

## The Cowboy: Irishman, Vaquero Virginian Has 400 Year History

WASHINGTON — He was born an Easterner, rode a Moorish horse, took his ways from Mexico, and became a legend. His business title: American cowboy.

Today, often enough, the cowboy is a college man. He inspects electric fences in a Piper Cub. His range reaches to the Florida Glades, ranches near Philadelphia, the prairies of Long Island. He's a capitalist.

When came the first cowboy? From Ireland, from Spain, from backwoods Massachusetts, from Tidewater Virginia, the National Geographic Society says. He rode a long trail to become a hero of the Old West.

**Tory "Cow-boys"**  
By Webster and other weighty dictionaries, a "cowboy" is (1) A boy who tends cows, (2) A Tory marauder and cattle-raider north of New York City in the Revolutionary War, and (3) A mounted western cattle herder.

Both word and job are older than 1776 in this country, yet at the same time considerably younger. Red and black kine grazed on the Commons of Jamestown and in Puritan Massachusetts by 1635. About 1655—full 300 years ago—cattle were driven east to Boston from the then far-west outpost of Springfield on the Connecticut River. Though English and Scotsmen used "cowherd" or "drover," the word "cowboy" was known in the colonies by 1670. Irish fieldhands may have brought it, for the term occurs in Irish balladry of 1,000 years ago.

Cattle were known in the New World 150 years before 1670. Small sharp-horned Andalusian cattle and fine-bred Barbary horses came to Mexico with Spanish conquistadors within 30 years after Columbus sighted Hispaniola. Coronado took cattle north of the Rio Grande in 1540. It was prophetic, perhaps, that the first white man to cross Texas was Cabeza de Vaca whose name meant "Head of a Cow."

Huge Spanish haciendas sored cattle slowly north on the grassy Mexican tablelands. Herds ran wild and multiplied. Half-wild vaqueros—"cowboys"—rounded them up to burn or cut the Hidalgo brand on the calves.

**Spanish Vocabulary**  
From these Mexican vaqueros, Scottish and English frontiersmen drifting into what is now Texas learned their trade and forged a cattle kingdom. Their animals, their tools, even their

words were Mexican: mustang, sombrero, poncho, corral, bronco, adobe, vigilante, vamoose, stampe.

But no market existed for Texas cattle. All possible selling points were too far away. Herds grew larger still. Then came the California gold rush and the crossing of the continent. The railroads followed.

At the Civil War's end the "Iron Trail" reached west into Kansas, and Texas herds began moving north to meet it. Over the Red River, amid clouds of dust and the whoops of hard-driving saddle-bred cowhands, longhorns streamed by the millions—gaunt, bawling, wild-eyed beef on the hoof.

They surged into Abilene, Ellsworth, Newton, Wichita, and Dodge City. Other herds moved on north following the Long Trail to Wyoming's lush grass, Montana, and Alberta. They went west to New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. They took a new Texas-style life with them.

The cowboy rode into national hero-worship on the Chisholm Trail only 90 years ago. Yet he is four centuries old on this continent. His longhorn now is almost an extinct breed. White-faced Herefords, glossy black Angus, Shorthorns—tamer, meat-solid breeds have taken over the range. The cowboy is tamer too, and easier to fatten.

