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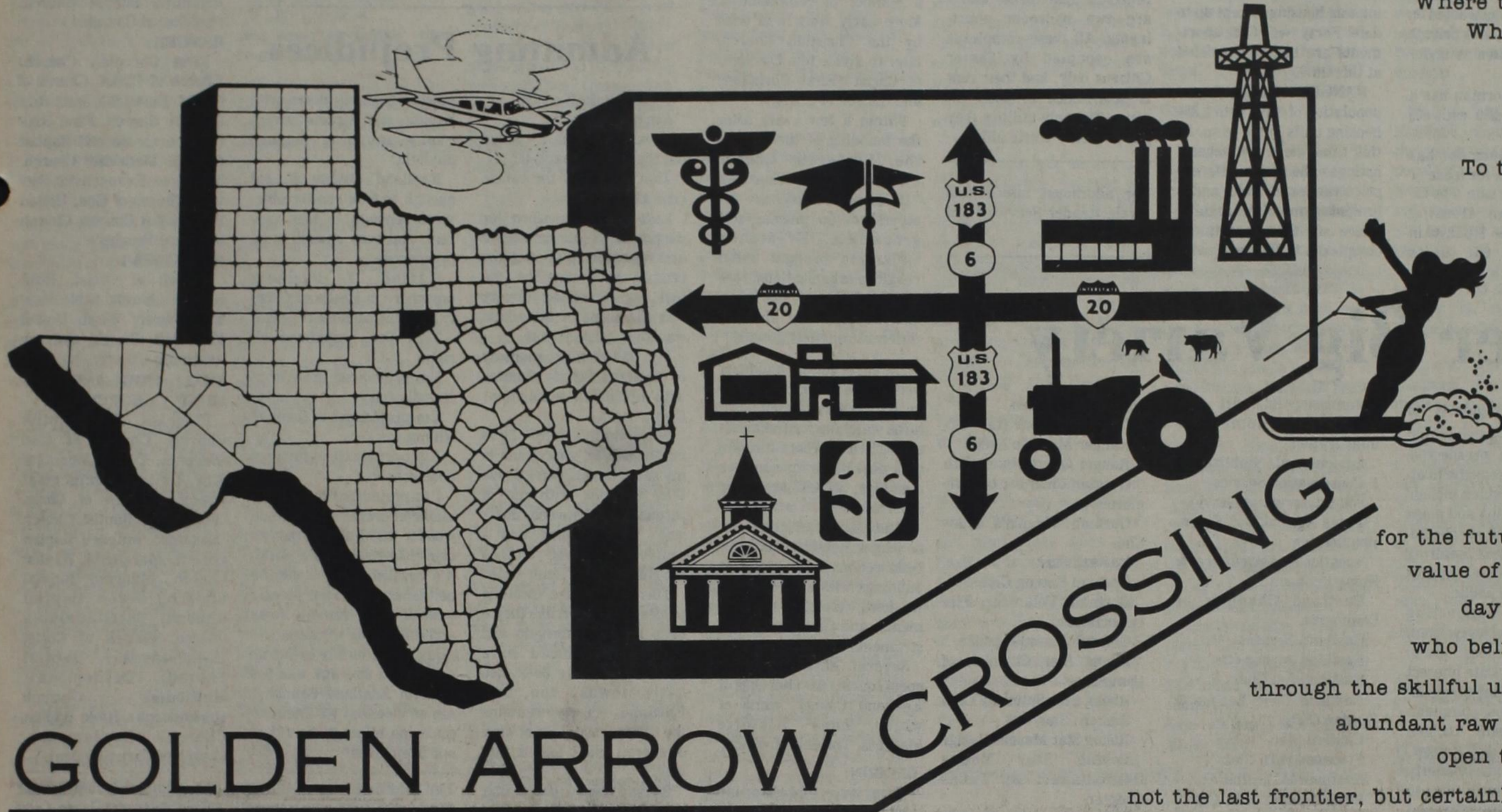
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Where the air is pure,
Where there's still wide-open spaces
Where welcoming folks are just
downright friendly.
--Sound like a dream?
It is to most of the nation.
To the 20,000 who call Eastland
County home, it's a fact.
And the collective
voice of that great number
join in inviting
those who would
come share the good
quality of life.
Those who want to
put their shoulders to
the wheel and help build
for the future. Those who recognize the
value of hard work, and believe in a
day's work for a day's pay, and
who believe it's their right to profit
through the skillful use of talented craftsmen and
abundant raw materials. The invitation is
open to consider Eastland County,
not the last frontier, but certainly among a vanishing breed.
It comes as close to having everything as you're likely to find.

THERE IS STILL SUCH A PLACE

And You're Welcome To Come Grow With Us!

Located virtually in the geographical center of Texas with excellent highways and an abundance of natural resources, Eastland County might well be termed a cross-roads-of-Texas region.

The county's cities have a number of substantial payroll industries that merge agriculture, ranching and oil to give the region a high economy ranking. Unemployment is below average for Texas counties. Labor surveys in key population centers indicated that potential employers would not need to import workers.

Eastland County, with a population 19,430 in the 1980 census, has nearly 10,000 housing units. Tax rates are favorable when compared with those of virtually any area of Texas. The county's tax rate is among the lowest - 12½ cents per \$100 valuation. And the bonded debts of the county's various political subdivisions are comparatively low.

Agriculture is important as Eastland is No. 2 among Texas counties in peanut

production. County farms plant an average of 30,000 acres to peanuts yearly. Eastland ranked No. 5 for peach production in 1981 with 22,000 bushes, and pecan orchards yielded 1,200,000 pounds.

Eastland County produced 1,837,637 barrels of oil in 1981, bringing in some \$63,380,100 along with natural gas worth another \$32,878,540. Royalty payments amounted to \$12,032,330 from the county's 1,586 producing wells.

The county has 732 miles of paved and maintained roads, assuring easy transportation for everyone. Population centers include Cisco, 4,517; Eastland, 3747; and Ranger, 3142. Rising Star, Gorman and Carbon are incorporated cities with population figures of 1,500 or less.

Five state or national banks, two community colleges, three adequate hospitals, seven public school systems, adequate water supplies, churches of

all faiths and denominations and numerous other civic assets provide the county's residents with a wealth of services and facilities.

Ranching is a substantial industry in the county, which supports two livestock auction rings and sponsors two livestock shows each year.

The weather is a plus for the Eastland County region has only about a month of cold temperatures each winter, and summers have a like period of weather that many might consider too warm. That leave some 10 months of rather ideal weather.

The county has an average of some 28 inches of rain each year. Several lakes provide adequate water for cities and for several thousand rural water district customers.

110 Years STRONG



Read It
&
Mail It

HELP SPREAD THE WORD: Citizens throughout Eastland County can join the effort to help deliver the news to the entire nation about what a wonderful place Eastland County is to live and do business. Every subscriber is urged to read this issue and then do a good deed for their county by wrapping this issue or putting it into an envelope and then mailing it to a friend, relative or acquaintance somewhere else, hopefully so that copies will eventually get into the hands of persons who make decisions or help make decisions about moving a plant to Eastland County which could boost the number of payrolls here. Every citizen can play a very important role in helping distribute this issue far and wide. Additional copies are available at your local newspaper office and at the chambers of commerce offices in the various towns of Eastland County. **HELP SELL EASTLAND COUNTY TO THOSE WHO CAN HELP EASTLAND COUNTY GROW AND PROSPER.** What we do now may affect the quality of life for our children and grandchildren and grandchildren here for many years to come.



(Photo By Helen Wallace)

**Let Us Show You How Your Plant
Will Profit In Eastland County
You May Call County Judge Scott Bailey
At 817/629-1263 or 817/442-1065 For Facts
We're Looking For Pay Rolls**

Housing Good In County

Although the housing shortage has been felt in Eastland County, it has not been as severe as in most places. At this time there are homes and acreages for sale in all towns and communities. Prices compare very favorably with the rest of the state and nation. There is some property for sale around the lakes, and occasionally ranch or farm land goes on the market. Good rental property is more difficult to find, but some is available.

CARBON: Carbon, with a population of 281, has 144 housing units within the town. Of these, only two are for sale at this time. There are several rentals available, however, and a trailer park with space. Land is also available for building new homes.

CISCO: In Cisco, there are approx. 4,519 people and 2,672 housing units. Of these, there are approx. 80-100 empty homes at this time.

Many are for sale, but rentals can be found. There are six Real Estate Agencies in town, or that service Cisco. The town has two apartment complexes, and a low-rent housing complex managed by the Housing Authority of Cisco.

EASTLAND: With a population of 3,744, Eastland has 1,740 housing units. There are three large apartment complexes in the town, with smaller units and duplexes scattered about. There are a few rentals in Eastland at this time, with about 30 houses for sale. A new 48 unit low-rent apartment will be constructed in the near future, and private home construction is under way.

GORMAN: Gorman has a population of 1,260 with 605 housing units.

Currently Gorman has about six houses for lease or rent, and six for sale. The City of Gorman Housing Authority, under HUD, is in charge of 66 units

(apartments and duplexes). Of this number, 20 apartments for the elderly are located in a hotel which has been remodeled. Some vacancies exist in the hotel at this time. There are 10 one bedroom apartments for the elderly and disabled in Brandon apartments, 12 one, two and three bedroom low-income units called Brandon Place apartments, and 24 apartments at Love Acres for anyone disabled, on low income, or elderly.

The HUD local Board consists of five members appointed by the Mayor of Gorman. A list of persons desiring this housing is kept up to date. Forty two of the apartments are being remodeled at this time.

RANGER: Ranger has a population of 3,169 with 1,334 housing units in the town. At this time there are several listings of houses in different price ranges for sale, and a limited number of rentals. There are three apartment complexes in the town, with

more apartments planned. One of the apartments, Terry Place, has low-rent units. Ranger has some acreage for sale, also.

RISING STAR: The population of Rising Star is 1195, and there are 588 resident occupied homes in the city. There are about 15 vacant homes.

There is very nice housing available for Senior Citizens. On North Main there are 22 units, and 12 units are down town Main. Plans are on the drawing board for 12 more in the down town Main address. Of these 34 units 30 are single bedroom apartments and 4 are two bedroom apartments. All these complexes are occupied by Senior Citizens only, and their rent is determined by their income. The only utilities they pay is their electric bills.

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Churches Abound For All Faiths

Many Eastland County settlers brought families with them, and wanted to transplant Christianity to their new homes. The first Christian religious service was held on the Allen-Davidson ranch in 1865. William Monk, a circuit-riding Methodist minister from the Palo Pinto Mission, preached a sermon at the remote home. At its conclusion he organized a small church.

In 1870 a Baptist minister, Johnnie N. Northcutt, came to the Desdemona area, carrying a Bible in his satchel. Presbyterian missionaries began churches in a number of communities. More early work was done by the Christian Church, later to divide into Disciples of Christ (First Christian) and Church of Christ.

Within a few years after the founding of the county, the Lutheran Church established local churches. "Holiness" churches and others set up pioneer congregations. Eventually emigrants brought other religious organizations. Now Eastland County has churches representing about 35 different religious groups.

The early church buildings were made of logs, and men in the congregations took turns watching for Indian attacks. Brush arbors furnished a cool place for summer meetings, which lasted for several weeks.

Most pioneer churches are no longer standing, but have been replaced by beautiful buildings with stained glass windows, tasteful appointments, and fine musical instruments.

Several days could be spent touring the churches of Eastland County, some of which have Historic Markers. The churches are:

CARBON: Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Carbon Christ Center.

CISCO: First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist, East Side Baptist, First Methodist, Wesley Methodist, Greater St. Marks (Baptist), First Christian, First Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Church of Christ Bible Chair (Cisco Junior College), Baptist Student Center (Cisco Junior College), Assembly of God,

United Pentecostal, Redeemer Lutheran, Gospel Assembly, Bible Baptist, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Word of Life Church, Church of the Nazarene, Faith Baptist Church, Fundamental Baptist Church, First Evangelical Methodist Church.

EASTLAND: First Baptist Church, Seaman St. Baptist Church,

First Christian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Inspiration Church of God, Assembly of God, Word of Life Church, Church of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, CME Church, Jehovah's Witness, St. Francis Catholic Church, First Presbyterian, Church of God, Christian Science Church.

GORMAN: United Methodist Church, Baptist Church, Church of Christ, Congregational Methodist Church, First Pentecostal Church, Primitive Baptist Church, Full Gospel Church.

RANGER: First Christian Church, Church of Christ, Church of Christ (Eastside), Saint Rita Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Masegee Evangelistic Service, Church of God, United Pentecostal Church, Church of God of Prophecy.

RISING STAR: Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, Bible Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Calvary Assembly Church.

SMALL TOWN AND COMMUNITY CHURCHES:

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Church of God (Seventh Day), Mountain Top United Pentecostal Church, Church of Christ (Flatwood), Baptist Church (Kokomo), Mitchell Baptist Church, Maranatha Baptist Church, Mangum Baptist Church, Olden Baptist Church, Christadelphia Church, Church of Christ (Desdemona), Baptist Church (Desdemona), Methodist Church (Desdemona), Bible Baptist Church (Desdemona), Church of Christ (Olden).

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Spotlights & Sidelights

Julia Worthy

Admitting Prejudices

By Julia Worthy
I'm prejudiced.

Looks pretty stark spelled out that way, doesn't it? That's the way the cookie crumbles. Last November when our particular cookie crumbled and we came up to stick the crumbs back together, the fact that Eastland County was the scene of the action was an important plus.

My half-century memory of Eastland County squares with my current evaluation: Clean.

Why that should have made such an impression in my salad days, I don't know. Why it stuck with me in meandering between dusty stays in Oklahoma and a couple of midwest years on the Gulf Coast, I don't know.

There have been dwelling places that looked like they'd been hit by a tornado and places that should have been there. There have been nice little towns, too, but Eastland County remains the "Mr. Clean" of my memory, and I like it that way.

outside business doors with having the streets swept every morning before daylight.

Eastland County is old enough to look comfortable, young enough to look current, and busy enough to be prosperous.

Having a business anywhere in Eastland County is a plus because it's neat. Yep. I'm prejudiced all right.

I'm prejudiced in favor of friendly folks.

I'm prejudiced in favor of willing workers.

I'm prejudiced in favor of good schools. I'm prejudiced in favor of viable churches - and if you wonder why I did not put the churches and schools first, it's because there would be neither churches nor schools without the friendly folks and the willing workers.

My whole family is just as prejudiced as I am, and the folks in Eastland County - are so nice that we intend to make no effort to be rid of our prejudices!

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Clubs Offer Big Variety

In Eastland County can be found several organizations which solicit members from the community and involve many in their activities. These should offer opportunities for all ages, from the young to the senior citizens. All cities' clubs have the possibility for vast expansion and new membership.

For the community-minded man, communities offer service clubs which meet weekly. In Cisco and Eastland are Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club. In Ranger, are Lions Club and Rotary Club. In Gorman is a Lions Club. In Nimrod is a Nimrod Neighbor's Progressive Club. Carbon has an active Lions Club.

Women's club abound in the county with many functions appealing to the community-involved women. In Cisco are the Women's Civic League, the Garden Club, the Twentieth Century Club, first Industrial Arts Club and a teachers organization, Delta Kappa Gamma.

In Eastland women's clubs include the Music Study Club, the Civic League and Garden Club.

In Ranger, are the Garden Club, the '47 Club, the New Era Club, the Columbia Study Club and the 1920 Club. In Rising Star is a Saturday Club, Little League, Band Booster Club, Quarterback Club and 4-H Clubs.

All communities with schools have Parent Teacher Organizations for mother and father involvement in primary education of children. These organizations provide teacher and parent interaction in a child's education.

For younger ages, Cisco, Eastland, and Ranger are sponsors of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops, whose leaders instill discipline and guidance in a young adults development. Younger organizations-Cub Scouts, Blue Birds and Brownies-are also engaged in the activities of the Eastland community youth. 4-H organizations keep youth busy and educate 4-Hers in the domestic and agricultural affairs that are so much a part of the Eastland County spirit. 4-H Clubs are present in the large and small communities and are easily organized for interested individuals by Educational Extension Agents. Ranger Boys Club promotes the well-being of community boys and gets support from interested individuals in the community.

Ranger is also host to an active Explorer Scout Troop at Ranger Junior College.

Many individuals of all ages actively participate in the Cisco Writers Club, a county-wide organization

which meets regularly to promote the creative writing art. Interested prospective members are welcome to attend meetings which include oral presentations and guest lecturers, as well as scheduled writing contest featuring many specialized categories and open to the public.

All towns supporting Jaycees have an active community awareness group serving to stimulate interest in Civic and social events involving the whole community. These towns include Cisco, Eastland and Ranger, where Jaycees are regularly involved in activities to benefit the community and sponsor drives to benefit the needy.

Another organization, Goodfellows acts in Eastland to provide funds for locals deserving charity in case of disaster, poverty and emergency.

Also county-wide clubs are active in soliciting members into their ranks. An active fishing club, The Bass Club, is a sponsor of fishing events seasonally and reports the activities of its members fishing to the local newspaper.

A Photography Club has been formed to cater to local photographers needs to be appreciated by fellow photographers. The Photography Club is a fast growing organization due to the numerous photographers in the Eastland County area.

A county Rifle and Pistol Club has been organized and has regular shoots and target practice for members and interested citizens. It organizes local hunters and provides needed practice to skilled rifle and pistol firers.

There are many agencies and organizations which have service or resources available to the citizen in Eastland County. Listed below are some of these agencies and organizations:

- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- American Legion
- United Fund
- Eastland County Livestock Raisers' Association
- Eastland County Pecan Grower's Association
- Eastland County Art Association
- Farmer's Union
- Eastland County Farm Bureau
- Eastland County Sheriff's Posse
- Eastland County Historical Committee
- Eastland County H.D. Council
- Eastland County 4-H Council
- Eastland County Adult Leaders Association
- Eastland County Independent Cattle Raisers' Association
- Cemetery Associations (each community)

- Commissioners' Court
- Farmer's Home Administration
- Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service
- Soil Conservation Service
- Texas Agricultural Extension Service
- Vocational Agriculture & Home Economics
- Eastland Chamber of Commerce
- Eastland Jaycees
- Eastland Jaycee-etts
- Eastland Art Club
- Eastland Civic League & Garden Club
- Eastern Star
- Flatwood H.D. Club
- Eastland H.D. Club
- Morton Valley H.D. Club
- Las Leales Study Club
- Music Study Club
- Pioneer Club
- Rebekahs
- Thursday Afternoon Study Club
- Young Homemaker's of Texas
- Zeta Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
- Lone Cedar Ladies Golf
- American Legion, Post 70
- Eastland Volunteer Fire Department
- Masonic Lodge, No. 467
- Carl and Boyd Tanner - VFW Post 4136
- Eastland Band Boosters
- Eastland Civic Theater
- Parents and Teachers Organization
- Quarterback Club
- Big Country C.B. Club
- Little League
- Lone Cedar Country Club
- Eastland AARP Chapter
- Volunteer Fire Department

- Boat Club
- Eastland Merchant's Credit Association
- Cisco ABC Baseball Club
- Cisco American Legion
- Cisco Band Boosters
- Cisco Chamber of Commerce
- Cisco Art Club
- Cisco Service Club
- Cisco Citizen's Band Radio Club
- Cisco Credit Women International
- Cisco DAR
- Delphian
- Eastern Star
- Cisco AARP Chapter
- First Industrial Arts Club
- Cisco Girl Scouts
- Cisco Jaycees
- Lake Cisco H.D. Club
- Cisco Lion's Club
- Little League
- Masonic Lodge
- Cisco Merchant's Credit Luncheon
- Ministerial Alliance
- Cisco Music Study Club
- Cisco College Women
- Cisco Volunteer Fire Department

- Ranger Chamber of Commerce
- Ranger Jaycees
- Ranger 1947 Club
- Ranger New Era Club
- Columbus Study Club
- Little League
- Ranger Volunteer Fire Department
- Ranger Hospital Auxiliary
- American Association of

- University Women
- Ranger Eastern Star
- Ranger Masonic Lodge
- Ranger Quarterback Club
- Gorman Chamber of Commerce
- Gorman Women's Study Club
- Eastern Star
- Gorman Roping Club
- Gorman Volunteer Fire Department
- Gorman Masonic Lodge
- Rising Star Chamber of Commerce
- Rising Star Saturday Club
- Eastern Star
- Rising Star Masonic Lodge
- Rising Star Young Homemakers of Texas Chapter
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Carbon Young Homemaker's of Texas
- Carbon Masonic Lodge
- Carbon Boosters Club
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Desdemona Eastern Star
- Desdemona Masonic Lodge
- Fox Hunter's Association
- Kokomo Community Improvement Club
- Kokomo H.D. Club
- Pleasant Hill H.D. Club

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Letters

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has many strong points. It is centrally located between Abilene and the Metroplex. There are many thriving businesses, the oil business for example, and many new ones projected in the near future. To serve the thriving economy, the housing industry has boomed. This provides adequate housing for county citizens.

