

## Ranchers Trail In 115 Horses

Cover 125 Miles  
In Five-Day Ride

Confronted by a truck shortage, ranchers of Musselshell and Petroleum counties reverted to the pioneer method of bringing livestock to market and trailed in 115 head of horses sold Friday at the Billings Livestock Commission company.

The group, traveling five days overland, trailed the herd along the west side of the Musselshell river from Mosby to Musselshell, where the river was crossed, and struck out over open country. Camp was pitched each night to the wall of coyotes. Some riders bedded down on the prairie and others maintained night watch on the horses. Approximately 125 miles were covered.

Bill Stroup and Floyd Barkdoll were in charge of the herd comprised of geldings, saddle stock, mares with colts and work horses. Largest number of horses sent to market by one owner in the herd totaled 40, belonging to Tip Adam.

In addition, 451 work horses were sold Friday at the auction yards for shipment to Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, California and Iowa. A. H. Langman, manager, said. Shipments of saddle stock were received from the 4-K ranch owned by Mickey Cochrane and Frank Book, he said.

He reported the market active and strong on all types. Prices range upward from \$24, he said. There is a demand in Billings for 35 coal black horses for the newly-organized Shrine Patrol. Horses must be well broken and stand 15 to 16 hands high, Langman said.

A cattle, sheep and hog sale Saturday at 9 a. m. is scheduled at the commission company's yards. Next Friday registered Hereford bulls will go over the auction block. Fred Reppert will be auctioneer, it was announced.

## Mickey Cochrane and Frank Book Owners of 4K

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