### Don't Go to Farm For Safety Haven

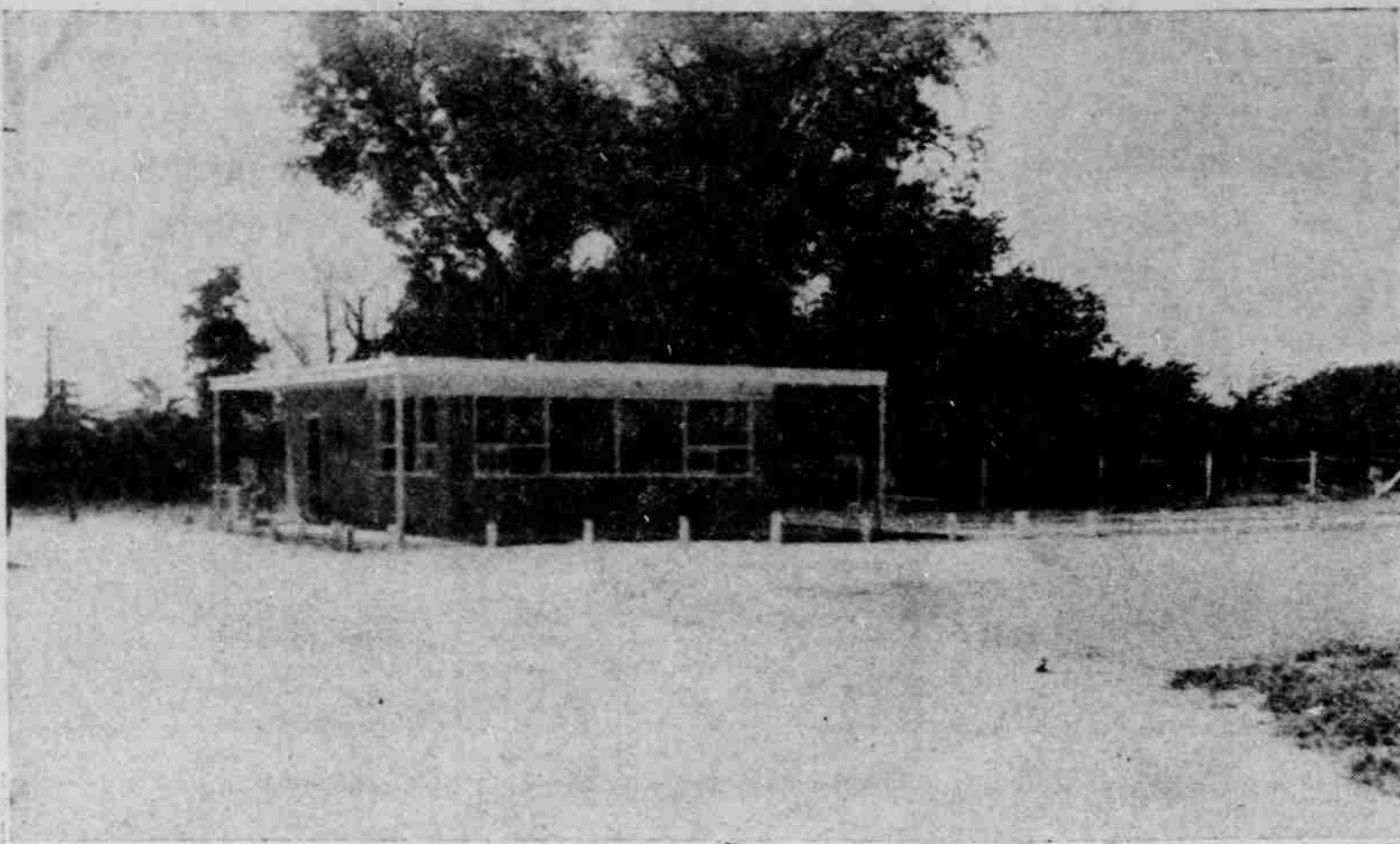
CHICAGO — Does crossing a city street leave you a nervous wreck? Do you long for the safety of farm life?

Well, you had better think twice. For the 1955 edition of the National Safety Council's statistical year book, "Accident Facts," shows that agriculture ranks among the most dangerous of industries.

Only high hazard occupations such as construction and mining surpass the accidental death rate of farm workers.

**ELECTRIC BOOST**  
In terms of power alone, the strength of a man in prime health is worth much less per day than the cost of a single cigarette, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. With electric power behind him, the American worker has multiplied his productivity many times.

## New Drive In Opens at Platte River



This is the main building of a new drive in eating place which opened Wednesday on the banks of the Platte river, at the river bridge north of Plattsmouth. Known as The Riverside Drive In, the cafe is being operated by Eva Kerns. Service is to the car to a special patio overlooking the river, or at the counter.—Journal Photo.

