

Cattle Rustling Still Major Problem in Dodge City

4-H NEWS

Smart Cookies
The 12th meeting of the Smart Cookies 4-H club was called to order recently at the home of Mrs. W. R. Flory by President Kayrn Ricks. Myrna Young led the 4-H pledge and Alice Minger led the pledge of allegiance. The discussion was about future plans, and it was decided to have a slumber party some time during the summer. Helen Norris and Alice Minger did a demonstration on pizza, which was served for refreshments. We went bowling recently at Roxy Ann bowling lanes with the money we made on our cake sale. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Flory June 10. Alice Minger, Reporter.

Bear Creek Cookers
The last meeting of the Bear Creek Cookers 4-H club was called to order by our president, Jane Miller, at the home of our leader, Mrs. Sutton, 503 Spencer st., Medford. We discussed the results of the judging contest recently and the meeting Saturday afternoon when the Eagle Point Cookers plan to visit. We had two visitors, Mrs. Ruth and Joyce Lorenz. Another meeting was called to order by our president at the home of our leader, Mrs. Sutton. During the meeting, we introduced our guests, Mrs. Hayes from the Bear Creek Cookers, and 10 of her guests from their club. The meeting was adjourned and we had a party. Games and dancing followed, along with refreshments. Carol Sutton, Reporter.

Miss Sterling Gets Schluhscholarship
Maryhurst-Miss Janet Sterling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sterling, 15 Geneva ave., Medford, has been awarded the Michael Schluhscholarship for \$250 at Maryhurst college here. Miss Sterling, a home economics major, attended high school in Ronan, Mont.



SHERIFF LOOKS BACK—Jim Davis, sheriff of Dodge City, sits in his office and recalls that his predecessors, Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson, dealt with cattle rustlers when Dodge was "Queen City of the Cow towns." The only person who says there isn't any rustling going on today, according to Davis, is the one who doesn't have any cattle. (UPI)

Space Exhibit Is Set for Portland

Portland - America's largest space technology exhibit—the "National Aeronautics and Space Administration's 'Space for the Benefit of Mankind'" will be on display for a month at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, opening Saturday, June 1. The 120-unit display, which will include a 72-foot tall Scout rocket and a full-scale model of Mariner II, the spacecraft now speeding toward the planet Venus for a fly-by in December, arrived by trucks from Washington, D.C., this week. NASA crews will set up the massive exhibit for its first public showing Saturday, June 1. Portland will be the second city in the U.S. to have an opportunity to view the new NASA outerspace display which was first shown in Cleveland, O., during a ten-day "space fair."

Rep. Walter Said To Be Growing Weaker
Washington—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) suffering from leukemia, is growing "weaker." Dr. Darrell C. Crain, his physician, said Wednesday "the congressman has not been as strong as he was last week at this time." Walter has been in Georgetown University hospital during recent weeks and has been ill most of the year. Today's supermarkets stock up to 8,000 items, compared with about 1,000 just 20 years ago.

Firemen Called To Extinguish Trash Fire
The Medford fire department was called to extinguish a blaze in an unattended trash burner in the 700 block of South Grape st., about 6:40 p.m. Tuesday. The department responded after receiving a complaint of heavy smoke from neighbors, firemen said.

By JACK BRANNAN
United Press International
Dodge City, Kan. — (UPI) — when Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson served as marshals of this southwestern Kansas town, it was known as "The Queen of the Cow Towns." That title has faded into obscurity, while the exploits of Dodge City's two most famous marshals have grown into legends. But a law enforcement problem common to both the marshals and the town still exists: cattle rustling. "The only person who says there isn't any rustling going on anymore is the one who doesn't have any cattle," said the modern-day counterpart of Earp and Masterson, Ford County Sheriff Jim Davis. "An' we plan to make rustling a non-profit business around these parts." Davis is the type who would

Department Returns Youths to Parents

Boys apprehended in the recent series of Jacksonville burglaries have been returned to their parents to allow them to complete their year-end examinations, according to Jackson County Juvenile Supervisor Larry Tweedy. Their cases will be considered further, he said. Three juvenile cases were considered Wednesday and a few will be considered Friday. Wednesday, a 17-year-old girl was returned to her mother under the rules of probation. A 14-year-old boy charged with being beyond parental control was returned to his parents under the rules of probation. A 17-year-old boy charged with disorderly conduct was remanded to adult court.

have been looked upon as a "dude" during Dodge City's cow-town days from 1872 until 1887. He is a former school teacher, wears glasses, speaks articulately and is neatly uniformed. But cattle raisers in the area believe Davis is the right man to solve their rustling problems. He recovered 27 head of rustled cattle, worth about \$3,000, during his first month in office this year and arrested four men. "But I'm sure this won't be the end of it," Davis said. "So we're really going to crack down on the rustlers." Davis said modern day rustlers have an easier life than did their frontier counterparts, who used horses instead of trucks. But the law has some new advantages on its side, too. "Take for instance that first rustling case we had," said Davis. "We noticed cattle grazing on some land in the soil bank program near here. "Since they were on soil bank land, we checked them out and found no one could establish ownership. Then we found out they had been stolen. That led to recovery of the 27 stolen cattle and the four arrests." Davis explained how the technique of the modern day rustler compares with that of the rustlers who plagued Earp, Masterson and other frontier cattle town marshals. "They used to fight off the herd guards, take out some cattle or the whole herd, then take them over a long trail drive to get them away from the area where the brand was known," he said. "Now they go out to a herd, take a small steer or heifer and throw it into the back of a pickup truck. They usually take the little stuff, because it isn't branded. "They can take the stolen cattle to a nearby cattle sale, too, because the dealers don't get suspicious when one or two little ones without a brand are sold." Davis said many of the cattle stolen in Ford county are sold in the Dodge City markets. "But we're going to get it stopped, I'm sure," he said. Davis admitted, however, that Earp and Masterson once thought they could stop rustling, too.

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