When Still Creek Ranch takes in its first group of troubled boys this month, it will be the beginning of an ambitious new family counseling program for

The Answer began 12 years ago with almost no staff or facilities, but with the determination to provide psychological counseling in a Christian context. Today The Answer has a new building, eight counselors and an established place in the

But Still Creek Ranch is something new. The 500-acre ranch, purchased by the money received from selling a donated farm and contributions, cost \$1.3 million. The ranch will provide a home for boys between 10 and 17 years old who no longer can function in their families. Both the boys and their families will be counseled

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will receive individual and swer, said.
group counseling conducted by Rinehart said Still Creek the house parents — a couple Ranch evolved from the 10-who specializes in child care. week summer programs M.B. The boys will continue going to their local schools and will work swer, developed in 1976 for with a registered Brangus herd troubled boys. Flippen had realthat The Answer is assembling. ized that office counseling Some of the animals will be sometimes was not enough to

Answer believe a problem with a boy also affects the entire family, the family will be counseled at the Family Life Counseling Services, the clinical branch of The Append The family will The Answer. The family will The Answer. The family will learn ways of getting along with the child and ways to work out cally. Rinehart said it would be a their problems.

'It's not an alternative for the youth to get away from his fam-ily, but a chance for him and his rated," Rinehart said. "This family to have some space to

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"Although they're not living process will reacquaint the family with each other gradually until the family is healed and can be put back together. We emphasize the wholeness of the

Although only boys will be living at the ranch at first, The Answer plans to build six to 10 homes more homes on the ranch to include girls in the program. Funds for the next two homes already have been committed, Rinehart said, "but you have to crawl before you When completed, Still Creek Ranch will be able to care for 75-100 troubled youths.

Counseling fees vary de-pending on how much the fami-

lies can afford to pay.

"We don't turn anyone in need away just because they don't have money." Rinehart said. "We do like Jesus did; if he saw someone hurting he'd help. That's what this organization does. We meet their needs.

The ranch will operate from the income it receives from its Brangus herd, from donations,

and from counseling fees. Family Life Counseling Services also relies on donations and counseling fees to operate, Rinehart said. It receives no state or federal funds.

"The community has sup-ported this organization for 12 years," Rinehart said. "We've grown because of individual and group support.

Rinehart said the support is proof that the community cares about what The Answer is

This counseling service has grown rapidly. Four times as many cases have been counseled since Flippen talked with young people in a room at a College Station church. Today,

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to talk to Flippen but to a spacious, secluded office at 1401 Sandia Plaza in Bryan.

Guides match children to right summer camp

one of 9 million looking forward to a camping adventure this summer, now's the time to get moving, says Armand Ball.

where a tent can be pitched or a sleeping bag tossed.

the American Camping Association. The ACA is publisher of "The 1984 Parents' Guide to Accredited Camps" and also accredits camps.

states and tells what camps of-fer: archery, boating, fingerpainting, hiking, crafts, music

renewed interest in your basic camp with hiking, campfires, swimming and, well, camping."
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The ACA catalogue also lists camps for children with emotional or physical handicaps. There are camps for the asth-not reason enough to do matic, blind, deaf, diabetics—so certain camp."

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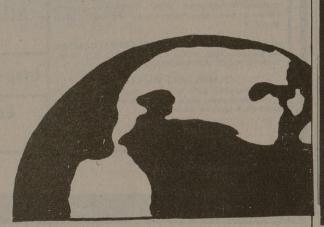
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