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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

October 23, 1940.

Mr. Charlie McCarthy,
"All-American Cowboy without a Cow"
Care Mr. Edgar Bergen,
9118 Hollywood Blvd.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Charlie:

Your letter of September, A. D., received and I am delighted to know that the Shady Oak Farm hat arrived safely. This entitles you to membership in a unique organization known as "The Shady Oak Cowboys Hang-on Club" the qualifications of which are that you shall be a cowboy without a cow.

Mr. Bergen is a member of the Club and the entire membership has accepted you with enthusiastic approval. We hope that the next time you happen to pass through Fort Worth, we will have an opportunity to give a party in your honor as the newest and youngest member in the Club. This will probably burn Bergen down as this courtesy has not, as yet, been extended to him.

I always enjoy listening to your radio programs and, frankly, my sympathy is with you as I think Bergen is a little tough on you at times. On the other hand, I am sure he means well and has an affectionate, fatherly feeling for you; so, don't be too hard on him. You must remember you are a youngster while Bergen takes on both age and weight as he goes along and all of the famous brands of hair tonic have failed to help him. It is human nature for him, even though unconsciously, to be a little jealous of your popularity with the girls. Being older than you, I sympathize with Bergen in this predicament, although I have become accustomed to the handicap. As a youngster, you probably will not appreciate what this disqualification means until it happens to you - so, give Bergen a break, now and then.

Naturally, I would not presume to inquire

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into your financial remuneration as I am sure that Bergen takes good care of you. Though he may be a little tough occasionally, be patient for as he grows older your responsibilities of carrying on the work will increase and, eventually, your income and personal privileges will be accelerated in proportion to the circumstances.

At the first opportunity, I hope you will have your picture made in the Shady Oak Farm hat and send a couple to me. You will note the hat is inscribed, "Shady Oak Farm, Fort Worth - Where the West Begins - The latch string always hangs outside - Amon Carter". Therefore, be very careful where you leave the hat as it has my name in it.

With best wishes at all times, I am

Sincerely,

A. G. Carter

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