changed in Nov '89 revise

Leona stayed quiet, as did I. Maybe each a little hypnotized by
the difference of distance out here; the full eighty miles down from
the Wibaux turnoff, the road seemed straight as a plumb bob dropped
top of the world. Even the roadkills were different from what we
mountain Montanans were used to; over the crest of any little rise here,
the Bago was liable to intersect the limp length of a run-over rattlesnake.
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

Carl - Chill - white wash weather: pipe; white painted

ing 2" snow
**Exalaska**

- in Wagon Wheel Cafe, a 20 year girl in yellow & green pants, too big for her.
- New Life Bar (a har lot of people, standing up, talking, some dancing, 2 girls walking...)
- road at end change: cattleman on highway 5 miles N of town.
- road to EK, a straight as a plumb bob dropped from. N Pole.
- Carter County at house (pic); hospital (pic)
- very wide st. (for wagon trains)
- guys in tractor corps in cafe get world off the sheets over morning coffee
- EK down in a draw, under timbered ridges; cathedral on N.
- St. John of Arc Catholic Ch. (good townsite, Ch's Pl'd; EK a ways; like a good movie set)
- in 6 block sq.
- stone museum (pic); edge of tm
- white wooden L for Carter County hanging on rim of hill butte.

—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:
Rep. 632, sec. 3427
Museum
Wynne's Cafe
1st Nat. Bank
Hotel Casa
Main St. Market
Beckham Bar & Old Stand Bar
New Life
Post Office
BLM Office
gas station
lockers
propane
groceries
hardware
Cutting Horse Liquor Store
police
lawyer next door
23 June

Elandri - Elkala / 2
- oil derricks begin 5 mi n. of Baker (coming from Wilcox) ; like water
- women (stepping) as they scrub clothes on washed
- red painted Baker livestock (pic # 12) on red shale
- roads (county etc.) come into vicinity like Mercator map lines

Baker: welcome little lake at edge of
- unpaved fairgrounds (pic # 14
- 76° at 6:15 a.m. Then 84° at 8:38 a.m.
- gulley of tumbleweeds (roll 3 # 15)
- road patched & repatched 5. of Baker
- cows grazing green bottom of dry washes.

Elkala - named after an Oglala Sioux daughter of Eagle Man.
23 June, Grandview - Elkada/1
- Broken gutter on horizon, s. of Weeza on Hwy 7 - pic.

- Men in toilet @ Grandview RV Park; coffee is "1st order of business."

- Over a nice 15 min. s. of Wilby, road straight ahead as far as eye can see.
  (can not see to end of horizon; no much distance)  

1/2 way to Baker, even sage has lover Y their.

More night:
- Aberdeen Angus, barred, Simmental (c. p.)
- Surprisingly not of land planned up, from Wilby corner; what. plan has done to Mon. (see "Poetry of Distance" file card)

- Gumbo butter c 10 mi. n. of Baker (pic #10, roll 5) (pic #11, his'll marker)

- lit 1/2 hr after dawn in main; best photo light
- Suddenly, 11 mi. n. of you, Medicine Rocks St Park rocks w/irrigation stone bridge. (improve)
- E 2 mi. east, you'd think you could see to Chicago
- Med Rocks ranch has stone skull in middle of high gate; possible plot w/someone gets drunk, shotguns through gate after gate, RILEY?

- alkaline county, 28 mi. n. of Ch'a
- 30 mi. n. windmill spring previously to pump water for cattle (through)

Med Rks are demarcation of new XXXX area, down to Ekalaka; changing from farmed prairie-oilfields of Baker etc. to ridge/butte ranch country; archaeology country (arch'ts in Eka's cafe).
"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."
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.