



PREPARATION FOR SALE — Lloyd Snyder of Cedar Vale, be held Saturday, Oct. 13. Snyder and Walton have been instrumental in the building of the huge barn driving 60 miles a day during the winter months to work on it. (Reporter Photo)

Quarterhorse Event

Rutland Sale Here Saturday

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Guy Ray Rutland, leaning on the handle of a beat-up shovel, had just finished helping with the installation of the auctioneers stand in his new barn on the 300-acre Rutland Ranch near Independence, in preparation for his seventh annual quarter horse sale to be held Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at noon.

When it was commented how busy he looked he slowly stated, "I'm-always busy, unless you can catch me between 12 midnight and 5 a.m."

With the upcoming sale and a new barn he does have his hands full. This will be the first sale in the completed 320 x 250 ft. barn. In terms of major construction, the barn, with 148, 16 x 16 ft. stalls, is finished, but it is "the fine points that need work." After the arena area is graded and smoothed, over 750 chairs, rented from Memorial Hall must be set up and bleacher room for 250 people must be arranged.

Rutland commented that two men were instrumental in the construction of the barn. They were Lloyd Snyder of Cedar Vale and Ike Walton of Miami, Okla. Both drove the 60 mile distances from their homes every day all last winter to help with the barn. "They are friends and customers," he further stated.

The metal pipe which is a major part of the construction material used in the barn had to be sanded and painted since it had rusted badly. Rutland ended up doing most of that work himself and still isn't finished with it. "If you want a job done right I guess you just

have to do it yourself sometimes." All the stalls have pipe doors wide enough for a lift to go in and clean them out. A lot different from the shovel and pile method remembered by many. Another feature of the barn is the folding gates which make several portable stalls when needed.

One luxury for the human visitors to the barn will be the new offices being built on the front. Hoping it will be finished in time for the sale, he commented, "It's like having the chrome put on your pickup. It looks nice but you don't really need it."

After the arena and barn is in shape the horses will have to be bridle - pathed and groomed just prior to the sale. This year 75 weanling colts, which will sell for approximately \$1,000 each and 65 older horses and yearling colts along with some brood mares, will be sold. They will probably sell for \$1,300.

He expects a crowd of over

2000 people and probably with just cause since catalogs of the sale were sent to every state in the union except for two. The reputation of the good bloodlines of the Rutland stock is known across the country.

Principally a breeding ranch, he has 150 brood mares and five studs. Five men work full-time along with his son, Cliff, on the operation. Jeff, another son, helps when he is home from Manhattan where he is a freshman majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. Rutland doesn't have a full-time "vet" now so he does 75 to 90 percent of his veterinary work himself. "Maybe someday I'll get my vet."

The two top studs on the Rutland ranch are Pacific Bailey and Jet Stop. Pacific Bailey has earned a string of credits too numerous to name, but he definitely has been bred for speed. He is the winner of four Futurities: Ozark QHA Futurity, Kansas Bred Futurity, Blue-stem Downs Futurity and Eastern QHRA Futurity. A sorrel

stallion, he was foaled in 1963. He weighs 1,350 pounds and stands at 15.2 hands high or 60.8 inches.

Jet Stop was foaled in 1967 and now weighs 1,200 pounds. He is 15.1 hands high or 60.4 inches. He was never raced due to an injury, but two of his full - sisters have earned over \$20,000.

There is not too much training that goes on at the ranch except for halter breaking colts. The one hobby of the Rutlands is running animals in the quarter horse races. Cliff used to train the racers but that has come to a halt with the sale in the immediate future. The other two trainers used by the ranch are Bill Wigger of Coffeyville and Jack Sutton of Neodesha.

This sale could be termed the family affair for the Rutlands because the whole family will be involved in some capacity. Mrs. Cliff Rutland will serve as the ring clerk; Mrs. Guy Ray Rutland as the office manager; Cliff Rutland as the sale fore-

man; Jeff Rutland as the yard foreman; and Mrs. Becky Rutland Barr as the "Tennessee Consultant." What is left to Mr. Rutland? "Oh, I'll just sit up in the auctioneer's stand and tell lies," he laughingly said.

With the sale probably running six hours, Dean Parker of Auburn, Calif. will serve as the auctioneer. He has been Rutland's auctioneer for every sale.

Several magazines will have representatives serving as ringmen: The Quarter Horse Journal, Mike Hudson; The Quarter Racing Record, Benny Scott and Ben Hudson; The Quarter Racing World, Walt Wiggins and Scott Taylor; The Ranchmen, Henry King; Heart of American Horseman, Duke Neff; Kansas Quarter Horse, R. L. McMillan; The Horsetrader, Duke Neff; Southern Horseman, Hal Thompson; and the Horseman, Tex Rogers.

If it is a cold day the buyers in this barn won't have to worry, the electric infra-red heating system will keep it quite cozy.