



KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

July 18, 1941

S. D. Myres
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myers:

We received your letter of July 10 authorizing us to insert a 1 column x 1 inch advertisement in the September issue of The Alaska Sportsman.

The cuts and copy have been received and you may be sure this advertisement will be given our best attention and good placement.

If possible, we would like to have a catalogue or list giving your line of merchandise.

Thank you very much for this order. We feel sure that this advertising will be to our mutual advantage and that you will want to continue to advertise in The Alaska Sportsman.

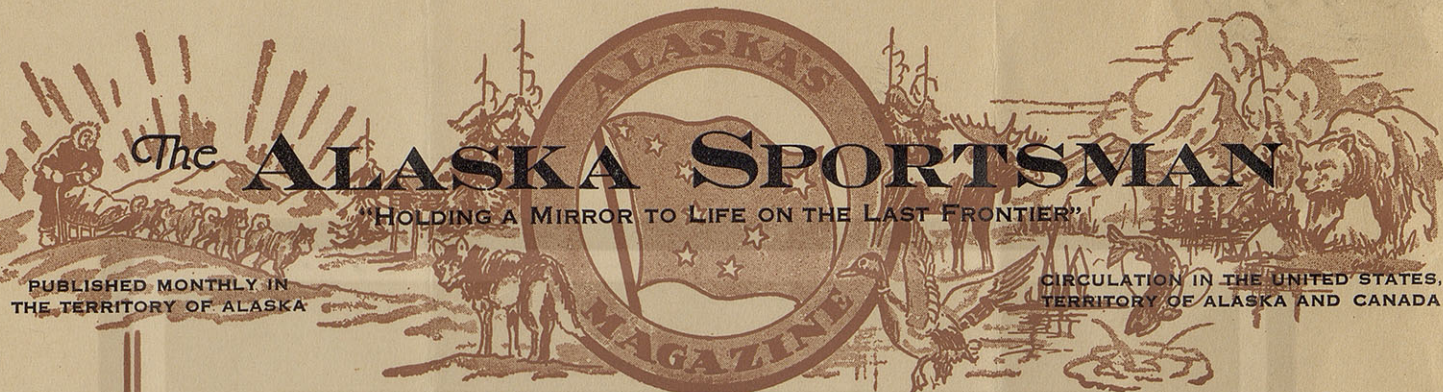
Yours very truly,

THE ALASKA SPORTSMAN

[Redacted Signature]
John H. Grainger
Advertising Manager

JHG:DW

ALASKA'S
MAGAZINE



KETCHIKAN, ALASKA
June 30, 1941

S. D. Myres
Saddle Co.
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

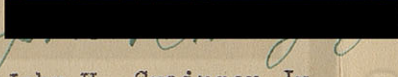
The rate for advertising in the Alaska Sportsman magazine is 35¢ a line. The cost for an Advertisement the size of that attached in your letter of June 23rd would be \$5.95.

The circulation of The Alaska Sportsman is over 31,000, going primarily to people in Alaska and outdoorsmen in the States. It is estimated that over 50% of the people in Alaska read the Alaska Sportsman.

If you wish to advertise in The Alaska Sportsman we would be willing to exchange Advertising for some of your products at your wholesale price.

We especially recommend our Pictorial issue for advertising. It is twice as large as the regular issues and is on sale throughout the Summer months. This issue is on sale the 12th of July, but if we receive your copy and cut by return Airmail there may be time to insert your advertisement in this Number.

Sincerely yours,
THE ALASKA SPORTSMAN


John H. Grainger Jr.
Advertising Manager

ALASKA'S
MAGAZINE

July 10, 1941

THE ALASKA SPORTSMAN
Ketchikan, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Att'n: John E. Grainger, Jr.
Advertising Manager

Answering your favor of June 30, in which you gave us a price of \$5.95 as per copy of an AD submitted to you June 25, and we note that you further state that you would be willing to exchange merchandise for advertising space. We regret that your letter did not reach us in time to enable us to have the AD in your PICTORIAL edition, as that doubtless would have been more effective, however, we are content to use your regular channel for the present.

By parcel post we have mailed you the cut for the AD, and attached you will find the reading matter which is the same as submitted you for price.

We hope that this is the beginning of a most pleasant and lasting finance.

Yours most sincerely
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

By

SDM/11



-FUR-FISH-GAME-

HARDING'S MAGAZINE

174 East Long St. Columbus, Ohio

Sept. 11, 1941

S. D. Myres Saddlery Co.
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen;

Last year you used one inch display space in our November and December issues.

We are sure it will pay you to advertise in these same two issues this year. Closing date is September 22nd. Cost is still \$7.00 per insertion.

Very truly yours,
FUR-FISH-GAME

AVH/IT

[Redacted signature]

J

September 22, 1941

Fur-Fish-Game
174 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Answering your favor September 11, will state that you can run the display AD the same as used last year for the months of November and December. We believe that you have our cut - advise as to this.

Yours most truly
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

By

SDM/11



-FUR-FISH-GAME-

HARDING'S MAGAZINE

174 East Long St. Columbus, Ohio

September 26, 1941

S.D. Myres Saddle Co.
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

We wish to thank you very much for your instructions in your letter of September 22 to repeat your last year's ad in the November and December issues of FUR-FISH-GAME. Proofs will be mailed to you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

FUR-FISH-GAME

[Redacted signature]

Business Manager

LA:AW

The Cattleman

ESTABLISHED 1914
SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 A YEAR

TAD MOSES, Editor
O. R. PETERSON, Field Representative

Owned and Published by the TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Official Publication of the TEXAS POLLED HEREFORD ASSOCIATION
Official Publication of the TEXAS HEREFORD ASSOCIATION
COLISEUM - FORT WORTH, TEXAS

March 9, 1942

S. D. Myres Saddle Co.
526 E. Overland
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

Make-up of our April issue will start around March 20.
We trust by that date you will have given us instructions on
your advertising copy.

Yours very truly

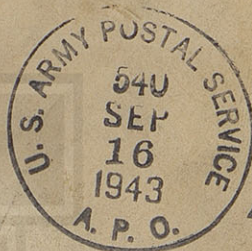


Editor

TM:B

FROM

*P.O. Donald Angel 35439896.
62nd S.C. Gp. 314th Group.
A.P.O. no 760 7th post master
new york n. y.*



Free

S. D. Myres Saddle Co.

Box 1505

EL PASO, TEXAS



Use the Best — Forget the Rest

P.S. Comp address on Envelope

SHIPPING ORDER

S. D. MYRES SADDLE CO.

526 E. OVERLAND

P. O. BOX 1505

Home Address

EL PASO, TEXAS

Date

9-14-43

Ship to

Donald Angel

Box No. or Street

1300 micherson st

Post Office

Austin 22

State

Texas

Ship by:

Express ☐

Parcel Post ☐

Serial No.

ARTICLES ORDERED

CATALOGUE
NUMBER

PRICE

Dear Sir,

I thought that I would make
use of this By writing to you and
to remind you that I haven't forgotten
your cos

and would like for you to keep
me you Baska for just as soon as
this war is over I wish to handle
some of your stuff.

But at the Present I can't
handle it.

Don't forget exact waist measure when
you are ordering a belt.

So I will sign off for this
time But in case the

Don't forget to give us your gun
specifications when you are
ordering a holster

you would like me after the war
my address is

Micherson 1300 Austin Texas

or

Route 14

Bladen Ohio

La Long From

Remember to give manufacturer's name, length of barrel, and size of frame of your gun
when ordering a holster. Also in ordering a belt, be sure to give exact waist measure.

Blythe Calif
9/22/43

Myers Hardware Co.
El Paso Texas

Dear Sir;

About two week ago
I was in your store and saw a pair
of pants I liked very much.

If you would send
me two pair C. O. D. I would
certainly be grateful.

I will try to describe
them. They were a tan color.
Had flaps ~~on~~ the pockets.

