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The Trip of District Six 4-H Club Boys To World's Fair

BY WOODROW MILLS

[Mr. J. D. Prewit, District Agent of the Texas Extension Service, originated the idea of having the outstanding 4 H Club boy of each county of his district six, being awarded a trip to the San Francisco Worlds Fair. Woodrow Mills was selected from his records by the committee to make the trip.]

Some nineteen 4-H Club boys of District six, five of the County Agents and a negro cook met at El Paso on August 5th, where preparations were made for the 3900 mile trip to the Worlds Fair at San Francisco and back.

While in El Paso we were cordially received by the Chamber of Commerce and the County Agent Mr. Foster. At 4:30 we were taken to The School of Mines where we spent the night. After pitching camp and the cook was preparing supper we were taken to Juarez by Mr. Foster, staying over there about an hour. After completing supper we were taken over the scenic drive, from where you can see all of El Paso, the altitude being 4700 feet. We didn't spend much time there because we wanted to get a good nights rest, and rise early for a long days drive.

Early the next morning we started on our way. Sometime in the early morning we came to the Continental Divide, the altitude there being 4587 feet. Soon after lunch we visited Coolidge Dam, a very beautiful place, surrounded by large rough mountains. At that time the water was very low in the lake. Leaving there we went up grade for twenty-six miles. When we got to the top, it was called top of the world, an altitude of 5000 feet.

We spent that night in Mesa, Arizona, where we were taken to a swimming pool which we enjoyed very much. The morning of August 7th we left Mesa and arrived at Phoenix about 8:45 with one car out of fix. We had it worked on and left there about noon. Crossing the desert which was very hot, with nothing to see but sand and cactus. This was the least enjoyed part of the trip. We were all glad to get to Yuma where we had a chance to get a drink while being inspected. That night was spent just the other side of El Centro.

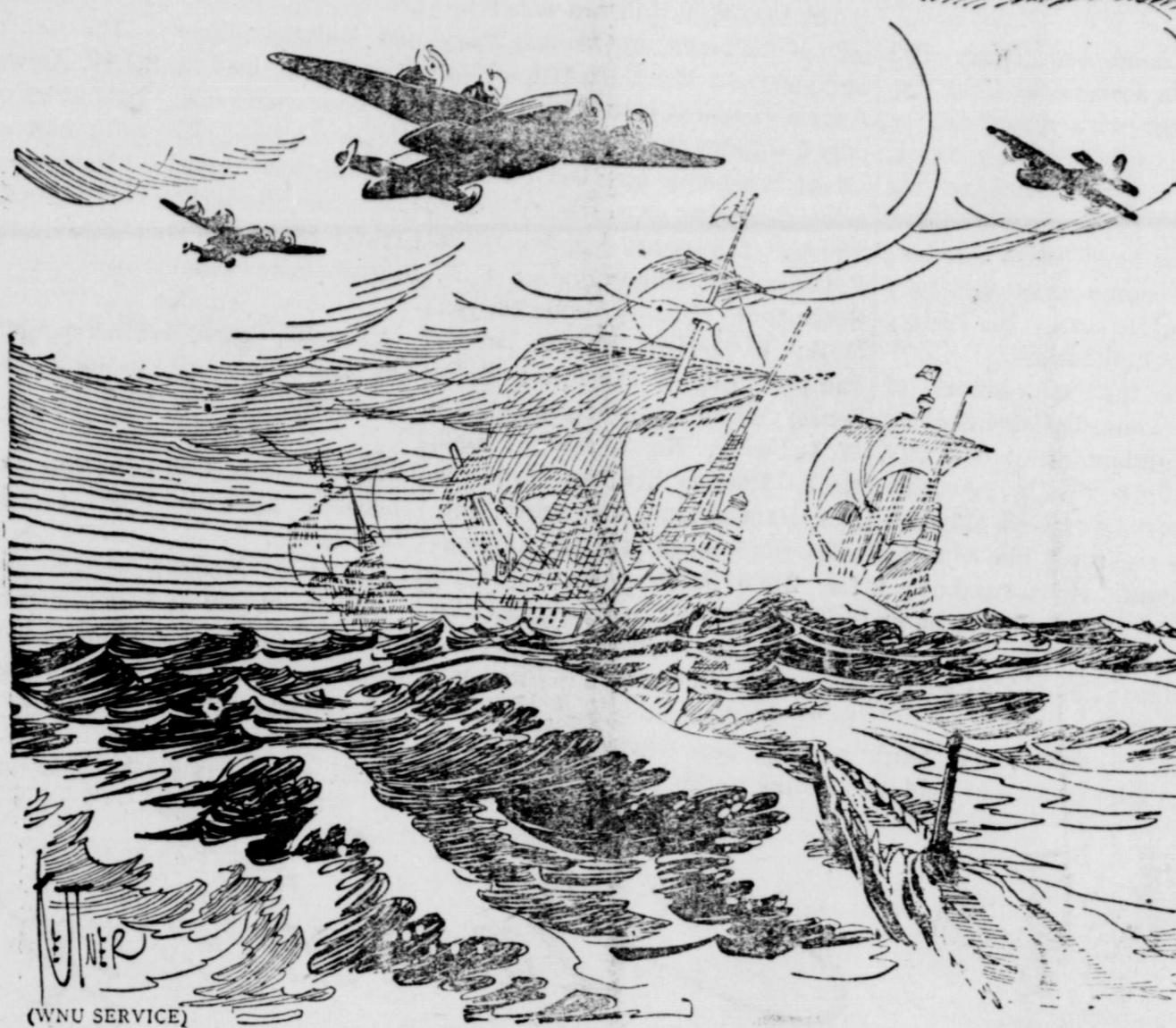
Next morning we traveled through the Imperial Valley which is well irrigated, their main crop being Alfalfa, of which they have an abundant supply this year.