Carolyn Foster, Junior, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because the people are very friendly and like to help each other. Places to live are easy to find and pollution is no great worry. Eastland County has essentially cattle, farming and oil production. Plenty of space is here for other industries to come in and jobs are needed for the people of the county.

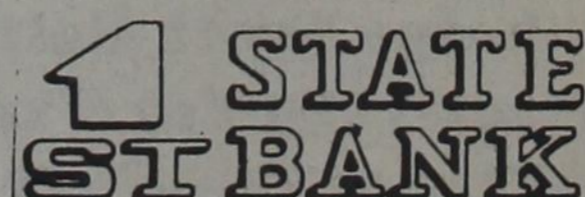
Karen Wilson, 10th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because the communities are full of friendly people and the towns are very prosperous. There are also large neighboring towns with large stores for convenient shopping. There are also good schools - for children with many activities offered.

Randy Guidry, Senior, Rising Star

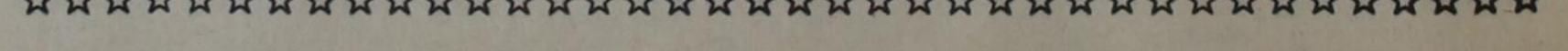


Eastland County: Past, Present and Future. Make Your Future In Eastland County!



MEMBER F.D.I.C.
RISING STAR, TEXAS 76471

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You'd Like Living In Eastland County Because...

I like living in Eastland County because it is a good place for new businesses. There are many locations in and around Eastland. All of the people in Eastland County are very nice. Everyone in Eastland County always welcomes new businesses. That is the reason I like Eastland County.
Anthony Howard, Box 427, Gorman

E nergetic Chamber of Commerce
 A thletic opportunities
 S hools
 T echnical education
 L and development-homes and agriculture
 A irport
 N ew recreational facilities-water and other sports
 D octors highly qualified-excellent hospital, small towns with city advantages
 C hurches
 O il development
 U nited people
 N ewspaper, radio (AM-FM)
 T wo junior colleges
 Y outh activities
John Mark Vermillion, 4th Grade, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because there are interesting environments in Eastland for you.
Sammy Bell, 5th Grade, Carbon

You would like living in Eastland County because, we need a full pledge Atari shop, that sells Atari products and works on Atari systems. The kids around here that I know are always looking for a new game, but have to travel 64 miles to find the nearest Atari dealer. We need an Atari shop here in Eastland.
Michael Norris, 7th Grade, Carbon

I like Eastland County because it has many locations for new business in and around the towns of Eastland County. The people are always nice and willing to help others. Eastland has good roads to travel and beautiful scenery through out the county.
Dwayne Williams, Carbon

You'd like Eastland County because there's plenty of churches, places to keep teens out off the street such as arcades, bowling, skating rinks. The humidity is always good. The crime rate is low. There's two junior colleges.
Swann Casey, 10th Grade, Eastland

I like living in Eastland County because the people in the county are friendly and the crime rate is low. There's practically no pollution. There are numerous lakes for fishing and boating. The unemployment rate is also lower than the national average. Compared to other places Eastland County is a wonderful place to live.
Suzette Fortenberry, Box 651, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because of the beautiful atmosphere. We don't have smog or litter like a big city. And the people in Eastland County are hospitable. They will make you feel right at home. And in Eastland County you can relax a little and enjoy the scenery.
Nora Rodriguez, Junior, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because of the abundance of undeveloped land that would make ideal sites for large or small companies. Taxes in Eastland County are unbelievably low compared to larger populated areas. The highways in Eastland County are well maintained. Therefore Eastland County would be a great place to live.
James Gray, 10th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because of the great supply of natural resources. Oil, water and gas are very plentiful here. The land is good. Crops range from peanuts and cotton to many types of small grains. Cattle mature well here because the good climate provides nutritious forage.
Leslie Alford, 10th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has such a wide variety of recreational facilities. Our county has several golf courses and tennis courts for summer enjoyment and racquetball courts for exercise during any season of the year. Lake Leon is an exciting place to ski and Lake Eastland and Ringling Lake are excellent fishing spots.
Donald Reid, Junior, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has clean air and good people lives there. You have good stores and have good property of Eastland County city limit. You have a good video games and good Sonics and good Dairy Queens. You have good schools and have good grocery stores and beautiful gyms.
Sharon Clark, Carbon

I like living in Eastland County because I go to a good school and have many good friends. Most people are nice to my family. Also I figure I can get a good job here when I get older because of such a low unemployment rate.
Ann Rich, Rt. 1, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because the general atmosphere is one of togetherness and friendliness, the smaller towns give everyone an opportunity to know everyone, and having the larger towns give places to supply the necessary items we need. Also, there are plenty of places to just go off and enjoy yourself in the countryside.
Debbie Geyer, 12th Grade, Rising Star

The reason I like living in Eastland County is because we have trustworthy citizens and considerate business people. Another reason I like living in this county is because it has an excellent chance for education.
Susan Bryant, Rt. 3, Gorman

You'd like living in Eastland County because of the various activities that entertain our county. Such as youth fairs, stock shows, and Senior Citizens centers. A lot of support comes from the people. Eastland County has extended tremendously and continues to grow with many new challenges ahead.
Oretha Morris, 12th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because Eastland County is a rapidly growing area which shows even greater future potential and growth each day. Eastland County, which is becoming one of the central areas of the Oil Belt, owes much of its growth and success to the oil business, which is the predominant industry of the county.
David Wilson, Senior, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because we have so many grocery stores not a lot of restaurants but we could use some more. There are a lot of farmers probably some of the biggest peanut farmers there are. But I wish someone new would come in to Rising Star and build something new like a dress store.
Tod Herring, 12th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because it is a peaceful place to bring up a family and the people here are nice and friendly and we have no pollution. And everyone knows everybody else so you will get along with everybody. There is plenty of land to build you a nice home or factories. This is why I think you'd like living here.
Tammy Harris, 10th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because, we have the greatest people, the finest hospitals, doctors, schools, churches, and super markets. We have two nice lakes for fishing and recreation. Best of all Eastland Countians believe in helping people in time of need.
Jennifer Stacy, Grade 5, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because there is a variety of areas centered here. There are woods, lakes, hills and plains like areas. These areas can be rocky, sandy or moist. These areas are good to grow crops, raise livestock, hunt, fish or just live.
Randy Petty, Junior, Eastland

The reason you would like to live in Eastland County is because there are two colleges in Eastland County. Another reason you would like Eastland County is because of its good job opportunities. Eastland County would be an excellent place to live.
Cynthia Wooley, Box 365, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because the people are friendly in Eastland County. The people take time to make you feel welcome, unlike the bigger cities. As you drive down the street you will encounter waves from people you don't even know; this is a sign of small town hospitality!
Jodi Bakker, Jr., Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because we are like a family and you have friends all around. We have good schools and our coaches give us good football and basketball teams. You don't get in a traffic jam going to work and school. It's a fun place to live.
Travis Graham, 3rd Grade, Ranger

You'd like living in Eastland County because it is not too large or overcrowded. In Eastland County the people are friendly and the farming land is acceptable. The weather is pretty good and we have two excellent Junior Colleges in the County.
**Eastland County is a nice place to live.
 Teka McGlothlin, 9th Grade, Rising Star**

You would like living in Eastland County because it is a nice place to live. The parks and playground are fun. We have numerous lakes and hunting areas. We have sports such as football, baseball and basketball for college students through first grade. We have good schools and teachers. We invite you to live in Eastland County.
Brad Goosen, Grade 3, Cisco

You'd like living in Eastland County because - it has a lot of people not afraid to work, concerned police and fire protection, good schools that teach the 3 R's, hospitals and caring doctors, lakes for water and recreation, libraries, a junior college, churches, community interest in the fine arts and oil, cattle and farming.
Kevin Kirk, 7th Grade, Cisco

You'd like Eastland County because it is very interesting and very becoming to all interesting people, I believe that people can make it big for this county, which ever town you live in.
Bryan Switzer, 12th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because its a small county. You usually get to know most of the people. Eastland County does not have big factories so there isn't much pollution. Eastland County has good land to plant good crops.
Lisa Brarden, 10th Grade, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has many unique qualities. One appealing factor is the noticeable friendliness which is recognizable in our community. Even though Eastland is considered a microplex, we have many recreational activities to be enjoyed. You can also check any map and see Eastland's great location point.
Rhonda Little, 11th Grade, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has a very quiet atmosphere. There is a very abundant amount of land. Oil, peanuts, cotton, milo and cattle are the most common sources of employment. Come and enjoy.
Paul Thornton, 12th Grade, Rising Star

You would like to live in Eastland County because of the growing future of the counties. During the past few years Eastland County has developed many major industries such as the oil companies and the peanut factories. Besides all of the growing industries Eastland County is known for its hospitality and historical sites.
Thomas Sanders, Senior, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because it's a quiet little county, there's not much that goes on. Eastland is mainly for older people because there's nothing for the kids to do, there is a very wide variety of churches here in Eastland County. There's not too many traffic deaths that occur. The schools are good.
Vickie Patton, Junior, Eastland

Fingerless Fiddler Pride Of Ranger

Roy Thackerson of Ranger, Eastland County fiddler and entertainer, is proof that a successful record Company can be developed in this area. Thackerson is the owner of Ovella Records, Ranger, Tex. The Company was launched in 1975 when Thackerson made his first tape with Raymond Hart - now the Mayor of Ranger - who played the guitar. Now there are two more Volumes, with Volume II and III produced by Melvin Sloan of The Grand Old Opera, Nashville, Tenn. Thackerson plays at the Grand Masters Fiddling Contest each year at Nashville.

The "Fingerless Fiddler" Albums are now being sold to people in most states of the U.S., as well as foreign countries. Thackerson knows of one which went to



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You'd like living in Eastland County because the natural resources and water supply are good. It's between two fine cities, Abilene and Fort Worth and we have good schools and colleges. Our people are very positive and friendly. But we need manufacturing plants to provide jobs for our people.
Bonnie Vick, 8th Grade, Ranger

You'd like living in Eastland County to have freedom. Freedom keeps this county going. Freedom plays a key role in Eastland, it is very important to teenagers. Here we have little or no restrictions on our activities. I speak for most teens. "Freedom is the key."
Mary Lou Escovedo, Senior, Cisco

You'd like living in Eastland County because of its hometown atmosphere. Eastland is close to larger towns for convenience, but small enough to make one feel country. We have many stores and businesses to choose from, two local colleges, many recreational sights, but most of all the friendliest people around.
Amy O'Brien, Eastland High School

You'd like living in Eastland County because the land, air and water are very clean. Also if industries develop here that would make more jobs. Because of the undeveloped land there's plenty of room for housing projects and industries. Also in sparsely populated places like this fishing and hunting are popular. And you might like living in the county.
Sam Cathey, 10th Grade, Rising Star

Area's Wood Good For Woodworkers

LOCAL WOOD: The local post oak makes fine wood for heating and cooking. Some of this is cut on a regular basis, but the supply has limits. A large-scale wood-cutting business would not be recommended. There is some excellent waste pecan and oak, however, which could be used for making useful and also decorative objects. Several wood carvers and wood workers bring objects made of local pecan, mesquite, oak and other woods to local Bazaars, they are beautiful.

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State Historical Markers Listed In County

Eastland:
 Ft. Salmon C.S.A., N.W. Corner of Courthouse Square.
 City of Eastland, Courthouse grounds.
 Eastland County Historical Marker, .6 mile east of Courthouse Square, on U.S. 80.
 Stubblefield Building Marker on Mode O'Day building, west of Courthouse, corner of Lamar and old 80. Marks the site of the first Courthouse.
 Historical Marker to Eastland County Early Settlers, the front of the Eastland Memorial Library, 200 block of S. Lamar.
 The Connellee House Marker, 515 S. Lamar
 Texas Family Land Heritage Award, on Hargus Farm, two mi. S.E. of town, on the access rd. to I-20.
Cisco:
 Santa Claus Bank Robbery Marker, 708 Conrad Hilton Ave.
 First Hilton Hotel Marker, Conrad Hilton Ave and E. 4th St.
 First Baptist Church Marker, 202 W. 9th St.
 First Methodist Church Marker, 405 W. 8th St.
 First Presbyterian Church Marker, 2 blocks west of Post Office on W. 6th St.
Scranton:
 Scranton Academy Marker. Go out the Cross Plains Highway S.W. of Cisco to the Scranton turnoff (F.M. 1864), and turn west. The Marker is in a settlement near remains of the old school.
Rising Star:
 Rising Star Historical Marker. Go south of Cisco on 183 for about 20 mi. to reach Rising Star. Turn on State Hwy 36, go to City Park. Marker is located there.
Carbon:
 Kokomo School Historic Marker. This is 7 mi. N.E. Carbon at intersection of F.M. 2563 and FM 2689.
Gorman:
 Shinoak Springs Historical Marker. At a public park about 2 mi. west of Gorman, just off the old Carbon hiway.
 Ellison Family Graveyard Marker. Go from Gorman NE on FM 8. About 7 mi. out.
 Ellison Spring Marker. Near the other Marker, on FM 8.
Desdemona:
 Ft. Blair Historical Marker. Located in general area of the town.
Ranger:
 Old Ranger Post Office, 203 Main St.
 Roaring Ranger, at the intersection of 717 and Main.
 Site of the First Oil Well in Eastland County, 3 mi. S.W. Ranger on old U.S. 80.

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Industries In County Growing, Profiting

Agriculture Related, Oil Top The List

CARBON (Or nearby):
Birdsong Peanut Co., Midwest Livestock (Gate panels), El Paso Hydrocarbon Plant, Liquid Energy (Gas Plant), Carbon Farm Supply, Tucker Auction Co., Smith Fruit Farms, Pecan orchards.

CISCO:
Russell Newman (Clothing manufacturing), Cisco Junior College, Burgess Industries, Otis Engineering, Crystal Ice, S&M Supply, Texas Architectural Clay Products, Terr-Firma Tile Co. of Texas, Thornton Feed Mill, West Texas Utilities, Kamon Petroleum Exploration, Leeray Oil and Gas, M&G Oil and Gas, Lone Star Gas, Morning Star Oil and Gas, Valero Transmission Co., Nimrod Operating Co., Ray-Ram Inc., Reynolds Manufacturing Co., Rust Processing Center, Stovall and Winnett's Transports, Cisco Petroleum Corp., Commercial Printing Inc., Central Mud Inc., Central Masonry, Bengal Gas Transmission, Enre Corp., Guthrie Oil Co., Jako Oil of Texas, DW Oil Field Equipment and Salvage, Roberts Printing and Copy Service.

GORMAN:
Birdsong Peanuts, Peanut Corporation of America, A.E. Smith Peanut Warehouse (Dryers), Eaves Bros. Inc. (Shelling), Gorman Milling Co. (Red Chain Feed).

EASTLAND:
Eastland Auction Co. (Livestock), Otis Coleman Aluminum, Victor Cornelius (Theatrical printing, menu printing), Sun Belt Tank Co., House of Webster (Pottery, artware), EBBA Iron (Foundry), W W Gate and Panel Co., Morgan Portable Buildings, Ball Oilfield Service, Ball Producing Co., Borden Milk Distributor, Brown Operating Co., Crystal Ice Co., Crowder Roustabout Co., Dresser Industries Inc., Eastland Drilling, Inc., Enserch Exploration Inc., Exploration Services Inc., Fox Oil and Gas Reports, G T Oil and Gas Reports, Grandpaw's Smokehouse, Herrera Sign Co., J.S. Roustabout Service Inc., Joe-Bob Oilfield Service, Lone Star Gas, Moylan Construction Co., L.R. Pearson Oil Service, RCG Leasing, Inc., Schlumberger Well Service, Snow Oil and

Supply, Snow Well Services, Snow Drilling and Exploration, Tri-Cities Ready Mix, Westbound Water Supply Corp., Williams Construction Co., Eastland County Newspapers.

Farmers Home Offers Credit For Ag, Rural Development

BY JACK S. PHILLIPS
Farmers Home Administration is the credit agency for agriculture and rural development in the United States Department of Agriculture. Its history of financial and technical assistance in rural America goes back to 1935. FmHA continues the mission of its predecessors, the Resettlement Administration and the Farm Security Administration.

In most programs, the Agency makes loans to qualified applicants who can find no other sources of financing available on terms or conditions they can meet. The money loaned by FmHA comes from private investors through sale of Government securities.

FmHA has four main program areas - Farmer Programs, Rural Housing Programs, Community Programs, and Business and Industry Programs.

The Eastland FmHA Office serves the three counties of Eastland, Callahan, and Stephens. FmHA has in these counties 87 farm real estate loans, 134 operating-type loans, 186 low to moderate housing loans, six Rural Rentals providing 200 units, two Business and Industry loans, seven nonprofit water systems serving approximately 1,875 customers, and three other community facility loans.

The Community Facility and Rural Rental loans have been serviced out of the District Office in Abilene since 1980. Of the loans made from the Eastland Office, approximately 60-65% are made in Eastland County.

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County Ranks In Oil Top 10

Late oil reports put Eastland County in the U.S. top ten in drilling activity. Eastland, along with Young, Archer, and Jack counties, ranked among the top in both Texas and the nation.

The completion total does not reflect the current decline in drilling, which began during the last months of 1982. Strong activity in early 1982 accounts for the year's increased completions.

The Petroleum Information Corporation of Denver, Colorado, which compiled the figures, predicted strong levels of activity in 1983. These were expected to run below 1982 and 1981, however.

The largest production year for Eastland County during the current boom has been 1981. In that year 1,837,637 barrels of crude were pumped, valued at \$63,380,100. Natural gas was valued at \$32,878,540, making a total product value of \$96,258,640. A total of 562 wells were drilled, including 298 oil, 71 gas, and 193 dry holes. There were 43 wildcats. Royalty payments were 12,032,330, and the payroll for the industry was recorded as \$12 million. The work force was listed as 680 persons.

The Bend Arch Province, which includes Eastland County and the surrounding area, was also ranked among the top 10 U.S. geologic Provinces in total completions during the year 1982. P I reported a total of 5,594 completions in this information during the year. The Bend Arch extends almost to the Ft. Worth Basin.

On April 1, 1982, there were 1,586 producing wells in Eastland County, including 1,182 oil and 404 gas.

The current drilling includes such spots as the shallow production in the Nimrod-Romney area, and the oil recovery project by Sun Oil Co. in the old Ranger Boom Field. Water is being brought from Possum Kingdom Lake to flood the Ranger field project.

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RANGER:
B C Construction Co., Boat-Tel (Lake Leon), Dr. Pepper - Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., El Paso Hydrocarbons, Fluor Supply Co., Golden Eagle Trucking Co.,

Featherlite Brick Plant, Liquid Energy Corp., Lone Star Gas Co., North American Car Corp., Ranger Auction Barn, Ranger Clay Co Inc., Ranger Iron Works, Ranger Oil Field Salvage,

Ranger Well Service, Schlumberger Well Service, Southwestern Drilling Mud Service.