Do not have padded seat
or legs. Were priced at \$12.50
a pair.

Please send two pair
Size 30 X 32 to

Harold Anderson

Box 135 Blythe
California

Yours Truly,

[REDACTED]

After Five Days Return To

Harold Anderson

Box 135

BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA



Meyer Hardware Co.

El Paso

Texas

Date

Oct. 1-43

Promised

Nº

3545

BELTS

Catalog No.	Quan.	Width	Length	Color	

HOLSTERS

Catalog No.	Quan.	Make Gun	Frame	Barrel	Finish	Hand
<i>610</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Colt</i>	<i>P.P.</i>	<i>4"</i>		

REMARKS

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Oct. 2☐ Cash Sale

Total Amt. Sale \$

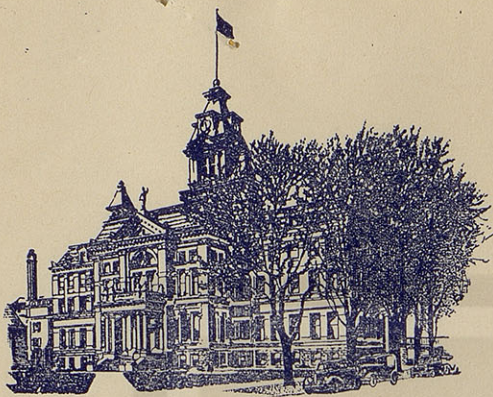
☒ C. O. D.

Less Amt. Rec'd \$

☐ Charge a/cBalance \$ *250*

Postage

• Postage \$ *nil*✓ C. O. D. \$ *275**#1843*



COUNTY OF SAGINAW

SAGINAW
MICHIGAN

BUREAU



CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

HUGO MUEHLENBECK,
SHERIFF

DALE AUSTIN,
SUPERINTENDENT

September 27, 1943

S.D. Myres
Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

I would like you to send me, one (1), Tom Threepersons
hand stitched gun holster, number 610, as shown on page
13 of your latest catalogue.

I want the holster for a Colt Police Positive, 38 revol-
ver, with a four inch barrell. Please mail C.O.D..

Trusting to hear from you in the near future, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dale Austin
Superintendent
Identification Bureau

DA:bd



Fredericksburg, Va
Sept. 27, 1943

L. D. Myres Saddlery Co.
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

Can you furnish army type
holster for S & W 45 cal. revolver - 1917
Army model? Would like type that will
hook on to Army pistol belt, but other
type will do.

Please send Express Collect to my
wife, Mrs. Sidney T. Alexander
1701 - Charles St.
Fredericksburg, Va.

yours truly,

Sidney T. Alexander
2nd Lt. U.S.M.C.R.
35th R.O.C. Co. "C"
Quantico, Va

N.R.A. Member

October 1, 1943

2nd. Lt. Sidney Alexander
U. S. M. C. R.
35th. R. O. C. - Co. "C"
Quantico, Virginia

Dear Lt. Alexander:

Answering your favor, will state that we make several styles of holsters that would be suitable for your revolver. We especially call attention to our #938-Holster - this holster can be worn on from 1-1/2" to 2" belt, or over wider belt.

Please advise the size of the belt, so loop can be made accordingly.

Under another cover, we are mailing you catalog so you can make selection. Your order would have our prompt and careful attention.

Yours very truly
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

By

SDM/11





CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • EL PASO • TEXAS

April 3, 1946

Mr. S. D. Myres
S. D. Myres Saddlery Company
526 E. Overland Street
El Paso, Texas

My dear Sam:

The big push for the big Southwestern Livestock Show and Rodeo is behind us, and I earnestly hope that you are satisfied with the results. My interest in your being satisfied is simply because you put so much into the show in a material, spiritual and physical way that I want you of all people to feel as though your efforts were justified - I hope you give it your stamp of approval.

But there is another day and bigger and finer show - we can't stand still, we must forge ahead despite hell and high water.

To you, Bill and Dace I send my deepest appreciation for not only having contributed such a wonderful trophy, but for the personal efforts you all put forth. You were right in there pitching all the time and encouraging people, and you particularly were very generous with your time. Your being present at the public gatherings, your words of wisdom and your sound philosophy contributed tremendously.

With best wishes to you all and may your days be many and happy, I remain as ever and most sincerely,

Your amigo,

Chris P. Fox
Exec. Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

CPF/em

April 6, 1946

Mr. Chris P. Fox, Gen. Mgr.
% CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
El Paso, Texas

Dear Chris:

We have your favor April 8, the Writer deeply appreciates the spirit of the letter and tone for his poor efforts, which he assures you were most heartedly given to cooperate with that splendid organization of which you are chief.

For years we have felt that the greatest possibility of El Paso and its richest resources lay at its very door undeveloped, and were only waiting the time when someone with real vision would wake up and call into action these hidden resources, and the wonderful effort which you boys has done, shows that the vision was well founded and we are glad that your organization has come to life that will bring El Paso into its own and make of it the great city which nature intended.

With the assurance of our hearted cooperation not only now, but for years to come, and remember we are at your service.

Yours very truly
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

By

SIM/11

SMITH & WESSON
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.



PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

January 13, 1942

S. D. Myers Saddle Company
El Paso
Texas

Dear Tio:


This will acknowledge receipt of the nice write-up from the pen of Charlie Askins. Certainly the story was justified and you can prove your great ability, if necessary, by exhibiting the medal which was presented to you at Camp Perry.

Things are pretty hectic with us here.

Douglas was in yesterday to say goodbye as he has been transferred to San Francisco. Doubtless he will drop you a line when he finds out where he is going to be.

Please convey my kindest regards to Lee, and write whenever you have the spirit to your most sincere friend

CVB/dh


Cy Bassett



940 First National Building
Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma
April 29, 1946

Mr. S. D. Myres
Myres Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas

Dear T. O. Sam:

I received your most welcome letter of April 25th, and although I was sorry to learn that you had a bad case of neuralgia, toothache, etc., it was a pleasure to hear from you and learn that the boys of the southwest, as usual, are still prosperous and in good health. A few weeks back I had the privilege of visiting New Mexico - very short stops in Albuquerque and Roswell, but to my disappointment I did not have the pleasure of coming on to El Paso, but am looking forward to a short visit there in the near future.

The papoose and squaw are both fairing very nicely at the present time, and we are about to get our home in shape. I have been building a fence for the last month, and am happy to advise that next Sunday afternoon I can close the gate and safely say I have them fenced in.

I had a letter from Bob Drennan recently, which I haven't had an opportunity to answer, but contemplate doing so soon.

Shirley and I are still looking forward to you taking a few days vacation from El Paso and paying us a visit.

I am still doing a little pistol shooting, but have been cutting out a lot of exhibitions.

I haven't heard from or seen Franklin Reynolds for some time, but hear from him indirectly every few days. Some afternoon I am going to take a few hours off and check up on his pistol shooting and will give you a first hand account.

Any time there is anything we can do for you in Oklahoma I want you to feel at liberty to let your desires be known.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


D. A. BRYCE

TOM CONNALLY, TEX., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 29, 1946

Mr. S. D. Myres
El Paso
Texas

My dear Myres:




This will acknowledge your letter of July 20 and enclosures which I am herewith returning as you request.

You have doubtless noted that the OPA bill has been extended and the President has signed it. I voted for the bill.

I deeply appreciate your kind and generous comments concerning my services as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

TC/hk

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND THE TRADE:

Dallas, Texas,
July 15, 1946.

