

Her Candid Camera's A Cheery Cow Catcher

THANKS to her prime location, photographer Ruth Ann Angus rarely has a problem rounding up appealing-looking models. Getting them to cooperate can be another matter, however!

"I've combined my interest in picture-taking with my interest in cows," she elaborates on the development of *The Candid Cow*, her shutterbug business based in the country around her Morro Bay, California home.

The demand for the special brand of photography done by Ruth Ann—whose very first snapshot when she was still a girl was of a friendly brown-eyed Jersey—stems from ranches, dairies and national farm publications.

"I've gone on assignments throughout the West and Southwest," she notes. "But I'm fortunate to live in one of the top cattle counties in California. There are *lots* of cows here that I can choose from for my photographs, too."

Ruth Ann does shoot some traditional posed photos for animal breeders. As the name of her unusual enterprise suggests, though, "I prefer candid shots of cows in their natural setting," she reports—even knowing from experience the kind of challenge it can be coaxing bovine beauties into saying *Cheese*.

"Often, just when I have my equipment set, the cows all take off for the back 40!" she chuckles. "Then there was the time I was framing a Hereford in my camera's lens...and turned to find

myself face-to-face with her 'suitor'. I got out of that bull's pasture fast!"


Luckily for this picture-perfect lady, she has an abundance of friends always willing to lend a hand when she

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needs it—right down to serving as official cow tail holder! And, thanks to her own sort of barter, she never comes up short of suitable bovine subjects.

"Country folks are a big help when I have to find just the *right* Longhorn, Limousin or Holstein for a photo project," Ruth Ann remarks. "So, at round-up or chore time, I return the favor—by pitching in at their places."

You see, for this happily rural photographer, working with cattle *without* a camera in her hands is also rewarding...and a fine way of making sure that her focus stays sharply on the country!

Editor's Note: For a brochure on her photo work, send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to Ruth Ann Angus, *The Candid Cow*, 705 Anchor St., Morro Bay CA 93442. 

MOVING PICTURES are country specialty of aptly named Ruth Ann Angus (top left).

