

He has about 20 guns in all among them being a family gun owned by his father, a Third Model Dragoon with a silver star in the grip and with the engraving on the cylinder still very much in evidence. (No use trying to get this last Baby out of him -- no sale -- I have already tried that. Ed.)

H. PAUL HUDGINS JR., 7547 Taxco, El Paso, Texas. Paul is primarily a gunsmith, but can't keep from collecting junkers in spite of himself. He has had a world of experiences down Mexico way and can speak the lingo like a native. He is the owner of several very outstanding Colt items and knows his onions when it comes to guns.

FRANKLIN MITCHELL, 215 South Oregon, El Paso, Texas. Frank is fairly well advanced with his collection, has a Colt Single Action with the name of "Pancho Villa" on the back strap that he believes is authentic, has a number of Japanese weapons among them being two swords made by the GOTO family, swordsmiths to the Emperor. Specializing in Single Actions.

LOUIE G. GRANGER, Marathon, Texas. Louie is a business man of Marathon, his Missus who runs the telephone exchange is the local Annie Oakley. The father of Mrs. Granger is an old time Texas Ranger. Their entire lives have been steeped in GUN LORE. Strangely enough their interest lies in fancy shotguns. Louie has about 35 of them, all makes and varieties. The Grangers plan on coming to Austin for the Notre Dame-Texas Football Game and have promised your Editor to come out and see his collection.

FRANK BESEDA, Route 3, Caldwell, Texas. Frank runs an antique shop on the outskirts of the town of Caldwell. He has recently found out that guns are something out of this world to collect. He must be a fast worker as he has about a hundred guns, most of them being -- you guessed it -- COLTS.

MARSHALL KUYKENDALL, Kyle, Texas. Marshall is a prominent Ranch Owner of Kyle, Texas, hasn't been collecting very long, but has always had a love of old guns and a desire to shoot them. He has a full-stocked Kentucky with which he has killed his Buck a number of times.

DAVID LA VERNE ALLEN, Kyle, Texas. David has a small collection of only four pieces, but is planning on specializing in Percussion and flint-lock pieces. He has a fine old percussion that has been in the family for many years, also a half stock rifle with silver inlays with which he hopes to kill a deer next season.

JAMES ERNEST HOLLOMAN, 2014 McKinley Ave., San Antonio, Texas. James has been dealing in modern guns for many years, buying, selling and trading, but at long last has been bit by the old-gun bug and is now looking around for sleepers.

JOHN BARBEE, Wellsville, Missouri, sponsored by John Stapleton. Mr. Barbee has about 12 guns in all and is specializing in Parker Bros. shotguns and single action Colts.

DR. TROY SHAEFER, Raymondville, Texas, sponsored by Charles (Automatic) Downie. The doctor is interested in all types of weapons especially in odd pieces. It is pretty well known that this collection is an outstanding one, but has never been seen by his sponsor.

W. B. ROBINSON, Route 1, Box 6, Dayton, Texas, sponsored by Clyde O'Neal. We regret to report that we have no information on this member.



ELLIS H. BROOKS, B & B Trading Co. of San Angelo, Texas is being sponsored by R. W. McKinley. Ellis is a business man of San Angelo and has only recently been bitten by the Gun Collectin Bug. His collecting instincts are good and the few pieces he does have indicate that he is definitely on the right track.

FORREST BURDETTE, 832-9th Street, Huntington, West Virginia, is being sponsored by Meerill P. Deer. At the time Forrest joined us several months ago we had no information on him and we now are informed that he has about 95 firearms, all being Colts--nothing else, he writes. A few of his outstanding pieces are a No. 3 Deringer in the original box, a cased and engraved Single Action Army, a full fluted, square-backed trigger-guard Army, a near mint Presentation Navy, an octagon barrel cloverleaf; two flat-top Frontiers and a fine Single Action Sheriffs Model. (Say Fellows this guys got the stuff - Ed.)

The following new Members are sponsored by President Harry Knode:

C. H. WEISZ, Arlington Antique Shop, 100 Uhle Street, Arlington, Va. Mr. Weisz needs little or no introduction to our Membership as he is one of the well known dealers in old guns and gun parts. His gun lists appear about once a month and the description and prices on his items can be depended upon to be accurate and reasonable. We welcome Mr. Weisz to our TGCA. Harry informs us that Mr. and Mrs. Weisz are planning to attend our Dallas Meet.

A. F. RODDY, 1517 Hamilton National Bank Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn. "He is fine fellow," writes Harry, "an advanced collector of Smith & Wessons, cased duelers and other short arms."

DR. JOHN C. LONG, 801 West 8th Street, Plainview, Texas, sponsored by Mrs. Elsie Jackson who writes: "Dr. Long is a general collector of pistols and is a very discriminating person in the collecting of his firearms." "We take pleasure in recommending Dr. Long for Membership in the Association".

S. P. (SAM) LEEPER, 1624 Walworth Street, Longview, Texas, is being sponsored by Jim Somers--writes Jim, "Sam besides being a fine chap, is one of the top gunsmiths of Texas and I admit that is covering a lot of ground."

W. E. HURT, P. O. Box 519, McIlwester, Oklahoma, sponsored by Ray Kirby who writes, "Mr. Hurt is a gunsmith and a telegraph operator for the MK&T RR. He works in his shop during his spare time and buys, trades and sells in modern guns.

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# NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WHITNEYVILLE - WALKER OWNERS

After considerable procrastination in inexcusable delay we are at long last appearing with a list of the owners of the famous and rare Whitneyville - Walker Colt Revolver. This list has been prepared by two of our Members, John Stapleton of Fayette, Missouri and Wilbur Storey Quick of Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Quick first appeared with one of these lists containing only fifty owners back in an issue of the Hobbies Magazine of 1938. At the time the article was written it was thought that the total number of Walkers in existence was about fifty in all. Since that time quite a number more have turned up so that now we have on this list no less than ninety-three. In his letter containing the list of owners written by John Stapleton, he states that they realize that this list is not complete and up to date as to ownership due to the fact that even Walker Owners have the nasty habit of dying and thereby in many instances ownership of their guns passes into other hands. It is also a well know fact that occassionally sales and trades are made whereby ownership of a Walker is transferred so that this list can in no sense of the word be accepted as being the last word on the subject.

Here they are:

## "A" Company

- No. 1. Lorrin Walters, California  
(At one time reported stolen)
- 14. Luis Attie, Mexico
- 19. Colt Co., Conn.
- 25. J. H. Edgerly, New Hampshire
- 31. John S. Du Mont, Mass.
- 45. McMurdo Silver, Ill.
- 46. On Burdettes List
- 47. John Meeks, Conn.
- 74. J. C. Harvey, Mass.
- 80. Wm. Hildeman, Calif.
- 89. Allen Guiberson, Texas
- 90. On F. T. Dexters List
- 96. Fred Hines, Mass.
- 119. Carl Metzger, Texas
- 165. Gimbels, New York
- 177. Anonymous
- 181. Jack Dutton, Texas
- 194. R. M. Stagg, Nevada
- 196. Fred Hines, Mass.
- 209. Harry Brooks, Texas
- 212. Burdettes List

## "C" Company

- No. 10. P. S. Jones, Cal.
- 13. H. M. Stewart, Penna.
- 23. Far West Hobby Shop, Cal.
- 25. F. T. Dexter, Kan.
- 26. Dr. Stanley Buck, Penna.
- 31. Evan Miller, Cal.
- 42. Paul Janke, Texas
- 43. John S. Du Mont, Mass.
- 45. Gimbels Bros., New York
- 46. John S. Du Mont, Mass.
- 122. Unknown
- 128. C. E. Dupont, Del.
- 136. Anonymous
- 150. Ben Ames Williams, Mass.
- 154. Herb. Glass, New York
- 170. Thos. Spencer, Ohio
- 172. Herb. Glass, New York
- 181. Wm. M. Locke, Ohio
- 192. Harry C. Knode, Texas
- 203. George Parezo, D. C.
- 470. Miles Standish, Mo.

## "B" Company

- No. 10. H. W. Williams
- 23. J. C. Harvey, Mass.
- 25. Gerald Fox, Mass.
- 41. Texas A&M College, Texas
- 43. McMurdo Silver
- 47. Theodore B. Pitman, Mass.
- 49. Theodore B. Pitman, Mass.
- 52. Albert Foster Jr., Conn.
- 58. McMurdo Silver, Ill.
- 102. Far West Hobby Shop, Cal.
- 163. Anonymous
- 175. Kimball Arms Co., Mass.

## "D" Company

- No. 8. Dr. Samuel Jagoda, Texas
- 11. Wm. M. Locke, Ohio
- 29. Anonymous
- 31. Weldon Bomar, Texas
- 53. Edwin Pugsley, Conn.
- 65. Saunders Collection, Ark.
- 75. S. L. Hutcheson, New York
- 81. Carl Metzger, Texas
- 93. W.F.S. Quick, Wash.
- 135. J. W. Bates, Texas
- 144. Ted Zerble, Texas
- 148. H. C. Selling, Cal.



"D" Company (Cont)

- No. 176. Erik Kleven, Cal.
- 185. Henry Morgan, New York
- 189. Col. Saunders, Ark.
- 204. Lorrin Walters, Cal.
- 218. J. W. Bates, Texas

Guns with no stampings:

- Ben Ames Williams, Mass.
- Glode M. Requa, New York

Guns without Company Letters:

"E" Company

- No. 3. R. S. Hable, Texas
- 23. Charles W. Fritz, Ohio
- 31. Erik Kleven, Cal.
- 34. Geo. McQueen, Nebr.
- 35. Harry Brooks, Texas
- 39. Anonymous
- 47. J. O. Bates, Texas
- 58. W. Renwick, Ariz.
- 71. Burdettes List
- 113. Billy Johnson, Ala.
- 115. P. R. Phillips, Okla.

- No. 1009. Walker relatives in Maryland
- 1010. Walker relatives in Maryland
- 1015. Col. Saunders Collection Arkansas.
- 1017. John Parsons, New York
- 1020. Colt Memorial, Conn.
- 1022. Robert Halter, Penna.
- 1024. Anonymous
- 1072. Edwin Pugsley, Conn.
- 1078. Geo. Smoots, Idaho.

Your Editor would like to call your attention to the fact that the ownership and location of these very rare guns is principally in, you guessed it, TEXAS. Sixteen of them being in Texas, thirteen in Massachusetts, ten in California, eight in New York, six in Connecticut and so on. However, we are quite certain that this list is not entirely complete inasmuch as we have a letter from our President Harry Knode wherein he writes: "While attending the Ohio Gun Collectors meeting several weeks ago a number of us had the good fortune of seeing Bill Lockes collection of guns, and what a collection it is, where we consider ourselves extremely lucky to have just one Whitneyville - Walker, Bill has six of them !! Maybe after all it might be best to give the State of Ohio credit for modesty if nothing else, and not be quite so cocky about all our Texas owned Walkers. ????"

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#### A WHITNEYVILLE-WALKER GETS AWAY FROM TEXAS

This is to announce to our Membership that it is so far back that the memory of MAN RUNNETH not to the contrary since a Whitneyville-Walker has been permitted to depart from the confines of our State.

This was the situation until the time of the Waco meet this past month of April. At that time there came to our meeting three gentlemen from Alabama, two of them were Members of our Association and the third became one upon arrival. These men came well heeled with what is commonly known as "The Mazuma" and also a goodly supply of trade items; as a consequence when they left they took with them some very very nice guns, among them being the CLAY FIELDEN WALKER, "E" Company No. 113, several good Dragoons and the like. This incident of course created quite a stir among the Texan Membership present, but inasmuch as the man who has taken this gun from our midst is just about as fine a chap as ever snapped a cap, we are going to let it pass, just this once. It might also be added by way of further explanation the reason that this was permitted, was the fact that full citizenship has been granted to Mr. Billy Johnson, the new owner of the Walker, and his partner Larry Kent. They are now full fledged Texans and as such have earned the privilege of taking Walkers out of the State -- that is if they can find any that can be bought. The third member of this trio, C. O. Parkel, has promised to appear at another one of our future meets and inasmuch as it will then be his second appearance, he too will be granted full citizenship papers. Your editor would like to add here a little historical note to state that the big bulk of Fannins Command of 400 men, that were massacred at Goliad in 1836, were from the fair State of Alabama. In view of such a sacrifice in even that remote time what privilege could we Texans withhold from a citizen of Alabama and still retain our own self respect!!!

When these boys from Alabama show up, the cokes should be on the house. Congratulations Billy, glad you got it!

