



# Induct First 50 People Into Angus Heritage Foundation

The Angus breed and the American Angus Assn. owe an incalculable debt to the many men and women who, for more than a century, have worked tirelessly and selflessly to make Angus cattle and the American Angus Assn. the leaders in the beef cattle world.

In recognition of this debt, the board of directors of the American Angus Assn. established in 1983 the Angus Heritage Foundation. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to identify and appropriately honor people who have made major contributions to the improvement and advancement of Angus in the United States.

The following pages contain photos and brief biographies of the first 50 people to be inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. They were selected by a committee of noted breeders, agricultural journalists and industry leaders appointed by the board of directors. In the opinion of the committee, these people have etched a positive, indelible mark on the Angus business through various combinations of ability, dedication, integrity, sound judgment, foresightedness and force of personality.

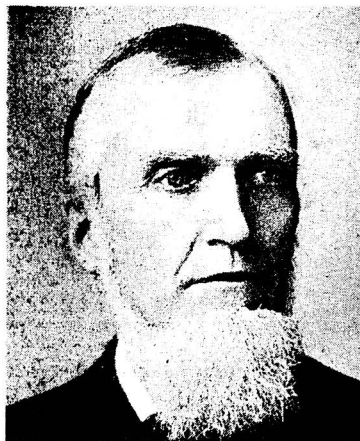
The men and women honored here range from George Grant, the far-sighted Scotts-

man who brought the first Angus cattle to the United States in 1873, to a few people who are still living and active in the business. They include breeders, educators, cattle feeders, Angus showmen and pioneers in performance testing.

The name of each individual will be engraved on a plaque which will be kept on display in the American Angus Assn. headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo. The program is

ongoing. Each year the Angus Heritage Foundation Committee will meet and select up to five new inductees who will be honored at the annual meeting or the annual banquet of the American Angus Assn.

Copies of a booklet with photographs and brief biographies of the first 50 people to be inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation are available free from the American Angus Assn.



**James Anderson**

Half of the Anderson and Findlay partnership that started the first registered Angus herd in the United States, located near Lake Forest, Ill. The herd later moved to Kansas and introduced Angus cattle to many parts of the Southwest, including the famed XIT Ranch in Texas.



**Bill Barton**

In 1938 became the first modern day fieldman for the American Angus Assn. Instrumental in helping organize many local Angus associations throughout the United States which are still in existence today. Helped increase prices paid for Angus cattle and made business more profitable for Angus breeders by promoting the breed.



**Otto V. Battles**

One of the most influential breeders and promoters of Angus cattle in the early 20th century. He started his herd in 1898 at Maquoketa, Iowa. Formed a partnership with Chester Congdon and established a herd in Yakima, Wash. that spread Angus throughout the West. A judge, writer and Association president 1920 and 1934.



**Tilden Berg**

A veteran Illinois Angus cattle feeder. He won grand championships with his carloads of Angus steers at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. He regularly tapped the market at the Chicago Stock Yards with his prime Angus and helped establish the Angus breed as the premier producer of quality beef.



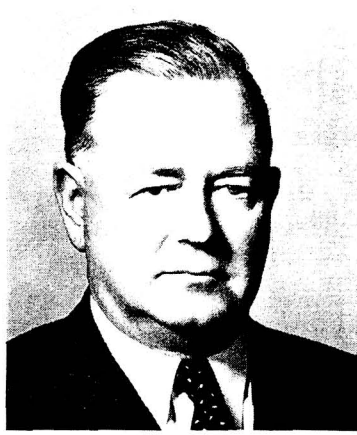
**W.L. Blizzard**

Dean of agriculture at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for many years. He was one of the first college men to put on livestock feeders' days. Recognized Angus cattle as superior meat animals and was instrumental in getting Oklahoma breeders interested in Angus cattle. Leading judge of steers at all major shows.



**M.A. Judy**

A partner in the Heatherton herd at West Lebanon, Ind. which became known for its many excellent Blackbird and Blackcap cows. Imported Angus cattle from Scotland, which left an imprint on many herds. Judy was president of the American Angus Assn. in 1909.



**Don Kays**

Head of animal husbandry department at Ohio State University, Columbus, and livestock judging team coach. An outstanding teacher; he had a positive influence on many students who later got into the Angus business. A judge of Angus cattle shows, he promoted the age of registered cattle in commercial cattle herds.



**Herbert H. Kildee**

Head of animal science department at Iowa State University in Ames. He was a leading Iowa exponent of Angus cattle and one of the nation's top cattle and steer judges. Promoted the use of registered Angus cattle to commercial breeders.



