

Rural Route
Mangum, Okla.
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Mrs. S.A. Gorham
Chamal, Tam., Mexico

Dear Grandma:

I have just made a return trip from the Farmer's Week 4-H Club Congress which is held annually at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater. Star Chambers, Bodie Wilson, Arthur and I were the delegates which were selected from the Mangum 4-H Club to go to Stillwater this year, Bodie and Star won first in the state as the first year terracing team, and Arthur and I first in the state as the second year terracing team. Star is the champion first year individual in the state and I am the champion second year individual. Arthur and I were given the decision of being the outstanding Farm Engineering 4-H Club members in the state. Arthur also won first in the state in poultry judging with a perfect score. The Mangum 4-H Club also won other prizes so we are making history for our 4-H Club and this is the first year for Mangum to have a 4-H Club. I wish Erma and Vera could have

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gone because it is real fun to be with the outstanding club members in the state. The 4-H Club is a club for the making of farm leaders out of the farm boys and girls. Next year the whole Mangum 4-H Club may win a trip but if they do I will be left out because I will be too old to be a club member so next year I suppose I will have more time to study such things as art, music, and invention Mangum is growing about as fast as ever. Mangum has had an airport now for quite awhile. The airplanes circle over our place daily. Other plans have been mapped for Mangum's growth. Plans have been drawn for a five story hotel. Both the residential and business districts are growing. Just recently Mr. **Blalock** had a new grocery store put up which is known as the Humpty Dumpty, a new kind of grocery chain store. Headrick and Blair, the two towns that were almost destroyed by the recent tornado are being rebuilt at a rapid pace. Seven of our chicken house were upset by the storm that day, but not a single chicken was killed. The storm was gathering as it passed through here, but it did not do much damage until it reached Blair which is seventeen miles from here. There

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it tore things up considerably. Every house there was damaged to some extent and many of the houses were completely blown away. About eight or ten people in all were killed in the storm area. Arthur and I intend to go to the International Poultry Show which is to be held at Ardmore, Oklahoma, August 14 — 18, 1928. And after we get back I may carry the mail for papa to let him take a short vacation on a Modern Woodman trip so I will be busy at one thing or another for several weeks, yet. I won't have much time to

finish my 4-H Club Work, because I intend to write a terracing digest, the first to be made. The crops up here are looking fine and if they do as well as they look like they will and if the market is very good the farmers will be well pleased. Aunt Olive, Mildred and John David visited us this evening and when they left they took Erma with them. I think this is the first time that they have been to see us since you were here. Well, Grandma, I would like to get a

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group picture of all of our relatives down there. I would also like to get their names and ages because I don't know even the names of most of my first cousins. Well, I have just about run out of news and since this is the first and only personal letter that I have written to anybody, I will call it a day and quit. Grandma, when you or any of the boys down there get hold of some interesting news I will be glad to here from you. Yours truly,
Henry E. Sweet