About mid morning we reached San Diego where we visited the largest Zoo in the world, seeing many rare specimens. Scenery in the Zoo was as near the animals natural habitat as possible; therefore it was a beautiful sight. There we came in contact with a reporter for the San Diego Sun, he wanted our picture with the chuck trailer. After he was through he escorted us through town. On our way we saw Lindbergh Field and many large airplanes. We ate lunch in the beautiful Torrey Pines Park.

It was dark by the time we reached the city limits of Los Angeles and believe me a time was had getting through that little town at night. We thought it was going to be a hopeless case. They were having a Major Bowes program that night and there was an awful crowd. They told us that 45000 cars pass

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New Postmaster At Sterling City

It was announced last Wednesday that O. D. Worthy had resigned as postmaster at Sterling City, and Miss Anna Lee Pearce has been appointed as acting postmaster. Mr. Worthy sent in his resignation several days ago, but it was unknown to the patrons of the office until announcement of an acting postmaster had been made.

Miss Pearce was born and reared here, and since Mr. Worthy was appointed postmaster here about three years ago, she has been assistant postmaster. So far as we know, she is perfectly acceptable to the patrons of the office and no doubt will be among the high rating ones when a permanent postmaster is appointed, if she is applicant for the position.

We learn that Mr. Worthy will devote his entire time to private business.

D. L. Hunt has been employed by Miss Pearce as assistant postmaster.

Rio Rita, Palamino, Wins at Abilene

Rio Rita, beautiful golden colored mare belonging to Darrel Garrett won class championship at the Palamino show at Abilene last week. We are told that Mr. Garrett sold this mare for \$1,500.

Roy C. Davis' colt which was exhibited by him at the show was top in the Palamino yearling stud colt class.

The Palamino is the coming horse of West Texas. He is a beautiful animal to look at, strong and has almost human intelligence—in fact he has real horse sense.

