



RUMBLING INTO MAIN STREET of "Doom Town," tanks take position in Nevada desert in preparation for nuclear test to determine best methods of safeguarding public. (International)

Deputy Sheriff of Colorful Wild West Quits After 48 Years as Peace Officer

By ART SRB
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Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — Nebraska Deputy Sheriff E. E. Clark, 71, a colorful holdover from the old West, put aside his shooting irons Sunday after 48 years of chasing law breakers.

"I can't remember when I didn't carry a gun and I don't recall when I got my first pair of boots," he said.

Before he was 15 he saw a couple of men killed in gun fights.

When he was "just a little shaver," Clark recalls sitting around camp fires and listening to ranch hands brag about how they killed a sheriff or committed some other crime.

"When I heard killers talking," he said, "I thought to myself, by golly, some day I'm going to grow up and be a sheriff."

Now, after almost half a century of chasing cattle thieves and other law violators, he said:

"I'd do it over again exactly the same way if I had the chance."

But Sunday Clark quit and retired to Arizona, "to a land where there are lots of good cow people."

Born in Graneros, Colo., Clark spent the early years of his life rounding up cattle, taking part in rodeos and worshipping at the feet of such western heroes as Buffalo Bill Cody.

The old West was drawing to a close when Clark pinned on his first badge and started chasing rustlers on horseback. Later he was to use automobiles

and planes.

In 1920 he was made a state deputy sheriff and now he is assistant chief cattle investigator for the Nebraska Brand Committee.

The advent of the roaring twenties and the automotive age did not greatly reduce cattle rustling, he said.

"Stealing was so bad there for a while ranchers couldn't get loans on their cattle," he recalled.

Clark said he had several "close scrapes" with irate mobs that wanted to take his prisoners away from him. Once, he bluffed a mob by threatening to return to a prisoner his guns.

The desperado had killed two men and wounded another, and Clark told the mob, "you'll have to come and get both of us."

They didn't take him up on it, and Clark put his prisoner safely behind bars.

135 Students End Pre-Registration At Talent High

Talent — Pre-registration was completed at Talent High school Friday with some 135 students indicating their schedules for the coming school year. This is the second year that this extensive program has been followed.

Each incoming freshman is asked to plan his four year high school course schedule. He then takes his preregistration form home, and talks it over with his parents, making any changes that seem desirable. Each freshman parent is then asked to come to the high school for an individual conference with school authorities.

The total school program is briefly explained to the parents, as well as what is expected of Talent High school students. The parents have an opportunity to talk over their child's schedule with the high school principal, and any special problems that their child may have.

This plan was first started last year, and was received so favorably by both parents and educators that it has become a permanent part of the pre-registration program.

The final steps of the plan occur during the spring of each succeeding year, when the student's pre-registration form is returned to him, and he has an opportunity to make any changes that he desires, or that his adviser believes to be advantageous. The student then takes his revised schedule home, talks it over with his parents, secures their signatures, and returns the schedule to the school.

GRANGE

Phoenix Grange met in regular session Apr. 26 with all officers present.

The charter was draped in memory of Sister Anna DeGroot. Mr. and Mrs. Patton and Evelyn Niedermeyer were obligated in first and second degrees and Myrtle Ferns and Christine Dinsmore presented tableaux which were enjoyed by the Grange members.

It was decided to participate in the Community May Festival and Olen Poe was elected to represent the Grange in a co-ordinating committee.

At the May 10 meeting the lecture hour will consist of the Grange Memorial program.

Refreshments were served by the Bates, Lacy and Jacksons.

Roxy Ann Grange H.E.C. will meet Wednesday, May 4, at 1 p.m. at Roxy Ann Grange hall. Hostesses will be Caroline Wolfe and Lillie Meadows.

Reese Creek Club The Reese Creek Renegades met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Moore on April 26. Our leader, Cliff Moore, gave us a test over several different articles which had been read at previous meetings. Marrelna Nelson read a short piece on "Remodeled Cows Fit Today's Market," from the Better Farming magazine.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Moore.

Next meeting will be held at Mr. and Mrs. Esp's home on May 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Carole Nelson, Reporter.

Today's Okinawa Would Surprise Veterans of World War II Fight

(Following is the first of two dispatches about Okinawa.)

By EARNST HOBERECHT
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Fort Buckner, Okinawa — (U.P.) Japanese and American troops who took part in the World War II battle for Okinawa would be surprised if they were to visit the place today.

The scars of battle are just about all gone. It doesn't even look like Okinawa any more. From the air and from the ground, this place looks like an American community.

That's what it is. Okinawa not only is one of Uncle Sam's major military bases, it also is a bit of authentic America transplanted in Asia.

Things are so good here now that American servicemen are asking to be assigned to duty here. That's a far cry from the old days. Immediately after World War II, Okinawa was known as "The Rock" and it was the place all persons hoped to avoid.

Duty was terrible. Living conditions were bad. Morale was low. The place has nothing to offer.

But all that is changed now. Happy People There are four-lane super-highways, concrete typhoon-safe houses, golf courses, fancy clubs,

Wrap leftover cooked meat tightly and store in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

suburban housing developments, fine beaches, resorts, good weather, nice shops and many other changes brought about by 10 years of hard work.

The United States probably doesn't think of Okinawa primarily as a nice place to live. Uncle Sam really is interested in this place as an important base in its line of Far Eastern defense posts.

However, in rebuilding this island and in constructing the necessary military facilities, it was only natural that things should develop along American lines.

The American theme has been developed not only in the U.S. construction but also in that of the Okinawans who appear to have had access to a lot of American books and magazines—including the mail order catalogs.

In three days of looking around Okinawa, I found more people who were happy where they were than I've met around any other military installation in Asia.

Things work here, one American housewife explained to me. "We drive on the right hand side of the road. Hot water comes out of the hot water faucet. We have good schools and wonderful recreational facilities. It's just about like back home."

This fact is impressed on a person who has an opportunity to fly around the island in a small plane. I spent an hour on such a sight-seeing tour and had to keep reminding myself I was over Okinawa and not over some booming community in the U.S.A.

Not all of this new American community was built by the U.S. military forces. There are private American business con-

cerns on Okinawa today. These include dress shops, automobile agencies and many others.

The latest contribution to the American community is a privately owned newspaper, the Okinawa Morning Star. It is edited by Robert Vermillion, a former United Press war correspondent.

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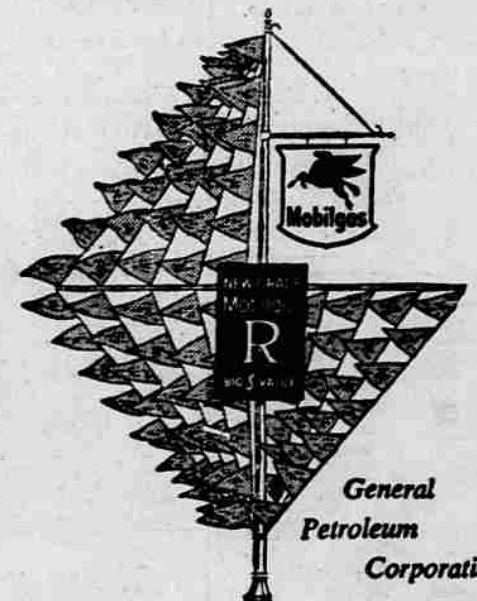
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