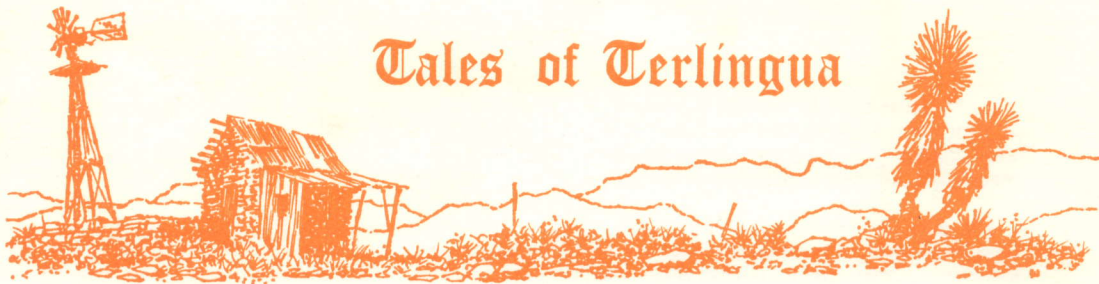




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TWINS TO LEAD CELEBRATION



Terlingua's own "Rainbow Twins" will be the star attraction at the Fourth of July celebration at the Ranch this month.

LaKeta and Tommie Coffman aren't really twins, but their parents, Terlingua property owners, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Coffman of Longview, Texas, still have every right to be proud of their accomplishments. The group has played in East Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Nashville. They will have some of their recordings available at the Ranch during their performances on Friday or Saturday night, July 5-6.

When it comes to "guitar pickin'", the group has four members: Laketa on

rythmn guitar, Tommie on bass, Dad (L.B.) on lead and Jerry Otis on drums.

The music, barbecue and dancing will set the scene for a rollicking Fourth. Make your reservations now by calling the Ranch at 915/364-2414.

And don't forget to bring along some of your handiwork to display at the "Flea Market" during this long holiday. Paintings, needlework, handicrafts, woodwork and anything else you have for sale should be set up on the patio in front of the Lodge for the nods of approval from your fellow Terlinguans. Put a price tage on some of the items and take home some spending money for yourself.

JACK'S BACK

We had to stop the presses to add this late-breaking news item: Jack and Betty North have returned to Terlingua! By the time you receive this they will be settled in and ready to go back to work at the Sales Office, where Jack will be Project Manager

Although Jack went to San Antonio as a branch manager for Terramar, the call of the wide open spaces was just too much. He and Betty missed the visits with property owners and their families and just being out in the good, clean air. Betty was also looking forward to enjoying the new house they recently completed behind "White House Mountain."

Many of our property owners have asked when Jack would return; and here he is. Welcome home, Jack!

BY THE WAY...

If you haven't returned your opinions on the hunt questionnaire you received last month, please do so right away. We need your comments. The next issue of the "Tales" will have a report on the results.

"MIDNIGHT RIDES" BIG SUCCESS

Summer at Terlingua has started with a BANG! The first target shoot of the season was a big success: Dan Cunnington won first prize and Rusty Bynum won second.

Joe Weber and Susan Small are in charge of the "spontaneous" recreation program again this year. Instead of regularly scheduled activities, Joe and Susan are more or less at your command when it comes to doing what you want to do.

So far, the big favorite is accompanying Joe on deer census trips. For the first expedition thirteen Terlinguans piled into the pickup counting deer, javelina, quail and jack rabbit. These spotlighting trips will continue throughout the summer, but only a limited number of riders can fit into the pickup-so be sure to sign up when you arrive at the Ranch.

In addition to counting deer, the census trips will help determine the location of two new "guzzlers" to be installed in the Solitario Range to bring water to the game in that area.

Other activities during the summer will include campfires in the evening. Susan reports that songs and skits have been favorites in these programs. Learning to do the "Cotton-Eyes Joe" and other western folk dances will also be on the agenda a few evenings each week. Of course, ping pong, tether ball, horseback riding and the many other on-going activities are always available for your enjoyment.

Just about anything you want to do is waiting at the Ranch this summer. Joe and Susan will be happy to help you organize the activity of your choice. Bring the whole family out to Terlingua for an interesting and unique vacation.



A & M senior Joe Weber, who is majoring in game biology, and Susan Small, a business major from Dallas, will be the recreation directors at Terlingua this summer.

OPEN LETTER TO TERLINGUA OWNERS

In the last few weeks we have heard from several property owners who think Terramar has opened up the Ranch to non-owners to use as they want. Some reports have come in about "non-owners" running rampant through the Ranch, "tearing everything up, throwing trash around" and generally making the Ranch unfit for the use of its owners. As a property owner myself, I was concerned about the reports and did some investigating. Here are just a few of the facts:

-The cabins at Terlingua have been open to the public for some time now. Terramar owns these just as each of us owns our tract, and since there were so few owners using the Ranch during some months of the year, Terramar decided to allow the public to rent a cabin at a higher rate than that for owners when there were cabins available. (Naturally property owners receive preference on reservations.) This was done in an effort to make the operation of the cabins and restaurant profitable so that they can remain open throughout the year for the convenience of our property owners. The reservation office at the Lodge reports that there have been nine non-owners registered since the first of the year.

-The new sign at the entrance to the Ranch advertises LAND FOR SALE, and the cabins, restaurant, pool and camper hook-ups (higher rates for non-owners.) The sign does not advertise nor will Terramar allow, hunting, ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO HUNT IN THE TERLINGUA HUNT PARKS AS OUTLINED IN THE HUNT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

-As you know, ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS are allowed to stay in the bunkhouse. But, we have lost hundreds of towels, washcloths and bed linens that were loaned to people staying there.

-One of our property owners reported last month that she found almost a dozen eggs under the cushions of the couch in the bunkhouse-broken, rotten and most revolting.

-At one time, there were cooking utensils in the bunkhouse kitchen for the use of owners. Now, all of them are missing.

-Within one week of the opening the recreation room last summer, every piece of equipment was out of order.

There are approximately 5,000 property owners at Terlingua Ranch. There were only a few non-owners who passed through within the last year. Can they be blamed for the condition of the Ranch? It seems to me that the comic strip philosopher, Pogo, summed it up well when he said, "We have met the enemy, and he is US!"

There are many of you who are planning to move to the Ranch soon. These people deserve a clean pleasant place to make their new homes. There are others of us who plan to move to the Ranch in the future, or visit often, will there be anything left for us?

What do you think should be done?

THE EDITOR

Terramar must have the opinions of its property owners in order to make the decisions that will affect them at the Ranch. All Terlingua property owners received the questionnaire about the 1974 hunt season. Many of these have already been returned; and we are pleased with the concern exhibited by your answers. Won't you take another few minutes of your time and let us know your thoughts on the problems of pollution and vandalism at the Ranch? Nothing can be done without the cooperation of the property owners.

You may address your comment to: The Editor, "Tales of Terlingua", P.O. Box 896, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403. For the next few issues as space permits, we will have a "Letters to the Editor" column to share some of your comments with all owners. Please write to us today!

