

# Aberdeen Angus termed 'black gold'

## Easter beef show sees Angus sell at \$2.07 lb.

Prince Edward Island's rapidly expanding Aberdeen Angus cattle association's members are enthusiastic and proud of the expansion their favor to beef animals have made both in quantity and quality in the past few years.

President Leo P. McIsaac, who is also president of the Maritime Angus Breeders Association, notes for example that in addition to their tremendous expansion in the number of breeders, they have excelled the past few years in the Easter Beef Show and Sale, the spot where the Islands' top beef cattlemen meet each year to vie for beef supremacy.

George Kelly, Morel, had the Angus steer that topped a strong show this year and brought an unprecedented record price of \$2.07 cents per pound from Dominion Stores.

An Angus steer owned by Boyd Dixon, Clyde River topped the show a year ago.

Arlita McIsaac, Morel, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIsaac topped the 4-H Club show this year and a cross-bred Angus steer shown by Frank Platts, Tyne Valley had the highest killing percentage of all of the steers in this year's show with an almost unbelievable 62 per cent.

**BEST FEMALE**  
The P.E.I. President also points with pride to the fact it was an Angus cow that was selected last year as the best beef female at the Provincial Exhibition here, with triumph over the grand champion Short-horn and Hereford cows.

There's an interesting story behind this cow, Black Bird of Progress, owned and shown by Irving MacDonald, York. Mr. MacDonald bought the cow — she's four now — from Malcolm Bailey, Chatham, Ontario, as a calf and was told by such a nationally known beef man as Tom Amos, Ontario, to get rid of her.

"MacDonald, she's no good, she never will be any good and she'll never raise anything for you," the Ontario man told him bluntly.

The York breeder can smile now as he looks back on two grand championships and one reserve grand ribbon, in three years showing at Charlottetown and the grand championship over all other beef breeds last summer.

**JUNIOR CHAMP**  
York Ernest, a son of Black Bird, went junior champion at Charlottetown last year and he is the herd sire on the York man's herd this year. Trying an experiment Mr. MacDonald has bred the grand champion cow to her son, and "may get a dandy, or the cross may not be successful." Some outstanding results have come from this type of breeding in the past, if it is not practiced too often, although many top cattlemen frown on it.

The Black Bird of Progress deal has been unusual all the way. Lou Roper brought her down in a carload of beef cattle from Ontario in 1961 and was looking for a buyer when Mr. MacDonald took her. A daughter sold well in Toronto last year and he has had one other really good steer from her.

Winning the grand championship ribbon at the Easter Beef Show is one goal that has escaped him thus far and he has an eye out each year for a potential champ. A young animal in the MacDonald barn now may be fattened for another try in 1964.

Mr. McIsaac won the reserve senior female championship at Charlottetown last August with



MR. MacISAAC

a cow he bought at a sale in Ontario.

One of the older cows in the barn is Rosebud of Glen Angus a 12-year old cow purchased from Parker Jewell, York. She has been a grand champion twice for the York breeder and she ranks with the "milkiest" beef cow that has ever been shown.

"I can take a bucket of milk from her if I take her calf off her," reports Mr. MacDonald who added that he has to take some milk from her regularly "when she is feeding a calf. She has enough milk to raise two calves but she's a nervous animal who will not allow any calf to nurse except her own."

Rosebud has been a profitable cow for she has raised a calf every year since she started at a young heifer. A big cow, she transmits plenty of size to her offspring.

Bandolier Express, his junior champion last year at Charlottetown, and a year old now, is a beautiful heifer with one of the most attractive heads that can be seen in the breed.

**SPUDS AND BEEF**

Mr. MacDonald likes the Angus cattle and finds that a beef cattle program fits in well with his major potato crop which takes much of his attention in summer when the cattle are on pasture.

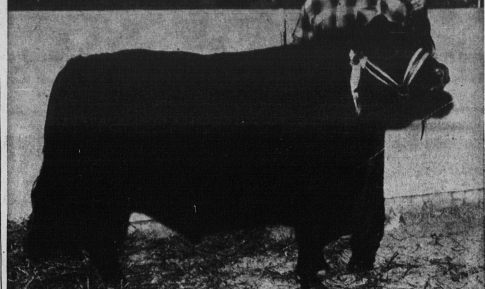
Part of his pure bred cattle herd is stabled in loose housing and require very little attention. He fills the hay feeder and distributes a grain ration once a day. The cattle get their water from an always available source and run in and out to a large yard as they please.

The Maritime Angus Breeders Association executive is exploring the possibility of staging a future sale next year, and President McIsaac suggests the idea is to have a two-day show and sale.

It may be, he suggests, that the Maritime men may have to bring in some Ontario cattle in the first year, if enough top Maritime cattle are not offered for sale.

**WONT CHANGE WATER**  
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## Farm credit act changed

OTTAWA, — Two important amendments to regulations of the Farm Credit Act were announced by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton.

A recent change in the act set an upper limit on the appraisal fees which the Farm Credit Corporation may charge applicants for loans. The new regulation sets the fees some-

what lower than is permitted under the act.

Another amendment allows postponement of loan instalments under special circumstances.

A new formula replaces the former \$50 and \$100 appraisal (Part II) and a d package-deal (Part III) loans.

Farmers applying under Part II will pay \$10 with their application. In addition, 40 cents for each \$100 of the amount of loan approved will be deducted when the loan is made.

Farmers applying under Part III will pay \$10 with their application. In addition, 50

cents for each \$100 of the loan approved, or \$100, whichever is the lesser, will be deducted when the loan is made.

The chief result of the new formula will be lower appraisal fees for smaller loans under both Part II and Part III.

Farm Credit Corporation will continue its policy of refunding the fee if an appraisal is not made.

Under the other amendment, a borrower developing a new enterprise from which revenue will be so limited in the first year or two as to make repayment a hardship, may arrange at the time of obtaining his

loan from FCC for the postponement of instalment payments due in this initial period.

This provision may particularly to farmers switching from dairy to beef production.

Mr. Hamilton said the new amendments provide greater flexibility in the FCC's lending operations.

He added that revision of appraisal fees had been taken up by the Farm Credit Corporation last June but no charge could be made until Part III of the Act was amended. This was done on Nov. 29, 1962.

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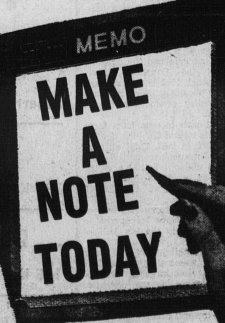
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