

Five Men Inducted Into Angus Heritage Foundation

Carlton Corbin

Five men who made major contributions to the improvement and advancement of the Angus breed and the American Angus Assn. were inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation, Nov. 18, during the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Angus Assn.

The Foundation inductees were Carlton Corbin, Fittstown, Okla.; Ora Erdmann, Wetonka, S.D.; and Lloyd Miller, St. Joseph, Mo., and two who were inducted posthumously—Herman Purdy, Alexandria, Pa., and George Edwards, Ames, Iowa.

The names of the five individuals were engraved on the Angus Heritage Foundation plaque that hangs in the headquarters of the American Angus Assn. at St. Joseph, Mo. Their photographs and a brief biography were printed in the Angus Heritage Foundation booklet.

Carlton Corbin of Fittstown, Okla., founded the Emulous line of cattle when he purchased Emulous of Sangamon in 1934. This bull sired Emulous of Stoneybroke, the forefather of the Emulous line. Corbin, through his Stoneybroke herd became a leader in performance testing. He bred 28 Certified Meat Sires including Emulous 7000, the first one.

Ora Erdmann decided in the early 1940s to breed big, strong, functional Angus cattle at his ranch near Wetonka, S.D. He melded three traditional bloodlines—Revolution, Marshall Pride and Eileenmere. His line-bred herd preserved many Angus characteristics that were neglected in the 1950s and 60s. The Erdmann herd was discovered in 1968 and it played an important role in the Angus breeding revolution that began about that time.

Lloyd Miller of St. Joseph, Mo., was hired in 1946 to develop a public relations program for the American Angus Assn. He originated many of the advertising and promotion plans that helped make Angus the nation's major beef breed. Miller was director of public relations until 1968 when he was named the Association executive secretary, a position he held until his retirement in 1978.

George Edwards was a native of Glamas, Angus, Scotland. He was the herdsman at Iowa State University for 42 years, and showed four International Livestock Exposition grand



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Lloyd Miller



Herman Purdy

champion steers and three reserve grand champions (all Angus), and some 20 International breeding cattle champions. His biggest influence at Iowa State was on the students who worked for and with him.

Herman Purdy was influential as a teacher, cattle judge and Angus breeder. He helped develop the famous Bardoliermere 2nd line at Ohio State University. As a coach at Pennsylvania State University, Purdy coached 19 judging teams and won eight major contests. He retired in 1972 and founded Huntingdon Farm at Alexandria, Pa. During his career, he judged over 1,200 shows in 44 states and nine countries. Purdy died June 30, 1985, while attending an Angus field day.

The 1985 selection committee was composed of Myron Fuerst, Rhinebeck, N.Y.; Gilman Stewart, Greensburg, Ind.; Ed Horton Jr., Madison, Ala.; and Lyle Haring, DeWitt, Iowa.

The Angus Heritage Foundation was initiated in 1983, by the American Angus Assn. in its Centennial year. Fifty individuals were inducted the first year, and up to five people can be inducted annually. Copies of the Angus Heritage Foundation publication are available free from the American Angus Assn. AJ