

THE BAR B C RANCHES



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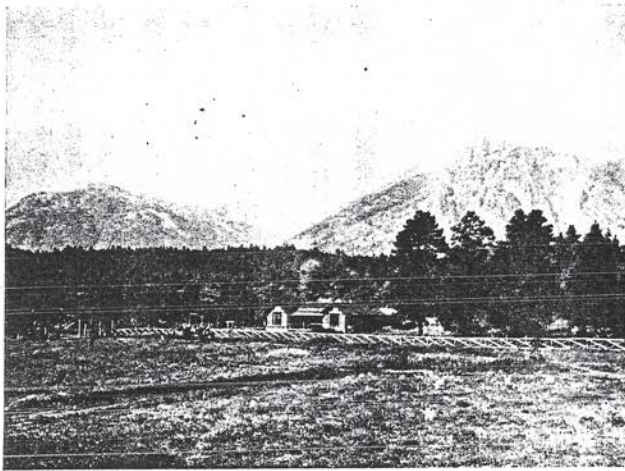
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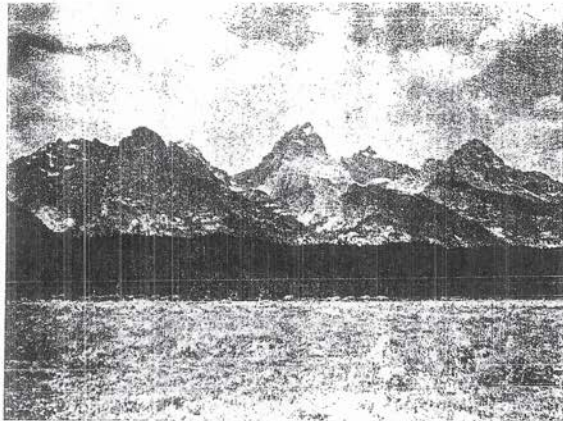
THE WHITE GRASS

### *The White Grass Ranch for Boys*

The owners of the Bar B. C. Ranches in Jackson Hole have been increasingly impressed with the possible value of western life as an educational influence on growing boys. The spirit of the west is essentially one of independence and self-reliance. The native, from boyhood, has had to learn for himself and to serve himself, unaided. Moreover, the life of the west makes the strongest appeal to boys, and it has been the experience on the Bar B. C. Ranches that the enjoyment and benefit derived by eastern boys from summers in the west depends on their share in the life and activities of the ranches.

The conviction has therefore grown that an experience of western life, engrafted upon the ordinary eastern training, would be ideal in its developing influence; and it has been determined to start a boys' ranch, where boys, coming for the summer, may catch some of the western spirit, without sacrificing the control most desirable for their complete development.

The boys will be encouraged to learn through experience the practical things necessary to a simpler life, and will also have opportunity to learn certain elements of ranching. In addition, they will go on pack-trips—not with a wagon, but with pack-horses—and will there learn something of this early art of travel.



THE TETONS

But the duties of the ranch life should not be overemphasized, for they will occupy less than half the day, and afternoons and weekends will be free to practice the sports which Jackson Hole ideally provides. And at the ranch or on their pack-trips the boys will pass their time amidst some of the most magnificent scenery in the United States, in a climate giving unsurpassed opportunity for physical benefit.

### *The Summer of 1923*

A schedule follows, necessarily tentative, as the exact length of pack-trips, etc., depends upon the size of the party.

June 30—Leave New York by through Pullmans via New York Central to Chicago, and via Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line to West Yellowstone.

July 4—Arrive West Yellowstone.  
 July 4-7—Tour of Yellowstone Park.  
 July 7—Arrive White Grass Ranch.  
 July 10-26—Group A on pack-trip.  
 July 27-Aug. 12—Group B on pack-trip.  
 Aug. 13-Aug. 29—Group C on pack-trip.  
 Aug. 31-Sept. 1—Frontier Show at Jackson.  
 Sept. 2—Leave Victor, Idaho.  
 Sept. 6—Arrive New York.

The trip from New York to the ranch and return will be made by the boys in the charge of councillors from eastern universities.

### *Tour of Yellowstone Park*

At West Yellowstone, the party will be met by Park cars, in which a three-day tour of the Park will be made, and the boys brought directly to the ranch. Three days are sufficient in which to see the great wonders of the Park, and it is inadvisable to spend additional time there which can in a limited holiday be spent in more interesting ways elsewhere. The main sights of the Yellowstone are easy of access on main roads, which are filled with motors during the summer.

### *Pack-trips*

As soon as the boys reach the ranch, they will be divided according to age into three groups, the first starting into the hills on a pack-trip, the other two remaining on the ranch. At intervals this is reversed, as one group returns to the ranch and another goes into the hills.

