

Guy Rutland's 300-Acre Quarter-Horse Ranch South of City is Widely Known

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One of the outstanding registered quarter-horse breeders in the heart section of the four-state area, Guy Ray Rutland, Route 2, Independence, has turned what started out to be natural need for horses on a cattle farm into a profitable business and his livelihood.

Rutland lives with his family on a 300 acre ranch south of Independence and about two miles east of the Independence Country Club. He and his wife, Millie, have three children, Clifford 13, Becky 11, and Jeff 2. With the exception of Jeff, the Rutlands are members of the First Christian Church and attend regularly.

Guy Ray, as most of his friends call him, has been around horses all of his life. He grew up in Okemah, Okla. and Osage County, Okla. where horses are a necessity. His dad, Ray, always had horses on his farms and Guy Ray grew up with a love for good horses.

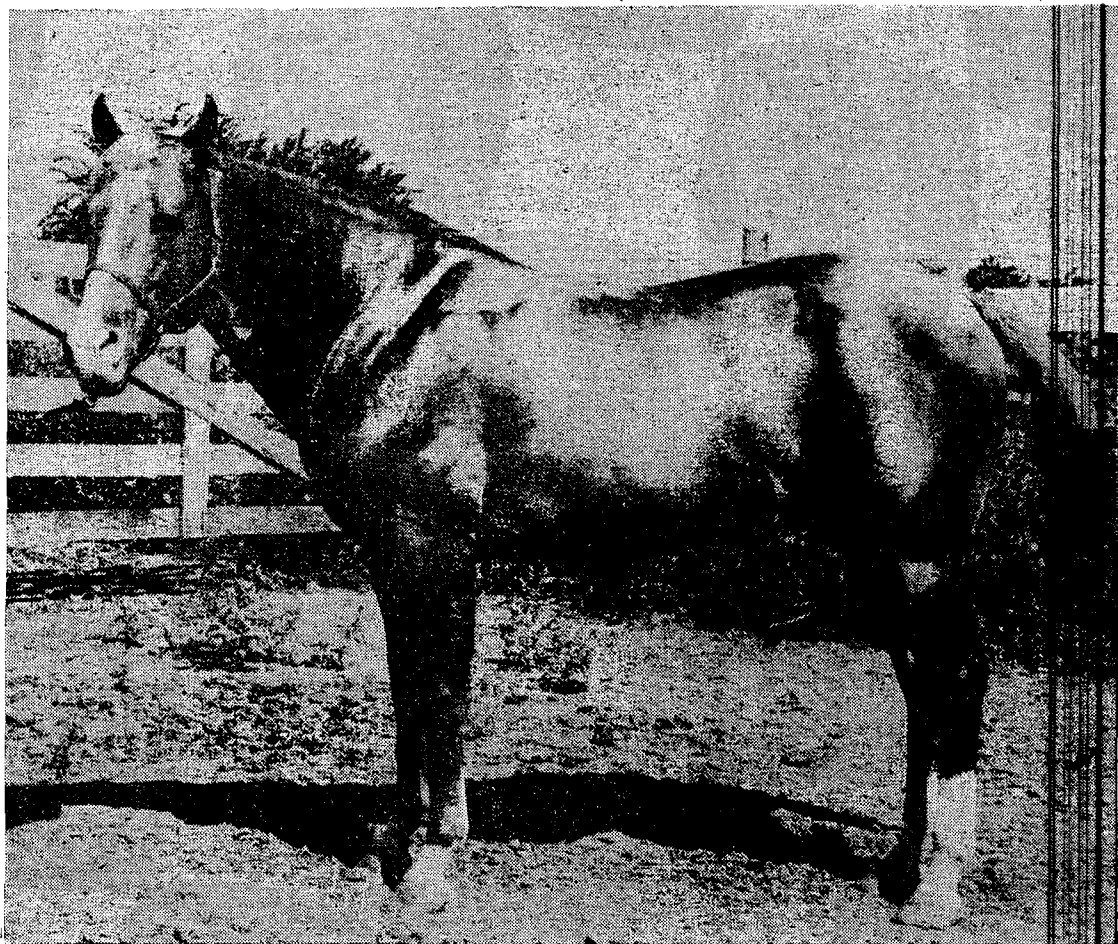
He started out in the registered quarter-horse business in 1946 when he purchased the fashionable stallion, "Gold King Bailey, P-9941." Foaled one year earlier, Gold King Bailey is the grandson of "King P234" reputed to be the king of all quarter-horses.

A palomino, Gold King Bailey, was a consistent winner on the race track and in the show ring. He was grand champion at the Denver and Ft. Worth Fat Stock Shows, two of the biggest in the United States. He is a Triple A producer and is now used strictly for breeding purposes. He is one of 125 horses on the Rutland Ranch, most of which are registered.

The Rutlands moved to Independence in 1950 and took up residence on their ranch. Guy Ray owns a 480-acre farm northwest of Independence and has been using it to pasture cattle. On his ranch he has 40 acres devoted to wheat. There are 10 buildings on the ranch and many pens and corrals.

On the ranch, the Rutlands have a one-quarter mile graded race track through the wheat field. They have three starting gates which provide the training needed for winning race horses.

The breaking of the horses is done by Guy Ray and his son, Clifford, and Darrell Hare of Longton who has been employed there this summer. Darrell and Clifford both at-



GRAND CHAMPION STALLION — One of the finest quarterhorse stallions in this section of the United States, Gold King Bailey P-9941, owned by Guy Ray Rutland, Route 2, Independence, has been grand champion at the Denver and Ft. Worth Fat Stock Shows. Heading the Rutland herd, which now numbers about 125 registered quarterhorses, since 1946, Gold King Bailey was a consistent winner on the race track. Foaled in 1945, he was by Hank H, P-2154, son of King P-234 which is reputed to be the king of all quarterhorses and Queen H, P-1372, and out of Beauty Bailey P-696, by Old Joe Bailey. (Reporter Photo)

tended the Community College last year.

Out of the 125 horses, 35 are colts and 50 head are brood mares. Rutland is cross breeding the fillies of Gold King Bailey and Star Bright Moore, a bay, bulldog type of stallion that has been a grand champion show ring horse and winner at cutting, roping and reining at official quarter-horse shows. He is developing a blood line of superior quarter-horses with characteristics of both stallions. As Guy Ray puts it, "I am developing horses that can do something." The new line will have the speed of a race horse, the styling of a show horse, the sense of a cow horse and a good disposition.

"Star of Texas" and "She'll Do It" are two of the Rutland

race horses. The former horse is a stallion and the latter is a filly. Rutland has entered horses in races all over this area and has had about 100 winners. Clifford did most of the jockeying until his weight surpassed the accepted standard of about 115 lbs. Most of the jockeying now is done by a professional, hired at the race

track. Clifford does most of the training.

His family usually goes with him when his horses are racing in a big show, such as at the Centennial Track in Denver. Guy Ray belongs to the American Quarter Horse Association and to several other smaller ones, including the Oklahoma Quarter-Horse Association.

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