#### A WHITNEYVILLE-WALKER COMES TO TEXAS

Well we lost one, but we gained another. Noone is supposed to know a thing about it, its strictly hush, hush, but a certain Member living in Houston, Texas, initials are P. J., has acquired Whitneyville-Walker, "C" Co., No. 42, from another one of our Members living in Decatur Illinois, whose initials are C. F. - Hells Bells, lets have it out - its Paul Janke and Charlie Ferguson I am talking about. Your Editor wrote to Janke and asked him about it and I didn't even get a reply - it's a case of high hat maybe???? Wait until I get mine, I'll brag about it to everyone that will listen to me. Congratulations Paul -- you lucky old dog!!

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And here is something else, appropriately enough: Member Raymond O'Connor sent us a clipping taken from the New York Sun of recent issue, an article written by Charles Messer Stow on the subject of Texas Gun Collectors, he writes, "They've gone crazy over Colts down Texas way, so dealers tell me. "Colts" meaning Shooting Irons, not foals, that is, and they are in a fair way to depleting the market hereabouts." "The name of colt in connection with firearms seems to have attained an importance comparable with that of Paul Revere in silver or savery in furniture or sandwich in glass. Any Colt Revolver brings in a good price now and finding a Colt No. 1, is the answer now to a collectors dream."



### JIM WHITES CHOCOLATE PIE

I received a letter from Member Jim White of Highland Park, Illinois the other day. Seems as how Jim has a weakness that has his friends all out trying to think up ways and means of bedeviling the life out of him. This weakness is his intense craving for chocolate pie, chocolate pie, for all hours of the day or night for that matter, is an acceptable dish for Jim. Here is a paragraph out of his letter:

"Vic: I attended the Ohio meet at Cincinnati on April 19-20, Harry Knode, Jimmy Voulgaris and Paul Janke were there. Maybe you have heard that I like chocolate pie, and particularly for breakfast, (now, there's a dish for breakfast - gives a man something to keep him going all day on) well what do you think of a SKUNK who will send you, by special delivery, a chocolate pie at 4 AM, wake you up out of a sound sleep that had just started less than an hour before? Well, that's what the PRESIDENT of Texas Gun Collectors Ass'n. did at Cincinnati. I call him a skunk for waking me up at 4 AM, but sure am appreciative of his kind thought and most generous hospitality (I love him for it). Yes, I sure did eat it, it was good. Yep, we had a good time at Cincinnati."

Sincerely, Jim

### OUR PATRON SAINT (GERONIMO) IN NEW YORK CITY

Even New York is becoming interested in Geronimo. We have here a clipping taken from a New York paper of recent date, sent to us by our alert member Raymond O'Connor, wherein is pictured our very own Patron Saint Old Geronimo himself. It appears that a moving picture, entitled "The Battle of Apache Pass", has recently been brought out featuring this famous Old Warrior. When it was having its Premiere in New York a publicity man had as the guest of honor Chief Robert Geronimo, a son of the famous warrior. Robert Geronimo, in the picture, is shown in a full fledged head-dress and all the trimmings, such as feathers, beads, blankets and other paraphernalia so dear to the heart of a Hollywood Buck.

We can't help, but wonder what old Geronimo would say if he could look down, or maybe better said up, and see the story that is being enacted about him. "Heap Damn Fool White Man" or words to that effect, no doubt.

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Strangely enough here is something more about Geronimo that might start a stampede. We received a letter from Member Fred Slaton of Madisonville, Kentucky several weeks ago, and have not breathed a word of its contents to anyone so as to give everyone an even start, here it is:

Dear Vic:

I ran across something that might prove of interest to you and many more of the Texas Gun Collectors. Of course there is good chance that you may already have this information, but I couldn't find any mention of it in the back copies of the TGC. It concerns our Patron Saint, Geronimo.

All of the photos that I have seen of him so far, seem to have been taken at the same place and most likely at the same time, judging from the background, with only a change of headdress. In absorbing a copy of the Confederate Veteran for January, 1926, I found the death notice of Silas K. Wright, once a member of Co. "E", 12 Virginia Cavalry, Laurel Brigade. It states that he was a pioneer in photography at Luray, Va., going to Texas after the war, traveling over the state taking photos.



(Fred Slaton letter cond.)

The following is taken from the article where it refers to the Chief: "An amusing experience was in taking a photo of Geronimo, that wily Indian Chief, who thought the picture taking was a plan to assassinate him."

It is very possible that this Rebel Trooper was the "Daddy" of these Geronimo pictures that we know. And it could be that the Dance belonged to him. I have never been able to believe that the revolver was the property of the Chief.

Silas Wright died at Luray, Va. in 1926. It could be that some one could dig up some additional facts along this line, so I pass it along to you for what it may be worth.

Sincerely; Fred Slaton Jr.

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DALLAS MEET TO BE HELD AT THE BIG BAKER HOTEL

We are informed by Director Jim Somers that the next meeting of the Texas Gun Collectors will be held at the Baker Hotel in Dallas instead of at the Adolphus as stated in our last issue. Jim writes that the meeting will be on the PEACOCK TERRACE, the Baker PENTHOUSE. Boy Oh Boy!! We will have to practice up on our strutting so as to be right in the swim when we get there. Don't forget the date -- July 5th and 6th.

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We are informed that there will be a large number of our out-of-state Members present. Word has been received from John S. du Mont, Jim White, Bill Locke, Herb Glass, Jonathan Peck, John Wetzelberger and F. I. Schanze. They all say they will be there.

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AND WHILE I AM THINKING ABOUT IT -- DO NOT FORGET TO PUT A PRICE TAG ON THE ITEMS YOU HAVE FOR SALE AT THE DAKKAS MEET, THIS IDEA WAS USED AT WACO AND IT SURELY WORKED FINE. IT MAKES IT SO MUCH EASIER FOR A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER TO LOOK OVER YOUR STOCK WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE UP YOUR TIME ASKING YOU THE PRICE OF THIS OR THAT ITEM. TRY IT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

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#### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD IN STORE FOR GUN COLLECTORS?

This question has been brought up a number of times and from a number of sources. Will the supply of guns owned by non-collectors ever get to such a stage that they would be practically non-existent?

The most alarming trend that might presage what the future has in store is the great number of new guns that one sees at most Gun Collectors meetings these days. At our own meets here in Texas this has never been noticed, there are new and modern guns put up for sale of course, such as Automatics and more especially Single Actions, but in every instance these items were being sold or displayed from a collectors angle rather than from a Modern Gun Dealers angle. We are informed that at a recent meeting held in the Midwest some weeks ago, that there were more new guns being displayed and sold than obsolete types. In fact it was stated that even complete lines of modern guns were being shown, this to such an extent that the number of old guns shown there were definitely in the minority.

Your Editor would like to take this opportunity to state his views on this rather touchy subject and here it is: The Texas Gun Collectors Association has been formed for the purpose of collecting guns -- this collecting was intended to be done by Collectors, not shooters. In general the thought behind collecting guns is to obtain them for a collection before they become lost forever or become so high in price that they could not be obtained at a reasonable price. Such reasoning could in no way apply to the acquisition of a new gun that could be purchased at any hardware store.

This means that those Members of our Association who deal in Modern guns as well as old guns are requested to confine their displays and sales of only those items that would definitely fall in the category of Collectors Items.

That might bring up the question, "What is a Collectors Item?" A collectors item is that firearm that is at this time not currently held for sale or trade in regular commercial channels and further stocks of same are not available from the manufacturer.

We realize that there are some who might take a different viewpoint, they are certainly entitled to it, however, we sincerely believe that the great majority of our Membership will concur in our viewpoint. Comments are invited.

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#### NEW COVER AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

This is to announce to our Membership that following issuance of our July Number of the Texas Gun Collector, No. 24, we plan on getting out as quickly as possible thereafter a COVER and a Directory. The Cover to be used to house the issues of the Texas Gun Collector that have been issued to you during the past 12 months. The Directory will contain the names, serial numbers, address and specialty of all our Membership. The arrangements and contents will be similar to the directory issued following our first 12 issues as of last July 1951. We will of course have some improvements that we hope will make it of more value to our Membership than the one first issued.



A fair sample of an entry will be about as follows:

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#### ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE ON BACK PAGE

This is to inform our Membership that the back page of the Texas Gun Collector cover will be made available to new advertisers beginning with Issue No. 24. This space has been occupied by our good Friend and fellow Member Ray Riling of Philadelphia. Mr. Riling will relinquish this space until such time in the future when he will again resume his advertising in our magazine.

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#### RAY IS PUBLISHING ANOTHER BOOK

Mr. Riling writes us that he will soon have available to our Membership a very desirable reprint of a book entitled "CONFEDERATE UNIFORMS". This book was originally printed during the period of the short life of the Confederate States of America. Very few printings were made even at that time. It has always been in the class of very very rare books. This reprint by Mr. Riling will be an exact reproduction of the original, only a limited number of these are being published so that those of our Membership who are interested in this phase of research would do well to place their order for a copy at an early date.

A Review of this publication by our Captain Ball will no doubt appear at some time in the future

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THE CHAINS GROW TIGHTER AND TIGHTER  
"LOCK UP MURDER GUNS," JUDGE URGES  
(Headline appearing in the Houston Post)

Did you ever stop to wonder why there has been so many revolutions in the countries south of our border, Mexico, Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and many other Latin American Republics; and why in comparison we can only point to just one Rebellion in our own United States of North America? Some folds say its the religion, others say its ignorance and others disease. In my own opinion this is all just that much hog-wash! We have plenty of Religions, lots of Ignoramuses, and lots of Diseases right here in our own bailwick. I think the reason is due to the fact that at the time of the founding of our Republic its founders very specifically wrote into the Bill of Rights that every citizen had the right to Bear Arms. That little RIGHT is the key to the whole situation. That right is what keeps the would be Dictators from marching on Washington and taking over the Government every four years and ruling with bullets instead of ballots. There is nothing better and finer and more inherently right than this privilege that was given us by our Founding Fathers. If you go down into our neighboring countries you will find that the right to bear arms is only vested in the military element and possibly some privileged class. IT IS DEFINITELY NOT the inherent right of every citizen to bear arms. Furthermore those persons who are given this privilege to bear arms are required to register these arms with the local constabulary. This makes it a very simple matter for a would-be Dictator to first capture or in some way gain control of the Military and then capture the records in the Police Station and from that sieze and search all Citizens who have firearms. Whith this of course is the established penalty of death or life imprisonment for any citizen who violates THE LAW.

Its surprising to note how very many of our good citizens are in agreement in thinking that a law restricting the possession of firearms would be the solution of so many of our crimes. Here is a quotation from one of our newspapers: "He shot his wife to death while she was sitting on the Commode". The job could have been done with a club, a hatchet, an ice pick, a lead pipe, gas, strichnyne, choking, hanging, knifing or razoring!

Think about it, they want to outlaw just one instrument of death, in the hope that this will be the solution to crime!!! It might be well to remind you that the Nazis rise in power in Germany was thru terroristic means because the individual citizen was not allowed to possess a gun without a special permit from the POLICE.

It might be well to remind you that the KU KLUX KLAN failed in its reign of terror due to the fact that every citizen who was threatened with violence had the FOUNDER GIVEN right to get out the old family shotgun and load her up to the brim with Bird and Buck and tell the Pillow Slip Brigade where to head in.

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If you value your liberty, use every possible means within the law to prevent the passage of any ANTI-FIREARMS legislation.

FIRST: THEY WILL REQUEST REGISTRATION OF ALL FIREARMS

SECOND: THEY WILL BEGIN CONFISCATION OF ALL FIREARMS

THIRD: THEY WILL SUBJUGATE THE POPULATION BY MEANS OF A SMALL POLICE FORCE WHO ARE ARMED --- AND YOU ARE UNARMED!!!!!!

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS WAY OF LIFE?

NOTE: We wish to give credit for the inspiration that lead to the writing of this article to our Good Friend and Member, Ted H. Zerble of Houston, Texas. (Ed.)



