

Polled Hereford breeders enter Hall of Fame

Kansas City, Mo. — The American Polled Hereford Association has selected several breeders of the white-faced beef breed for induction into its Hall of Fame.

The bronzed hats of Ernest Painter, La Harpe, Ill. and his father, the late Ralph Painter will be hung here at the Polled Hereford Hall, along with the hat of Earl Vescovi, Roundup, Mont. as a tribute to their contributions to the breed's progress. The official induction ceremony will take place during the 59th National Polled Hereford Convention-Show-Sale in Jackson, Miss., Feb. 16-18, 1982.

Ralph Painter bought his first Polled Hereford in 1906 and devoted the rest of his life to hornless, white-faced cattle. His first bull was purchased from Warren Gammon, founder of the breed.

By 1911 his four sons were working with him, and Ralph Painter and Sons Polled Herefords began to make a national impact on the industry. Polled Hereford breeding stock was sold into 46 states, Canada, Australia and Uruguay.

Ralph attended every National Polled Hereford Show and Sale from 1916 until 1952, when illness prevented his travel. He exhibited at the 1920 National for the first time, and then at every National until 1944. In 1923 and 1925 he consigned the champion sale bull, and he showed Lou D Stanway to the reserve grand champion female title in 1927. In 1956 his four sons, Ernest, Wyverne, George and Irvin, put together a golden anniversary sale in honor of his 50 years in the business.

The Henderson County, Illinois, Polled Hereford Association is one of the oldest in the country and Ralph Painter was one of its founders. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Illinois PHA in 1944. On the national level, he served on the APHA board of directors for two terms.

Until his death in 1956, Ralph Painter was active in Polled Hereford affairs. His involvement with the breed influenced many herds across the nation and he is one of Polled Hereford's earliest

pioneers. Lulu, his wife of 56 years, used to say, "We never go anywhere but what a Polled Hereford bull is at the end of the line."

Ernest Painter was seven years old when his father bought his first Polled Hereford, so he grew up with the breed. In 1922 he began his own herd and in 1945 the Polled Hereford tradition was extended to the third generation when his son Ernest Jr. joined in partnership.

For 26 years Ernest Painter's name was synonymous with the Illinois PHA, as he served as secretary from 1944 to 1970. He served on the steering committee that organized the Illinois PHA and was elected as its first secretary-treasurer. That 56-member organization had grown to nearly 250 in the next 15 years. Today the Illinois PHA is one of the largest and most active in the country and Ernest Painter played a large part in its growth and success. Illinois PHA dedicated their Twentieth Anniversary Sale to Painter in recognition of his service to their association.

Ernest Painter was always looking for a better way to promote the IPHA and Polled Herefords. Under his guidance the IPHA published its first breeders' directory in 1945, printed road maps with IPHA members pinpointed across the state, established a promotional booth at the Illinois State Fair and issued breed information to Illinois Vo-Ag teachers.

Fellow Polled Hereford breeders pay tribute to Ernest Painter as a "man of honesty and integrity with a common-sense, practical approach to the problems that confront the every-day cattle breeder. As IPHA secretary or just Ernie Painter, he is always willing to assist a new breeder and help him get into the business to stay."

Thirty years ago Earl Vescovi went into the Polled Hereford business with 30 heifers. From that start, he built an intensely Spidel-bred herd of more than 250 brood cows. A neighbor and close friend of Hall of Famer Bill Spidel, Vescovi chose the most productive Spidel stock to go into his herd.

His dedication to raising practical, efficient range cattle has earned him the reputation as a

common-sense cattleman. Registered and commercial beef cattle breeders from more than 20 states and four Canadian provinces can testify to the qualities of Vescovi cattle.

Active in state and national livestock groups, Vescovi has served as president and vice president of the Musselshell Stockgrowers Association; a

director of the Northern International Livestock Exposition and the Miners and Merchants Bank of Roundup; a member of the Musselshell Stockgrowers Association, National Cattleman's Association and the Farm Bureau; and has been a 4-H leader for the past five years.

Vescovi is a familiar face at Montana PHA shows and in the Yards at the National Western

Stock Show in Denver. He has judged beef cattle at shows throughout the Northwest and has participated in seminars and panel discussions on both local and national levels.

The entire Vescovi family is involved with the Polled Hereford herd. Earl and his wife have two sons, Joe and Doug, and a daughter, Lila.

Seminar tells how to grow money with trees

EASTON, Md. — "Dollars and Sense of Forestry" is the theme of the Third Annual Delmarva Forestry Seminar to be held on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Maryland. The seminar is sponsored by the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with various governmental agencies and commercial forestry companies.

According to John F. Kundt, Extension forestry specialist for the University of Maryland, this year's seminar will emphasize the economic and financial aspects of forestry for landowners. Topics to be covered include, taxes and assessments on forest land, estate planning, investment opportunities in forestry, capital gains and timber sales income, marketing forest products, and reforestation. The seminar is aimed at both small and large forest and woodland owners on Delmarva who are

interested in managing their forest acreage.

A special keynote address entitled "Dollars and Sense of Forestry" will be given by Henry W. De Brun, director of special projects for the American Forestry Association. Also as part of the Forestry Seminar, presentation of the Outstanding Tree Farm Awards will be given to the Outstanding Tree Farmers of Maryland and Delaware by the American Forest Institute. The

1980 National 4-H Forestry Project winner, William Beasley of Fayetteville, Tennessee, will speak on growing Christmas trees for profit.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 per person. The registration fee includes lunch at the Tidewater Inn and reference materials.

For more information on the seminar, contact Extension Agent Don Osburn, P.O. Box 519, Easton, Maryland 21601, at 301/822-1244.

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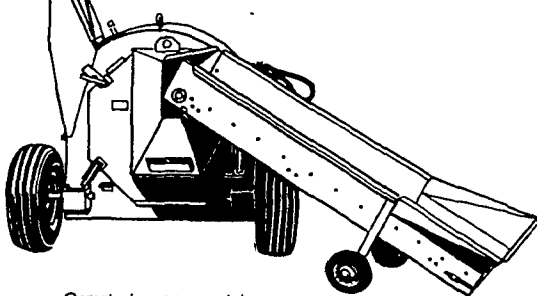
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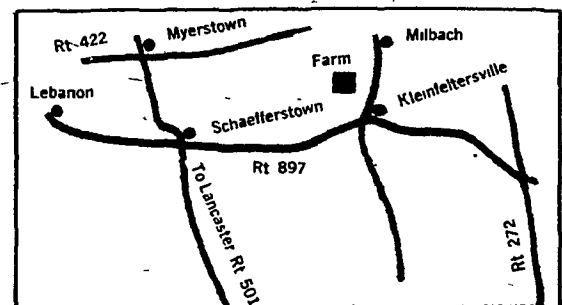
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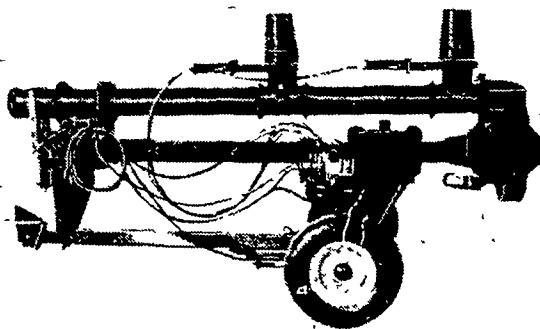
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