

changed in Nov '89 revise

Leona stayed quiet, as did I. Maybe each a little hypnotized by  
~~flat~~ capacities <sup>plains</sup> the ~~difference~~ of distance out ~~here~~; the full eighty miles down from  
<sup>lined away as</sup>  
the Wibaux turnoff, the road seemed straight as a plumb bob dropped <sup>drop 7</sup>  
top of the world.  
from the ~~North Pole~~. Even the roadkills were different from what we  
mountain Montanans were used to; over the crest of any little rise here,  
<sup>apt</sup> the Bago was liable to intersect the limp length of a run-over rattlesnake. ✓

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a person would naturally expect for Ekalaka, this piece of civic alphabet  
unmistakably read C.

"What, did we overshoot and hit Chicago?" I prodded Riley, as my  
chances to do so were about to run out.

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high school team: Bulldogs

Marilyn Hutchinson  
rec 40 Supt.

C? - C Hill - white wash

weather:

- pipe: white painted

raining

2" snow

Chalaka/42

lanky, long-jointed ranch kid like Mariah

- in Wagon Wheel Cafe, 10 yr old girl in yellow & ♥ Montana <sup>several signs too big for her</sup>
- New Life Bar (c her mother, talking to cafe cook; people going about their lives)
- roadkill change: rattlesnake on highway 5 mi. n. of town.
- road to Ed's straight as a plumb line dropped from N Pole.
- Carter County et house (pic); hospital (pic)
- very wide st; ~~st~~ (for wagon trains)
- guys in tractor caps in cafe get - world off the streets over morn'g coffee
- Ed's down in a draw, under timbered ridges; cottonwoods on rds.
- St. Joan of Arc Cath'ic Ch. (good transits, Ed's & Pl'nd; Ed's esp. ly, like a good movie set)
- tm a 6 block sq.
- stone museum (pic);
- white wooden [for Carter County hanging on rim of little butte @ <sup>edge of tm</sup> edge of town
- at little after 7 a.m., guys--some geezers but some young men--were sitting outside downtown, in front of bar etc., in shade. (already shaded up)

Ekalaka:

Pop. 632, elev. 3427

Museum

Wagon Wheel Cafe.

1st Nat Bank

Hotel Casa

Main St Market

Buckhorn Bar; Old Stand Bar

New Life "

post office

BLM office

gas station

lockers

Mopane

groceries

hardware

Clothing store & liquor store

police

lawyer next door

General Store

SE elec coop

small motel

23 June

## Glendive - Ekalaka/2

- oil donkeys begin 5 mi n. of Baker (coming from Wilboux); like washer-women (dipping) as they scrub clothes on washbed.
- red painted Baker Livestock (pic #12) on red shale
- roads (county etc.) come into highway like Mercator map lines

## Baker: welcome little lake at edge of town

- impressive airgrids (pic #13)
- 76° at 6:15 a.m., then 84° at 8:38 a.m.
- gully of tumbleweeds (roll 3 #15)
- road patched + repatched s. of Baker.
- cows grazing green bottoms of dry washes.

EKALAKA - named after an Ogala Sioux daughter of Cagle Man.

3 1/2 - 4 hrs driving

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Mileage | 26           |
| to      | 45           |
| Ekabha  | 35           |
|         | 106          |
|         | x 2          |
|         | 212 and trip |

summit  
5:24

23 June, Gendrie - Ekabha/1

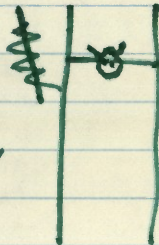
- broken butter on horizon, s. of Wilcox on Hwy 7 - pic.
- Men in toilet @ Gendrie RV Park: coffee is "1st order of business."
- over a rise 15 min. s. of Wilcox, road straight ahead as far as eye can see.  
(cd not see to end of horizon; so much distance.)
- 1/2 way to Baker, even. sage has been & thin.

ranch sign:

- Abendeen Angus, Hereford, Simmentals (c.p.)
- surprisingly amt of land plowed up, from the Wilcox south; what plow has done to Mont. (see "Poetry of Distance" (file card))
- gumbo butter o 10 mi. n. of Baker (pic #10, roll 3) (pic #11, his'l marker)
- 1st 1/2 hr after dawn is much. best photo light

### Ekalaka/3

- Suddenly, 11 mi. n of Yn, Medicine Rocks St Park rocks are like ancient stone bridges. (improve)
- Ek's east, you'd think you could see to Chicago
- Med Rocks ranch hangs steer skulls <sup>on wire</sup> in middle of high gates: possible pest use: someone gets drunk & shotguns them to bits, gate after gate. Riley?



- alkaline country, 28 mi. n. of Ek'a
- 30 mi n.: windmill spinning furiously to pump water for cattle (though)

drought: bone is showing thru. country

Med Rks are demarcation of new ~~xxxx~~ area, down to Ekalaka; changing from farmed prairie-oilflds of Baker etc. to ridge/butte ranch country; archeology country (arch'ts in Ek'a cafe).

over

unused in Oct '59 review

"But whyn't you keep me company while these two do whatever it is  
they do--be only a few more days, and I promise I'll steer us back  
toward home even if our offspring want to keep going to interview the  
mugs on Mount Rushmore."

*improvement*

Bill Bevis has a source who knows the Broadus-Ekalaka country: Jean Hough(sp?)  
--also mentioned Barbara Archer of N. Plains Defense Council (org. name right?)  
in Billings.