A MILLION FOR HEALTH

The State could appropriate and spend one million dollars annually on a health program without cost to the State, declares the Texas State Department of Health. This can be demonstrated in connection with our schools alone, without regard to the saving effected in the general economic life of the State. They told us that 45000 cars pass

If the State Department of Health

Bull at the Fair



NEW YORK—One of the most striking sculptures at the New York World's Fair 1939 is pictured above. It represents Europa riding Jupiter, the white swimming bull. The sculptor was Gleb Derujinsky.

had such a sum for the maintenance of comprehensive health program in all public schools, more than that amount could be shifted back to the general fund by the schools, through savings to their fund by the elimination of repeaters and other costs incident to health conditions.

At least 25 per cent of the pupils in our public schools do not make a grade per year and have to be taught a second year in the same grade. With a total enrollment in the elementary schools of 1,071,000 pupils there are approximately 289,232 repeaters. The cost of instruction for this group is thereby doubled.

It costs \$42.00 per year to educate a child. If this sum is multiplied by the repeaters the loss is \$13,000,000. Not all of this could be chargeable to health conditions but at least two thirds, or \$9,750,000 could be so charged. By spending one million dollars per year, in promoting an adequate health program enough of the money now wasted on repeaters in the elementary grade would be saved in three years to retire the present deficit fund.

Loval Sharp And Miss Goodman Are Married

In an impressive ceremony solemnized Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Hazel Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goodman of Estancia, New Mexico, became the bride of Loval Sharp of Pampa.

The Rev. John O. Scott, pastor of Central Baptist church, officiated at the service which was read in his home.

The bride was attractively dressed in a navy blue and pink ensemble with accessories and a corsage of pink rose buds.

Attending the couple were Miss Ora Johnson, Miss Juanita Higgins, Elmer Mercer of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goodman of Higgins.

Mrs. Sharp, who was graduated from San Jacinto Beauty shop in 1935, is employed at Milady Poudre Box Beauty shop.

Mr. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sharp of Sterling City, was graduated from the Dallas School of Embalming. He is employed at the Duenkel-Carmichael Funeral Home.

The couple will be at home at 321 North Frost street.—Pampa News.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sharp of this city. He spent the major part of his life here. He is now a mortician with an undertaking concern in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp expect to visit in Sterling City about the first of next month.

Meeting of Ranchmen Called For Oct. 18

There is a meeting called for all ranch and farm owners in Sterling County Wednesday Oct. 18 at 7:30 P. M. in District Court Room Sterling City Texas. This meeting is in regard to the formation of district conservation area on the North Concho River and its tributaries. Mr. R. M. Millhollin of the Soil Conservation Service will be present and explain any questions that are presented.

STERLING COUNTY

(A few years ago, I wrote and published a brief outline of the history of Sterling County.)

(So many of my friends who read it have requested extra copies of the paper carrying the story that the supply of extras are exhausted, and to fill the constant demand for copies, I am rewriting it with some deletions, additions and publishing it for your scrapbook.)

Sterling County is situated in the north 32nd parallel latitude and 101 degrees and 15 minutes West longitude. Sterling City has an altitude above sea level of 2294 feet, though some parts of the county reach an altitude of about 2500 feet.

This County was carved out of Tom Green County in 1891. Tom Green was carved out of Bexar County which at one time was as large as the State of Oklahoma.

Sterling County had its inception in a cow camp. When this county was apart of Tom Green the citizens had to serve on juries at San Angelo, a distance of 45 to 60 miles. When summoned for jury duty in those days, it was a hard day's drive or ride to San Angelo. It meant about a week or ten days of the citizens time.

One day a deputy sheriff rode into the cow camp I have in mind and summoned several of the boys for the next weeks term of court. There was a protest went up from the boys, because it interfered with the spring roundup, but it was useless to complain, because men of the range never thought of disobeying a court order. But while they were discussing the matter someone suggested that we cut off from Tom Green and organize a county of our own, so we would not have to go so far to attend to legal matters.

