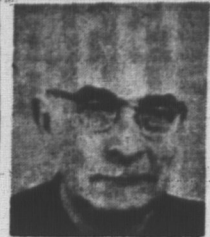


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Easter Beef Champs Provide Fine Eating



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This is Easter Week which reminds us that the choice baby beef carcasses that came from the Easter Beef Show and Sale early this month are going to make some ultra choice eating for those who are fortunate to get a slice off the champions and the near champs, for all of them were good.

I was thinking as I talked to the men who were responsible for the success of the Easter Beef Show and Sale—and that includes everyone who participated—of how close the annual beef show came to being discontinued back in 1953 when a first attempt to round up enough suitable cattle fell far short of what was needed.

It was several of the leading beef cattlemen of that era that refused to quit and it was due to their efforts the show was revived. The show and sale had only started in the previous year, if my memory is not playing tricks on me, and I think I am right for I had the honor of being the first secretary.

Nobody would dream of dropping the show and sale idea now.

"We have other ways of making our strength felt," an East German Army major said at a crossing point. He referred to the East German and Russian obstruction of Berlin's links with West Germany last week.

U.S. BATTALION MOVES IN
As he spoke, the U.S. Army moved elements of a new battalion to West Berlin down the 110-mile East German autobahn that was closed frequently last week.

The 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry is replacing the 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, in Berlin. The exchange is expected to last all week.

An East German government spokesman refused to give an assurance that last week's Communist air display over West Berlin and harassment of Western air routes to the city would not be repeated when Britain's Queen Elizabeth visits West Berlin May 27.

Western observers believed the Communist would object if the Queen's visit was billed as part of her state visit to West Germany.

as it is a popular meeting place for livestock men from across the province, as well as a show place and premium sales ring for their best beef steers.

FIRST PRESIDENT

The first president was Dr. J.P. Lantz who was building up an Angus herd on his "High Pastures" farm on the Keppoch Road, Southport. The second was Athol Roberts, another Southport man who was a Shorthorn breeder for many years, and now has changed to sheep in his advancing years because of smaller labor demands.

Jim Cudmore, Winslow who showed the grand champion steer this year told me that he had purchased the dam and the granddam of the champion from Malcolm MacKenzie at Wood Islands. This man must have shared the pride in the success of the young Shorthorn breeder here on Thursday afternoon.

I have often wondered how "Bill" Bennett, the man who judged the show, ever got that name, for his initials are J.C. and the first name is John.

Every first son in the Bennett family has been called John for six generations, the genial Mr. Bennett told me. "My eldest son is called John and so is his eldest son," he added. So somebody called him Bill one day, the name stuck, and that was that.

The retired superintendent of livestock for the New Brunswick department of agriculture has had wide experience in the judging ring.

He placed the Herefords at the Royal Winter Fair in 1963, and that's the top agricultural show in this country. Bill had judged the Canadian National Exhibition in 1959 when he placed the Dual Purpose Shorthorns. He placed the Dual Purpose class at the first Atlantic Winter Fair in Halifax, N.S., in 1963. This is the second appearance at the Easter Beef Show and Sale. He was here six years ago, show officials tell me.

I forgot to mention it in the news story, but Stewart Eagles, Canada department of agriculture, Moncton, and Dave MacLean, who is with the Farm Credit Corporation here, judged the showmanship class which was associated with the 4 H Club section of the show.

I've talked so many times of Mack Dixon Clyde River that I'll simply give him my congratulations for winning top honors, and drop it at that for this time. The winner in his first-year class was an eleven-year-old boy, Edward Hickey, Malpeque, who got a good price of 40 cents for his Angus steer. This is a boy we'll be watching closely in future judging competitions.

It was Edward who showed the championship 4-H Club steer, a Hereford.

A RUM CASE

One of the best farm stories I've heard came to me recently when I was visiting the herd of one of the Island's best registered cattle breeders. One of his high producing cows became ill in the middle of a Record of Performance production test. The cow had been off her feet for a total of almost three weeks, and the best veterinary advice had been sought without results. That was before we developed the present system of veterinary service which is really high class.

The man had heard his father and others talk of giving rum, or whiskey, to horses with sometimes good results. So he thought he'd try it on the cow. After all, what had he got to lose? The animal wasn't getting better and this was worth a try.

My friend—I know him well—went to the vendor and asked for the best bottle of rum they had in the store. Not being a drinking man himself he left it to the clerk's judgment.

He took it home and poured about one-third of the large bottle into his cow. After a few minutes the animal rolled onto her knees and bawled in challenging fashion. It was the first sign of action she had shown in nearly 20 days. Next morning the valuable cow was on her feet when the owner went to the barn.

I'm not suggesting the bottle of rum had anything to do with what followed—I'm not a drinking man either—but the cow came through with a fine record of production, despite her setback. I wondered as my friend told me the story of how he kept her from going dry during that long period, for he was unable to milk her, for close to the three weeks when she had been unable to get to her feet.



SON OF COSMONAUT GREETS WORLD

The second son of Soviet cosmonaut Lt. Col. Valery Bykovsky greets the world in the arms of his mother, Valentina, in Moscow Monday. The Soviet agency Tass, which provided this picture of mother and son, said both were doing

fine. Bykovsky, 30, was the Soviet's fifth cosmonaut to orbit the earth in 1963. The Bykovskys also have another son, two years old. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Moscow)

West Berliners Get Passes To Visit Relatives In East

BERLIN (Reuters) — Thousands of West Berliners streamed Monday through the Communist-built border wall into East Berlin with special Easter holiday passes.

The start of the two-week series of visits—fourth since the wall was built in August, 1961—dispelled fears the pass agreement might be cancelled in reprisal for the meeting of the West German Bundestag (lower house) in West Berlin April 7. More than 10,000 West Berlin-

ers crossed into East Berlin by mid-afternoon, many of them laden with chocolates and other gifts from the prosperous western sector.

East German officials had warned the passes agreement might be endangered by the Bundestag session, which they regarded as illegal. The Communists claim West Berlin is a separate state from West Germany and the West German Parliament has no business in the city.

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Roosevelt Monument Dedicated

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Franklin D. Roosevelt died 20 years ago Monday and a shockwave of grief circled the world. Some of his friends dedicated a monument to him Monday on a little triangle of land about midway between the Capitol and the White House.

The monument is small and simple, like he wanted. And, it is located where he wanted it, near the national archives building on busy Pennsylvania Avenue — "Avenue of the Presidents."

It is the capital's first monument to the man who served as president longer than any one else—12 years and 40 days. A bronze plaque on it tells how Roosevelt called in his friend, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter in 1941, and asked him to remember this wish:

"If any memorial is to be erected to me, I know exactly what I should like it to be. I should like it to consist of a block about the size of this, putting his hand on his desk and placed in the centre of that green plot in front of the archives building."

"I don't care what it is made of, whether limestone or granite or whatnot, but I want it plain, without any ornamentation, with the simple carving 'In memory of

The monument, a block of white Vermont marble, is six feet, 10 inches by three feet, eight inches and three feet, three inches high. It is inscribed simply:

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