Taft Ranch Story **Told By Professor**

President Lyndon B. Johnson's | uous tour.

sits to his ranch west of Austin renewsworthy these days, and in course laid out especially for the he fall of 1909 President William occasion, swam in Corpus Christi Joward Taft's visit to the Taft Bay, "especially enjoyed" a roundanch on the north side of Cor- up enlivened by some rodeo-type s Christi Bay drew considerable events and even mounted a horse

exas and cattle ranges were syno- of South Texas.

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f computer operations, Office of mor Institute at Houston. He was

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named Old Sam. Details of President Taft's visit Stephens writes: "Old Sam bere told as part of the story of came the symbol of endurance in the Taft Ranch, A Texas Princi- Texas when the Dallas Morning sity." Dr. A. Ray Stephens of News reported: 'Speaking of your pality." Dr. A. Ray Stephens of the A&M history faculty is author of the book published Tuesday by the University of Texas Press. The Taft Ranch became the popular name about 1908 for the Coleman - Fulton Pasture Com-inverse than 160 000 agree bolk for the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to the to the to the story of the Coleman-tree to the to

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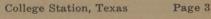
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mous. Stephens explains that 'The Taft Ranch with its efland agent promoting sales of fective leadership fostered the he ranch acreage to farmers used growth of agriculture and farmhe name Taft Ranch about the related industry in South Texas," me William Howard Taft was Stephens writes. Thousands of mominated for the presidency. acres of rangeland grazed by Charles Phelps Taft, half-brother scrubby Longhorn cattle became a f the nominee, long held a major diversified agricultural area with nterest in the pasture company. purebred livestock and productive President Taft's visit came dur-mg an extended tour of the na-The pasture company helped

on and was planned primarily bring a railroad to the area,

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