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\* No. 1. Confederate Derringer marked "Derringer, Philadelphia" on \*  
\* lock and barrel and also marked on barrel "Manufactured for W. H. \*  
\* Calhoun, Agent, Nashville, Tenn." Excellent original condition, 7" \*  
\* overall, \$75.00 \*

\* No. 2. Tiny baby Philadelphia Derringer with 1 3/4" bbl., gun 4 1/4" \*  
\* overall, marked "Derringer, Philadelphia" on barrel and lock, very \*  
\* good. \$55.00 \*

\* No. 3. Colt lever-action rifle, Burgess patent, 44-40 caliber, \*  
\* 25" barrel, some original blue, very good throughout. Rare. \$60.00 \*

\* No. 4. Colt Paterson shotgun, 24" barrel, 6 shot marked Patent \*  
\* Arms Mfg. Co., Paterson, N.J. Colt's Patent" on right side of barrel, \*  
\* very fine cylinder engraving, Serial No. 155 throughout, has small \*  
\* silver plaque inlaid in tang, stock fine with most of original varnish, \*  
\* mechanically perfect, exterior showing generous traces of original \*  
\* brown and blue which has faded but has never been overcleaned or \*  
\* buffed. This is one of the finest Paterson shotguns I have ever seen \*  
\* and as Paterson shotguns are probably the rarest of all Paterson \*  
\* types, I feel that this is an excellent value at \$495.00 \*

\* No. 5. Model 1873 Springfield 45-70 single shot rifle, excellent \*  
\* condition retaining lots of original finish and having near perfect \*  
\* bore. This is the historical rifle which was carried by the United \*  
\* States Infantry at the time of the Western Indian Wars and is ex- \*  
\* tremely popular today as a shooter being used widely for both target \*  
\* and hunting. I have several of these as described at each \$27.50. \*

\* No. 6. Spencer Carbine in very fine condition retaining lots of \*  
\* original blue and nice bores. Can offer a few of these at \$35.00. \*

\* No. 7. 1862 Colt, 6 1/2" bbl., Serial # 678 on all parts except \*  
\* cylinder which is 580. Rare model with Hartford address and iron \*  
\* backstrap and trigger guard. No original finish but has not been \*  
\* buffed and is tight and fine throughout. \$65.00. \*

\* No. 8. 1853 Model Colt, .36 cal., 4 1/2" pocket Navy, traces of \*  
\* original finish, rest of gun healthy dark color, all numbers match, \*  
\* very good cylinder engraving, fine throughout. A hard to get model, \*  
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## WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT ABOUT COLTS 100 YEARS AGO

BY  
HERB BRAND

To the average collector of antique firearms the products of the Colt Patent Fire Arms Company are the most desired. There are many collectors who specialize in collecting Colts, there are many more who include a few in their collections and almost all arms collectors show an appreciation for them. But there are some who do not care for them at all. They will have nothing to do with them and have even created an informal organization called the "I Hate Colts Club". This has never been taken seriously by the collecting fraternity as a whole but adverse opinions have been expressed rather forcibly against the company, the founder and the products by students who have endeavored to discount the glamour of the product, the inventive genius of Col. Sam Colt and his business methods of his company. However all seem to be in accord with his merchandising ability.

Gunsmiths have voiced their sentiments and the large shooting fraternity has shown its preference by the amount of Colts placed in action.

Most of us are acquainted with opinions as expressed today, so it is interesting to know what the experts of 100 years ago thought about the merits of Mr. Colts products. Those experts were men who depended upon fire arms for defense. They were not all in accord, and the differences of opinion then were perhaps even more forcibly expressed than those of today.

For the affirmative let us examine the Congressional Record of the second session of the 30th Congress of February 12, 1849. General T. J. Rusk, chairman of the committee made the following report: The Committee on Military affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Colt on the subject of his improved repeating firearms, report:

That they have examined the same, together with the report of the Military Committee of the Senate, of last session, on the subject, with other evidence, furnished by distinguished military officers, as to the superiority of this weapon over all others for mounted troops, and find that all who have used them, or seen them used in the late war with Mexico, and elsewhere are of the opinion that they are the most efficient and economical arms that can be employed in our Indian territory, and on our extended line of frontier. In confirmation of this opinion the committee have deemed it proper to accompany this report with the following extracts from the letters and papers before them; and, also, to recommend that a sufficient number of pistols be procured to arm all the mounted troops of the United States, engaged in the frontier service.

Extract from the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, made last session of Congress. "The positive evidence which has been submitted to the committee is of a character which needs no recommendation. It is only necessary to say, that Major General Taylor, General Twiggs, Major General John A. Quitman, Brigadier General Shields, Brigadier General Pierce, Colonel Jefferson Davis, Major McCullough, Capt. Sam H. Walker, Captain B. S. Roberts, Lieutenant B. F. McDonald, G. W. Kendall, Colonel W. T. Haskell, Colonel W. H. Russell, Major J. F. Gaines, Doctor C. B. Zabriskie, J. L. Fremmer, all now, or recently in active service in the Mexican War, have expressed themselves in decided terms, in favor of these arms; and that the array of facts furnished by some of these officers, cannot fail to enforce the opinions which they have expressed on this subject.



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On this point the committee refers to abstract marked A. and to letters numbered 1 to 19 for a more full view of the facts and evidence connected with this question.

"Under all these circumstances, your committee agrees in the opinion with the officers above named; when they state that one hundred cavalry, armed with the repeating pistol, would be at least as efficient as three hundred armed in the ordinary way. They believe moreover that economy as well as the efficiency which would be given to our force, particularly for all the service that may be expected from an army for years to come, render it advisable that all the mounted men belonging to the military establishment be supplied with these pistols, and that a sufficient number of them be kept on hand to meet any unexpected emergency.

"Your committee, therefore, reports that, in their opinion, Colt's repeating pistols are the most efficient arm, for the mounted men and frontier troops, now known or used; and that it is highly expedient for the government to introduce them into extensive use for these purposes. That, in regard to the procuring of these arms, the committee concur in the opinion of the Chief of Ordnance Department, that they can be manufactured to greater advantage by the inventor than by the government at its armories, he having provided the machinery suitable for the purpose.

In addition to this favorable report from General Rusk and copies of the letters which are to follow, let us insert some opinions from Texas as follows:

Communication from the Texas Senators and Representatives in the Congress to the President of the United States, Washington City, March 3, 1848.

Dear Sir: Possessing a thorough knowledge of the value of "Colt's patent repeating firearms," we feel it to be our duty to recommend them in the strongest terms to your favorable consideration. The advantages that Texas has experienced from their use, in her struggle for independence and against Indian aggression, has been incalculable. The difficulties represented by some men without experience in the use of these arms, such as they are too liable to get out of order, has been proved, by ten years constant use in Texas, to be without foundation. Some of these arms, purchased of Mr. Colt more than ten years ago, have been safely and successfully used in every engagement we have had with the Mexicans and the Indians since that time, and are now in good servicable condition, and are esteemed beyond price by their possessors.

Believing that the power lies with you to order a full supply of these valuable arms for the defense of our extended frontier without further legislation, we respectfully ask that you will at once order them to be made. We do not doubt that five thousand mounted men, armed with two of these pistols and a rifle would do more service than twenty thousand armed in the ordinary way, thereby saving to the government hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, and affording protection as well to the frontiers against Indians and to small parties passing through the Indian country.

With great respect, your obedient servants,

Thomas J. Rusk

David S. Kaufman

Samuel Houston

T. Pillsbury



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Members of Congress from Texas to the President of the United States.

Well, Col. Colt, as good a merchandiser as he was could not have written a better letter. It is an excellent sales letter. It refutes statements against durability, points out years of serviceability, suggests an order, and the amount of that order and the great savings that expenditure would eventually bring about. Col. Colt had some strong friends in Texas.

This letter evidently had the desired result as the following extract is from the message of the President of the United States to the Senate:

"Such is the favorable opinion entertained of the value of this arm, particularly for the mounted corps, that the Secretary of War has contracted with Mr. Colt for two thousand of his pistols---without awaiting a special appropriation of Congress."

And so the sale was made. Not the 10,000 that was suggested by the four gentlemen from Texas but a modest 2000, possibly as an initial order. However there was a mention of nineteen recommendations were offered by the Committee on Military Affairs headed by no less a personage than General Zac. Taylor. Let us see what these gentlemen have to say. The following is the abstract of the opinions of officers of the United States Army and others from Mexico, conversant with the use of Colts recently improved repeating pistols, accompanying first Senate report:

No. 1 Major General Zachary Taylor, commanding Army of Occupation, in a letter to the inventor, writes: I have been much pleased with an examination which I have made of your new modelled repeating pistol, and feel satisfied that, under all circumstances, they may be safely relied on.

No. 2 Major General John A. Quitman, commanding Volunteer Division in Mexico: I am well acquainted with Colts patent repeating fire-arms having seen them frequently used, and having personally tested them. I regard this six shooter as the most formidable and effective weapon which can be placed in the hands of cavalry of every description, and mounted gunmen or riflemen. I therefore cordially recommend their use to the government.

No. 3 Brigadier General Shields, commanding 1st. Brigade Volunteers in Mexico: Your last improved revolving pistol, in my opinion, is a most excellent and effective weapon on the present cavalry service in Mexico. It possesses an advantage of at least three to one over the common pistol. I find it also free from that complexity which it was feared would render it less serviceable in actual service and in a campaign. I do not hesitate to give it a decided preference in Cavalry service in Mexico over all other specie of fire-arms, and recommend its general use in that service.

No. 4 Brigadier General Pierce: with a pretty thorough knowledge of the weapon named within, I cheerfully concur in the opinion of General Shields.

No. 5 General W. S. Harney 2nd. Dragoons: Has had more than ten years' experience in the use of Colts repeating fire-arms, and no arm, in his judgment, ever yet constructed can equal them; they are, with fair usage, as little liable to get out of order as any other arm, and they are at least three times as effective. It is my intention to apply to the Hon. Secretary of War to have all the cavalry armed with them.



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No. 7 Colonel Jefferson Davis, Mississippi Rifles says: For the attack of Mexican guerillas they have been, and no doubt will be, found most efficient. The only doubt on his mind, whether, under the exposures incident to active service, they can be kept in order; on this point refers to Colonel Harney and Major McCullough.

No. 8 Major Ben McCullough, Texas rangers: Recommends that they be adopted to a certain extent among the regular ordnance material of our service; considers them a preferable to all others for mounted light troops in Mexico. Says they have been in use among the Texas Rangers for ten years, and that their efficacy has been fairly tested. Has at this time in his possession one that has been used for ten years without being repaired.

No. 9 Captain S. H. Walker, Texas Rangers: Considers the revolver as the only good improvement he has seen; instances the defeat of eighty Comanches by Colonel Hays and fifteen men, as a particularly striking incident to show their value, in which fight forty two Indians were killed.

No. 10 Captain B. S. Roberts, U. S. Mounted Rifles: Colt's pistol is the most effective weapon that can be placed in the hands of mounted men, and states that since introduced into the service it has been universally approved. Considers the defeat of General Torrejon and Rhea with 600 well appointed lanciers and guerillas, by his command of 100 men (only 40 of whom, his company, were armed with them) to Colt's pistols.

No. 11 Lieutenant B. F. McDonald 3rd Artillery, speaks in high terms of these arms. I have seen Colonel Hays hold in check more than five hundred Mexicans with thirty men armed with these pistols and being reinforced by about thirty men, actually drove that large force before them killing more than eighty of them.

No. 12 Major G. W. Kendall, aid to General Scott: Considers Colt's heavy pistol as the very best ever invented for use in horseback. No Texas ranger considers himself equipped without one of them.

No. 14 Colonel W. T. Haskell, 2nd Regiment Tennessee Volunteers: It is certainly superior to any arm of that character which has yet been introduced into our army, and should be much pleased to see the government adopt it as a part of the equipment of every cavalry soldier.

No. 14½ The Colonel of Ordnance expresses the following opinion in a report: That the breech loading is advantageous in as much as it gives "a greater velocity and precision of direction to the ball" and that that advantage is acknowledged by all."

No. 15 Colonel W. H. Russell, California expedition: In Indian warfare and in operations against the Mexicans, I know of no weapon so formidable, and I sincerely hope that they may be extensively introduced into our army.

No. 16 Major J. P. Gaines, Kentucky rifles: Considers it the best fire arm for use under all circumstance. It eminently deserves, and I trust will receive the patronage of the Government.



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No. 17 C. B. Zabriskie, surgeon 1st Illinois Infantry: Has no hesitation in saying, that they are pre-eminently superior to any arms he has ever seen, and he is acquainted with all the improved arms.

No. 18 Major J. L. Freaner, General Scott's staff: Considers them the best arms in use; says he was informed by Colonel Hays, if his men had not been armed with them when Padre Jaranta attacked him at Tearoteucan, that he would have lost his command of 70 men; and that it was by the aid of this weapon that he was enabled to repulse the guerrilla chief without the loss of a man.