For the last 15 days, we have held our prices to the June 30th, level and our stock of materials has been practically exhausted. NOW, we are obliged to have new shipments from the tanneries and their NEW PRICES seem to range from about 20% to 40% advance. We are advised that the hide market has advanced about 75%. THEREFORE, we are obliged to raise our prices in LINE WITH NEW TANNERY PRICES TO US - ALL SHIPMENTS we make to you STARTING IMMEDIATELY, both on the back-log of orders on file and all new orders will be shipped as fast as we have the leather available, UNLESS YOU ADVISE US BY RETURN MAIL NOT TO SHIP, and we will bill at our lowest prices, BUT IN LINE WITH TANNERY ADVANCES. We will have a limited supply of Eastern Skirting and Strap leather in a few days.

TANNERS LEATHER CO., INC.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Tio Sam EL PASO, TEXAS

SAM D. MYRES



RECEIVED
JUL 22 1946
SEN. CONNALLY

SENATOR:

Since the enclosed letter was written,
we have received the letter attached. This
is a personal letter which we would appreciate
you will return. We send you this letter so
you will get the inside and a direct dope of
what is taking place.

Sincerely

Sam
[Redacted signature]

EDGAR S. KIEFER TANNING Co.

SALES DEPARTMENT

IRVING M. ORR, PRESIDENT & TREAS.
C. K. ORR, VICE PRESIDENT
PETER A. COOLSEN, SEC'Y.

223-225 WEST LAKE STREET

CHICAGO, 6, ILL.

MAIN OFFICE
TANNERY AND FACTORIES
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

July 18, 1946

S. D. Myres Saddle Co.,
El Paso
Texas

Attn: Mr. W. J. Myres

Dear Mr. Myres:

In your letter of June 12th, you wanted 12 Sides 9/11 oz.
best grade of Russet Strap Leather.

You, of course, are familiar what has happened to the hide
and leather market since the 1st of July. Hides have pro-
gressively sold every week at higher prices, bringing the
advance up to as high as 80% above the ceiling, and it really
means that hides are levelling off in this country to world
levels. What the future prices of any type of leather will
be is anyone's guess, and it makes it extremely difficult to
operate.

We are getting leather in from week to week based on these
higher prices, and we are making the lowest price we possibly
can. It is our policy, when we get in some leather that our
customers have requested previously, to do our best to try
and ship them some, so we are going to ship you a roll of
10 Sides Glazed Russet Strap:

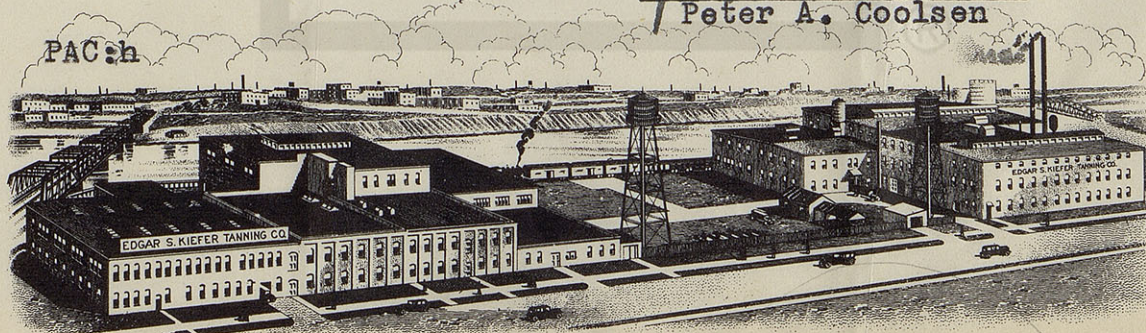
B 10 oz. 71¢
C 10 oz. 69¢

Which actually is 15¢ per foot above previous prices. We
are hopeful that our action in this matter meets with your
approval, and with kindest regards, we remain

Cordially yours,
EDGAR S. KIEFER TANNING CO.

SEC'Y.

Peter A. Coolsen



Acknowledgement of Order

Indianapolis, Ind. November 12th.

We Thank You for Your Order No. 10-10-42

We Expect to Make Shipment on 12-10-42

Thank you for favoring us with this business.

Capital City Supply Company

118 S. PENNSYLVANIA ST. RILEY 4232 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Manufacturers of Cut Leather Parts—Cut Felt Parts—and Hair Products
Jobbers of Wool Felt—Saddlery Hardware—Saddles—Collars and Harness



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



S. D. Myers
El Paso,
Tex.

940 First National Building
Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma
November 26, 1946

Mr. S. D. Myres
Myres Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas

Dear T.O. Sam:

Upon my return to Oklahoma City I found the pistol belt which you made for the papoose and wanted you to know that I think it is the most beautiful work of art I have ever seen. The belt fits perfectly and the cowboy the first two nights wore it to bed. I have been waiting for a bill for the belt, but same has not arrived. If you will let me know what the charges are, I will be very happy to reimburse you for this merchandise.

It was indeed a pleasure to see you recently, and I might state there were only two reasons for Shirley and me coming through El Paso - to see you and spend a few minutes with Bob Drennan before he departed for Korea. I haven't heard from Bob for a few days and am just wondering if he has received his travel orders and is possibly en route to his new assignment.

Shirley and I are still looking forward to having you as a guest in our home. We wish you would take time off for a vacation and honor us with your presence.

Please give our regards to our mutual friends.

With kindest personal regards to you from the Bryces, who are wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely,


D. A. BRYCE

DEC. 2RD. 1946

D.A. BRYCE,
940 FIRST NATIONAL BANKING,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
DEAR D.A.

YOUR FINE LETTER RECEIVED SOME TWO DAYS AGO AND WAS TRULY
GLAD TO SEE YOUR FINGER MARKS, OR WAS IT A MACHINE, ON PAPER AGAIN--

WE ARE GLAD THAT THE BELT FIT AND PLEASED THE LITTLE CHIEF--
WE ARE HAPPY THAT OUR MEMORY IS GETTING BAD AND A BILL WAS OVER LOOKED
NONE WAS EVER INTENDED--SO NO MISTAKE WAS MADE--WE ARE JUST GLAD TO HAVE
HIM WEAR SOMETHING THAT TIO MADE PERSON, FOR HIM--YOU CAN TELL HIM
WHEN TIO HAS GONE TO HELP SAINT PETER CHICK MAVERICKS, THAT THE BELT WAS
FROM HIS TEXAS UNCLE, AND THE UNCLE SENT HIS TEXAS BLESSING FOR HIM
TO BE A GREAT CHIEF LIKE HIS FATHER.

WE ARE ALL BUSY HERE AND GETTING BUSIER ALL THE TIME AS XMAS
IS NEAR, AND MANY ARE THE WANTS OF OUR FRIENDS--WE DO ALL WE CAN TO
MAKE THEM HAPPY, AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE THEM REAL VALUE, SOMETHING
THAT SERVICE AND LOOKS PLUS QUALITY.

WE SEE OUR MUTUAL FRIEND BOB EVERY FEW DAYS, HE IS ON WAITING
ORDERS--WE SHALL MISS HIM MUCH, BUT IT WAS A GOOD RECOGNITION AS WELL
A DESERVED ONE--HE STOOD MUCH FROM CERTAIN HERE THAT WAS NOT CALL FOR
OR JUSTIFIED. IT TAKES MORE COURAGE SOMETIMES TO STAND SOMETHING THAN
TO RESENT OR RESIST THE SAME. HIS WAS ONE OF THESE CASES.

WE HOPE THAT IN YOUR GOING BACK AND FORTH IN THE EARTH THAT
YOUR TRAIL WILL LEAD MANY TIME HERE, AS YOUR FRIENDS WILL SURELY AND
TRULY BE GLAD TO SEE AND HAVE YOU WITH THEM.

PLEASE REMEMBER ME, SHIRLEY AND THE LITTLE CHIEF.

SINCERELY,

TIO SAM.

TODAY I RECEIVED AN HONORARY TEXAS RANGER COMMISSION--SPECIAL GIVEN
BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR--AM VERY PROUD OF
THIS COMMISSION.



