

“Polled Hereford Day” Celebrated June 29

Clove Creek Farm, Poughquag, N.Y., will host cattlemen from New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and all of New England at a “Polled Hereford Day - U.S.A.,” Saturday, June 29, with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

This will be one of a series of unique, regional summer activities across the U.S. that are designed to keep cattlemen informed about the latest developments in the beef cattle industry. “Polled Hereford Days - U.S.A.” are the culmination of 10 years of American Polled Hereford Association (APHA)-sponsored National Clinics and Cattlemen’s Conferences.

According to Clove Creek Farms’ owner Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and manager Gordon Schubert, registration will be followed by a session on estimated breeding value of beef cattle, a concept emphasized at the 1973 American Cattlemen’s Conference. Persons attending the event will be involved in demonstrations and contests using a combination of all they see and all they know from performance and progeny

records on cattle to select animals that excel in economically-important traits.

Nationally prominent program participants will include U.S. Congressman Jerry Litton of Missouri, and Leland Herman, APHA vice chairman of the board, Wayne, Neb.

Another feature of the day-long activity will be an open forum titled, “The Breeder Speaks.” Moderated by Orville K. Sweet, APHA president, Kansas City, Mo., the panel will consist of John H. Royer, Jr., Afton, Va.; Leland Clark, Poolesville, Md.; Bill Gray, Schellsburg, Pa.; Truman Lawrence, Lewisburg, W. Va.; Dr. Al Cowan, Dept. of Animal Science, Univ. of Conn., Storrs; and Blair Surber, Stormville, N.Y.

Other activities include a farm tour, lunch and awards presentations. All area cattlemen are invited to attend.

“Each of the 12 regional events will carry the theme, ‘Now is the best time,’” Sweet said. “This theme was selected because now is the best time for cattlemen to make plans to gear up for the future in the beef industry.”

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
Lancaster Farming

Dear Sir,
As an Englishman at present in America on the FFA International exchange scheme, I read with interest your report of the comments of the English tour group.

However, I would like to clarify some of the “possible” wrong impressions that “may” have been created by this article.

I would have thought that it would be perfectly normal for the large-acreage farmers of any community to take overseas trips. Firstly, they normally have hired men and/or farm managers

working for them in England. None of them were full-time dairy farmers and in England this is now the slack season for a lot of crops. Your article to me creates the impression that they represent an average cross section of the farming community. Statistically, they are the elite - only 15 percent of all farms of the UK are over 400 acres - 20 percent are in the 300-400 acre category.

Nicholas Walshaw must be an exception if he ploughs 1500 acres or anything over 100 acres of sand-silt soil with a 2 furrow plough. The fact that he grows lucerne shows that he farms on the light lands of Essex but most farmers in England do not use 45 h.p. tractors as their main work horse - there are not many left on the market! I have seen no petrol driven tractors on big farms in my lifetime. The exception is the Fordson which is paraffin driven and is used for jobs such as muck-shifting etc. No petrol engine tractors to my knowledge are marketed in the UK now.

I admit that the 100 h.p. tractor is still in the minority in England but the numbers have nearly doubled in the past two years for obvious reasons - timeliness of work versus the value of crops. I would suggest that the 75-100 h.p. charge is common now as the main work-horse on the farm.

On the subject of inheritance taxes W. S. Elkington I think is ill-informed.

Death duties in the UK are

levied at a lower rate on agricultural land than on industrial land or any other form of wealth. Other duties not on the land but on other taxable wealth of farmers does run at the usual extortionate rate. And I admit that the net effect now spells the death of the family farm.

However, the average is not 90 percent.

I hope you will be so kind as to print whatever you think is relevant in this letter to correct what I feel are one or two basic misunderstandings.

Yours Faithfully,
J. H. Rought-Rought

Vintage Show Won by Herr

Vintage Sales Stables, Inc., held their annual spring show and sale last Saturday, and a pen of 20 Angus steers was awarded the blue ribbon for best of show.