No. 19 General Twiggs, 2nd Division Army in Mexico says:

Washington 24, 1848

Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry relative to the value of Colt's repeating arms, for the use of regular troops, I take pleasure in stating, that I have seen nothing to change my opinion of them, favorably expressed after a series of experiments made during the war in Florida. The new model is a very great improvement upon the arms used in these experiments, and I have no doubt can be relied on under all circumstances in the hands of the Texas rangers and volunteers. These men have been conversant with their use in the present war with Mexico, and I cannot too highly recommend their general use in the army.

The present carbine furnished by the ordnance department to our mounted troops is of but little use; if its place could be supplied by two of Colt's improved pistols, each man could fire twelve times at the commencement of a fight, and incalculable advantage would be gained. I am glad to learn that this subject is exciting the attention of the Government, and I hope immediate measures may be adopted to obtain a full supply of this most valuable firearm, for our Indian and Mexican frontier. With great respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

D. E. Twiggs  
Brigadier General U.S.A.

General T. J. Rusk  
Military Committee U. S. Senate

First we find that General T. J. Rusk is himself exceedingly superstitious or he feared in offending Colonel W. T. Haskell by giving him that accredited unlucky number 13. Second, the General has covered every possible service of action. War in Florida, war in Mexico, service in Texas with the rangers, service in California and upon the Indian frontier. Third he has presented a wonderful array of famous people; General Taylor, Generals Quitman, Shields and Twiggs. Members of General Scott's staff, Jefferson Davis, Texas Ranger officers and the Colonel of Ordnance. He has featured in engagements in which the odds were greatly in favor of the enemy and yet the enemy was routed all because of the colt. Serviceability has been stressed. One in use for ten years and no repairs. Nothing seemingly has been omitted and exceptionally good and strong defense has been made. But there are differences of opinions. By far the greatest use of Colts up to the time General Rusk made his report, was in Mexico and Texas, so let us review some startling statements by the Colonel of Ordnance himself.



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In a letter from George T. Talcott, Bvt. Brigadier General, Colonel of Ordnance dated December 3, 1850 to Hon. C. M. Conrad, Secretary of War, we find that there are quite a number of objections to Colts firearms, by General Talcott himself so let us offer for the negative the following letter from him:

Ordnance Department Washington  
December 3, 1850

Sir: In accordance with your letter of the 2nd of October last directing my attention to the Senates resolution of the 30th of September, 1850 with instructions to make such experiments as might be deemed necessary to comply with the spirit and intent of the resolution. I ordered a board of ordnance officers to meet at Washington arsenal, on the 13th November to make trial of such repeating and other arms as might be presented for that purpose. The instructions to the board, presented on the day of their assembly are contained in the record of their proceedings and are respectfully referred to. I also addressed letters to all of the inventors of repeating pistols, or other arms that I knew of informing them of the assembling of the board and its object, and inviting them to attend with samples of their arms. In order to obtain such information on the subject of the resolution as resulted from the practical experience of active service, I addressed letters to the officers of those troops which have been armed with Colt's revolvers, (the only repeating pistols that have been used by our regular troops), designating all the material points of inquiry that occurred to me in relation to their efficiency, durability, liability to accidents from premature discharge, bursting or other causes, the getting out of order, facility of being repaired, convenience of carrying both arms and ammunition, how they generally compare with the common horseman's pistol, in withstanding the rough usage and careless handling incident to the vicissitudes of a campaign, with such other information as to them might seem pertinent to the subject. These are the measures I have adopted to carry into effect your instructions. The record of the boards proceedings and papers therein referred to, together with their reports and opinions, are submitted herewith. Also, the replies of some of the officers addressed in the subject, including nearly all whose stations were near enough to admit of the receipt of a reply by this time. Others will be submitted when they reach me. These papers contain the results of the examination and inquiries in which your letter first referred to requires. It also calls for my opinion in giving which I desire to be permitted to state certain facts which have influenced and modified it from time to time. The first issue of Colts pistols proved to be almost complete failures for practical utility, as has been the case with other repeating breech-loading arms, and created a prejudice against them. In support of this I need only to refer you to the issues of these pistols to the Texas Rangers, under the celebrated Colonel Jack Hayes. There were received 280 pistols, and after less than a years' service there were left to be returned to the arsenal but 191 in all, of which only 82 were serviceable, the remainder chiefly bursted in the hands of the men, a few being lost in skirmishes with the enemy. These arms were issued in August 1847 and the Rangers turned in what were left when mustered out of service in the spring of 1848. The pistols last made have been modified in some respects from the original pattern, and much improved in the manufacture, particularly in the material used. Their use by the troops has produced no complaints, except as to the flasks, which were furnished with them. These are found so defective that in the Eighth Military Department (Texas) resort has been had to the use of cartridges instead of separate powder and ball.



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I am of the opinion that cartridges will be found preferable in all cases, and the objection on account of defective flasks thus remedied. The trials of the board show extra ordinary durability of pistols then used, and prove that they can be made strong and lasting. The practical experience of such officers as have seen them used by troops in active service is in favor of them, some entirely, others only to their being furnished to a limited extent and to selected men. Under the light that has been shed upon the subject from experimental trials, practical experience in service and examination of these arms, as well as inquiries concerning them, I am of the opinion that they may be used to advantage in the hands of skillfull or careful men; that it would be premature to exclude entirely the dragoon pistol, that the pistol being a weapon calculated and suited for personal defense alone, has its efficiency in this respect increased when made to repeat; that the repeating pistols cannot be advantageously used by the mass of our private soldiers for the want of necessary discretion, coolness, and skill, and that they should be furnished in limited numbers, only to be placed in the hands of such men as their officers may select to be so armed. If thus introduced regularly into the United States Service they may be furnished also to the States when required by their governors, under the law for arming the militia; but this should be done to the same limited extent as is proposed for the Army. The great cost of these pistols, being to that of the dragoon pistol nearly in the proportion of four to one, present another reason for limiting their supply. Although their advantages in the hands of picked men might compensate the additional cost, it would be inadvisable to incur such an increase of expenditure for the United States military establishment as would be required to arm all the mounted men and in cases of issue for the militia it would take but few of these pistols at the price heretofore paid, \$25.00 each, to absorb the whole annual quota due most of the states.

Of the different repeating pistols presented for examination and trial the board gave the preference to Colt's. It is to be expected that this should now excell the others, most of which are made on the same general principle as he has had the benefit of more experience to remedy defects, either of model or manufacture, and I concur in this respect with the opinion of the board. I also agree with them in preferring a lighter pistol than has heretofore been made. I am, sir, respectfully, your very obedient servant.

George Talcott  
BVT. Brig. General  
Colonel of Ordnance

Hon C. M. Conrad  
Secretary of War

And here we sum up the objection to Colts firearms. The first models, evidently the first of the three series of Dragoons bursted in the hands of the Rangers, at least most of them did and the second or third models are too expensive and too complicated for general issue and the purchase of a small quantity only is suggested.

Weight factor? Step over to the affirmative side, let us see what the United States Navy has to say about the Colt. Here is a report of board of dragoon officers in 1848. A board of Navy, officers, appointed by the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, and consisting of Captain John Thomas Newton, Commanders John D. Williamson, Jas. M. McIntosh, Lieutenants Andrew A. Harwood,



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Stephen Johnson, Frederick Chatard, Cicero Price, Richard W. Meade and Wm. T. Muse, report that:

"It would be almost superfluous to say anything more than is expressed in the reports, there can be but one opinion on the subject of these fire-arms, and that is their superiority in every respect over those in common use in our Navy. As a weapon for boarding, Colt's pistol possesses incalculable advantages over those in common use. With the former you have fire discharges which, if necessary, can be fired in as many seconds, with the latter you have but one at your command: for after firing once, it will be almost impossible in the heat of battle, and the confusion attendant upon boarding the enemy, or of repelling him, to reload it. The celerity with which Colt arms may be fired, is, beyond a doubt, in their favor, compared with the ordinary ship musket and pistol. Their accuracy has been fully and satisfactorily proved. The force, or relative degrees of penetration of the balls, appear to have been slightly in favor of the musket. This difference, however, in itself of no great importance, was owing to the musket cartridge and ball being much larger than that of the charge of Colt's carbine. With an equal amount of powder forming the charge of each, the result would be in favor of the carbine. "The proof in favor of their capability to stand exposure to water, which is a consideration of great importance, has been established by the fact that I directed that several of the cylinders be immersed in a bucket of water, and kept in that situation for two hours; when taken out, most of the charges were fired, some, to be sure, failed to go off, but this was owing to the inferiority of the percussion caps used on that occasion, and not the effect of the water, for an examination, the charges were found perfectly free of dampness. It is well known that common muskets or pistols, become useless very soon after being exposed to the wet. "The safety of the Colt's fire-arms is manifest, and can be depended upon. Loose powder remained unignited, as well as the remaining charges in the cylinder."

Now, if I were on the negative side I would take advantage of the fact that this report is not consistent and makes a report of incompleting experiments. A five shot pistol is described in the beginning and a repeating carbine at the end. I wonder what five shot Colt this report describes. I wonder too, that when imperfect percussion caps were discovered during the water tests that the entire procedure was not delayed until more perfect caps were available. However let us examine the second series of experiments by the same board;

United States Frigate Fulton  
Navy Yard New York

Sir: I have the honor to enclose, herewith, the results of a second experiment made between Colts repeating arms and the musket in common use; (one which occasion (at Governor's Island on the 19th instant) they were also tested in comparison with Hall's patent carbines. This was the earliest opportunity afforded, apart from the other duties to carry into effect your order of the 18th ultimo, and the wishes of the Navy board on that subject.

No. 1 Accuracy of Firing.

A target, five feet by two, was placed at a distance of seventy five yards, at which eight marines with Colt's arms, fired each three rounds, making in all twenty four. Five shots hit the target outside the bull's eye.



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The same number of marines, with the Hall's arms fired each three round, making twenty four. Six shots hit the target, one on the ring and one half an inch off the bull's eye. The same number of Marines, with the common musket fired each three round, making twenty four. The shots hit the target, two inside the ring.

#### No. 2 Celerity of Firing

Eight marines, with Colt's arms, fired for five minutes and discharged in that time one hundred and eighty-four balls: Hall's Arms discharged ninety balls and the common musket ninety five. During these experiments the cold was intense; owing to which the men were not so expert. This may account for the indifferent shooting. Nevertheless the celerity of firing appears to have resulted much in favor of Colt's arms. In the point of accuracy, however, (which will be considered of minor importance) there seems to be a slight difference in favor of the other arms. Not being perfectly satisfied with the first trial, as to accuracy, another was made, and the result was as follows:

The target being placed at the same distance, the eight marines with Colt's arms, fired each three rounds; six shots striking the target, two inside the ring. The same number of marines, with the Hall's arms fired each three rounds, four striking the target, two inside the ring, and with the common musket, six on the target and one in the ring. I cannot but repeat, as in a former report, my unqualified opinion as to the advantages which Colt's arms possess over every other now in use. I consider Hall's carbine a very unsafe and dangerous weapon, particularly in the hands of inexperienced men. If care be not taken, that part of the breach which opens for the reception of the charge is apt to be pressed up by the left hand as you present the piece to fire; the catch being placed immediately where the left hand is applied. In shouldering the piece the same thing might occur; in consequence of which, the charge not only would be lost, but serious results might be experienced by the explosion to the person firing the piece, and those near him.

Another objection to Hall's carbine is, that they will not stand exposure to wet weather; but owing to their peculiar construction, are as liable to become useless as the common musket, if allowed to be exposed to the wet for ten minutes. Colt's arms can remain immersed for two or three hours and when taken out are as effective as before. The ramrod, or more properly, the lever, has been very ingeniously fitted permanently to Colt's carbine, and facilitates, in a great degree the loading. This is an important improvement, and the leability to drop the lever is now abbreviated. The reports of the officers of the Fulton who were present and witnessed the above mentioned experiments, are here with enclosed. I have the honor to be very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

John Thomas Newton

Captain

Commander James Renshaw

Commanding Naval Station New York

The reports confirmed the above almost verbatim. The marines and their equipment have certainly improved in a 100 years. Imagine eight marines today firing at a five foot by two foot target at seventy five yards one hundred and forty four shots hitting, the target thirty seven times and scoring eight -



(Colts condit)

bull's eyes. Our soldiers were firing better than that in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. This report gave the common musket the best score and except for the wetting which has been increased to three hours and the rapidity of fire at evidently no target, the common musket appears to be the best arm for the Navy in 1850.

About the same time, experiments in the Army of a similar nature were being carried on and so for the negative, let us examine these.