HOMER GARRISON, JR.
DIRECTOR
JOE S. FLETCHER
ASST. DIRECTOR



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CAMP MABRY,
AUSTIN -9

COMMISSION
GEORGE W. COTTINGHAM
CHAIRMAN
GEORGE PRENDERGAST
J. PRICE MADDOX
COMMISSIONERS

November 29, 1946

Mr. Sam D. Myres
Myres Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas


Dear Tio Sam:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to enclose herewith an honorary commission as a Texas Ranger that was issued by Governor Coke R. Stevenson on November 26, at my request.

I know that law enforcement generally throughout the great State of Texas and the Southwest appreciates the assistance, cooperation and help that you have always given us, and we would like to present this commission to you as a token of our appreciation.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,


Homer Garrison Jr.
Director

HGJr:hh

TEXAS DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMISSIONER

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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HIGHWAY PATROL

DRIVERS LICENSE

LICENSE AND WEIGHT

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AUSTIN

COMPANY A HOUSTON

COMPANY B DALLAS

COMPANY C LUBBOCK

COMPANY D RAYMONDVILLE

COMPANY E JUNCTION

DISTRICTS

NO.1 AUSTIN

NO.2 DALLAS

NO.3 ABILENE

NO.4 WICHITA FALLS

NO.5 AMARILLO

NO.6 LUBBOCK

NO.7 PECOS

NO.8 SAN ANGELO

NO.9 SAN ANTONIO

NO.10 CORPUS CHRISTI

NO.11 HOUSTON

NO.12 TYLER

NO.13 HARLINGEN

NO.14 FORT WORTH

DISTRICTS

NO.1 DALLAS

NO.2 LUBBOCK

NO.3 SAN ANTONIO

NO.4 HOUSTON

MAIN OFFICE

CHIEF EXAMINER

December 2, 1946

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr.
Director, Texas Dept. of Public Safety
Camp Mabry
Austin (9) Texas

Dear Colonel:

Words fail to express my appreciation for the honorary commission as a Texas Ranger - this is my prized possession, and your efforts in securing the same will ever be remembered and appreciated.

We hope you can be at the Sun Carnival, your many friends will appreciate your coming and will have a glad hand and a welcome for you.

With the Writer's very kindest personal regards, we are

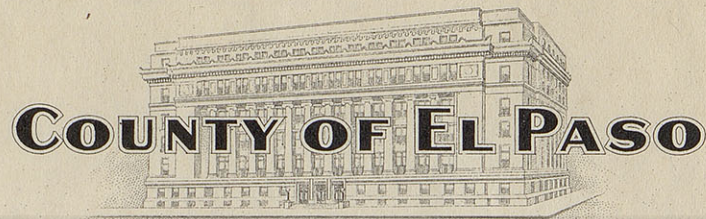
Yours very truly
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

By

SDM/11

P. S. We would like very much to have a Texas Ranger Badge to use as Grand Marshal for this event, it is not possible to secure one here. We are sending you a signed check in blank and would appreciate your having a badge sent us by mail.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



ALLAN G. FALBY
SHERIFF

EL PASO, TEXAS

W. O. HICKS
CHIEF DEPUTY

May 31, 1947

Mr. Uncle Sam Myres
Myres Saddle Company
526 East Overland Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Uncle Sam:

As Chairman of the joint convention of the Texas Police and Texas Sheriffs' Associations, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and that of the membership for the generous contribution that you made in providing a beautiful belt as an attendance prize for our meetings.

We had 333 Officers registered and 98 of their ladies and your contribution helped materially in having a successful convention.

If I can be of any service to you at any time, I will be glad to do so.

Gratefully Yours,

[Redacted signature]

Allan G. Falby
Convention Chairman

AGF: ft

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO ALLAN G. FALBY, SHERIFF

Memorandum from

CHESTER IMES

9/5/47

Mr Myers:- Mr Cochran
told me the other day
that you had written
him about the lease
you signed on the
Montgomery 480 acres in
Nolan County. The
attorneys have decided
that you and all of the
small royalty owners
should sign a ratification
rather a lease so when
you get to Sweetwater
this month please call
me in Abilene at 5559 -

I am returning
herewith the letter which
you told Mr Cochran
to return to me.

Very truly yours,

Chester Imes

CHESTER IMES

OIL OPERATOR

1134 MEANDER STREET

ABILENE, TEXAS

July 14, 1947

PLEASE RETURN

Mr. S.D. Meyers
% Meyers Saddle Co.,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Meyers:-

Sometime during the year of 1919 you bought two different royalty interests under section 84 in block 22 T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Nolan County, Texas (640 acres). One of the interests was a 1/128th and the other a 1/256th which gave you $7\frac{1}{2}$ royalty acres under the 640 acres. Montgomer use to own this 640 acres but later sold the Southwest Quarter to a Mr. Piron. He leased this 160 acres to Gregg-Tex Oil Co sometime ago and now I am trying to put an Oil and gas lease together on the other 480 acres, said tract being described in the enclosed Oil and gas lease. In-as-much as you owned $7\frac{1}{2}$ royalty acres under the 640 acres you own under the 480 acres 5.625 royalty acres. To varify this you can divide 1/128 into 480 and divide 1/256 into 480.

There are 35 royalty owners under this 480 acres who own interests like yours. Therefore it is going to be quite a job to round all of them up. When it is done it will benift all royalty owners to have an oil and gas lease on this tract.

I Shall appreciate it very much if you will sign the original and the first copy of the oil and gas lease in front of a notary public and send both to James Henry Beall, Attorney at Law, Sweetwater, Texas. Mr. Bealle is examining title for us and as soon as he is finished he will send you our check in the amount of \$28.13. We are paying \$5.00 per acre for all of these outstanding royalty interests, for a 10 year lease with \$1.00 per acre annual rental. It probably will take about 30 days to get the matter completed, that is if all of the royalty owners send in their leases and promptly.

Thanking you for your prompt attention in this matter, I am

Very truly yours


CHESTER IMES

P.S. Be sure to put the name of your bank in the lease on the line provided for such information.

CHESTER IMES

OIL OPERATOR

1134 MEANDER STREET

ABILENE, TEXAS

September 15, 1947


Mr. S. D. Myres
% Myres Saddle Co.
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myres:

This is in answer to your letter of the 11th and note with regret that you will be unable to make your contemplated trip to Sweetwater.

As I informed you in my recent penciled note, the examining attorneys have decided for the protection of you and 35 other small royalty interest holders, that a ratification should be signed by all concerned, rather than an oil and gas lease. They have determined that your interest and the other 35 owners is a "Non-participating Interest". Under the circumstances, you and these owners should not sign an oil and gas lease, for if you do, your interest diminishes to 1/8 of the interest shown of record you own, which according to the records is 3/256th of 1/8, or 3/2048. If you sign a lease your interest automatically is reduced to 3/16,384ths. Therefore, in order not to have your interest reduced, you and all the other owners, to protect yourselves, should sign a ratification to the L. W. Montgomery lease. Mr. Beall, the attorney, is now preparing the ratification and one will be sent to you for your signature at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,


Chester Imes.

CI:mhs

P. S. Due to the fact that you and the other 35 royalty owners have a "Non-participating Interest" you are not entitled to receive a bonus, for signing the ratification. Failure of yourself and the other 35 royalty owners to execute a ratification to the Montgomery lease will put you in the position of being a partner with the Texas Gulf Producing Co. who have a lease from L. W. Montgomery and by being a partner you and the other royalty owners will have to pay your prorata part of drilling a well on the 480 acre tract, that is if the above mentioned company elects to drill a well on same. If they drill a well not only will you have to pay your prorata part for drilling the well, but also your prorata part of all operating expenses in connection with producing the well or wells and all other general expenses of which there are many.

November 7, 1947

Mr. E. Q. Daniel
Real Estate
Sweetwater, Texas

Dear Ernest:

I have been sick for several weeks, this explains why your letter touching the Deming's proposition was not answered.

