

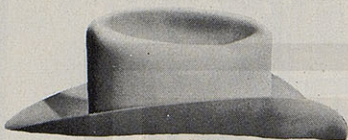
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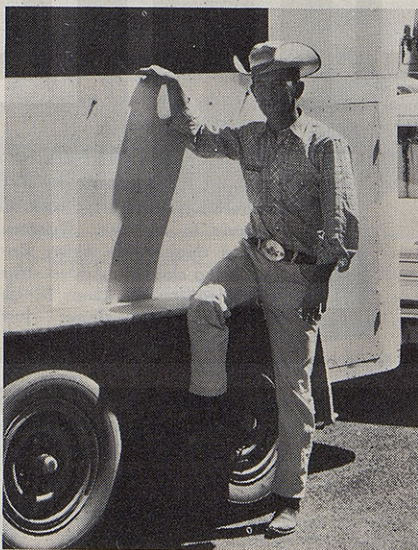
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The girls barrel race was won by Joanie Curtis of Cody. Second went to Gloria Maller, Meeteetse, Wyo., and third was taken by Honey Wuthier, Buffalo, Wyoming.

Word has been received from the Treetop Morgan Horse Ranch, 13843 Salt Lake Ave., La Puente, Calif., that the freeway has taken part of the ranch but, "The breeding farm remains intact with barns." Their fine Morgans will stay at the same location.

According to Maxine Langland, secretary of the Washington Quarter Horse Association, there were 227 entries at their 1964 show. This was the fifth annual show for the association, and it was held at Stecker Stables, Spanaway, Washington. The grand champion stallion, owned by Doris Wilson, Everett, Wash., was Modoc's Redstone. Top mare of the show, owned by Darlene Woods, also of Everett, was Button Rainier. Buzz Jr., Lucky Warren Stables, Roseburg, Ore., was the grand champion gelding. All-



• Tony Navarre, a chief petty officer in the United States Navy, stopped by The Western Horseman offices on his way from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, California. In his trailer he had a good looking filly, Misty Miss, that is registered with the Buckskin Registry.

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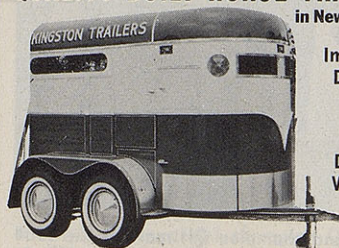
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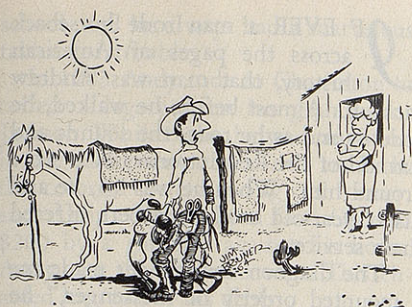
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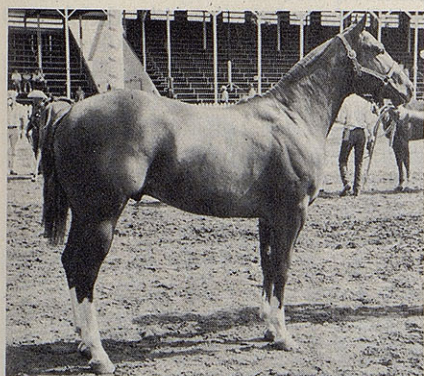
• "Oh, you're too doggone fussy about that ol' carpet!"

around working horse honors went to Fairy Freckles owned by Sandra Pederson, Rochester, Wash., and ridden by Paul Pederson.

At Bill Eaton Day held August 23 on the Y Ranch, Big Horn, Wyo., there were horsemanship classes held during the morning. Bill Ferguson won the western pleasure class (18 and under), and Laura Connell was the winner of western horsemanship (18 and under). Candice Merritt won the barrel race, and Jane Schroeder was first in adult western pleasure.

The Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., will be the headquarters for the National Cutting Horse Finals, November 4-6. With top horses, a purse of \$6,000 in the finals, a \$1,500 purse for the non-professional contest, and Cy Taillon doing the announcing, this is bound to be an outstanding contest. Joe Wells of the Thunderbird Hotel says, "Remember the red carpet treatment awaits you cutting horse people, and because of a strong personal interest in the breeding and showing of horses, I am looking forward to meeting you on your arrival."

In addition to the cutting, Thunderbird Downs will again be going full tilt on weekends, and Morrison and Carlile will hold their second Thunderbird Quarter Horse Sale on November 2.



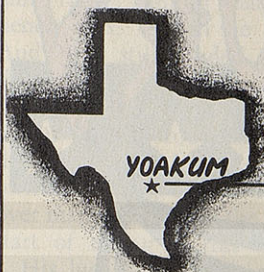
• Sport War Leo, owned by Coblentz Quarter Horses, Aurora, Neb., was reserve champion at the Burwell, Neb., QH show where this picture was taken. This two-year-old stud has won five grand championships and five reserve championships this year.

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He Was a Horseman!

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IF EVER a man rode horseback across the pages of American history, that man was Andrew Jackson. Almost before he walked, he rode — and as he rode, the sounds and turmoil of the Revolutionary War were around him. When he was 13, he and his 16-year-old brother, Robert, offered their services.

"The dragoon commander made me a mounted orderly or messenger," he later wrote, "for which I was well-fitted, being a good rider and knowing the roads."

The times were exciting for any boy and, as young as Andy was, he was given a pistol by a major. He early learned to use it. Man or boy — and danger didn't ask which — the arrow of a Cherokee or the ball of any enemy soldier was as deadly to one as the other.

Andy went well with the perilous times. He was known for his robust language as well as for his stubborn nature. This was readily evident when he was captured with his mother and brother by the Tories. Commanded to shine the boots of the officer in charge, Andy not only refused, but demanded treatment due a prisoner of war. Furious, the officer struck with his sword. Andy warded off the blow by throwing up his hand. Badly gashed on his head and hand, Andy carried the scars for the rest of his life. The Tories ordered the bleeding boy to mount and lead them to the home of a noted Whig — and threatened to kill him if he tried any tricks. But Andy defiantly took a roundabout way which gave the Whig time to escape. Andy paid for this bravery with a forced 40-mile march, without food or water, to jail where he was informed he was to hang.

At the prison he and Robert, who was also wounded, contracted smallpox. And Mrs. Jackson requested their release on a prisoner-of-war exchange.

With Robert delirious in the saddle, Andy walked alongside in the rain, barefoot, and with few clothes on his back. He looked little like the future president of the country. When they reached shelter, their mother felt compelled to leave them to nurse the wounded. Her parting words stayed with Andy all through his life: *Andy, never tell a lie, nor take what is not your own, nor sue for slander — settle them cases yourself.*

Andy was a forlorn young soldier soon after, when both his mother and brother died of the plague; and he wrote that he *felt utterly alone, as he tried to recall her last words to him.*

Fifteen when the war ended, Andy was by then a good judge of horseflesh. His uncle apprenticed him to a saddler, but the job lasted only six months. He did not do much better at

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In 1783 Andy rode to Charleston to collect a legacy from his grandfather Jackson. While there, he was caught up in the excitement of the race track. In this colorful society, racing cost money, and Andy's legacy went fast. Offered \$200 by a gambler against his horse, Andy cast the dice and won. This enabled him to pay his debts.

Young Jackson then entered a law firm, although friends hardly thought him the type. Said one, "Andrew Jackson was the most roaring, rollicking, game cocking, horse racing, card playing, mischievous fellow hereabouts — more in the stable than in the office." But it was added, "He rode a good horse, and no horse was ridden better."

While practicing law, he rode the countryside each day, and his active mind roamed to the raw land beyond boundaries. In 1788 the Cumberland Road was opened across the Cumberland Range, and Andy joined the first immigrant train. Despite a guard of 16 men, it was young Jackson's alertness one night that "put the train in so bristling a state of defense a Cherokee war party forbore to attack, although four hunters were scalped after the train left." Finally the wagons reached trail's end—two taverns, two stores, distillery, courthouse, a few cabins, and wagon camps—all enclosed by a fence holding back grazing buffalo. Lawyer Jackson went the rounds. Legislators rode to meetings with rifles on their arms, prepared to shoot game or Indians. Jackson, with two pistols slung from his saddle, his rifle lashed to the back of his mare, usually was trailed by a troop of hunting dogs.

Rangy Andy, who used bear's oil to tame his thick red hair, had a dynamic appeal to the women. His elopement with Rachel Robards, after her husband left her, caused considerable comment especially when Robards returned and chose to make trouble. This scandal threw a grim shadow that was to cost Jackson dearly all his life. Even

after a second marriage ceremony, the gossip refused to die and, with every insult, real or imagined, Jackson flung a fresh challenge.

But personal troubles could not keep him from gaining national prominence, and, though he had enemies, Andy was still needed to help build the new country.

Jackson was closely associated with horses, and he rode until the year he died. The long list of race horses he owned, trained, or had dealings with, over many years, tells the history of the start of racing in this country.

His luck with race horses, however, was streaked with bad as well as good. For example, his Indian Queen was beaten in three heats by Greyhound in one race. Among the other also-rans was a fine Virginia horse, Truxton, that stood 15-3 hands. Jackson felt that, rather than just being out-run, Truxton lost because of poor conditioning. So he made arrangements to buy the horse.

Always debt-ridden throughout his life, Jackson proceeded to match Truxton against Greyhound with a side bet of \$5,000 that he badly needed to win.

Jackson was known as a severe trainer. His method was to work a horse to the limits of its endurance, thereby trying to instill in it the will to win. When the race began, Greyhound's record made him a favorite. It was also rumored that Truxton was worn out with training. But betting was heavy with "hundreds of horses and numerous 640-acre tracts staked." When Truxton won, Andy treated all to a barrel of cider and basket of ginger cakes.

"This victory did more than ease the finances and replenish the wardrobe of Andrew Jackson," wrote a biographer. "It established him in the first file of western turfmen, a position he held for more than 20 years and, which, if Andrew Jackson had achieved no other claim to recognition, would have perpetuated his name in the fragrant memorabilia of studbook, race path, and paddock."



• Jackson as a boy when he defied the British officer's orders to shine his boots.

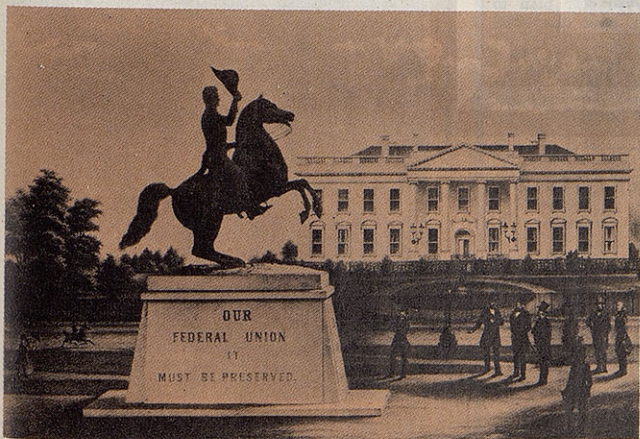
Jackson was not always riding the land as circuit judge in those days. He had a variety of titles ranging from district attorney, representative, senator, and judge to major-general. On the side he was also both farmer and merchant as well as landowner. It is estimated that by 1798 he owned 50,000 acres of wild land and numerous slaves to work his plantation and keep his stable.

Tennessee was then frontier country, with barter a common method of doing business, and it was inevitable that Jackson would try his hand at merchandising in an effort to turn his fees into whatever he most needed. As a merchant, however, Jackson was always far less successful than as a farmer or "turfman."