Ordnance Department  
Washington, Dec. 17, 1850

Sir: When the board of Ordnance officers was convened to examine and try repeating pistols under the resolution of the Senate of the 30th of September last, there were various arms, other than those specially mentioned in the resolution which had been presented to the notice of the War Department by their inventors, who claim for them many advantages over those in use. The meeting of the board presented a good opportunity to make trial of such arms, they were accordingly directed to do so and to report the results of their examination and experiments. I respectfully enclose a copy of the report, from which it will be seen that but one of the arms tried, viz, Sharp's with Maynard's lock and primer is considered suitable for public service. My opinion of Sharp's Gun formed from an examination of its construction is favorable to its superiority over all other breech loading arms which have come to my notice, especially when combined with Maynard's improvement for priming, and I think it may prove a valuable arm for the military service. Respectfully your obedient servant

George Talcott Bvt. Brig. General

Colonel of Ordnance

Hon. C. M. Conrad  
Secretary of War

Where does the Colt stand here? It is not even mentioned but strictly eliminated with all other breech loaders in preference to the Sharps pistol with the Maynard primer. The primer had proven successful as it is in use today on thousands of repeating cap pistols, but the Sharp's breech loading pistol never attained any popularity and was issued in such limited numbers that it remains a scarce collectors item today.

To allow the affirmative a closing argument let us present a letter from the famous Colonel Jack Hays, of the Texas rangers, who writes:

"I have had a good opportunity of testing the utility of Colt's pistols during the late Mexican War, and feel no hesitation in saying they are superior (in my opinion) to any other now known for cavalry. The danger of accidental explosion has been obviated by the later improvement. They go off clear. The cylinders revolve with great rapidity, and the distance they carry a ball, (I mean the conical ball) is indeed surprising. Soldiers should be practiced in the use of them. They soon become easy to the hand, the aim you wish to draw can be easily caught and when placed in the hands of those who understand the proper use of them they are unquestionably the most formidable weapon ever used in battle. I therefore concur fully in the opinion that they can be used with the same advantage by the regular as volunteer forces."



(Colts condit)

And so the Colt Firearms have made friends down through the years, more than a century and a decade of service. They have been the favourites of soldiers in the field of shooters on the range, and of collectors in many a fine cabinet. Let us hope that they will continue to be one of the worlds best firearms.

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#### ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

PAUL C. HOWELL, 3030 Cincinnati, Ave., El Paso, Texas. For some unexplainable reason we omitted placing Pauls name in the regular roster of New Members from El Paso appearing at another part of this issue. Paul is a Colt Specialist, a gunsmith of high order and is at this time beginning a very fine collection of guns. He has lived for many years in Mexico and has contacts there that are such that he has a supply of sleepers coming in at a very steady rate. We predict that with the encouragement that will be extended to him thru the medium of the Texas Gun Collectors Association that we will hear from Paul and his finds quite frequently. In fact your Editor has just completed the purchase of a very fine specimen of the 1872 Pre-Peace maker Colt with the integral rear sight from Mr. Howell. Our Membership will find Paul to be a good man to contact when they are in El Paso.

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#### THE COVER PAGE

James E. Serven in his recent book "Colt Cartridge Pistols" has given us a very interesting series of illustrations and written descriptions of the various types of revolvers that were being put out by the Colt Company during the period of changing over from percussion to cartridge firearms.

This change-over was not an over-night affair, but was achieved thru a painful process of trial and error and the frequent use of the obsolete percussion revolver parts fitted up with attachments and gadgets in order to put it to the use of firing the newly adopted metallic cartridges.

The first of these conversion models was called the Thuers Conversion; it did not receive a very favorable reception from the public and was shortly abandoned in favor of a more practical assemblable. This later firearm was called the Richards Conversion, it attained considerable popularity and was widely used by the army for several years. Practically the entire stock of revolvers owned by the army in the various depots was shipped back to the Colt factory for conversion to shoot the metallic cartridge by means of the Richards Method.

The Richards Conversion is shown at the top of the group of three revolvers on our cover page. It is characterized by having a milled rear-sight on top of the breech-plate and a flat-faced hammer that struck a floating firing-pin set in the breech-plate. With this was the revamped army percussion barrel milled on the right side to accept the ejector case which in turn had a lug that fitted into the loading-plunger hole with a small transverse screw just forward from the wedge to hold it all securely in place.



Following the Richards Conversion, some time later, was improved model brought about, in all probability, by the exhaustion of the on-hand stock of old army percussion barrels at the Colt factory. This new model was known as the Richards-Mason Conversion.

The Richards-Mason Conversion was characterized by having the milled rear sight removed from the top of the breach-plate and the floating firing-pin replaced by a pointed firing-pin rivetted to the face of the hammer so that this pin made direct contact with the cartridge primer. Included in the change was also a newly designed barrel with the lug having flat side planes, doing away with the old plunger-hole and attaching the ejector case to the flat surface of the barrel lug.

This firearm is shown at the bottom of the group of three guns illustrated on the Cover Page.

And now we come to that gun in the middle--you will note that it has no milled rear sight on the breach plate, it has the Richards-Mason hammer with the rivetted firing pin, but it does have the old army percussion barrel with the Richards Ejector case. This ejector case it might be well to mention, however is about a half inch shorter than normal; a close examination has revealed that the regular ejector case has been shortened by the same jackass that cut off the barrel and put that amateurish sight on the end of the barrel. (I would like to wring the neck of the gentleman who did this job) However, in spite of all this, it is still a good item and of much interest. The serial numbers are uniform thru out indicating beyond all doubt that the conversion was not done by our amateur gunsmith. The numerals 184971 are shown on the trigger-guard, the back-strap, cylinder, barrel and LOADING GATE. There is no number on the wedge. Stamped on the frame is "Pat. July 25-1871" and "Pat. July 2-1872."

Mr. Serven, in that portion of his book dealing with the Richards-Mason Conversion makes a brief statement that in changing over from the Richards to the Richards-Mason, in a few known instances the old army percussion type barrels were used. Obviously this is one of these types to which he refers. I take it that this arm is a Transition between the Richards and the Richards-Mason Conversion. There were evidently not enough of these guns made as illustrated to merit it as being a separate conversion type.

How many of our Membership have one of these arms with all serial numbers the same? Comments are requested.

We take this opportunity to again recommend Mr. Servens book to those of our Membership who desire to build up their Colt Transition Series.

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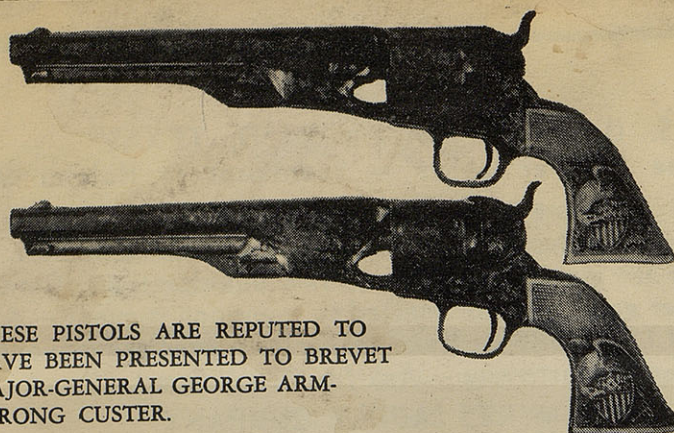
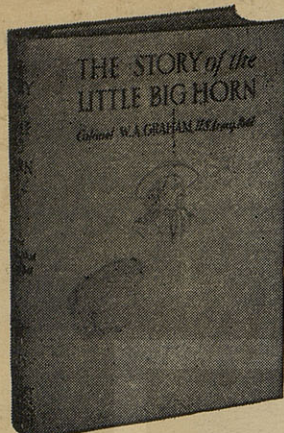
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## THE CUSTER MYSTERY

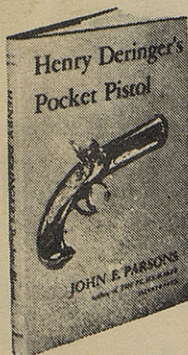
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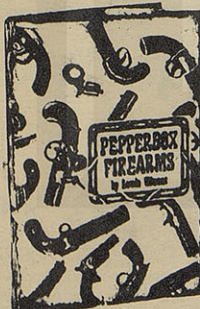
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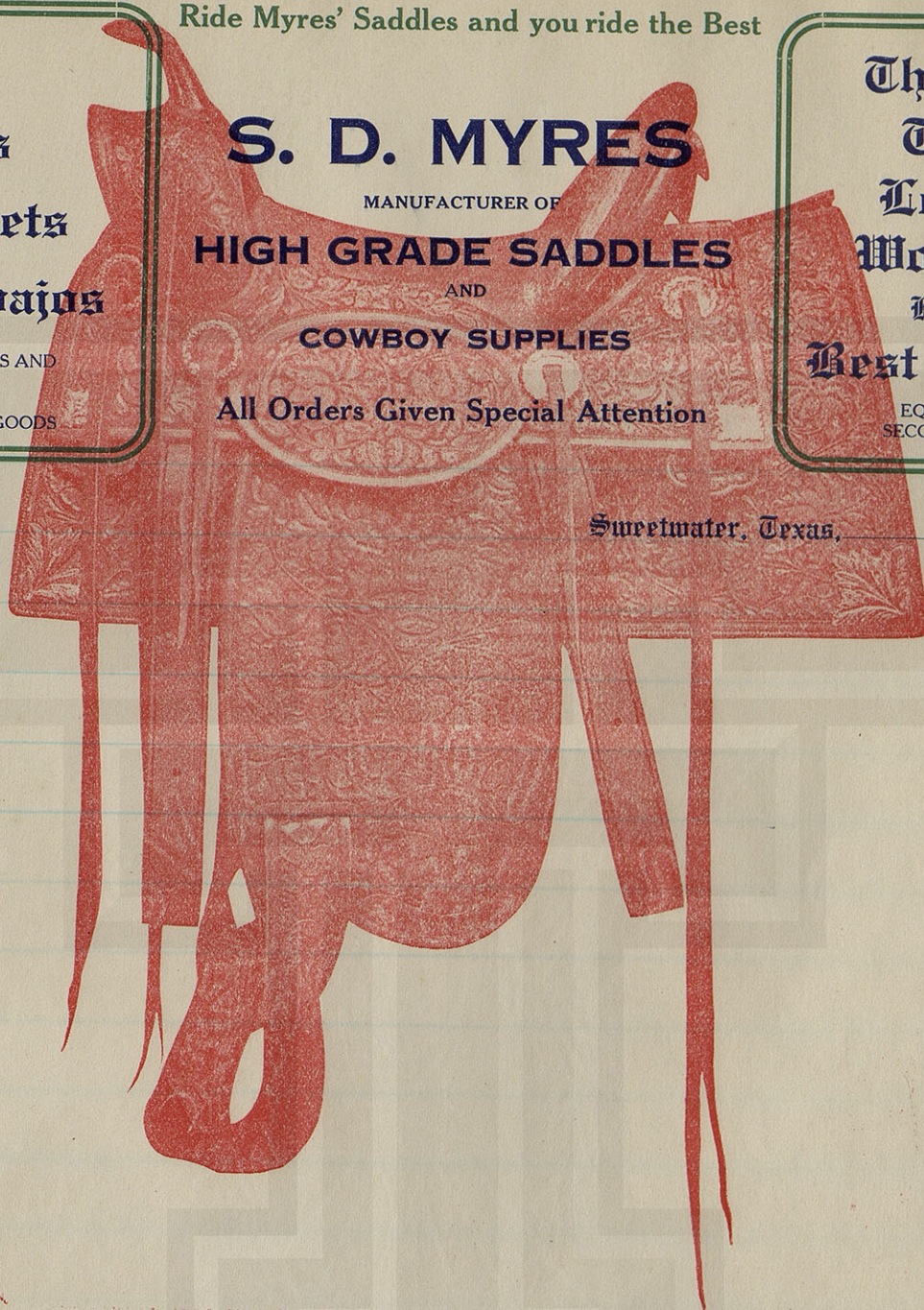
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Thomas was helped  
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His wife said he expects to  
have the trouble corrected in  
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corridors but caused only a slight  
diversion in the lift and no inci-  
dents.

American officials were puzzled  
over Saturday's action but one sug-  
gested it might be part of a "war  
of nerves."

Lt. Col. B. E. Steadman of the  
American Military Government's  
armed forces division, said "perhaps  
they are really conducting maneu-  
vers and maybe they are just try-  
ing to harass the air-lift with nerve  
war tactics. At any rate, we're not  
worried and if they stay above 10,-  
000 feet we don't care how many  
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here."

