

Letter from the Editor :

For those who don't know about THREE WIRE WINTER, it's a non-profit organization made up of high school students and two teachers who put out a local magazine. This is the twelfth issue. The name THREE WIRE WINTER was originated in a book by Jean Wren called *Steamboat and the Speedy Skee*. She called one chapter "Four Wire Winter." This name was perfect since the snow in Routt County often reaches and sometimes covers the third wire on a barbed wire fence.

THREE WIRE WINTER, INC. has been very busy this year. We are a self-supporting magazine, so we have many projects all occurring at once, it seems. We have a cake walk in the Homecoming Carnival every year, a Trans-Alaska seafood sale, a barbeque, and many other projects.

We start the year with a training session with old members teaching new staff members how to produce THREE WIRE WINTER magazines. These sessions included instruction on interviewing, photography, darkroom use, sales, and distribution.

We welcome all donations which are tax deductible, and all subscriptions and letters. We hope to hear from our readers.

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Soon after the workshop and the first interview, we were suddenly thrust into one of our money making projects, the Seafood Sale. As the sale lessened its thrust, we had to hurry to produce a multi-colored spirit float of "Dust the Devil and Wire him Down", an appropriate theme for a Homecoming parade float. The same day many of our staff members "manned or womaned" a carnival booth where there was an old-fashioned cake walk, designed to make more publication money for THREE WIRE WINTER.

Then as if we weren't hustling enough, we lost our officers and teachers for a day to the Youth Participation Conference where they told of the trials and tribulations of THREE WIRE WINTER. The conference hosted many youth projects from across the United States.

Now so our readers won't misunderstand, we have a lot of setbacks: lost tapes; ruined film, and hunting season. And we don't forget the time our buddy forgot to bring the tape on an interview, or a roll of film. Among many frustrations and learning from mistakes, we are pleased to see our work finished.

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The Land of Pretend By Frances Wheeler

**Have you ever been to the Land of Pretend?
On the back of an armchair steed?
A-galloping with the posse
As the sheriff in the lead?
Maybe you'll climb the highest hills
As the trusted Indian scout
Swim across flooded rivers
Or turn the stampede about.
Sometimes it's a ricochet bullet
A swiftly shot arrow or two
Whatever the danger in "Let's Pretend"
There's always aplenty to do.**

**If sister will go to the Land of Pretend
She'll be movie star, princess or squaw
Maybe a nurse attending the sick
Or a hard working homesteader's "ma"
Many a knight in bright armor
Has rescued his lady fair
No deed is too great for the hero
That rides on the arm of a chair!
A wonderful place, this world would be
If grownups, like children, could spend
A bit of the time of each weary day
In the Land of "Let's Pretend"**