The Last Acre—Crook County, Wyoming

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The last acres ceremony in Crook County, Wyo., was held during the last part of September 1977. Art Bauer, a soil scientist on detail from Texas, was given the honor (?) of mapping the last acre.

Despite the publicity given and the wide interest in the soil survey, only two people showed up to watch Art dig the last hole. By the way, the party leader didn’t even come.

The last acre (actually, 1.26 acres) was mapped on top of Devil’s Tower. The ceremony began with a 3½ hour climb up the 600-foot igneous tower.

Incidentally, the last acre was placed in the Rock outcrop-Vanocker complex, 50 to 75% slopes.

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Fig. 1. Devil’s Tower, the site of the last acre ceremony.