

Cattle Showman at Six Now Angus Breeder at 23 in Lancaster County

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leader of the 4-H Angus heifer club.

Fred's story is one that develops from 4-H to farmer. Today he is perhaps the largest purebred Angus breeder in Lancaster County, and two weeks ago he extended his holdings of Blacks more by purchasing eight of the 65 head offered in the Valley Creek Angus Farms dispersal at West Chester.

Taste For Better Quality

Some of these were due for vaccination, and that's where we found Fred Saturday morning. With an average of \$337 for the entire sale, Fred's purchase of females showed a taste for the better quality. Lot 35, second highest in the sale, Valley Creek Georgina V153, sold to Fred for \$815, with a heifer calf at side by the "40th." Lot 54, Tryconnell Juana Erica, sold to him for \$725. There was a Sept. 20, 1954 heifer calf at side that especially caught Fred's eye, and the cow was rebred to Bardolier 18th of Shadow Isle. Valley Creek's Edella also came to the Frey Twin Oaks Farm on a \$600 bid, with an outstanding calf at foot by Bardoliermere H 40, and rebred to the

same bull. Here in the purchase of two cows and two calves Fred gained six head, for the calves now being carried may prove as valuable as their mothers.

Top cows, top calves, all from top bulls, will help build one of the best herds this part of the country has seen.

Georginas, Juanas, Edellas, these will join the already famous names found in the Twin Oaks cow herd, to be bred to two outstanding bulls you find on this rolling, primarily pasture, grassland farm along the Octoraro Creek.

Millarden, Sunbeam Bulls

There's Millarden Prince Eric 12th, from Millarden Farms at Annville, Pa., a Georgina bred bull that is a grandson of the "million dollar" Prince Eric of Sunbeam from the noted Shadow Isle Farm at Red Bank, N. J. Junior herd sire is one purchased in dam that now bears the farm name, T. O Prince Envious, a grandson of the 1939 International grand champion, Envious Blackcap B6.

Fred's Angus history is comparatively brief, but well founded. In 1948 eleven cows were purchased from Maryland consignment sales by Fred's father. With purchase of the Millarden bull, 25 heifers were produced on the farm and form the basis of his cow herd.

Today the cow herd boasts names that are well known throughout Angusdom. Ruth Tilyford, Erica, Pride of Aberdeen, Lady Ida, Erroline, Blue Ribbon Blackbird (which produced the champion steer and the junior herd sire at Twin Oaks), Elsa Trojan Erica, Ruby, Lantz Blackcap, Queen Mother, Georgina, Juana Erica, Hartley Edella, Rosemere Barbara, Crinoline Evergreen, and others that are immediately recognized by any follower of Angus. There's a Portlethian Lucy that seems to hold a special spot in Fred's thinking.

Maybe that explains his statement, "I wouldn't trade the cattle business for anything in the world!"

Fattens 40 to 50 Steers

Fred fattens off 40 to 50 steers per year that are marketed in Lancaster and New Holland. "I



Demanding quality throughout, Twin Oaks Farm in southern Lancaster County is producing an excellent herd of Angus that is being heard from in show circles.

Woods and grass, for shade and feed, make up two essentials to which Fred Frey has added excellent Black cows and bulls. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

can't meet the demand, in fact I could sell twice as many purebreds as I produce each year," he told in a tour of the meadows. As a result, he sells primarily in Pennsylvania.

Twin Oaks Farm is rolling, parts perhaps rocky, but there are well watered grasslands, seven in all, each with running waters, colorful brooks, sparkling springs, and a marshland that stands deep in succulent grass, grass that was six inches deep in mid-April.

Water and grass are two elements the cattle man cannot do without. Not only does Fred have an adequate supply of spring water, but a well 160 feet deep produces all the water that can be used from a 90-foot pipe. But in addition to grass and water, there is feed produced on Twin Oaks, 100-bushel-per-acre corn, oats that exceed 100 bushels per acre.

Blame this on cattle, on barn farming. Manure that collects two and three feet deep over winter is carefully saved, carefully spread on grassland, where grass is as much a cultivated crop as any row-crop. All meadows, Fred tells, are soil tested, and some needed only superphosphate in the last application of commercial fertilizers.

Adequate Shade, Shelter

Shade? That's another item the cattleman must consider, and Twin Oaks has that, timbered hillsides and valleys, that provide shelter from storm and from summer sun. Buildings thus can be minimized, and Fred's buildings, with his pastures and water supply, has drawn excellent comment during inspections by the Pennsylvania State University staff. Cattle have free access to barns, open on the south.

Springs, ponds and sparkling

Woods Fire Checked At Martic Forge

Neighbors extinguished a fire at 11:30 a. m. Saturday in woodlands about 500 yards south of the Martic Forge Hotel on the Mt. Nebo-Martic Forge Road.

Several cottages are located near the area where the fire started.

The Rawlinsville Fire Company answered the fire call but was not needed.

New Scholarships In Ag Engineering

Three new scholarships have been provided in the College of Agriculture at Penn State by the New Holland Machine Company to encourage high school graduates to enter agricultural engineering, Prof. Frank Peikert, head of the department of agricultural engineering, announced.

The new scholarships, \$128 each, will be given at the start of freshman year. Preference will be given students from Lancaster and Mifflin counties.

Octoraro Creek add to the water supply, and an occasional trout might be seen pacing the cattle.

There are 45 acres of woodlands on Twin Oaks, 300 acres of open lands. Fred's estimate of one animal to every two acres of open ground is liberal, and prospects of one cow and calf per acre is not impossible.

Thirty-thousand multi-flora rose have been planted between fields, offering fencing as well as game refuge.

Orchardgrass, ladino, Reed's canarygrass, bluegrass and white clover, this is the primary feed crop from pastures. But there will be birdsfoot trefoil planted this fall, plus harvest from 35 to 40 acres of corn and an adequate supply of grass silage.

What's His Outlook?

Much credit is due to a sincere approach, to assistance from others in the business, others interested in Fred's sincer-

ity. Names of others in his family are becoming well known in 4-H as Fred's, sisters Maria and Magdalena are showing steers and heifers in 4-H, while the name of brother Ernst is overlooked by no one in local community fairs. All are home but Anita, and the other brothers, Adolf, John and William are helping make the name Frey and Twin Oaks known farther and farther.

Spring and fall calving help Fred meet show age classifications. Between Jan. 1 and April 1 this year, 20 head were dropped.

What's his outlook? Fred's modest, but he sees through purebreds "Better bulls, better female production," adding with a smile, "This year's calf crop looks the best, ever."

Blame this on Fred's choice of top bulls, top cows, top calves, and you'll find few stories that can equal his.

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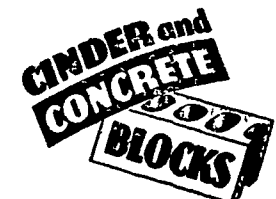
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