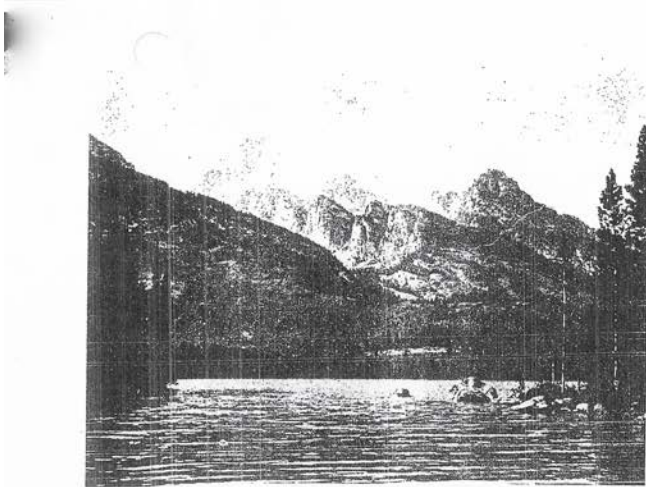
A pack-trip of more than twelve or fifteen is unwieldy. It is for this reason, under other management, that the usual boys' camping party is confined to wagon trips. The Bar B. C. management, in contrast, is sure that a pack-trip is better sport and training.

With pack-horses, roads can be left behind, and hills and forests penetrated. On the pack-trips, the boys will have opportunity to learn all they can of this method of travel—to pack a horse, to throw hitches, to make camp, to take care of



HARVESTING AT WHITE GRASS





GRAND TETON FROM TAGGART'S LAKE

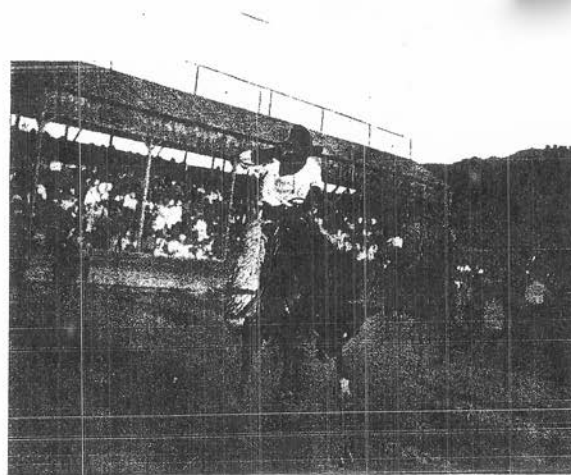
themselves and of their horses in the open. The personnel in charge of the pack-trips consists of a head guide, cook, horse wrangler, packer, doctor, and councillor.

The pack-trips will go into the heart of the Rockies, through the most beautiful mountain country in the United States.

### *At the Ranch*

While at the ranch, the boys, under careful and experienced supervision, and divided into small groups, will undertake all the details of ranch life. The real ranchman is a many-sided man, who can do anything, from building his cabin and herding horses to cooking his dinner raised in his own garden and shot by his gun. His resourcefulness has been an essential factor in determining the "spirit of the west."

A boy is taught to ride, swim (the ranch has a swimming pool), climb, shoot, handle a rope, wrangle horses, build fences, irrigate, etc. In the evenings, once or twice a week, around log fires in the main ranch house or camp fires outside, "Old-Timers" will describe the history and adventures and methods of the west.



FRONTIER DAY AT JACKSON

It is hardly necessary to say that each boy is given a gentle and well-broken horse, that the use of guns is confined to the hours of instruction, the rifles then being taken away and stored. Any task with a possibility of accident is demonstrated to the boys and not undertaken by them until they prove themselves properly qualified.

Moreover, care is taken to see that the less interesting tasks do not occupy too much time, and that the spirit of fun and adventure is never lacking. Ranch duties occupy only a small part of the day, and the remainder is spent in riding, fishing, climbing, baseball and taking it easy. An allowable amount of "do as you please" will keep an atmosphere of freedom.

In addition to the main pack-trip, which each group will take, shorter trips will be made, up Death Canyon and into the Tetons, and, if possible, to near-by cow-camps, where the boys can experience the life of cow-punchers on the range.

### *Frontier Day*

On or around the first of September, there is held in the little town of Jackson, twenty miles south of the White Grass Ranch, an annual Frontier Show, where for two days, under the most picturesque circumstances, cow-punchers from Jack-

son Hole and neighboring valleys contest in riding outlaw horses and wild steers, races, and roping. The White Grass Ranch is taken there in a body, camping near Jackson. At the end of Frontier, they leave for Victor, Idaho, to entrain for the return journey to the east.