**James Lingle**

Developed and managed the Wye Plantation herd in Queenstown, Md. Bred large-framed, productive, fertile Angus cows starting in the 1930s. He inbred the cattle at Wye, imported bulls, kept extensive records on the cattle, and individually tested them. He pioneered modern day beef cattle performance testing.



**J.B. McCorkle**

A great Angus promoter. Herdsman at Ohio State University, then secretary for the Ohio Angus Assn. Later McCorkle started managing sales and became the top manager of Angus cattle sales in the country. Purchased Angus cattle for many breeders, helped start many Angus herds.



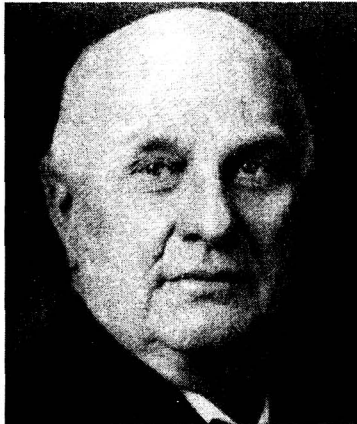
**W. Alan McGregor**

President of the American Angus Assn. in 1945 and prominent leader in the Angus business. Became manager of Oakleigh Thorne's Briarcliff Farms, and under his guidance the herd gained national acclaim for both its steers and breeding cattle.



**Kenneth McGregor**

Prominent leader in the Angus business, manager of Hartley Stock Farm in Page, N.D., and instrumental in attracting new customers in the Angus breed throughout the western part of the United States. Served as president of the American Angus Assn. for two terms.



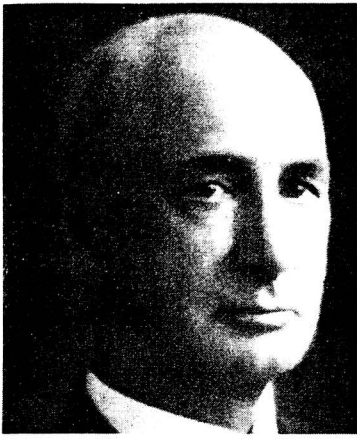
**W.A. McHenry**

A great Angus breeder of the 19th and early 20th century. His premier herd had a tremendous influence on the Angus breed. He exhibited at shows, and won over 2,000 major awards. His greatest achievement was breeding of the famous Earl Marshall, a premier sire. He was Association president from 1891 to 1893.



**J.C. McLean**

Leading Angus breeder and showman from Quincy, Ill. Developed an outstanding herd of cows of McLeanmere and McLeandolier breeding. Use of the bull O Bardoliermere on daughters and granddaughters of McLeandolier produced many International grand champions. He served as president of the Association in 1967.



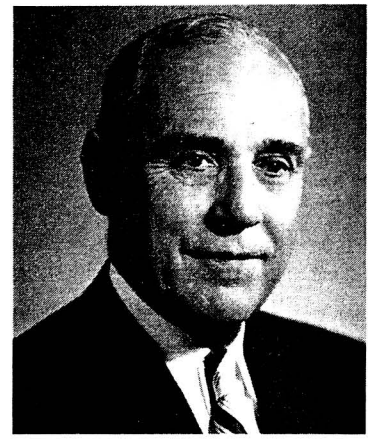
**L. McWhorter**

A leading breeder of Angus cattle in Illinois for more than 30 years and was president of the American Angus Assn. in 1900. Gained fame in the Angus world as the breeder of Lucy's Prince. This bull was the first grand champion at the 1903 International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.



**John F. Mommsen and Sons**

From Miles, Iowa, Mommsen and his family exhibited the second most grand champion carloads of fat cattle in the history of the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Their prime Angus steers won the grand championship eight times, including six out of seven years from 1951 through 1957.



**Otto Nobis**

Developed a fine herd of Angus cattle at Wilton Farm near Davenport, Iowa. He also distinguished himself as an Angus leader, and developer of Angus policies. Nobis was president of the American Angus Assn. in 1944 and 1956.



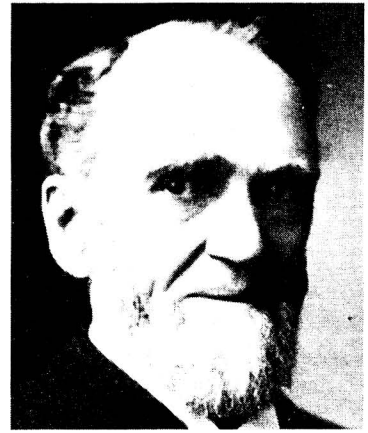
**Foster Palmer**

Known throughout the livestock industry as "Fos," Palmer directed the purebred advertising department and field staff of the Chicago Daily Drovers Journal for almost 30 years. He trained many young men who later became leaders in the Angus business, and was a great booster of Angus cattle.



