



It has been said that quadruplets among beef cattle occur once in every 14 million calvings, but these four little Aberdeen-Angus aristocrats are only interested in a square meal at the moment. Born March 10 at Scenic View Ranch, owned by O. H. Delchamps near Point Clear, Alabama, they have plenty of blue blood. They are daughters of the 1954 Alabama State Fair Angus champion, Ankonian 3298th, and granddaughters of 1949 International Grand Champion Angus bull, Eileenmere 1032nd. Their dam, Blackbird SF 8th is 5 1-2 years old and has previously given birth to three single, normal calves. The little heifers will receive the registered names of Blackbird 625th, 626th, 627th, and 628th. They were one week old when this picture was taken.

Chicago Yards Seeking Oldest Shipper; Many Records Destroyed

CHICAGO — The Chicago Stock Yards is delving into ancient, dusty records and asking for help from anyone whose memory goes back more than half a century in an effort to find the names of individuals to be honored at an Awards Banquet on June 14 next as a feature of its 90th Anniversary celebration.

The task might not be so complicated were it not for the fact that many records were destroyed in the stock yards fire of 1934. For that reason, the Awards Eligibility Committee which will determine the winners, seeks the aid of individuals having first-hand knowledge of livestock farmers who have shipped animals each year to the Chicago market for 50 years or more.

Plaque or Cup Awarded

Top guest of honor at the ceremonies to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Stock Yard Inn will be the oldest active shipper to be selected from among the half-century group of award winners. Each will receive an appropriate plaque or cup in recognition of his contribution to the long and meritorious record of the Chicago livestock market.

The records being studied encompass shipments of more than a billion head of livestock. Nominations of livestock farmers for the honor must be made either in person or by mail to the Anniversary Awards Committee, Room 116, Exchange Building, Chicago Stock Yards, not later than Tuesday, May 15.

Others to be honored include the oldest active livestock salesman, livestock buyer, individual trucker and railroad man, operating at the market.

Cross-Section of Market

All interests at the Chicago market are participating in the big celebration. The Awards Banquet is being sponsored by the Stock Yards Club of Chicago which represents a complete cross-section of the market — commission firms, livestock buyers, banks, packers and the Chicago Union Stock Yards.

The Chicago Stock Yards reached its 90th anniversary on last Christmas Day. President William Wood Prince announced the Awards Banquet as the first of two or three appropriate events to be held this year to properly commemorate the ac-

complishments of the oldest and greatest livestock market in the nation.

Since the opening day, Dec 25, 1865, more than 1 billion 10 million head of livestock have arrived at the market. When the billionth animal arrived on Sept. 7, 1954, the entire livestock industry joined in a fitting celebration ceremony under the arch of the famous Old Stone Gate Entrance. President Price presented a check of \$1,180 to the livestock farmers who shipped the animal to market, representing a dollar a pound for the Hereford steer which was given the appropriate nickname, "Billy the Billionth." Bert Fevold & Sons of Humboldt, Iowa, were the shippers.

40 Times Around World

At that time, the statisticians figured that if a billion animals were placed in a single line head to tail, the line would stretch around the world at the equator nearly 40 times. They figured, too, that it would take an automobile one year traveling at a speed of 103 miles an hour to reach the end of the line of the billion animals. And should the animals pass by in a parade, one every three seconds, it would take nearly a century to pass a given point.

The billion animals represent a value of \$31 billion which, in statistical fancy, would create a pile of silver coins that might go sky high if we let the boys with the slide rule continue. But by anyone's standards it's a staggering volume of business, and the pace goes on as the market operators look ahead.

TIMBER FIRE STOPPED

Banbridge Fire Co. men Monday night extinguished a woods fire on the farm of Jonas Forrey at Stackstown. No damage was reported. Refuse being burned got out of control and caused the fire, it was said.

EDINGER RETIRES

Paul E. Edinger, assistant director of agricultural and home economics extension at the Pennsylvania State University, will retire July 1, ending 41 years of educational service. He was county agricultural agent in Cumberland county from 1917 to 1929.

The World's merchant fleet has tripled since 1900.

Newsprint output and use set new records in March.