The idea spread, and soon a petition was being circulated and signed by the settlers of this territory praying the organization of a new county. A few of the large land owners opposed the measure because they feared the organization of a new county would increase their taxes.

R. R. Wade, a large landowner induced the legislature to cut back 20 square miles of his pasture into Tom Green County. This was done by pushing a part of the line called for in our petition, west two miles.

Also, instead of making the north line Irion County the south line of Sterling County as called for in our petition, they pushed our south line north about three miles, leaving a strip of Tom Green between Sterling and Irion, connecting Tom Green with the territory now known as Reagan County. This was done in order that Tom Green might get the taxes from Reagan County.

A gentleman's agreement was made by the parties concerned that when Reagan County was cut off from Tom Green, Sterling would be ceded the strip 26 miles long and three wide, but in an election in 1904, Tom Green voted to keep what she had agreed to cede to Sterling, which meant about 100 square miles.

In 1891, the legislature, with the above exceptions, granted our petition and called the new county Sterling, in honor of Captain W. S. Sterling, a pioneer ranchman on a creek by that name. An Indian fighter and buffalo hunter. A spot was pointed out to me by Bill Hiler, the first sheriff of Sterling County, as being the site one and a half miles

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same to us**WANTED--A WORD**

When the late W.C. Brann got jammed between two winds, he would say: "Wanted-- A Word". Then he would go ahead and coin the word he wanted to use.

I am casting about for a word that would fit Hitler and his graveyard robbers and cutthroats. A word that would convey an idea of what he really is.

The average cowpuncher would say for me to use that old time range fighting phrase which always meant a fight. But I would not use that potential phrase, because I have a respect for the canine race. No dog would be guilty of the hideous crimes of which this vicegerent of hell is guilty.

The word polecat would never fit or describe this buzzard from the sootpits of Satan's realm, because a polecat has some decent points and some self respect even if he does smell to heaven at times.

Hitler the champion liar of the world the greatest cutthroat bandit and robber of modern times or any other time as for that matter. The man who murdered Jews for their money. The man who took Czechoslovakia, Austria, murdered the Poles and took their lands and goods, now is asking for peace just like a bandit who robs a bank and kills the innocent operatives and then asks for peace. He got what he wanted for the present and is now asking the nations to let him keep the plunder in peace.

Hitler! oh that I could think of a name that would properly apply to this dirty spawn of the devil. Only for this grave robbing ill begotten whelp of a hyena, millions of people would be permitted to live out their natural lives today. As it is, myriads of the human race are doomed to die in the wars which he has fomented. There will be no peace as long as he is permitted to rule a bloodthirsty people and lead them to make shambles of such cities as Warsaw.

Why such a hideous monster is permitted to live and gratify his bloody propensities is more than I can understand. The English language is too poor a word for this occasion. Wanted: a word to express my sentiment toward this Cur. If anybody gets mad at me for what I say about this human vulture. I shall be darned glad of it.—Uncle Bill

Trade's day in Sterling City last Saturday was sponsored by the Lions Club was all that it expected to be. Lots of business was transacted, the show was crowded and the town was full of people. Trade's Day in Sterling will be a great day with the people in both town and country. There is going to be special attractions every Trade's Day.

If you have lost or found anything want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through the News Record. They all read it.

**STERLING
COUNTY**

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southwest of the mouth of Sterling Creek on the south edge of the valley. Hiler was an old timer here and must have known about this matter.

Sterling Creek and Tower Hill were known as early as 1858, because the surveyor's record call for land lines crossing Sterling Creek, and Tower Hill as bearings to the land corners they made. Capt. Sterling must have come here long before the county was generally known by white man. His history is not generally known.

A book in the public library of Phoenix, Arizona, discloses the fact that Capt. Sterling, in the late 60's, went to Fort Apache, Arizona, where he served as a U. S. Marshall. The Indians regarded him as a just and brave man. He was ambushed and murdered near Fort Apache by a band of renegade Mexican Indians. Capt. Sterling's life and history is practically lost.