Race track gossip and a story of trickery in a wager for high stakes, involved Jackson in what was at first called a "gentleman's controversy" with a man named Charles Dickinson. Many others were also involved, but Dickinson made the fatal mistake of speaking of Mrs. Jackson in uncomplimentary terms when he was drunk. Probably because Dickinson apologized, the fiery Jackson appeared to want to avoid conflict with this man.

Yet on May 29, 1806, the future president left at dawn to meet Dickinson, a "snap shot" who had been target practicing on the streets and loudly boasting that he meant to kill Jackson.

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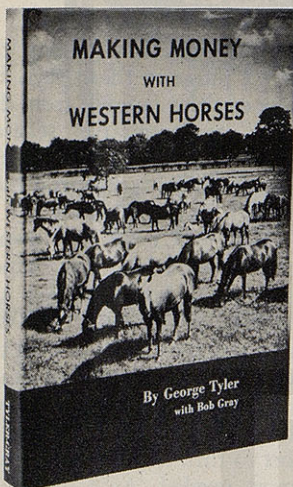
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Linda Paige, 17, 1116 Scott St., Plattsmouth, Neb., is making an Indian costume for horse shows. Linda wants an Appaloosa of her own, but rides a half-Thoroughbred mare on loan to her in 4-H. "I have won several blues in horsemanship and pleasure on her, and a few in other classes."

Two excellent poems were enjoyed this month: *A Thing of Beauty*, by 13-year-old Patricia Boaz, 110 W. Hill Ave., Fullerton, Calif., who would like penpals, and *O! Wonderful Horse!* by Linda Pertrait, 27522 Ann Arbor Trail, Garden City, Michigan.

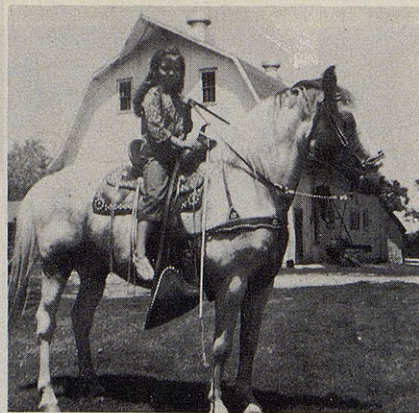
"I want penpals that will trade horse postcards. I haven't many and would like to get more," writes 12½-year-old Mary Beth Larson, 918-24 St., Moline, Illinois.

Linda Beach, 13, Rt. 1, Scottsville, Va., owns Checkmate, a three-gaited horse. She would like penpals.

The Junior Pleasure Horse Association of America is taking in new members. Newsletters are sent out each month and members need not own a horse to join. Write to Kitty Strait, Rt. 4, Box 960, Miami, Fla., for information.

Two 17-year-old readers, Diane Spriggs, 2351 N.W. 102 St., and Mary Ann Warren, 20040 N.W. 3rd Ave., both of Miami, Fla., would like to hear from other teens who would like penpals and who are interested in horses. They say, "We will try to find penpals for anyone who writes."

Mike Patrick, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patrick, Belknap Ranch, Cody, Wyo., had a happy grin on his face after the Labor Day Rodeo at



• Eight-year-old Melanie McClelland, 223 N. 9th Ave. W., Newton, Iowa, on her trick horse, Spot. Melanie would like penpals.

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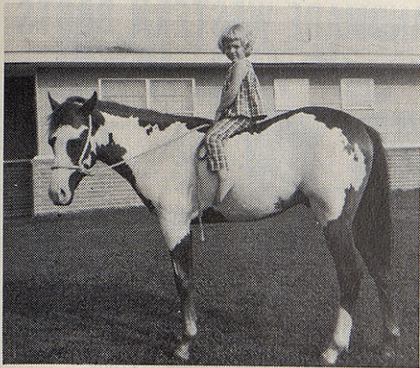
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• Cindy LeBleu, 1219 Ridgewood Ave., Nederland, Tex., sent this photo of her paint stallion, Champ, with Ramona LeBleu aboard. Cindy says that Ramona is four years old and a fine little rider.

Meeteetse, Wyoming. He entered the team tying with his dad and they won third. There were 37 teams entered.

Junior Horseman

Several times I've seen girls and boys write in saying to, "Not give up the ship," if you are unable to have a horse. I didn't believe them and almost gave up. Now my mother has said if I earn \$300 or \$400 I can get a horse. Please don't give up! Keep that little spark burning. Someday it will burst into a flame and your wish will be granted. If you want me to help you "keep the spark glowing," drop me a line. I'd be glad to help.

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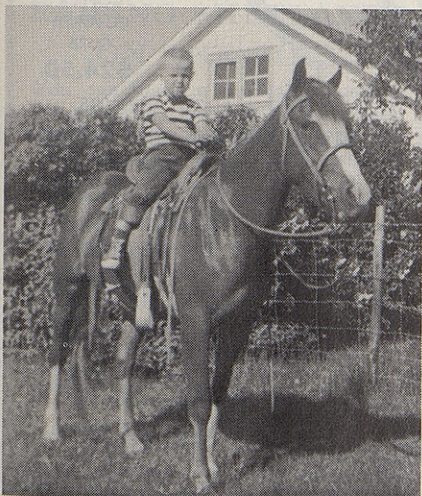
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I am 11 years old. Every morning early, my brother and I get our horses saddled and go for a ride in the forest. We made some trails in there. We bought three fake wanted posters and put our names in the space on the posters.

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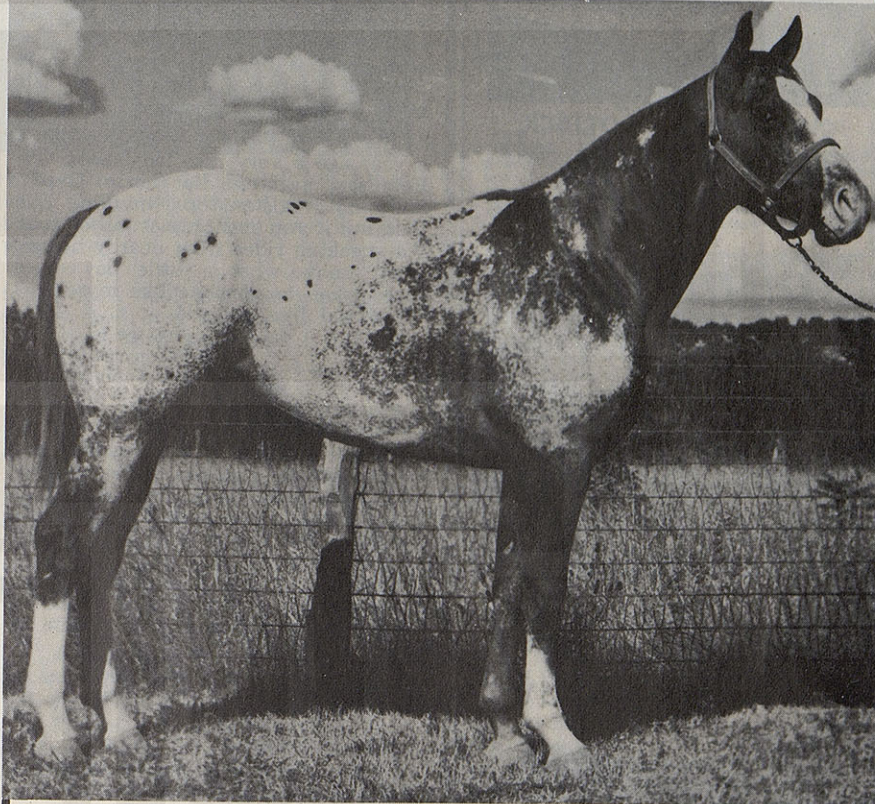
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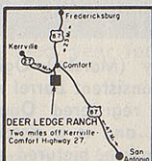
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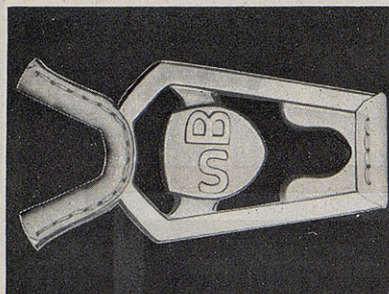
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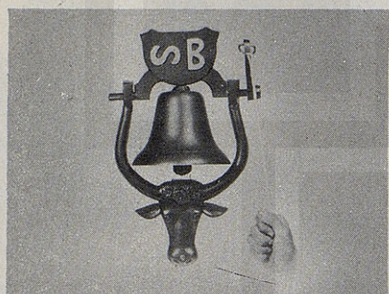
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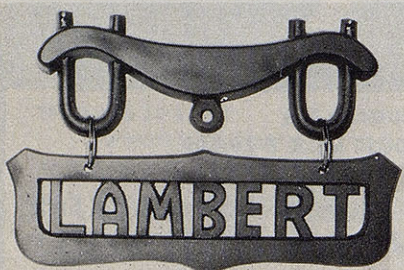
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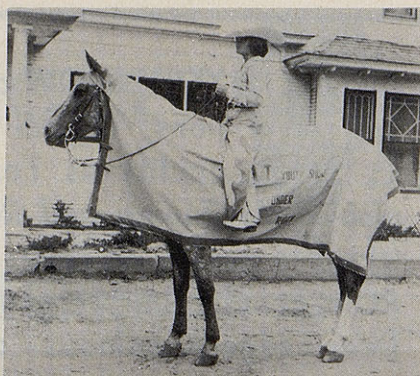


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a year ago a very nice lady, Sada Coe Robinson, gave me her horse, Gypsy. She's not registered or anything like that, but if you spent almost all of your life sneaking rides from nearby horses, you'd know what a little bay mare could mean to someone like myself.

I would like penpals.

Peggy Turley, 15
1504 Farrington Drive
San Jose, California

Junior Horseman

On our vacation in Mexico, my parents bought me a saddle, bridle, blanket, and breast plate. It was understood that I was to pay them back. I'm still paying them, but I have found a good way to make money.

I learned to make anniversary plates. If anyone reading this would like to know about making the sets, write to me.

Nina McCormack
Route 2, Box 82
Plano, Texas

Junior Horseman

I own a three-year-old Chincoteague pony mare. I ride and drive her. Her name is Indian Sunset. I think she is the smartest mare in all the country.

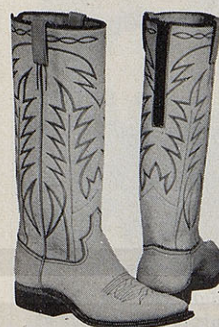
One day I rode her home for my sister's ninth birthday. I put her in the backyard and went in the house to get her some carrots. She followed me up



• Twelve-year-old Marty (Marshe) Ogilvie of Florence, Mont., is a consistent barrel race winner. Marty rides a registered Quarter Horse stallion, Bushmell, and is a sister of Patti and Mary Agnes Ogilvie, pictured elsewhere in this column. Photo by Helen Clark

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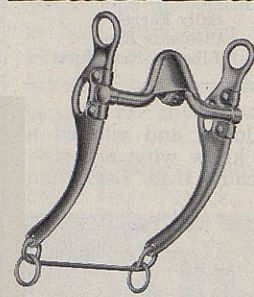
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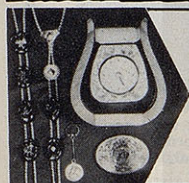
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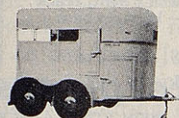


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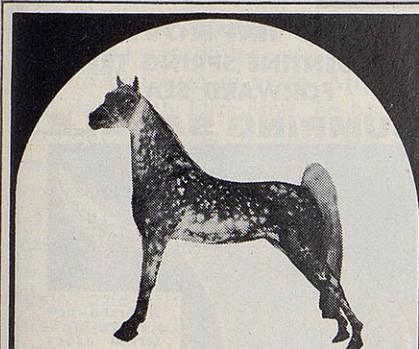
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• From Rt. 1, Box 244, Pineland, Tex., Keith Lane, 12, sent this photo of himself on his buckskin mare, Nancy. Keith would like penpals.

to the door. While the door was closing she reached over and opened it with her nose! Then she walked into the kitchen!