State Farmer Title Won by Erie Countian

Robert C Boyd, 34, R1 North East in Erie County, Pennsylvania's "Outstanding Young Farmer" and three runners-up were honored Saturday night in a banquet at the Palmyra American Legion Home with the Pennsylvania Junior Chamber of Commerce as hosts.

Also honored were Ralph M. Horst, 32, R3 Lebanon, and Donald E Lanus, 29, R3 York, second and third place winners respectively.

Cited for setting the example of progressive farming, the three were the state's top men in the national search which reached its conclusion in Pittsburgh Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Boyd, married and the father of two children, is part owner and manager of a 204-acre Erie county farm, specializing in dairying and orcharding. Mr Horst, is married and has three children, a veteran of World War II, holding a Bachelor of Science degree from the Pennsylvania State University. Operating 190 acres, he specializes in orcharding and is a member of the Lebanon Jaycees.

The third place winner, Mr Lanus, operates a 325-acre farm in partnership with his father. In 1953 and 1954 he won the Pennsylvania State University five-acre corn contest, and through contour farming has increased his corn yield from 90 bushels to 159 bushels on the average.

PARADISE TOASTMASTER

Robert D Esbenshade has been nominated by President Eisenhower as Paradise postmaster. He has been acting postmaster since April last year when he succeeded Samuel T Hershey, retired. His name now goes to the Senate for confirmation.

Weather Wet And Cool Here

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writes that again that section may have to "dust in" its 1956 corn crop. "The wind sure can blow and March is going out like a lion. We have part of the oats sowed and not a bit of rain. Oh, the faith a farmer has to have to go ahead and put the crop in."

Florida Suffers Drought

Colonel John A McComsey, USA (Ret), from San Antonio, Texas, told Lancaster Farming this week that his section has known nothing more than an occasional rain measuring 0.2 of an inch at any time in the past four years.

Spring dust storms and tornadoes lashed the southwest dust bowl again, with dust reported worst in Texas, eastern New Mexico, east and southeast Colorado, southern and southwest Oklahoma and the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma.

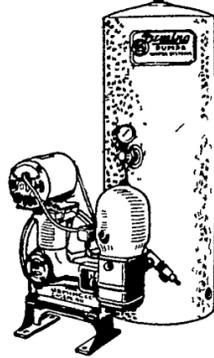
Florida has experienced an unusual drought and last weekend an 18-hour fire scorched and

GUERNSEY COWS MAKE AR RECORDS

J W McCoy, West Chester, Pa., has two registered Guernseys that recently completed official production records in the Advanced Registry division of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Osborne Hill Pat Teresa, a junior three year-old, produced 13,029 lbs of milk and 676 lbs of fat in 365 days. She was milked two times daily. This production represents approximately 6250 quarts of high-quality milk. She met calving requirements. Osborne Hill Baron's Delores, a five year-old, produced 12,346 lbs of milk and 570 lbs of fat in 305 days. She was milked two times daily. This production represents approximately 500 quarts of high-quality milk. She met calving requirements.

burned 5,000 acres of timberlands in the northeastern section of the Sunshine State. Lakes were drying up, crop and citrus trees were being killed in the worst dry spell in 65 years. Some relief came at Midweek in showers that gave Florida a "ten-million dollar boost," in the words of one state agricultural specialist.



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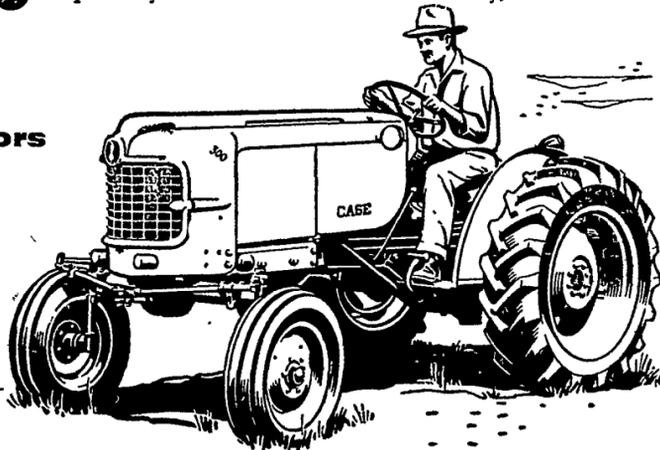
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