

Old Saddle Comes Back To Family After 20 Years

Wewoka, Okla. (AP) — When Joel Keese went into military service a dozen years ago he sold a saddle he had acquired 20 years before when he was 14.



Havana, Nassau - - You Just Gotta' Go!

By JERRY SCHUMACHER

(Editor's Note: Despite Jerry's valiant efforts to get these columns in the mail while he was on the Havana-Nassau cruise, they all arrived at THE NEWS-TIMES office within a few hours of each other.

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all the pomp and ceremony, and Cuban officials are capable of doing this sort of thing up right.

At 12 we go on a sort of a Cook's tour of this colorful island and at 4 the real business starts, 25 officials of which I am one, simply because I have the only camera that can record the event for posterity, are to meet the president and his party.

To take up the slack, we're running his next two columns below, and then — if he hasn't gotten tired pounding the typewriter and snapping his camera, his column on Bermuda will appear in Tuesday's paper.

10:00 a.m., Oct. 19, 1954 Our tired old eyes just witnessed one of the greatest sights there is, steaming into Havana harbor, with all the colorful flags flying and the whistles blowing.

To ride in a Cuban taxi will take 10 years off your life. In the old part of Havana the streets are so narrow only one car can go at a time and there are no stop lights, you just come to a corner and blow the horn like mad and it's a question of which driver has the most nerve as to who gets through first.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the originators of this tour, are the most distinguished looking people on the boat. We are sure glad they chose Morehead City.

Oct. 26, 1954 This is the morning after the night in Havana, every cabin has a No Disturb sign on the door. We sailed at 6 a.m. for Nassau. Most of us got back to the ship, guess when? Five minutes to 6, haven't heard who missed the boat as yet.

crew look sort of bleary-eyed and every chance they get, they get in a corner and tell about where they were and what they saw. For many, it is the first time in these waters. And believe me, the port of Havana is something to see and also there is something to do.

Now I have to go into the dark room and print a million pictures and me with no sleep since the night before the hurricane. Well heck, you're only young once.

Mr. Allen and his assistants arrange tours for us peasants. We each have a car, five people that is, and a guide to keep us from straying in the wrong places. The highlight of the Havana tour was the Tropicana Night Club. It has been said by world travelers on this boat that it is unquestionably the finest night club in the world.

You know we have a jewel in our port manager, Jack Holt. When he is dressed up in his best bib and tucker and with that million dollar smile of his, I believe he could convince Russia to sign a peace treaty with Uncle Sam.

This has been the most wonderful cruise. We haven't had one minute's rough weather. The sun shone and the water was beautiful and smooth.

I remember reading about this several times in my life but I was always told that they dove for pennies. Well prosperity has caught up with these colorful people, or maybe someone came down here and organized a union.

As our tender docked at the

Nassau landing the natives were all there with their wares set up ready for us. Hats as you have never seen' before, colorful fringed-top surries to take you over the island, and bicycles everywhere. You can rent a surry, bicycle, or a little English MG sports car, or you go on the tours arranged by Allen travel service.

The Nassau shops were wonderful, and everything for the most part was real reasonable. One lady came back to the ship with eight handbags. Others had so much they couldn't carry everything and had native boys trailing behind

with the overflow. Good English golf balls are about half price compared to stateside, finest scotch, cheaper than our poorest bourbon. Unfortunately you can only bring one gallon back to the states.

The most colorful part of Nassau to me was the boats. The natives live on their boats complete with a goat and pig, and a million children. Looked to me like 30 people on a 30-ft. boat or maybe this particular family was having a party.

Late afternoon we went to the Governors Palace and presented His Excellency the Governor, Honorable Earle of Ranfurly, North

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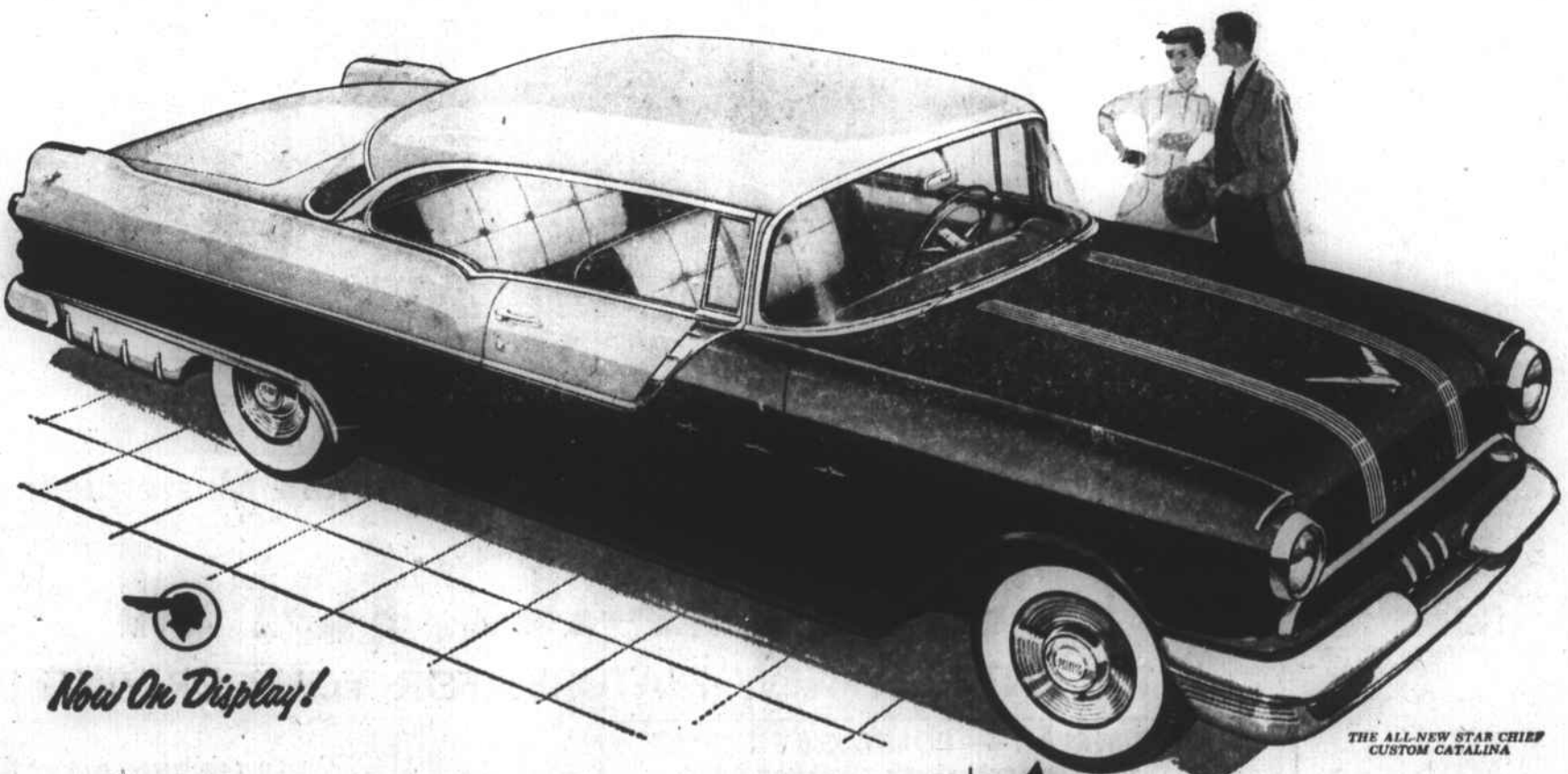
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