

SHERIFF FAYETTE COUNTY 26 YEARS

Never Had To Draw Gun

Brownsville, Aug. 21. — For 26 years a sheriff and he never drew a gun.

That's the record of August Loessin of Fayette County, who this week attended the forty second Annual convention of the Texas Sheriff's Association.

Texas Lawbreakers were no cinch to handle in 1894 when Loessin was first elected. Horse stealing and cattle rustling were the favorite pastimes.

But Loessin, a massive man, trusted to his physique and his will power rather than his firearms and he always won out.

The story of Loessin's career is one of popularity with her constituents and distinct unpopularity with the law-breaking element. He has met the safe-cracker face to face, subdued professional thugs and stepped in to stop family feuds. But he never drew a gun.

"What's the use of using a gun when you can get along without it." is Loessin's philosophy. "Lots of times I've had to take hold of 'em and shake 'em up a bit. But a gun? —well it just wasn't needed."

They swear by Sheriff Loessin in Fayette County. He's been re-elected so many times that the voters have come to regard it as a matter of form. This time, as in most other election years, he did not have opposition.

Thirty eight years after he was born in Fayette county this unique man decided to run for sheriff. Six others wanted the job and a warm fight developed. But two of the aspirants dropped out and Loessin led the four by a wide margin.

Only twice since that time has Loessin had a contest on his hands. Running for his third term he had as his opponent Percy Faison, county attorney, whom he defeated by approximately 2500 votes.

The last time anyone disputed the office with Loessin was in 1912 when the late Fred Tate, who was killed in Brownsville while in the federal service was defeated.

Loessin is still Sheriff of Fayette county and nobody will hazard a guess as to when he won't be.

But he never drew a gun.

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