

Tales Of TERLINGUA

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Young People Inspire Drive For Church

Terlingua Ranch will have its own interdenominational church building in the foreseeable future, thanks to the efforts of a group of teenagers at the Ranch, led by 17-year-old Dan Kempf, both of whose parents are on the staff.

The Kempfs moved to Terlingua from Longview in August of last year. Mr. Ken Kempf works with the maintenance crew, and Mrs. Kempf is employed in the Lodge kitchen.

In September, young Dan started holding devotional services each Sunday, with an average attendance of five persons. The group gradually grew to an average of 30, with a high of 59 persons at Thanksgiving.

The early services were held outdoors, but the need for a building soon became evident, and a fund-raising drive was initiated. A Terlingua property owner, Mr. Lawrence W. Routh, of Greensboro, North Carolina, who was visiting at the Ranch, volunteered to match all donations made dur-



DAN KEMPF
devotional leader

ing the time he was there. More than \$600 was collected, and Mr. Routh matched that amount with his donation. At the present time, there is a total of more than \$1,800 in the building fund.

Terramar Corporation will allocate land for the new church building. The young people, and ministers from the area or those who are visiting at the Ranch, will conduct the services.

Mrs. Wade Knudsen is treasurer of the fundraising drive, and donations may be sent to her at Terlingua Ranch.

During the Easter weekend, the young people conducted a special service that was well attended by Ranch visitors and staff.

Roads Now Under Construction In Two New Ranges

Many earlyday writers described the Big Bend country as a "trackless wilderness". It is still a wilderness, but it is becoming less and less "trackless", at least in the Terlingua Ranch area.

According to Steamboat Steele, Terramar Corporation construction manager, roadbuilding got underway in April on the Nine Point Range and the Black Peak Range. So the "trackless wilderness" is in the process of becoming just a little less trackless, and much more convenient for Terlingua Ranch property owners.

Big Bass Now Biting At Lake Ament

For avid fishermen, the mountains of the Big Bend might seem as unpromising as the mountains of the Moon as far as fishing is concerned. But they would be wrong.

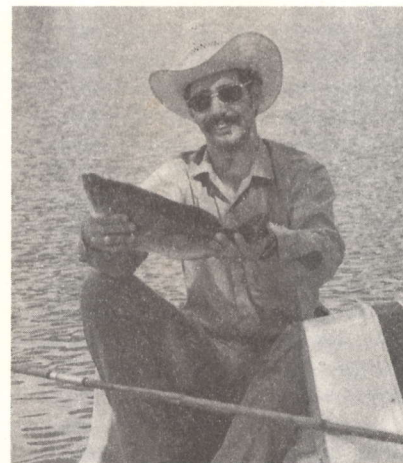
Lake Ament, at Terlingua Ranch, is continuing to yield lunker-size bass in good numbers. Latest fish story from Terlingua (guaranteed true, see the photo) was the six-pound-plus bass snagged by Toyah Taylor, on-site recreation coordinator for the Ranch. Taylor caught the big bass on a fly rig with a surface plug.

While the mountains of the Big Bend might not be considered the natural habitat for bass, those at Lake Ament seem to take to their environment very well. The Lake was stocked with fingerlings approximately two years ago, and they have already grown to whopper size, which proves that even fish like Terlingua.

Small boats are available at the Lake, which is about 30 minutes by main road from the head-

quarters area. Picnic tables with shades are being constructed at the Lake, and there is a camping area nearby.

Although cane poles are available at the Lodge, it is recommended that visitors bring their own fishing gear to really make a first class effort to take home some of the big bass from Lake Ament.



TOYAH TAYLOR
shows off Lake Ament bass

Variety Is Keynote Of Recreation Plan

It will be a rare person who cannot find many recreational activities of interest at Terlingua Ranch. In fact, in looking over the list of activities, one comes to the conclusion that anyone who cannot find many things to keep him interested and involved must be dead. Or he might as well be.

A partial list of activities, all coordinated and supervised by the highly qualified Terlingua staff, includes swimming, camping, horseback riding, cookouts, boating, bingo parties, fishing, motion pictures, bridge, fun nights, rockhounding, overnight pack trips, bus tours, hiking, campfire programs, nature lore, hay rides, astronomy, table tennis, dancing, tetherball, spotlighting, table games, volleyball, and badminton. And if you don't think that is a long list, try saying it all with one breath.