The first commissioners court ever held in this county was held in

June 1891 at the Kildare ranch in the liveoak grove up the North Concho about four miles from Sterling City. As no county seat had been selected, the governor designated the Kildare Ranch as the temporary county seat. This was in June, 1891.

A big crowd gathered there that day.

The late M. T. Sullivan was foreman of the ranch, and his wife Mary Sullivan, now Mrs. C. A. Bell of San Angelo, prepared dinner for all that crowd without pay. She lugged her infant Pearl, now Mrs. Oscar Ratliff of Del Rio in her arms while cooking dinner. The county officers were P. D. Coulson, County Judge; C. N. Rutherford, County and District Clerk; W. N. Hiler, Sheriff; W. M. Sampson, County Treasurer; B. M. Jones; Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 W. L. Foster; No. 2, Adam Powell; No. 3, Thomas Brennon and No. 4. At this term of court the county supplies were bought including blankets for 2,000 lunacy wreaths.

The next court was held at Cummins, the then apparent county seat and later when Sterling City was declared the county seat, the next was held here where the courts are meeting to this day in the new \$90,

000 court house.

Schools and Roads
Beginning at the grass roots, Sterling has the crack schools and roads in West Texas.

Drainage

The North Concho runs diagonal from northwest to southeast across the county. Its main tributaries are Willow, Chalk, Lacy, Sterling and Mulberry Creeks. The south part of is drained by Rocky, Kiowa and Lone Joe Creeks, tributaries of Middle Concho. The north part of the county is drained by Holmes, or Gasconade, Renderbrook, Hackberry, Crystal, Hazel and Bull Creeks, tributaries of the Colorado river.

Timber

Mesquite, Cedar, Hackberry, Chittim and Pecan. These are fit for fence posts and fuel only.

Soil

Red sandy in north portion and chocolate brown in south portion. Very fertile.

Minerals

Traces of gold and considerable iron. Oil in small quantities have been developed. No deep tests have been made.

Climate

The climate is good. Men and

cows live to a great age. Even some women live to see their great grandchildren. It is the greatest county in Texas in which to enjoy one's poverty or riches. We all pay our taxes in Sterling County.—Uncle Bill

**Church Loyalty
October 22**

We have enjoyed the fine Christian fellowship in the three and half months pastorate of The Baptist Church; the work has been pleasant and is growing.

We are to observe Church Loyalty on Oct. 22. This is The Day when every member is expected to be present and every friend is cordially invited.

