

# TOWN AT PARKER DAM TO RECALL EARLY DAYS OF BOULDER CITY

New ~~Town~~ of Whipple  
Has Site Already Se-  
lected for Buildings

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Many women pioneers to Boulder City, "first settlers," have left the dam community, and many still remain. All will have something in common with those first residents of the as yet unborn community to be the home of workmen employed on the Parker dam project and their families.

The town, which will be put on the map as Whipple, has its site laid out, but, like Boulder City in the good old days, will grow where "nothing grew before." At an elevation of 400 feet, close to the dam, and below the elevation of the Colorado river at that point, in a desert, and in the hottest part of the United States, men will strive for nearly 3½ years to build a reservoir dam.

**WORK WILL** start on the buildings of the town in a few days, Frank T. Crowe, construction superintendent for Six Companies Inc., successful bidder for the job, announced yesterday.

The contractors for the dam will build between 20 and 30 houses similar to the smaller houses here to make up the contractors' part of Whipple. Two dormitories, each housing 150 men, will be built, and construction plans call for a mess-hall to seat approximately 200 men. An office building, combined with a dormitory to accommodate 13 office workers, will be built and plans are being made to have a small moving picture theatre, to be built by a concessionaire.

**SHOPPERS WILL** purchase their vegetables, clothing, groceries, shoes, fruit, and so forth, from a combination general store and club room.

San Bernardino county, California, will appoint and pay faculty members and furnish equipment for a school building to be built by Six Companies Inc. Streets, sewage disposal plant, sewer mains, lights, water supply, and a chlorination plant for purification of the water supply will be furnished the embryo town by the contractors, also.

Earp, California, christened to honor Wyatt Earp, far-famed frontier marshal during the "wild and woolly west" days, is 17 miles away, and is a "jumping off place." Parker, across the river from the unborn community, is the location of an Indian school. Los Angeles, with paved roads, is nearly 300 miles away. Phoenix, Arizona, the nearest city, is nearly 150 miles from Whipple.

**BUT AS** in Boulder City, they'll probably make the best of it . . . they always do. Lawns will be planted. Churches will be organized, and recreational facilities will be established.