Corinne Ferre, 12
Box 726
Pittsburg, California

Junior Horseman

I have a pinto gelding named Cisco. He is about 17 and loves to eat ice. I like to go to horse shows and rodeos. One day I was sweeping out our barn and one of our horses tried to eat the broom.

Paula Sue Brandt, 9
Diamond B Ranch, Route 2
Mount Joy, Pennsylvania

Junior Horseman

I would like penpals from England and France. I like horses but I don't have one. I am part-English. I was born in California.

Wendy Rowland
1449 North Frances Avenue
Upland, California

Junior Horseman

I have a buckskin horse. I also have three dogs, four cats, and five Guinea pigs. I hope to be a veterinarian. My sister, Genevieve, 11 years old, has a horse and we both would like penpals. Her horse is a 12-year-old pinto and used to belong to Monte Montana and was used in barrel racing and poles, and also for trick riding.

Duncan McDonald, 13
Genevieve McDonald
Star Route
Magalia, California

Junior Horseman

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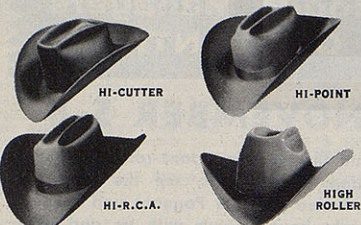


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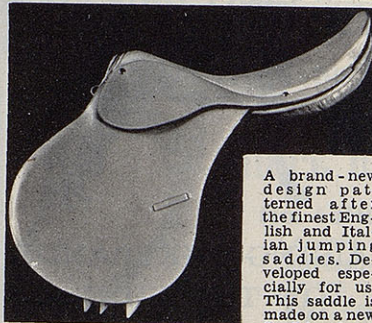
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Old Hickory

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On the bank of the Kentucky Red River the parties met, and after preliminaries the men stepped back, pistols drawn. Dickinson fired and Jackson clutched his chest, then took careful aim, fired, and Dickinson fell, never to rise. Jackson would have been dead, too, except for the fact that his enemy had judged the position of his heart by the set of his coat, not knowing that Jackson always wore his coats loose. The bullet lodged so close to his heart it could never be removed.

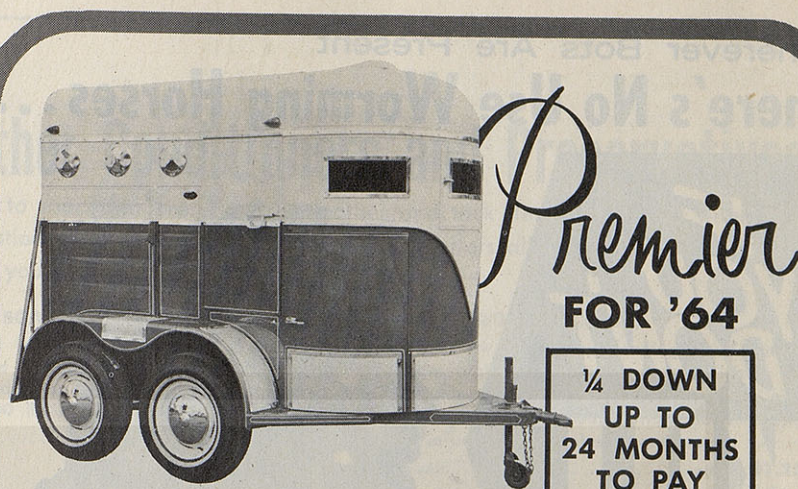
As a soldier, Jackson was a man of genius, and won the name of *Old Hickory*. During many years of battle in New Orleans, the Creek War, the War of 1812 and later, his exploits became almost legendary. In war he was known as a killer, and the name stuck to him even in peace. After the fatal duel with Dickinson, he became notorious as a *man of blood*, and the deaths of eight other men were attributable to him.

During battle, Jackson's courage was outstanding. "In showers of bullets he was seen performing the duties of subordinate officers, cowards forgot their panic, and the brave would have formed round his body a rampart with their own," it was written.

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But he had not been home long when his name was mentioned for the presidency and in 1828, after one of the bitterest political campaigns ever fought, in which Jackson's enemies tried by every means to slur his name, he was elected. Soon after, worn from the scandalous accusations against her husband through her, his beloved Rachel died.

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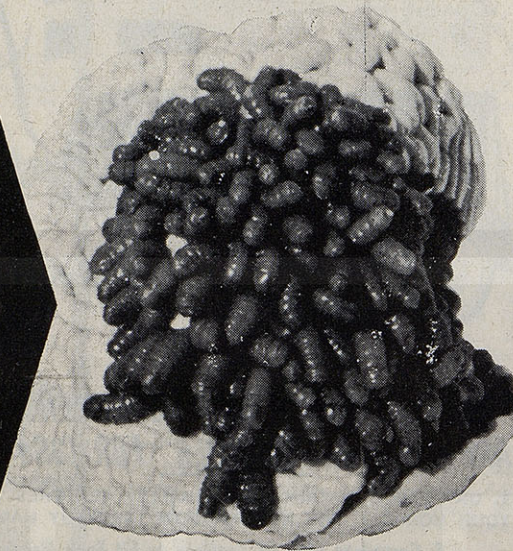
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• "That sourdough recipe has been in Cookie's family for generations—passed down from one rotten cook to another!"

one of the things Jackson saw to first was ordering his horses sent on. Certainly no president before or since was more horse-minded, and when, after eight years, he left the White House, an era had passed, an era that included full and active stables, with throngs of jockeys and hostlers and hangers-on who slept where they could spread a blanket and looked to the White House kitchen for handouts.

Andrew Jackson and horses are part of the great American past. After eight years in office, he was a tired and weary man and went home with just \$90 to his name. Serving his nation had not made him rich, he was more debt-ridden than ever and wondered how he would pay the \$2,000 bill for getting his possessions, including horses, to the Hermitage.

To get badly needed cash he sold his prize fillies at almost give-away prices. True, the people showed their affection by showering gifts on Jackson (unfortunately not money) when he left the White House. There was a wagon of hickory with the bark on, a phaeton of timber from the frigate Constitution, a cheese four feet in diameter weighing 1,400 pounds. There were hats, pipes, canes, and letters from all over the world.

With Jackson gone, the White House no longer looked the same. Gone were the stable jockeys and the many horse authorities that even congressmen had often consulted. Of the many fine horses in Jackson's administration, the stables now held only four grey coach horses.

When he was 74 and a sick old man, Jackson, still harassed by money worries, offered his last Thoroughbreds for \$1,000 — then \$900 — then "as your judgment may direct." Sold they were, but for scarcely enough to pay his bills.

When he lay dying he said to his weeping servants, "Do not cry. Be good children, and we shall all meet in Heaven." He was not to hear, as he lay in his final rest before being buried beside Rachel, the thunder of hoofs as a coach drawn by galloping horses careened into the drive, and a man hustled a boy into the house and to the bier. There the man, Sam Houston, looked at the great American in death, and sobbed: "My son, try to remember that you have looked on the face of Andrew Jackson."

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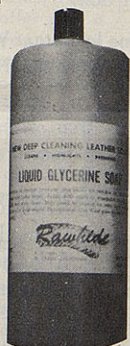
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Vitamins

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various vitamin deficiencies. Dr. Way states that such a condition, "commonly present in the Thoroughbred horse, may also be due to deficiencies not only of vitamins A and D, but also of vitamin B1 and other factors of the B complex."

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E. Many feeding programs may be improved by added vitamins and minerals; determining actual vitamin and mineral inadequacies in the diet is difficult.

Azoturia

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Azoturia, like so many diseases, can usually be prevented with proper management. Don't overwork any horse, especially if he is out of shape. Don't grain too heavily if he is idle. Ask your veterinarian if you are in a selenium deficient area. Before shipping fat horses long distances, it might be wise to tranquilize them. If a well-conditioned horse in hard physical condition must be laid off, especially in a confined space, cut his grain ration drastically, and give a bran mash the first day to flush his digestive tract.

I'd like to say a word now about *tying-up* in race horses, also known as *cording-up* or *myositis*. Authorities differ as to whether this is the same as azoturia or not. There are many similarities. For example, the symptoms of a tied-up horse resemble a mild case of azoturia. Certain enzyme tests on the blood serum show the same changes in both conditions.

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Considerable amount of research is being done both in the U.S.A. and abroad to help us understand these ancient muscle diseases.

March Time

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work to keep up her amazing talent, he says.

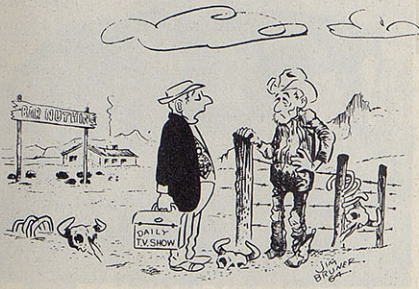
"I work her at home very little, just occasionally when I have some real fresh cattle, so I have to ration the hay to her or she will get too fat."

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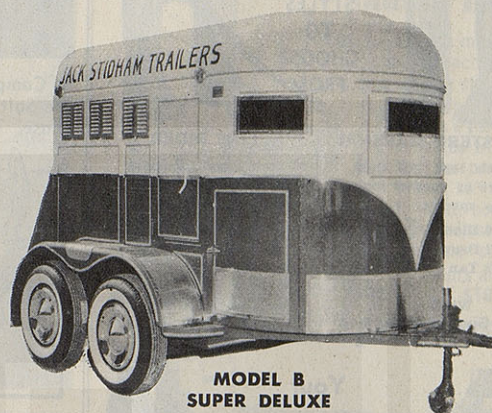
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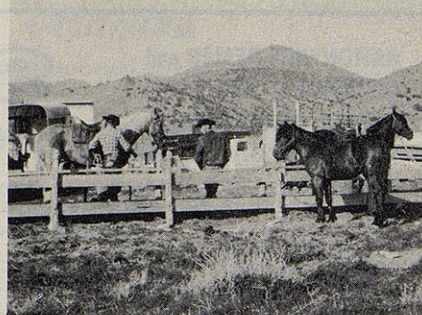
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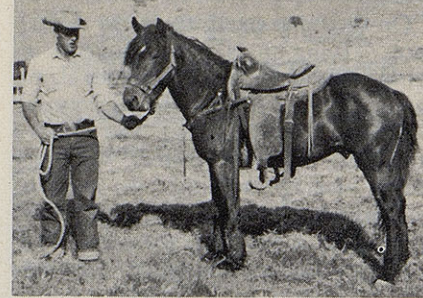
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By KENT GREGERSEN

