

## Deer Hunting is in Full Swing

Even though the first days of the 1973 deer season were a bit warm, by November 28, some 1,655 hunters had already harvested 162 deer.

Wallace Prince, Terramar's director of recreation operations, was on site at the registration office to supervise the registration of hunters and to assist, with others of his staff, in the tabulation of the deer harvest and aid the hunters in any way they could.

The Hunt Club had established new rules and regulations pertaining to the hunting on Terlingua Ranch for this year, and Terramar had streamlined the registration process. These innovations, together with the reservation system, was intended to be in the interest of good game management, to control hunter density throughout the season and to ensure, insofar as it is possible, a greater equity for all hunters.

Individuals had also formed larger hunting areas on private lands by contacting their adjacent landowner-neighbors in a Terramar-sponsored project called "Know Your Neighbor." In this way owners of property with contiguous or abutting lines could reach agreement to permit hunting over all of the aggregated property. This arrangement offered advantages to the group of owners involved.

One of the important new rules was that concerning the only approved type of hunting vest. This was the fluorescent orange type, and must be the outer garment. This standardization was decided upon in the interest of improved safety. A supply of these approved-type vests was made available at Terlingua Ranch, to accommodate participating hunters.

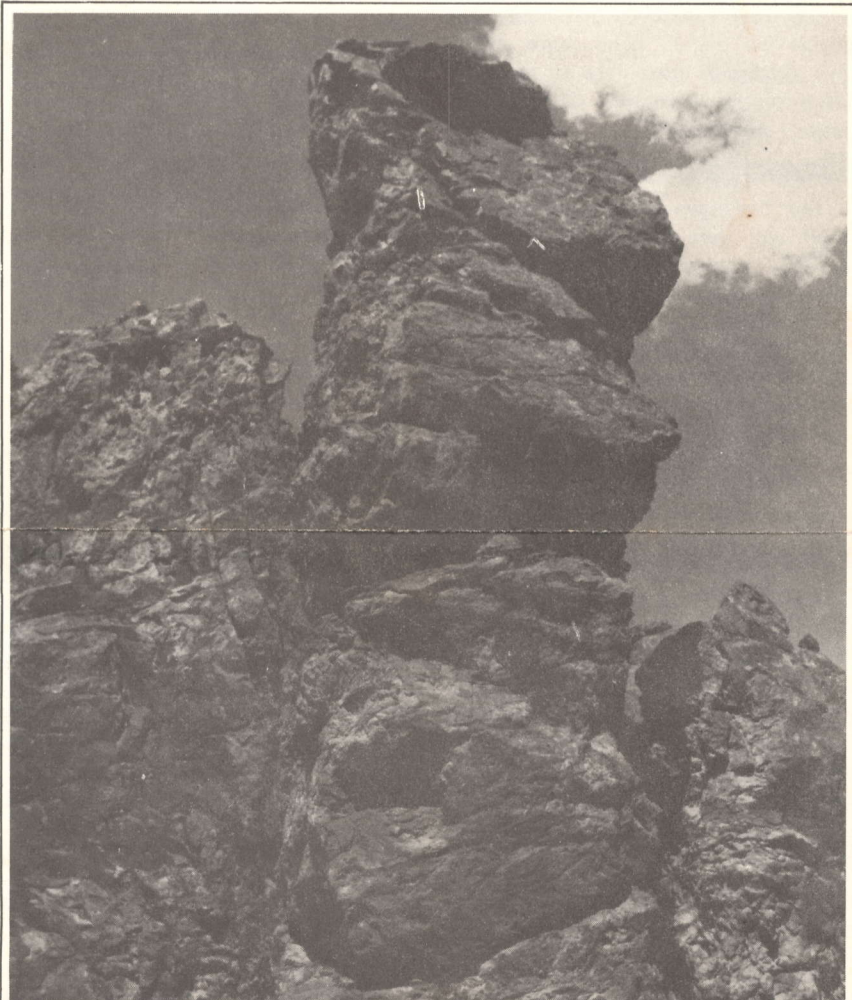
Several other Terramar employees were assigned temporary duty at the ranch during the hunting season. In addition to Prince, Bill McNair, director of food and lodging, was there. Also from the home office were

Barbara Lombardo, Sylvia Diaz, Trev Haas and Pam Miller. Janita Hinds, wife of Terlingua Ranch Construction Superintendent Richard Hinds, and a resident of the ranch, was also on hand to assist with information and registration.

