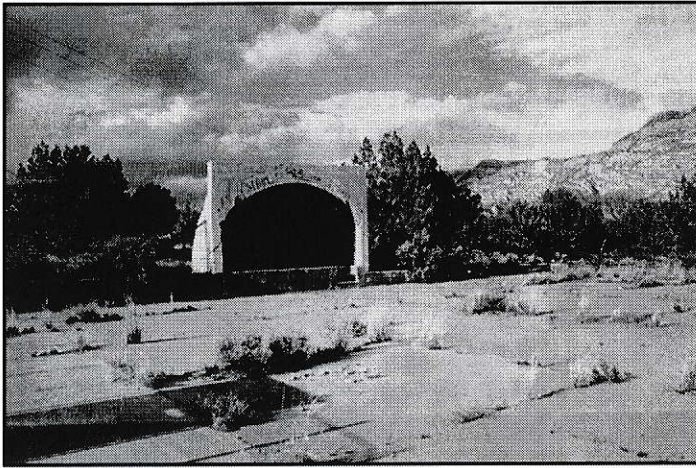




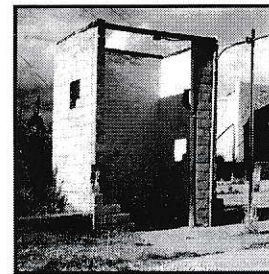
**Starlight Dance Hall owned by Rulon Beatty -  
Built about 1945 - There was a live band playing  
the Big Band Songs of the 1940's and 50's**

*"I was the dishwasher. Franks Mother took care of the old people, his father did the cooking and I never left the sink washing from morning until late at night . . . Many times I thought it would be much easier for me to just die and end my pain, because I could see no future. I can really understand how Frank's Grandmother felt, but maybe she could see a future. I had beautiful clothes and no place to wear them, no friends, no entertainment or fun. I kept my unhappiness from my family and friends back home, but my father and brother*

*came to visit us in 1946 and saw the condition and he tried to get my brother*

*to take me back with them, but he said that would have to be my decision and I chose to stay.*

*"In late 1946, Frank decided to take the old cement blocks from the old home and clean them up and build us a small house a few feet from where the old home stood. He asked my younger brother who was only 17 years of age, just out of high school, to come up and help him. He knew that would make me happy and he and **Charles (Crawford,** her brother) knew each other and they become the same as brothers. We moved into our little house in 1947 and Charles joined the air force in Texas . . . After we moved into our little house I continued to go down each day to work but Frank and I could have our privacy.*



**Dance Ticket Booth**

*"In 1948 our first little girl was born and my time was very busy. Some of the old folks were gone and not so many to care for and they got a young man to help with the work. In 1950 our second little girl was born. The farm still was not producing a living. Frank worked at other jobs . . . In early 1952 Frank had an offer of a good job in Cedar City. We moved and build a nice little home there. His father was in very bad health. I went back and forth to help them all that I could. They let most of the old folks go, but his mother still would not leave. His father died in April 1952 and his mother still wanted to stay at the ranch. Finally Frank told her she had to come to Cedar City and let the farm go. She lived with us most of the time, finally got an apartment, and the ranch sold to a **Mr. Livingston** from California in 1953 or early 1954. We were happy in Cedar City and our son was born in 1955. Frank always liked Texas and said we would come to Texas some day. In 1958 he had the offer of a great job in Texas through my father and some friends so we moved back (to Lampasas, Texas) . . ."<sup>258</sup>*

Meanwhile **Jesse Lewis** and **Lucile Cottam Fish** continued to work trying to make a go of the ranch. *"Jan 15, 1947, . . . I butchered 36 rabbits. Lately I have been butchering that many each week for Prime Meats and Provision Co. in Las Vegas. They are now paying 46 cents per lb. (I have to take them to Cedar to ship them on Garrett Trucks) . . . hay \$30 per ton. 25 cents per hundred cull potatoes."*<sup>259</sup>

<sup>258</sup> Letter from Maydelle Crawford Anderson to Harriet Anderson Leavitt

<sup>259</sup> Jesse Lewis Fish Journal - Transcribed by Mary Lue Fish Payton - Courtesy of Lewis J. Fish