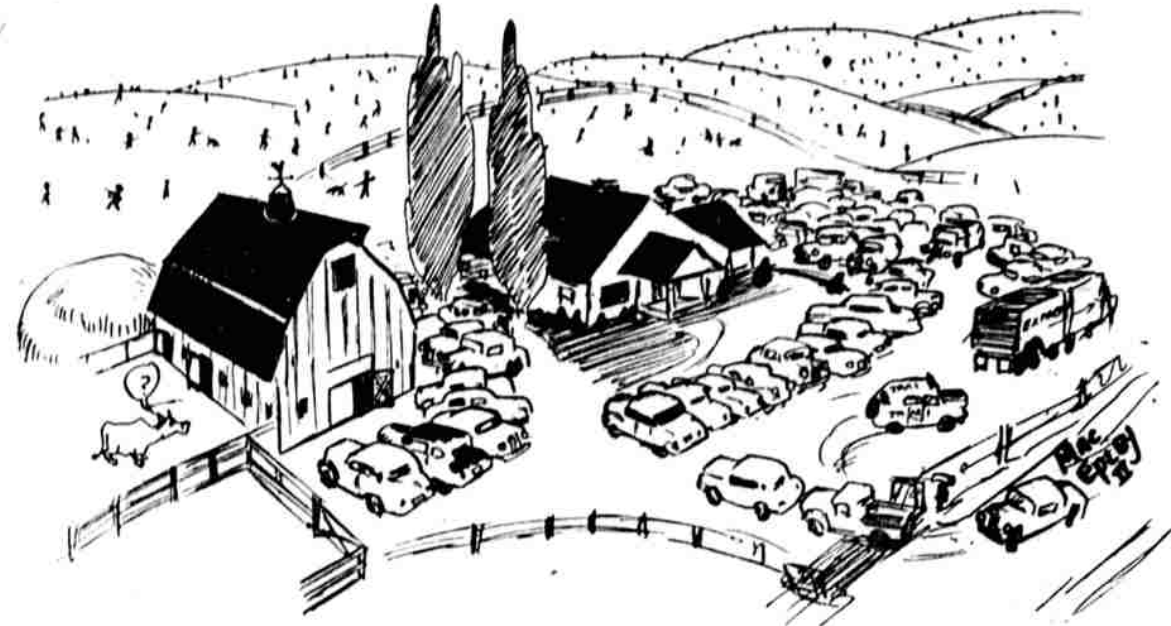




All year long Farmer Guff slaves with no help at all. But come bird season, when the work's all over, he's the most popular guy in the county.

Klamath's "Cattleman of the Year" Is Lifelong Klamath Cattle Rancher

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

Dan Liskey, one of Klamath's native sons and a lifelong rancher, has been named Klamath county's "Cattleman of the Year."

Dan was selected by a committee of local cattlemen and cattle experts, and was picked as being the outstanding personality in the basin in respect to the three elements asked in selection of the county's cattleman.

Operating his Lost River ranch and a natural wildlife sanctuary in Poe Valley, the 64-year-old cattleman developed his place from rock and sagebrush to one of the

West's prize cattle-raising locations. He now has 5000 acres of valley bottomland and hillside slopes in which he not only breeds and grows excellent livestock, but also farms hay and other of the basin's diversified crops.

Among his 1000 head of commercial stock is a basic herd he uses for breeding stock—150 purebred animals, some of which have won top breeding stock in the West and done well.

In developing his ranch, Liskey instigated the irrigation system which transformed drylands into high-yielding pastures.

The Lost River ranch is a small unit of the once great Liskey holdings which Dan and his brother, the late Dave Liskey, developed over the past years. In the early 30's they obtained the Lost River land area and in 1938 made the new ranch the headquarters of their operations.

In speaking of his successes in his recent cattle business, Dan is likely to say "We've had a little luck."

An important part of Dan's life, and an important element in his selection as the county's top cattleman this year, is the Liskey fellowship with youngsters.

In last year's Rotary Junior livestock show, Dan and his wife, Mabel, put up as many or more prizes than any other individual operation for winners in different divisions—and then they turned around and

purchased 4-H and FFA stock.

Symbolic of their interests in youth and youngsters is the attraction the Liskeys have among the younger group. This Saturday a group from Agin high school, Adin, Calif., has planned a tour of the Lost River ranch premises.

Aside from fine cattle and fine pasture, Dan Liskey's sheep raising is another line that has brought him prominent note. Among them is a herd of Suffolks, considered by some experts as the best in the country. And December 18 Liskey has been asked to participate in a forum at Salem with the Oregon Purebred Sheep breeder's association, representing southern Oregon and its grass production.

Liskey's selection, under a committee headed by Klamath Cattleman association Pres. Gerry West, sets him up in competition with cattlemen from Lake, Malheur and Harney counties for the district title, and from there the district winner goes to the state contest.

Dan Liskey, Klamath's best of the year, is symbolic of Klamath country and its progress in agriculture.

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Calf Care Has Good Returns

Care with calves means more cash returns later from the cow into which they mature. So indicates farm Advisor Ken Baggett of the University of California Agricultural Extension service in suggesting ways dairymen can bring about better calf sanitation.

He says that dirty calf buckets provide an ideal place for bacteria to grow and then pass into the calf's digestive system. The buckets are easier to clean if they are washed before the milk becomes dry. They should be rinsed with cold water and then be washed thoroughly with hot soap and water. After being rinsed, they are hung in the sun to dry.

Calf pens need to be well-ventilated, provide a lot of sunshine, and furnish adequate protection during cold weather. They should be easy to clean. Many dairymen follow the practice of keeping only one calf to a pen during the first two or three weeks. When the calf is no longer needed it should be cleaned thoroughly and be sprayed with a suitable disinfectant.

Even under the best care, pens cannot be kept entirely free from bacteria and virus. So it is advisable to put calves out on pasture at as early an age as possible.

Survey Shows 21.3% Farmers for Harry

Only 21.3 percent of 401 farmers and farm women said they would vote for President Truman if he were running for re-election today, according to a spot check made by County Gentleman magazine in September in all sections of the country.

The national farm magazine reports in its November issue that 71.4 percent said they would not vote for President Truman and 7.3 percent were undecided.

The magazine's check was made by its field correspondents in 23 states. The question asked was, "Would you vote for Pres. Truman if he were up for reelection today?"

In the 1948 presidential election Pest soil, rich agriculturally and common in many parts of the basin is hard to quell once it starts burning.

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