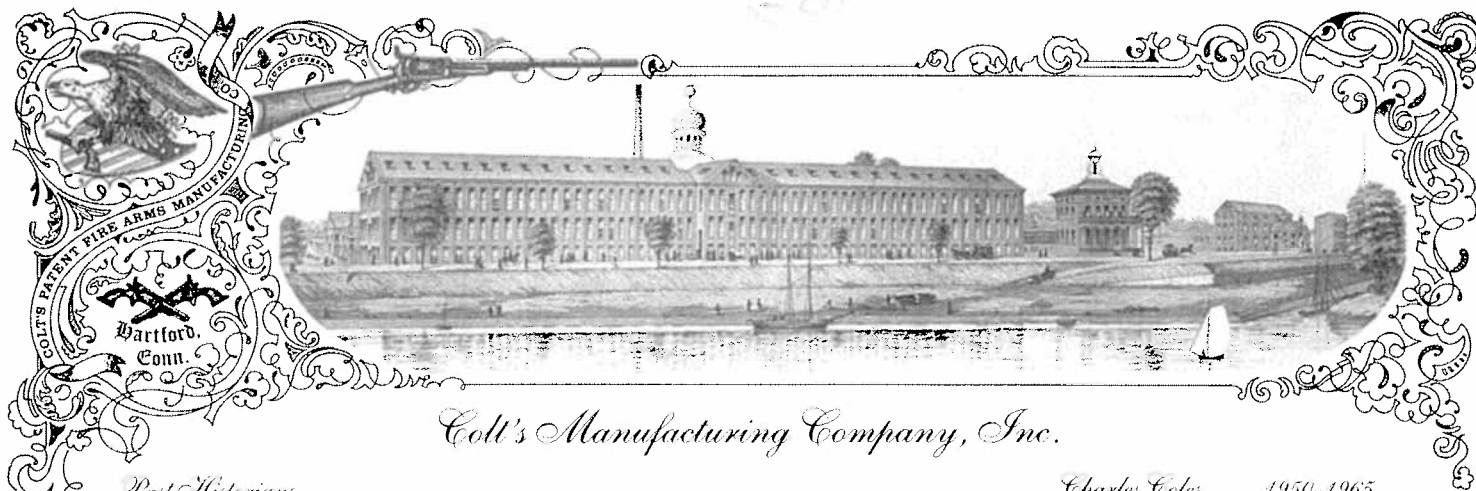




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August 21, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Colt, by the means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

Serial Number:	87074
Caliber:	.44/40
Barrel Length:	Not Listed
Finish:	Blue
Type of Stocks:	Wood
Shipped To:	Hartley & Graham
Address:	New York, New York
Date of Shipment:	March 30, 1883
Number of Same Type	
Guns in Shipment:	50

Remarks: As noted above, the records do not provide information with regard to the barrel length of subject revolver. However, this is usually an indication of a 7 1/2" barrel length as that was considered standard issue for that time period.

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Hoyt
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Historian

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May 13, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will certify that the following firearm one Colt Single Action Army caliber 44-40 barrel length 4 3/4" serial number 87074 was purchased by Mike Clark of Collectors Firearms, Houston, Texas on May 11, 2002 from Bruce Rade, grandson of R.D. "Boss" Thorp, who was Chief of Police of Austin, Texas. "Boss" was chief for 30 years from 1928 to 1958.

"Boss" was born north of Austin near Jollyville. He came to Austin when he was about 4 years old. His family was in Travis County before the Civil War.

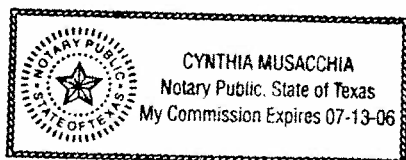
He was, prior to this tenure as Chief of Police, a professional ballplayer. In 1995 R.D. "Boss" Thorp field, next to Austin High School, was dedicated to his memory.

Sincerely,

Mike Clark
President, Collectors Firearms

State of Texas
County of Harris

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Mike Clark, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.


