

**INTERESTING TRIP
ON RIO GRANDE'S
RAPIDS PLANNED**

Navigation of swift rapids in the boulder-choked Rio Grande through the picturesque fifteen miles of Santa Helena Canyon wilderness in the proposed Big Bend National Park, is being attempted this week in two specially constructed steel rowboats by a party under Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, consulting historian of the National Park Service.

Dr. Webb, author of "The Texas Rangers," and "The Great Plains," is making the trip to get additional information on this comparatively unknown area, to include in a report he is preparing on the historical background of the Big Bend Country. The party started from the mouth of the canyon on May fifteenth, accompanied by William R. Hogan, Associate Historian of the National Park Service, and Thomas V. Skaggs, and Joe Lane of McCamey, Texas, who are experienced river men.

All members of the party will wear life-preservers throughout the trip, which is expected to require at least two days. The flat-bottomed boats, sixteen and thirteen feet long, respectively, are equipped with air-chambers, and are built in sections so they can be knocked down and carried over obstructions. One is flying christened the Big Bend, the American flag. The other, named Cinco de Mayo, is flying the Mexican flag. Coast guard airplanes is flying over the canyon each day to note the progress of the expedition.

Hemmed in by walls of hard limestone that rise almost perpendicularly for 2,000 feet, the Rio Grande is less than twenty-five feet wide through much of the canyon, with neither bench nor bank upon which to make a landing. From a rowboat it is possible to extend the oars to touch Mexico on the one side, and the United States on the other. The cliffs cannot be scaled. Long ropes are taken to throw over projecting rocks of the canyon walls to lift the boats over sections of the stream that may be clogged with blocks of fallen stone.

A similar trip made in 1899 by a party under Dr. Robert T. Hill, Texas geologist now living in Dallas, required considerably more time than Dr. Webb expects to take. The Hill party, using three boats, was locked in at one point for three days, by huge blocks of stone, that had fallen from the canyon walls. Telling of that trip, Dr. Hill said:

"Hardly had we begun to enjoy the pleasing sensation of drifting down the stream when a roaring noise was heard ahead. This came from seething and dangerous torrents of water foaming over huge rounded boulders of volcanic rock which everywhere form the bottom of the river. Reaching those rapids, we had to get out of the boats and wade beside them, pushing them off or over the stones, or holding them back by the stern lines. This process had to be repeated many times a day for the entire distance and, as a consequence, all hands were constantly wet. The swift current, and uncertain footing of the hidden rocks make these rapids very dangerous. A loss of balance or a fall meant almost certain death."

England's Historic Bridges
Notable among England's historic bridges is King John's bridge at Tewkesbury, which is said to contain several of its original arches, and Monnow bridge at Monmouth, believed to be the only one in England that has a fortified gateway on the bridge proper. A Fourteenth century treasure spans the river Dee at Chester, and other early examples are found at or near Kidwelly, Hereford and Llangollen.



Brownwood Chapter
Brownwood F. F. A. chapter qualified for the state meet in the one-act play tournament held in Stephenville last week for Area IV. The local chapter placed fourth and is entitled to enter the state contest to be held in Huntsville the last week in June.

Goldthwaite won first, Rotan second and Hico third in the contest. Members of the Brownwood cast were Blake Jones, Temple Dunn, Robert Buchanan, Joe Hays, Jack Collier, Billy Ray Williams, James Kingston and Roger Woodbridge. Fred Aoney represented the local chapter in the public speaking contest.

May Chapter
Again May Future Farmers rank high in the leadership contest. In Stephenville last Saturday the

chapter conducting team placed third in the area contest. Roby on first place with a score of 271, Stephenville second with a score

of 269 and May third with a score of 267. Since May was only four points behind the winner, the boys do not feel so badly about their

defeat. This is the first time there has been an area contest, as the teams always went from the district to

the state contest, but since the state contest has grown so large, it was necessary to have an area contest. For the last three years May has

won the Brownwood district and two years won the state contest. Last year the May boys placed third in the state contest. They

will also enter this year as the top four teams from the area contest are eligible for the state contest.—Myron Gifford, reporter.

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