RISEING STAR:
Bibby's Creations, R D's Printing, Vicars Machine

Shop, Acres of Joy (Pecan Orchard), Joy Pecan Shoppe, P.M. Water Well Service, Star Gin, Winfrey Feed and Peanut Co., Evans Gate and Cattle Panels, Oliver West Water Well and

Pump Service, Curtis Alford Water Well Drilling, W.H. Smith Orchard, Compressor Dynamics, G&H Water Injection, K&S Equipment and Machine, Star Transport and Roustabout Service, Twin

Drilling and Well Service, Wylie Drilling & Well Service, Southeastern Resources, Jack Hubbard, Contractor (Soil Conservation work), Lunceford Roustabout Service.

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Charles B. Wood, Executive Director

April 4, 1983

Dear Eastland County Citizens:

The Texas Industrial Commission salutes the combined efforts of Cisco, Gorman, Eastland, Ranger, Rising Star and Carbon to improve the economic opportunities of the local communities as well as the State of Texas. The individual initiative and the free enterprise system are two things that have made our state so great.

When an industry with 25 employees locates in your area, the money will change hands seven times and provide:

- \$177,500 more personal income per year
- One new commercial power load
- One more retail establishment
- 24 more automobile registrations
- \$3,350 added revenue from residential power sales
- \$67,250 more local bank deposits
- 17 more indirect jobs
- \$82,750 more retail sales per year

We are most appreciative of the many volunteer hours necessary to make this endeavor a success. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Wood
Executive Director

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Life never stands still - especially not in Eastland County! Even though numerous people have furnished us with the most accurate information available, some things change even as we go to press. It is difficult to have 100% accuracy. If your Club, Church, or Industry was not listed, please understand that this is an unintentional oversight. We need all of you! If overlooked, let us know so we can include you in the next Edition.

Labor Force Skilled, Eager

The total labor force of Eastland County is around 6,500. There are ample available workers who would be utilized for new or expanding industries.

A number of people who are not listed in the labor market would probably work if they could adapt their skill or retain into some worthwhile vocation.

There is a virtually untapped pool of Senior Citizens with all ranges of skills who would like part time work. These people, along with others in the county, are very adept at crafts and skills requiring dexterity with the hands.

Carbon

Named For Mineral

The town of Carbon (pop. 281) lies in a farming area of southern Eastland County. Peanuts, hay and livestock are leading products of the vicinity, as well as fine melons and fruit. There is also oil development on all sides of the town.

Carbon has a Mayor-City Council form of government. The town has an excellent school system, and brings in students from surrounding farms and ranches. Carbon is crossed by several good highways: FM 1027 and FM 2526, and Highway 6.

In 1881 N.C. Haynes bought the first lot in Carbon, and opened a small business. In Jan. 1882 he became the first postmaster in the area. The name "Carbon" was decided upon because of mineral deposits in the area.

The site was located on the Texas Central Railroad, and the little town grew rapidly. By 1900 it had a population of 600 and a number of

Cisco Junior College and Ranger Junior College work very closely with the communities, endeavoring to train local people in marketable skills.

There is little labor union in Eastland County.

Present wage scales per hour are:

- Unskilled Starting \$3.35; Top \$4.00
- Semi-skilled Starting \$4.00; Top \$5.00
- Skilled Starting \$5.50; Top \$8.00

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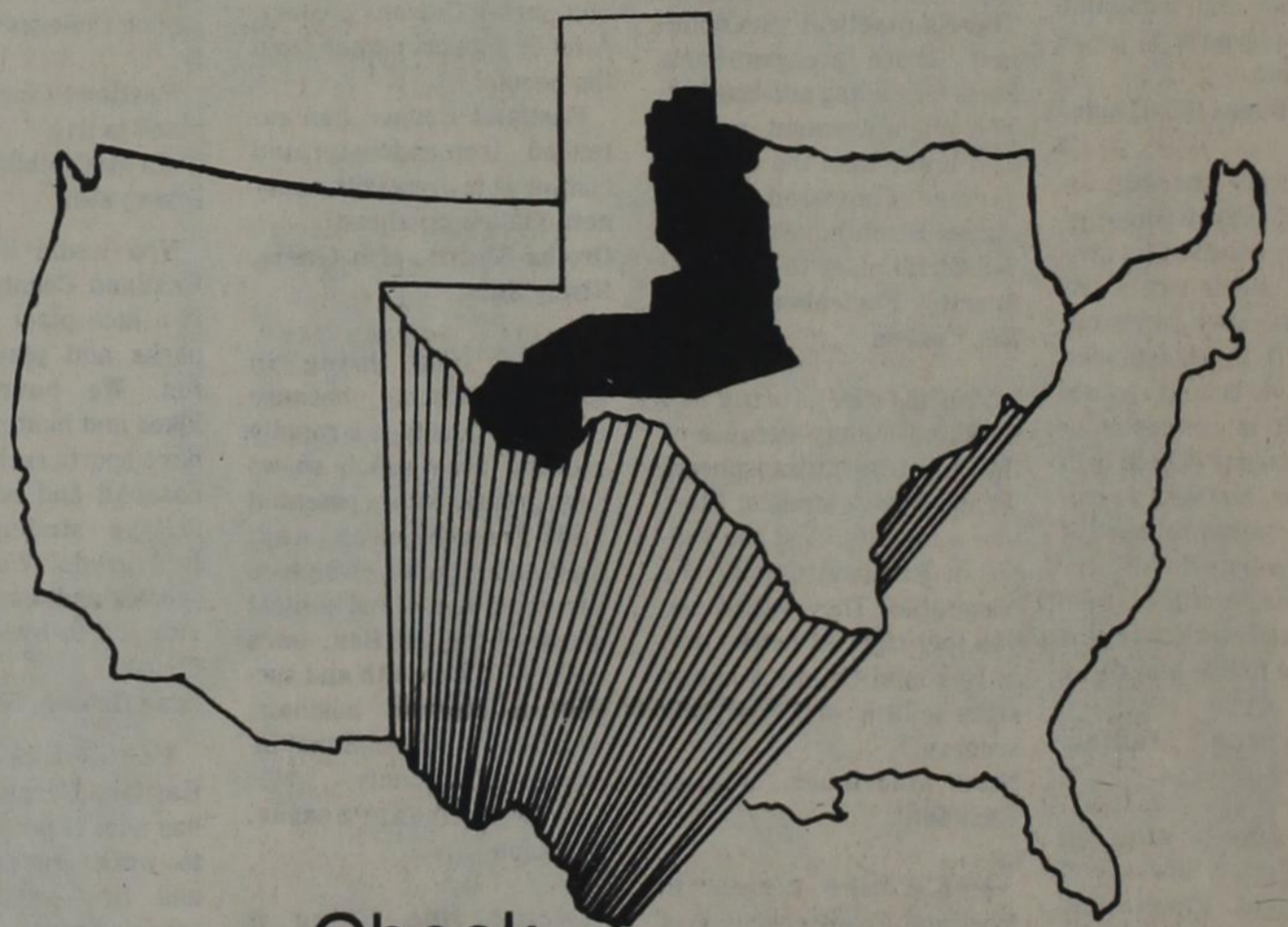
businesses, including a gin, bank, hotel and newspaper. Soon afterward doctors and drug stores moved in to serve the people. The first newspaper equipment was moved to the town from Sipe Springs in a covered wagon pulled by one mule. The last edition, printed with hand-set type on a hand operated press, was published in Feb., 1971.

The U.S. Postal Service still maintains a post office in Carbon to serve the inhabitants and the outlying areas. All utilities are available, with water pumped into town from Lake Leon. Locals wells provide irrigation water in the area.

The citizens of Carbon continue to support their 12 grade school, as well as the Methodist, Baptist, Church of Christ Churches.

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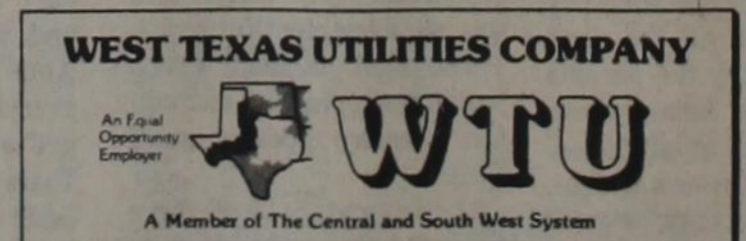
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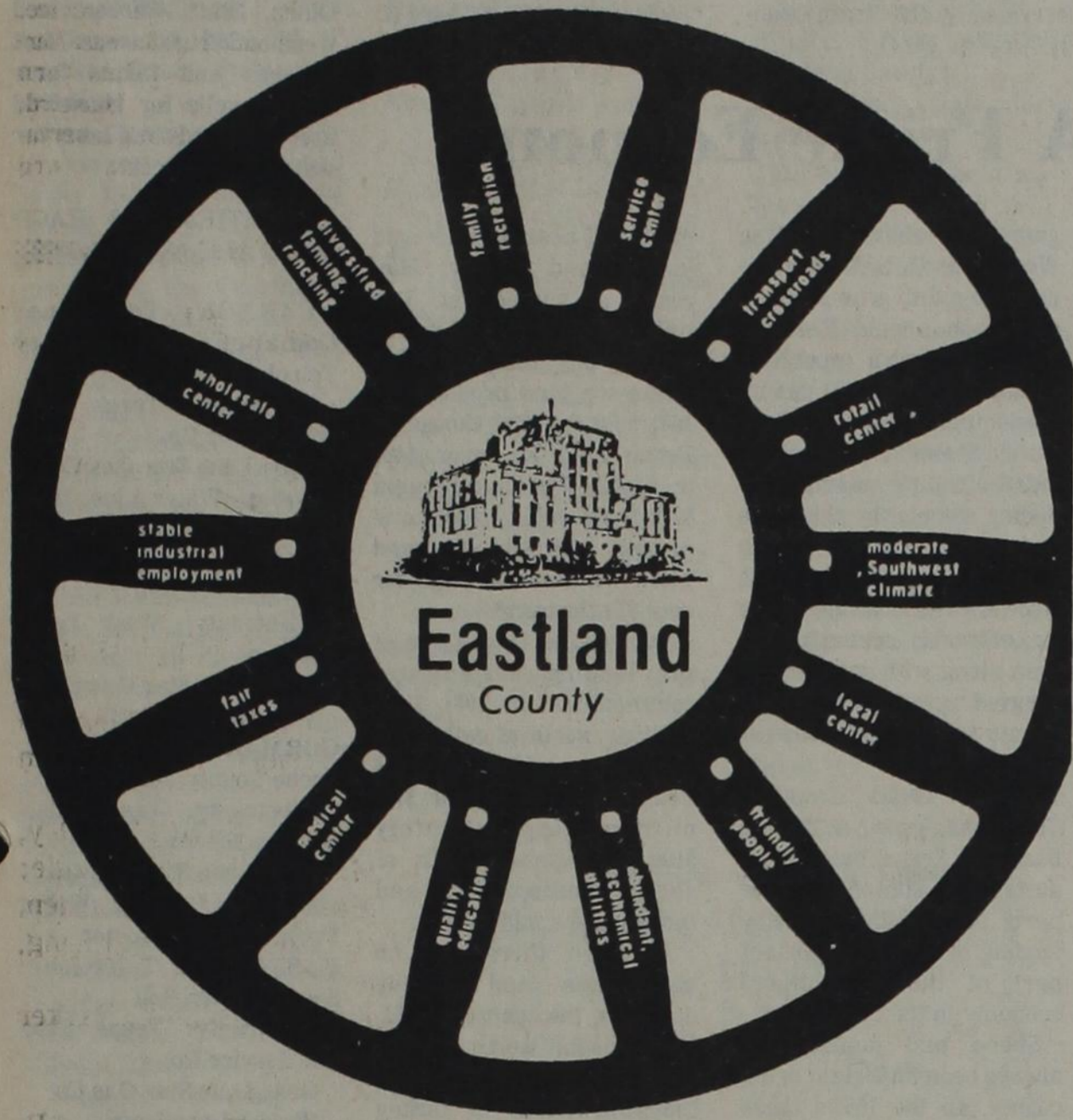
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Adequate Financial Resources Available

Five state or national banks with combined resources of nearly \$150,000,000 plus a regional savings association with assets of over \$488,000,000 provide Eastland County with adequate financial

facilities. At the end of 1982, the Eastland National Bank's total resources stood at \$48,939,555 with deposits amounting to \$44,926,418. H.T. Wilson is chairman of the board and chief ex-

ecutive officer of the bank, with Grover Hallmark as president. L.D. Woolley, chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank in Cisco, reported total resources of \$33,589,769 at

the end of 1982. His deposits totaled \$29,757,625. This bank moved into a new million dollar facility just before the year ended.

The Ranger State Bank, with Tom Dunn as president, reported total resources of \$25,460,000 at the end of the fourth quarter of 1982. The deposits there amounted to \$16,238,000.

The First National Bank of Gorman's total resources at the end of 1982 amounted to \$20,110,107 with deposits of \$18,335,097. These banks has Banker 24 centers in Ranger, Eastland and Cisco. J.B.

Hicks is chairman of the board and president.

At Rising Star, the First State Bank's total resources stood at \$19,030,329 at the end of last year. Deposits amounted to \$16,718,845.

Olney Savings, with branches in Cisco, Eastland and Ranger, reported total resources of \$488,770,341. This included \$358,754,935 in savings deposits and mortgage loans of \$343,769,793.

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Eastland

Named For Texas Hero

By Michelle Lindsey, Staff Writer

Mr. Charles Ulrich Connelley and Mr. J.S. Daugherty, surveyors from Dallas, surveyed 100 acres of land west of Ranger in 1874. Connelley had purchased the land earlier for \$300.

By Christmas of that year, the two men laid out a town, which Connelley wanted to

call Eastland after a courageous man, William M. Eastland. He was a man dedicated to the freedom of Texas, and gave his life for that cause.

Connelley also wanted Eastland to become the county seat, and called an election. The results were 67 to 107 in favor of moving the county seat to Eastland.

In 1919 the first oil well in

Eastland was drilled on land belonging to George Martin. An oil boom followed which led to Eastland's growth.

On May 16, 1919, Eastland's present charter was voted on and adopted. Amendments were made Apr. 2, 1923, and July 2, 1926.

The powers of the city of Eastland are executed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members. One member serves as Chairperson or Mayor. The city also has a Manager who serves as Chief Executive Officer. He is voted on by the Board, and is subject to removal by them, with or without cause.

Eastland's Board of Commissioners meet once a month, or on special called meetings by either the Chairman or two Commissioners.

In 1980 the population of Eastland was listed as 3,744 persons. The town has remained a center for art and culture in the area and also has an excellent school system and many beautiful homes.

A number of Historical Markers point out places of special interest around the Courthouse square and across the town. In addition, the Stamp Mural Window in the Post office attracts attention from visitors from all across the country.

schedules from east and west, carrying passengers to various parts of the country.

So there's no need to be isolated in Eastland County, and no need to be isolated from it!

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County Serviced By Eight Offices

The U.S. Postal Service maintains eight post offices in Eastland County, in which all types of services are offered. Deliveries to homes and businesses are available in all municipal areas. Postmaster are as follows: CARBON - June Williamson

CISCO - Wiley Cox
DESDEMONA - Verna Marlene Wisdom
EASTLAND - Marcus O'Dell
GORMAN - Gradon Baze
OLDEN - John A. Carter
RANGER - Ross Hodges
RISING STAR - Albert D. Boyette

Transportation Good At The Crossroads

Eastland County, with its location between east and west Texas, has always been progressive in the area of transportation.

An estimated 27,000 persons pass through the county each day over Interstate 20 and the miles of other national and state roads.

Interstate 20, the transcontinental highway from Savannah, Georgia to San Diego, Calif., cross the county from east to west.

Cisco, Eastland and Ranger are along its route. The county also has U.S. Highways 183, 380, and 80. The State Highways are 36, 206, 6 and 16. State Highway 16, which goes through Desdemona and on the east side of Lake Leon, is part of the Texas Forts Trail, a route designated as having particular historic interest.

There are numerous Farm To Market Highways across the county. They are 374, #2731, #569, #2536, #1644, #2945, #2807, #1853, #101, #1852, #717, #571, #2461, #8, #2214, #2689, #1027, #587, and #583. In addition there are many miles of graded and graveled county roads, connecting the most remote ranches to centers of population.

Cisco, Eastland and Ranger are located on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, which connects Ft. Worth-Dallas and points east with El Paso and points west. Freight service is offered, with the usual facilities located along the route.

The county is served by Merchants Fast Motor Lines, which hauls freight to all parts of the area. The local agency is C&M Freight Service in Eastland.

Morgan Express carries packages up to 50 lbs. in weight to all of the county. Morgan Express has an agency in Cisco, and another in Ranger.

United Parcel Service has one trip in and out daily to Eastland County, and additional trips if warranted by volume.

U-Haul and Jartan trucks and trailers may be leased in the county, and Fullen Motor Co. in Eastland has lease cars. Purolator and Gregg Van Lines provides nationwide moving service.

Local house movers offer this type of service. And in every town there are local truckers capable of hauling any type commodity or load. A number of these specialize in oil field transporting.

Eastland County has three Airports. There is Cisco Municipal Airport, about 3 mi. north of town, which has a 3700 ft. paved runway, fully lighted, and hanger rentals. Ranger Air Service offers major repairs, parts and engine maintenance in addition to runways.

The Eastland Municipal Airport offers such facilities

as fuel, parking, phones, restrooms, hanger and storage. A plane capable of carrying 6 people or air freight load of 1200 lbs. is available for charter at this airport. The runway is 4,000 ft. long and 60 ft. wide.

The nearest commercial airline service to Eastland County is located in Abilene, about 50 miles west. And the

Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport, one of the world's largest, is located about a two hour drive to the east.

For those who prefer bus travel, Eastland County has both Continental Trailways and Greyhound Bus Lines, with bus stops in Cisco, Eastland and Ranger. There are a number of daily

Top Medical Care Available

The care of the sick in Eastland county is related to primary care doctors which number five in Eastland, two in Ranger, two in Cisco, three in Gorman, two in Rising Star and one in DeLeon.

Each has a clinic for the primary care of the patient and utilize hospitals in the town of practice. The Gorman doctor is an osteopathic surgeon; two in Eastland specialize, one in family practice, the others in general surgery. The clinics provide appointments for regular checkups in advance and treat emergencies along with the main hospital emergency rooms.

Hospitals house patient wards and surgery facilities, sometimes employing the use of non-local specialists. The Eastland Memorial Hospital, largest in the county, has 85 patient beds and staffs a large shift of nurses.

Blackwell Hospital in Gorman; E.L. Graham Memorial Hospital, in Cisco and Ranger General Hospital in Ranger has been recently expanded and remodeled, being built in 1975.

The nursing homes - Cisco Nursing Center in Cisco, Eastland Manor and Valley View Leisure Lodge in Eastland, Lawndale Home in Gorman, Rising Star Nursing Center in Rising Star and Western Manor in Ranger - provide care for sick, disabled and elderly patients with qualified nursing staff on duty round the clock. The state approved homes provide a place for recovery from long-term illness and provide constant care to persons needing it.

Three optometrists fit glasses in Eastland County and give eye examinations; of these there is one in Eastland, one in Cisco.

Two dentists practice in Cisco, four in Eastland, one

in Ranger and one in Rising Star.

The city of Ranger has two pharmacies; Eastland, three; Cisco, three; and Rising Star two.