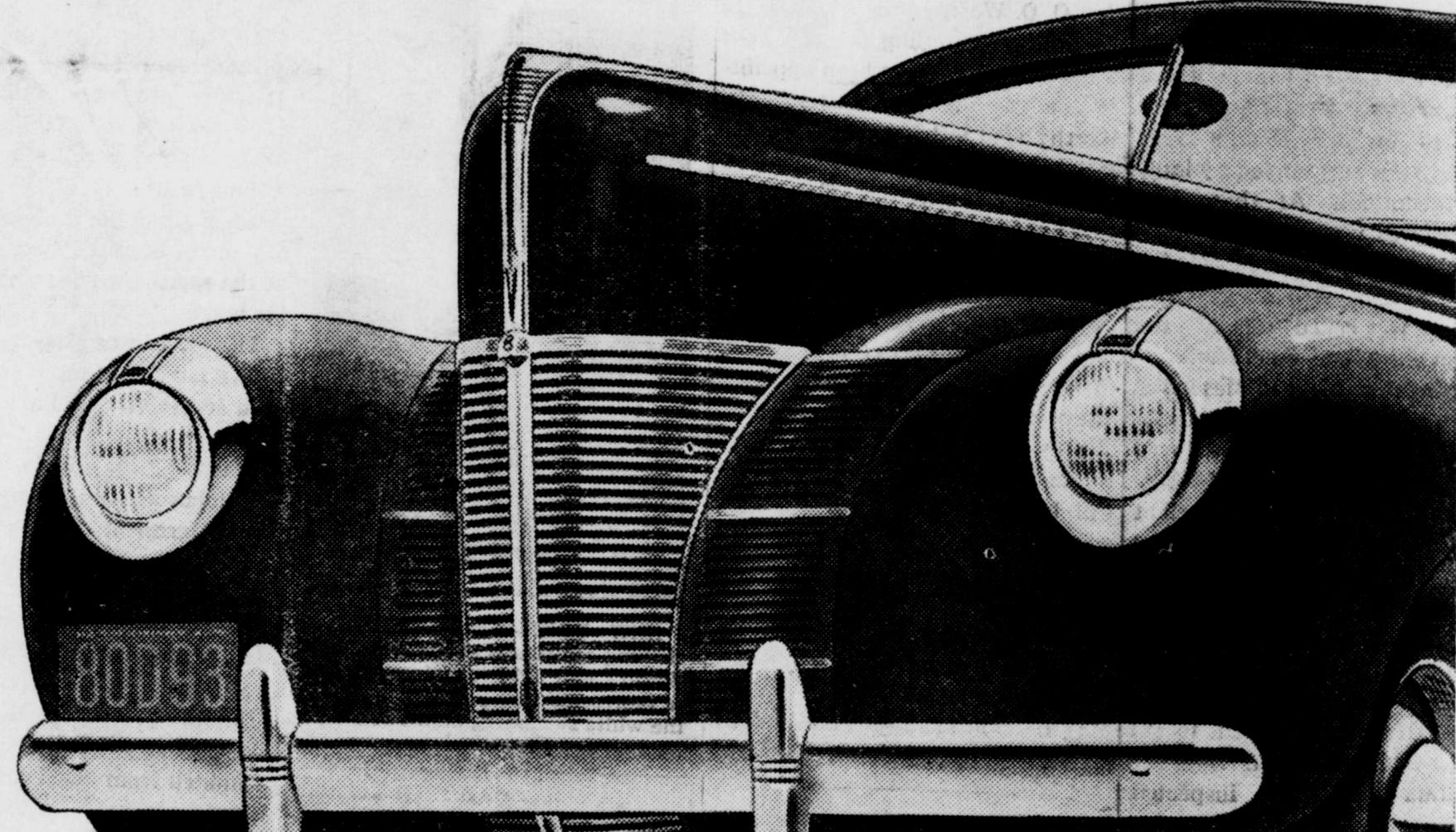
Show your loyalty to your church by being present Oct. 22. "We are laborers together with God"(1 Cor. 3:9)

The Pastor

Men Wanted

The Business men's Bible Class invites you. Meeting at the Sheriff's Office, 9 o'clock Sunday morning. We dismiss in time for attendance at Sunday school anywhere in town. Geo. M. Sullivan, Teacher

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Local Items

Roy Martin visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Williams left last Monday for Lubbock and Lamesa where they will spend a season visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Rufus Foster can fill any sort of flower order promptly. The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church will appreciate your patronage.

For flowers phone Mrs. D. C. Durham, or see Mrs. J. A. Revell. The Baptist W. M. S. will appreciate your patronage.

Messrs. and Mesdames Otto and Alfred Theirs of Camp Allison, were guests of Mrs. Tillie Findt last weekend. Mrs. Findt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Theirs, while Alfred Theirs is a brother.

\$5.00 reward: Five dollars will be paid for the delivery of a yellow gold 21 jewel Hamilton watch. Initials C. E. S. on back. Six to eight inch chain attached. Probably lost Monday forenoon Oct. 9 in Sterling City. Finder please communicate with C. E. Story Sterling City if

E. H. Sparkman, a Baylor professor of Baylor University at Waco accompanied by his mother Mrs. F. C. Sparkman of San Angelo, and Mrs. Charley Collins of Waco was a welcomed caller at this shop last week. Prof. Sparkman's son, Dr. Robert Sparkman is an intern surgeon at a hospital in Cincinnati Ohio. Young Dr. Bob is rapidly climbing up the ladder of fame.