## Quick 'Belt Up' Draws a Tangle



Tom Kraeger hops off his tractor to try to unsnarl a belt in a tractor "belt up" test at the Glen Kraeger farm. The belt became tangled as Tom started to back for tightening. This was in connection with a terrace plowing exercise on the farm Thursday. A practice rodeo was held by the Trouble Shooters tractor club to get ready for the Cass County Fair competition.—Journal Photo.

## United States Is Playground For Canadians

WASHINGTON — Americans, accustomed to thinking of Canada as a vacationists' paradise, may be surprised to learn that Canadians think the same of our country—only more so, says the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Figures show that Canadians spent more money in this country last year (\$311 million) than Americans spent in Canada (\$284 million).

Even more surprising is the number of Canadian visits across the border. In 1953, the figure was 23,300,000 while the number of American visits to Canada that year was 28,025,000. Since the population of Canada is only 15 million, it's clear that a good many Canadians are making several trips a year to this country.

Also, the Chamber points out, when the difference in the populations of the two countries is recalled, the proportion of Canadians visiting the United States, as against U.S. visitors to Canada, becomes even more startling.

The Chamber suggests that the apparent eagerness of Canadians to spend their money in this country might persuade us to be a bit more liberal in accepting Canadian currency—especially since the Canadian dollar is worth more than ours.

## Preacher Roe Revealed Spit Ball Use to Make it Legal

When Preacher Roe disclosed in a national sports magazine recently that the outlawed spitball was his "money pitch" during his seven years with the Dodgers, the outcry was immediate and prolonged. But Roe stood his ground, with head unbowed. And now, in an exclusive interview with J. G. Spink, publisher of The Sporting News, he replies to his critics.

Roe takes back nothing. "If I'm a sinner," he says, "some others are going to the bad place, too." His only purpose in reporting his use of the spitball, he says, is that he wants to help bring it back to the game as a legal pitch. His only regret is that he may have put Pee Wee Reese or Billy Cox in a bad light. He was quoted in his spitball article as saying that once in a while after the ball had been tossed around the infield, Reese or Cox would come up to the mound, drop the ball easy into his glove, and says, "Give us a goo pitch now."

"I must have told it wrong," he told Spink. "If Pee Wee, Cox or anyone else on the Dodgers ever helped me throw a spitter, I don't know anything about it. I'm sorry if I told that part of the story a little wrong. It's the only thing I feel bad about."

He doesn't feel bad about the rest of it. As he said to Spink in The Sporting News interview, "I told my story with just one point in mind—to show that the spitball isn't dangerous pitch, and in the hope that maybe it could bring it back as a legal pitch. I'd just like to live long enough," he went on, "to see 'em put in one rule that would help the pitcher. Everything in recent years has been done to help the hitter and handicap the pitcher. They've made the strike zone smaller. They let the hitter crouch, wear loose shirts and put stuff on his bat—pine tar, rosin, everything under the sun."

"They put the three-second stop rule on the pitcher, and made his keep both feet in contact with the rubber. The pitcher must deliver the ball within a given time, but the hitter can back out of the box all he wants. They've brought the fences in closer and made the ball livelier. In view of all these advantages to the hitter," Roe said, "I figure the pitcher is entitled to try to help himself."

Roe told Spink that maybe he

threw one or two spitters a game, and now some people are trying to make out that that was all he threw. "I had some other good pitches," he said. "If I threw a few spitters, I didn't hurt anybody physically. I didn't steal any money, I didn't break any moral law, I didn't sin against God."

"Opposing ball clubs," he went on, "will steal your signs and nobody thinks that's wrong. They call it smart baseball."

Roe said that before he told his story about throwing the spitter, he asked the advice of many friends—writers, relations, businessmen and bankers. Only one man was against the revelation. Pitcher Carl Erskine of the Dodgers.

His only regret, as we said before, is that he may have given "em impression that Pee Wee Reese knowingly aided him. "But as to the rest of the story," he told Spink, "my conscience is clear. I don't think I did anything wrong. My only purpose was to bring the spitball back to give the pitcher a break he needs."

### FITTING TO DAVID CITY ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Jerry Eiting, former president of Plattsmouth Rotary Club, goes to David City today where he will give the address of welcome to that city's newly organized Rotary. Eiting was born and reared in David City and deems it somewhat of an honor to be invited to his home town for a guest spot on their program.