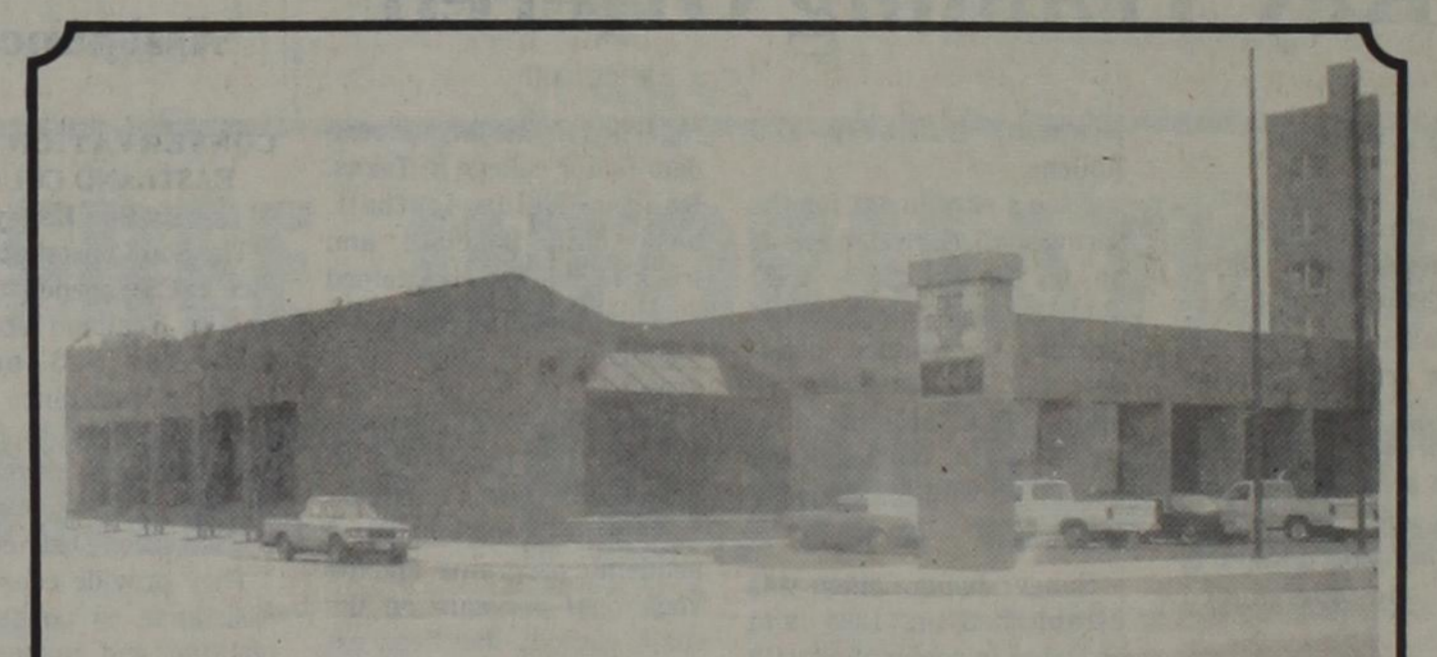
It is evident that the county is nowhere lacking medical care. In addition to these above listed, there are ambulance services in Eastland, Ranger and Cisco, for the hasty transport of the sick and injured to primary care facilities.

The Public Health Department Clinic is administered by Tina Ford, R.N., and is a county wide distributor of health care administered and promulgated by the U.S. Federal Government.

These provide an ease for the Eastland county citizen's mind in case of sickness or mishap.

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- Drive-In Windows • Real Estate Loans
- 24 Hour Teller

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Eastland County In A Nutshell

Speaking of tours and trips...the long and short of them: You may think you have been somewhere, but you ain't been nowhere yet! Not unless you have seen:

Alameda, Bear Springs, Bullock, Carbon, Cheany, Chuckville, Cisco, Colony, Cook, Curtis, Desdemona, Dothan, Eastland, Elm, Flatwoods, George Hill, Gorman, Gray's Gin, and Griggs...Hallmark, Humble Town, and Jewel...Kokomo, Lone Cedar, Long Branch, Mangum, McGough Springs, Merriman, Morton Valley, Mountain Top, New Hope, Nickle Hill, Nimrod, Oak Grove, Okra, Peak, Philips, Pioneer, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Pumpkin Center...Ranger, Reich, Rising Star and Romney, Sabanno, Scranton, Staff, Tudor, Word, and Yellow Mound.

So take a tour of Eastland County. Visit our towns - but don't forget the picturesque communities along the hills and valleys of the FM roads. And if you ever leave here with Eastland County sand in your shoes - you will surely come back!

Finer Things Are Here In Abundance

Eastland County's Cultural District

The Eastland County resources available for fine arts, cultural and literary tastes have been established by the production of quality citizens, and past citizens down through the years. These have went on to provide the substance of improvement in other areas of the state and nation.

The local libraries reside in the cities of the 'Big Four' of Cisco, Eastland, Ranger and Rising Star. The Maner Learning Resource Center is housed at Cisco Junior College. Maner is a veritable treasury of history of the Southwest and Texas. Cisco also houses the Cisco City Library, administered by the Twentieth Century Club.

Eastland Centennial Memorial Library has a wide selection of books for all ages and specifically an archives of Eastland County and Eastland history, administered chiefly by Mrs. Joseph Perkins.

Ranger Junior College Library provides excellent facilities for college students and locals alike.

The Eastland County Art Association and Cisco Art Association meet regularly to display members paintings and talents, as well as regular visiting artists who give classes and demonstrations in various artistic specialties. Eastland County is the home of many gifted southwestern, Texas and general popularity styled artists. Many hold art displays in the county towns and travel with their art to distant exhibits and contests. There are local banks which frequently put the artists' work on exhibit.

In music appreciation Eastland County offers the Cisco and Eastland Music Clubs. Frequent visitors in the allied music fields come to play concerts and recitals for these meetings as well as club sponsored events.

Church services offer an opportunity for performance

Power, Fuel, Water Readily On Tap

Modern utilities are available in Eastland County, whether a person lives on a remote ranch or in one of the towns. Electric and gas lines reach all the communities.

Texas Electric Service Co. furnishes power to Eastland, Ranger, Gorman and Carbon. Rising Star and Cisco are

served by West Texas Utilities.

The Comanche County Electric Co-op, with approx. 1,000 miles of rural lines in the county, furnishes power

to farms, ranches, rural development and oil fields. An area from Desdemona to the east side of the county is serviced by the Erath County Electric Co-Op.

Water is available in Eastland County from lakes and wells. The two largest lakes are Lake Leon, with 1590 acres and 28,000 acre ft. of water, and Lake Cisco,

with 445 acres and 8,800 acre ft. of water. Rural water lines from Lake Leon furnish water to Morton Valley, Olden, Staff, Carbon, and westbound rural areas. Most ranches and farms have drilled wells for household use, and ponds and lakes for watering livestock.

UTILITIES FOR EACH TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CARBON: Telephone: Comanche County Telephone Co.

Electricity: Texas Electric Service Co.

Gas: Lone Star Gas Co.
Water: Water Line, from Eastland.

CISCO: Telephone: Southwestern Bell

Electricity: West Texas Utilities

Gas: Lone Star Gas Co.
Water: Lake Cisco

GORMAN: Telephone: Comanche County Telephone Co.
Electricity: Texas Electric Service Co.

Gas: Lone Star Gas Co.

Water: Proctor Water Project - Lake Proctor

EASTLAND: Telephone: Southwestern Bell

Electricity: Texas Electric Service Co.

Gas: Lone Star Gas Co.
Water: Lake Leon

RANGER: Telephone: Southwestern Bell

Electricity: Texas Electric Co.

Gas: Lone Star Gas Co.
Water: Lake Leon

RISING STAR: Telephone: Continental Telephone of Texas

Electricity: West Texas Utilities

Gas: S.O. Operating Co. of Cisco Dynamics Products Co.

Water: Deep Wells

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Agriculture Has Always Been A Prime Economy

BY DEMARQUIS GORDON

Agriculture has been the base of Eastland County's economy since its beginning over 100 years ago. The county depended entirely on agriculture up until the oil boom of 1917. Since that time agriculture and oil have shared the distinction of being the leaders in the county's economy.

Agriculture is still a primary force in the life and economy of Eastland County, accounting for sales of over \$35 million in 1981, the last year for which detailed figures are available.

Early settlers drove their cattle into the county in the 1800's, cattle descended from those brought from Spain by the explorer Cortez and others. Other cattle came from herds brought by the colonists from England, Holland and France.

There was an immediate problem. Many of the well-bred European cattle arriving in Texas didn't survive their first summer because of a fever spread by cattle ticks. A veterinarian at Texas A&M College found their survival could be better insured if they were dipped

in an arsenical solution.

By 1880 there were 27,822 head of cattle grazing in Eastland County. Along with beef cattle, dairy cattle also gained and the area was famous as a good milk producing county in the late 1940's and early 1950's. However, that aspect of agriculture production has declined during the past three decades.

By 1910, Eastland County had a good reputation as a center of good swine production. Swine has continued to be important in the county, but numbers have gone up and down as prices have fluctuated.

Cotton came into the local picture during the last 20 years of the 1880's and in 1888, 3,346 bales of cotton were taken off 10,635 acres and sold for 10 cents per pound. The next year production increased almost five times to 15,049 bales. The big cotton year was in 1908 when 53,931 bales were produced and sold for 9.5 cents a pound.

The years of cotton began to decline when the boll weevil came about 1914. By the early 1970's less than 100 acres were grown here. However, there was a slight resurgence in 1979-81 when up to 3,000 acres were harvested. In 1982 cotton acreage dropped to about 500 acres.

A new farm product had to be found after cotton was dethroned and many farmers turned to peanuts. Meeting with success and with the demand for peanuts

going up sharply during World War II, farmers were encouraged to grow as big a crop as they could. Eastland County gained a reputation as one of the largest peanut producing counties in the United States. Today it is the fourth leading peanut producing county in the state and is the home of the Southwestern Peanuts Growers Association. This association is located in Gorman along with some of the largest peanut shelling plants in the Southwest United States.

In the 1940's Eastland County was known as the egg basket of Texas, but that industry has shifted to other parts of the state. Turkey feeding is still an important part of the agricultural economy in the county.

Sheep and goats have always been important in the county. In the 1960's there were over 40 thousand Angora goats in the county. Sheep production also was very profitable during that time. Because of the increase in predator animals the numbers of sheep and goats have declined in recent years.

Other crops that have been important in the county include small grains, grain sorghum, hay, peaches, pecans and watermelons, making Eastland County one of the most versatile agricultural counties in Texas.

Peanuts is by far the leading crop in Eastland County today. The 1981 figures show that over \$12

million of peanuts were sold in Eastland County. Hay crops accounted for \$1.5 million while small grains brought in \$1 million in 1981. Grain sorghum produced in 1981 sold for \$622 thousand. Pecan sold for over \$400 thousand. Peaches brought \$212 thousand. Cotton came in next with \$168 thousand while watermelons sold for over \$13 thousand.

Beef Cattle is still one of the leading agricultural commodities. In 1981 \$18.3 millions worth of cattle and calves were sold in Eastland County. Hogs sold for \$1.2 million. Approximately \$109.8 thousand worth of sheep, goats, wool and mohair were sold in 1981.

Although there are no more than four or five dairies in the county in 1981, \$75 thousand worth of milk was produced. About \$896 thousand worth of turkey were fed and sold in 1981 in Eastland County.

According to the 1981 Agricultural Statistics Eastland County farmers and ranchers produced and sold \$35.17 million of agricultural products.

Economists estimate that each dollar received for agricultural products is multiplied seven times as farmers and ranchers purchase goods and services. For this reason when farmers and ranchers have a good year the entire county economy prospers.

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of instruments and voice. Many noted and travelled musicians herald from Eastland County. Stacy Blair, professional trumpet player from Eastland, has studied and travelled abroad and nationwide. Mr. Blair returns for local recitals regularly and keeps a schedule for touring the vicinity.

Seen on national television recently on the regular 'Real People' show, Roy Thackerson is a gifted fiddle player who has overcome many difficulties in performing with the loss of the majority of his left hand, fiddle playing, hand and fingers. Mr. Thackerson also plays the guitar. He is representative of the tenacity of Eastland county individuals.

Noted Violinist Wilda Dragoo from Eastland had led an orchestra in the area in the Methodist Church for many years. As such, no musical performance group has been established but with the ever increasing assemblage of local talent in

this area, the establishment in the near future seem eminent. A string quartet performs for local gatherings and in the state.

Cultural events in the area include Bell Hurst Playhouse in Eastland, a series of visiting speakers and musicians in Cisco Junior College's Harrell Fine Arts Building, the scheduled performances - both musical and theatre - at Cisco's Laguna Hotel sponsored by C.J.C., seasonal local church cantatas and musicals, several talented folks musicals, Cisco's Folk Life Festival and Eastland County Fair.

It is evident that for the culturally-minded Eastland is not lacking in any pursuit imaginable and has an outlet for displaying local talents as well, in which the county has proved worthy to date.

For additional information Circle Reader Service Card No. 6

Two Junior Colleges

Key Training Offered

By J.W. Sitton

Eastland County educational facilities include two community colleges - Cisco Junior College and Ranger Junior College that provide two year college parallel programs, technical and vocational programs for the benefit of area business and industry, and a variety of educational opportunities in general and specialized fields.

Both schools operate under the jurisdiction of the Texas Education Agency and are fully accredited with state and national organizations. Both operate branch campuses to provide educational opportunities to neighboring communities.

Cisco Junior College traces its beginning to 1909 when O.C. Britton an early-day educator, opened Britton Training Institute. In 1923, the school became Randolph College, operating as a church related school. In 1939, the college was taken over by the Cisco Independent School District and, in 1956, voters approved a board of regents for the college.

Today, Cisco Junior College has 113 full-time employees with an annual payroll of \$1,800,000. Investment in the 92-acre campus and 20 buildings has been appraised at \$4,278,294. CJC has sub-campuses in Clyde and Abilene where both vocational and academic programs are offered. Licensed Vocational Nursing programs are operated by CJC with hospitals in Cisco,

Graham, Ballinger and Abilene.

Cisco's enrollment for the spring, 1983, semester was at an all time high - 1,477 students, according to Dr. Norman E. Wallace, president. CJC has 286 dormitory beds. The school participates in football and basketball with considerable success.

Ranger Junior College was established in 1926 and operated in conjunction with Ranger Independent School District until 1950 when it became a separate unit with its own board of regents. The 50-acre campus has 19 buildings. Dr. Jack M. Elsom is present of RJC.

The school's catalogue lists 92 employees. RJC, with 520 dormitory beds, is

regarded as the largest resident junior college in Texas. Ranger fields football, basketball, baseball and track teams and has gained considerable prominence for excellence in these programs.

Since 1972-73, RJC has extended its facilities to neighboring towns to offer a variety of vocational and academic programs, and the vocational program on the main campus has been expanded each year.

Both schools are active in their communities with faculty members participating in all forms of civic endeavor.

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News Media Keeps County Informed

Eastland County has five newspapers - three bi-weekly and two which are published weekly.

The Cisco Press, Herrel Hallmark, Editor
The Eastland Telegram, H.V. O'Brien, Editor
Gorman Progress, Estelle Craddock, Editor
The Ranger Times, Betty McGee, Editor

The Rising Star, Carolyn Ratliff, Editor
Local radio stations are:

KERC Radio, Eastland
KVMX, FM, Eastland

N.B.C., A.B.C., and C.B.S. Television Stations are

available from Abilene and the Dallas-Ft. Worth stations.

In addition, Southern Televisions Systems in Eastland brings in 12 clear channels to Eastland, Cisco, and Ranger. Southern Television Systems also has Home Box Office and a Disney Channel.

The town of Gorman is served by Community Television Inc. out of De Leon.

For additional information Circle Reader Service Card No. 2

SCS Office Provides Assistance

CONSERVATION IN EASTLAND COUNTY

By Ron Bailey

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) opened their office in Eastland County in 1952. The SCS provides technical assistance on conservation work to farmers and ranchers through the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District.

They provide consultative assistance on ponds, grass planting and management, brush control, erosion control, wildlife management, and other matters related to protecting the land for the use of future generations.

Conservation programs are voluntary and at the request of the landowners the SCS meets with them on the land to assist with a conservation plan on how best to manage and conserve the resources.

Eastland County has a total of 594,835 acres. In 1952, approximately one-third of the county was in cultivation. Approximately 90,000 acres of cropland have now been converted back to permanent grass. 123,000 acres of undesirable brush has been controlled; 3963 ponds have been constructed; and 124,000 acres of improved pastures have been established.

107,000 acres are presently in cultivation of which 25,000 acres are planted to peanuts.

For additional information Circle Reader Service Card No. 3

Who stands behind the people—who stand behind the economy of Eastland County?



We provide a strong financial foundation to keep our area thriving. Because we understand that our financial support can be as important to our area economy as the success of the businesses and industries already located here, we can provide the support. Utilizing the latest in technological facilities, we are a Full Service Bank, efficiently equipped to handle ALL your financial needs.

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Directory Of Eastland County Officials

COUNTY OFFICIALS - A

HERITAGE OF LAW

"All political power is inherent in the people," states Section 2 of the Bill of Rights, Texas State Constitution.

The form of County government established under this philosophy was meant to keep the justice system responsive to the people. So the Courthouse became a focal point for County business and records.

Although there has been some modification of the idea in the Bill of Rights, the Courthouse still brings the heritage of law directly to the citizens of a County.

Some Eastland County Officials have offices in towns other than the County Seat. Social services in the County often combine funding and control from the State and Federal government. But many County offices are still located in the Courthouse on the square in Eastland.

EASTLAND COUNTY OFFICIALS

11th State Court of Appeals - Judge Austin McCloud, Chief Justice

Judge Raleigh Brown
Judge Bob Dickenson
Clerk - Oleta Moseley
91st District Court - Judge Jim Wright
Criminal District Attorney - Emory C. Walton
Assistant Criminal District Attorney - John Hawkins.

District Clerk - Mary Jane Rowch Brown

Texas Ranger (Serving Eastland County) Gene Kea
County Judge - Judge Scott Bailey

County Clerk - Joann Johnson
County Treasurer - Edith McCullough

County Surveyor - Richard L. Johnson, Jr.
County Auditor - Emma N. Morris

County Sheriff - Johnnie Morren

Head Jailer - Bill Pence
Jail Matron - Ida Quinn
Tax Collector - Nancy Trout

Ad Valorem Dept. - Nancy Trout

County Commissioners:
Precinct 1 - Richard A. Robinson

Precinct 2 - O.E. (Jack) Blackwell

Precinct 3 - L.T. Owen
Precinct 4 - C.B. (Runt) Dill
Justice of the Peace:

Precinct 1 - R.G. (Guy) Lyerla

Precinct 2 - M.D. Underwood

Precinct 3 - Harold L. (Tex) Evans
Precinct 4 - A.C. (Carlton) Holder

Precinct 5 - V.O. Huff

Constables:
Precinct 1 - Bill Hunter
Precinct 2 - J.W. Virison
Precinct 3 - Howard E. (Gene) Hicks

Precinct 4 - S.E. Parkinson
Precinct 5 - Dewey Keesee
Public Health Department

Eastland County Tax Appraisal District - Steve Thomas, Chief Appraiser

Eastland County Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors:

Chairman: Dr. Bill Auvenshine, Ranger I.S.D.

Vice Chairman: Jack Hubbard, Rising Star I.S.D. and City of Rising Star

Secretary: Emmett Rich, Cisco I.S.D.

Members: Wesley Warren, Gorman I.S.D., Carbon I.S.D., City of Gorman, City of Carbon

Mike Siebert, Eastland I.S.D.

Letters

You'd like to live in Eastland County because it offers a better educational system, the schools are good in basketball, football, band. We take pride in what we do. We have colleges to choose from and if you don't want to go to college you choose any type of job.