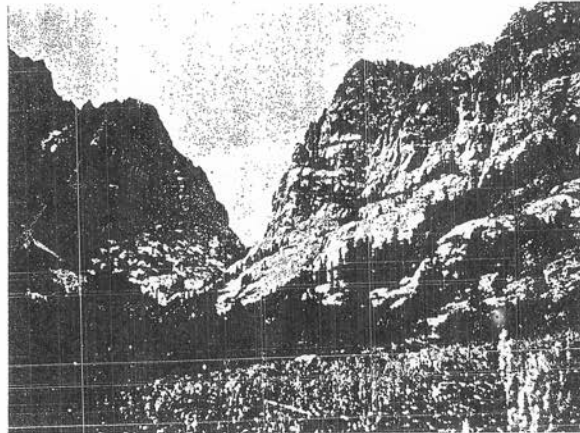


THE HORSE WRANGLER

The valley of Jackson Hole, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, has long been famous for its scenery, and for the great herds of elk and other big game which make it one of the best hunting countries in the United States.

It is situated on the northwest corner of Wyoming, bordering on the south of the Yellowstone National Park. Its western barrier, dividing it from Idaho, is formed by the Teton Rockies, a wall of mountains varying in elevation from nine thousand to thirteen thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven feet—the height of the Grand Teton.

To the north of the valley lie the hills which rise to the Thorofare and Pitchstone plateaus. Eastward stretches the range of the Gros Ventre, forming a part of the Continental Divide of North America—hills of more gentle ascent, whose wooded slopes and open parks are the grazing grounds of thousands of elk. To the south, beyond the two Gros Ventre Buttes, are the distant summits around the headwaters of Green River and Fall River.



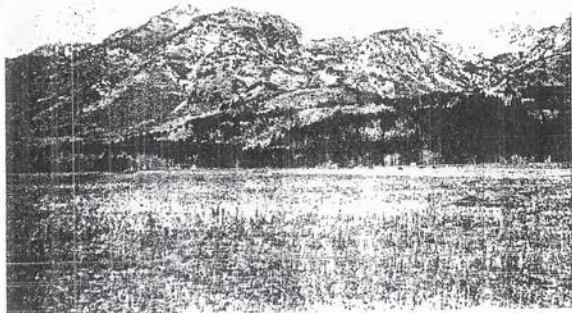
DEATH CANYON

The valley itself, some sixty miles long by twelve wide, descends from the mountains on either side in a series of broad terraces or "benches," silver-green with sage brush, to the winding line of cottonwood trees along the Snake River. From east and west, many tributary streams water the valley on their way to the Snake. Some of these streams are the outlets of the charming mountain lakes that lie hidden high up in the forests, and that reflect the peaks on their waters. The largest of these, Jackson Lake, at the valley's northern end, is ten miles long by three broad. Then come Leigh's Lake and String, Jenny's Lake, Bradley's, Taggart's and Phelps—all of them in the Teton Forest Reserve, and so protected in their wildness and beauty. In the river and lakes excellent trout fishing is to be found.

It is perhaps the unspoiled character of Jackson's Hole, with the railroad still safely distant across the mountains, as well as the extraordinary variety of its scenery, which led Theodore Roosevelt, and Owen Wister, and Henry van Dyke to speak of it as the most beautiful country in the United States. Dr. van Dyke calls the "pinnacles and spires of the Teton and the buttressed bulk of Mount Moran—the most entrancing mountain view in our country."

About twenty miles northwest of Jackson, in the forests of the lake region, and on the lower slopes of the Tetons, is situated the White Grass Ranch. The property consists of some three hundred acres of farm land, surrounded by pine woods. Originally a cattle ranch, it is kept secluded from the high road by more than a mile of forest. The Snake River, however, is within twenty minutes' ride on horseback. And Phelps' Lake, where the Post Office is, lies about the same distance through a forest trail to the south. Only some hundred yards beyond the ranch property to the west, the Tetons begin their final ascent to eleven thousand feet. From the cabins of the White Grass one has beautiful views of the valley, and of the high peaks close at hand.





TETONS FROM THE WHITE GRASS

### *Health, Equipment and Table*

The climate of Jackson Hole and the conditions of living make it one of the healthiest countries possible. The elevation of the ranch is 6400 feet, and although the days are warm, even in midsummer one sleeps under a pair of blankets.

The Bar B. C. Ranches have a doctor resident, who makes daily inspections at the White Grass and is always within easy reach, and a doctor accompanies the White Grass pack-trips. There is also, in Jackson, a thoroughly modern hospital, with excellent medical service, to which in case of real illness a boy will be taken.

The White Grass Ranch is completely equipped in every respect. The buildings consist of a large main cabin, with three living rooms, dining room, and kitchen; barn, corrals, and storehouses; and sleeping cabins and tents with wooden floors, sufficient to accommodate forty. It will, however, be unnecessary to use the tents, save for the few nights when all the boys are on the ranch.