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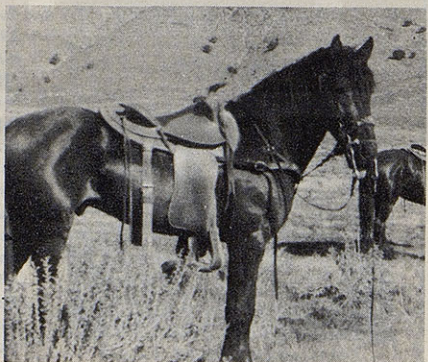
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other breeds as it catches more Mus-
tangs. This, however, is a slow process
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being trained for performance in open-
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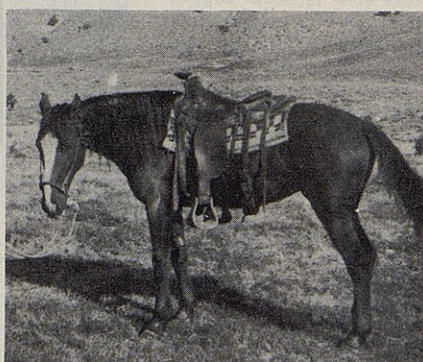
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mountains and down to the flats. Here,
the Mustangs will usually circle back
toward the mountain — and at this
point the grain fed horse earns his
oats. By cutting across the circle on a
stout horse, the rider is able to rope a
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dling turn what was once a thin and
unkept horse into one that the new
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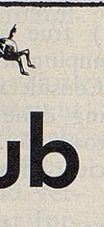
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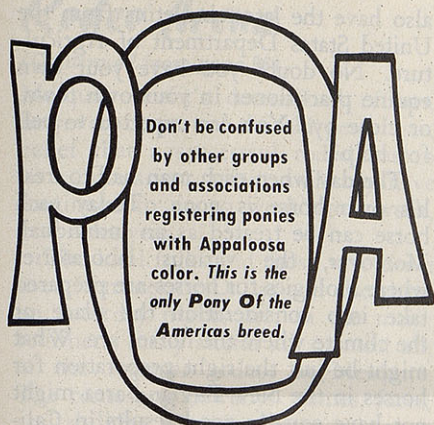
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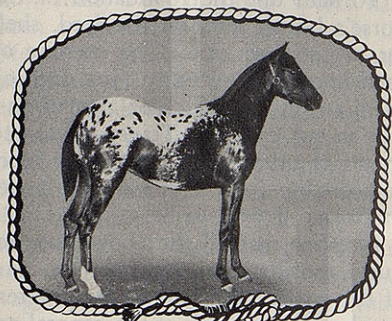
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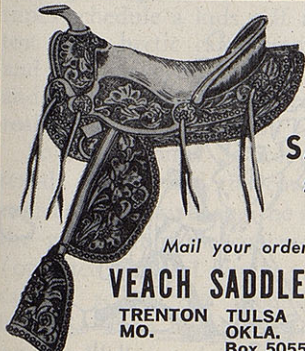
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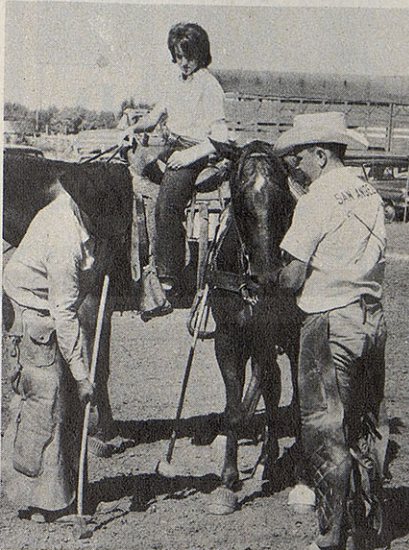


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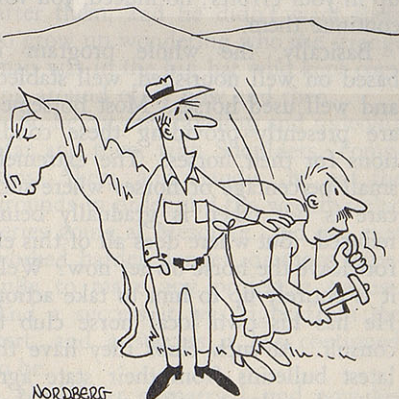
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Ten teams entered the tournament: San Angelo, Lamesa, Spur, and Snyder, Tex.; Las Cruces (A and B teams), Santa Fe, and Albuquerque (A and B teams), N.M.; and Mobile, Alabama.

Outstanding players were: Lloyd Rutledge, Albuquerque; Bob Hentz, Las Cruces; Hayden Moore, Don Condron and Doc Edwards, Spur; and Bruce Bruton, Jerry Bruton, James Woodfin, Jim Franklin and Joe Kinder of San Angelo. Bruce Bruton was not only one of the outstanding players but, at 13, was the youngest ever to play in a championship tournament.

Class B outstanding players were: Melvin Brooks, C.T. Grable, Wayne McKinley, Jim Bassett and Joe Axtel of Las Cruces; and Joe Vickery, Dale Tolbert, Smiley Casey, Ronnie Rainwater, and Don Griffin of the Big Bill Polo Team from Mobile. Dale Tolbert from Mobile was the most outstanding B player.



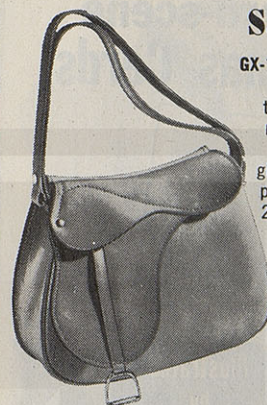
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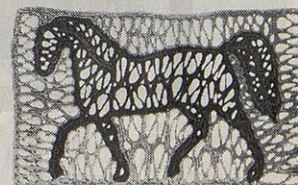


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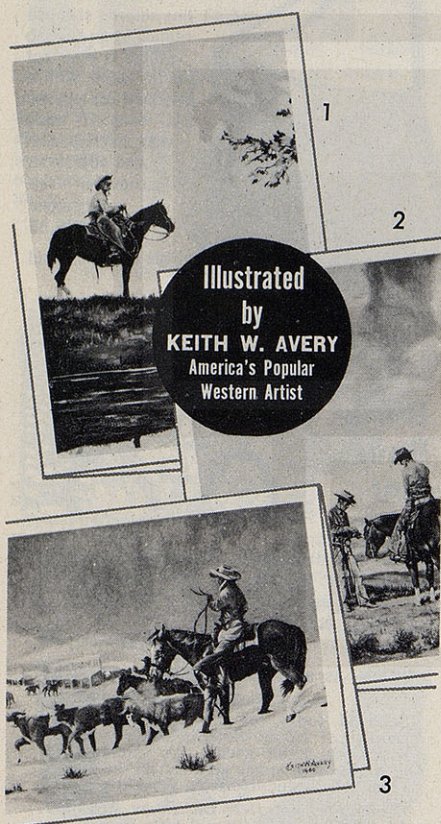
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Why is this so? It is my belief that the answer rests with a wide variety of factors. For example, feed, care, shelter, and water have been constantly improved. The resistance of a horse to the communicable respiratory diseases is greatly aided by these factors. Also important are the advances made by scientists in developing various preparations to induce immunity.

It would be useless for me to describe in detail any of the biologics offered for your choice—for two reasons. First, such products are fully described in the literature that comes in each package. Second, there will be newer preparations on the market from time to time. This search for better products goes on constantly. Federal and state agencies connected with livestock health, and also many commercial laboratories carry on experimentation and investigation into the prevention of such diseases. As a result there will be a constant change for the better as far as our horses are concerned.

But, much of this work is based on the premise that you, the horse owner, will continue to do your part. I have no doubts at all that you will not slack up in your efforts; no indeed, you will continue them.

Basically, the whole program is based on well nourished, well stabled, and well used horses. Most horsemen are presently providing these conditions for their horses. The extremely small percentage of horses where such care is not taken is gradually being reduced. But where does all of this effort leave the horse owner now? Well, it is entirely up to him to take action. He has his own local horse club to consult. At such clubs they have the latest bulletins from their state agricultural colleges, with perhaps their state veterinary divisions. Such clubs

also have the latest bulletins from the United States Department of Agriculture. No doubt you have your own equine practitioner in your own town, or close by. You are expected to yell for help!

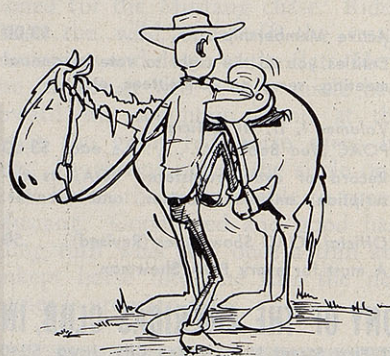
The day when each man had to treat his own horse is gone. Today each horse can be treated as an individual. Moreover, the various laboratories where biologics for horses are prepared take into consideration the place or the climate where the horses are. What might be just the right preparation for horses in the New England area might not have equally good results in California. However, the labels and literature describe where they are to be used, and how they are to be administered.

To sum up: the foundation of the horse's health rests on the feed, shelter, water, and care. The exercise of each horse is a necessity. Just turning them out in a paddock or a small pasture is not enough. Transportation to shows or other meetings is now more comfortable for the horse and is not the worry it used to be.

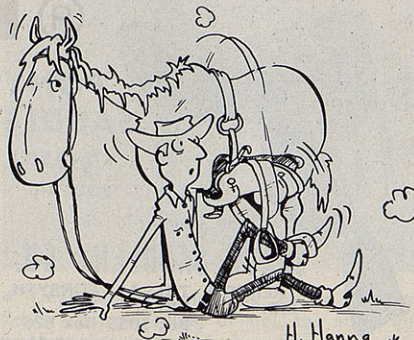
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Mesquite outfit's determined efforts, however, disproved the old pessimistic belief that a successful rodeo has to be a once-a-year affair, and they have continued to do so week after week, year after year.

The local folks and those who drive over from nearby Dallas and elsewhere on Saturday nights are, in the main, returners; many attend all, or most all, of the summer rodeos at Mesquite. The contesting cowboys' names, faces, and abilities, in many instances, are as familiar to them as the players on the Giants, Dodgers, and Yankees are to their hometown baseball enthusiasts.

No one knows for sure, of course, how many fans of other sports have been converted into rodeo fans in the Mesquite stands. In the same vein, none can tell with any degree of certainty just how many daring and determined youngsters have become cowboys, and how many cowboys have developed into far better cowboys in the Mesquite arena. But the total number in all three categories must add up to more folks than any chuck wagon cook would care to see in camp at suppertime.

Many local cowboys, and others from around and about, are on hand to contest at most every Saturday night performance. Their ranks, though, are regularly augmented by the entries of traveling pro cowboys. Practically every point award champion (of the five major events) and most all of the top pro cowboys (active in the same five major events) have ridden, or roped, or tussled with steers, under the stars in the Mesquite arena.

A goodly number of the corporation stock (especially bulls) is seen in action at the National Finals Rodeo every year. They give as good an account of themselves at the N.F.R. indoors and in mid-winter, as they do at Mesquite out in the open and in the good ol' summertime.

They change announcers, and use different clowns and contest judges, and are constantly on the lookout for new specialty act talent. They sometimes schedule a kids calf riding contest or a hectic calf scramble event, and they have on hand an attractive and very youthful drill team that is really something to watch.

So each summer Saturday night the stands fill up and the cowboys from near and far arrive, and the aromas and the voices from the concession stands (operated by local family groups) are carried across the grounds by the breeze. Then another performance gets underway and it goes fast and is



• Neal Gay, cowboy businessman.

wild and western. When the bulldogging event started at this particular performance, some of the regulars, knowing that I was a first timer there, reminisced about the late Bill McGuire and how it was the night he figured in a calamitous horse and steer wreck in this arena.

The major domo of the Mesquite rodeos is the popular all-around cowboy, Neal Gay. Neal was born, grew up and went to school in Dallas. His birthdate is June 25, 1926. Neal started rodeoing when he was 18 and he paid his first entry fee to contest in the old Pleasant Mound, Tex., arena. He joined the Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1945. For long the talented and versatile Gay rode bulls, saddle and bareback broncs, and was a sharp 'dogger. In 1949 he quit riding bulls—quote: "To keep in better shape for the other events." But that year he was seriously injured, away from the arena, and many believed that Neal Gay had made his last ride and twisted down his final steer. The rugged Texas cowboy, however, was back in action in the summer of 1951.

