

MSC Shows Houston Displays

A few months before his death in 1863, Sam Houston was visited by S. M. Penland, an admirer. Penland brought to the aging hero a miniature picture made of Houston when he lived with the Cherokees, many years earlier. Now nearing 70, Houston had been 37 years old when the little picture was made.

"Damn!" said Houston, looking at the picture of himself in an Indian turban. "Was I ever as handsome as that?"

The Penland picture, embellished now with Republic of Texas symbols, is greatly enlarged and is among dozens of photographs and paintings included in a Sam Houston travelling exhibition scheduled to open in the Memorial Student Center on August 10. It will be shown until September 15.

The show is believed to be the most comprehensive pictorial display ever put together on the Texian soldier-statesman, who is called the most photographed and painted man in Texas history. It requires about 490 square feet of display space provided by 20 large panels. Pictorially, it consists of both contemporary and historical photographs and paintings, plus copies of a few rare documents connected with Houston.

Before its opening in the MSC, the show was exhibited in the state capitol in Austin, the First City National Bank in Houston, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville, and in selected institutions in Dallas, Eastland, Liberty, Waco, Tyler and Bay City.

It was designed and built by The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio. Other travelling exhibits from the institute include "Vaquero: Gen-

esis of the Texas Cowboy," "The Spanish Texans," "The Negro Texans," which comes in three versions, "The Japanese Texans," and a smaller Sam Houston show called a sampler. All are lent to public schools, libraries, and other institutions and organizations at no cost, except freight charges to and from the Institute.

A Spanish-language version of "Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy" is on a year's tour of major museums in Mexico, under an arrangement with the Instituto Nacional Antropología e Historia, a division of the Department of Education of the Mexican government. This agency operates all of Mexico's regional museums as well as the world-famous museum in Mexico City familiar to English speaking travellers as the National Museum of Anthropology and History.



THE INTRODUCTORY PANEL is part of the Sam Houston travelling exhibit which will be in the MSC August 10 through September 15.

Service Contracts Rated

Today's appliances perform many modern wonders — until something suddenly goes wrong.

"Repairing these appliances is expensive. As a result, many consumers turn to service contracts," Lillian Cochran, home management specialist, A&M's Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said.

"For an annual fee or set amount, the buyer receives an agreement to repair the appliance as often as needed without further charge.

"This eliminates concern over cost of appliance repairs. Purchasers won't see another repair bill — as long as the service contract is in effect."

Another big advantage is "deliverance from lemons." A chronically ailing appliance becomes someone else's "headache," Miss Cochran added.

"Nevertheless, a service contract may or may not be a good deal.

"If a repair bill is higher than the service contract cost, the consumer saves money. But when service isn't needed in a given year, money was paid out unnecessarily."

Also keep in mind that some appliances are less likely to need service, the specialist continued.

"Those with numerous mechanical parts — such as automatic washers or dishwashers — usually require more service during their lifetime than appliances with few or no moving parts — such as ranges."

When considering a service contract, read it thoroughly to understand its terms, Miss Cochran emphasized. "Make sure you know precisely what it does — and doesn't — cover.

"Find out your obligations — as well as the seller's agreement."

Before signing a service contract, determine:

—What is covered — parts, labor, number of calls.

—What are the time limitations? A contract may appear to be a bargain, but cover only 9 months instead of a year.

—Is there a limit to number of service calls?

—Are you paying for protection on parts already covered by warranty?

—If you move out of the dealer's service area, are there provisions for a refund, or can the contract be transferred to a dealer in the new location?

—If the contract covers labor only, can you obtain a price list of parts before signing the contract?

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