

Ivey's Ivy Farms Livestock Black, White History

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MALVERN, Pa. — History on Neal D Ivey's Ivy Farms here is livestock in black and white, with Angus cattle reigning today on lands where the Chester White breed of hogs originated.

This Chester County farm of 200 acres has more history. For more than 150 years it was one of the most noted taverns on the old Conestoga Road. Many a weary traveler west from Philadelphia, or tired wanderers going East enjoyed the hospitality of the Three Bottles Tavern, whose stones today are as firm as when the 2½-story structure was built in 1734.

Farmed 225 Years

"This land has been farmed since 1732," Mr Ivey told Lancaster Farming, "yet its topsoil is still 24 inches deep." "That shows what good farming will do," he added.

William Penn issued a grant to the Stevenson Family, the ones who originated the white swine that carry the County name. As the years went on, tavern business declined. Conestoga Road was re-routed, and the tavern was isolated at the idled corners of Conestoga Road and Swedesford Road.

Ivy climbs the walls, ivy spreads over the ancient lawns, the spacious backyard, carefully tended by Mr Ivey since he took over the farm in 1951.

Farm of 200 Acres

There are seven bedrooms, three baths, a Dutch kitchen, living room, dining room and a regular kitchen in the stone

Winner — And His Prize



Edward Radomski of Belfrey Farm, R1 Norristown, here stands at the halter of his Angus heifer won at the Brandwine Angus field day. Others left to right, are Robert E Montgomery of Ash Grove Farm, New Hope; Warren Putnam of

Echo Falls Farm, New Hope; Joe D. Gibson, Green Bank Farms, Glenmoore, and Orville F Haas, association president, Cloud Valley Farms, Pottstown. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

home furnishings are tasteful, in keeping with the tavern's history.

On its 200 acres, Ivy Farms carries 140 Angus, headed by three sons of Ankonian 3216th, famed bull originating at Ankony Farms which won the 1952 International Livestock Exposition grand championship at Chicago. Each is doing a top-notch job in producing quality calves, Ankonian 3277, Ivy Ankonian 35th, and Ivy Ankonian OB.

For a grassland farm, this has been an excellent year weather-wise. Abundant rains, which fouled the 1956 small grain har-

vest, created lush growth in the Ivy Farms' pastures of orchard-grass, clover, alfalfa. There's some timothy, but generally ladino fills the bill.

"Grain is grown locally only for farm use," Mr Ivey told, going back to the weather, "but this has been a wonderful year for grass. We had to clip both pastures."

Three Animals Per Acre

"The old idea of one animal per acre is gone now," the breeder of Blacks told, "we're averaging three Angus per acre now. Pastures are rotated, cattle are on one pasture two

weeks, then it lays idle two weeks to regain growth."

With Herdsman Elisha Forsyth, Mr. Ivey is helping continue history, agricultural history in a hallowed spot for the livestock industry. Details of

Seven 4H, FFA Youths Attend Coop. Institute

Seven Lancaster County and Future Farmers of America members this week are attending the American Institute of Cooperation at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, accompanying the group, who departed Saturday morning, at three advisors.

Making the trip are Dean Heifer, R3 Manheim; Glenn Porter, R1 Washington; John D Eshleman, R1 Willow Street; James L. Hastings, R1 Kirkwood; Kenneth B. Galt, R1 Willow Street; LeRoy Esbshade, Esbshade Road, Lancaster; C. Kenneth Young, Mount Joy.

Advisors are Wayne B Reschler, chairman of the youth committee; Joe McGahen, Manheim Central vocational agriculture instructor; James Martin, 4H club leader, New Holland.

Twelve cooperative agencies in Lancaster County assisted in sending the local youths to the Institute, the national educational agency of farmer cooperatives.

OLD DOBBIN IS VICTOR

CLEVELAND, N. D. — When a horse collided with a car here recently, the automobile took considerable damage. The horse was unhurt.

the Chester White history is vague to Mr. Ivey, but there is a convincing theme today — after 225 years — what careful husbandry can do to land

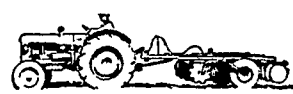


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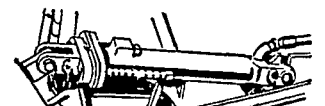
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