The ranch supplies many vegetables from its own garden, and milk from its own cows. It is regularly supplied with fresh meat. Such vegetables as cannot be grown, and fruit, are brought from the railroad.

Mrs. Hammond, the wife of one of the directors, has charge of the housekeeping, and adds a necessary supervision, especially where younger boys are concerned.

### *Personal Equipment*

#### ESSENTIAL

Saddle slicker	2 pairs of waist overalls
Riding boots (eastern or western)	Sweater or leather jumper
Heavy walking shoes	Mackinaw or sheepskin coat
Sneakers	Towels
Underwear, light and medium heavy	Bathing suit
Pajamas	Sombrero or army hat
2 O. D. flannel shirts	Duffle bag
2 blue cotton shirts	2 pairs of double blankets (O. D. army blankets recommended as warm and serviceable)
Neck handkerchiefs	
6 pairs of heavy socks	

#### NON-ESSENTIAL

Chaps	Baseball gloves
Rope	Camera
Fishing rod and tackle	Musical instruments

Many of these articles can be purchased in Jackson, and if notified at least one month in advance, they will be at the ranch upon the arrival of the boys. If parents wish them to be bought from the east, the names of reputable western outfitting houses will be given, also particular designs of articles.

**Baggage:** Limited to one suitcase and one duffle bag per boy. Each boy should bring in his suitcase either an old suit or a set of ranch clothes for the trip through Yellowstone.



ELK HERD IN WINTER



ONE OF THE CABINS

The ranch provides bedding rolls and sleeping bags for the pack-trips, but not blankets, unless requested, as most parents prefer to have their sons use their own blankets. Should they also prefer him to have his own sleeping bag, this should be sent to the ranch Parcel Post insured at least three weeks in advance.

### *Mail*

Letters should be addressed to the White Grass Ranch, Teton P. O., Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Telegraph address: White Grass Ranch, Jackson, Wyoming. Telegrams are received by telephone at a ranch four miles distant and are delivered immediately in case of emergency.

### *Charges*

An inclusive charge of \$900 is made to cover the entire expense, including railroad fare, meals en route, etc.; \$100 must be filed with each application, not later than May 25th, the balance to be paid by June 15th. Rates will be quoted for boys joining the party at other points than New York.

No refund of application fees will be made in case of withdrawal, and no refund will be possible after arrival at the ranch. Money will be furnished for the trip home in case of boys compelled to withdraw.

Checks should be made payable to "White Grass Ranch."

Boys who so desire may come earlier than June 30th, or stay after Sept. 2nd, as they wish. The ranch is open all winter. Rates for such stays will be quoted upon application. In such cases, railway fares are deducted from the summer rates, and boys should make their own traveling arrangements.

Whenever possible, provision will be made for boys desiring to come for a shorter period than the full summer.

Arrangements for tutoring can be made if so desired.

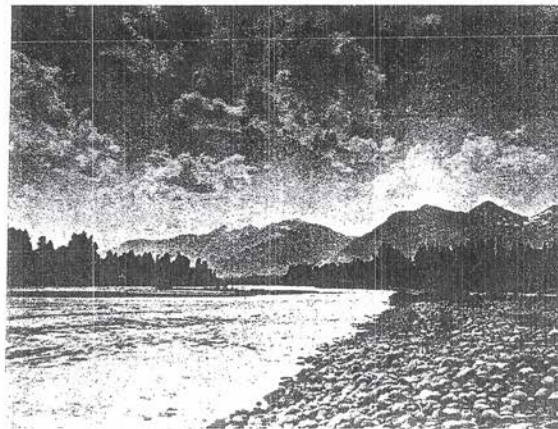
### *Applications*

Letters concerning applications should be addressed to: Sinclair W. Armstrong, White Grass Ranch, Teton P. O., Jackson Hole, Wyoming, but from December 15th to April 1st, to 132 High St., Middletown, Conn. Personal interviews will be arranged whenever parents so desire.

N. B.—At least three weeks should be allowed for a letter to reach the ranch and an answer to be received.

### *The Bar B. C. Ranch*

The Upper Bar B. C. Ranch is six miles north of the White Grass, and is conducted as a summer ranch for a limited number of adults. Parents who wish to do so may spend their summers within easy reach of their boys, without affecting the inde-



THE SNAKE RIVER





PACK TRAIN

pendence of the latter. For information concerning the Upper Bar B. C. Ranch, address Dr. H. I. Carcross, 1003 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

#### REFERENCES

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Mr. Francis B. Biddle, 2031 Locust St., Philadelphia.  
Mr. Donald B. Geddes, 54 E. 79th Street, New York.  
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