

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

A call to police officers in September of 1937, reporting that livestock at a neighbor's residence in Butlerville, were starving, resulted in an unexpected discovery. What did officers find?

ANSWER

When deputy sheriffs arrived at the residence rented by the Harrisons, they found a veritable loot storehouse. Property, allegedly, recently stolen from a Salt Lake home and a Sandy home was identified. It was also determined that the whole house had been furnished with stolen property. At the time the home was raided by officers, the Harrisons were being held in the Box Elder County Jail on charges of burglary. With the discovery, officers were able to clear eight burglary cases, four in Salt Lake County, two in Utah County, one each in Davis and Box Elder Counties.

Deputy Sheriffs said the Harrisons had been "in the habit" of visiting rural communities during "fete" days and cleaning out homes while the occupants participated in the celebrations. Their journey to "Peach Days" in Brigham City resulted in their arrest.

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