The judging team of R. P. and A. W. Mills, Virginia cattle dealers, awarded the first place trophy to Ben Herr, Quarryville, owner of Shady Brook Farm for his animals, which were also tops in the Angus competition.

Reserve show honors went to the first place mixed herd owned by Eli Martin, Lititz. Ben Herr also showed the first place Hereford group.

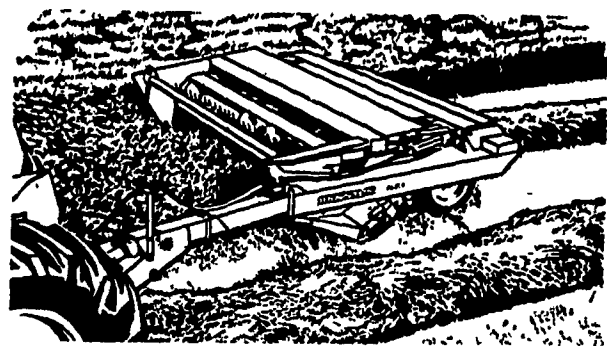
Second place in the breed categories went to Isaac Geib, Manheim, for his Angus steers, and to Paul Herr, Quarryville, who placed second in both the mixed breed and Hereford categories.

Kenneth Hershey, who managed the Vintage Sales Stables, said there were 380 animals in all competing for the trophies. He added that the yearling sale has been an annual event at Vintage since 1969.

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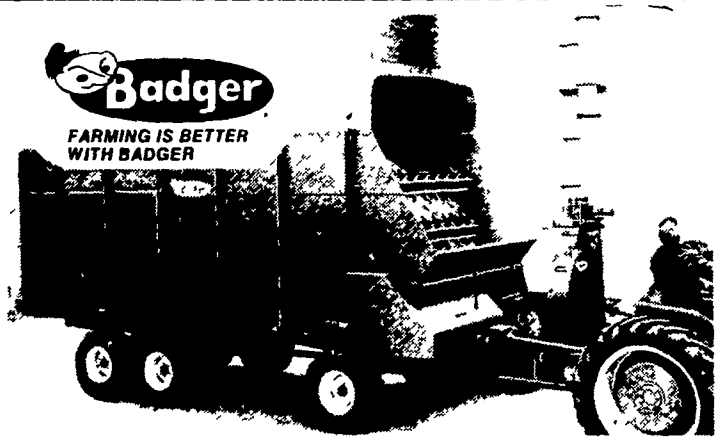
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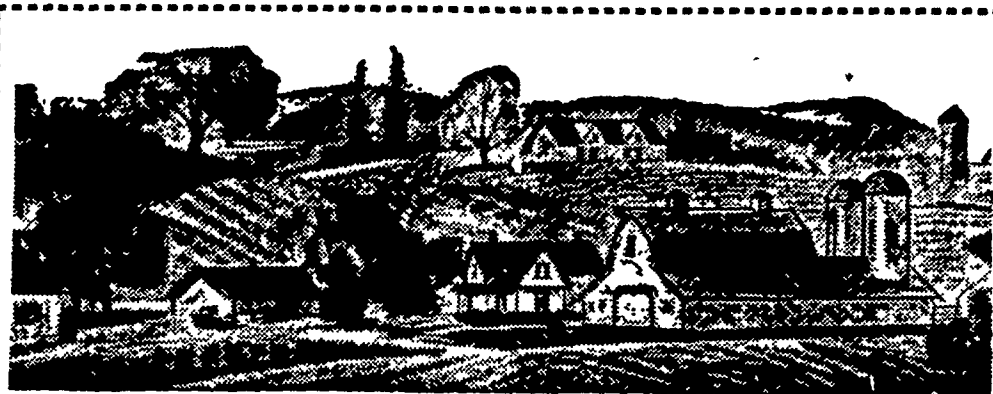
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