Amy Rogers, 8th Grade, Ranger

Arlin Bint, Eastland County at large
Rankin Britt, Cities of Ranger, Cisco and Eastland
Eastland County Water Supply District Tax Office: Kenneth Parrack, Appraiser

Eastland County Water Supply Board of Directors:
President - H.G. Adams, Jr.
Vice President - Bob Perkins

Secretary - Reba C. Rawls
Members - H.T. Wilson, Bruce Pipkin, M.H. Perry, Floyd E. Caraway, Tom Dunn, Jerry Richardson

County Extension Agent - Agriculture - DeMarquis Gordon

County Extension Agent - Agriculture - John Blair, Assistant, and 4-H Coordinator

County Extension Agent - Pest Management - Gordon Woolam

Dennis Noska
Director of M R Workshop - Idella Taylor

State Department of Public Safety (Serving Eastland County)
Director - Sgt. Jerry Mathews

Driver's License Div. - Trooper Ray Petty
License's and Weights - Trooper Acey Steel

Troopers: Steve Foster, Steve Tone, Kenneth Rose, William Condry, Robert Ralls, Hernandez Hernandez

Office of Economic Opportunity - Tip Arther, Director
Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Committee - David W. Martin, County Executive Director

Farmer's Home Administration - Jack Phillips, Supervisor

Soil Conservation Service - Ron Bailey, District Conservationist

Senior Citizens Programs:

Cisco, Eastland and Rising Star - Sponsored by Cisco Junior College

John Muller, Administrator
Ruth Cartee, Director, Cisco, Eastland and Rising Star

Site Manager, Eastland, Nelma Kitchens
Site Manager, Rising Star, Louella McKinnerney

Ranger and Gorman - Sponsored by Ranger Junior College

Dr. Jack Elsom, Administrator
Director, Ranger, Mary Faircloth

Director, Gorman, Mozelle Rhymes
Eastland County Child Welfare Board:

Duriel Reid, H.V. O'Brien, Mrs. Earnst Reich, Mrs. Virgil Seaberry, Dr. R.B. Golemon, Mrs. Mack Stubblefield, Mrs. Richard Watson.

Carbon
I.S.D. Tax Office., 639-2351.
Supt. Ofc., 639-2376.
Carbon School, 639-2435.
Fire Dept., 639-2471.

Cisco
Cisco Independent School District-Intermediate School, Ave. H and 11, 442-1219; Jr. and Sr. High Schools, Front St., 442-3051; Primary School, Ave. A., 442-1990.

Independent School Tax Office, 610 Ave. D., 442-1299.
Superintendents Ofc., Front St., 442-3056.

Cisco Junior College Administration Building Offices, Colledge Heights, 442-2567.

Chief of Police, 116 W. 7, 442-1770.
Water Pumping Plant, Lake Cisco, 442-2671.

Fire Dept., 109 W. 6, 442-3078.
Lake Patrolman, Lake

Cisco, 442-2433.
Municipal Air Park Airport, 442-9927.
Court Judge, 116 W. 7, 442-2112.
Tax Dept., 116 W. 7, 442-2113.
Water Dept., 116 W. 7, 442-2111.
Chamber of Commerce, 619 Ave. D., 442-2537.

County
Eastland County Appraisal District, Court House, 629-8597.
County Ext. Agent, Agriculture, 629-1093.
County Ext. Agent, Home Economics, 629-2222.
County Judge, 629-1263.
County Surveyor, 629-8151.
County Treasury, 629-2672.
District Judge, 91st Court, 629-1797.
Justice of the Peace, 629-1774.
Tax Collector, 629-2211.
Ad Valorem Dept., 629-1564.

Eastland
Chief of Police, 416 S. Seaman, 629-1277.
City Manager, City Hall, 629-8321.
Fire Dept., 414 S. Seaman, 629-8232.
Sewer Plant, E. of City, 629-2963.
Eastland High School, 900 W. Plummer, 629-8384.
Eastland Junior High School, 900 W. Plummer, 629-1422.
Siebert Elementary School, Sadosa and Madera, 629-2377.
Supt. Office, 900 W. Plummer, 629-8221.
Tax Assessor-Collector, Exchange Building, 629-2366.

Gorman
Chamber of Commerce, 634-2317.
Chief of Police, 734-2730.
City Office, 734-2317.
Fire Dept., 734-2555.
Housing Dept., 734-2400.

Night Patrolman, 734-2730.
Water Works, 734-2317.
Ranger
Chief of Police, 110 Pine, 647-3232.
City Secretary, 314 W. Main, 647-3522.
Water Dept., 314 W. Main, 647-3522.
Fire Dept., 110 Pine, 647-1122.
Water Works, Hwy. 80 E., 647-3012.
Ranger Junior College, Colledge Circle, 647-3234.
Elementary School, Hwy., 80 E., 647-1138.
High School, Hwy. 80 E., 647-3216.
School Tax Office, Recreation Building, 647-1521.
Superintendent Ofc., 204 Main, 647-1187.

Rising Star
City Utilities, 643-4261.
Police, 643-4261 or 643-6971.
Ward School, 643-2431.
High School, 643-3521.
ISD Tax Office, 643-1981.

County Extension Agent - Home Economics - Janet Thomas

County Extension Agent - Home Economics - Christy Fuqua, Assistant 4-H Worker

State Dept. of Highways and Transportation (Serving Eastland County)
Resident Engineer - R.P. Haul

Maintenance Dept. Foreman - Bill Claborn
State Department of Human Resources (Serving Eastland County)
Supervisor of Services to Aged and Disabled - Charles Butler

Supervisor of AF/DC Food Stamp (Income Assistance) - Martha Austin
Medicaid Eligibility Worker - Joe Housson
Child Placement Worker - Alice Pritchard
AF/DC Food Stamp Worker - Ruby Halbert
AF/DC Food Stamp Worker - Sue Pennington
Community Care Worker - Maria Duncan
Northview Development Center:
Administrator - Lauretta Lawler
Mental Health Mental Retardation Center:
Case Worker for County -

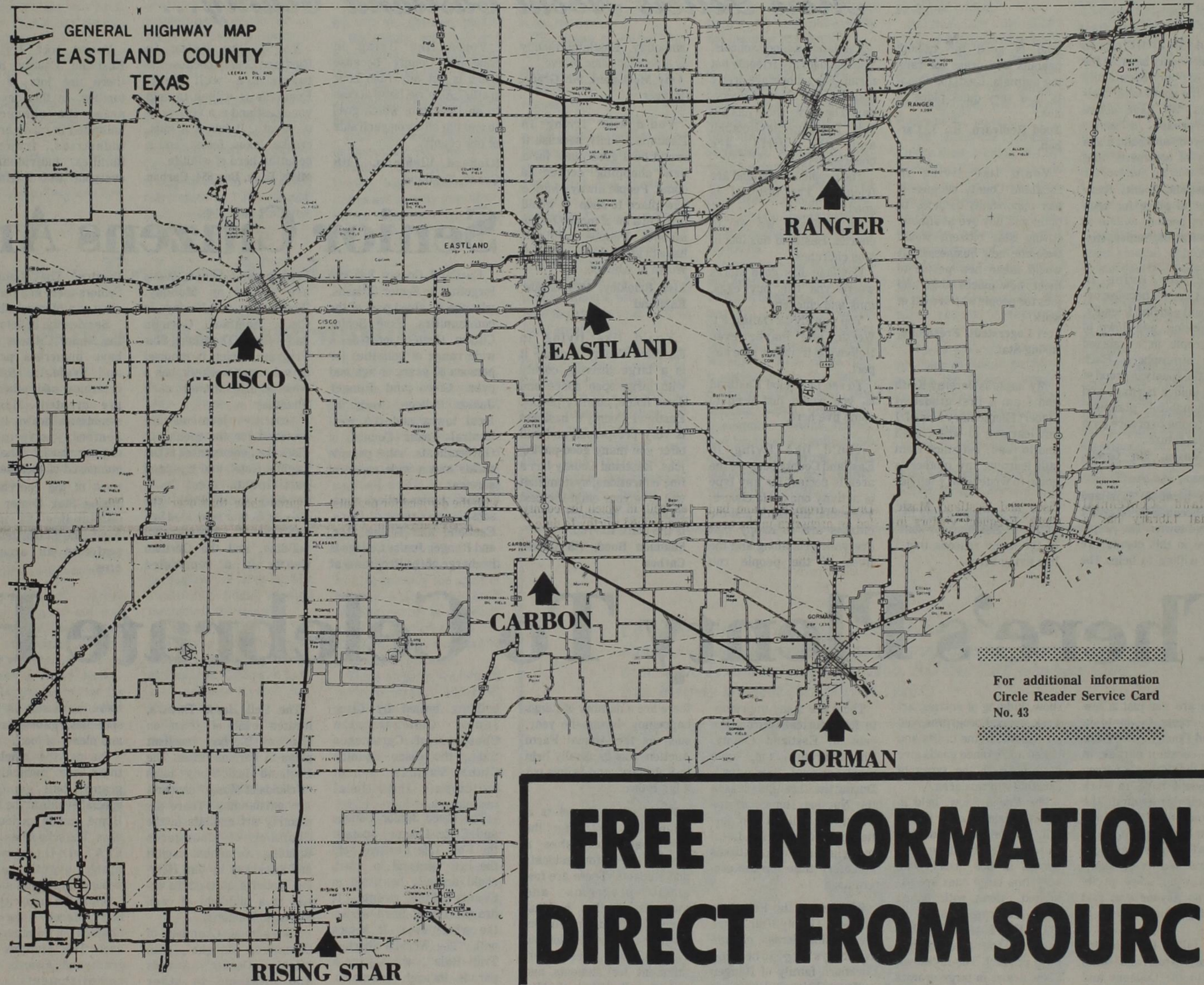
Children's Needs Filled By Child Care Centers

CHILD CARE FACILITIES
Eastland County has a number of facilities offering excellent child care. Most include educational training as well as indoor and outdoor play. In addition to the larger Centers listed, there are private homes in the various parts of the county which are licensed to keep 6 children or less.

LARGE CENTERS:
CISCO:
Cisco Child Care Center
Jack and Jill Child Care Center
EASTLAND:
Eastland Community Child Care Center
Housson's Child Care

RISING STAR:
Nell's Group Day Care Center
HOMES LICENSED FOR 6 CHILDREN OR LESS:
CARBON:
Mrs. Leo Brooks
CISCO:
Mrs. Jean Emsley
Mrs. Joan Ferguson
Becky Pence
Patricia Shelton
Nona Stevens
EASTLAND:
Bertha Jessie
Betty Meek
Kay Petree
May Plowman
Mrs. Bertha Webb
Margaret Rose
Mrs. Wanda Simmons
RANGER:
Oleta Henry
Mrs. Geneva Durham

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You'd Like Living In Eastland County Because...

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WINNER...Ranger Public Schools
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."It has good public schools, two colleges, excellent hospitals, a low crime rate, better than average natural resources and a good water supply. The people are helpful, friendly, hard working and take pride in their communities and in Eastland County."

-Pamela Durham, 8th Grade, Ranger Junior High School.

WINNER...Cisco Public Schools
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."Eastland County has the friendliest people in the State of Texas. Friendships are made quickly and easily and not soon forgotten."

-Lori Ann Speegle, Cisco Public Schools

WINNER...Cisco Junior College
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."There are friendly Christian people here who care about their community and each other. Eastland County boasts small towns but is growing and prospering. Our people are striving to provide quality education with the hope the children of today will be outstanding citizens of Eastland County tomorrow."

-Athena Blanding, Cisco Junior College

WINNER, Carbon Public Schools
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."because of the wonderful people, educational and business opportunities and a unique way of life in rural communities. Our neighbors are always willing to lend help to those in need. We have excellent public schools, two junior colleges, outstanding public libraries, social and cultural events, religious freedom and many job opportunities."

-Jonna Rodgers, Carbon Public Schools

WINNER...Ranger Junior College
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."It is a growing area. We have here a wide variety of stores and businesses that offer all the convenience of larger areas. Our two junior colleges also add to our assets. Plenty of fresh air and land are available to those who wish to expand."

-Larry A. Howell, Freshman, Ranger Junior College

WINNER...Gorman Public Schools
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."The opportunities for success and happiness are unlimited. There are many schools, hospitals and recreational centers. Industry and agriculture are growing at a rapid rate, thus creating many jobs. The people of Eastland County are always eager to greet new neighbors!"

Debra Swanner, Junior, Gorman High School

WINNER, Rising Star Public Schools
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."because the area is overflowing with opportunity, such as farming, industry and professional occupations. The people are attentive, compassionate and 'easy-going.' Extra pluses go with living in the 'peanut county', especially the clean, sunny, non-polluted atmosphere we are proud to live in."

-Gretchin Williams, senior, Rising Star High School

WINNER...Eastland High School
YOU'D LIKE LIVING IN EASTLAND COUNTY BECAUSE..."Eastland County is the residence of progress. It is the dwelling of business, industry, education, agriculture and more. It is the home of welcome and friendship. Make Eastland County your home, too."

-Wes Wynn, senior, Eastland High School

More Letters About Eastland County...

You'd like living in Eastland County because the people of our community support the youth in all their activities. We have active church groups, a senior citizen group and band and a chamber of commerce that cares.

In Eastland County there is a special place for each and every person. Melanie Ratliff, Senior, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because only here will you find friendly, hard working, and down to earth people in a relaxed country atmosphere. Each town in the county is proud of its own unique heritage and with thoughtful planning, each is trying to prepare for a promising future. Carol Mason, 9th Grade, Cisco

I like living in Eastland County because there aren't any large towns. The people that live in this county are always willing to help. The

land is good for raising peanuts and grass for raising animals. Eastland County is a very quiet place to live.

Todd Redfearn, Rt. 1, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because it has opportunity. Places to build and buy are available. Rising Star citizens would welcome new businesses. It would mean new people to meet, new places to go and jobs for people who are out of work.

Teri Logerstedt, Freshman, Rising Star

My name is Jeremy Keith and I am a first grader at Siebert Elementary School. I am learning to write, spell and to read; but since I am still learning my mother is going to write what I tell her to.

I think someone might like to live in Eastland for some of the same reasons that I like living here.

Eastland has good schools. The teachers are friendly not mean. The schools are pretty and they get cleaned everyday. The high school has big kids. The boys play football and the girls are cheerleaders.

The people in Eastland are friendly. The hospital is good.

On Sundays we go to church. Eastland has lots of nice churches.

Eastland has good stores where you can buy eggs, milk and chicken.

You can fly to Dallas, Ft. Worth, and maybe even Hollywood from our nice airport.

To see how good Eastland is, you would just need to come live here.

You'd like living in Eastland County because the area is perfect for any type of activity one could choose. The social life is fun and the citizens are so happy that everyone gets along and the lives of the people run

smoothly. Eastland County is a perfect place to live.
Amy McDonald, 9th Grade, Ranger

You'd like living in Eastland County because it would be a good place for a new shopping center to come. People always want a new place to shop. It would bring in a lot of money for someone. People wouldn't have to go all the way to Fort Worth or Abilene.

Lisa Brinkley, 10th Grade, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because it is a large thriving county with large open space and down home, country people. Eastland County's business is very prosperous and will offer you many good-paying jobs. Eastland County has a fine educational system that will give your child the best education. Eastland County is the place for you.
Shannon Bond, 7th Grade, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because there is not any rush hour traffic. Also we have access to an Interstate which goes to two big cities on each side of our county.

Richard Viehman, 10th Grade, Eastland

You'd like living in Eastland County because the towns are well kept. Everyone is willing to help you. Eastland is a very pretty county. It has foot hills, creeks, lakes, forest, and a beautiful herd of wildlife.

Misty High, Box 654, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because there are lots of opportunities. In this developing area, the chances are unlimited in many areas for industries, franchises, families, individuals and everyone who might come

here. There are places for companies and homes, good school systems, active churches, colleges and recreational activities. The opportunities of Eastland County are vast:

Traci Carter, Sophomore, Eastland

Senior Citizens Are Active

Eastland County has not forgotten its Senior Citizens, who are a valued part of the communities. Five Senior Citizens Centers provide a wide range of activities for persons 60 years of age and over. Cisco and Ranger Junior College, work the local towns and the West Central Texas Council of Governments, helps provide meals and a wide range of services.

Cisco Junior College sponsors the programs at Cisco, Eastland and Rising Star, and Ranger Junior College is in charge of the Programs at

Ranger and Gorman. Meals are served on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays in Cisco, Eastland, Gorman and Ranger. The Rising Star Program, which is manned by volunteer workers, has a covered-dish dinner each Thursday.

Attractive locations are provided for the meals. In Cisco the Seniors meet at the Laguna Hotel, and Eastland participants meet in a building at City Park. The Ranger Center is located in a renovated downtown building, and the Gorman Center in a remodeled

theatre. The Rising Star Seniors meet in a remodeled wing of a Medical Clinic.

Besides the delicious food, the Senior Citizens Centers have numerous programs and projects. Beautiful ceramics and other items are created. Musicians, sometimes drawn from the Seniors, perform on a regular basis. Choirs are composed of members from most of the churches. The Rising Star Center has an outstanding 22 member band, the Starbrites, which performs all around the area.

A number of good meals are sent out from these Centers to disabled persons who are unable to attend. These "Meals on Wheels" are of great assistance to these isolated citizens.

The Senior Citizens Programs are not just a place where over-sixty people congregate, but a place where these people interact with the community.

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There's Plenty To Celebrate Here

There are not just a few special events to go to in Eastland County - there are a lot. A constant parade, in fact. So many that a person who doesn't have to work could circle around the towns and attend something different both day and night. The good thing is that these programs and celebrations cover a wide scope of interest, so anyone can find something which appeals to him.

Some fall in the category of County Wide, and some belong to the Colleges and towns. Some special events come from the schools, clubs, and churches. Others defy all categories, or spill across all divisions. At any rate, Eastland County people enjoy themselves!

One characteristic of this area is the numerous family reunions as well as church and school homecomings. Never mind if you didn't grow up here - there has to be someone around to greet the people coming back.

Special programs in the towns have the color, flavor and culture of the local communities. Citizens of Eastland and surrounding counties enjoy visiting and sampling these events.

Some of the County-Wide events revolve around the various facets of agriculture. Included are The Eastland County Fair, The Pecan Show, The Hay Show, and the Livestock Shows. All these are outstanding, and attract many participants.

The County Fair is held in October at the Fairgrounds N.W. of Eastland. It lasts four days, and includes commercial and educational booths, concessions stands, musical entertainment, a pet

show, judging of entries, art work, special programs, and a carnival. Home crafts and baked and canned goods give a glimpse of the types of creativity in this area.

The Pecan Show, held in the Courthouse Lobby in late fall, is a revelation on what can actually be done with pecans in this area. Some very fine large ones are exhibited, along with baked goods featuring pecans.

The Hay Show always has excellent specimens of this local product. The Livestock Show draws in large crowds of young people and people of all ages from across the county. All are interested in the well-fed and well-groomed animals. Premium prices are paid for the animals by local buyers.

The Eastland County Senior Citizens Bazaar, which is held annually in Eastland, is open to participants 60 yrs. or older. Beautiful handcrafts, fine baked goods and exquisite crochet and needlework are offered for sale to the public.

Eastland County has a religious pageant - The Kendrick Pageant, which is presented in an amphitheatre located between Cisco and Eastland. There is an annual Christmas Pageant, an Easter Pageant, and productions of the Life of Christ in the summer. A Religious Diorama and Museum is also open on the grounds.

The cast for the Pageants is composed of persons from across this area. Live animals are included in the scenes. The presentations are non-denominational, with the script being taken from the King James Bible. The costumes are colorful and beautifully made.

There are many impromptu folk musics during the year in Eastland County. The churches, too, have many special "Singsings". During the Christmas season the Nursing Homes of the County go "all out" on parties for their residents. Local musicians and other citizens volunteer time for the programs.

Whether at the Folk Life Festival, County Fair, or at the Nursing Homes, crowds are always happy to hear the Cockburn family of Ranger perform. This group consists of Jim and Lyndell Cockburn and their children, who play stringed instruments and sing.

The Law Enforcement Association of Eastland County, which consists of members from all the towns, holds an annual Banquet in Eastland County. An Award is given to "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" - an honor which recognizes exceptional service.

The Sheriff's Posse, an organization consisting of members from around the county, provides various services. The group sponsors fund-raising events for worthy causes. In 1982 the Posse sponsored a Barbeque at the Fairgrounds which helped provide funds for the MHMR Center. Other events will be planned as needs arise.

The American Legion and V.F.W. Organizations are very active in Eastland County, and sponsor worthwhile programs. Memorial Day is always a special occasion at the Eastland County cemeteries. The local groups have services which make all citizens pause for a moment and reflect on all the blessings we have.

In the Carbon community

there are a number of things happening during the year, such as the Annual Farm Auction. This is usually held in February, and brings out a big crowd.

The Carbon School is a community center for the town, and furnishes a meeting place for residents and students. There are frequent programs and musicals at this building during the year. In late October the annual Halloween Carnival furnishes entertainment for students and townspeople. The "Golden Oldies", former High School students who graduated 50 or more years ago, meet at the school one day each October.