Neal was one of the top saddle bronc riders of those years, and many of the cowboys who were regularly competing against him averred that Gay would one day win a title. He very likely would have if he had not lost his wife. She died of leukemia, leaving Neal and their two young boys. He could have boarded the youngsters and continued contesting at rodeos all over the country, but he didn't choose to do it that way. He figured his growing boys needed a parent to look after them, and he didn't want them to grow up wondering who the strange man was in the big hat who kept coming around every now and then.

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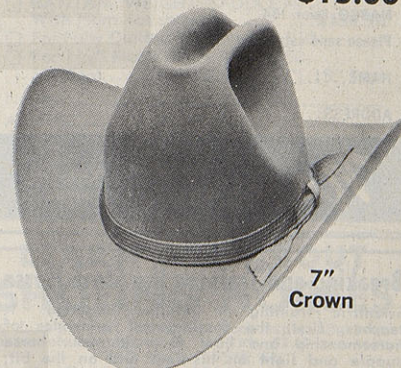


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As a rule the Mesquite Rodeo Corporation will have from 200 to 250 head of bucking horses (saddle and bareback broncs), around 100 calves, and from 50 to 60 rogue bulls on pasture and in readiness for the Saturday night performances. On the home ranch, Neal also has beef cattle and a farming setup in operation. In addition to all this, he and his efficient secretary, Carolyn Chesshir, also are engaged in other local business enterprises. Neal can now get one a job (Mesquite Employment Service), sell one a home (Gay Realty Co.), and he is also equipped to handle any and all of anyone's insurance requirements. He is, at present, planning the erection of an additional building on the rodeo grounds that will accommodate other future business interests.

Meanwhile, Mesquiteros (if that is what one may call residents of Mesquite) report that every weekday from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. Neal's office phones are ringing continually. The caller may be a cowboy from afar, wanting to enter the bull riding or some other event at an upcoming Saturday night rodeo; or an insurance policy holder in trouble; or a local businessman or rancher seeking a worker, or a dozen workers; or someone wanting to buy or to sell a lot, a home, or a ranch. It goes on and on. Neal Gay and Carolyn Chesshir take this all in stride and are always courteous and helpful. Neal never gets excited, never raises his voice and, in spite of all that he accomplishes, never appears to be in a hurry.

Though at a desk and making like a businessman much of the time, this is a cowboy and one who might have won a championship title in rodeo; in fact he still probably could get out and do it. But, he would have to be separated from his family for long periods of time; he would have to let others run the Mesquite rodeos, his ranch, his businesses, and he would also have to give up teaching his Sunday School classes. These are things that Neal Gay will never do.

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November 4-6

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Baton Rouge, La.

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November 5-14

Golden Spike National Livestock and Horse Show: Ogden, Utah

November 6-15

Arizona State Fair National Horse Show:
Phoenix, Ariz.

November 7

Walter Merrick-Whitcomb QH Production Sale: Oklahoma City, Okla.

S.D. Arabian Horse Assn. Part-Bred Arabian Sale: Sioux Falls, S.D.

November 8

Fame Farms & Willow Springs Ranch Production Sale: Sacramento, Calif.

November 11

Platte Valley QH Sale: Lexington, Neb.

November 13-20

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Toronto, Ontario

November 14

Appaloosa Show: McKinney, Tex.

November 15

Annual Big D Appaloosa Show:
Dallas, Tex.

November 19-21

L.S.U. National QH Show & Student Rodeo: Baton Rouge, La.

November 21

Ada Appaloosa Horse Sale: Ada, Okla.

November 22

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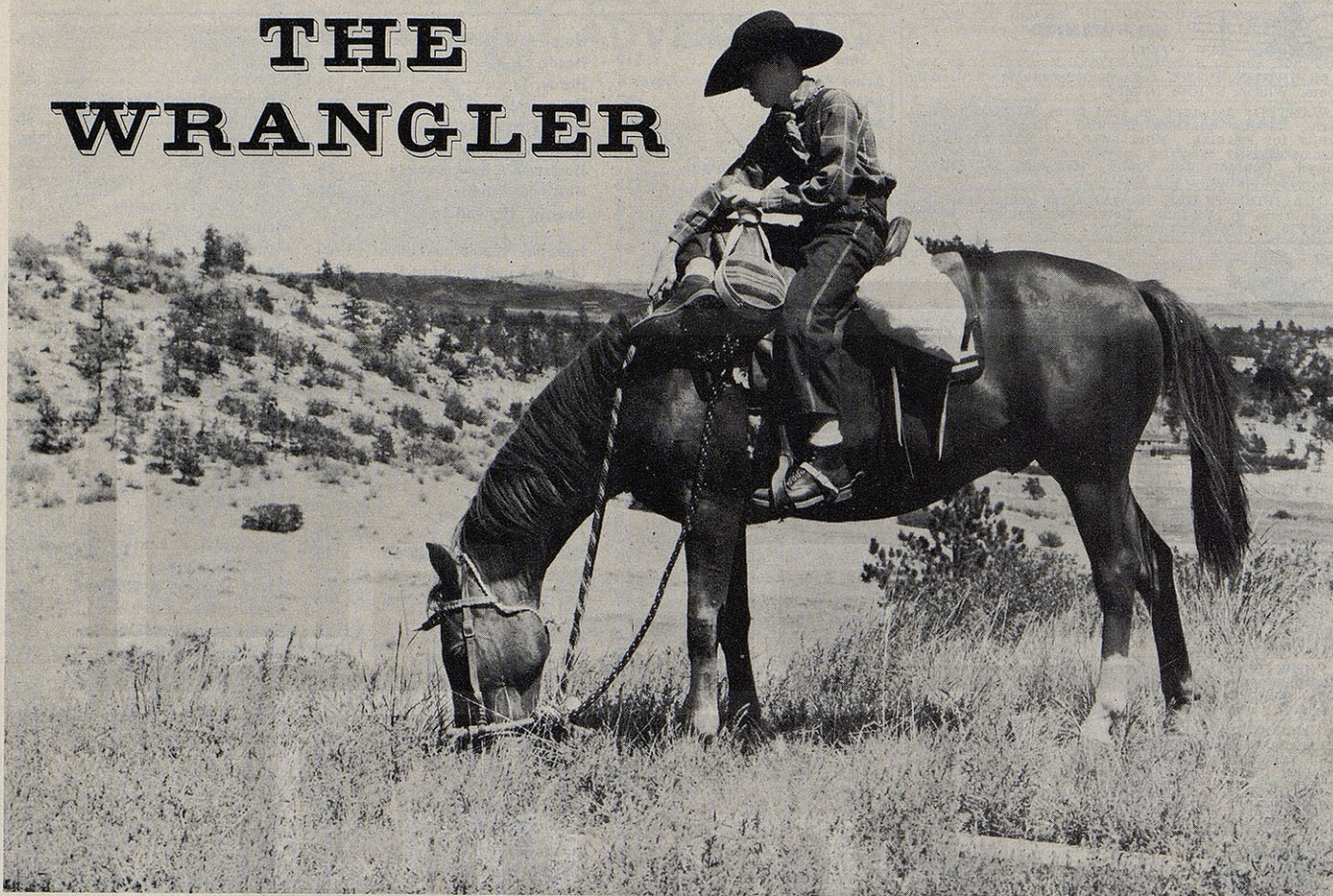
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LITTLE JOE THE WRANGLER

By N. HOWARD "JACK" THORPE



Oh, Little Joe, the wrangler, will wrangle never more —
His days with the remuda they are o'er.
T'was a year ago last April when he rode up to our herd,
Just a little Texas stray and nothin' more.

It was late in the evening, when he came upon our camp,
On a little Texas pony he called "Chaw."
With his brogan shoes and overalls, a tougher lookin' kid
No one ever in his lifetime really saw.

His saddle was a Texas kak, built many years ago,
And his O.K. spur from one foot lightly swung.
With his hot-roll in a cotton sack, so loosely tied behind,
And his canteen from his saddle-horn was hung.

He said he'd had to leave his home; his paw had married twice,
And his new maw whipped him every day or two —
So he saddled up old Chaw one night, and lit a shuck this way,
And now he's trying to paddle his own canoe.

He said if we would give him work, he'd do the best he could,
Though he didn't know straight up about a cow.
So the boss he kindly put him on, and cut him out a mount,
For we sorta liked that little kid somehow.

Well, he learned to wrangle horses, and to know them all by name,
And to get them in by daylight if he could;
And to follow the chuck wagon, and to always hitch the team,
And to help the cocinero rustle wood.

We was camped down on the Pecos, when the wind began to blow.
We doubled up our guard to hold them tight.
When the Norther came a-roaring, with thunder and with rain,
And the herd stampeded off into the night.

Then midst the streaks of lightning, we could see one horse ahead.
It was little Joe, the wrangler, in the lead.
He was riding old Blue Rocket, with a slicker o'er his head,
And a-trying to check the leaders in their speed.

At last we got them milling, and the danger it was past,
The extry guard back to the camp did go.
Then we noticed one was missing — and we all knew at a glance,
T'was our little Texas stray, poor Wrangler Joe.

Next morning just at daybreak, we found where Rocket fell,
Down in a washout twenty feet below.
Beneath his horse, mashed to a pulp—that spur had rung his knell,
Lay our little Texas stray, poor Wrangler Joe.



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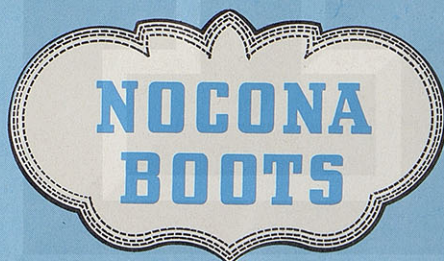
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Milwaukee, Wis.—Albert Victor Chase, veteran traveling salesman of harness preparations for the Fiebing Chemical Company, of this city, passed away at his home here on February 25th. He had been suffering from heart trouble for about three years and had been confined to his home and at the Columbia Hospital here five times during the three years of his illness. So the end, although sudden, was not entirely unexpected.

Mr. Chase had a sunny disposition and a rare wit which won him the friendship of thousands of men in the saddlery industry. For thirty years he has been calling on the harness trade in the Central, Southern and Western states as the representative of the Fiebing concern. He was one of the best known salesmen in the harness industry and enjoyed a wonderful trade by reason of his personal popularity and the merits of his merchandise which he knew how to present in a most favorable manner.

This knight of the grip was a regular attendant at the harness trade conventions where he enjoyed meeting his friends and customers. His passing will be learned with extreme regret as he was held in universal respect by the saddlery industry, retail and wholesale. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Chase is survived by his widow and one son, A. V. Chase, Jr. This son has been carrying on for Mr. Chase during the past three years of his illness and it is likely he will succeed to the business established by his estimable father.

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Sioux City, Iowa—Fred Cornell is a salesman who has just been added to the force of the Meyer Bros. Saddlery Company, wholesale manufacturers and jobbers of horse equipment. Mr. Cornell will travel in territory formerly covered by Ray B. Daske, who was severely injured in an auto accident in December and will incapacitate him for several months more.

Harness Trade Conventions When and Where

Minnesota Retail Harness Dealers' Association, at Minneapolis, June 2 and 3, 1930. C. C. Heibel, secretary, Northfield, Minn.

Dakotas Retail Harness Dealers' Association, at Jamestown, N. D., June 5 and 6, 1930. V. H. Mankey, secretary, Aberdeen, S. D.

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Wisconsin Retail Harness and Leather Goods Dealers' Association, at Green Bay, June 23 and 24, 1930. Reuben Hansen, secretary, Woneewoc, Wis.

Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States also National Saddlery Manufacturers' Association, at Louisville, Ky., May 26 to 30, 1930. E. H. Frommel, secretary-commissioner, 30 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

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CHANGE IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE ALMOST RUINED WHIP INDUSTRY

New York, N. Y.—Horse whips, once an important item in shipments from foreign countries, have virtually disappeared from importations, according to M. C. Brown, director of the waterfront department of Bush Terminal. Mr. Brown said he was not prepared to state whether this condition was due to the fact that driving vehicles no longer dot the highways, or whether American manufacturers now can take care of all the whip business, but he thought a contributing factor might be the complete disappearance of the old-fashioned schoolboy.

"Not so long ago it was the fashion for a schoolmaster to keep a good whip on display or at least within easy reach," he said. "The father of a family adopted the same plan of physical education. Discipline has softened both in the school and in the home and this has had its effect in the whip industry.

"Rattan, once famous for its castigation powers, still arrives by the ton at the Bush piers. It is a vine grown in the Far East and is used here for cane seat chairs and many other purposes but not much at present for switches.

"I personally know of some whip manufacturers who have turned to the production of other sorts of goods in which leather is needed, such as purses, garments and sporting equipment. They ship their purses back to the Far East from whence they formerly got their raw material. Certain inhabitants of those equatorial regions previously have worn no garments or unelaborate

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TIO SAM D. MYRES

The gentleman pictured above is not Buffalo Bill Cody. It is El Paso's own distinguished and beloved character by the name of Sam D. Myres, the founder of the Myres Saddle Co. Tio Sam (Uncle Sam to you who don't savvy Spanish) has been written up and about innumerable times; even in such national publications as *Esquire* and *Western Horseman*. Our purpose is to show the man in another light beside the old Western atmosphere that he radiates.

Mr. Myres started in the saddle business in Sweetwater in 1897 as a young man and for more than fifty years has been putting out the finest that money can buy. After being turned down for enlistment in World War I because of a foot injury, he offered his services to the Government to produce saddles for the cavalry. He made over 5,000 and received a citation from Woodrow Wilson as the saddles had been way above the specifications. It was pride of workmanship, not profit, that was responsible for those saddles.

Even with that white hair Tio Sam has not lost any of the verve for life and its people. You can find him in his same reserved seat for any and all boxing and wrestling matches. He's always for the

underdog there. For an active participation in sports it's pistol, and he can and does put almost any young man to shame. 'Tis said that Sam makes a playing card look mighty beat up at 25 paces. His targets must be inanimate, for he does not like to kill. Hunting is not a sport to him.

Mr. Myres is also an avid reader, his favorite topics being American history and religion. He embraces the faith of the Mormon Church, but is tolerant of any creed and likes to discuss them, for he is thoroughly conversant on the origin, basis and history of all religions.

Naturally a gentleman of his background would go for Western stories. We bet he'd be a dinger at writing them for we eavesdropped on a story he was telling of the time, when as a young man, he was up in a tree having a war of nerves with a snarling bob-cat. It was the bobtail that finally took it on the lam.

Mr. Myres, although a legendary figure here, is probably more well known outside of the city as his saddles are sent to far corners of the world. On his office walls hang countless autographed pictures of well known personages, such as J. Edgar Hoover, Tom Mix, Gene Autry and Col. Gallagher, to mention but a few.

He's a friend that's a true friend, understanding and tolerant. The moochers have discovered this soft hearted little man who never can turn down a touch for a dime to buy a cup of "coffee" with foam on the top. Loyal and understanding, he's the kind of fellow around whose shoulder you want to put your arm and give him a hefty squeeze.

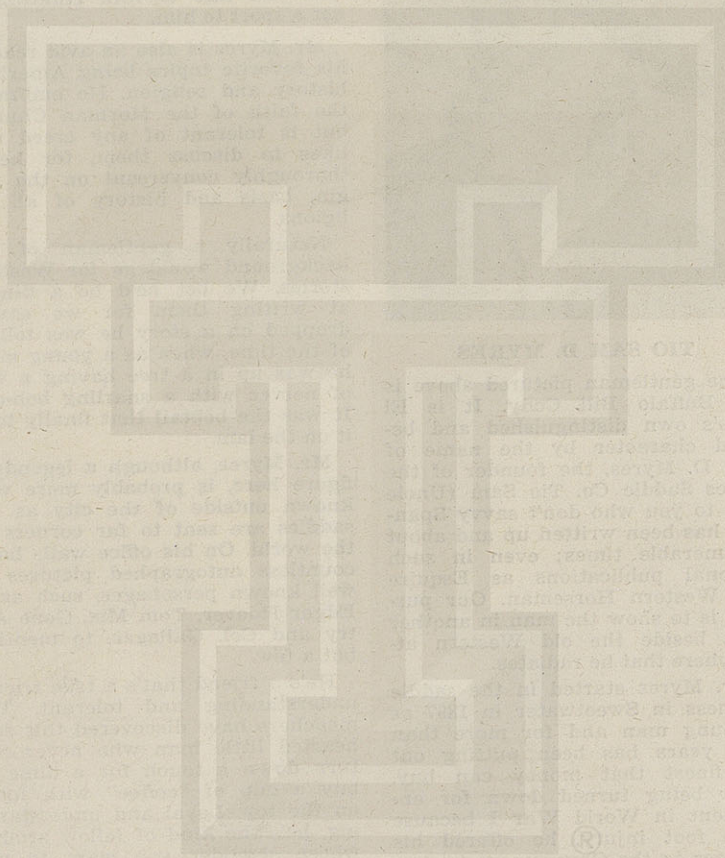
A strong Democrat throughout the years, he can not tolerate any lament that's detrimental to democracy. Party line is unimportant there.

As we prepared to leave, he put a twinkle in his eye and said, "Whatever you write about me, I have probably done something worse."

Can't help liking a guy like that.

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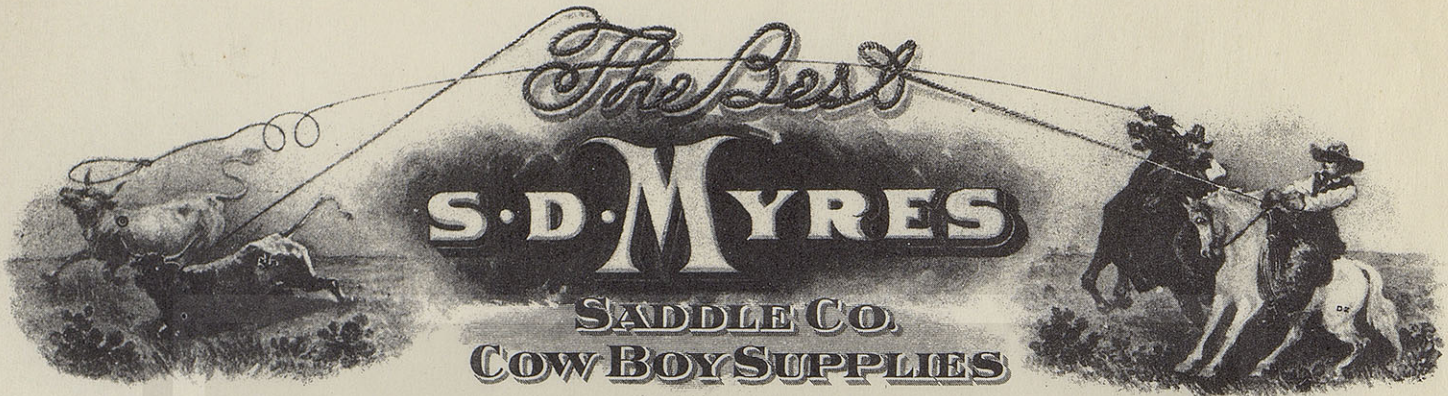
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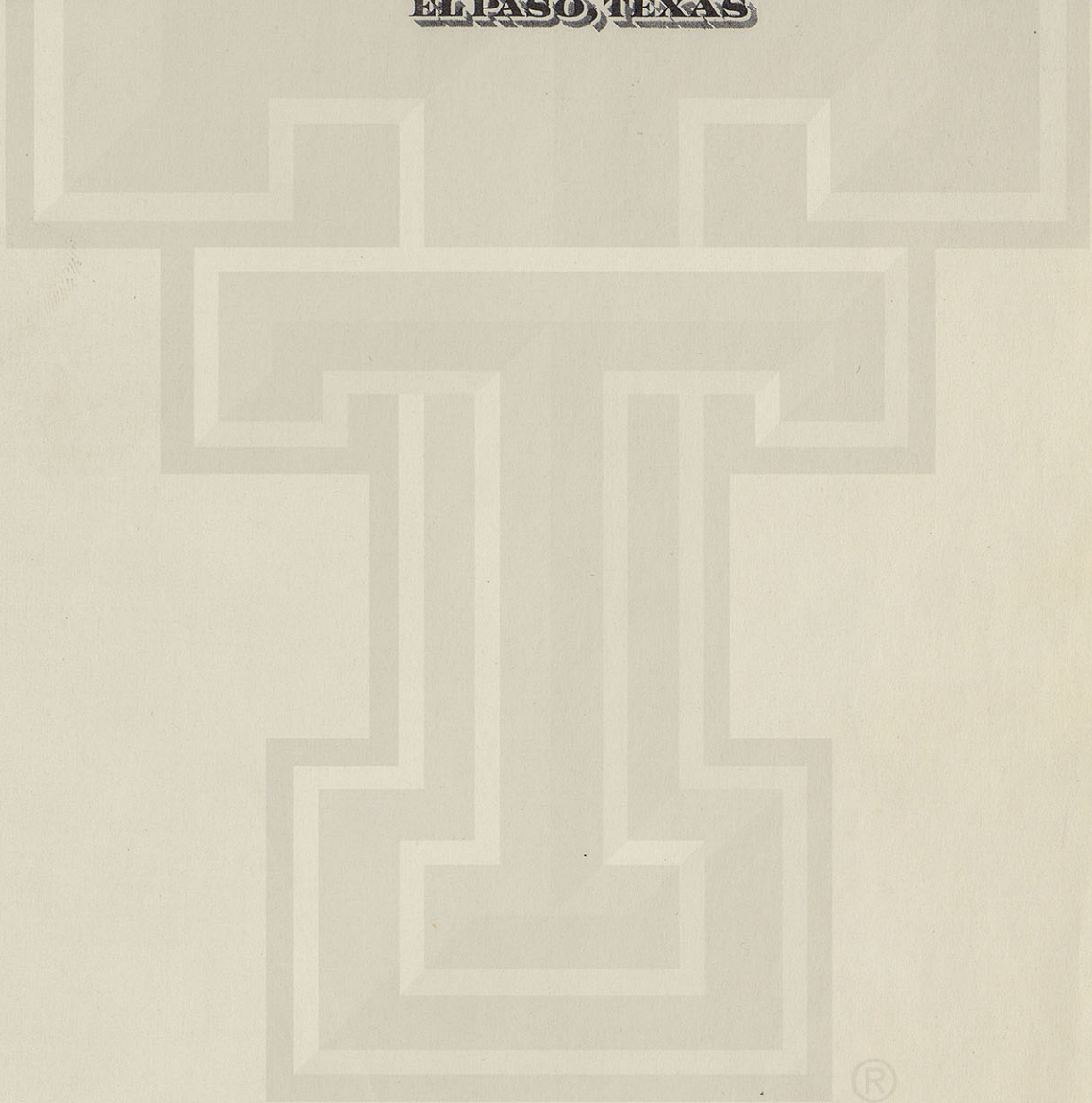
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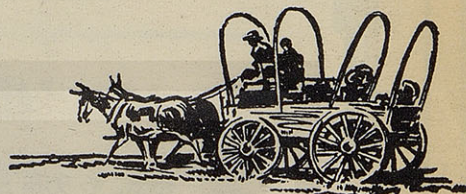
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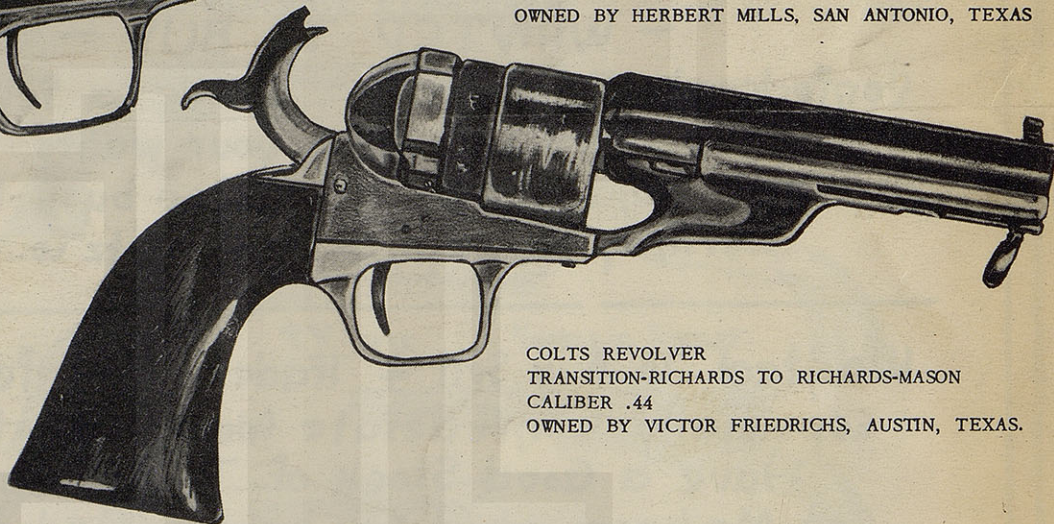


