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SPANISH KING HONORS OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Harral Ayres Decorated for his Untiring Efforts

San Antonio, Texas, April 21st.—Harral Ayres, ten years leader of the Old Spanish Trail development, has received distinguished honor from the King of Spain. The Condecoracion of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica, with title of Knight Commander, has been conferred and on April 29 at a reception by San Antonio people the ceremonies of presentation will be held with Spanish Consul Pablo de Ubarri officiating.

The jewel of the Order is a double-sided Spanish sunburst two inches in diameter, suspended from a laurel wreath. On one side the name of the Order; on the other side, "La Lealtad Acrisolada," expressive of loyalty and merit. There are three titles in the Order—Knight of the Great Cross, and Knight Commander, and Knights.

When Harral Ayres accepted the Old Spanish Trail leadership in 1920 there was no travelable route across the Southern Borderlands. Automobiles found round about courses through mud, cattle ranches and deserts, and on numerous long and undependable ferries. The Spaniards in the old days extended their princely explorations, missions and colonies from Florida to California with such difficulty their centuries of effort have gone into history as a heroic age.

Today the Old Spanish Trail is one of the noted highways of the United States; the pioneer history of the Spaniards, most ancient on the continent, is attracting the people; Spanish architecture and atmosphere are being revived.

Progress reports indicate pavement will, in another two to three years, be complete on this highway from Saint Augustine, Florida, to San Diego, California.

When the monument was dedicated at Saint Augustine, April 1929, the Spanish Crown was represented by Senor Don Rafael Casares Gil. On that occasion a motorcade started from California carrying an eminent delegation of San Diegans, joined by delegates from other states; they traveled from San Diego to Saint Augustine, 2750 miles in eleven days, keeping to a schedule like a railroad train.

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Honored By King



Harral Ayres, managing director of the Old Spanish Trail, has been awarded the decoration of knight commander in the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica, by the king of Spain, in recognition of his work for the development of the highway linking St. Augustine and San Diego. The decoration will be presented April 29 at Houston, Tex., by Senor P. de Ubarri, Spanish consul for Texas and New Mexico.

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Harral Ayres To Be Decorated At San Antonio April 29

San Antonio, Texas, April 23—Harral Ayres, ten years leader of the Old Spanish Trail development has received distinguished honor from the King of Spain. The decoration of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica, with title of Knight Commander, has been conferred and on April 29 at a reception by San Antonio people the ceremonies of presentation will be held with Spanish Consul Pablo de Ubarri officiating.

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Director for Old Spanish Trail to Get Decoration



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The decoration of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica, conferred by His Majesty the King of Spain on Harral Ayres with the title of knight commander, will be presented by P. de Ubarri, Spanish Consul for Texas and New Mexico, at a San Antonio reception Tuesday evening. Mr. Ayres is managing director of the Old Spanish Trail. The decoration will be in recognition of his long service in developing this highway from St. Augustine to San Diego. The reception will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry D. Drought, 1215 North St. Mary's street.

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Mrs. L. J. Kittle ret first of the week from San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank are the parents of a dau Wednesday morning.

Miss Norene Allison, t teacher here, visited her Menard over the week-

Mrs. J. A. Marley has to her home in Hastin after a visit here with

Mrs. R. O. Smith is in tonio at the bedside of