Prince was well pleased with the conduct of the hunt, and wishes to express his appreciation for the outstanding cooperation of the hunters.

Because of the early deadline for the material to be included in this issue of Tales of Terlingua, a more detailed report of the 1974 deer hunting season must necessarily await a later publication date.

In the meantime, Terramar wishes a good, safe hunting season to all, and a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.



**TOWERING ROCK FORMATION** is typical of the rugged beauty of the Terlingua area, impressing one visitor with its "aspects of solitude and loneliness." Varied geologic formations make Terlingua especially attractive to aesthetes, scientists, hikers and rock hunters.

# TERLINGUA SCENE

## Gasoline Situation

As we went to press, at the end of November, information from Griff, of Griff's Place, was that gasoline was not in short supply and that no such shortage was anticipated. Sunday closing of other area gasoline stations might require additional planning, even should gas be available at Terlingua.

## A Raft of Friends

The Terramar Adventure Club's float trip down the Rio Grande, which took place on November 17, was a splashing, roaring success. This is one of those Adventure Club affairs that lets you meet yourself in a challenging environment and, like the Mexican Trail Ride, was led by that Legend of Lajitas, Roddy Schoenfeldt.

Janita Hinds and Jan Quigg went along from Terlingua, and really enjoyed the event. Read more about this particular adventure in the next issue of the Adventure Club's newsletter, ADVENTURE.

## Donates Church Bell

The Terlingua church, when it is built, will have a bell. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Routh, of Greensboro, North Carolina, who winter at their property on Terlingua Ranch, have donated a church bell for the purpose of installation in the structure. The fund drive continues for the construction program for this interdenominational church.

## Holiday Parties

The Ranch will be jumping, beginning Christmas Eve, with a party for all property owners and ranch personnel, and going on through to New Year's Day, with a New Year's Eve Party to bring in the new year, 1974.

There will be Christmas caroling on the evening of the 24th. This should be very enjoyable—there's something about Christmas in the wide open spaces of Terlingua that really gets you "where you live". A big Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served on Christmas Day.

During the holiday week between Christmas and New Year's Day, special trail rides will be available, as well as bingo parties, a wild life slide presentation, some 16-mm movies, too.

It is an especially good time to go rock hunting, also. Don't forget that the quail and javelina seasons are open, so bring along the appropriate weapon for the kind of shooting you are interested in doing.

Small bore (that is, .22 caliber) rifle matches will also be held during the holiday week. All you sharpshooters, bring along your favorite target .22 and try your luck and/or skill.

A gala New Year's Eve party is expected to be well attended, so get your reservations in EARLY! Do this by telephoning the ranch, or to the Customer Relations Department at the Terramar home office. Toll-free numbers are (Texas residents) 1-800-292-5219 and (out-of-staters) 1-800-531-5515.

## Books Sought

Melvyn Jones, a teacher at Terlingua, reports that books are needed for the Terlingua Common School District No. 2, in grades one through eight.

Library books, research and encyclopedia sets or other similar references of an appropriate level are especially needed.

Persons wishing to donate such books may contact County Judge Sam Thomas at the courthouse in Alpine, or they may bring them to the ranch, where proper disposition will be made of them.

## Bob Graves' Piano

Serendipity, that's what it is. You never can tell what is going to result from some activity or endeavor. The space program brought us such wonders as Teflon and Tang; the Great Chili Cookoff, held at the ghost town of Terlingua, has resulted in Bob Graves getting a piano! Who'd a-thunkit?

Anyway, regardless of who'd a-thunkit, there is someone who can plunk it, and that is Jan Quigg, the accountant from Terlingua lodge. According to Janita Hinds, Jan can really make that old box vibrate. This has led to a sort of informal Friday night thing, where people come to enjoy the music of not only the piano, but the fantastic fiddle of Jim Blanton, who lives at Study Butte.

How did the piano get from the Chili Cookoff to Graves' place? Elementary, my dear Watson. See, they hauled the piano all the way to Terlingua from somewhere up in west Texas; Midland or Odessa. It was a rental piano, used during the Chili Cookoff. Well, during the culinary fireworks someone burned cigarette marks on the thing and, after some consideration, it was decided to purchase the piano and keep it down here. Sounds like a lot of fun, so you might want to check that out on your next visit to Terlingua.



BARN SWALLOWS BUILT NEST IN BIG BENDER