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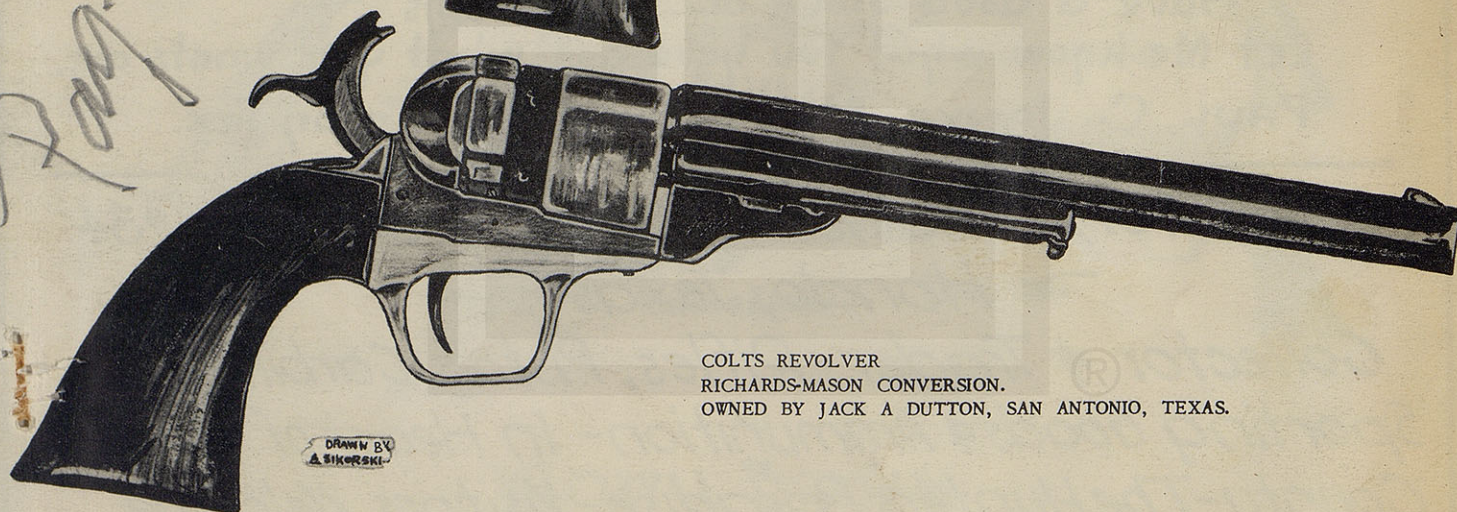
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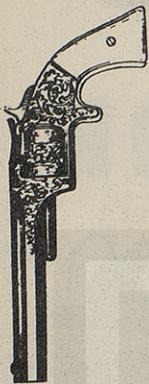


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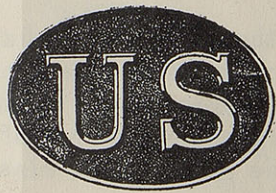
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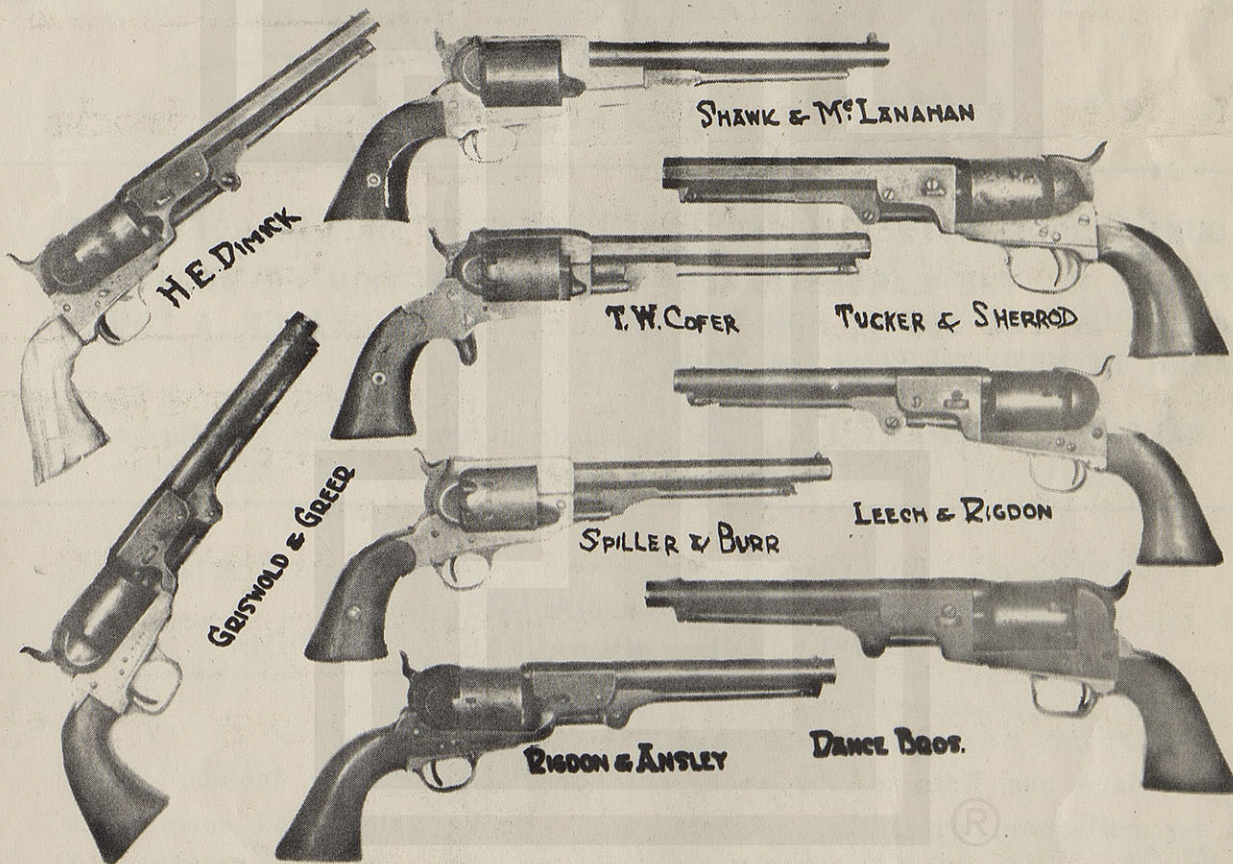


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NEW MEMBERS
COMING INTO THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY

The following six Members are being sponsored by Secretary Clyde O'Neal:

RICHARD A. McBRIDE, 105 South Spring Street, Tyler, Texas. "Mac", as he is called by his many friends, is the owner of about 100 firearms. A collector of all types and sizes, but is especially partial to Colts, Deringers, and oddities.

FRANK SORELLE, Rabbit Ranch, Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Frank is one of those strong silent men from the great open spaces. He lives on a big spread called Rabbit Ranch, so called because it's on Conejo Creek (know now?). He has about 150 guns ranging from a matchlock to the latest .222 Remington. Frank, besides being President of the New Mexico Rifle and Pistol Association, has the unique distinction of being the only gun collector who does not lay claim to the fact that he has one of Billy the Kid's six-shooters (and him from Fort Sumner, too). "Several years ago, in 1944", writes Frank, "I was living down in Texas, had a whale of a big collection of guns, house burned down and I lost everything I had, took me a long time to get over that, but I did, and am now starting all over again. The only thing that holds me down now is the fact that my wife collects antiques; can't understand what womenfolks see in the durn stuff."

WM. H. MARSH, 1303 South Sneed Street, Tyler, Texas. Bill has about 30 firearms, all mighty good, they tell me; does not specialize in any particular line, hasn't gotten that far down the road, he says.

IRVING GINSBURG, 310 Austin Street, Waco, Texas. "Irv is a mighty nice Joe," says Clyde, "his first and only love is Colt Single Actions" (your inquisitive Reporter failed to find out how many he has).

PAUL H. WALSER, 1102 North 1st Street, Temple, Texas. Paul has about 60 firearms, all are mighty nice pieces. We recall seeing him with some very nice pieces at the Waco Meet.

HENRY EHRLMAN MOONEY, 1721 South 15th Street, Waco, Texas. Henry is a collector of American military arms and bayonets; he has at this time approximately 108 pieces and about 75 bayonets--all these being solely of World War I and II vintage. (We believe here is a practically untouched field that in the years to come so many will regret that they failed to profit by it.--Ed) In addition to the above, Mr. Mooney has a fine Miles 1799 Musket, a Spencer Rifle with the low serial No. 211 and a Confederate Spiller and Burr Serial 1234.

The following two Members are being sponsored by Director J. W. Bates of Wortham:

JOHN KENNETH DAVIS, 311 South Bonner Street, Tyler, Texas. Another Member from historic Tyler; he has about 42 pieces, all of good old American ancestry. (Got any Tyler Muskets, John?) (Looks like someone there in Tyler could go down into Niggertown and pick up a bunch of these old muskets.)

JACK D. EVERHEART, 2221 West Collin Street, Corsicana, Texas. A collector of percussions of all types, but knows what he wants and what is good--he has a Griswold and Grier, a Colt Dragoon and an 18-inch barrel Smith and Wesson with detachable stock, these being some of the choice pieces out of the seventy pieces that he has in his collection.

DON MCKEE, 2612 Crawford Street, Parsons, Kansas; sponsored by Harvey Bryant, who states, "He is an antique dealer and collects guns as a sideline, has about 40 guns

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ROBERT A. BREAUULT, 340 Gillmore Avenue, San Antonio, Texas; sponsored by both Leon Jackson and Capt. Jim Redner. "Doc" has about 40 guns, American Cartridge jobs, collects and trades; among the nice pieces he lays claim to are an unnumbered Remington-Rider .32, a Starr Button-trigger, and a Merwin and Hurlburt .44 cal. with a 6 inch barrel.

