

## GO WEST YOUNG MAN

Ector Capps of the Champagne Machine Shop has long had an urge to see how the people west of the Mississippi River live. On his recent vacation he found out. Here is Ector's own story of his interesting trip:

After driving completely across Texas, I am inclined to agree with the Texan who said, "Texas occupies all the continent of North America except a small part set aside for the United States, Canada, and Mexico."

It was in Texas that I saw my first oil wells.

I visited Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico and ate lunch 750 feet under ground. While there, I visited White City.

My next stop was El Paso, Texas, it was here I went across the border and visited Juarez, Mexico on the Rio Grande.

The trip from El Paso to El Centro, California, which is located in the Imperial Valley, was very impressive. This fertile valley was developed from a desert, by irrigation. This irrigation was made possible by the Colorado River which feeds the All-American Canal.

While at El Centro, I met Mr. Ramsey, Vice-President of the California Central Fiber Corporation. He showed me through the plant and explained the process of getting flax ready for shipment. I saw the flax as it was hauled from the field, processed in the mill and baled for shipment to Ecusta.

I fully enjoyed the hospitality extended me by



Ector Capps views the All-American Canal near El Centro, California.

Mr. Ramsey and the foremen of the plant.

Leaving El Centro, I went to San Diego then Los Angeles, Hollywood and Pasadena. While in Pasadena, I visited the Rose Bowl. Next, I went through the Sequoia Forest. It was here I saw some of the largest trees in the world. One tree was 272.4 feet high, 101.6 feet base circumference, 36.5 feet diameter at base.

My next stop was San Francisco where I visited China Town, which is the large Chinese settlement in our country. I also enjoyed a benefit carnival being given by the Navy on Treasure Island. Leaving the Island I went over the Golden Gate Bridge to the Redwood Forest.

Leaving the coast I crossed over the beautiful snowcapped mountains, and visited the spot where gold was first found by Marshall at Sutter's Mill near Colman, California.

My next stops were Carson City and Reno, Nevada. In Reno, I visited Harold's Club.

Traveling through Utah, I passed through Cedar City where various pictures have been filmed such as "SMOKY" and "UNION PACIFIC".

The next view was one of Grand Canyon, then Petrified Forest, and Painted Desert.

Next, I stopped at Gallup, New Mexico which is known as the Indian Capital.

After viewing Pikes Peak in Colorado, I fought a dust storm in Kansas until I arrived at Dodge City.

From Dodge City it was a quick trip home.