## TRUMAN, IN TEXAS, WARNS OF G.O.P. 'SELLOUT' PLOT

By ALLEN DUCKWORTH

Staff Correspondent of The News

ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL  
TRAIN, Sept. 25.—President Tru-  
man began a yip-yip-yippee election  
campaign in Texas Saturday by  
claiming he had proof of a Repub-  
lican alliance with big power  
monopolies.

The yippees came from the  
throats of cowboys who met his  
special train in the most rugged  
sections of Texas—the old stick 'em  
up and shoot 'em up frontier region  
southwest of El Paso.

From the lips of the President  
came bitter charges against the Re-  
publicans.

The speech he delivered to Tex-  
ans a few minutes after crossing  
the New Mexico line was one of  
the strongest of his western cam-  
paign swing.

### ALLEGES GOP PLOT

There is a Republican plot to  
turn public electric power "over to  
the hijackers," the President de-  
clared.

"Republicans don't like to see  
cheap public power," Truman told  
the thousands who made up an en-  
thusiastic first audience in Texas  
at El Paso, "because it means that  
the big power monopolies cannot  
get their rake-off at the expense of  
the public."

The President then quoted what  
he said were the words of Rep.  
George A. Dondero of Michigan,  
the congressman who will head the  
House committee on public works  
if the GOP again controls Congress.

Dondero has made it plain, Tru-  
man insisted, that the Republicans

plan to wreck the vast water pro-  
gram that has given such sections  
as West Texas irrigation facilities,  
and that has given the public  
cheap, government-controlled elec-  
tric power.

But while a crowd estimated by  
police at 12,000 was cheering the  
President at the El Paso Union Sta-  
tion and cowboys were racing his  
train a little later, Truman's south-  
ern enemies were challenging his  
invasion of Texas.

### NO COMMENT ON WIRE

The challenge came from Gov.  
J. Strom Thurmond of South Caro-  
lina, States' Rights (Dixiecrats)  
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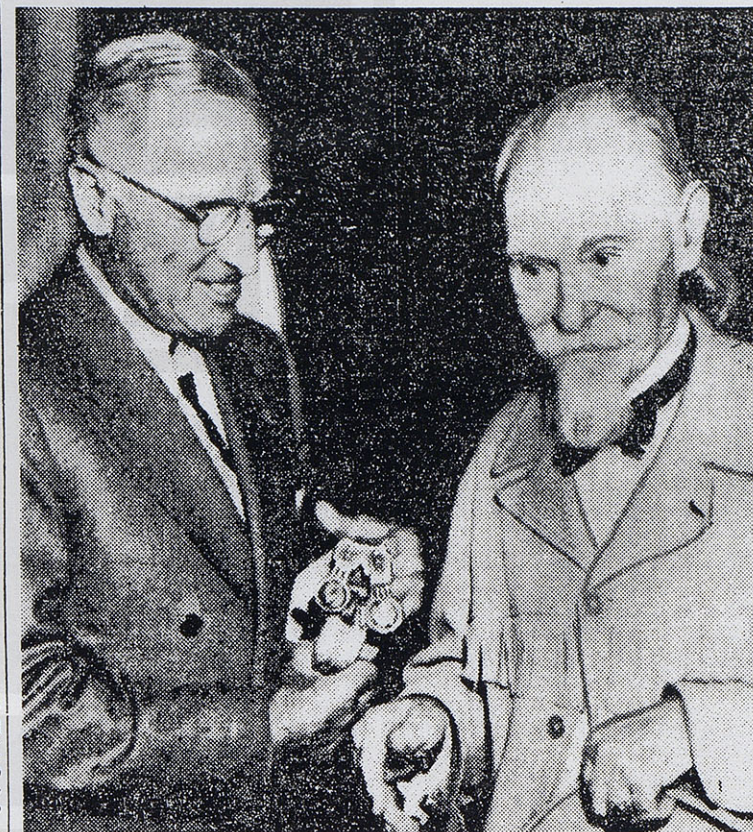
Governor Thurmond called on  
the President to tell Texans about  
his fight to take away the states'  
title to the tidelands, and about his  
support of antisouthern measures,  
such as the FEPC and other steps  
to erase racial segregation in the  
armed services, in public schools  
and in employment.

The President received a wire  
from Thurmond at El Paso. He  
read it, but sent word that there  
would be no comment.

Thurmond's wire to Truman re-  
minded the President that he had  
said in Los Angeles, Calif., that "I  
do not believe anybody is going to  
win this fight by running away  
from the record, or ducking issues."  
Thurmond said the matter of the  
tidelands, and racial segregation  
should be issues in the President's  
Texas speeches.

The President's 3-day barnstorm-  
See TRUMAN, Page 10, Col. 2

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### SPURS TO MATCH HIS BOOTS

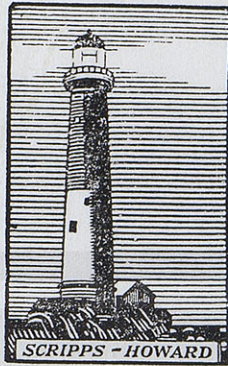
President Truman, in a stop at El Paso, Texas, Saturday,  
receives a pair of gold and silver spurs from colorful  
77-year-old Sam D. Myre, former Texas Ranger. The  
spurs, presented by the Southwestern Sun Carnival As-  
sociation, match a pair of boots presented to the Presi-  
dent by El Pasoans some months ago.—Associated  
Press Wirephoto.

*The rest of the article is just  
Truman in the D.C. area.*

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## TRUMAN H



**RECEIVES SUN CARNIVAL SPURS**—President Truman receives spurs, a gift of the Southwestern Sun Carnival Assn. from Sam Myres, pioneer El Paso saddlemaker.



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**Managed by Nebraskan**  
The office is managed by Walter Johnson, formerly attorney general of Nebraska, who is called "special counsel" of the association. It is Johnson who makes the reports to the secretary of the Senate on the organization's contributions and expenditures, required by the Lobby Registration Act.  
Hall Hammond, attorney general of Maryland, is chairman of the national association. Price Daniel, attorney general of Texas, is vice chairman.  
Johnson's sworn statement to the Senate, printed yesterday in the Congressional Record, shows that the lobby office here is concerned chiefly with support of the bill "to confirm and establish title in the states to lands beneath navigable waters within state boundaries."  
**Reports Contributions**  
He reports contributions, in the second quarter, totaling \$22,750.00, divided as follows:  
From Texas, \$7000.  
From Louisiana, \$6700.00.  
From California, \$9000.00.  
He also reported contributions of \$7000.00 during the first quarter, \$4000.00 from Texas and \$3000.00 from Louisiana, making \$29,750 available to him in the first half of this year.  
In the second quarter, Johnson reported expenditures of \$7882.35. In the first quarter he spent \$7,937.42, making total expenditures in the first half of this year, \$15,819.77.  
Johnson is paid a monthly "retainer" of \$1500, indicating an annual salary of \$18,000. His expenses in April amounted to \$434 and in May to \$95.50.  
**Pays Office Help**  
Out of the money collected from the three states, he pays office help, rent and expenses of operating the office.  
The same reports included the second quarterly statement of W. H. Kittrell of Dallas, formerly an official of the Democratic Party in Texas and now an oil lobbyist. Reporting under the Lobby Registration Act, Kittrell said he worked on legislation affecting

A Womens Finance Forum will be held every Monday in October at 2 p. m. under sponsorship of the State National Bank at the Womans Club. Wives of officers of the bank completed plans for this forum.  
At each meeting a qualified speaker will describe problems of

women in handling money. Talks will be pitched in a common sense non-technical vein.  
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"Buffalo Bill was the most colorful man I ever saw on a horse," he says. "They say he drank a lot of whisky. I don't know. But he was a good man at heart and a worthy American."

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THE WEATHER  
El Paso and  
New Mexico  
afternoon and  
West Texas  
showers expected

guarantee by the U. S. that Korea would be united after the fighting ends. Robertson turned down the demand.

U. S. Weather Report

Previous 24 Hours to 6 p. m.

THURSDAY JULY 2, 1953

Boston	.03	83	66
Chicago	.05	90	73
Chihuahua	.94	70	
Del Rio	.99	75	
Denver	.87	63	
Des Moines	.40	85	67
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San Francisco	.69	51	
Tucson	.107	82	
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P—Precip. H—High. L—Low. T—Trace.

Southwest

Weather Stations—	P	H	L
Albuquerque, N. M.	.T.	102	74
Amarillo, Texas	.103	72	
Big Spring, Texas	.100	74	
Brownsville, Texas	.93	76	
Carlsbad, N. M.	.105	74	
Cloudcroft, N. M.	.55	81	61
Columbus, N. M.	.105	73	
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Lubbock, Texas	.101	73	
Marfa, Texas	.94	68	
Midland, Texas	.102	73	
Presidio, Texas	.108	78	
Rodeo, N. M.	.105	73	
Roswell, N. M.	.105	70	
Salt Flat, Texas	.106	71	
San Angelo, Texas	.98	75	
Santa Fe, N. M.	.T.	96	68
Truth or Consequences, N. M.	.101	72	
Tucuman, N. M.	.38	104	74
Van Horn, Texas	.105	74	
Wink, Texas	.105	75	

El Paso relative humidity, 27 per cent.

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Rainy Fourth Forecast For El Paso

The U. S. Weather Bureau Thursday night forecast the possibilities of a wet July 4 week end.

Fair and continued hot temperatures were forecast for Friday and possible scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers Saturday.

Thursday's 104-degree reading tied an all-time high record for July 2. A similar reading was recorded in El Paso July 2, 1889. A similar maximum was forecast for Friday.

The West Texas weather forecast calls for generally fair weather Friday and Saturday except with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers in the Upper Panhandle.

Widely scattered showers and thundershowers was also forecast for New Mexico.

Albuquerque Thursday recorded an all-time for July 2 when the mercury zoomed to 102 degrees.

STATEMENTS ASKED

Washington. (AP) — The Comptroller of the Currency Thursday issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, June 30.

QUAKE REPORTED

New York. (AP) — Seismographs at Fordham and Columbia Universities Thursday recorded sharp earthquakes in the Southwest Pacific.

Budget Requests Top Million

Budget requests for 1954, totaling more than \$1,200,000, were on file in the County Auditor's office Thursday in readiness for Commissioners' Court budget study sessions, scheduled to start later this month.

Several County departments and agencies, including El Paso General Hospital, failed to get under the July 1 budget filing date set by the Court several weeks ago. The tentative County budget for 1954 must be wrapped up and filed by July 31.

The Court is scheduled to call in department and agency heads for detailed explanation of budget requests, especially where the 1954 request exceeds the current budgets, according to County Judge Hugh McGovern. Judge McGovern said the Court will frown on any department budget increase for 1954, as compared to 1953, "unless a real reason can be shown for it."

The 1953 budget, as amended to date, stands at \$1,937,423, County Auditor Ed Haight said Thursday. Judge McGovern has hopes that the 1954 budget can be kept below the 1953 level.

Among other outstanding budget requests filings Thursday were those of the County Judge's office, County Recreation Board, Rio Vista

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S. D. (Tio Sam) Myres Dies; Pioneer Of Fabulous Southwest

S. D. (Tio Sam) Myres, 81, 5030 Alameda Ave., one of the last of the fabulous figures of the days of the Old West, died Thursday night in an El Paso hospital. Famous throughout the Southwest for his intimate knowledge of past frontier days, and known world wide for the craftsmanship of the saddle shop he opened in Sweetwater at the turn of the century and moved to El Paso almost a half century ago, Tio Sam will be missed most by the youngsters who provided him with his name.

He is survived by two brothers, Carlos of Cleburne and C. C. of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Annie Elliott, also of Cleburne; two sons, W. J. of El Paso and S. D. Jr. of Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. M. M. Taylor of Denver, Colo.; and a nephew, Dace Myres of El Paso. He was married in 1894 to Miss Druza Rogers, since deceased.

A resident of El Paso for the past 33 years, he was a member of Masonic Lodge and Shrine Temple and belonged to the Mormon Church. Funeral arrangements were pending with Kaster and Maxon.

"Tio Sam" Myres earned his name through his friendship with the children of El Paso, who looked forward to his frequent visits, both for the favors he brought them and for the stories he told them. "Tio" is the Spanish equivalent of "uncle," and came from his resemblance to the mythical figure of Uncle Sam.

Tio Sam numbered among his intimate friends presidents, governors, movie stars, and just plain cowboys. He had known Buffalo Bill Cody, Pancho Villa, Will Rogers, Annie Oakley, Tom Mix, J. Edgar



S. D. MYRES

Hoover, Gene Autry, Pawnee Bill, Col. Zach Miller, and dozens of others.