Cynthia Musacchia
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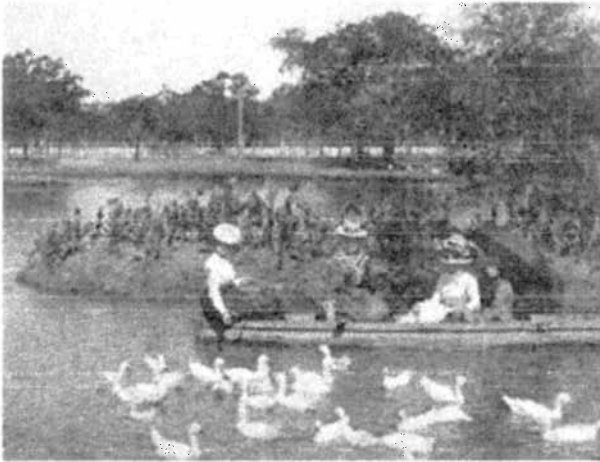
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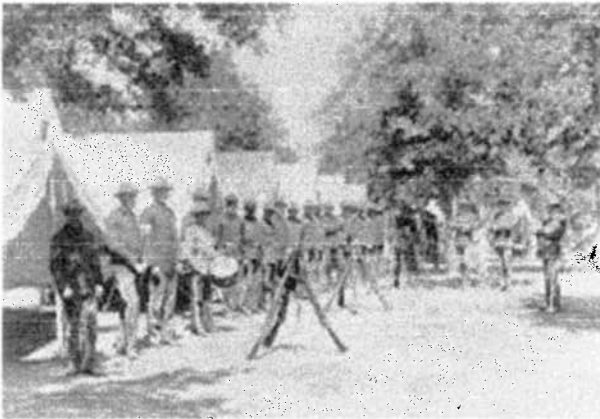
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In the late 19th century, the Texas Militia held its annual summer encampment in Hyde Park. The encampments attracted thousands of spectators to dress parades and sham battles.



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Raymond D. "Boss" Thorp, an unidentified man and Mark Burnette stand in front of the Thorp home at 4401 Speedway. Thorp played semi-pro baseball before enlisting in World War I. Later he served as Austin's chief of police for 27 years.

The State Lunatic Asylum opened in March, 1861, with about a dozen inmates. Dr. D.B. Wallace, the superintendent during the 1870s, supervised the beautification of the grounds by the creation of 600 yards of drives and a chain of "artistic lakes and lily ponds."

that Jackson's seat might go to Orrin L. Phillips, judge of the 10th Circuit Court at Denver and a personal friend of Mr. Eisenhower, or Judge John J. Parker, chief judge of the fourth federal circuit court at Charlotte, N.C.

Parker had been mentioned for a court seat before Mr. Eisenhower named Warren as chief justice.

Other jurists mentioned as possible successors were Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt of the New Jersey supreme court, and Chief Justice John C. Bell Jr. of the Pennsylvania supreme court.

School Race Mixing Foe Is Arrested

HARRINGTON, Del., Oct. 10.—UP—Bryant W. Bowles, president of the National Association for the Advancement of White People and outspoken foe of racial mixing in the public schools, was arrested by state police Sunday under orders of Delaware Gov. J. Caleb Boggs.

Bowles, who was slated to address a meeting here at 2:30 p. m., was seized as he stepped off a private plane en route from Washington. Three other unidentified persons were aboard the light plane, but state police ignored them.

Maj. Fred Lamb, field force commander of the state police with headquarters in Wilmington, handed Bowles a warrant as he alighted at the field. The two-count warrant charged the segregation leader with conspiracy to violate the state school attendance laws conspiracy to interfere with the administration of the state school system.

Bowles immediately was placed in a state police car and taken to Troop 3 headquarters at Dover, several miles away. Lamb said Bowles would be given an opportunity to meet head of a racial

THE BOSS KEEPS GOING STRONG
R. D. Thorp, a rarity among law officers.

AS AUSTIN CHIEF

Thorp Begins Year No. 27

R. D. (Boss) Thorp—one of the rare big city police chiefs who have been in service for more than a quarter-century — Monday begins his 27th year as head of the Austin Police Department.

It was Oct. 10, 1923, the day after Chief J. N. Littlepage was killed in line of duty, that Thorp was named acting chief. His permanent appointment was made Nov. 11, 1923.