We do not believe we are interested in a trade of this kind at the present time. We would suggest that you lease the property on a cash rental, getting the best possible price the same way that you rented this year.

We held some leases in the Snell Oil Developments at Sweetwater, this lease was on the Montgomery property. Several of the parties around Sweetwater had leases which they are transferring to a party in Abilene by the name of AMES, we signed contracts at the solicitation of J. H. Cochran, Jr. The terms they submitted to me, has, in no way, been met. We are just wondering what kind of party this man is.

If they do not clear this proposition within a reasonable time, we are going to ask that the deed which we signed be set aside as failure of consideration. We would like your counsel and advice on this, should you like to see the correspondence, we will forward you.

With the Writer's kindest personal regards, we are

Yours very truly
S.D. Myres Saddle Company

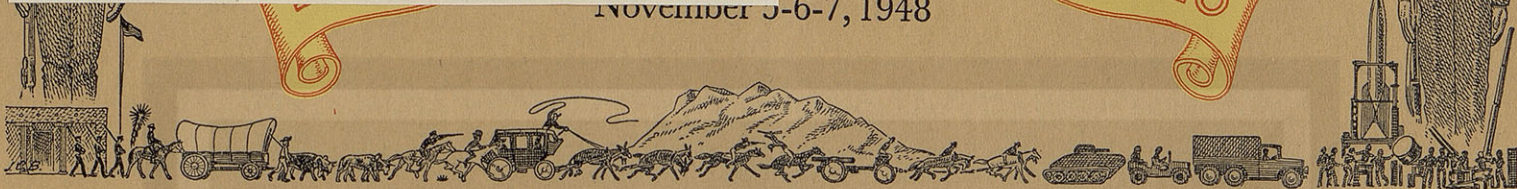
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FORT BLISS
1948

November 5-6-7, 1948



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526 E. Overland St.
El Paso, Texas

HEADQUARTERS
Chamber of Commerce Building
310 SAN FRANCISCO STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

July 3, 1948

Dear Mr. Myres:

The 100th Anniversary of Fort Bliss is a great date in our community's history; - so important, that the Mayor and County Judge called upon the Chamber of Commerce and all El Paso City-County to see that this occasion be properly and enthusiastically commemorated.

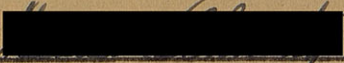
We realize our great responsibility, as the manner in which this anniversary is celebrated will affect the future of Fort Bliss. We would be most ungrateful people if we failed to show our keen appreciation for the many, many blessings Fort Bliss has brought our way. This great Post has been a bulwark in days of stress, and added strength in times of plenty. Then, too, many social and cultural benefits have come to us through having them as our friends. No American city has ever been so closely and happily identified with the Army garrison in its midst. - We are fortunate indeed.

This "birthday party" is receiving the full support of the Department of the Army. Many of the Nation's ranking military figures will be here for the occasion. We should all, to the full extent of our ability, honor El Paso's largest industry of happiness and wealth. In payrolls alone in the ebb-year of 1947 it brought us \$16,500,000 - and consider the years of increased personnel and construction ahead!

All these things being true, we know that you, just as the rest of us who have been so greatly benefited, will lend a ready, willing and generous hand in making this celebration a success. We, the undersigned, as well as the Committee we represent, will appreciate your donating the sum of \$100 to help finance this great event. Be assured that in doing so you are making an investment that will pay great returns to you and this community. Remember - it happens only once every hundred years.

With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,


Maurice Schwartz, Chairman


C.G. Whyburn, Committeeman.



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November 22, 1948

Mr. S. D. Myres
% S. D. Myres Saddle Co.
526 E. Overland St.
El Paso, Texas

On behalf of the Fort Bliss Anniversary Commission and your Committee Chairman, Dr. Paul Gallagher, we wish to thank you sincerely for your stout efforts in behalf of the Centennial. El Paso received tremendous nation-wide and world-wide recognition, and what is equally important, we will long be remembered in military circles as the community that took time and heart to commemorate the establishment of a military post. To do this, you took time from many other duties and devoted it to the occasion - indeed we are truly grateful.

The Replica of Fort Bliss, the Memorial Circle and other permanent installations - will bring you continued satisfaction as contributor to this occasion. We hope that when the next century rolls around that someone like you will be present to again lend such a ready and willing hand - if so, that occasion too will be a grand success.

With very best wishes and deep appreciation from the entire Commission, we remain

Sincerely,

FORT BLISS 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION

BY: Clifton G. Whyburn

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July 12, 1948

S. D. Myers Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

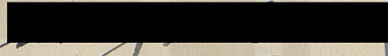
The enclosed clipping from the July 8 issue of Wall Street Journal prompted me to examine your file to determine when we had last heard from you. It seems that your last purchase was shipped to you around November, 1947. There have been some changes in the rubber industry since that time which may be of interest.

Since you made your last purchase we have been permitted by the Federal Government to use 100% natural latex in the manufacture of Dunlop PILLO FOAM, thus we are currently able to provide you with the same type of material which you customarily received prior to the War. The prices have not been advanced.

If you are still using foam rubber in the manufacture of saddles, I would be pleased to quote you on materials needed for your construction.

Very truly yours,

DUNLOP TIRE & RUBBER CORP.


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PILLO FOAM Division

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Dude Ranches

Trail-Hitting City Folk
Keep Them Humming;
Over 600 Dot the West

It's "Rugged Recreation" But
Foam Rubber Saddle Seats
Cushion the Bumps

Some Rates Raised 50%

By LEWIS B. HOCHSTRASSER

Staff Correspondent of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

BILLINGS, Mont.—Cushion cowboys, the city folk whose yen for the saddle has spurred dude ranching into a multi-million-dollar industry, are keeping it at a full gallop.

Reports indicate there'll be few empty saddles on the west's 600 or more dude ranches this year. "The increase in the number of guests over last year will probably exceed 10% and may go as high as 15%," says a Colorado state official. "We'll more than double our 1947 business," says George McCarthy, president of a Southern California Dude Ranchers' Association and owner of the MAC dude ranch near Victorville, Calif.

There's optimism even among more conservative appraisers. Walter C. Nye, executive secretary of the Dude Ranchers' Association with headquarters here in Billings, for example, says, "1948 will be comparable to 1947." He adds the cautious note, however, that "the day of reckless spending seems to have passed."

Multi-million Dollar Business

Just how much "dudes" will spend for their fling at life on the range this year is not a figure one can draw out of a ten-gallon hat. It's a business that's scattered throughout the west and operators have been too busy wrangling guests and tending their ranches to corral any collective income figures.

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Arizona and southern Nevada ranches get most of their business from January through March and are now between season.

"Old-time Arizona operators had a capacity business during the peak months last winter and most of the leading ranches were within 10% of the previous season," reports Dallas Gant, owner of Rancho De Los Caballeros near Wickenburg and president of the Arizona Hotel Association.

Take Your Choice: Big Ranches or Little

Ranches scattered through the western dude empire run from a few acres into the thousands; from simple, two or three horse layouts started on as little as \$5,000 to luxury spreads with up to a million dollars invested, say operators.

Some, like the Bones Brothers' ranch near Birney, Mont., are large operating ranches with thousands of cattle and a wide program of activities for their guests; some offer little more than a rustic bed and plenty of room in which to wander. An operating ranch is one that carries on regular ranching activities, like raising cattle, hay and grain, and many of these entertain guests in addition to their other operations. Non-operating ranches are run for the sole purpose of entertaining guests. "Some places," derides an association official, "are glorified country hotels or resorts and are not bona fide dude ranches."

There's no census figure on the number of ranches operating, but travel bureau and railroad promotion lists indicate the city dweller who wants to get out of pressed pants or fancy dresses and into "Levis" can choose from at least 600 layouts in the wide open spaces of the west.

