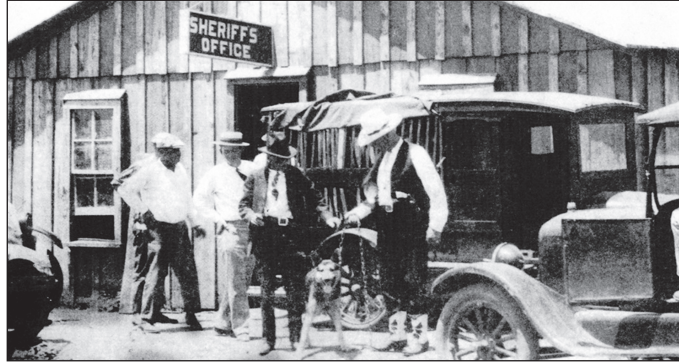


A LOOK BACK IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY HISTORY



"Two-Gun Dick" Herwig

Early Borger's town government fell under the control of an organized crime syndicate led by Mayor John Miller's shady associate, Richard "Two-Gun Dick" Herwig. (the dandy on the right in the white hat and pearl-handled revolvers) Herwig was named the town's chief law officer by his buddy, the Mayor. Herwig brought a number of "friends" with him to staff his city marshal force and "police" the new town. Herwig's boys sanctioned and supervised saloons in open defiance of Prohibition and supplied illegal barrooms their own lines of bootlegged alcohol, beer and narcotics. They also collected weekly fees from prostitutes. Their criminal behavior and the murder of District Attorney John A. Holmes by an unknown assassin on September 13, 1929 resulted in Martial Law in the City of Borger when the Texas Rangers and the National Guard arrived on September 30th, 1929. A military-type court of inquiry was convened and very soon, "Two-Gun Dick Herwig" and his henchmen were behind bars. ■

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