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**Painter of realistic landscapes and historical Western scenes, born in Fort Payne, Alabama in 1922 and living in Santa Fe, New Mexico since 1964. Twenty-two years in the Marines have predisposed him toward the military, especially the horse cavalry that has become a primary subject for his oils. He has painted all his life, studying art for four years and graduating from Howard College in 1943. After leaving the service, he became a writer and illustrator of Western and wildlife books. Johnson has worked full time as an artist since 1970. A member of the Western Writers Association and of the American Indian and Cowboy Artists, Johnson is represented in 600 collections and is listed in Who's Who in American Art, Western Painting Today, and in Contemporary Authors.**

**#26 Lufkin City Hall – Oil painting on board. Night scene of a wrangler and four horses.**