

THREE WIRE WINTER

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This issue is dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Wither



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At the beginning of each school year since 1975, when *Three Wire Winter* began publication, fledgling student authors headed down to the Dorothy Shop to see Dorothy Wither. They knew she was always available to give them story suggestions or to be interviewed for almost any article dealing with Routt County history. Her devotion to our oral history project and her extraordinary knowledge of this area's past and present helped and inspired numerous students. Dorothy could claim the distinction of having contributed her time and guidance to almost every one of our 23 issues published to date.

Northwest Colorado was fortunate to have had a citizen like Dorothy Wither who cared so much about preserving the proud traditions of this unique area. The students and teachers associated with *Three Wire Winter* during the past 12 years feel lucky to have known her and to have shared her reminiscences. We will miss Dorothy Wither.

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"Every kid has dreams - my dreams were the Olympics." Jim "Moose" Barrows
Dave Whittlesey and the High Wire Ranch Dave Whittlesey
Steamboat's old Depot: The Arts and Humanities Center Stan Whittemore, Eleanor Bliss
Happiness is quilting Janet DeGroff, Lorraine Arkind
Country Doctor-Doctor Willett Natalie Stanko, Bill Allen, Mr. and Mrs. John Sandelin
"I've done my share of work ever since I can remember." Lloyd Monger
"It was the largest Theater in Northwest Colorado, The Chief Theater." Mike Barry
"They come from all over to ski with us, Steamboat Powder Cats." Jupiter and Barbara Jones

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Cover Photos By Reinald D. "Rex" Gill (1899-), An accomplished photographer, explorer and writer. Born in Christ Church, New Zealand he moved to Steamboat Springs (1918) where he built a house on the hill east of the Husky Station. His first love was exploring the canyonlands before they became national parks, and pioneering white water river runs. National magazines applauded the quality of his scenic pictures which were taken with a Speed Graphic camera and developed in a darkroom built in an old car chassis. At age 62 Gill made his last hiking expedition and moved his trailer-home to Gateway, Colorado where he continues to write with enviable memory and literary style. Cover photos by permission of Tread Of The Pioneer Museum.

Currently, Three Wire Winter is in its thirteenth year and consists of 18 students and 2 advisors. This is the 23rd issue, containing interesting history and accomplishments of mainly locals in the Routt County area. The project began in 1975 and became a non-profit organization in 1978. We welcome all letters, subscriptions and donations, which are tax deductible. To purchase or renew a subscription please write:

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