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Alva and Zella Matheson files from LaKay M. Weber's home.

Best Western Hi-Country Inn

and Theo and his family

U.S. Hwy. 89, P.O. Box 897

managed it for thirteen years while Ellingfor Bros.
built many things and bid on the

Afton, Wyoming 83110

first bridges let in the United States on Interstate
80 in Wyoming. He worked on

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highway structure construction until 1971, when he
sold his interest back to his

WORLDWIDE

brothers.

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The process of shearing was started in March and
continued until they were done

Theo then formed T.J.G. Inc. with his sons Jay and
Garry, which included Ranch,

with the shearing in July. Traveling in a caravan to
each herd. Theo sheared

Prairie Inn Motel which they built, T.J.G Construc-
tion Company which all of Theo's

right along with his men and then spent the
evening sharpening the blades that

family could work for shares in. Theo loved to take
care of the herd of cows on

went to the electric shearers. In 1947 he sold his
plant because Mexican

the ranch and was hauling hay each afternoon for
the feeding next morning .

crews moved in to the area and did shearing much
cheaper.

All the family becamed involved with moving the
cows to summer pasture and the

In 1947 Theo went into partners with his brothers
Curtis and Elmo forming

round up. The family was always well fed with
plenty of good beef. Theo always

Ellingford Brothers. They then built the New Motel

took Merdath and two or three grand kids with him
each day and when the great

grand kids came along they went to feed too. Theo loved all kids, he would inter-

tain them for hours on end, and buy them gum, candy or !! give them each a dollar

every time he seen them. Every kid got a dollar.

In the 1980 s Theo was busy with two industrial parks and a shopping center,

two ranches, 264 head of cattle, a housing development, Prairie Inn Motel, and

water wells.

In 1971 November 6, Theo suffered a heart attack, with a clot hitting the

lower part of his heart. He took care of himself and was feeding cows and doing

his ranch work two years after the attack. In 1980 at fair time in August he suffered

a stroke which impaired his vision and he didn't drive after that. Theo continued

to have strokes every year and passed away in an Evanston Hospital August 4, 1985.

Funeral services were held August 7, 1985 with burial in the Evanston Cemetary.