Fred Counsel of Paris, Texas called on us Friday of last week. He had been out at his ranch in the south part of county shaping up things for the fall and winter season. Fred says that he expects one day to be a citizen of Sterling where he can bring young Fred Jr. up in the wide open spaces of the range where the finest specimens of Sterling grow. Fred Sr. says Mrs. Counsel and young Fred are doing nicely. Fred has nearly recovered his balance.

Dr. S. Kellogg the old reliable mind and body Dr. is now located in the Model Hotel 79 Gillis street San Angelo Texas. The old Doctor is making some wonderful cures. See write or phone 6660.

John F. Thompson who underwent a surgical operation at Temple a few weeks ago, and who spent a recuperative season under the care of his sister, Mrs. Ruth Allen and his niece, Miss Marvin Frances Foster and other relatives here, left for his ranch near Clifton, Arizona last Friday. Before he left, he bought a couple of years of News-Record reading. John said, "I am coming back pretty soon." Every old timer hopes that he will. They all like John.

Baptist Church

Sunday

A.M.
10:00 Teaching service
11:00 Devotional in song
11:30 Sermon
P.M.
7:30 B. T. U. Training service
8:30 Evening worship
Monday
4:00 P.M. W. M. U.
Wednesday
P.M.
8:00 Evening devotion
8:30 Choir practice
We welcome you,
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Church of Christ

R. D. Smith, minister
Bible class at 10:00 a.m.
Preaching at 11:00 a.m., followed by Communion Services.
Preaching at 7:45 p.m.
A very cordial welcome.

Methodist Church

Brace M. Cox, Pastor
Church school 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Young People's Service 6:30 p.m.
Evening worship, 7:15 o'clock

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Church Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

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"EAGLE OUTLOOK"

By KNO NOTHING

Boy am I happy. I felt almost certain the boys could beat the Bearcats but I didn't realize it would be by such a small margin. You know when a team makes only two penetrations and three first downs, you will know that they met with tough opposition; but when the other team makes only one penetration and two first downs that they must have certainly met with lots tougher opposition.

That's what happened at Garden Town the other day. The Bearcats were tough but the Eagles were tougher. Eh Wot?

There is a rumor going about school which I can't decide to believe or not. Someone said that the Garden City Bearcats had been offered 75.00 dollars to beat us when they came down here. Boy, didn't they prize victory above all else? If it was me, I would think if they couldn't win by determination they could go jump in the creek before I would offer them anything. I believe in a team proving itself before you start heaping honors on it don't you? I guess there are such men on this old green earth that resembles a little four-footed animal with a little white strip runnin' down the middle of their back, but I didn't believe there was such a man in West Texas that wasn't a sport. I have a small book at home entitled "How To Be A Sport", but as much as it breaks my heart I'm going to make it a present of it to Glasscock County in whole for I believe they need it a little more than I do.

Hoping to see you all at the game Friday I remain yours truly—Kno Nothing

Jokes

Garland: I hear that H. W. claims he learned to speak Spanish fluently in three weeks.

Freda: I can't understand it.

Derwood: Neither would the Spaniards.

Nubye: What kind of soup is this vegetable or chicken.

Carmen: What does it taste like?

Nubye: Gasoline.

Carmen: It must be chicken then The vegetable soup tastes like turpentine.

WE WONDER

Why a certain sophomore girl was so friendly with the Garden City boys.

Why Peggy and Rosemary are so interested in a certain house being built in Sterling.

Who has the Key to Mary Lou's heart?

Which building Tommie works in We wonder what we wonder!

