

Harral Ayres Honored

for Spanish Trail Work.
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Harral Ayres, managing director of the Old Spanish Trail development, received a distinguished honor from the King of Spain recently in the Condecoracion of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica, with title of Knight Commander at a reception and ceremony of presentation at the home of Mrs. Henry Drought, 1215 North St. Mary's Street, for his work in connection with the Old Spanish Trail movement.

Officiating at the ceremony Pablo de Ubarri, Spanish consul for Texas and New Mexico. He was assisted by a number of representatives of the diplomatic, military, civic and official life of San Antonio.

The jewel of the order is a double-sided Spanish sunburst, two inches in diameter, suspended from a laurel wreath. On one side is the name of the order, and on the other is "La Lealtad Aerisolada," expressive of loyalty and merit.

Ayres accepted the Old Spanish Trail leadership in 1919 when there was no regular route across the Southern borderlands. Automobiles were forced to pick their own course through mud, cattle lands and deserts with independable ferries assisting them in crossing the numerous rivers en route.

The leadership of San Antonio and constant efforts for 10 years was the thing that eventually made possible the Old Spanish Trail. Federal and State officials were slow in granting recognition to the route and failed to do so until 1922, when Ayres secured official recognition and liberal appropriations through seven months of effort in Washington. Construction work followed in a short time.

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HARRAL AYRES.

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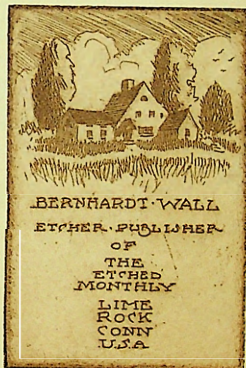
Mr. Ayres has directed the improvement of the historic route, which passes ancient Spanish mis-

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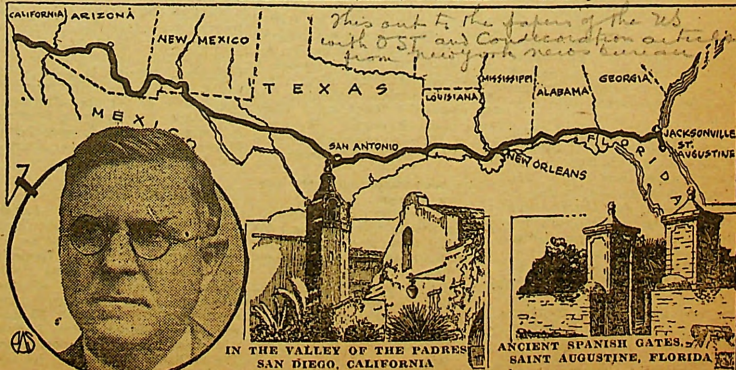
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The managing director of the Old Spanish Trail development, Harral Ayres, of San Antonio, Texas, has been decorated by the king of Spain for his work with the above development. Mr. Ayres was presented with the Condecoracion of the Royal Order of Israel la Catolica, with the title of Knight Commander. Spanish Consul Pablo de Ubarri, consul of Texas and New Mexico, officiated at the ceremony.



Following the Old Spanish Trail from Coast to Coast



America's first complete transcontinental highway is nearly finished, leading from the old Spanish gates of the city of St. Augustine, Fla., to the old Spanish Mission at San Diego, Cal. Harral Ayres, Managing Director of the Association which has promoted this motor road, is shown in insert.

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