

## SAN ANTONIO ONLY CITY IN COUNTRY SPANISH DECORATION CONFERRED

San Antonio is the only city in the United States where the ceremony attendant the conferring of the Spanish Condecoracion has been performed, according to Col. H. M. Dickmann, who was a member of the committee in charge of the ceremonies when the decoration was conferred on Herral Ayres in recognition of his work as a leader in the Old Spanish Trail movement, on Tuesday.

There is one higher honor than the Condecoracion, the Knight of the Grand Cross, but this is made by promotion only. So carefully are the honors of the order guarded the great jewel in the order given Ayres must be returned to the Spanish crown in event of his death or promotion.

The diplomatic ceremony performed here was supported by many telegrams and letters flattering in tone and most of them expressive of appreciation for the work of Ayres.

## AYRES GIVEN DECORATION

Herral Ayres, managing director of the Old Spanish Trail, Wednesday was treasuring a decoration of the Royal Order of Isabella Catolica, the highest honor in Spain, which was presented him Tuesday in the name of King Alfonso XIII for his 10 years faithful work in developing the Old Spanish Trail.

The presentation was made at a ceremony at the home of Mrs. Henry Drought, 1215 North St. Mary's street. The decoration was conferred upon Ayres by Pablo de Ubarri, Spanish consul at Galveston, who read the message of the king in Spanish and fastened the ribbon of the medal about Ayres' neck. Both sides of the hall were lined with distinguished guests who witnessed the ceremony. Ayres

voiced his appreciation, as well as the appreciation of those connected with the Old Spanish Trail.

In the official party were Mrs. Drought, Maj. Gen. William Lassiter, commander of the Eighth Corps area, and his staff; Enrique Santibanez, consul-general of Mexico; Col. H. M. Dickman, president of the San Antonio Automobile league; Werner N. Beckmann, representative of the Old Spanish trail; Dr. Frederick Combe, T. H. Etheridge, president of the San Antonio real estate board; Mayor C. M. Chambers, County Judge Perry S. Robertson, State Senator W. A. Williamson, Arnold Shanklin, former United States consul-general to Mexico, and Walter Walthall of the San Antonio chamber of commerce.

## THE COMMENTATOR

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If you haven't been Censet yet, do it now! You owe it to yourself as much as to your city.

Metaphorically, having an axe to grind hurts the grinder. Constructive thought and work is a real power that works in the interest of each one.

Hundreds of chiropractors are convened in the city. That very fact influences a policy of sitting up and walking -traight. Will not physio-pscho-analysts explain that urge comes from mental vibration?

Getting together, talking it over, the residents of our sister cities are setting a pace for constructive reciprocity. The dog in the manger policy is a thing of the past. Texas communities are now better equipped than ever to carry on a plan of co-operation of interests that will be far reaching and incidentally pay dividends in cash, conveniences and comforts.

Possibly the most despicable criminals are the Hit and Run motorists. It is not always the motorist who is at fault when a pedestrian gets hit, but common decency demands one to stop, and try to help the person injured.

So-called daylight-saving by setting the clock ahead one hour has begun its farce in many Eastern cities. We folks in Texas see no reason to "kid" ourselves. There are only 24 hours in the day. No one can set the sun back. Only one

man ever stopped it. Advance the old clock's alarm an hour earlier.

Anyone else? Want to hurl your hat in the ring for governor of the State? About a dozen men are already in the field.

Quite a distinctive honor. The Condecoracion of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica of Spain was presented to Herral Ayres, managing director of the Old Spanish Trail, Tuesday. This beautiful jewel comes from his Majesty the King of Spain. Fitting ceremonies graced the occasion.

South, south, east and west of the city at this season a glorious drive awaits the automobilist. Millions of dainty, showy wild flowers dress and smother the landscape. For an unusually pleasant view hie away to the Guadalupe Valley section. En route you will pass natural gardens and natural parks galore, carpeted with vivid varieties of colored flowers and equal the best of cultivated species. Purple and amber, violet and blue.

Channing said that the Will is the central and highest power. A better definition would be that little word, Faith. Right now, Faith in the city's progress is needed by the few obstructionists to the community's best interests. A dose of mental metabolism is helpful. Try it!

What is mental metabolism? It is transforming the force of anger

## HARRAL AYRES DECORATED BY KING OF SPAIN

Honored for his work in connection with the development of the Old Spanish Trail, Herral Ayres, managing director of the development, will receive the decoration of the Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica. Formal presentation of the decoration awarded by the king of Spain, will be made tonight at the home of Mrs. Henry Drought, 1215 North St. Mary's street.

The decoration carries with it the title of joint commander of the order. Pablo de Ubarri, Spanish consul for Texas and New Mexico, will present the decoration.

Among those who will be present at the ceremony are Maj. Gen. William Lassiter, commander Eighth Corps Area; Enrique Santibanez, consul general of Mexico; Col. H. M. Dickmann, president of the San Antonio Automobile League; Werner N. Beckmann, representing the Old Spanish Trail board; Dr. Frederick Combe, T. H. Etheridge Jr., president of the San Antonio Real Estate Board; Mayor C. M. Chambers, County Judge Perry S. Robertson, State Sen. W. A. Williamson, Arnold Shanklin, former United States consul in Mexico, and Walter Walthall, president of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.