



**TWENTY-TWO ATTEND
J. C. L. NATIONAL
CONVENTION IN
MEXICO**
—MARTHA HARDEE

On July 27, eighteen members of the Latin Club and four sponsors boarded a Trailways bus, westward bound. The first stop was Morganton where eleven students and two sponsors joined the Lexington delegation. The first night was spent in Meridian, Mississippi, and the bus load of forty-two arrived in New Orleans on the afternoon of the 29 and toured the city. The old French Quarters, St. Louis Cathedral, Huey Long Bridge, Mississippi River, and Bourbon Street were some of the sights visited. On the way to Houston, Texas, the bus stopped in Baton Rouge for a short visit to the Capitol; in Houston they visited the University of Houston, and in San Antonio to see Davey Crockett's last home, the Alamo. The next day, August 1, they went deep down under the surface of the earth to the magnificent Carlsbad Caverns. It was late when the bus pulled into El Paso, Texas, so they toured Juarez, Mexico, the largest city on the U.S.A. and Mexican Border the next morning and drove to Phoenix, Arizona, that afternoon. The next day was the biggest day for some because that afternoon they went to Disneyland and stayed until late that night, enjoying many of the Walt Disney's attractions. They were guests at the Hollywood-Knickerbocker Hotel. The tour of Hollywood included Pacific Park, Beverly Hills, and Knotts Berry Farm. On August 5 they saw Las Vegas and Hoover Dam. The Grand Canyon was the biggest thing visited the next day, even though they saw the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. The next day they arrived at the University of New Mexico for the convention.

At the Junior Classical League Convention they met many Latin students from the thirty-eight states represented. North Carolina was one of the states with the most delegates. The Roman Banquet and Olympic Games were outstanding events during the convention which was most beneficial in every respect.

After the convention the members of the tour enjoyed visiting Hot Springs, and Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, in Nashville, Tennessee.

About eleven-thirty o'clock on the night of August 15, the Lexington delegation pulled in at the

Junior High School, arriving safely at home after a wonderful tour of five thousand, four hundred and eight miles with Carpenter Tours of Elizabethton, Tennessee. Miss Lillian Jones of the Senior High faculty is the J.C.L. and Latin Tour sponsor.

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