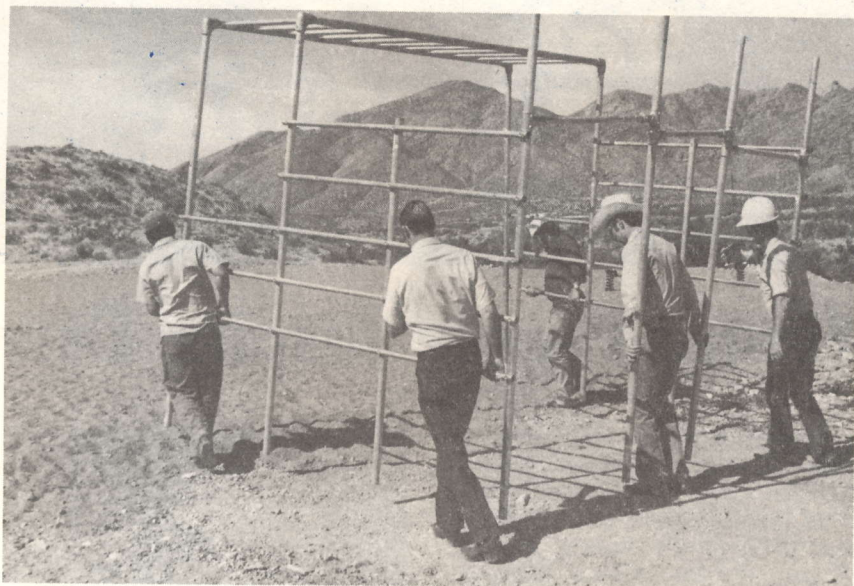
Programs are oriented for both youth and adults. And of course, how much each person participates will be entirely up to the individual. If you just want to relax and take it easy, there will be plenty of time for that, too.

Special events and contests are also planned throughout the summer. For instance, the week of July 4 will see the Terramar Art Show and Contest, open to all Terramar property owners and their families. The exhibit will hang in the Lodge during the week of July 1-July 8. Other special activities are planned for the July Fourth, as well as for the Labor Day weekend.

Special activities each week will include a bus tour of the Ranch on Mondays; fishing rodeo at Lake Ament on Tuesdays; tour of Big Bend National Park on Wednesdays; overnight horseback pack trip on Thursday and Fridays; and a tour of the ghost town of Terlingua, Villa de la Mina mine, and the historic community of Lajitas, on Saturdays.

All regular recreational activities are geared to three age groups, 6-12 year olds, 13-18 year olds, and 19 and over.

In short, anyone who cannot have fun at Terlingua Ranch this summer, isn't likely to be able to have fun anywhere.



NEW PLAYGROUND — Wallace Prince, second from left, Terramar recreation director, helps move a partially-assembled jungle gym to the site of the new playground at Terlingua Ranch.

Playground Being Built At Terlingua

A new attraction for the younger set (and their elders) is now under construction at Terlingua Ranch.

A playground with a wide assortment of facilities is being finished in the Lodge area, with completion date for the first stage set for June 1.

The new playground is located on the other side of the swimming pool from the Lodge building. The area was cleared and graded to provide a safe play surface. Now being installed are a jungle gym, swings, three spring-type hobby horses (really one hobby horse, along with a hobby buffalo and, would you believe, a hobby rhinoceros), tetherball, vol-

leyball and badminton courts, and a horseshoe court.

According to Wallace Prince, Terramar recreation director, additional attractions are planned in the near future.

Greasewood Grocery Name Of New Store

"Greasewood Grocery" is the name selected by Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Williams for their new "country store" at Terlingua Ranch.

The Williams, of Houston, are in the process of selling their home there, and plan to move to Terlingua as soon as the sale is completed. They have a trailer on their lot, and have been moving in building materials for the store building, which they plan to construct themselves.

Mrs. Williams says that a rustic frame building, painted barn red, is planned.

They hope to have the building completed and ready to open for business by June 1, "the good Lord willing," Mrs. Williams says.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams plan to carry a basic line of groceries, milk, ice, and ice cream. They hope to obtain a permit for on-premises beer sales, and later intend to add a selection of other items, including articles imported from Mexico.

New Restaurant Manager Named at Terlingua Ranch

GENE WISE has been named manager of the Terlingua Ranch Restaurant. **BETTY NORTH**, wife of Terlingua Ranch sales force director **JACK NORTH**, turned over the job to **WISE** so she could devote additional time to getting settled in their new house, a beautiful adobe dwelling east of the lodge. **JACK** by the way, has been devoting some of his time representing Terlingua Ranch and Terramar Corporation at Alpine Chamber of Commerce meetings.