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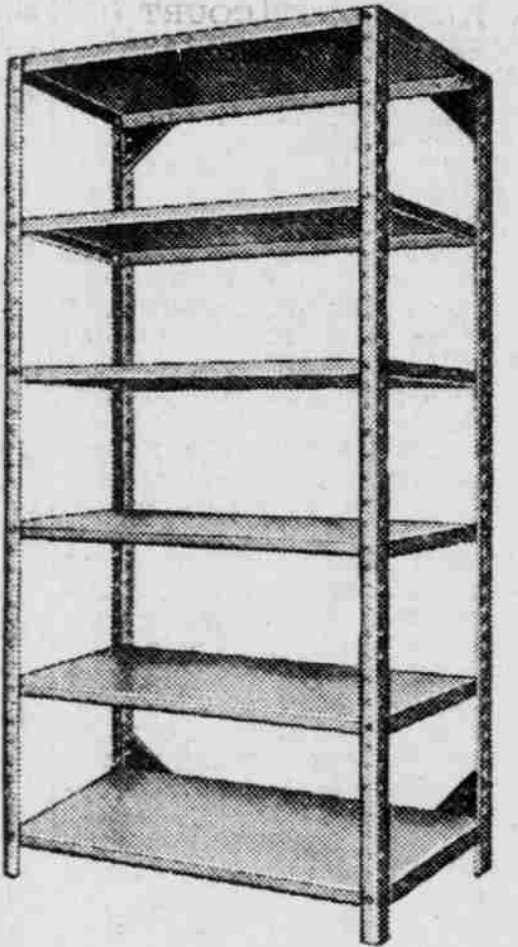
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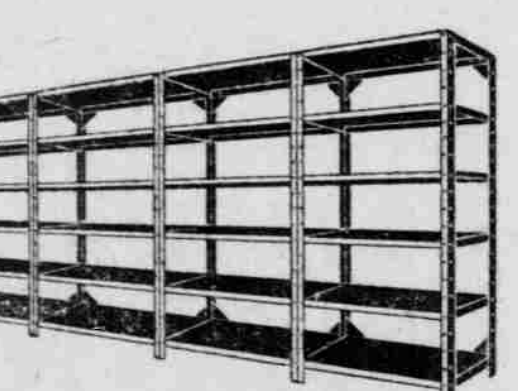
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### MURDOCK

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Richard Stock and La May Kraft of Louisville spent the weekend in Estes Park. Left Friday evening and returned home late Sunday evening.

Mrs. William Winkler of Lincoln visited at the home of Mrs. Ida Thingan on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amgwert of Lincoln spent Friday visiting relatives here.

The Lions club met Thursday evening for their regular session with 13 members and one visitor present.

Herbert and Amanda Klemme arrived home on Friday from a 18-day trip to the West Coast.

Mr. Dick Brummer, who underwent surgery a week Saturday, was able to come home on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lodge Caygill of California, have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Schewe and family this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger went to Oakland over the weekend to visit Mrs. Krueger's brother and wife.

Mrs. Ed McCrory's father passed away Sunday at his home in Kansas. Funeral services will be Tuesday in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlueter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Von Spreckleson and daughter, Mr. Von Spreckleson's mother and Miss Esther Luetchens left late Wednesday afternoon from Omaha for their eight weeks trip to Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wendt lost their car and garage by fire early Tuesday morning, the origin of which is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenow will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 7, by having open house from 2 to 5 at the high school gymnasium.

The R.N.A. Lodge met Wednesday evening for their regular meeting with a good attendance in spite of the heat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Stock and family left Monday morning for a trip to the Black Hills and other places of interest.

schools, poor housing and untrained social workers are factors the judge listed as contributing to the expected increase in child crime.

## Syracuse Puts Platters Out Of Tournament

Plattsmouth's Junior League baseball team bowed out of the district tournament at Louisville Monday night when they lost to Syracuse by a score of 12 to 2.

That ended the season for the Plattsmouth team.

Syracuse took a 2-1 lead in the first inning and the Platters couldn't head them. They led 2-1 as they poled out 11 hits off the pitching of Denny Hirz.

