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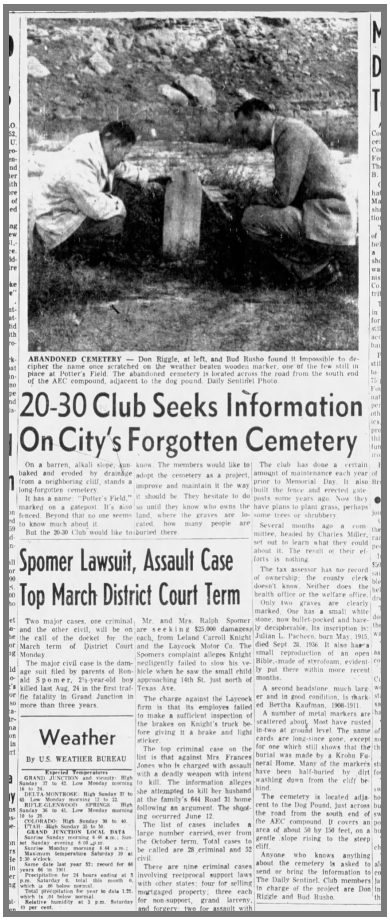

ABANDONED CEMETERY — Don Riggle, at left, and Bud Rusho found it impossible to decipher the name once scratched on the weather beaten wooden marker, one of the few still in place at Potter's Field. The abandoned cemetery is located across the road from the south end of the AEC compound, adjacent to the dog pound. Daily Sentinel Photo.

20-30 Club Seeks Information On City's Forgotten Cemetery

On a barren, alkali slope, baked and eroded by drainage from a neighboring cliff, stands a long-forgotten cemetery.

It has a name: "Potter's Field," marked on a gatepost. It's also fenced. Beyond that no one seems to know much about it.

But the 20-30 Club would like to know. The members would like to adopt the cemetery as a project, improve and maintain it the way it should be. They hesitate to do so until they know who owns the land, where the graves are located, how many people are buried there.

The club has done a certain amount of maintenance each year prior to Memorial Day. It also built the fence and erected gate posts some years ago. Now they have plans to plant grass, perhaps some trees or shrubbery.

Several months ago a committee, headed by Charles Miller, set out to learn what they could about it. The result or their efforts is nothing.

The tax assessor has no record of ownership; the county clerk doesn't know. Neither does the health office or the welfare office.

Only two graves are clearly marked. One has a small white stone, now bullet-pocked and barely decipherable. Its inscription is: Julian L. Pacheen, born May, 1915, died Sept. 28, 1936. It also has a small reproduction of an open Bible, made of styrofoam, evidently put there within more recent months.

A second headstone, much larger and in good condition, is marked Bertha Kaufman, 1906-1911.

A number of metal markers are scattered about. Most have rusted in two at ground level. The name cards are long since gone, except for one which still shows that the burial was made by a Krohn Funeral Home. Many of the markers have been half-buried by dirt washing down from the cliff behind.

The cemetery is located adjacent to the Dog Pound, just across the road from the south end of the AEC compound. It covers an area of about 50 by 150 feet, on a gentle slope rising to the steep cliff.

Anyone who knows anything about the cemetery is asked to send or bring the information to The Daily Sentinel. Club members in charge of the project are Don Riggle and Bud Rusho.

Spomer Lawsuit, Assault Case Top March District Court Term

Two major cases, one criminal and the other civil, will be on the call of the docket for the March term of District Court Monday.

The major civil case is the damage suit filed by parents of Ronald Spomer, 2½-year-old boy killed last Aug. 24 in the first traffic fatality in Grand Junction in more than three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spomer are seeking $25,000 damages each, from Leland Carroll Knight and the Laycock Motor Co. The Spomers complaint alleges Knight negligently failed to slow his vehicle when he saw the small child approaching 14th St. just north of Texas Ave.

The charge against the Laycock firm is that its employes failed to make a sufficient inspection of the brakes on Knight's truck before giving it a brake and light sticker.

The top criminal case on the list is that against Mrs. Frances Jones who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The information alleges she attempted to kill her husband at the family's 644 Road 31 home following an argument. The shooting occurred June 12.

The list of cases includes a large number carried over from the October term. Total cases to be called are 28 criminal and 32 civil.

There are nine criminal cases involving reciprocal support laws with other states; four for selling mortgaged property; three each for non-support, grand larceny and forgery; two for assault with

Weather

By U.S. WEATHER BUREAU

Expected Temperatures

GRAND JUNCTION: High Sunday 37 to 42. Low Monday morning 16 to 24.

DELTA-MONTROSE: High Sunday 37 to 42. Low Monday morning 16 to 24.

RIFLE-GLENWOOD SPRINGS: High Sunday 36 to 41. Low Monday morning 19 to 28.

MEEKER: High Sunday 30 to 40.

TELLURIDE: High Sunday 35 to 50.

GRAND JUNCTION LOCAL DATA

Sunrise Sunday morning 6:56 a.m.; Sunset Sunday evening 6:08 p.m.

Maximum temperature 41 at 4 p.m.; Minimum temperature Saturday 20 at 3:30 o'clock.

Same date last year 32; record for 66 years 80.

Precipitation for 24 hours ending at 5 p.m. Saturday 0, total this month 0, which is .06 below normal.

Total precipitation for year to date 1.75 which is .61 below normal.

Relative humidity at 5 p.m. Saturday 41 per cent.

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