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Mid-College

In the summer of 1939, I had finished my sophomore year at Southern Methodist University and was planning to work as a secretary at the John E. Mitchell Company during vacation. I regretfully turned down the invitation of Margaret, Caroline, and Bee Smith to join them for a week in a cottage on the lake at Trinidad, Texas. They urged me to go with them for a day and return with Caroline's boy-friend, Billy Guy Cage.

Trinidad consisted of a few cottages clustered around the Texas Power and Light Company's generating station, which used the lake for cooling the huge steam generators, and the river to feed the lake if it should get low. The lake was a pleasant place, with a few houses near the water's edge for vacationing company members and their guests. After Billy Guy and I helped Mr. Smith and the girls get settled, we returned to Dallas.

I soon got a letter from Margaret telling about their activities at the lake and especially extolling the virtues of one Paul Minton who worked at the power plant and would be returning to SMU in the fall. I was to hear a great deal about him - his hospitality, his athletic prowess, his singing, and his general amiability, not only that summer but after school started in the fall.

