

Molalla Rancher Picked For Cattleman Of The Year

The stockmen's choice for Clackamas county Cattleman of the Year is Cecil Snyder, Molalla rancher. Snyder's cattle improvement program and community leadership earned him this honor bestowed annually on a county cattleman by his fellow stockmen.

Since assuming the ownership of Robin's Hill ranch, a mile southeast of Molalla on the Dickey Prairie road, Snyder has worked steadily toward his goal of maximum livestock production. His 350-acre ranch includes 170 acres in grass, 135 acres in grain, 45 acres in young fir timber, and 40 acres in the farmstead.

Snyder's wife Deborah, and children, Sarah 9, Joe 7, and Ann 3, are enthusiastic supporters of this livestock farm. Sarah has a 4-H sheep project, started this year with a purebred Suffolk ewe.

The cattle improvement program on Robbins' Hill ranch revolves around a record keeping system for the 58 cows and purebred Polled Hereford bulls which produce top-grade steers fed on the ranch. Using individual cow record sheets obtained from Oregon State college, each cow has a recorded number which is also a shoulder brand and at regular intervals pertinent information is recorded for each animal in the herd. Calves are tagged with large, round numbered ear tags soon after they are born. These numbers tie in with the cow's identifying number on the record sheets and provide positive identification when taking weights and for recording observations while the calves are growing. A set of livestock scales installed permanently in the corral system completes the production testing equipment on Snyder's ranch. Calves are weighed at weaning age, as yearlings, and at regular intervals while they are on feed. This system is recognized as the most efficient method of culling beef cattle because it identifies the animals that are inherently good or poor gainers. Snyder finds that during dry lot feeding there is often as much as one pound per day difference in the daily rate of gain between the better-doing steers and the slow gaining animals.

Handling cattle is often a problem on small stock farms but on Robbins' Hill ranch it is easy.

The corral system includes a loading chute, stock scales, a branding chute which is V-shaped and is 14 inches wide at the bottom and 32 inches wide at top, a steel squeeze chute, three pens and large easy-swinging gates. The gates open in the direction which will facilitate easy movement of the cattle through the pens. The corrals are made of farm-cut posts, rails, and rough 2x6 lumber.

Providing covered feed space for winter feeding of hay and grain and for dry lot feeding of market steers and heifers is a part of the livestock expansion program on Snyder's ranch. Recently completed is a remodeling job which adds 3500 square feet of shed space to an existing barn. The feed barn has 150 tons of grain storage space.

It takes about 1 1/2 tons of hay to winter a cow on this ranch. If the hay is of poor quality because of bad haying weather, Snyder feeds 1 pound of cottonseed meal pellets per day as a supplement. Calves are wintered on the best quality hay available and in addition get 3 to 4 pounds of whole oats daily. Snyder says that increasing the winter gains by liberal feeding will also increase the summer gains on grass.

Proof of Snyder's increasing skill in feeding steers was evident in August when five of his thousand-pound steers topped the market in Portland. In feeding these market-topping steers, Snyder utilized alta fescue and New Zealand white clover to a large extent but supplemented the pasture with grain and finished them with sixty days of dry-lot feeding. His present program of livestock production includes the purchase of feeder steers and finishing them on pasture and in dry lot along with the cattle that are produced on his ranch. All cows and heifers have been tested and are free of brucellosis. Since local veterinarians do not advise vaccinating for Blackleg in this vicinity, this preventive measure is not required locally. Snyder's insect control program includes spraying for grubs each year in January and again in March. Homemade "backrubbers" consisting of burlap sacks wrapped around barbed wire and saturated with a solution of DDT and oil control horn flies in the summer and fall. Only bulls that have been

Mariners Slate Halloween Party

SANDY—A masquerade Halloween party will highlight the Saturday, October 8, meeting of the Sandy Mariners club to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Metzger. Members must come either in costumes or wearing masks. Prizes will be given for the outstanding costumes.

During the business meeting nominations will be made for all officers to be elected at the November meeting.

graded and are registered purebred sires are used in this herd of graded commercial cows. One bull from the Dick Hibberd Polled Hereford ranch, Imbler, Oregon; another from Rowheim Brothers at Scio, Oregon. A registered yearling Polled Hereford bull from a registered cow purchased from Dick Hibberd is on a feed trial test at present. The daily rate of gain, conformation, feed efficiency will determine whether this bull is used in the herd or goes to market.

Cecil and Deborah Snyder are always busy with community affairs. Cecil is a member of Molalla 35 school board and Deborah, a member of the Molalla library board.

Cecil Snyder won his nomination as Cattleman of the Year for his efforts in improving his own farm and livestock and for his interest in helping his fellow man improve himself.

Sandy Locals

William "Pop" and Emma Ranow entertained members of the Sandy high school faculty and their wives at a social gathering at their Mabery home following the football game held in Sandy last Friday evening.

Home over the weekend from classes at Pacific University at Forest Grove were Donna Meling, Sherry Cain, Judy Keller and Millie Dyal. Donna attended the Rainbow Installation Saturday evening at the Masonic hall.

Jeanne Scales, student at the University of Oregon, was home for the weekend. She participated in the Rainbow installation ceremonies held Saturday night as installing marshal for her sister Ann, who was installed worthy advisor of the group.

Mrs. Jack Williams and small son of Pendleton are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. Jack, who is with the State Police stationed at Pendleton, is working with State game officers near Heppner during hunting season.

Leo and Phyllis Calhoun of La Mesa, California, are spending a two week vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Grace Christenson and visiting her brothers and families, Frank of Rhodo-

dendron and John of Sandy. Mrs. Carrie McCormick and Mrs. Helen Dahrens returned last Saturday from an extended trip east to Minnesota. The two women left Sandy September 8

by auto enroute to Perham, Minnesota, where Mrs. McCormick visited relatives. On their way east, they stopped at Spokane and visited with Mrs. McCormick's sister. They report a fine trip and good weather all the way.

Garland Seaman family. Another stop over was made at Chinook, Montana for a visit with Mrs. McCormick's sister. They report a fine trip and good weather all the way.



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Barker's Bugle

Howdy Folks:

The best way to get rid of a noise in your car is to let her drive.

Did you ever stop to think that a marriage license is like a dear hunting license — it entitles you to one dear and no more.

Drug Store Clerk: "Did you kill any moths with those moth balls I sold you the other day?"

Customer: "No, I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit one."

Doctor: "Do you have any scars on you anywhere?"

Sailor: "No, but I've got a pack of cigarettes in my pea-jacket."

Never ask a man raised on a chicken farm if he was once a happy, barefoot boy.

A bachelor, left in charge of his infant niece, was faced with a crisis. He frantically called an acquaintance, who was a parent, and who solved the problem in this man-to-man fashion.

"First, place the diaper in position of a baseball diamond with you at bat. Fold second base over to home plate. Place baby on pitcher's mound, then pin first and third to home plate."

The cocktails on a salesman's expense account sometimes run into a good figure.

Etiquette is learning to yawn with your mouth shut.

Cop: "Use your noodle, lady, use your noodle."

Lady: "My goodness where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

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