Rates, including meals, run from about \$40 a week to as much as \$200 a week per person. Horseback riding is included in the over-all rate on some ranches. Others charge extra on the theory that guests who don't ride might otherwise feel they were paying for something they weren't getting. An Arizona ranch, for example, rents horses for a dollar an hour, or \$3.50 a day.

High Cost of Grub

Operating costs are up, say ranchers, what with higher priced food and costlier hay for non-operating outfits that don't grow their own. To offset mounting costs, some have recently hiked their rates. One California ranch, for example, boosted its weekly rate for a single person to \$75 from \$50; its double rate to \$120 from \$90.

Modern dude ranch visitors find a striking departure from the rough-and-ready life of the early-day cowhands they've read about or seen galloping across a movie screen. "Even

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Dude Ranches Kept Humming by City Folk; More Than 600 In West

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the riding is different on some ranches," says one veteran operator, "because saddles are being made now with air foam rubber to cushion the seat."

When dudes aren't riding, they can go swimming either in pools or in nearby streams or lakes. There are fishing, outdoor games, dancing in lodge buildings, card games, outdoor steak fries and overnight pack trips. Usually there's a chance to see a rodeo, either on the ranch or at one of the scores of western communities which stage annual shows.

Many operating ranches such as the Lazy 6 V near Cody, Wyo., invite guests to take part in such regular activities as the spring and fall roundups, the cattle drive to summer pastures, branding and horse wrangling.

Old ranch hands figure most dudes wouldn't be "any great shakes" as cowboys but "some would make good hands if they'd stay at it," says Jack S. Chapman, owner of the 64,000-acre Pitchfork Bar dude ranch near Pitchfork, Wyo.

Week-end Ranchers

Guests usually stay from one to three weeks and many who live near enough come for stays of three or four days. Southern California ranches, for example, are popular with Californians from San Francisco to San Diego for week-end and holiday period visits.

There's as much difference in ranches as in the brands that mark their dogies, and westerners say there's no such thing as a standard pattern. Each place has its own atmosphere and it's up to the dude to decide what he wants before he chooses his ranch. Some places, like the Square Forty ranch in Lucerne Valley, Calif., are small handling as few as six guests at a time. Most ranches handle 25 to 50 guests and a few, like the H. F. Bar in Wyoming, take up to 100.

Dude wranglers recommend the smaller ranches, accommodating 10 to 20 guests, for quiet relaxation and homelike atmosphere. These, they say, are popular with older people. Younger summertime westerners who like to yip and howl and have plenty of planned activity and excitement find life more to their taste on the larger layouts.

One of the best features of a ranch vacation is that it's a family affair with activities for everyone, say enthusiastic guests. They're swell for everybody from six to 60," said a woman visitor at one ranch. "My grandson, here, is six and he's having a grand me. I'm not 60 yet, but I'm having lots of fun too."

Swankier ranches retain certain formalities, such as uniformed waiters in dining rooms, serving individual plates. The traditional ranch meal is served family style, however, and guests pack away all the "vittles" they want.

No Cranks Wanted

"It's up to the guest how much he's going to enjoy himself," says Mr. McCarthy. "If he's a crank, he won't have much fun and we don't like to have cranks around the ranch."

At least 90% of a dude ranch's success depends on the personality of its operator, he insists. "He has to have a genuine friendliness that makes people like to come to his place and he has to give his guests a little more than they expect. If a man doesn't know the business and his idea is just to make money, he won't make a go of it in dude ranching."

Many newcomers who've bought ranches for money-making reasons, without benefit of experience at dude wrangling, have either given up and sold their places or they're barely making out, say old timers. It takes at least three years to put a dude ranch on a paying basis, they concur, because the backbone of the business is the guest who's been on the ranch before, then comes back and brings his friends.

Clientele of many of the older ranches is made up of a group of close friends and associates who've been going to the same ranch for many years. Grandchildren of some of the early guests are now visiting these ranches, says an association official.

It's An Old Time Business

Dude ranching has grown rapidly in the last eight to 10 years, say veterans in the business, but it started back in the '80s. The 7,000-acre Eatons' ranch, west of Sheridan, Wyo., for example, had its first folders printed in that decade.

Friends of the ranchers came to visit them in the early days and the ranchers wouldn't think of accepting payment, says one old timer. These friends told others about their visits and, soon, more were coming. At first they gave the ranchers presents, because their offers of payment still weren't accepted, but with the number of visitors constantly increasing, the idea of commercial dude ranching evolved, he says.

Many present-day operators are people who first went to a ranch years ago and came back to start places of their own. "Some of our most influential ranchers, owning millions of dollars of property in Montana and Wyoming, came first as guests to dude ranches," says Mr. Nye.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

BEAUFORD H. JESTER
GOVERNOR

July 30, 1948

Mr. Sam D. Myres
S. D. Myres Saddle Co.
El Paso, Texas

My dear Friend:

Your letter of July 28th has just been recieved in my office and I appreciate sincerely your taking the time to write me as you did, and I am glad to have your comments with reference to the Party situation. It is most gratifying to know that you support my stand.

Because of your interest in this connection, I am sending you a copy of my letter addressed to the Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I am

Yours most sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

enc.

TO: Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee:

Some of the members of your committee have asked for an expression of my views on the proposal that Texas Democrats be polled by means of the Second Primary Ballot on the question of whether the electoral vote of Texas should be diverted from the legally elected nominees of the Democratic Party.

Although the proposed referendum is plausibly stated, I doubt that it could be projected without serious consequences to the Democratic Party.

At the outset let me say that I have been advised by competent attorneys that the proposed referendum is illegal. Also, I have been advised by party officials that the referendum device would be impractical because of the limitations of time and the mechanical difficulties of putting the plan into operation.

Assuming, however, the plan to be legal and easily feasible by being put into operation, it seems to me there are other important considerations which would make it unwise and against the best interests of the Party.

We, as the custodians of the Democratic Party, have a moral obligation to work for its success and to avoid collusion with those who would defeat it. The Democrats of Texas adopted a course of action at the Brownwood state convention. The events which have occurred since that convention were clearly foreseen

beforehand, and there can be no justification for any attempt to overthrow the decisions of that Convention.

The State Democratic Executive Committee, very wisely, I think, declined to let this question go on the ballot in the First Primary. More important, the Democratic Party in its Brownwood Convention refused to sanction the referendum plan. At that time the proposition was, presumably, to be determined within the framework of the Party, but now there is even less justification for a referendum because it would involve extending aid and comfort to the enemy.

To turn the Democratic Party machinery over to a rival party for its use and benefit would be a breach of trust. With equal justification, the Democratic Party could invite into its household the Wallace Party, the American Labor Party, the Socialist Party, or the Republican Party and provide them with a license for wrecking and sabotage.

It is argued that the people should be given a right to vote on the question. The Democrats have already exercised their choice in due and legal form.

The proper course for those who have formed a fourth political party is to apply for listing upon the general election ballot. All of the qualified voters of the state would have adequate opportunity to vote for the party of their choice in the general election next November.

A referendum in the general election is legal and conclusive. An attempted referendum by using Democratic party machinery for the benefit of those who are attempting to sabotage it would have no conclusive result; and, because of its doubtful legality would end in much litigation and pointless controversy.

The resultant confusion might well drive many voters into the Republican camp. Neither Mr. Wallace nor Mr. Thurmond can have any hope of election. Although differing widely in their beliefs, the efforts of both might defeat the Democratic Party. Both of the new splinter parties provide an opportunity for protest, but neither provides a solution or an eventual means of righting our wrongs. Their efforts are more likely to guarantee a Republican victory.

Although we were defeated in the Democratic National Convention, the South still has a large body of friends in the Democratic party as a whole. We have never had any friends in the Grand Old Party of the Reconstruction.

We must now look to Congress to safeguard us against anti-Southern legislation and to cede back to us our tidelands. It is doubtful that any new party can gain any influence in Washington in the immediate future.