Plattsmouth touched Syracuse's Paulson for five hits. Kaffenberger hit a double; Hirz tripled and singled; Lewis and Long furnished a single each.

Paulson hit a triple and a double off Plattsmouth pitching but the remainder of their hits were for one base.

Score by innings:  
Plattsmouth 100 100 0 2  
Syracuse 220 330 2 12

## Premium Money Is Up at State Fair

Premium money offered during the 1955 Nebraska State Fair, September 3 - 9 will reach a record total of \$66,662.00 according to the Fair Board Secretary Ed Schultz.

The 1955 prize money offering represents an increase of approximately \$1,230.00 over the previous record figure which was set by the 1953 exposition.

"We have been steadily increasing the amount of premium money offered ever since 1946," said Schultz. "This year's record total includes an increase in cash awards in practically every department."

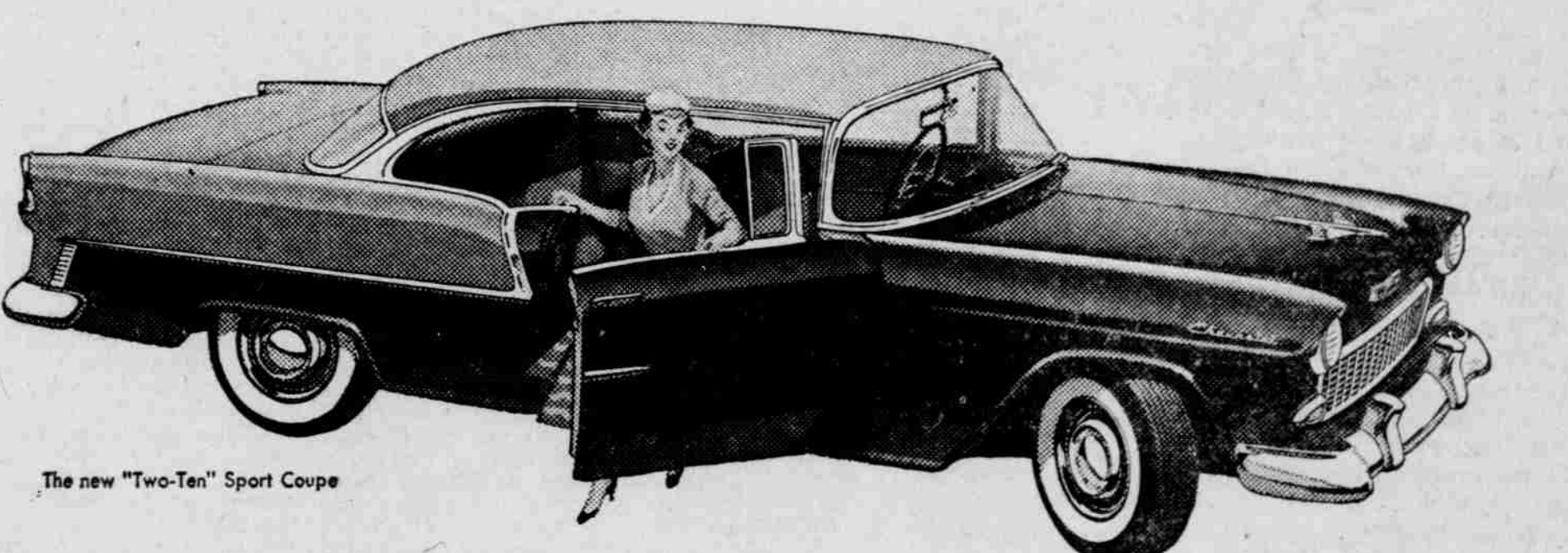
"The cash premiums offered in addition to the ribbons, trophies, and merchandise awards that are made in the various classes," Schultz pointed out.

## CHILD CRIME RISE

An increase of fifty per cent in juvenile delinquency by 1960 was recently predicted by Judge Philip B. Gilliam, court judge from Denver, Colorado, who said that by that time, most "war babies" will have reached the delinquency age of 10 to 18. "Sloppy parenthood, inadequate

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