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QUANTRILL'S RAID — On Aug. 21, 1863, William C. Quantrill and his band of 450 horsemen rode into Lawrence, Kan., at dawn. Four hours later they rode out after killing 150 men and burning and looting the town. This drawing from the Library of Congress collection, shows a woman pleading for the life of her husband during the raid. —UPI Telephoto

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Quantrill's raid leaves 150 dead, town in ashes

By MERTON T. AKERS
United Press International
William Clarke Quantrill paid off his grudge against Lawrence, Kan., on Aug. 21, 1863 in blood and fire.
The Confederate captain's guerrillas — about 450 hard-boiled, straight-shooting horsemen — struck the sleeping town at dawn.
Four hours later they rode back toward Missouri with their loot, leaving at least 150 men dead and the town in ashes.

Of the dead all except 17 were citizens just turning out of bed to start their day's work. The 17 were unarmed Union recruits, all of them teenagers.
Quantrill's hatred of Lawrence dated back to the border fighting before the Civil War when Kansas was being formed under the "squatter sovereignty" provisions of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
Anti-slavery men, especially New Englanders, decided the new state should be free. Pro-slavery men, especially Missourians, were equally determined it should be a slave state. Both sides sank their partitions as early as 1854.
The original settlers of Lawrence were anti-slavery and the town soon was known as a hotbed of abolitionism. The fighting between Kansas and Missouri lasted periodically until it was merged into the greater conflict of the Civil War and Kansas was admitted to the Union in 1861 as a free state.

Born in Ohio, Quantrill was born in Canal Dover, Ohio, July 21, 1837, and originally was a school teacher by trade. He drifted west and lived for a time in Lawrence under the name of Charley Hart. He soon became a part of the outlaw "hat-world" on the frontier, turning his hand to whatever exploit seemed to pay the best regardless of which side it was on. By Civil War time he definitely

burning and looting the town. This drawing from the Library of Congress collection, shows a woman pleading for the life of her husband during the raid. —UPI Telephoto

Rancher stymies \$91 million project

TRUCKEE (AP) — All ranchers asked him what it would take to move him. Others involved in the project besides this firm are Kaiser Engineers, Richard Costain Ltd. of London and Enterprises Campion Bernard & A. of Paris.
Dobbas asked that his horse barn, corals and fields be replaced somewhere else. The bulldozers, he says, agreed.
They built a 13,000 house and a barn seven miles away. But, Dobbas notes, the long water pipe from a spring to the house is above ground "and would be useless in this Sierra weather. At 1,000 feet elevation, early freeze frosts are to be expected. And I object to an exposed intake from the spring, which is exposed to animals."
He also objects to the priority given to his wishes by the bulldozers. Rather than the house and barn first, he says, "a cattleman's first needs are corals and a loading chute. Next in importance are fenced gathering fields, in which the cattle can be funneled to the corals, a barn and a house — in that order."
Can Sleep in Barn
"I can always sleep in the barn," said the bachelor. "Dobbas is also upset at being good grazing land, moving higher in the mountains and farther from civilization. All this will book his costs by \$2,000 a year."

Dobbas, a 4 foot, 5 inch, 250-pound cattleman, has worked cattle in the French Meadows area southeast of Truckee in Northern California since 1929.
But now the area is needed as part of the French Meadows Reservoir, important in the huge Middle Fork American River Project designed to be part of a system carrying water from Northern California to Southern California sometime in the 1970s.
More than 600 acres have been cleared. But right in the middle, surrounded by tall trees, is an acre and a half where Dobbas lives.
Weekend Ridge
When the bulldozers approached Dobbas' green island in a sea of dirt, they were met by the rancher, and his three cattle dogs. The weekend ridge, and they haven't been back since.
Dobbas says it was then that an American River construction

Missing man found in Sierras
PORTERVILLE 629 — A Southern California man who became lost in the High Sierras during a rock hunting trip was found on 7,500-foot Needles Ridge.
"Thank God, I'm glad to see you," said Frank Zug, 50, of Arroyo, when found by Leland Osburn, a Sequoia National Forest ranger.
Osburn discovered Zug when he went to investigate smoke along the ridge.
A forest spokesman said Zug was a "little hungry" but otherwise in good condition when found Wednesday. He left his camp Tuesday night.

"Kill! Kill!" he shouted to his men as they spread over the little town of about 2,000.
The Eldridge House guests were robbed. The building, only recently erected, was pillaged. Then the guests were herded to the City Hotel around the corner and the Eldridge was set afire. They were kept prisoners there during the rest of the raid and not further molested. The City Hotel proprietor had befriended Quantrill earlier when he was in Lawrence and presumably that is why the guests received special treatment.
Quantrill carried a list of men to be killed. At the top was the name of U. S. Sen. James H. Lane who lived in the west part of town. He dashed into a cornfield and escaped.
Gov. Charles Robinson lived on Mt. Oread. He hid in his attic, saw the site of the University of Kansas for several days.
Union Camp
The Union recruit camp lay in their path. The young soldiers were just rolling out of their blankets when the guerrillas struck. Seventeen of the youngsters died under the heavy cavalry in a few minutes. Five escaped as the guerrillas rode down their tents. The recruits were uniformed but armed and were waiting to be mustered into Federal service in the 14th Kansas. Quantrill and one of his lieutenants, Capt. William C. Gregg,

His motto—church, yes; atheists no

PHILLIPSBURG, Kan. (AP)—A Kansas has divided during the years and its population now represented, withdrew it. He made his new offer in a letter to the Phillips County Review, a weekly newspaper. He proposed to give a new unused bank building in Speed to the town's people for use "as a church and community meeting place."
The announcement stirred up a furor in Speed and the doctor, Sprad has no church now,



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