A number of citizens of the area belong to the Carbon Lion's Club. This active group has interesting programs regularly. There are also a number of fund raising events in Carbon.

For sheer recreation there is baseball in the summer, with a Teen Age League. Games with the Six Man Football team of Carbon High School attract a lot of attention in the fall.

And who could forget the "Playboy" Club, which is not X rated at all! "Playboy" in Carbon is an amazing little building which is used for a domino parlor by some of the citizens who like to enjoy life. It has been featured in area newspapers.

Cisco people enjoy entertainments, and it seems there is always something happening around town. The College, the schools, Senior Citizens, the Churches, Clubs and civic organizations have a number of special events. Meeting places are provided by the Laguna Hotel, a historic

building owned by Cisco Junior College), the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., the Cisco Country Club, various school buildings and local restaurants.

The Cisco Junior College and Civic League, sponsor the Folk Life Festival held the last weekend in April, could actually be listed in County Wide events. It draws crowds from across the whole area. It begins with "The World's Shortest Trail Ride", which joins a parade through downtown. The Agricultural Building near the College is filled with a colorful array of booths displaying handcrafted items. Food and music are offered in adjoining tents.

The College presents art exhibits and cultural events at Maner Learning Center and in the Fine Arts Auditorium during the year. Summer Dinner Theatre is offered in the Roof Garden of the Laguna Hotel.

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce and Civic groups have special events during the year. The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet gives awards and citations to outstanding citizens. The Christmas in May project repairs homes of the elderly. The 4th of July program at City Park climaxes with a dazzling fireworks display. Fall brings a large Halloween Carnival at the school. Christmas is observed with special music in all the churches.

Eastland has a number of interesting programs during the year. Many of these are presented by churches, clubs, at the High School, or at the Eastland Memorial Library, which is sponsored by the Thursday Afternoon Club.

The Bell Hurst Theatre, located east of town on Highway 80, has excellent plays at various times. The Eastland Music Study Club's "Friends of Music" concerts are outstanding. There are monthly art exhibits in the Chamber of Commerce Building. An annual exhibit and workshop by Jan Herrig, noted southwestern artist, is a highlight of each March in Eastland.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, with "Golden Deeder" Awards and citations to other unselfish citizens, is a keenly anticipated event. The Fourth of July celebrations and Memorial Day Programs are also colorful and inspiring.

"Oil Appreciation Day" in Eastland was held during the Eastland County Fair in 1982. It opened with a large parade that featured everything from marching bands to floats symbolizing oil companies. An oil exhibit was held in conjunction with this. Other such annual celebrations are anticipated. "Christmas Caroling on the Square" attracted attention in 1982, and is expected to continue. A community Easter Service includes Pastors and members of a number of local churches.

Gorman is a good place to be, especially in the summertime. Family reunions, church homecomings, and just plain visiting are the order of the day. And there always seem to be plenty of watermelons, no matter where you turn.

On July 4 there is a patriotic celebration at the Frank A. Gray Memorial Park. This is at the site of Shinoak Springs, the pioneer settlement. During the day

there is music, as well as speeches, games, contests, and plenty of food.

During the whole year there are musicals, programs, ball games, and special events at the Nursing Home and in various churches. The school has a strong FFA and 4-H program, with many events centered around these organizations.

One of the main city events is in March - the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. This features a program and Awards for accomplishments in agriculture and civic affairs.

Ranger never lacks for activities, be it church meetings, school programs, or fund raising events. The College has a number of special occasions, and there are parties and meetings at Lone Cedar County Club. The town has an excellent Rodeo Arena which offers a spot for plenty of action. There are baseball teams for most ages, and recreation the year round at Ranger Boy's Club.

The annual banquet of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce includes presentations of the Outstanding Citizen Award, the Overdue Award, the Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year Award, and other citations.

"Roaring Ranger Days", a celebration kicked off in 1982, attracted wide attention from the public and news media. The program for this event included tours of the new Museum, created in 1982 in the old depot. Music, contests, and many other attractions kept the crowd interested. This town gala is expected to continue each year.

The Roaring Ranger Bowl has been approved by the

National Junior College Athletic Association for this fall. The game, sponsored by the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 19, 1983 at the Ranger High School stadium. The game will pit two nationally ranked teams, and will be the sixth bowl for Junior College football teams. Three bowls were dropped last year. As far as known, the Roaring Ranger Bowl was the only one approved at the NJCAA convention last month.

This should bring in a number of football fans to join those already in the county!

Rising Star's programs and activities are usually centered around the school, churches, families, and clubs. There are a number of Homecomings during the year, and sometimes Anniversary celebrations. The Nursing Center has monthly birthday parties and other programs.

The Fellowship Room of the First Baptist Church is a favorite place for a large group to meet, especially if a meal is to be served.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner, with its speaker and Awards, is always well-attended in Rising Star.

The Lakewood Recreation Center, a park outside of town, offers a tree-shaded area for summer gatherings.

Visitors to the Rising Star Nursing Center may get to hear the violin playing of Bryant Houston, a resident at the Center. Bryant Houston has probably won more fiddling contests than any other player alive.

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Brains, Vision And Investment Can Create New Jobs

From the time this area was discovered it was found to be rich in natural resources. The pioneers quickly learned to use local products for their survival and profit. Before many years business and industry moved into the county.

Many of the raw materials of Eastland County are renewable, and some are untapped. Most are still waiting for the right combination of brains, vision and investment to create new jobs from them.

County resources which

could be utilized or expanded commercially are:

- CRUDE OIL
- GAS
- PEANUTS
- CATTLE
- HAY
- PECANS

ROCK (Limestone, gravel, shale, sandstone. There are many deposits of high-calcium limestone, 4 of shale, and sandstone is common.)

CLAY (9 known deposits; small amount of Fine Clay, other Miscellaneous clay)

FRUITS AND BERRIES

MELONS
VEGETABLES
ATTRACTIVE SCENERY
LOCAL WOOD (Mostly pecan, oak.)

It is interesting to see what has been done with these resources, and what remains to be done.

CRUDE OIL: Eastland County is number one in the nation for active oil rigs, and has become one of the top ten in Texas for oil field payroll. Yet millions of barrels of Eastland County oil has to be hauled 50 to 75 miles to be refined and marketed.

Eastland County needs an oil refinery. It also needs plants to refine and utilize petroleum products and by-products. Industries of this sort would provide a tremendous boost to the local economy.

GAS: Eastland County has a number of gas plants in various locations.

PEANUTS: Eastland County is one of the largest peanut-producing counties in Texas. The town of Gorman, in the leading peanut growing area, has done a great job with this industry. The processing and marketing of the peanut, with its products and by-products, is handled in the area where it is raised. Gorman is even served by a company-owned Railroad, referred to as "The Peanut Line", which hauls out the product.

The first oil ever extracted and refined from peanuts was at Gorman in 1912. In 1940 the first commercial shelling of peanuts was done at Gorman. From these early beginnings a complex industry has evolved, with a world marketing center. Some of its members are Birdsong Peanuts, Eaves Bros., Gorman Milling and County Kin Enterprise.

Even with these innovative businesses, much more could be done with the versatile peanut. Experimentation is needed on how to convert this healthful, high protein food into main dishes for meals. Other retail markets for peanuts are needed.

CATTLE: Eastland County has excellent cattle. It is hardly in the "big ranch" country, yet the family-type places produce as much beef as much larger ranches in some other areas.

There are several processing and slaughtering plants in the county, and they are kept busy. Undoubtedly there could be more utilization of local beef here, not to mention such by-products as hides.

HAY: There are feed mills in the county, yet a lot of hay is hauled elsewhere for sale. During haying season the prices are usually low. More direct consumer markets are needed.

PECANS: Pecans are probably the most difficult crop to market at a parity price. Yet the local nuts, such as the Burketts and other improved varieties of round or oval-shaped pecans, are the best tasting anywhere. There are many native or seedling pecans, with high oil content and great flavor. Many of these go to waste, due to difficulty in

marketing and a poor market.

Expanded markets and further utilization are needed for the local pecan. More experimentation is also needed on the use for food of this fine crop. Suggested industries which could use pecans: pecan shelling plant, pecan candy factory, baked goods.

CLAY: At this time two

Eastland County firms are using clay in the manufacture of tile. Haydite, or Texas lightweight aggregate, is exported from Eastland County for the manufacture of cinder block used in building. Other possibilities for local clay lie in the manufacture of housewares and art objects.

STONE: There are no industries dealing in Eastland

county stone at the present. There are possibilities in this line, but detailed studies would be needed.

FRUITS AND BERRIES: Eastland County peaches have a very fine flavor, and some commercial orchards are grown. Apples, however, would probably be a more dependable crop, for they are not as susceptible to late freezes. Grapes have possibilities, as well as Brazos berries and blackberries. A fruit grower named William (Bill) Prange of Cisco once made a good income from a blackberry patch. He didn't even pick most of the berries - customers drove out from town and filled their buckets!

VEGETABLES: Blackeyed peas will grow abundantly in this area, and have commercial possibilities. Badly needed is a large "Farmer's Market" Complex along the Freeway, where local nuts, fruits, vegetables and handcrafts can be sold to tourists.

ATTRACTIVE SCENERY: The rolling, oak-dotted hills of Eastland County have a tranquil beauty. Why not use this area as the location for a motion picture? It's photogenic, and there are real ranches available.

Speaking of ranches - how about several guest ranches in the county? People from other parts of the country - or the world - would give plenty for a few pleasant days on one of the local spreads.

La Mancha Ranch at Lake Leon has facilities for guests, and the Church of Christ has a Camp near Lake Cisco. Camp Inspiration, at Eastland, is owned and managed by The Church of God. There are possibilities for other such Camps and Retreats in this county.

Eastland County People Have An Ability To Carry Out Their Dreams

One of the greatest resources of any area is the basic intelligence of its people. The ability to dream, plan, and carry out those dreams is a special quality. Eastland County has resourceful people, and a number of them have been successful. Around here there is a wide variety of enterprises combining talent and fresh ideas. There is room for more.

The name of Victor Cornelius Inc. of Eastland is familiar not only to local citizens, but to all people across the U.S.A. Forty seven years ago Victor Cornelius began a small printing business in Eastland with some very interesting ideas.

He first did theatrical advertising, such as showbills. In a few years he added unique napkin holders, then menus and Rediclips. Now he does an annual business of almost 3 million dollars, with \$900,000 paid in salaries to around 75 local employees.

Eris Ritchie, Mayor of Cisco, is the owner of Southwest Enterprises. This business, with a location in Cisco, markets products all across the United States. Specials are labels, patches, and insignas for schools and organizations. Ritchie, who began his career as a High School

Band Director, also conducts Cheerleader's Camps across the country.

In Carbon, Bob Mortimer has a manufacturing business called Midwest Livestock Equipment. This company ships gate panels and portable corrals to 20 different states. Mortimer came to Eastland County from the Texas Panhandle in 1978. He has been a cattleman, so is familiar with the needs of ranchers.

J.W. Sitton of Cisco, owner of The Longhorn Press, has published a number of books. Most concern the southwest, and give practical instruction on how to do something. A number deal with horsemanship; several with cooking. These books have been very popular, with the classic horsemanship books selling as far away as Australia.

A new business in Gorman is Country Kin Enterprises, which endeavors to bring peanut products more directly to the consumer. Mary Jo Eaves and Kate Wheeler, who owns the business, have a fine line of roasted, salted and raw peanuts, boxed, peanut oil, homemade peanut butter, and homemade candies and other gift items. This business will sell either wholesale or retail.

Bibby's Creations, Inc.

opened for business in Rising Star in June, 1971. It is a family-operated Corporation manufacturing handbags, soft-sided luggage, T shirts, and caps. It has an art department, and does screen printing. In 1976 the Company won the Governor's Independent Small Business Award for this area. In 1981 the Rising Star Cap Company was added.

At this time the Bibby Corp. manufactures approx. 50 dozen items a day, and sells the products nationwide. Twenty five persons are employed, with Jackie Bibby as Manager.

"An electrical wizard!" That's a description of Carl Kleiner of Cisco, who can do about everything with electronic devices. Kleiner Lab, in Cisco, has received nationwide attention as a manufacturer of electronic jewelry. Kleiner, an inventor, has developed a number of special devices. He can also repair electronic systems.

The Eastland County newspapers should be listed among the "home grown" enterprises. The Newspapers employ about 20 people, and produce a wide variety of publications.

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Ranger

First A Camp

By Betty McGee

Around the time Eastland County was organized Texas Rangers pitched their tents in a valley two miles east of the present city of Ranger, on land then known as the Watson Ranch. A tent town, known as Ranger Camp, came into existence. With the advent of the railroad in 1880, the tent town was moved and the site rechristened Ranger.

The town rapidly began building more substantial residences and businesses. Many of the early business places were built of native stone from a quarry about a mile and a half north of Ranger.

The first store in Ranger was a tent store owned by A. J. Sims and A. Griffin. Mr. Griffin also opened the first hotel.

Saloons are a colorful part of the history of many towns, and no history of Ranger would be complete without mentioning the old rock saloon. This saloon was built on the corner of Main and Commerce, where the Texaco station is now, and faced the depot. This saloon extended the first greeting and invitation to the passengers of all incoming trains. Also it served as the community house and place of entertainment for cowboys, ranchmen, trainmen, soldiers and settlers.

In the early 1900's, Ranger voted local option and the famous old saloon became a restaurant.

Ranger was the shipping point for cattle, cotton, wheat and oats from this area. Also for many years the mail routes to the north were from Ranger.

In 1917, owing to long continued drouth over the western sections of Texas, business conditions were not as good as usual. John M. Gholson, with other far-seeing citizens, interested W.K. Gordon of the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company to drill two test wells in the vicinity of Ranger, the Nannie Walker on the north and the McLesky on the south. Mr. Gholson and his associates secured large blocks of acreage, and this gave the farmers some money to compensate for crop failures.

Ranger's new life began with a thrill when the report reached the people that the McLesky well had blown in. This was Oct. 21, 1917, when the population of Ranger was 750.

On Feb. 4, 1920 the city of Ranger was incorporated and on Feb. 19 the first city officers were elected and a city charter was drafted and later adopted. This was for a Mayor-City Commissioner form of government, which has continued to serve the city well.

On June 1, 1919, the Ranger Times sent out its first issue. Quoting from the editorial of this issue: "The Times enters Ranger with a desire to attempt difficult things and to help build a town. Its purpose is to laud Ranger and all Texas, the Empire of the southwest."

During the boom years Ranger grew to a population of 30,000 and it has been written that it was never the same 30,000 from day to day!

After the boom ended the population went down, but a group of dedicated citizens remained. These folk and their descendants have helped make Ranger what it is today. The present population of Ranger is 3,707.

Ranger Junior College was begun in 1926, fulfilling a desire of the community for higher education. The enrollment in the spring of '83 totaled 554.

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County Enjoys Variety In Sports And Recreation

By Gary Slade
Sports Writer

Eastland County residents enjoy a wide variety of sports and recreation available throughout the entire county.

Cisco Junior College and Ranger Junior College both have excellent athletic programs ranging from football to track and field to baseball.

Ranger Junior College year in and year out continues to put its football teams in national ranking while Cisco Junior College maintains a strong basketball program and when the two colleges play each other in football (an annual event) the entire county shows up to take sides and watch Junior College football at its best.

Strong football programs extend into the many high schools located in the county. Eastland showed their strength in football this year by winning the Class AA State Title in Waco.

Each town's school system gives the town its own personality through the many sports that are played. Cisco in recent years has been known for a strong track and field program thanks in part to an all-weather track at the school while in past few years Ranger has shown a strong basketball program.

Eastland County enjoys two major lakes which not only provide a source of drinking water to the county but also provides lake lovers with water recreation ranging from swimming to water skiing to perhaps the quietest sport of all-fishing. Bass and crappie are the main fish sought after in Eastland county.

Adding to the water recreation is five public swimming pools located throughout the county.

Summer lovers will find that their are four golf courses located in the county at Eastland, Cisco and Lake Leon and one located near Rising Star.

Baseball and Softball fields are located throughout the county. The baseball field in Ranger has been rated as one of the best in the area. A new five field complex is currently under construction in Eastland with all five complete with lighting and underground water sprinkler systems.

Gorman, Rising Star and Carbon are known for their strong influence in the rodeo scene. All total, four rodeo arenas are located in the county where youth and adults participate in riding, roping, barrel racing and other sports on horse back.

Many hunters enjoy Eastland County because of

both its crop and brush land. Hunters enjoy a wide variety ranging from dove and quail to deer and turkey.

Raquetball lovers can fill their need as Eastland houses a combination of raquetball courts and skating rink. Four courts are located in the building along with a spacious skating rink for both young and old.

Eastland County will soon be able to enjoy the sport of bowling. A new 12 lane AMF bowling center is currently under construction in Eastland and is expected to open before summer.

Three airports are located in the county for the air lover to pilot his single or twin engine aircraft.

A large movie house in Eastland allows movie goers to view the latest films while the Cable TV systems carries a complete line of channels ranging from the all sports channel to the Disney Channel to HBO.

The LaMancha Ranch on Lake Leon keeps a wide variety of animals ranging from buffalos to zebras for viewing which also makes a pleasant background for the weekend hiker or camper.

Whether it's horse back riding, water skiing or football, whether it's an individual level, college level or high school level, Eastland County has the right sport for you.

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County Provides A Competitive Insurance Market

The matter of insurance can and will be a factor in determining a new plant or office location for a given business or industry. The geographic location and economical conditions of our area give us a stable and competitive insurance market for both industry and their employees.

The insurance business in Texas is under the regulation and supervision of the State Department of Insurance, administered by a four man insurance board appointed by our governor. This board and their staff regulate not only policy forms and conditions, but also the rate making formulas of those companies issuing contracts of insurance to the public. The Texas insurance regulatory offices and systems are recognized as a leader within the insurance industry and many states pattern their regulations after those adopted in Texas.

Eastland County has qualified agents and companies readily available both to analyze a firm's insurance needs and find a market for even the most specialized risk.

I. Fire Insurance on Buildings and Their Contents

The Texas Insurance Board determines a given city's fire rates and they set building construction standards for insurance throughout the state. The more fire resistive a building is, the less the rate and likewise, the flammability of that building's contents affects both building and content rates. To a given building's unoccupied rate (determined by building construction) is added an occupancy charge, determined by what is in the building, either in process of manufacturing or warehousing. Credits are applied to this rate for private fire protection and other safeguards imposed by the industry itself. To this rate a key rate

charge is added. This key is determined by many factors within a city with charges being made for those areas where there are deficiencies and credits given for certain extra safeguards. The size of fire mains, number of hydrants, city water supply, pressure, alarm systems, number of firemen, number and types of fire equipment, fire training and safety programs within the city, building codes and such help set this key rate charge.

This rate is reviewed October 1st of each year. The rate now established for the buildings and contents and after the key rate has been added, an experience factor is applied (credit or debit). This factor is determined by taking all of the same types of business in a given type of building throughout the state, determining their actual fire losses in relationship to their actual fire insurance premiums during each year. This experience factor is published annually by the state, for each type of business.

Further credits may be applied to the obtained rate by application of co-insurance credits, (credits for carrying a greater percentage of insurance in relationship to values at the risk). A local fire record credit or debit is then applied to the fire premiums. This can range from a 15% to a 25% credit. Eastland currently receives a 10% credit on all fire policies within the city. This factor is determined by the relationship of total fire premiums to insured losses over a three year experience period.

As a result of this formula, Texas and Eastland County specifically, maintains a competitive position ratewise, and this system encourages not only better fire protection but also better loss prevention.

II. Extended Coverage Perils (Windstorm, hur-

ricane, hail, explosion, riot, civil commotion, smoke, aircraft and land vehicle damage). Eastland is located in the

Homemakers Play A Vital Role

By Mrs. Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent

In 1914, Extension Homemakers' Clubs, formerly known as Home Demonstration Clubs, were organized in most counties in the United States so rural women could meet and learn skills to improve the family and community in which they lived. Extension homemakers have long played an important role in the community. Extension homemaker clubs began early in Extension history when Dr. Seaman A. Knapp realized that farmers' homes must be as successful as their farms if agriculture was to progress.

