

# the real horse whisperer

"He was a kind, gentle soul. He had a more humane way to treat animals. He never, ever used a whip. Never raised his voice."

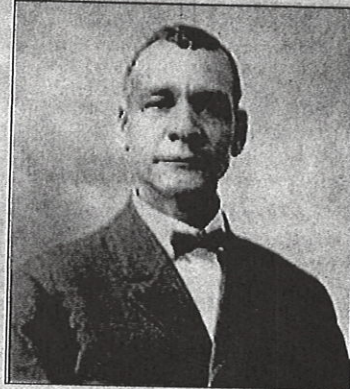
Bass didn't go to school, but his wife taught him enough math so that he wouldn't get swindled when he purchased and sold horses.

Without an education, too, he invented the "Bass Bit," a more comfortable horse bit, Pratt said. Previous tools for the same purpose had inflicted pain. The Bass Bit design is still in use.

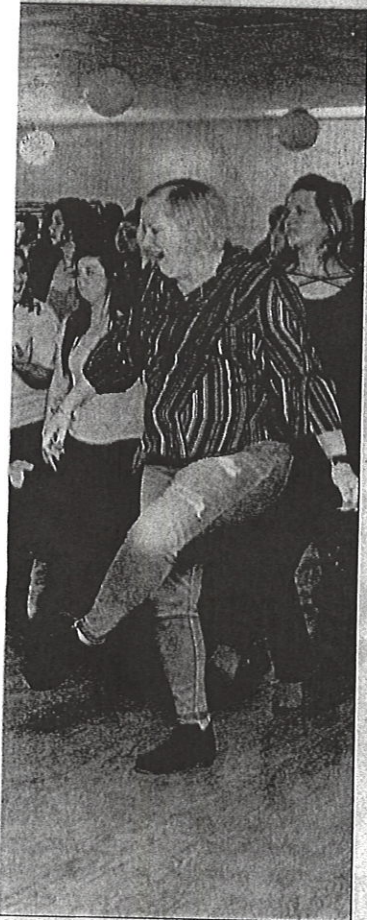
Because of Bass, people came from around the world to Mexico to buy American Saddlebreds.

"We were the (American Saddlebred horse) capital of the world. Tom Bass played a hand in making that the case," Pratt said.

Pratt said guests will see possessions once owned by Bass. They should expect a lively presentation. Books on the topic will be available for purchase.



Tom Bass



Association Feb. 9 at the Wright

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