

Robert L. Barkley of the Elkhead neighborhood was arrested by Sheriff Fred Foster and Undersheriff Myron Donald Tuesday night after a cutting affray in which John Bowen of the same neighborhood received several knife wounds in the back. Bowen's injuries are not believed to be serious. Barkley is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and will be given a preliminary hearing within a few days. There is reported to have been ill feeling between the two men for some time. Barkley is being held in the county jail here.

### **August 22, 1930 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Bolten came in from Rawlins a few days ago. They report heavy rains in Wyoming. The Union Pacific railroad was held up 24 hours, 16 miles of track being under water.

Dick Ferguson has been home for a few days waiting for the rains to cease so he can return to work in the hay.

Ed Davis is herding sheep for Sam Lighthizer.

Archie Davis was calling on Elkhead friends Sunday.

There are some new citizens who have arrived on Elkhead from Missouri, a man, his wife and six children. They are living on the H.D. Murphy place.

Archie Davis is giving a dance at the Elkhead school house August 30. Ladies please bring lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barberry and daughter Audrey drove to Denver Tuesday. They are expected home Sunday.

George Murphy, a former rancher on Elkhead visited at the Earl Rice ranch last week.

### **June 12, 1931 Routt County Courier ELKHEAD**

Cecil Murphy arrived at the home of his uncle, H.D. Murphy, late Sunday evening. He has been attending Colorado Teachers college at Greeley.

The Elk Head members of the Calf club are to meet at William Caster's for their next meeting.

Word has been received that Mrs. A.A. Whetstone is in very poor health. Mrs. Whetstone was formally Miss Iva Rensch and was one of our successful Elk Head teachers. Her many friends are very sorry to hear of her poor health.

Isadore Bolten and wife are now located at their Elk Head summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dickinson are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Dickinson's mother, Mrs. Wolf.

Gus Rosenberg is building a concrete dipping vat on the old Ferguson place for Isadore Bolten.

Mrs. Earl Rice left May 31 for a visit in Missouri. She will be gone about a month.

Ed Davis is herding sheep for the Kindt company.

Elk Head will celebrate with the usual picnic near the stone school house. There will be horse races, a picnic dinner, foot races, and games during the day and a dance in the evening at the schoolhouse. A good time for everybody is expected.

Mrs. Redding has moved from Hayden back to the ranch.

Mrs. Harley Sanders has been carrying the mail the last times.

### **February 24, 1933 Pilot ELKHEAD**

George Murphy moved his stock to the Fulton place to feed them the rest of the winter.

Dick Ferguson went to Craig Monday to have some teeth extracted.

Marjorie Hood, Louise Marshall and Frances Murphy were enjoying skiing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hood stopped and had lunch at the Earl Rice home on their way out to Mrs. Ferguson's last week. Jim is much improved.

H.D. Murphy came out with the mail carrier Thursday from Hayden.

Mrs. George Murphy was a caller at Curtis Dickinson's on school business last Thursday.

There was a dance at the Cooney place Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were dinner guests at the Earl Rice home last Sunday.

Irvin Mathews had quite a time moving to Hayden, taking him three days as the roads were bad for a load. He had to leave part of his load at Otto Horton's, part at the Ed Smith ranch.

### **June 5, 1936 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Elkhead had quite a shower May 31, the only moisture falling since May 10. There are nine children enrolled in the school at the stone schoolhouse. The dance Saturday night, given by Homer Scott and Doc Lucus, was well attended. Among those from a distance who attended were Ed Rich and Harry Allen. Mrs. Leila Ault served supper to 75 persons. There was a much larger crowd than was expected as there was a dance at Hayden the same night. There will be another dance at the same place a week from Saturday night, June 13.

Julia and Mary Hood are staying with their grandmother while their mother, Mrs. Jim Hood, is away on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Jones. Mrs. Jones has been in poor health for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Jones lived at Elkhead for a great many years but now make their home in California.

James Bowen is back from Arkansas and is working for Curtis Dickenson. He reports his folks well and are liking Arkansas very much.

Dick Ferguson and Ralph Ault were helping Jim Campbell plant potatoes Saturday.

The Jim Hood family were over night guests at the Ferguson ranch Saturday.

Homer Scott made a trip to Denver for the Kindt Sheep company last week.

Dick Ferguson has been digging potatoes the last week.

Mrs. C.L. Fulton called at the Ferguson home one day last week.

### **June 19, 1936 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Homer Scott had quite a serious injury to his eyes while driving steel posts at the McKinlay ranch. Splinters from the steel went into his eyes. Dr. Bailey removed some from each of the eye balls, one eye is so injured that he must keep all light excluded.

The dance given by Homer Scott and Doc Lucas Saturday night had a good crowd attending. Supper was served at the usual hour by Mrs. Louie Clark assisted by Mrs. Lodd.

Lucile Miller who is staying with Ione Ratcliff at the teacherage was visited Sunday by her folks. The Miller family and Mrs. Ratcliff and children made a trip to California park and enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mr. Hamilton brought a bunch of the Winder sheep to Mrs. Ferguson's place Saturday.