**J.C. Penney**

Penney, the department store founder, established Homeplace Farms at Hamilton, Mo. in partnership with Orin James, one of the most influential Angus herds in the country in its time. Used the Eileenmere line for a foundation for his herd which became a fountainhead source for hundreds of herds. An outstanding spokesman for Angus.



**B.R. Pierce**

A pioneer Angus breeder from Creston, Ill. and founder of Woodlawn Farms, the oldest family run Angus operations in America. A promoter of Angus cattle and Angus steers for many years, he was breeder of the premier sire, Black Woodlawn, and of Advance, the first grand champion steer of the International Livestock Exposition.



**Stanley Pierce**

Son of B.R. Pierce, Stanley exhibited the first grand champion (Advance) and reserve grand champion (Good Times) Angus steers at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. A strong supporter of Angus cattle and the International Livestock Exposition. Served as president of the Association in 1912.



**W.A. "Major" Rafferty**

An Indiana Angus breeder, served as president for the American Angus Assn. in 1947 and as its secretary for many years. Made many contributions to the Association.



**Frank Richards**

Secretary of the American Angus Assn. from 1946 to 1963. A native of Bevier, Mo. Helped develop the Association into the modern organization it is today. He put together a nation-wide field staff, and under his leadership the association started the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.



**Allan A. Ryan**

Founded Ankony Farm, Rhinebeck, N.Y. One of the outstanding herds in the 1950s and 1960s, it produced many grand championships at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Ryan was a strong Angus leader and served as Association president in 1965.



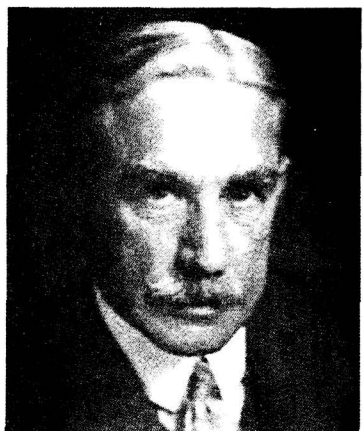
**Earl G. Ryan**

Partner in and manager of the Escher and Ryan Angus herd which produced many International Livestock Exposition grand champion sons of Earl Marshall, the "sire of sires". Later teamed up with H.O. Harrison, and produced one of the most successful Angus herds in history, with Blackcap Revolution and Earl Marshall breeding.



**Schmidt Brothers**

Fred and George of Delmar, Iowa, were strong competitors in the fat carlot competition at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and their Angus won the grand championship title seven times. Many of their winners were produced in their own herd.



**Oakleigh Thorne**

Owner of Briarcliff Farms, Pine Plains, N.Y. Helped reorganize the American Angus Assn. during its difficult times in the 1920s. Introduced Eastern farmers to the benefits of feeding Angus on a commercial basis. Served as president for the Association from 1929 to 1931.



**J. Garrett Tolan**

Master Angus breeder and steer feeder from Pleasant Plains, Ill. His key sire was Eileenmere 4th, foundation bull for Tolan's famous line of Eileenmere breeding. Exhibited many grand champion bulls and females at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and served as president in 1918.



**W.H. Tomhave**

Served as secretary of the American Angus Assn. from 1925 to 1946, after the Association's difficult reorganization. He helped the Association weather the tough depression years, put it on a sound financial footing and made it one of the most respected breed associations in the United States.



**Willie Volkman**

Charter member and first president of the American Angus Auxiliary, and with her husband an active Angus breeder at Selma, Calif. An Angus leader and promoter of Angus cattle on the West Coast. She was active in junior activities work and an enthusiastic promoter at Angus programs for boys and girls.



**Jay Walker**

Developed one of the nation's leading herds of Angus cattle at Angus Valley Farm in Oklahoma. Exhibited Angus cattle across the country and won many championships. Angus Valley sales were national events and helped expand the breed. Served as president of the American Angus Assn. in 1952.



**A.D. Weber**

"Dad" Weber was head of the animal husbandry department at Kansas State University in Manhattan, then dean of agriculture and later vice president of Kansas State. Started the modern Angus herd at K-State and promoted the values of breeding better Angus cattle. Judged many Angus shows and spoke frequently at type conferences.