We still have powerful and influential friends in the Democratic Party and in Congress. At the moment our destiny is in their hands. The next few weeks and months are going to be critical

insofar as tidelands, civil rights, and states' rights are concerned. We can only worsen our position by conniving with the rival parties and with the would-be bolters of our own party.

We are angry and bitter over the wrongs and injustices which we have received at the hands of our own party, but we must not let our rage be the cause of our self-destruction.

After the general election the splinter parties will be fading memories, but the Democratic Party will still be a strong national party. Since we have no friends or influence whatsoever in the Republican Party, we must not disfranchise ourselves by alienating Texas from the party which is our birthright.

The forthright and fair thing for those who support the Thurmond party, is for them to have that party listed on the general election ballot which will provide the only true, legal and conclusive referendum.

For the foregoing reasons I trust that the State Democratic Executive Committee will adhere to its previous position and decline to authorize the proposed referendum.

Sincerely yours,

BEAUFORD H. JESTER,
Governor of Texas.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

202 U. S. Court House
El Paso, Texas

January 11, 1949

Mr. Sam D. Myres
S. D. Myres Saddle Company
526 East Overland Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myres:

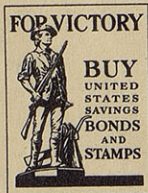
I am enclosing herewith a photograph of yourself and Congressman Ken Regan and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Fred T. McIntyre, of this office, which was made at the barbecue held by this office at McKelligon Canyon on August 28, 1948.

I thought that you would like to have this photograph as a remembrance of this occasion.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

D. K. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge





January 21, 1949

Mr. D. K. Brown
Special Agent in Charge
F.B.I. - 202 US Court House
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

We received the pictures which you so kindly sent and which we greatly appreciate. We are just out of the hospital where we have been for four weeks - this explains the delay in acknowledging your letter and, also the pictures - these pictures occupy a prominent place among our collection of pictures of splendid characters we have known and whom we count friends.

Please accept the Writer's thanks and appreciation for this remembrance, and at any time we can be of service to you or your group, it will afford us pleasure.

Yours very truly

S. D. Myres

Lee M. Rice

337 WOODLAND PARK • SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

July 11 1949.

Mr S. D. Myers
El Paso, Texas

Dear Tio Sam —



I thank you for your nice letter of
July 5th
I found working in the Gallup & Frazier
story very interesting just as I found
while working in the S. D. Myers story
some time back. My comment on the
S. D. Myers saddle was just as I found
it in my research in the Gallup & Frazier
story

I talked and corresponded with many old
time cowpunchers and they all placed
the Myers, the Frazier and the Gallup
saddles right at the top

I well remember as a cowpuncher
some thirty years ago in New Mexico
that if a man didn't have a Pueblo
or a Myers saddle he was classed

just the same as being bare back.
I have never ridden a Myers saddle, while
in New Mexico I owned and rode a
Frazier. But from the tough grind I
saw your saddles put through out there
I shall always speak a good word for
a Myers saddle. I know in doing so
the S.D. Myers Saddle Co. can and will
back me up.

Am looking forward to receiving the new
catalog. I am still interested in saddles
as I put in a month's solid riding
each year. Most of the big ranches
out here always keep the welcome mat
out for me.

In closing if at any time I can ever be
of service to the S.D. Myers Saddle Co.
please write me.

Best wishes to Tio Sam and thanks
again for the nice letter.

Sincerely
[Redacted Signature]

July 5, 1949

Mr. Lee M. Rice
337 Woodland Park
San Leandro, California

Dear Lee:

I have just read in the Western Horseman "THE GALLUP AND FRAZIER SADDLE." You surely made a great story on this, they were famous saddle makers and deserved the highest praise, possibly they did more in the development of modern saddles than any other group. The Writer has always considered Bob Frazier the greatest of all the saddle makers.

Your story is to be complimented on the wonderful way in which you have marshaled this story, and the Writer personally appreciates the kindly words that you spoke of THE S. D. MYRES SADDLE COMPANY. At any time we can serve you command us.

Yours very truly
S.D.MyresSaddleCompany

By

SDM/11

P. S. We are mailing you today our Saddle catalog, it is just out of the printers hands and for your information, will state that the cover was designed by TIO SAM.

Lee M. Rice

337 WOODLAND PARK • SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

6-28-48



Dear Tio Sam:

Thanks a million for the pair
of Texas iron stirrups. Sorry about
the long delay in writing you.

I have just returned from a month
spent out in the cow country and
found them here when I got home.

You didn't enclose a bill or
mention a price in your letter.
As I mentioned before you could
give the man a new pair of
stirrups, at my expense in ex-
change for his old Texas iron
stirrups.

These stirrups were just what I

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wanted. A pair that has seen many years wear are more valuable than a new pair for a den decoration.

Having been born on a cow ranch as well as spending most of my early life as a cow puncher, I still enjoy a month each year riding with the cow punchers.

While there I do a lot of sketching and photographing that I make good use of throughout the rest of the year.

That was a grand tribute you paid the late Bob Frazier. Such words spoken of one's competitor illustrates the great feeling of sportsmanship that existed among the old time saddle makers.

Industry could profit by such a feeling to day.

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8 September 1949

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Mr. S. D. Myres
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Dear Mr. Myres:

We want to thank you again for being our guest of honor at the "Buffalo Bill" dance last week.

You were a good sport to join in the fun with us, and your presence added to the evening. We do hope you will come again.

Sincerely,

VERA ROUNTREE

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Southwestern Livestock Show

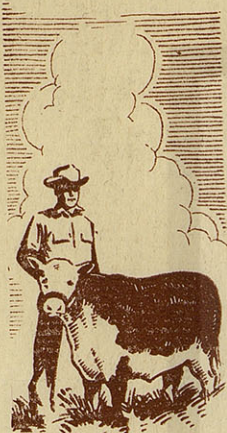
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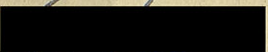
My dear Sam:

Just a little note to tell you how very much I appreciate all the time you put in - and all the efforts you put forth - to see that the Stock Show and Rodeo went off satisfactorily.

Your interest in tickets, handling the schools, working at the breakfast, helping with the parade, etc. will not soon be forgotten.

With best wishes, I remain

Your bald-headed and grateful amigo-


Chris P. Fox.

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1 Southwestern Championship Rodeo



FIRST PASSENGER—"If my horse likes them, they're O.K.," says "Tio Sam" Myres, veteran El Paso saddlemaker as he inspects one of the new busses to be used by El Paso City Lines to replace streetcars on the Park and Fort Bliss runs. The 34 busses which will be used in place of the streetcars were paraded through downtown El Paso Saturday. All streetcars, except those making the Juarez run, will be taken off Sunday.

Fort Bliss, Park Streetcars Will Make Final Runs Today

Fort Bliss and Park streetcars will be operated for the last time Sunday, with free rides on the two routes promised everybody before the cars give way to new busses.

The streetcars will leave City Hall Plaza at 10 a. m. and at about 10:30 a. m. Fort Bliss officials will greet the last car on that line.

The cars will be brought back for "retirement" to the City Lines yards by 11:30 a. m.

Chromium fixtures gleaming and horns tooting, 34 new busses, valued at \$480,000 were paraded through the immediate downtown area Saturday afternoon, while all other traffic was stopped.

Headed by a bus driven by Mike F. Burns, City Lines supervisor, the busses made a quick tour of the business area, led by an escort of six motorcycle policemen.

The busses had large signs on them reading, "Goodbye Streetcars. Hello 'Curbliners'."

Following the parade, a brief ceremony was held in front of the City Hall, with Mayor Dan Ponder cutting a ribbon stretched between a streetcar and a new bus, parked side by side.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, veteran California peace officer and sheriff of Los Angeles County, then presented a scale model of a new bus to Mayor Ponder.

City Lines officials said the Park bus line will travel Myrtle Avenue to Alameda Avenue, then eastward to Chelsea Drive.