Today, Extension Homemakers' continue to learn how to have a better home, family and community. They also work on countywide projects such as raising funds for community buildings and equipment and providing scholarships for youth, to improve the community and county where they live. The clubs in Eastland County are Kokomo, Morton Valley, Pleasant Hill, Flatwood and Lake Cisco.

Extension homemakers' clubs now have the largest number of women in one national organization in the United States. The three basic goals of Extension Homemakers' clubs are to promote education, inspiration and recreation. Club membership is open to all regardless of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

As early as 1903, Dr. Knapp started relief demonstrations by showing examples of better farming on the Walter Porter farm near Terrell, Texas, in Kaufman County. During the same time, a household arts department was established at Texas State College for Women (then the Girls' Industrial College.) However, there was a greater need for trained women than the college could meet.

The temporary answer was to find a mature, rural school teacher who had an understanding of farm families, who was not afraid to drive around the countryside alone, and who knew something of keeping house. In 1912, Mrs. Edna Trigg, a school teacher in Milam County, was appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the first Texas home demonstration agent. She worked with farm girls in growing, preparing and canning tomatoes. Sixteen women agents, as they were called, were appointed to work in other counties

central inland EC Territory of our state, and enjoys the lowest EC rate within the state.

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during canning season.

Home demonstration club work in Eastland County began with the appointment of the first agent, Eloise Trigg, in August, 1922. Eloise Trigg was the daughter of the first agent, Mrs. Edna Trigg. Following her marriage to Earl Johnson, Mrs. Eloise Trigg Johnson resigned in June, 1923. Sometime later, she went to College Station where she was employed by the Extension Service as Family Life Specialist for many years.

Miss Ruth Ramey followed Mrs. Eloise Trigg Johnson as agent from 1923 - 1941. During this eighteen year period, Miss Ramey organized many Home Demonstration clubs and the work and projects of these clubs were bountiful. During these years that Miss Ramey served in Eastland County, 4-H work was begun and established.

During the darkest days of the depression, women in Eastland County found many satisfactions in Home Demonstration Clubs. First, they received help in saving money for food and clothing for their families. Second, the clubs provided social contacts when nearly every other group activity was cut off. The emphasis on those days was on pantries, canning and gardens. In 1933, because of the drought in Texas, meat canning demonstration were taught by Miss Ramey. By 1941, Miss Ramey has started mattresses making demonstrations. There was a surplus of cotton, and more than 367,000 mattresses were made in Texas that year.

Rationing, which came with World War II, was a new experience. New recipes evolved using molasses and honey. Fat salvage became important. Food budgets, based on sound nutrition, were emphasized. Victory gardens were promoted. This period also marked the beginning of freezing foods for home use. After the war when materials were scarce and quality was inferior, high prices brought back dress forms and accessory making. From the early days of Extension homemakers' clubs, clothing construction has always been a favorite. It was hard to attend meetings, since cars were worn out and new ones were scarce and expensive. After World War II, membership in home demonstration clubs grew rapidly and peaked at 42,000 when clubs were organized in many rural communities.

In the early 1950's many rural schools consolidated;

RATES for the town of Eastland County are: Carbon, 97 cents; Cisco, 33 cents; Gorman, 41 cents; Eastland, 29 cents; Ranger,

48 cents; Rising Star, 73 cents.

EXAMPLES

Based on a standard brick veneer office building, insured for \$250,000, 80% co-insurance credit applied, \$100.00 deductible extended coverage would be as follows:

- A. Eastland, TX (Central Inland Territory) 1 yr. prem. \$470.00
 - B. Abilene, TX (North-Northwest Territory) 1 yr. prem. \$1,970.00
 - C. Galveston, TX (Seacoast Territory) 1 yr. prem. \$1,160.00
- Fire and extended coverage insurance (\$100.00 deductible) on the above mentioned building for one year would be as follows:
- A. Eastland, TX 1 yr. prem. \$1,100.00
 - B. Abilene, TX 1 yr. prem. \$2,650.00
 - C. Galveston, TX 1 yr. prem. \$2,010.00

Certainly, the social climate and riot exposure in our area are also prime fac-

tors which makes our area very attractive in respect to other areas of the United States for both rates and placement.

III. Other coverages offered by Local Insurance agencies are as follows:

1. Workmen's compensation, Employers and Business Liability, and Products Liability.
2. Auto Liability Insurance and Auto Material Damage Coverage
3. Group Life, Hospitalization, Retirement and Profit Sharing Plans
4. Marine
5. Surety, Fidelity and Contract Bonds, etc.
6. Aircraft, Umbrella, and Burglary coverages

Our insurance regulating authority recognize, not only their responsibility to protect the insurance buyer by seeing that the companies doing business in the state are sound financially, but also that the product they sell is what the public wants and needs and is priced in

relationship to the risk. This authority recognizes also that some risks can only be placed in non-domestic or Lloyds type companies and these markets are also available to buyers of insurance in our state, however, even then the state laws regulating these other markets are designed to protect the buyer.

Competent insurance counseling from local or area insurance agencies is available to the prospective new businesses to this area. Great savings can be obtained in insurance costs in many areas of coverage especially in the cost of property insurance. Qualified agents will work with the prospect in the cost of property insurance. Qualified agents will work with the prospect and his architect or builder in obtaining the maximum savings possible.

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Gorman

Agribusiness Center

Gorman is located on the south side of Eastland County, at the intersection of Texas State 6, Farm Rd. 8, and Farm Rd. 679.

It has a population of 1260, and is an agribusiness and peanut processing center for a wide area.

Peanuts are the main crop on the deep, loamy sand around Gorman, with livestock, hay, and some of the best melons anywhere making an important contribution.

The first settlement in the Gorman area was about 1880. Pioneers stopped at Shinoak Springs, so named because of the dwarf oak brush nearby. The settlers hauled water from the springs for their homes. A schoolhouse and a grist mill for corn were soon located there.

The first cotton gin in this area was also built near the springs. A brick plant was constructed, and some of the bricks was used to build chimneys for homes.

There were other businesses near Shinoak, and a postoffice. But in 1889 the Houston and Texas Central Railroad missed Shinoak by about a mile. The settlers moved from the spring-watered village to the railroad site named Gorman. The town took its name from Pat Gorman, the roadmaster of the railroad.

On Dec. 20, 1889 the Postoffice was moved to Gorman. Wells were dug for the town's water supply. A General Merchandise store and other businesses followed as the town grew. An early newspaper was named "The Pruning Knife". By 1900 there were 1200 people in Gorman. The First National Bank of Gorman was

established - a bank which still serves the town and a wide area.

Cotton was the first big agricultural crop. The early 1900's were good cotton years, and during harvest three gins ran day and night. There were also a number of apple orchards, and tomatoes were grown and canned commercially.

Early Gorman churches were the Methodist, Baptist, and Church of Christ. As time went by other groups were also established. Public schools were well supported from the time Gorman began. A private college was also erected - Hankins' Normal College, est. 1905. The College continued until 1912, providing advanced education for a number of Eastland County young people.

On Labor Day, 1918 the famous Duke Oil Well "blew in" at Desdemona, to the N.E. of Gorman. Although the boom did not affect Gorman as much as Desdemona or Ranger, numerous supply houses and major oil companies located in the town. An estimated 10,000 people lived in Gorman at that time. The City-Commissioner form of government was granted to Gorman April 26, 1920.

When the boll weevil destroyed cotton growing in Eastland County, the Gorman area turned to peanuts. Eventually the town became a marketing, processing and distributing center for peanuts and related products. At this time the Birdsong Peanut Co. and other industries have extensive operations in the town.

The home office for Southwestern Peanut

Growers Association is located in Gorman. The Texas Federal Inspection Service for all the peanut producing states west of the Mississippi is located in the town. Gorman is also headquarters for the Texas Peanut Producers Board, and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture Alfatoxin Laboratory.

With plenty of water around the town, Gorman is still a gardening and fruit-growing locality. There are attractive homes, with many of the them shaded by large trees. Shinoak Springs is now part of the Frank Gray Memorial Park, a community recreation area.

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Letters

You'd like living in Eastland County because it is very pleasant little county. The towns in the county, cares about the things that take place. They all take part in the different county activities. In our county, all people are welcome, we like to have fun, but have challenges.

Darlene Harris, Senior, Rising Star

You'd like living in Eastland County because there is not much air pollution and there are plenty of famous things such as the Conrad Hilton's first hotel. There are plenty of nice people. There are several good jobs such as stores, restaurants. There is also plenty of oil industries.

Natalie Stevens, 5th Grade, Eastland

Cisco

Bright Future

In the late 1870's a group of settlers stopped near the present site of Cisco. They named their community Red Gap, and by 1881 it had grown to a population of 1500.

Late in 1880 the Texas and Pacific Railroad completed its tracks from Ft. Worth to Cisco, and some six months later the Texas Central pushed its tracks from Waco. Then May 17, 1881, and almost immediately the town of Red Gap began moving to the new site.

Shortly afterward the town of Red Gap became known as Cisco, named in honor of John W. Cisco, prominent New York banker.

In 1881, R.G. Luse came from the north and started the town's first newspaper, called The Cisco Roundup. In 1895 the first Library in Eastland County was established by Frank Vernon in Cisco.

The town experienced growth, attracting farmers, ranchers, educators and business people. Within 25 years after its beginning Cisco had a population of 2700 people. The town supported a number of Churches, with attractive place of worship.

In April, 1893 Cisco suffered its greatest tragedy. A tornado struck the town, and within a short time 30 persons were dead or injured, and 40 of the 45 businesses were blown down. All but one of the 500 homes were severely damaged. The day after the tornado the citizens got together and decided to rebuild the town.

Oil has had a large part in the development of Cisco. From the time the first big gusher came in at Ranger until now, a great part of the

town's income has been from petroleum or related industries. At this time there is oil activity each direction from the town, and on property owned by the city.

The first oil boom, in 1919, brought a number of newcomers to the town. Among them was young Conrad Hilton, who hoped to buy a bank in the area. He purchased a hotel in Cisco instead, beginning an empire which expanded around the world.

As early as 1909 Britton Training School was begun on "College Hill" north of downtown Cisco. In 1939 Cisco Junior College was established by the Texas State Legislature. The College has made an immense contribution to the city of Cisco and the surrounding area. A number of professional people in Eastland County and all across the country received their first College training at C.J.C.

The 1980 census listed 4497 persons in Cisco. These citizens are governed by a City Manager - City Council form of government. A Mayor, elected by the city, has a number of official duties.

The City has active Service Clubs, as well as Cultural, Social, and Study Clubs. The Twentieth Century Club maintains a City Library for the benefit of the public.

All these groups contribute to the life-style of the town, and make Cisco a better community to live in.

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No. 37



Tid Bits

By HVO

Choice Spot

EVERYBODY KNOWS where Texas is!

Let me tell you about the **CHOICE SPOT** in Texas today!

Because of the unusual shape of the state, many places claim to be the Heart of Texas. Eastland County is very near the center, and can, without dispute, be **THE HEART FOR TEXAS**.

It is the **CROSSROADS** of the State. Bisected by an Interstate Highway, it is also served by no fewer than three U.S. highways, four State highways and 19 Farm-to-Market roads.

And it has space - 1,000 square miles - of ideal climate: 27.35 average annual rainfall with a January minimum temperature average of only 32 degrees. Maximum avg., July: 96.

It has trees, fertile soil and friendly people. At an elevation of 1,200 to 1,800 feet above sea level, it's a perfect place for living and growing.

With a 229-day growing season, agriculture is big.

It's the kind of place, where a family can be a family.

Here's the official data on Eastland, County, Texas, USA:

By Robert B. Orton, climatologist for Texas, National Weather Service, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The climate of Eastland County is typically continental and is characterized by large variations in annual extremes of temperature. Amounts vary considerably from month to month and from year to year. More than 70 percent of the average total precipitation falls during the warm season, April through October. A total of 43.67 inches fell at Eastland in 1957, the wettest year of record since 1892, and only 14.19 inches fell in 1943, the driest year.

Prevailing winds are southerly throughout the year. The relative humidity is fairly uniform throughout the year, although it is slightly lower during the summer than in other seasons. Average relative humidity is about 78 percent at 6:00 a.m., 51 percent at noon and 46 percent at 6:00 p.m. The Eastland area receives about 67 percent of the total possible sunshine annually.

In winter, surges of cold continental air are common. Cold fronts are accompanied by strong northerly winds and sudden drops in temperature. Temperatures at night drop to 32° F or below about two-thirds of the time. The daily maximum average is 58.4°. Cold waves are of short duration, rarely lasting more than about 48 hours before sunshine and southerly winds bring rapid warming. In some years, snow falls once or twice a month, but it is most often light. Because moisture from the Gulf of Mexico is cut off rather effectively, the least amount of precipitation is received during this season.

In spring, temperatures are pleasant. March and April are often windy; warm and cool periods follow each other in rapid succession. Thundershowers increase and reach a peak of intensity in May. A few thunderstorms late in spring or early summer are accompanied by damaging winds or hail.

During summer, daytime temperatures are high. Precipitation decreases during July and August, and the day-to-day weather seldom changes. The relative humidity is sufficiently low for evaporative-type home air conditioners to operate effectively about 90 percent of the time.

Fall is pleasant, and the weather is more varied than in summer. Temperatures are moderate, and there are long uninterrupted periods of fair weather and relatively light winds. Precipitation increases in September, as cool fronts become more frequent, but it decreases in November.

The average length of the growing season (freeze-free period) at Eastland is 229 days. The average date of the last occurrence of 32° or below in spring is March 27, and the first occurrence of 32° or below in fall is November 11. Average annual lake evaporation is 64 inches. Thunderstorms occur on an average of 41 days each year.

For additional information
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No. 21

Letters

You'd like living in Eastland County because the environment is great and the people in this area have very good moral values. The air is clean and the soil is rich. The history of Eastland County is highly respected.
Valerie Davidson, Senior, Eastland

The city of Eastland is a very small and roomy town to live in. Everywhere you go, you always have plenty of room to move about. The city is growing industrially though the new buildings outside of town.
Rowdy Brown, 10th Grade, Eastland

From Trails to Interstate

(The County History)
By Viola Payne

It took an impatient young lawyer named Silas C. Buck to formally organize Eastland County on Dec. 2, 1873. Although the county had actually been created by the Seventh Texas Legislature on Feb. 1, 1858, the settlers took 15 years to make the final division from Palo Pinto County.

This 957 square miles of rolling hills and Leon River forks was a crossroads of history long before Buck tracked down citizens to sign his petition. Tonkawa and Comanche trails had long

crisscrossed the area, and the same routes were followed by Anglo Saxon pioneers.

One early traveler was Capt. William M. Eastland, for whom the county was later named. In 1837 he led an expedition against the Indians into an area S.W. of present-day Cisco. During the war with Mexico Capt. Eastland drew the black bean of death in a prisoners lottery in Salado, Mexico. He was executed Mar. 25, 1843.

By the time of the Civil War the county had 99 persons, and the frontier was stalled just west of Desdemona. Ft. Blair, located near the settlement,

offered the only real protection against Comanche raids.

When the Civil War was over there was more attempt to settle the County. Among the pioneers were hardy circuit-riding Methodist and Baptist ministers. So Silas C. Buck managed to find the 75 required men to put the names on his paper, and the

county had a government.

The first court was held in a two-story log school house near Alameda, and the next three sessions were held at Merriman. Then in 1874 a surveyor and investor named C.U. Connelley and some associates bought a track of centrally located land called the Betts survey. They staked out a square, and named it after Captain Eastland. An election on Aug. 2, 1875 made the new town the county seat.

C.U. Connelley and associates erected the first courthouse in Eastland. In 1883-84 a three story building of native stone was built as the courthouse. This structure was destroyed by fire in 1896, and another built shortly afterward.

A horned frog was reportedly placed in the cornerstone of the 1897 courthouse. When this building was demolished in 1927 to make way for another building, the frog was found to still be alive!

"Old Rip", as he was then called, became the symbol of Eastland County tenacity. His remains may be viewed in the present courthouse on the square.

After 1875 settlers poured into the county, clearing the native post oaks for farmland. The towns of Cisco, Rising Star, Carbon, Gorman, Ranger, Desdemona and Scranton were established. The Texas and Pacific and Texas Central Railways laid tracks across the county, providing a gateway to west Texas.

Agriculture became the base of the economy, and remained so until the first oil boom of 1917. Cotton was the money crop, with cattle of prime importance. In 1914 the boll weevil invaded the cotton, and farmers began to plant more peanuts, hay, pecans and other crops.

The discovery of oil near

Ranger brought in a new era. The population of the County mushroomed to 75,000 at one time, with the 1920 census listed at 58,505. The Ranger Boom produced millions of barrels of oil, and assisted in winning World War I for the Allies.

After the war the price dropped to .10 cents per barrel. Wells shut down and the towns lost population, a trend which was not stabilized until the mid-1970's. At that time a dramatic price rise in oil made drilling profitable, and a number of independent companies moved into the area. Presently Eastland County is listed among the top ten counties in drilling activity in the United States.

The pioneers of Eastland County were predominantly Anglo-Saxon and Irish, with a sizable German settlement south of Cisco. Although different from each other in many ways, the settlers had a common desire to better themselves in education. The first institutions to be established were churches and schools. Every rural community, as well as the towns, had its own school and places of worship.

The invention of the automobile and the improvement of county roads led to the consolidation of local schools and churches with those in towns. With the mechanization of farming, less manual labor was required to run a farm. So gradually the number of persons in full-time farming diminished. The county still has a number of family-type farms, however.

One feature of Eastland County is the attractive lakes, which furnish water for utilities and recreation. The Lake Cisco Dam was completed Nov. 1, 1923 - one of the first hollow dams in the United States. Below the lake is a gigantic swimming

pool, billed as "the world's largest". Lake Leon, 7 mi. south of Ranger, was enlarged over the years to 1590 acres of water. This is a desirable area for recreation and home sites. There are a number of smaller lakes and ranch reservoirs throughout the county.

Interwoven with Eastland County history is Conrad Hilton's first hotel, located in Cisco. This building, the Mobley, is scheduled for renovation. Other firsts for the county include the "Santa Claus" Bank Robbery, which took place in Cisco Dec. 23, 1927.

This event is commemorated with a State Historical Marker. There are 22 such Markers in Eastland County, each affording a glimpse of the past.

Many of Eastland County's first settlers were from the south, and brought their traditions. During the oil boom persons came from the north, bringing their own culture and ideas. So the county became a blend of different life styles and concepts.

Now this county of 19,526 persons is a crossroads not only for the nation - but for the world. Visitors stream along the State roads, and Interstate 20. Foreign students attend Cisco Junior College and Ranger Junior College.

In the midst of this, the frontier hospitality has survived offering a welcome to visitors, new residents and persons coming back to one of the many "Homecomings" of schools, churches, or families. No wonder these events are so popular. After all - isn't the county a great place to come home to?

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Eastland County Is Crossroads Of History

Industrial Bonds Might Be 'New Way To Go'

Industrial Revenue Bonds are issued by authority of the Texas Industrial Commission.

Source of Funds for: Land, building, equipment, facilities or improvements - no operating funds.

Advantages - Rural communities have access to long term financing for large projects enabling them to compete with larger communities.

Buyers of the bonds pay no income taxes on the interest earned.

Communities build a tax and employment base.

Users of the bonds may pay interest rates from 1½% to 3% below the prime leading rates depending on economic conditions.

Maximum amount available - \$10,000,000

Minimum amount - None set, however, cost would seem to indicate a minimum of \$400,000 plus, to be feasible.

Local Board of Directors:

1. Grover Hallmark - Eastland.
2. L.D. Woolley - Cisco.
3. Don Bradshaw - Eastland.

Industrial Revenue Bond Financing:

Application and procedure for approval

a. In order for the commission to give approval of any lease, sale or loan agreement relating to an industrial project sought to be financed from the proceeds of revenue bonds issued under the Act, the user shall submit an application which contains the following:

1. A certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the local development which describes the industrial project and finds that the user (prospect) has the business experience, financial resources, and responsibility to provide reasonable assurance that all bonds and interest there on to be paid from or by reason of payments by the user under a lease, sale, or loan agreement will be paid as the same become due.

