

Cattlemen's

A brief history

❧ Cattlemen's 1926-1945 ❧

WHEN H.V. Paul took over Cattlemen's in May of 1926, he was eager to serve those that worked in "Packing Town". At that time, thousands of people were employed by the Stockyards and the two major meat packers, Armour and Wilson. The trolley car circled the block and transported the workers down Exchange Ave. to downtown where they would catch another trolley to carry them closer to their homes.



BEING one of the only cafes that remained open after sundown, Cattlemen's attracted a variety of

clientele, some of whom were quite colorful. During prohibition, other "liquid culinary delights" were "brewed" in our kitchens. Along with a good home cooked meal, one might also be able to take home a little liquid libation. As such, the original building didn't change any during this time.

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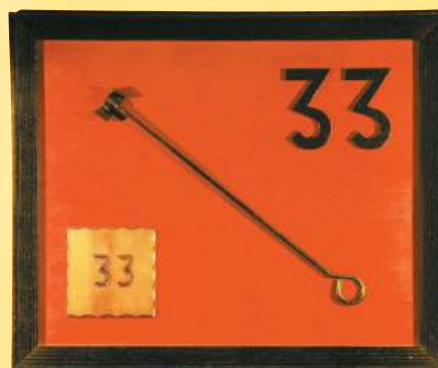
CHRISTMAS EVE, 1945, found young Gene Wade downtown in a smoky room at the old Biltmore Hotel. Having been known to throw a pair of dice now and then, Gene hooked up with Hank Frey (the owner of Cattlemen's) in a hot game of craps. When Hank's money ran out, he put up Cattlemen's against Gene's life savings, if Gene could hit a "Hard Six" (Two Threes).

THE 3 3 Brand still on the wall in the Hereford Dining room gives credence to Gene's luck on that cold winter night before Christmas.

SINCE 1945, Cattlemen's Cafe has become a gathering place for all kinds of folks. The 1950's brought the addition of the restaurant portion, known as The South Dining Room. Recognizing the public's desire to eat out more often, The Hereford Room was later added, to cater more to those who preferred to "Dine".



TODAY, like a good wine or woman, Cattlemen's continues to improve with age. We continue to emphasize the finest cuts of beef, in a relaxed atmosphere, with attentive service. We hope you'll toast to our colorful past, our exciting future and return often with family and friends.



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S T E A K H O U S E

In 1910, Cattlemen's opened its doors to proudly serve Cowboys, Ranchers, Cattle Haulers and the like. Over the years, we've been known to sneak in an occasional lawyer, doctor, businessman, movie star and about anyone else. (A Republican president even made it in once!)

Our insistence on the best quality for our customers has made Cattlemen's an enduring dining tradition in Oklahoma City. We proudly invite you to join our tradition.