C.L. Fulton has been working on his homestead building fence. His daughter, Margaret, has been cooking for them.

### **July 10, 1936 Pilot ELKHEAD**

There was a board meeting of district 11 Saturday, June 27, at the home of the secretary. All members were present.

Lucille Miller went home over the weekend. Her sister, Gloria, came with the mail carrier Monday to stay a while in her place.

The Hood family and Arline Smith were visiting at the Ferguson ranch the evening of the Fourth.

C.L. Fulton made a trip to Rifle Friday to bring Ben Fulton home.

The Fourth of July dance at the Stone schoolhouse was attended by a large crowd. The managers, Doc Lucus and the Scott boys, made quite a good sum toward paying the expenses of the rodeo at the McKinley ranch which was also well attended.

Ione Ratcliff has been awarded a scholarship from the college at Alamosa she attended last winter.

Mrs. Myrtle Morten and children were visitors at the Ferguson home recently.

Harlie McDow and Cliff Fulton have been cutting fence posts for C.L. Fulton the past week.

There should be signs place on the California park road as so many people come to the Stone schoolhouse and the Ferguson place instead of taking the right road and have to be turned back.

Mrs. Jessie M. Ferguson has been confined to her bed with something resembling rheumatism, not being able to sit up some days last week. She has improved some at present.

### **July 31, 1936 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Mrs. Ione Ratcliff had as dinner guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ecil Scott and children and Mrs. Frink, Mrs. Scott's mother who is visiting her, Mrs. Ferguson, Dick Ferguson, Homer Murphy<sup>7</sup> and Margaret Scott. Margaret, who has been visiting the past week with Vivian Ratcliff, returned home with her parents.

Mrs. Anna Prella, candidate for county superintendent of schools, was calling on voters in the Elkhead country last Monday. Frances Murphy was with her.

Manual Midrid and Isadore Bolton [sic] were riding in the Elkhead country last Wednesday.

Homer Murphy is helping Dick Ferguson the past week.

Mrs. Ione Ratcliff, teacher of the Elkhead school, and Gloria Miller took the children on a hike and picnic last Friday. They visited the oyster bank.

### **November 10, 1938 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Marshall Phew gathered cattle for Coke Roberds in the Elkhead country.

Mrs. F.R. Carpenter looked over the stone school house and teacherage Monday. Delbert Haller was with her.

Jim Campbell was a caller at the Ferguson place Thursday.

The mail carrier drove only to the Homer Murphy box Thursday coming the rest of the way on foot.

Lerch Covert was visiting Jim Campbell last week. He got a load of turnips from Mr. Campbell.

### **January 19, 1939 No Mail to Elkhead**

Numerous snows following in rapid succession closed the Elkhead mail route the first of the week. The mail had been carried as far as the Elkhead schoolhouse on the hill. Monday the mail carrier, Eber Howell, after trying for hours was unable to go the whole length of his route. He was somewhat worried because Mrs. Jessie Ferguson and son Dick, living east of the end of the route, were quite dependent upon the mail service. It is thought, however, that the Fergusons had sufficient supplies on hand to supply their needs for several days and then if need be Dick might make his way there on skis.

Keeping post roads open is the duty of the county. It is possible that the Elkhead road will soon be opened by the county road men.

### **September 28, 1939 Pilot ELKHEAD**

Ira Smith and son Wilcott are in the Elkhead country with Al Jones' sheep.

Homer Murphy Jr. hauled coal to the school at the McKinlay ranch Friday.

Homer Scott is back at the McKinaly ranch after a slight sick spell at home with his parents.

Paul Hein and Fred Pickett have been roofing the stone schoolhouse this week.

Louise Hood visited her grandmother last week.  
Dick Ferguson was a Steamboat Springs visitor Saturday.  
Mrs. J.M. Ferguson was visiting in Hayden over the week-end.  
Winder's sheep were on the way to shipping Monday.

### **October 10, 1940 Steamboat Pilot**

Editor Pilot – Thursday, on looking up fro the mailbox on Elkhead toward the teacherage, we discovered that one of the windows had been removed. On investigation it was found that two windows had been taken out, leaving the building exposed to the weather form the west and north.

Now, as a taxpayer for almost 30 years in the Elkhead country I wish to protect on the willful destruction of property belonging to District 11 and take this means of doing so. The teacherage cost the district in the neighborhood of \$2,000, and to see it taken away piece by piece when if could be rented for a summer home, as the house is still a nice place to live. Last summer a family wished to live there but it was objected to by one of the persons who was living here at the time and the people who wished to live there did not wish any trouble, so gave it up.

I would like to see those windows returned. Someone has taken the radio that was bought by the Boy Scouts, also all the batteries from the Delco light room, and several things from the stone schoolhouse. Those things do not amount to so much but shows a desire to destroy everything belonging to the stone schoolhouse property.

I have had people ask me if the school could be rented, also had a teacher speak of renting the building and establishing a private school. It seems dreadful for buildings such as the stone school building and the teacherage to be willfully destroyed.

Jessie M. Ferguson