Allen McCorchen is - ---

And he rishes he should be interalouse the most famous cattle mon in the world

Right up there with Sam Maverick or lessie Chisolm What Allen did was no less legendary

than the antics of a real life, "tee/lat" Poors Bill. What Alles did ..... the Terry Longhorn, the levendary cow of the Thorn's not a posson is America who doesn't know the Loneborn by sight, lust a glimese of "The old west."

rull of adventure. Old conflored over micro gone forever. And ladies feel the stirring and trenidation abased by

their frontier sisters When Allen was born in 1906, there were still riency of Londsom. Cartle around, the scattered remains of the giant beeds that had built the West. Some were running wild and untomed Allen couche elimoses of them pecking through the brush while procury bunting with his dad on their ranch near

Skazzs, Texas. and tasty more, scour for By the time Allen water or impart a thunwas a young mon in 1925. derous, instant, horrible evidently there were no death to unlucky oriedess. Longhoms left courses or, unfortunately, "They're all dead man and horse. A wild,

Every last one," At least, that's what a "college man" from Tevas A&M Allen. They were talking on the back rouch of Allen's home in East Texas.

Allen replied. "Ob. there's a few crossbreed around but they wouldn't amount to a manure-fly on the butt of a purebred Longhorn."

The college mon took a long pause: "I think they're extinct. The

Now, Allen knew what any Texas cowhand could tell you about Longhorn Cattle, They're

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## LEGEND NEARLY BIT THE DUST.

with horns a foor thick and four fast source, our easily clear a seven-foot Allen and the old cowboys who tended the heads knew that if any thing deserved to be extinct, it was the Long-

thousand round bull

as smart as Collies. They

objective femous and alsome

can open gates, unelue

find the best food and

A trophy story in his

with homs that can

stretch from Abilene to

Athens Texas, that is,

Cows get nearly as big.

with home that take a

vicious and merocine

resist to the front Those

homs can plow up tender

range-roving Longhorn

protect is unpredictable

But if a Loneborn

Loneborn ball is the devil

They're enormous.

Not quite as tall as a

steer, but three to four

with tree trunk necks

that flick around the

feet wide in the shoulder.

massive racks like a mon

tosses kindline. Their

him are lean and their

enough to give the hose

body the athletic ability

of a raceborse. A three

himself, riding a lighten-

ing bolt

concishell on wheels a

moma with a baby to

water, to say nothing of

outsmarting most horses.

prime, is as tall as a horse.

hom. They were the "omeriest," touchest. most determined and "notional" critters on conth So. Allen figured it'd

just be running "true to form" for the Longhorn to prove everybody wrong. Allen told the college man that he probably still alive. That's where Allen

got in trouble. The college man bet him that he was wrong. than offered him the ich of finding those come if indeed there were any. "I need your help," he

said "Will Bornes is a ranch management forester for the Forest Service. For years, he's been after Congress to save the Longhorn, They finally give us \$3,000 and some Forest Service land in the Witchita Mountains of Kansay Bur Will thinks it's too late. We can't find any animals. Next thing Allen

kneer he and a combon from Son Angelo, slope with five tough Mexican vacueros, were riding through overs mounting natch, every rully and

crack in the earth in

Texas and Mexico look-

them."

ing for abouts. It looked

like the man from college way right Will Bornes sent out

several other groups of search. ers. They reported

the same

"Like a will o' the wise. We bear remove But nothin' comes of 'em' Many of the animals

they tracked down turned out to be an unavirable cross between a Lengthorn and a Brohma "long. breeding was what did it " Allen said, "The Longhom was bood to extinc-

"Longborns had the station rouge but other breeds mere easier to handle Syther cornel It seemed that they

cows were an offshoot of

more to bean the world or they had entered it ... with tremendous bank. ship. Their ancestors had barely exercised the source to Catholic missions in the New World. These

unter the size cords that had made the trin with the Moors to Spain. And then from Seain to the ill fated Sponish missions

in Mexico and Texas. Only the bardier survived the various passages, especially the water crossing. The losses were nearly total and the animals that carried on, carried with them genes of indestructibility. Genes that were further honed to bitter newfaction by the hum. dreds of years of wild survival that followed the dostruction of the role.

"We decided to search down through Morico. and into the most Godforsøken country we could find Landborne like the rough stuff. \*Over the centuries.

the Longham became a wild animal." Allen pointed from one bosisses to the other "They would grave between one mountain range and another So anothing in between was the range. In fact, there'd be no

David On The Passer without the Longhorn. "Bor think about the buse spreads those early

they finally found an old common had to made An' just to keep a courde per ball. A year later then bureled Loneborns even had two cows a steer an "So then along come Mr. Hereford with his fancy English cartle. He about a bull with home env They wouldn't mounte down fences and they put on tons of far. Forest Service condons Well that was that, and found that bull, with a

the Longhorn was harem of crossbreeds, in a history." remote comer of the With a smile liebring "prickly pear" country of up his eyes, Allen adds a outbreet Texas. They postsories. "All thus land ented him moving under those buse toward a renderway with ranches? It was corbed other Lonehoms on the with oil. You could say Red River the Loneborn made the After a couple of oilmen Because one man Any the rider had a

didn't own one little of

well. Thanks to the Mexican rancher in order Longhorn be owned to keep up. "Once we not thousands." him movine "they The coursons gave recounted, "he was like a way to a Cadillac The train. He jus' out his old Longhorn was a goner. It head down and there was

into the will become of

East Texas and Mexico.

cose, and heard about a

All bull and a fine self.

And a story from a former

Four months base

reade horses with a

certainly seemed that way no sech thing as stop." to the searchest. There The men headed autickly began to develop north following those the talents of FBI agents on the trail of demonstra-Two days after find-Following one lead after ing the bull, they were

another, sometimes doen low on water and the third remade of horses

ten miles men-

him. It was like be was

going home. Headiw'

back to the hom?

three bulls, three stoom was about to play out. and four culves. "We were even to "That's all they was start followin' that left." Allen drawled sadly moonhom on four "sky \*1950 ..... 212 000

conformal "Ho papela in Torre. Thorr was headed somewhere in people owned 25 million a sure hurry." Longhorns, 1920, we Eventually they managed to find just 30." found where. And why

resting the horses, when sudden like that of how lifted his head, snorted and lit out at a barrey gallop. Our horses got the idea, I guess, figurin' on water abead. They took out after him. We jus' got a'horseback and held an

In a final inner, scientists \*Without his more at the University of Texas. huntin' was another bunch of costs. Those that Will Barner and John Hatton bad rounded up were being

held at Red River, about Most traduces filles a market depend for your law "Somehow, that bull fat, lower cholesterol means are knew those other critters antin breading Longhorns to more there uniting for herd stock. The costle industry that describers to the brink of entiretion has been alone a chee Eventually, the Forces

Service Rangers and their

"We were walking. Im McCoolen became the supervi-

sor of the Wichita Report the walded London whose chambional by Will Resear Thoule to him and other courses. Landons are once again theiring.

helpers collected 20 cows.



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