

*The Giddings News*

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I am not going into details very far but will send a description of the trip to the underground "world of wonders," the Carlsbad Caverns.

We left home in Parmer County at about 4 P. M. On the road down to the cave we did not see much scenery, because we wanted to reach the cave before the opening hour 11 A. M. The wonders of the cave are undescrivable because there are so many. They are solid stone formed by dripping water which deposits a part of its mineral, then drops to the floor as on some other stone and deposits the remainder of its mineral, the former being called stalactites and the latter stalagmites. At noon or lunch time we went into a large room 750 feet below the surface. We went on farther until we came to the rock of ages which is 50,000,000 years old. At this place the most exciting incident happened. We were all commanded to sit down, a short speech was made by a guide, then all cavern lights were turned out. No one can imagine how dark it is without light, until they have seen it. When you close your eyes there is more light than in the cave with the lights turned out. We now went back to the lunch room when the crowd parted, those who rode the elevator and those who preferred to walk and see more scenery. Of course I preferred the walk. That day we walked seven miles in the caves. In the evening between six and seven there began another wonder, the bat flight, an estimate of 3 to 5 million which devour eleven and a half tons of insects in a single night.

The next day we returned to Roswell, N. M., where we saw the world's largest artesian well flowing 9100 gallons per minute. Here we spent several hours. Roswell, a great apple town, is estimated to have 1000 car loads this year. We then returned home after a two day trip. There were five of us on the trip; Walter, Rudolph, Ernest and Ludwig Kube with Auroliss Kaltwasser.

Any one who wants to see his money's worth, go to Carlsbad Cavern.

I would appreciate letters from all Lee County pals where I used to attend school, and also from others: My address is:

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