The new Grandview bus, which is replacing the Fort Bliss streetcar, will leave San Jacinto Plaza on Oregon Street and travel on Yandell Boulevard to Piedras Street, along Pershing Drive to Copia Street, northward on Copia and Henderson Streets to Fort Boulevard. From Henderson Street, the line will loop eastward to Dyer Street, then southward to Sacramento Street and then back to Henderson Street.

The present Fort Bliss bus will load in front of the County Courthouse on San Antonio Street, turn on Myrtle Avenue to Campbell Street, back to San Antonio Street to Alameda Avenue and Piedras. It will then follow the regular route to Fort Bliss, where it will end in front of Theater No. 2.

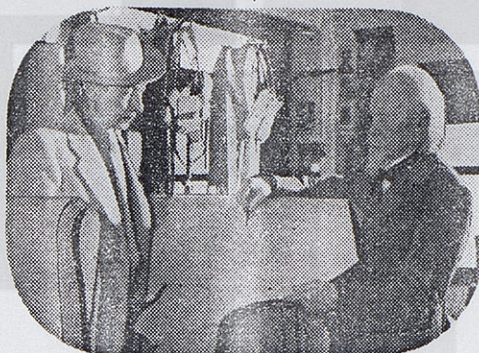
Tío Sam, Expert Saddle Maker — —



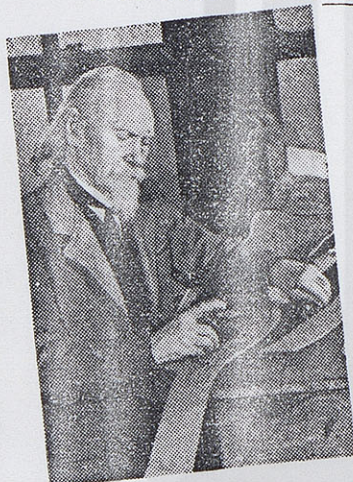
Some of the Fancy Saddles in Myres' Shop Cost as High as \$5,000



Tío Sam—A Living Link With Pioneer Days



Sam and His Nephew, Dace Myres, Select Leather for a Fine Saddle



At 78, Myres Is Still Skilled at Carving Saddles

YOUNGSTERS in El Paso, Tex., don't have to see Hollywood "horse operas" in order to soak up the atmosphere of the old West. They can get it first-hand from Samuel D. (Tío Sam) Myres, a living link with pioneer days.

Myres, who is 78 and bears a striking resemblance to the late Buffalo Bill Cody, whom he knew long ago, operates a saddle equipment store in El Paso called Cowboy Headquarters. He got the name of Tío Sam many years ago when some of his Mexican friends, struck by Myres' likeness to the cartoons of Uncle Sam, dubbed him that. "Tío" means "uncle" in the Spanish language.

Tío Sam is a story-book character. Born in a cabin along the Brazos River, he learned the saddle making trade as a young man in Cleburne, Tex. At 22 he opened a shop in Sweetwater, then a community of fewer than 700 pioneers. Rattlesnakes crawled unmolested down the main street, gun fights were daily occurrences, and the town doctor carried a pistol and pills in the same bag.

Myres' excellent craftsmanship soon attracted the attention of cowboys and ranchers all over the Southwest. He also served two terms as the "fighting mayor of Sweetwater," and made his community a healthy one. He fought and won a battle against a railroad and once broke up a lynch mob when the sheriff and city marshal were afraid to act.

"Although I've been up against some mighty hard men," says Sam,

"I've always been a man of peace. I've stepped in between two men ready to kill each other and grabbed their six-shooters out of the holsters."

During his long and colorful career Tío Sam also was a Texas ranger and still is an honorary member of that organization.

He has made saddles for presidents of Mexico and for movie stars such as Gene Autry and the late Tom Mix. Some years ago he developed a "quick-draw leather pistol holder" which became standard equipment for the FBI. Undoubtedly the most fabulous saddle ever made was a jewel-encrusted masterpiece reputed to be worth \$20,000 which Myres turned out for Col. Joe Miller, of the famed 101 Ranch.

Knew Pioneer Figures

Among other legendary figures whom Tío Sam knew were Pawnee Bill, Pancho Villa, and many of the marauding Indian chiefs. He loves to spin true-story yarns of the pioneer Southwest.

Myres' eyes twinkle when he discusses western movies.

"This two-gun-man business is just so much hokum," he says. "I never saw anyone fire more than one gun at a time—unless he was drunk, and didn't know what he was doing. He didn't last long."



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July 24, 1948

Mr. Sam D. Myers
S. D. Myers Saddle Co.
526 E. Overland
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myers:


It is with real pleasure that I advise you that you have been selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the 100th Fort Bliss Anniversary Commission.

We know that you will enjoy your participation in the splendid program which is being formulated, just as we have enjoyed our part in forming the initial policies and the tentative program. We are glad to share our pleasure with you.

As soon as all members who have been selected have accepted, a meeting of the Board will be called to explain the tentative program and to discuss other matters of related interest and policy.

With very best wishes from the Executive Committee and assuring you that it has been a pleasure to carry out their instructions, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Chris P. Fox, Executive Director

P. S. Won't you let us have your acceptance at the earliest possible moment in order that we may call a meeting of the Board?

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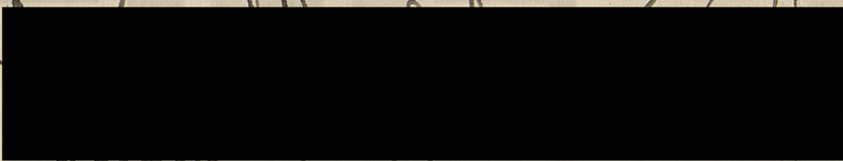
My dear Mr. Myres:

We are still thinking about the grand talk you gave to us in the Library. We certainly appreciated your kind cooperation in making our series of Book Talks a huge success.

I had wanted to have this note written sooner, but I wanted to include another picture for you, so here it is. Our display photos were not returned until today, so I am sending this one along.

Thanking you again, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Dorothea Magdalene Fox,

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THE PURPOSES

FIRST, to promote the General Welfare of the people of Texas and indirectly of the Great Southwest.

SECOND, provide an occasion and opportunity for the association of people with common interest in Texas history and common traditions in its culture and customs.

THIRD, in further support of the principles of our forefathers declared in the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States and in the Constitution of the State of Texas. The Texas State Society specifically affirms and reaffirms its faith in democracy, religion, education, and of law and order.

FOURTH, to encourage and promote the interest of the people of the State of Texas in its institutions and to encourage the individual to participate in the political, religious and social life of the state.

FIFTH, to perpetuate in the minds of all native Texans the memories and gallant deeds of the pioneers and empire building individuals who created and maintained this state as a bulwark of freedom against their enemies, to unite them in one harmonious group working always for the good of each other, the state and the nation.

SIXTH, to establish scholarships and grants for the study and promotion of Texas history, literature and science.

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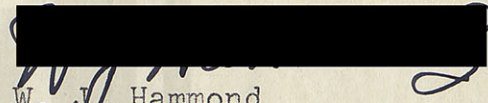
April 3, 1947

Mr. S. D. Myres, Sr.
Myres Saddle Company
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myres:

We have been delayed considerable in getting our material for our Society since printers are so exceedingly scarce. I am enclosing herewith your Honorary Membership card, a pamphlet outlining the policy of the Society and also a recommendation blank which you may use to send us names of those whom you think would be interested. The Director's names and addresses will be printed on the next letterheads and in this way you will be able to know the leading Texans with whom you will be working. We are enthusiastic about the growth and development of our Society and let me assure you that the membership of the Executive Body will appreciate your advice and cooperation with us.

Very sincerely yours,


W. J. Hammond
President

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Texas State Society

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Dr. W. J. Hammond, President
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Signed _____

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