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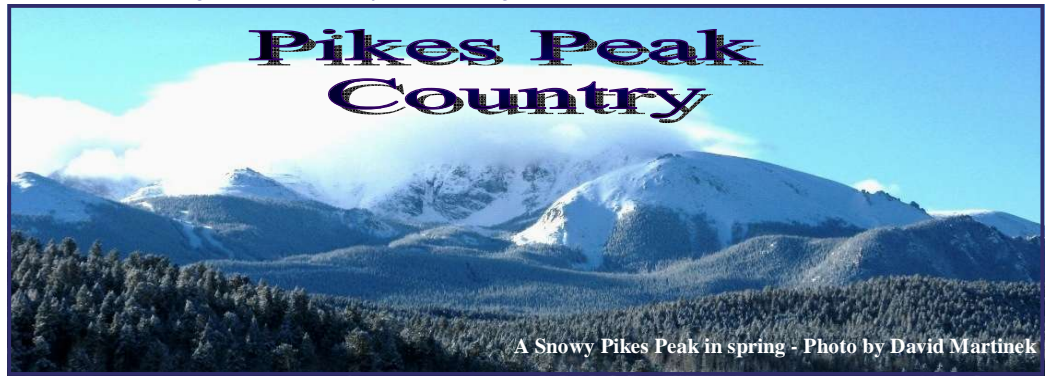
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A Snowy Pikes Peak in spring - Photo by David Martinek

The Harvey House



This is a photo of the Colorado Midland depot in Cascade, Colorado. The "Railroad Dining Room" located behind the depot was a Harvey House during the time when the Santa Fe owned the "Midland."

Before the use of dining cars on passenger trains became common around 1900, railroad passengers often had limited choices to find a meal in route. Either they brought their own food or were forced to patronize roadhouses located near the railroad's water stops. Fare was typically nothing more than rancid meat, cold beans, hard bread and week-old coffee.

These conditions began to change in 1875 when Fred

Harvey, then a freight agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was commissioned by the Kansas Pacific Railroad to open two eating houses in Wallace, Kansas and Hugo, Oklahoma. The cafes were only open for a year but the idea caught the attention of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, who contracted with Harvey to open several eating houses on an experimental basis. This led to the es-

tablishment of the first restaurant chain – the Harvey House.

The success and growth of the Fred Harvey Company and the string of Harvey Houses located every 100 miles or so along the Santa Fe line started with his first depot restaurant in Topeka, Kansas. Fred's strict standards for first class service and high quality food impressed the Santa Fe, and he was given a blank check to set up eating houses along the entire route. A Harvey House restaurant was once located in Cascade (see photo above), and later in Woodland Park.

The Santa Fe agreed to ship fresh milk, meats and vegetables to all the cafes and depot restaurants, free of charge, using their own private refrigeration cars. When dining cars began to appear on trains, the Fred Harvey Company was contracted to operate the food service on the Santa Fe diners, as well. Their advertisements proclaimed "Fred Harvey Meals all the Way."

The Harvey Houses became famous. Fred insisted on the best, using Irish linen and English silver. Food was served fast and hot on fine china. Harvey's meals came in sumptuous portions that provided good value for passengers. For example, pies were cut in fourths, instead of in sixths. His fastidious high standards for efficiency and cleanliness were renowned. Fred inspected every facility during the Fred Harvey Company's period of service for the Santa Fe.

Fred implemented a policy early of hiring only female waitresses – mainly because male waiters were sometimes rowdy and often picked fights with the passengers. The famous "Harvey Girls" were between 18 and 30 years of age, of good character, attractive and educated. They were subjected to a strict curfew of 10:00 pm, administered by a senior Harvey Girl. They wore official starched black and white uniforms with skirts that hung no more than eight inches from the floor. No make-up or chewing gum during work, either. They were under contract for a year and would forfeit half their base pay should they fail to complete their term of service. Their attractiveness won the hearts of many men on the railroad and the most common reason for a girl to terminate her employment was marriage.

The Fred Harvey Company and its many establishments – cafes, depot restaurants and later hotels – endured until 1968. The mythology that grew around the Harvey Houses, and its female employees, are said to have helped to "civilize the American Southwest." This legend resulted in a novel in 1942 by Samuel Hopkins Adams, called *The Harvey Girls*, and later a musical movie, based on the book, produced by MGM in 1946 and starring Judy Garland and Angela Lansbury. In the movie Johnny Mercer's hit song was sung: "On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe."