Appreciation

The student body, football squad, and coaches wish to acknowledge their most sincere thanks to Mr. Broome and Mr. Nick Reed for the tackling dummy they presented to us recently. We hope to be worthy of this by repaying it with many victories.

The Freshmen

The freshman girls are planning their home project scheduled for the first semester. Most of them are going to redecorate their bedrooms. They are very busy with them and hope to make good.

4-H Club Boys

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over that road every day. The distance through Los Angeles, Holly wood and other towns being sixty miles.

Breaking camp at 4:00 AM on August 9th, we drove hard all day in order to reach the Federal Park in Oakland which was our camping grounds for the night. We found the weather rather cool in fact too cool for comfort.

After spending some time in Oakland the next morning, we arrived at the Fair about 12:00 and left about 12:00 that night. Though the foreign exhibits were better and more of them, the landscaping and buildings were not so beautiful as our own Texas Centennial.

All of the morning of August 11th was spent in camp and in the afternoon we went to Berkley to a picture show.

We awoke the next morning with orders to get ready to leave. After driving all day we arrived at Bakersfield, California. While supper was being prepared we all took a dip in a large swimming pool. The water was nearly like ice but was very refreshing.

The following morning we started for Grand Canyon National Park, crossing the Mojave Desert. The temperature being 120 degrees inside the cars we needed to fill the cars with water every few miles. We climbed Bakers Hill it being 18 miles long with an incline of 3000 feet. When we arrived at the top we could see Las Vegas, Nevada where we spent the night.

On the morning of August 14th, we got to Boulder Dam rather early. This being the high light of the trip for me. We were then taken down in the elevator and shown through the power plant, which is the largest in the world. Boulder Dam, the highest dam in the world is 726 4 feet high and the elevator runs a distance equal to a forty-four story building. Lake Mead the world's largest man made reservoir in existence has a maximum depth of 589 feet. At the top of the dam the width is 45 feet and at the bottom it is 660 feet with a water pressure of 45000 pounds per square foot. The total amount of concrete used in the dam's construction was 3250000 cubic yards. The spill ways of the dam are tunneled through the mountains. This gigantic structure of such usefulness to civilization is well worth anyones time and money to visit.

After leaving the dam we lunched in Kingman, Arizona. After having car trouble in Peach Spring, we spent the night 50 miles from Grand Canyon. That particular section was a beautiful livestock country.

The next morning we arrived at Grand Canyon rather early. The head of the canyon was a very beautiful sight and watching the people down the trails on the mules was indeed interesting. Time would not permit us to make the ride through the canyon. During the morning we visited several points along the rim of the canyon. The most interesting was at Yavapai Point with an altitude of 7050 feet, from here we could see the Colorado river through field glasses. We were told that from the top of the channel of the river down to the water was 1800 feet. They say the water of the Colorado is too thick to run and too thin to plow; and from what we could see this statement seemed

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quiet true. At Yavapai Point a monument was erected in honor of the founder Stephen Tyng Mather. The Canyon Park will be developed under his plan of construction. The width of the canyon varies from five to fifteen miles. We drove along the side of the canyon for several miles finding it getting shallower all the time until it flattened out into a desert, part of which is the Painted Desert.

We spent the night in Gallup, New Mexico an Indian Reservation. They were planning a celebration for the Navajo Indians the following week end.

Rather early on the morning of August 16th, the caravan moved out of Gallup. About 100 miles from there we split up, part of the boys going by El Paso and the others by Alburquerque, Roswell and other points. We stopped in Alburquerque for an hour and decided there that we could come on home that night.

Most of the boys in the crowd being donned in typical West Texas cowboy regalia, we attracted a great deal of attention along the way. Many questions of information concerning the group were asked but very few sensible answers were given.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the people of Sterling County for making possible this trip. Had it not been for their splendid cooperation it would not have been possible for me to have made a trip of this kind. I think that this kind of a trip should be carried on in years to come, and it is worth any boys time and work to try to make it.—Woodrow Mills

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