The following two Members are being sponsored by Reeder Brothers of Kansas City:

JOHN N. ST. CLAIR, 415 North 17th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Collects short arms and likes nothing better than to recondition and repair these old guns that come his way. Lynn Reeder writes that "J.N." is a fine chap, "I have known him for years, and I think he is the kind of Member we all like to have in our organization."

G. F. WILLIAMSON, Box 68, Stanley, Kansas. President of a steel company in Parsons, a specialist in the finest of fine Winchesters. He has just recently been bitten by the hand-gun bug and all his gun collecting friends predict that it will be just a matter of time before he will have an outstanding collection of hand-guns. "And with all this," says Lynn Reeder, "he is about the finest gentleman that I have ever met."

C. L. SHARP, Estrada de Gavea 1069, Rio de Janiero, Brazil, sponsored by W. H. Mason. Mr. Sharp is our one and only Brazilian Member. He was in attendance at the Waco meeting and was no doubt our farthest removed Member present. He has about 50 firearms and specializes in old dueling pistols; his specialty is in Dutch Duelers. (We hope to have an article from Mr. Sharp giving us an account of his gun collecting experiences in Brazil.) (It might be of interest to our Membership to know that following the surrender of Lee at Appomatox in 1865, many Southern families emigrated to Brazil and Argentina rather than submit to Reconstruction and Carpet-baggers. In later years many of these were repatriated, but others remained in their new South American homes and are there today. We wonder -- if they took their Griswolds and Griers, their Dances, their Spiller and Burrs with them???? Could be???? How about an article on this, Mr. Sharp--Ed)

C. O. PARKEL, 700 Parkel Avenue (Hueytown), Bessemer, Alabama; one of the THREE MUSKETEERS FROM BIRMINGHAM, the other two being his Sponsor, Billy Johnson, and his co-sponsor, Larry Kent. Here indeed is a trio of good sports; these boys came all the way over here from Birmingham with their pockets bulging with money. When they left, they still had money but also some darn fine Confederates, Walkers, Dragoons, and the Lord only knows what else. There's only one solution to this business of WALKERS LEAVING TEXAS—we have to get these fellows to emigrate to TEXAS. A step in the right direction was taken in issuing Certificates of Citizenship to Messrs. Johnson and Kent—the next time Parkel comes to one of our meets we will have one ready for him. Parkel says he has about 32 firearms, and specializes in "Colts and (I HOPE) Confederates". Outstanding specimens in his collection consist of a Kentucky flinter, an open-top Colt 72, a full fluted 1862 Colt Army with four screws, an 1855 Root Screw Model, and an 1851 Navy conversion with iron back-strap and trigger-guards.

HAROLD B. PRINGLE, 1120 North Hudson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sponsored by H. C. Pringle of Dallas; has about 40 firearms and is specializing in COLTS.

JAMES PATRICK LUBY, 4017 Shell Road, Corpus Christi, Texas; sponsored by W. H. Davis. Pat is apparently just beginning as he has 12 firearms, is specializing in Colts. He has a very fine copy of the Police Thug and several outstanding Engraved Single Actions.

JACK DUNCAN, of 412 West Ferguson, Tyler, Texas; sponsored by Bill Watson. Another Tyler member, has seventeen firearms and is specializing in Single-Action Colts. (Looks to me like Tyler would be a good place to have one of our future meets.)

GEORGE WESLEY CHAMBLESS of Hamilton, Texas; sponsored by Ellis Brooks of San Angelo. He has about 30 good pieces and is specializing in COLTS.

The following two Members are sponsored by John Witten of Fort Worth Texas:

CLYDE NEYLAND CARPENTER, 3575 Bellaire Drive North, Fort Worth, Texas. Clyde is a general collector and at this time has about 15 guns in all--more to come later.

WILLIAM L. MOWERY, 5812 Ridge Lane, Fort Worth 14, Texas. Bill is a collector of all items that come his way. He has about 20 guns in all. He is, however, primarily a specialist in SPORTERIZED GARANDS. Bill will be remembered by the unique manner of advertising his firm in that he passed out business cards to which had been fastened a Civil War Musket Charge Extractor.

R. H. (Tex) MARTIN, Box 1406, Shreveport, Louisiana; sponsored by Dr. E. P. Stuart. "Tex's" specialty is Frontier Colts, he has about ten of them and says all of them are good pieces. He can use more of them at all times.

LEONARD E. HUBER, 805 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas; sponsored by Bob Kelly who writes us that Leonard does the biggest gun business out in West Texas. He has about 6 Frontiers and is just beginning to make it a hobby.

The following fourteen new Members are being sponsored by Victor Friedrichs:

COLONEL GYLES MERRILL, 7340 Dale Road, El Paso, Texas.

It is the candid opinion of the writer, that among the many distinguished persons on our Membership List who have had interesting and dangerous careers, that of Colonel Gyles Merrill stands near if not at the very top.

Colonel Merrill, now retired from the Regular Army, is living in a quiet suburb of El Paso. It was in his home that your editor had the good fortune and pleasure of listening to an account of his participation in an adventure, which at the time held the whole world in suspense and apprehension. This adventure was the valiant and hopeless struggle of American and Filipino troops against the overwhelming forces of Japan on the Bataan Peninsula and their final surrender from exhaustion and starvation.

As G-4 of the First Philippine Corps under General Jonathan M. Wainwright until Wainwright took over Corregidor from General Douglas MacArthur and later under General A. M. Jones, Colonel Merrill served thru out the campaign and was among those who surrendered on April 9th, 1942.

On the "March out of Bataan" more familiarly known in the United States as the "Death March", Colonel Merrill witnessed and suffered the cruelties of the Oriental Conquerors during the ten-day period when, prior to his escape, he was a prisoner of the Jap.

"I was ill, very ill, with dysentery and malaria and exhausted and weak from lack of food," Colonel Merrill related in recounting the tale of his escape. "Everyone was ill, exhausted and starved. After ten days of tramping under the scorching Philippine sun with little or no water and practically no food, I decided I had had enough and determined to escape or die in the attempt. This determination was solidified when I saw a Jap guard shoot down one of our men who had stopped to get a drink of water from a roadside pump. As this guard moved forward along the straggling, uneven line of prisoners, I noted the open door of a vine-covered dwelling about fifteen feet off the paved road. I glanced back at the guard in the rear. He was about a hundred yards away and was not looking my way. I dived into the doorway which led down under the main part of the house, a sort of basement, and I made it without being seen."

From there Colonel Merrill told me how he had sat quietly and rested before he decided he must find a spot more removed from the road over which the captive troops and their guards still passed, and from the open doorway which at any moment might invite a Jap to investigate. Just as he was about to make a cautious move toward a safer haven, a young Filipino lad, about fourteen years old, appeared and led the Colonel to another room on the upper floor. It was learned later that the boy's name was Domingo Torres. Afterward, Domingo brought good food and fresh water from the house of his uncle and later appeared with several other soldiers and officers who had taken their lives in their own hands and walked off the line of march.

When night fell, Domingo, now aided by his Uncle, Jose Y'Serrano, the Filipino mayor of Guagua, Pampanga, led the Americans to a small house located on the edge of one of the numerous fishponds in the area. These fishponds are used by the Filipinos to breed the myriads of small fish which come in from the sea and which are used extensively for food in the Islands. Ultimately, to this sanctuary in the fishponds, the Filipinos brought six more men, all of whom were desperately ill. Serrano was able to get some medicine and the attention of a doctor, but even with this aid and food and kindness, three died a few days after rescue.

"After staying for three months on the fishponds and getting as strong as it could be expected under the circumstances, it was deemed advisable for us to move farther away from the concentration of Jap troops," continued Colonel Merrill. "This we did and eventually, after many narrow escapes from Jap patrols and much arduous climbing over the jungled mountain trails, we reached the comparative safety of the hills of Zambales Province. Here the Filipinos gathered and here began the guerrilla movement which performed valiant service during the years that passed before our troops fought their way back to the Philippines."

"This group of Zambales guerrillas were able, thru radio contact to General MacArthur's Headquarters, to assure the landing to the U. S. 11th Corps, under General C. P. Hall, on the west coast of Luzon without the firing of a single shot. We had secured thirty miles of beach and a former Jap airfield. The Filipino in command under me during this operation was Ramon Magsaysay who is now Secretary of Defense of the Philippines."

Many of our readers will no doubt recall the many articles in "Time", "New-week", "Colliers", and the "Saturday Evening Post" about the success of Magsaysay in controlling the Communist "Huks" in Luzon during the last two years.

Both Senor Serrano and young Torres gave their lives for their country. Serrano was taken from his home and shot by the invaders and Domingo was killed in a fight between the Jap and the guerrillas.

Many good men, both Filipino and American, were killed and tortured so that one day the philippines might be free.

Shortly after the arrival of United States troops on the Island of Luzon, Colonel Merrill was sent home, as were many others, for long hospitalization, rest and finally retirement.

The Texas Gun Collectors Association is indeed honored to have Colonel Gyles Merrill as a Member of its Organization.

S. D. "TIO" MYRES, 5030 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, Texas. "Tio" means "Uncle", (in case you don't know your Spanish) has about a half dozen historic and engraved firearms, among these being a 357 MAGNUM with 8 3/4 inch barrel, engraved thru out, special sights by Major Doug. Wesson with a presentation inscription "From Doug Wesson to S. D. Myres"; a finely engraved Outdoorsman Smith and Wesson; a .41 cal. Bisley formerly owned by John Wesley Hardin and a old Reliable Buffalo Rifle owned by Col. Frank Collins, the last of the Buffalo Hunters. However, this is not all that I have to tell you about "Tio". Here indeed is a page out of history and very much alive too. Tio is about 80 years young and just as full of bounce and vigor as a Mexican Jumping Bean. He can out-work any man in his famous saddle shop, he can outshoot any Member within 40 years of his age on the Pistol Team in El Paso, he can out-ride any Member of the Sheriff's Posse of which he is an Honorary Member and last of all he can out-talk anyone around in that part of the State, barring none. In all truth this delightful old Gentleman is one of Natures Noblemen, to know him is to love him and honor him. He is **definitely** an inspiration to all who know him and gives the lie to the thought that because a person is somewhat advanced in years that they are of no further interest to the younger generation. Here indeed is a man taken out of the pages of the past and brought right down to date with our vigorous, virulent, highpowered present. Whatever you fail to do whenever you are in El Paso, do not fail to go by and meet this wonderful young man.

RAYMOND HAYS JR., 1232 Galloway, El Paso, Texas. Ray admits he is just a beginner, but he is definitely "bit by de bug". He is the proud owner of two nice pistols at present one of them being a very unusual French Dueller.

H. N. SHERWOOD JR., 8056 Bowen Road, El Paso, Texas. H. N. has nine guns in all, specializes in Cap and Balls. He has several Colts and a good Sharps 1863 Percussion Rifle.

JOHN H. STOCKMEYER, 1200 Cincinnati Street, El Paso, Texas. John has in all probability the largest collection of guns in El Paso, about 275 in all. He is a general collector, but leans strongly towards Colts, but has any number of rarities in other makes. His stuff is all clean and well selected, giving every evidence that he is a very discriminating person who knows just what is good and what is not good.

HOLLEY E. ROBERTS, 200 South Maryland, El Paso, Texas. Holley is a retired Capitalist, not necessarily in terms of money, but in terms of a wealth of experience and obviously the knack of living in complete harmony with his fellow man. Collecting guns is a hobby with him and it isn't a hobby to such an extent that can think of nothing other than piling one gun right on top of another.