2. A certificate signed by an officer of the user to the same effect as the finding made by the board of directors of the local corporation.

3. A certified copy of the resolution of the governing body of the unit which shall set out the amount and purpose of the bonds.

4. The name, street address, mailing addresses and telephone number of the following:

a. Representatives designated by the user, the guarantor (s) and the corporation for the project.

b. Legal counsel who will represent the user, the guarantor and the corporation

c. Accounting firms of the user and guarantor.

d. Bond counsel

e. Proposed original purchaser, underwriter, financial advisor, or placement agent for the bonds.

f. Trustee if any and paying agent if any.

5. Description of User

a. Name and Address

b. The state of other jurisdiction of incorporation or form of organization including parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates.

c. A brief statement of the history and type of business engaged in by the user.

d. The name and ages of executive or managing officers and directors of the user and a brief account of their business experience.

e. If the user's debt securities are rated, such fact shall be noted with ratings.

f. The users Audited financial statement for each of the preceding years.

6. Description of Guarantor(s) - the same information required of the user.

7. Description of Corporation

a. The name, street address, and mailing address of the members of the board of directors.

b. A description of any other bonds which have been issued by the corporation to finance an industrial project and a statement as to whether there has been a deficit on any such bonds.

8. Description of the Industrial Project

a. The location and use

b. Estimated of the number and type of jobs to be created and payroll. Estimated on the probability that loss of existing jobs would occur within the unit as a result of disapproval by the commission.

c. A statement of the present ownership of the industrial project site describing any liens and encumbrances together with evidence satisfactory to the commission that all necessary interest necessary to the project have been or will be obtained.

d. A detailed showing of the estimated cost of the industrial project.

1. The acquisition of all land, right of way, property rights, easement, etc.

2. Machinery and equipment

3. Building costs

4. Financing charges including fees, and expenses of organization purchaser, underwriter, financial advisor, or placement agent, bond counsel, etc.

5. Engineering

6. Interest prior to and during construction

7. Any reserve funds

8. Architectural fees

9. Administrative expenses

e. The names of the architect, engineer, and general contractor.

f. The approximate date of commencement and completion of construction.

9. Description of Bonds

a. The amount of bonds proposed to be issued.

b. Proposed debt service schedule.

c. The proposed date of closing or delivery of the bonds.

d. If the bonds have been rated - the rate assigned.

For additional information
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No. 44

County Has Low Tax Rate

TAX RATES PER \$100. VALUE MARKET-VALUE VALUATIONS

Eastland County.
Road & Bridge .045
Gen. Fund .125
Total .17

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Cisco of Cisco .47
Cisco Ind. School .51
Cisco Jr. College .13
E.L. Graham Hos. Dis. .10

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East. County Water Supply Dist. .10
(Serves Eastland & Ranger)
City of Eastland .36
Eastland Ind. Sch. .67

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City of Ranger .279
Ranger ISD .85
Ranger Jr. Col. .155
Rang. Hosp. Dist. .079
East. County Water Supply Dist. .10

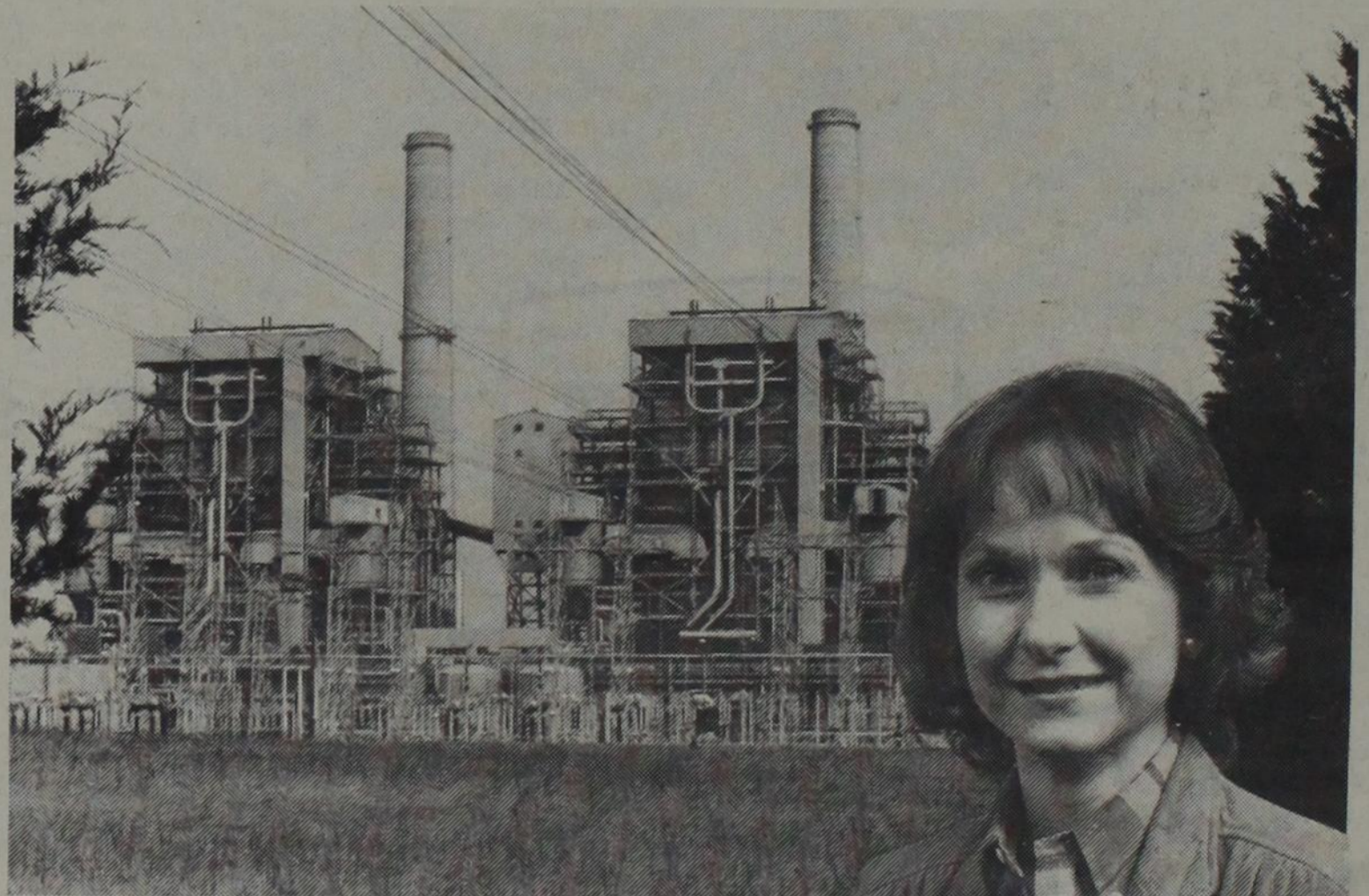
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City of Carbon .075
Carbon ISD .62

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City of Gorman .263
Gorman ISD .44

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S.E. Cty. Hosp. Dist. .27
(Gorman and Desdemona)

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City of Rising Star .44
Rising Star ISD .70

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This plant was built to hold down electric bills. So far it's saved customers \$1 billion.

The Big Brown plant (above) at Fairfield was built to generate electricity with low-cost lignite coal, mined at the site. In ten years of operation, it has already saved customers more than a billion dollars over what it would

have cost to generate the same electricity with natural gas. And that includes the cost of the plant.

Lignite plants have since been built at two other sites in Texas, and now about half your electricity comes from

lignite coal. Even though your bills are higher than they used to be, they'd be a lot higher if we hadn't built these plants.

We're trying to hold down costs every way we can. We always have.

Texas Electric Service Company

For additional information
Circle Reader Service Card
No. 18

Buildings, Sites Available For Potential Business

Eastland County has a number of prime industrial sites and buildings available. Anyone desiring to locate a business or industry in this area has a wide selection to choose from. The local Chambers of Commerce will inform and assist any individual or firm desiring more information or an on-site viewing.

Carbon has no developed industrial sites for sale at this time, but there is land for sale in and adjoining the town which could be developed.

Business Property and Industrial Sites in and Around Cisco

26 Acre tract of land with Interstate frontage and 183 Frontage.

3 acre tract of land with 183 frontage.

Commercial building of over 1500 square feet, presently used for office space, but also ideal for retail sales and light industry. Well located on main thorough fare.

Restaurant with seating capacity of approx. 60 people. Well equipped with all fixtures, equipment and food stocks.

Small restaurant on Interstate with additional land. 14 acre tract Interstate frontage.

240 acre tract with Interstate frontage.

Commercial building with 4,000 sq. ft. with office and shop area.

13 acre tract Interstate frontage.

3 1/2 acre tract Interstate frontage.

1 building with 3542 square feet, has 6 offices and warehouse space, office space is 1,406 square feet and warehouse space of 2,236 square feet const. is brick and plaster on outside walls.

Office building on main street includes: 9 offices, a storage room, 2 restrooms,

and small kitchen and a big parking lot. Some offices are leased out others are available to rent or lease. Owner financing available.

A 5000 square foot brick building with office and shop area. On Main Street near new bank. Owner financing available.

For Rent or Lease: 4 offices on main street with utilities paid. Will rent or lease individually or all together.

Industrial Sites Available In Eastland

Industrial/Commercial Site Highway 80E with back to Pogue Industrial Park - 2 acres.

Commercial Building 1200 W. Main Street - 5,000 square feet (Presently Vacuum Cleaner City #7)

Commercial Building 900 West Main Street - 100 x 100' (Presently Al's Restaurant)

Industrial/Commercial Location I-20 frontage (next to Golden Fried Chicken) - 2.65 acres

Industrial Building Main & Connellee Streets - 4.97 acres (Formerly Hollywood Vassarette Mfg. Company.) Building floor area 29,028 square feet; office space 1,600 square feet.

Industrial Site Off Highway 80E behind Bob Carroll property - 6 acres.

Industrial/Commercial Highway 80E, Bob Carroll Property 3 acres (across the street East from Texas Highway Department)

Brick Building/Retail/or Offices 100 Block of East Plummer Street (behind Lone Star Gas Office) 4 lots.

Retail Business/Industrial Site 400 South Serman Street - 150 x 200' building approximately 4,400 square feet (formerly Super Save Market)

New Commercial/Industrial Site Pogue Industrial Park location office/warehouse buildings - Total floor space 1,950

square feet; office space 360 square feet.

Pogue Industrial Park Highway 80E, approximately 46 acres, all utilities, roads, being sold and developed according to buyer's requirements.

Eastland Industrial Foundation (Airport) Fronting on St. Charles Street East with railroad adjacently. Approximately 25 acres.

North of Sunbelt Oil & Gas property at Old Texas Electric Company Power Plant lake property - 10-acre tract South of Sunbelt Oil & Gas property at Old Texas Electric Power Plant lake property - approximately 15 acres

Railroad property, Old Texas Electric Warehouse (truck entrance from Railroad Avenue only, cars and pickup entrance Moss Street) - 2.9 acres.

Industrial Park, Highway 69, North at Airport Property, as per attached plat. 6.92 acres. East of Eastland near Int. 20, Highway 80 and FM 570. Contact owner, V.T. Moser, Rt. 2, Box 18A Eastland, Tex. 76448. Phone: (817) 629-2233.

Industrial Sites in Gorman: The Gorman Industrial Foundation owns 18 acres on the north edge of Gorman on Highway 6. There is an excellent water well on the property. This is in a good location, and could be used for a number of things.

Industrial Property Available in Ranger:

BUILDINGS:
Two story brick building - located on Main Street 6,000 sq. ft.

Two story brick building - located on Main Street 5250 sq. ft.

Three story brick building - located 1/2 block off Main St. 10,500 sq. ft.

One story brick building - located adjoining the R/R track with spur 14,000 sq. ft.

One story brick building with adjoining metal building, located next to R/R tract with spur total of 15,600 sq. ft.

One story metal building - located next to R/R track and spur 7000 sq. ft.

One story brick building - located on Main Street 3500 sq. ft.

LAND:

County Provides Six School Systems

Eastland County has state accredited public schools in each town. They teach from

Kindergarten through High School.

There are special education classes for the handicapped, as well as vocational programs with on-the-job business training.

Whether a student is vocationally or academically inclined, he will find training geared to his needs. The schools are:

Carbon - Carbon Independent School District, Enrollment 125, Superintendent: Kenn Norris

Cisco - Cisco Independent School District, Enrollment 995, Superintendent: James Couch

Eastland - Eastland Independent School District, Enrollment 935, Superintendent: Ray Pruitt

Gorman - Gorman Independent School District, Enrollment 344, Superintendent: G.W. Maxfield

Ranger - Ranger Independent School District, Enrollment 686, Superintendent: Jerry M. Jackson

Rising Star - Rising Star Independent School District, Enrollment 312, Superintendent: Gene Williams.

For additional information Circle Reader Service Card No. 16

You'd like living in Eastland County because the people who live here are nice and friendly. I like to come to Eastland County to visit my grandparent's because it is a very quiet place. They have good places to farm. It's fun to live in Eastland County.

Paula Inman, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because there are nice people and there are less drugs in small towns than in large cities.

The schools are nice too. They take you on a lot of different field trips.

Stefanie Gideon, 6th Grade, Carbon

60 acres - located on Hwy. 80 East, near school.

5 acres - located on Hwy. 80 West - near I-20

13 acres - located on Hwy. 80 East - joining I-20

Small acreage - located on Hwy. 80 West - near I-20 and airport

22 lots plus small acreage - located one block from Main

Street

150 ft. by 300 ft. lot - located

one block from Main Street

One corner lot - downtown on Main Street

50 acres - located adjoining I-20 and airport

2 full blocks near I-20

Industrial Sites In Rising Star:

Lot w/building, 20'x180'

Lot w/building, 25'x104'

Lot 210x120

Lot 180'x180'

Lot 81'x196' w/equipped car wash

Lot 242'x286' w/house to be removed.

Lot 227'x180'

Lot 180'x90'

Letters

You'd like living in Eastland County because of the security of a small town.

Crime is not present that much in Eastland County and if you have lived in a big city you should be able to appreciate this fact. Eastland County also has a nice lake for water sports, fishing etc.

Eastland also has good citizens.

Kyle Nixon, Senior, Eastland

The reason you'd like living in Eastland County is because of all the nice people.

The people who live around me are such good neighbors. We also have a great educational system.

Our school is the best school in the world, because everyone is such good friends.

Sylvia Hamilton, Route 1, Carbon

You'd like living in Eastland County because there's a pretty park, friendly people, and nice stores.

Best of all there are lots of churches, where you can visit God.

Hillary Taylor, 1st Grade, Eastland

Three adjoining lots

52'x90'
24'x90'
26'x90'

90'x90' highway frontage plus 155x180 adjoining.
270'x190' less one corner 50'x70'.

Lot 80'x145' w/building. 346' on street front, one block off Main St. Large acreage outside city.

For additional information Circle Reader Service Card No. 17

Restaurants Offer Wide Selections

"Where can we get something good to eat?"

This question is frequently asked by first-time visitors to Eastland County.

They needn't worry - Eastland County people like good food too. They are accustomed to it, in fact.

Some of the best cooks in the world are probably here, with special recipes for such things as pecan pie, beef barbeque, or ways to fix fresh fruits and vegetables. Family-type meals with such good things as fresh corn and blackeyed peas are the tradition.

You can't go far in any of the towns without noticing a sign advertising a food speciality. There are franchised restaurant and fast-food places in operation, as well as privately owned establishments.

These range from the very simple to the more elaborate. A wide variety of food is offered, including seafood, Mexican foods, pizzas, and steaks, and buffets, barbeque plates and fried chicken, and burgers.

CARBON: Granny's Grocery, Short Order and Hamburger Spot.

CISCO: The Colony, The White Elephant, Bobby's Burgers, Grannys, The Spot, The Dairy Queen, The Sonic,

Pitt Grill, Oscar's Barbecue, Los Guajardo's.

DELICATESSEN

Quickway Gro., Alsups

EASTLAND: Al's

Restaurant, Best Western,

The Pizza House, The Wagon

Wheel, Bandito's Corral,

Bobby's Burgers, Dairy

Queen, Sonic, Louise's Cafe,

Old Rip Cafe, Golden Fried

Chicken.

DELICATESSEN

Alsups, Thrift Mart,

Super-Duper, Quickstop.

GORMAN: Dairy Queen

DELICATESSEN

Quickway, Bob's Grocery

RANGER: Lillie's Steak

House, Dairy Queen, Bob-

by's Burgers, Perry's Pizza,

Circle D Barbeque, Ancient

Mariner, El Caballero,

Ranger Hill Cafe.

DELICATESSEN

Alsups, Mann's Grocery

Store

RISING STAR: Elite Cafe,

Kountry Kitchen,

Lunceford's Restaurant and

The Rainbow.

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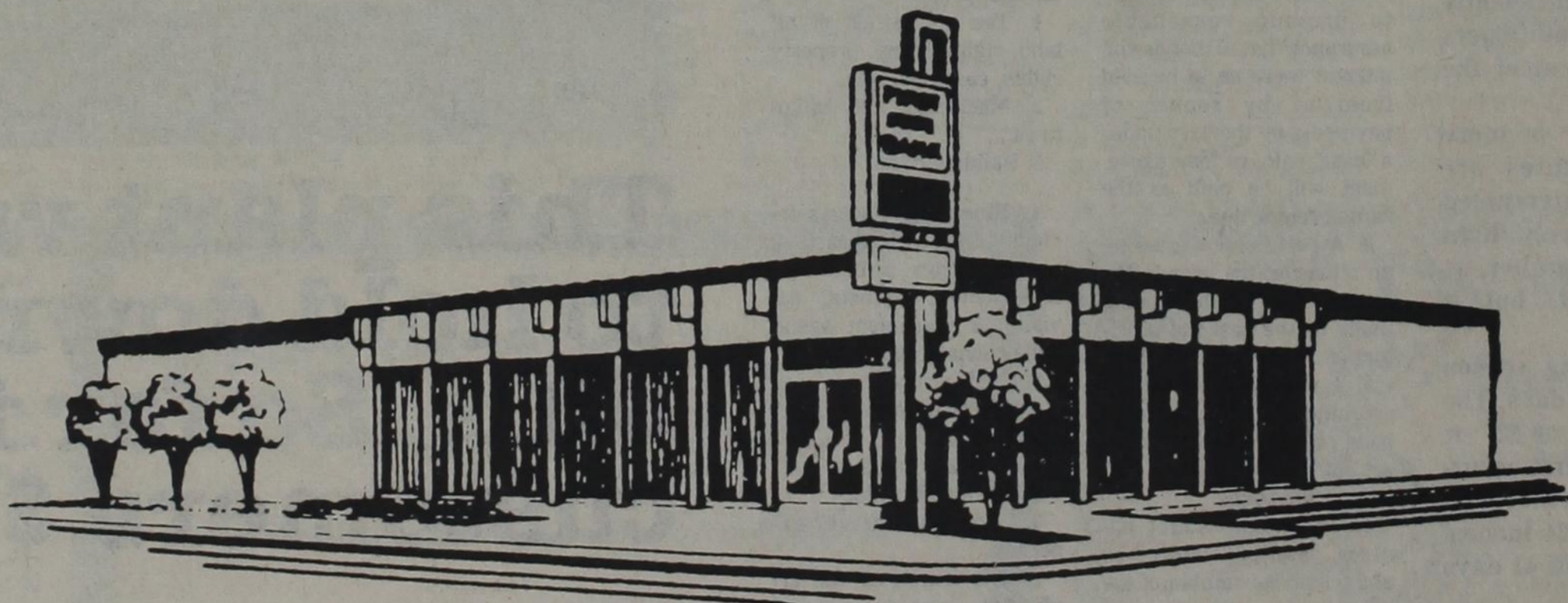
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