He was a familiar figure in El Paso as he led almost every parade of any importance with his well-known frock coat, string bow tie,

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Extension

Washington. (AP) — The Senate Thursday night passed a year's extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Law requested by President Eisenhower.

The Senate knocked out of the bill a House provision adding a seventh member to the Tariff Commission to give the Republicans a 4 to 3 majority.

The commission would be left with six members, split evenly between the major parties.

The Senate's action in this respect is expected to lead to a fight with House Republicans in the conference on the bill. Some House GOP members favor more protection for U. S. industries.

The Tariff Commission advises the President on import duties.

Stevenson Visit To Texas Urged

Waco, Texas. (UP) — Democratic National Chairman Stephen Mitchell said Thursday night he would urge Adlai Stevenson, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for President last year, to come to Texas "as soon as possible."

Mitchell made the promise to Carlton Smith, Waco Democratic leader, who issued an invitation to Stevenson through Mitchell.

"We'll fill the biggest coliseum in Waco for Stevenson," Smith said.

Mystery Shrouds Disappearance

Norwalk, Calif. (AP) — Eleven days after 8-year-old Stella Darlene Nolan disappeared, authorities still had no clue Thursday to her fate.

Sheriff's deputies Thursday questioned again persons they had previously interviewed in hope that one of them might recall an additional fact. Scores of leads have been checked out, all without results.

The girl disappeared June 20 from Merchandising Center where her foster mother operated a hot dog stand. She is believed kidnaped and possibly slain.

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unit budget for 1954 60,522. The budget re- by Dr. W. D. Hornedo, department, proposes alary increase for de- rsonnel, totaling \$9,758. item for proposed me- of the County Tax and Assessor's Office d in the department's est for a 1953 allocation

Anticipated revenues s of the department for r was placed at \$184,000 eason, collector and as- e salaries for next year at \$88,524 in the budget

iff's Department budget aled \$189,879, including ts of \$46,301 for County salaries, \$35,850 for the hway Patrol, Office and ve salaries \$99,228 and ence \$51,100.

nty Clerk's budget rel for \$59,338, including a increase of \$336 over gure, but a 7 per cent office operating expen- e 1953 total.

nty Engineering Depart- 4 budget request called item of \$25,008, and road e maintenance and con- \$190,000.

nty Probation Depart- a 1954 budget request for increase of \$3,852 over t listing, crediting in- od costs, an anticipated delinquency and gener- er operating costs, re- om heavier business, as e the increase.

nty Board of Develop- l a request for a \$50,000 lowance for 1954. The operating short-handed on budget this year.

other 1954 budget re- file Thursday were:

Agricultural Agent, \$9,801; Service Officer, \$12,279; Attorney's office, \$32,132; City-County Child Welfare 7,160; Justice of the Peace Windberg, \$8,753; Justice ace R. E. Crawford, \$8,539; W. W. (Sandy) Ander- 6, County Attorney's Of- 82; District Clerk's office, County Treasurer, \$5,920; County Library, \$11,406 and County Humane Society, d a new truck.

## Tio Sam, Colorful EP Figure, Dies

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wing collar, and mustache and goatee a la Buffalo Bill.

The son of a Confederate Army company commander, Tio Sam was born in Cleburne in 1871. In his long and adventurous life, he was mayor of Sweetwater, peace officer, fireman, honorary Texas Ranger, friend of the known and the unknown, and universally regarded both by himself and most of the rest of the world, as the maker of the finest saddles and leather goods to be found anywhere.

As the "fightin' mayor" of Sweetwater, he gained a wide measure of fame. He persuaded the railroad to move its shops into the city, which then numbered more rattlesnakes than citizens; broke up a lynch mob single handed; drove a nudist colony out of town to avoid the bad publicity that the sunburn would give the climate; and sponsored numerous civic improvements, including the paving of streets, construction of sewers, and the building of new schools.

### STARTED AT 22

His first saddlery was opened in Sweetwater, when Sam was just 22. He had learned the trade in Cleburne, where he worked for room, board, and approximately \$35 a year. When World War I broke out, Tio Sam offered his services to the government, and received a special citation from President Woodrow Wilson for the quality and craftsmanship of his work.

The most famous saddle, and the one of which he was the proudest, was made for Col. Joe Miller of the renowned 101 Wild West Show. The saddle was later valued at \$30,000. Generally recognized as the finest in the world, it contained over 300 precious stones; including 17 diamonds, 20 garnets, four sapphires, and 15 pounds of sterling silver and gold. All this was embedded into the leather, along with a maze of hand tooled flowers, vines, butterflies, and steer heads. In one corner was stamped the familiar emblem of S. D. Myres, just as it appeared on the equipments of two presidents of Mexico, Ken Maynard, Will Rogers, Tom Mix, and later, Gen. George S. Patton, who wore a pair of holsters and a belt, made by Tio Sam, through some of his greatest triumphs.

### WAS SELF-EDUCATED

Believing that the border city of El Paso had a great future, Tio Sam moved his shop—lock, stock, and barrel—to a location on Overland Street, where it remained until recently moved to larger and more modern quarters on Alameda Avenue. Although active in the business right up until his death, Tio Sam had left the active management of the firm to his son, Bill.

An achievement, which he was prouder of than most, was the originating of El Paso Kids Rodeo, which has since been widely copied all over the country. He donated thousands of dollars worth of prizes to local rodeos in the belief that this was the one great link between the old and the new West.

Self-educated, Tio Sam maintained that the only formal education a man needed was learning the alphabet. He then proceeded to prove his philosophy by rising from a young apprentice saddlemaker to the position of prominence he occupied throughout the world.

A favorite of youngsters everywhere, Tio Sam was often called upon to speak to high school and college students all over the Southwest.

He often ended his addresses to the students with advice designed to guide them over the "unseen rough places in life." He said, "Believe in God, in your country, and in yourself, then go ahead."

## Kearby Quits Job Before Board Meets

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we all agree that if the department can't trust me, then I can pull out of this town whenever I'm ready."

Text of Kearby's resignation follows:

"To Chief of Police Roy Vinson, "El Paso Police Department. "Sir:

"I have been summoned to your office at 4 p. m. this date because of bad publicity of my partner, Gerald E. Hurlbert, in staging his purported beating.

"I realize that this has placed my beating in the shadow of doubt also. This has been brought out by my meeting with Lt. (C. E.) Key, and Lt. (R. L.) Yarbrough yesterday (Wednesday) at which time I was told that I should be able to see the public viewpoint on how false the beating I received appeared.

"I cannot see their viewpoint, since I was actually kicked, and how I can be held responsible for another man's actions, I also cannot realize.

"This morning The El Paso Times carried a headline that I bore no bruises to back up my story. I am happy that I bear no bruises. I am also happy that I am still alive.

"If my assailants had shot me as they proposed to do, I suppose I would have been called a suicide.

"The doctor that ordered me into the hospital evidently thought something was wrong with me.

"I do not know why I was kept in bed for two nights and one day, on doctor's orders, nor why I was given shots to kill the pain, by doctor's orders, nor why I was given pills to aid me in overcoming nausea.

"This to me appears rather foolish if the doctor believed nothing wrong.

"Why my word should be questioned, I do not know. I have lived, eaten and slept police department since you hired me. At no time can my work be questioned. I have done my duty as I saw fit, under fire as well as in normal times.

"I believe I've done my job well. No man at the station can say I have not assisted when they needed assistance. I have reported to all calls given me and to many not given me.

"This meeting in your office can result in only one thing: suspension. Why I do not know.

"It seems the public's wrath is to be dealt with before a police officer's personal safety. That, also, I cannot understand.

"I feel badly that the officers I have served with can falsely accuse me of a hoax.

"I know I have two witnesses (to the beating), the men that did this. They will some day be brought before you.

"I do not feel I should run from something I have been unjustly accused of. However, there is no other recourse. Pride does not count when you have mouths to

## Faked Beating To Get More Men In Hunt

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didn't just work at my job, I lived it."

"So far as the rumors of Kearby's story being false are concerned, I don't think anything of the rumors," he said. "The condition in which he was found couldn't have been done by himself.

"His boots were made useless by his dragging himself about 100 feet to his motor so he could radio."

### PLANS TO LEAVE EP

Hulbert said he could not file an immediate appeal to the Civil Service Board for re-instatement because he would have to have proof of his charge there were insufficient units in the search before the board would consider an appeal.

"I'll get that proof," he said.

Hulbert said he had searched Wednesday and Thursday for employment in El Paso but having found none, he planned to leave the city. He did not say where he planned to move.

"It wasn't because of what I did that I couldn't find a job," Hulbert said. "When I asked some of the people for jobs I didn't tell them who I was, just to see what they thought of the case. The sole reason I am leaving town is because there is no suitable employment open here at the present time."

### DOESN'T REGRET ACTION

Saying he was sorry for having caused Kearby's story to be doubted, Hulbert added "He was like a brother to my wife and me. I've only known him a short time but he has been a true friend.

"His likes and dislikes were the same as mine and our methods of work were the same. And I never knew Bill (Kearby) to tell a lie. We never had secrets from each other nor from anyone and that's why I want The Times to publish this story."

"I don't regret having done what I did," Hulbert said, "because it accomplished what I wanted. It got the whole department into the search.

"After I went out to the hospital and saw how Bill was hurt, I rode around a long time and I couldn't think they were putting enough units into the search so I gave them cause to put all units into it and even call out the men of the following shift."

feed. Therefore, I tender my resignation, under protest.

"I should like to say thank you for many favors, but I can find no thanks in my heart after this.

"Respectfully,  
"W. P. Kearby."

### SEEK VA HOSPITAL

San Antonio, Texas. (AP)—A new veterans administration hospital for South Texas was called for by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their state convention Tuesday to serve some 300,000 South Texas and Rio Grande Valley veterans.

## AFL Unions Re-Elect Harris Head

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now held by George Webb Paso, vice president from district 4, and Paul Sparks, ex secretary of the organization filled by an acclamation vote when the candidates had no inated opposition.

A resolution praising El Paso as a convention city, and in civic officials here and in for making the meet a success passed, and the press covered in another resolution throughout the final of the convention there were references to a general fairness by the press in the

The selection of Corpus as the 1954 convention site most unanimous; only other under consideration was Wells.

## Captains Suspend Kearby

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75 feet over rough terrain motorcycle to turn on the and summon aid over the

A medical reports, prepared by Kearby was hospitalized for a week confirmed earlier that the patrolman's body show bruises or other injuries of a beating.

### NEWSPAPERMAN BARRI

Kearby's partner, Gerald was fired Tuesday after he a hoax in which he told been beaten and handcuffed three men north of the International Airport, two hours after was found.

Newspapermen were not to sit in on the meeting Board of Captains.

"That is our standard procedure," Capt. Lessor said. "I'm not can't change the rules."

Police Chief Roy Vinson of town on a short vacation and Lessor said he had no him of the Kearby-Hulbert

## Four Killed In B-47 Crash

Fairford, England. (AP)—U. S. Air Force B-47 jet crashed Thursday while on land at Upper Heyford in shire and all four aboard killed. The bomber hit a railroad track and exploded.

The B-47, capable of carrying atom bomb, was one of recently flew the Atlantic to start a 90-day training England.

It was attached to Bomber Wing based at RAF. Names of the crew were withheld pending report of next of kin.

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## Ask Mrs. Carroll Families Must Cease Interfering in Marriage

By ANN CARROLL

DEAR MRS. CARROLL: I have been married to my wife 17 years, and we have two children in their teens. For the past year we have been having trouble because of her family and mine. My sisters gossip about my wife, and her family tells her, "Why don't you leave him?" My sisters are always telling me things about my wife's not being true to me.

I am so tired of hearing tales and seeing her unhappy after she listens to her family. What can we do to get ourselves back to our old ways of life?

J. P. O.

DEAR J. P. O.: If you could move away from all relatives, move to another city, your problems would dissolve into thin air. Since that is seldom possible, next best thing is to tell those sisters to shut up. Any man can make a woman keep still if he is firm enough. Have nothing to do with your sisters. Refuse to let them in your house. Once, they find out that you will stand for no interference or gossip, they will stop.

Then tell your wife she must do likewise. When relatives interfere with your life, keep away from them and bar them from your home. You and your wife owe this to your two children. They are probably fed up with your quarrels, and will never have any respect for you if you and she do not wake up.

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**Ignore Gossip**

DEAR MRS. CARROLL: I have been married five years and have been happy until lately. My husband is a pretty nice guy. But here lately he has been going with his ex-wife. She has no children. The other day a lady called me and said she saw him at her home all the time. I knew he was going around with someone, but I didn't know who.

