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Farms and Herds

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A CLUB MEET

Foreword

IT IS the desire of those who compose the membership of the Chicago Shorthorn Cattle Club that all who read this booklet may be informed of the purposes of the club and the progress that has been made since its origin. From the outset there have been evidences of a lively interest on the part of Shorthorn breeders generally, and those identified with other breeds, as well, in this organization—a recognition that is both gratifying and helpful.

The review of the several herd represented, in the following pages, supplies the information pertaining to the makeup, or personnel, so to speak, of the different herds, and suggests the progress that has been made. It is the hope of each member to improve his herd by careful selection and mating to a plane of real excellence, with utility as the basic feature. The aim is to produce Shorthorns of the type, and possessed of the qualities, that will best serve the needs of the breeders and farmers of this country.

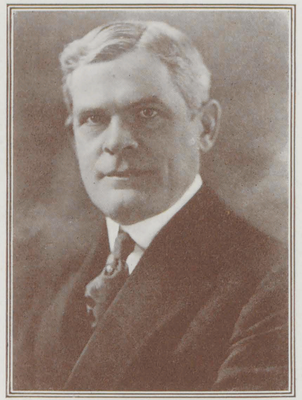
It is the hope of the membership as a whole to keep in close relation with the rank and file of breeders who rely entirely upon their herds for a livelihood, in the hope of cooperating with these practical men toward the improvement of the Shorthorn breed; its better adaptation to the everyday needs on the farms and ranches, and the expanding of beef production throughout America's great and varied farming districts. The Shorthorn cow that displays evidences of breeding qualities; that carries an ample flesh covering, smoothly distributed; and that has well-developed milking characteristics is acknowledged as the most dependable investment for those who rely upon mixed husbandry whether operated under land tenantry or land ownership.

There are possibilities of trade extension in nearly all sections of the United States and there is evidence of a growing trade abroad, particularly in South American countries. It is the desire of the membership of this Club

to give its support toward the further development of the trade, both in America and in other foreign lands. Being located near the greatest livestock center in the world and having business activities that place the membership in close touch with these trade possibilities, this advantage is accepted as a responsibility, and the purpose is to aid in the broader expansion of these trade prospects.

It is recognized that there are graduated from the colleges and universities each year thousands of young men who are inclined favorably toward the Shorthorn and whose schooling and observation insures them, if allied with the Shorthorn interests, being valuable forces within the Shorthorn ranks. It is also recognized that throughout the land there are many thousands who prefer the Shorthorn to other breeds. These are regarded as great assets to the breed's interests and it is the hope that the Chicago Shorthorn Cattle Club may prove a definite and useful element in encouraging them to make closer contact with the Shorthorns.

The hope is to serve the Shorthorn interests directly in a constructive way and thereby render a greater service to the interests of beef producers in general.



THOS. E. WILSON
President, Chicago Shorthorn Cattle Club

A beautiful landscape, good soil, a luxuriant growth of grass in timbered pastures in which grazes as good Shorthorns as can be assembled or produced and the beautiful home and farm of Thos. E. Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., is the treat for one's vision as he approaches Edellyn Farm, near Lake Forest, Ill. Mr. Wilson is a lover of good livestock. He knows that any contribution that may be made towards the improvement of our livestock helps to add to the wealth of the country. He believes that the American farmer is capable, when he applies himself to the task, of producing just as good horses, cattle, sheep, or hogs as may be produced anywhere, and he has undertaken at Edellyn to demonstrate the correctness of this view in the breeding and improvement of Shorthorns and Clydesdales. For his foundation breeding material he has drawn on the leading collections of the world and from his Shorthorns he has already produced types which will measure up with the best from anywhere.

There have gone into the Edellyn herd of Shorthorns as select specimens of the Augusta, Jealousy, Queen of Rothes, Rosemary, Lavender, Crocus, Village Maid, Missie, Lady Dorothy, Undine and other tribes as good judgment could choose. They are typical specimens of the breed, good beef types and as a rule good milkers. Fully aware that progress in livestock production was impossible without a good sire, Mr. Wilson tried various bulls, only to discard them as their calves failed to measure up to the required standard.

Finally a search was made of British herds and the bull Kingwood, a Rosewood, bred by C. A. Portman, Stratford on Avon, England, was selected as the type best suited for the Edellyn herd. This bull is by Proud Matadore, out of the world's greatest Rosewood Girl, also of Duthie breeding by Strowan Clarion. Kingwood is richly bred. He is not a large bull but of a type that generally gets results in siring uniform calves. His calves have stood well up in the money at leading shows and when offered for sale have met with appreciation from the buyers of the best. One entire crop of bulls by him were taken by R. Pareja Reissig for export to Uruguay. Gainford Nonsuch, bred by George Harrison and imported by

Kingwood 682218

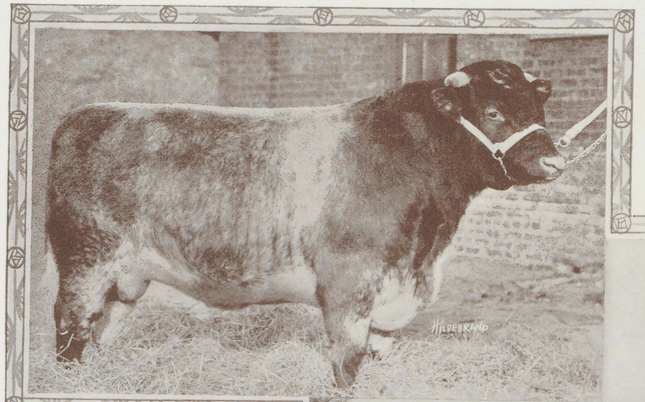
A Representative Quartette

A Winter Scene—Some of the Matrons

William Hartnett in 1920, has recently been purchased for service at Edellyn and to follow on Kingwood heifers. Gainford Nonsuch won first in his class at the 1921 congress in Chicago, besides has many winnings to his credit in Great Britain, including a Championship over the 1920 record price bull Inschfield Clipper King.

The productions of Edellyn Farm have never failed of appreciation when exposed for sale and Mr. Wilson is in a position now to derive much satisfaction from the results of his work with the Shorthorns at Edellyn. Busy man that he is he always finds the time to attend breeders' and stockmen's meetings and discuss with them the problems of the business in which they are interested. Such a man deserves to succeed and he usually does.

A visit to Edellyn will not be lacking in interest at any time for there is much there in Shorthorns and Clydesdales to interest and hold the attention of the most critical.



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Our Yearling Heifers

Edellyn Stables
and
Manager's Cottage

The
Wilson Farm
Residence