Thorp was headed south of the border in 1920 when he suddenly switched from baseball to police work in Port Arthur. Known as "the knockout king" of Austin city league baseball, he had been play-

ing for the Tampico, Mexico, team.

Thorp had returned to Texas to recruit players and was on his way to board a ship when Captain Leslie Fox of the Port Arthur police department persuaded him make a career of police work. Fox, son of Texas Ranger Captain Monroe Fox, had served on the Austin force and knew Thorp well.

On the Port Arthur force, Thorp served as a patrolman, motorcycle officer, detective and then went into identification work.

Thorp was called back to Austin in 1924 to establish the identification bureau here. After Thorp's return to his home town, Fox also moved back to Austin. He now serves under Thorp as a warrant officer assigned to the Corporation Court.

In 1934, as president of the Texas Police Association, Thorp worked for legislation which the next year created the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Born just north of here near Jollyville, he came to Austin when he was about four years old. His family was in Travis County before the Civil War.

German Reds See West Berlin Fair

BERLIN, Oct. 10 (AP)—More than 281,000 persons from Communist

west of northwest Davis expected it to continue on that course and at the same slow pace for 12 to 18 hours, or until tomorrow.

"There isn't much to influence a sharp curve," said Davis.

Its position at 5 p.m. EST was at latitude 15.6 north, longitude 75.9 west. A Navy hurricane hunter plane from Jacksonville penetrated to the storm's eye, the first plane in two days to do so. Violent turbulence kept planes out Friday and Saturday.

Shipping Warned
Strongest winds cover a small area near the center, and gale force winds extend outward 150 miles to the north and east and 80 miles to the south and west of the center.

Shipping was warned out of its path, end western Cuba, the Cayman Islands, Swan Island, British Honduras and Yucatan were advised to remain on the alert for further advisories through tomorrow, when the hurricane may give a more definite indication of its future path.

French End Pact Debate In Harmony

LOUVIERS, France, Oct. 10 (AP)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France said today "a large area of agreement has appeared" in the French National Assembly's debate on the London conference accords.

"It is particularly refreshing to note not only that the debate took place in an atmosphere of conciliation and dignity," the premier declared in a speech at Pont Saint-Pierre, "but also—and above all—that an important majority has now appeared which is ready to agree on an issue which had so deeply divided French opinion."

The debate ended Friday night, after Mendes-France decided to

Red Satellites Face Serious Coal Shortage

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—The U.S. Information Agency (USIA) said today the Russian satellite countries of Europe apparently are not producing enough coal to keep their people warm this winter.

Citing stories and comments in the Communist press, USIA said the drop in coal production is being blamed on workers staying away in passive resistance to government plans and on the difficulty

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CENTRAL TEXAS: Warm, humid weather with partly cloudy skies and a few scattered showers or thunderstorms through Tuesday. Monday's expected temperature range: 70 to 83. Sunday's high was 90, the low 63. More data Page 12.

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Dewey On High Court Choice List

Dulles and Brownell Also Being Mentioned

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10—UP—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and four prominent jurists were mentioned Sunday as possible successors to Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, who died of a heart attack late Saturday.

Others mentioned included Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. Regardless of whether Brownell is tapped for the post, he probably will play the chief role in naming Jackson's successor.

Jackson, former New Deal attorney general and prosecutor of the top Nazi war criminals, was stricken with a heart attack while driving his automobile back to the court from a shopping trip. He stopped at the apartment of his secretary where he died shortly after his physician arrived.

Second Appointment

Jackson's death will cause President Eisenhower to make his second appointment to the high bench. Presidential aides said at the Denver Summer White House that Mr. Eisenhower probably will not act until he returns to Washington, perhaps late next week.

The Chief Executive is expected to move promptly after that. The court opened its 165th year only last Monday and faces a docket crowded with what could be many historic decisions. Among other things, it must make recommendations for carrying out its school integration decision of last spring.

There are now only two Republicans on the high bench — Chief Justice Earl Warren and associate Justice Harold H. Burton, former GOP senator from Ohio. Four of the present justices were appointed by the late President Roosevelt and three by former



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