Sources: Wikipedia and the 1994 issue of the Divide Dispatch.

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Dave's Buyers' Guide

Cabins, second-homes and land specials from Coldwell Banker 1st Choice Realty →

Prices and status effective as of April 30, 2010



\$349,850

3415 Regent Dr., Woodland Park Reserve at Tamarac. Nicely treed lot in prestigious neighborhood on 0.64 acres. 4BR/3BA/2GAR, 2896 S.F. It has vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, gas fireplace. Private deck off MBR. The kitchen/dining area has a breakfast bar. Enjoy BBQs on the partially covered trek-floored deck. #649952

Here come the bears!

The Colorado Department of Wildlife issued a statement recently warning residents that the brown bear is coming out of hibernation. Homeowners are advised to secure their garbage, store their bird seed in a safe area, lock their doors on the ground level and try to reduce food odors as much as possible. Bears do not seek confrontation with humans, but they will be hungry and, if they get used to human food and waste, can become dangerous.

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(Marshall-Martinek Team listings are BOXED)



\$470,000

REDUCED!

1000 S. Fourth, Cripple Creek
Rent it out! This rambling ranch on 4.79 acres has been carved up into 6 rental units. The property overlooks historic Cripple Creek. The 3505 S.F. home has 9BR/6BA/2GAR and a 10-space pole shed for storage.
Income property. #627984



\$279,900

1221 Spruce Ridge Lane, Woodland Park
Quiet Street! 3BR/3BA/2GAR, 1938 S.F. on a 0.59 acre lot. Very clean with lots of updating inside. Plenty of trees for privacy outside. Large garage has room for workshop. Huge deck for entertaining. A 4th BR could be added, lower level. #620444



\$184,900

82 Steelhead Dr., Lake George
Mountain Home! Facing views of 11 Mile Reservoir. 2 MBRs w/ loft office. 3BR/2BA/2GAR, 1647 S.F. Lots of aspen, tucked away. 0.46 acres. Colorado Dream Home. Buy it now. #454238



\$24,900

2847 N. Mountain Est, Florissant
Double Lot. A 1.18 acre double lot; several building sites. Lot of mature pines and aspens. Pikes Peak and Sangres views. Close to Dome Rock. Two miles in CME. Don't miss it. #635122



\$444,990

36 Trapper Lake Dr., Divide
Immaculate! You may never want to leave this stunning house. Nice floor plan, great views of 2.5 acres. Recently remodeled. Chef's delight kitchen. 4BR/3BA/2GA, 4527 S.F. Heated garage. R factor of 19. 685 S.F. deck. Horse property. #695465



\$244,900

77 Silver Trail, Divide
Raised Ranch! 3BR/3BA/2GAR; 2982 S.F. on 1.42 acres. Huge house with treed lot. Floor to ceiling FP, massive family room, large MBR. Vaulted ceilings. Rock outcroppings on the property. Come and enjoy the wildlife. #612755



\$16,000

2856 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide
Lake Front. This heavily treed lot in Highland Lakes (1.67 acres) slopes down to Beaver Lake No. 2. Strategic tree cuts will make room for a driveway and a building site. See this beautiful lot. #457747



\$34,900

127 Carlton, Florissant
Dream Site. A 2.04 acre lot for a dream home. End of cul-de-sac sloping towards CME valley. Very picturesque. All utilities, perk test, fire mitigated. Building plans available. Come and see. #676197



\$364,900

1385 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide
Pride of ownership! A family-friendly house on 1.68 acres overlooking the lake. 4BR/4BA/2GA, 3430 S.F. T&G ceiling; huge FP and wall of windows. Radiant heat. Maple cabinets and granite counters in kitchen. Single owner. #440599



\$229,000

461 Gold King, Cripple Creek
Spacious Log Home! Cozy pellet stove, upgraded appliances and windows, jetted tub, granite counters, wrap-around deck, metal roof. 5BR/3BA, 2274 S.F. Spectacular views. Enjoy the amenities - swimming pool, club house. #606997



\$24,900

86 High Chateau, Florissant
Beautiful Land. Two acres overlooking some trees and a great view of Pikes Peak. Easy access from High Chateau Road; utilities at the property line. Level building sites. Here's the place. #433314

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