You see, he married her two times and divorced her each time. We have two little boys. He is crazy about them. Why does he do this?

I am not a native of El Paso. He doesn't make much money, but I married him because I loved him, not because of his money. He is 28 and knows what he does. He takes me out to a show once a week.

One of the babies is sick. He is almost two years old and can't walk yet. So won't you please help me? Should I leave him because I don't think he knows what he wants? He goes off in the car and comes in about midnight, most of the time. Do you think he will change?

MARY

DEAR MARY: Do you know what? I would not believe that tale of the "lady" who telephoned you. Any woman who would tell a wife about her husband's activities is a troublemaker and usually a liar. If the tale such a woman tells happens to be true, she is worse than a liar because she enjoys hurting and worrying another woman.

If I were you, I would trust my husband and tell him so. I would refuse to listen any further to that "lady." I would say to my husband that a certain woman is trying to make you unhappy about his first wife and that you do not believe her because you know he loves his children. Say that you know he realizes he owes a bigger debt to the sick child than the well one, even, because that sick one needs extra care and may need his mother and father always.

Simply place the responsibility on him and blindly trust your husband in staying out till midnight each night, he is having some kind of a fling, but I believe if you show him

babies whom you know he loves, you will win.

You really have nothing to fear from wife No. 1 because if he left her twice, he knows he can't live with her. You simply hang on to your man and know that he will come to his senses. Be as cheerful as possible and make home a good place to be. You hold the trump card. You are married to him and you have his children. She has neither tie.

Have you taken your child to the City-County Clinic? If he is a cerebral palsy case, he can be helped here.

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**More Pledges**

READERS: Signatures to the pledge received today are: Mrs. Jim Henry, 1313 Magoffin avenue; Mrs. N. C. Apple, 1404 North Ange street; Mrs. A. J. Caruso, 2021 North Florence street; Mrs. H. F. Hearn, 101 Riverside drive; Mrs. Albert E. Wratten, 1116 Arizona street; Mrs. John W. Prewitt, 2310 Montana street.

The Pledge:  
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# Sam Myres Real Sweetwater Builder, Judge Crane Says

Sam D. Myres, internationally famous saddle maker who died in El Paso Friday at 81, was not only a colorful man known as a part of the golden days of the west — he was one of the prime builders of Sweetwater, according to Judge R. C. Crane who was an intimate associate of Myres.

"He fought and worked and paid out a lot of money for Sweetwater in getting the foundations laid here," Crane said.

"In 1882-83 cattle prices were high and the business was booming. It was in 1883 that Sweetwater was incorporated after having been established as the county seat in 1881," Judge Crane said. "Then in about 1885 there was a freeze, die-up of cattle and a drift of them so that 75 per cent of the cattle and sheep were lost.

"Sweetwater was dis-incorporated in about 1885, resumed its incorporation in 1887, dissolved it in 1898 and re-incorporated in 1902.

"It was shortly after Mr. Myres came here that Mr. Wheatcroft brought a proposition to build a

railroad to Robert Lee and San Angelo. Sweetwater leaders subscribed to the railroad which was built about eight miles to Ada school. Then the Spanish-American War came and Wheatcroft couldn't see his bonds; he wouldn't accept 65 cents on the dollar offered.

"When this Colorado Valley railroad proposition collapsed, the progressive element here in Sweetwater got together and organized a railroad company to take it over and constructed the Panhandle and Gulf 20 mile south. Men who had subscribed for the first proposition paid off the indebtedness incurred and took over.

"Tom Trammell and R. L. McCaulley went to Kansas City to see banking connections and conferred with A. E. Stillwell who had just built the Kansas City Southern railroad to the Gulf and wanted to build a line from Kansas City to the gulf of Lower California.

"He was a promoter. Tom Trammell See MYRES Page Eight

## MYRES

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mell was a natural engineer and he sold Stillwell on the route through Sweetwater instead of the original plan to go out through Pecos.

"In 1901 Stillwell laid out the Orient addition here with 400 odd lots and by representing that Sweetwater would be headquarters for the division shops, etc., sold many lots. Eventually in about 1903 construction work started, Sweetwater taking \$10,000 in securities to get the first work started here.

"When Wheatcroft came here with his first railroad proposition, the local leaders trying to build a town resumed the old city corporation putting up \$10,000 to build the lake at city park and get started. We had a fine body of water there a long time and sold bonds to lay water lines and have our first water works.

"From 1899 to 1902 there was no incorporation. The town had 1600 population in 1884 and a good start but by 1890 it was down to 600 or 700 and not over 700 in 1900.

"One of the first things we did after I got here in 1902 was to re-incorporate and get the city lake. By an election the city took over the lake and water works assets and we issued bonds.

"It was about then that Sam Myres came into prominence and he was a scrapper that would stay to the end to help build a town.

"In 1908 we started a fight when the Orient railroad decided to lay down on its agreements with Sweetwater. We started the fight in the name of the city of Sweet-

water and fought it through the district, appeals and supreme court, finally losing in the supreme court to San Angelo when the judge ruled for them."

Judge Crane had been drafted to head the city's fight for water and made mayor in 1903 and then re-elected.

In the fight to keep the Orient headquarters, the man who had been elected mayor in 1908 had no heart for the city's fight and resigned; Sam Myres was elected to head the scrap and stayed with it for three years to the end.

Crane said that under Mr. Myres administration, the first city hall was built here and the first paving in West Texas was built.

In 1907 the Santa Fe was building to California and engineers came to Sweetwater after surveying by Buffalo Gap. They camped about a mile north of town and Sam Myres was personally acquainted with the engineers as did the other five or six leaders. The engineers were busy working out a way to get into Sweetwater without any heavy grades.

They moved from here to the Jeff Justiss ranch in Scurry County.

"About this time," Judge Crane said, "Abilene was moving heaven and earth to re-survey the Abilene route and get the Santa Fe there instead of here. They inducted the railroad to make a resurvey.

"Mr. Myres knew about this and he and I went to Justiss ranch just about the time Chief Engineer Jones had finished the resurvey. We got there about night and visited the engineers. Mr. Myres said 'Jones, what about the reconnaissance you made today?'

"Jones replied, 'Nothing to it — impossible.'

"We knew that he would recommend the Sweetwater route over Abilene so we went home and made plans. A year or so later, A. E. Evans of the Santa Fe came here and called on Tom Trammell, saying the Santa Fe wanted right-of-way through the town and county.

"We called a meeting of five or six who could be depended upon to keep their mouth shut and we signed an agreement to get the right-of-way and depot site. After it was arranged, we called in others and got the land, costing about \$40,000.

"Just a comparatively few people put up the money as not all who signed up ever paid and the rest of us had to pay for them. I had been the same way on the water bonds."

Judge Crane said that Sam Myres was a fighter for his town and made many sacrifices in the early days here. "E. Q. Daniel was another of those loyal men who worked, thought, planned and paid to build the basis of Sweetwater today," Judge Crane said. "He was a great man who did much for Sweetwater."

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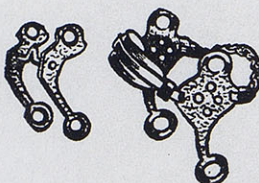
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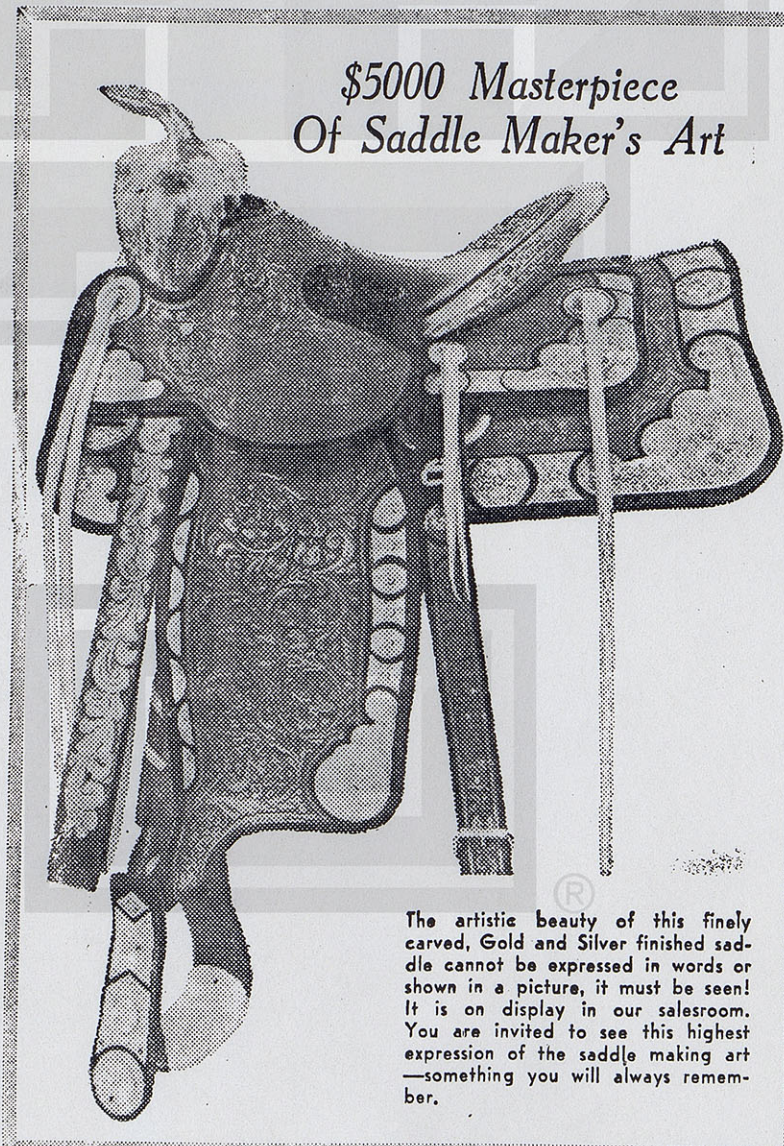


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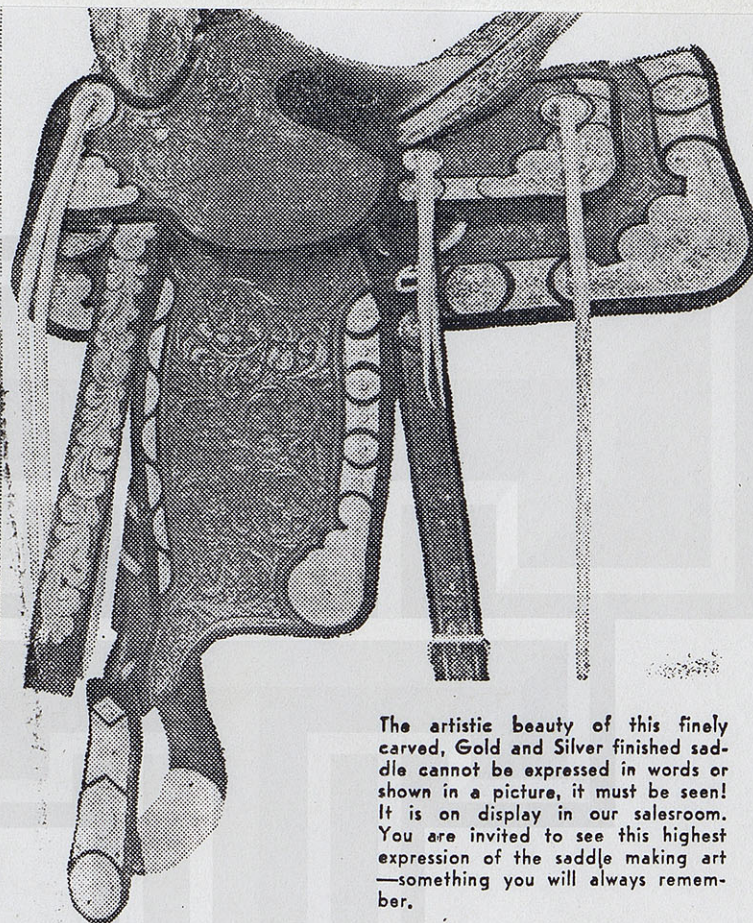
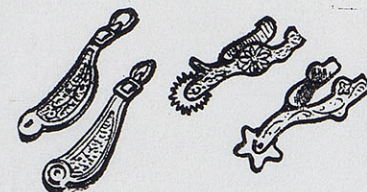
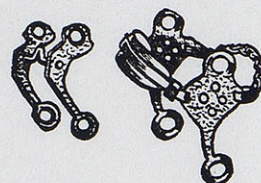
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