

# The Four Good Brothers

Dora and the late G. L. Good of Van Wert, Ohio, were the parents of four sons, Byron, Paul, Don, and Fred, and one daughter, Elizabeth. Mrs. Good still resides on the home farm where purebred Shorthorn cattle, swine, sheep, and horses were bred and raised and where the Good brothers acquired their love for livestock. At an early age, they were taught that there was no room for mediocrity in the livestock world. And that compassion for their fellow-man, along with a sense of fair play and dedication to their endeavors, were ever so important in a challenging world. They inherited a strong desire to improve their lot in life, along with that of everyone with whom they came in contact, and this has set these men apart with those few who leave an indelible impression on each and every one of their associates -

Mr. and Mrs. Good were godly parents and kept their commitment to raise their children according to Holy writ. Daughter Elizabeth was married in 1947 to Reverend Clarence Owsley of Alamosa,

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G.L. Good, second from the left with sons (left to right) Paul, Byron Don and Fred.

# Giants In The Livestock Industry



Byron Good mounting Smoke One for his early morning inspection of the Michigan State University farms.



Paul Good, left, with the Get of Sire at the Ohio Angus Show, an ArtAnnA Farm production.



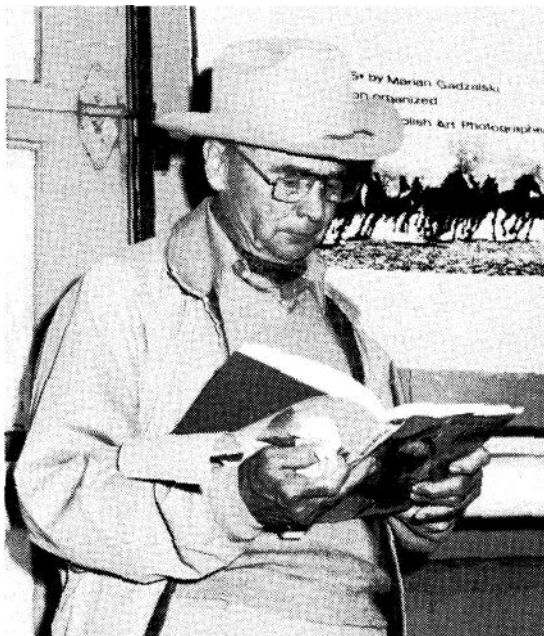
Leon Rubin and Paul Good talking things over before a Sir William Farms Sale.



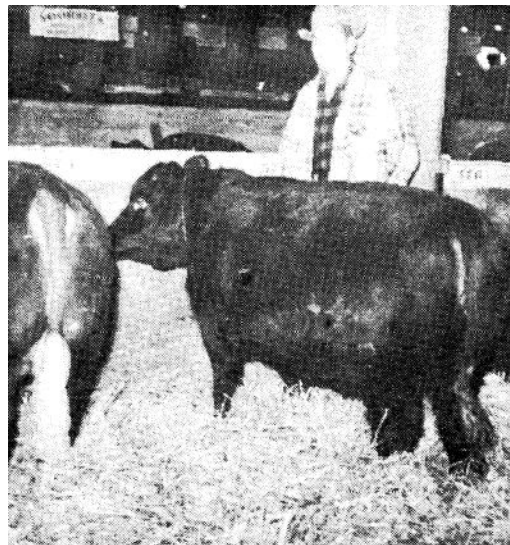
Two of only five Americans to judge the steer show at the International, Dr. AD. "Dad" Weber and Dr. Don Good.



Mrs. Dora Good with tons Don and Fred.



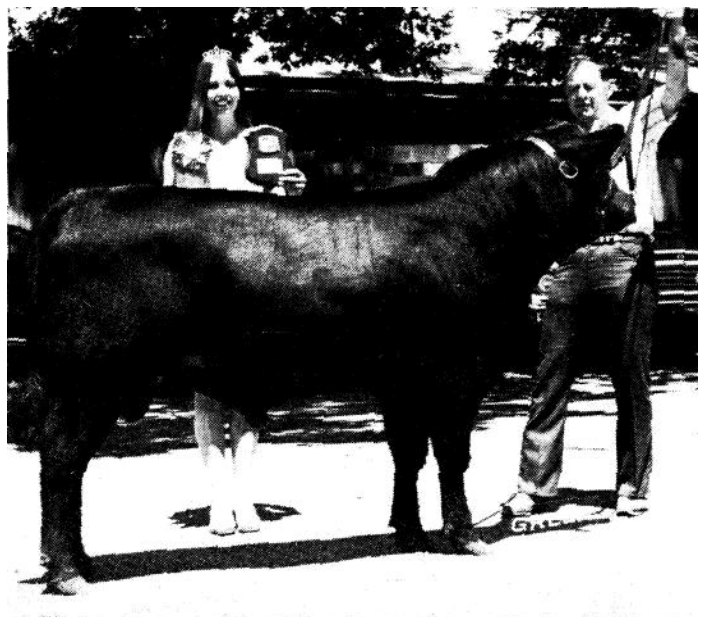
Byron Good with text book just before a class.



Fred Good while he was herdsman at Ohio State University 1947-1948.



Don Good inspecting cattle in the feedlot.



Fred Good at the halter of the 1974 Summer Champion Bull at the Michigan Preview.

## THE GOOD BROS...

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Colorado, and the Owsleys, who have three sons, are missionaries located in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

BYRON H. GOOD: Byron, the eldest of the Good brothers, spent his early life close to draft horses since Van Wert County was known as one of the centers for the finest draft horses in America. He grew up with a love and appreciation for those noble beasts which then provided the principle source of power for American agriculture. As a boy teamster, he not

only felt the strength of these great animals as they pulled heavy loads or steadily turned the rich black loam with a three-bottom plow, but he also mutually shared their affection as he fed and groomed them and cleaned the stables. These early experiences cast the die so that his career—yes, his entire life revolved around farm animals.

Byron enrolled at The Ohio State University by using money that he had won with the championship team in a horse-pulling contest at the Van Wert County Fair. At Ohio State he gained an enviable reputation as a member of

the wrestling team and still found time to be a member of both the meats and livestock judging teams. In the classroom, he came under the influence of such great teachers as Professors D. J. Kays, Dr. Carl W. Gay, Dr. J. S. Coffee, Dr. T. S. Sutton, and Dr. Larry Kauffman, all now deceased, but each had a profound influence upon this progressive young man. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry in 1936 and spent the next four years teaching vocational agriculture at Waldo, Ohio. In the fall of 1940, he returned to Ohio State as a graduate assistant and received his Master of Science degree the following year.

In September, 1941, Byron was appointed assistant professor in the Farm and Horse Department at what was then Michigan State College where some of the very best Percheron and Belgian registered horses had been bred and shown. That same month, he married Helen Strine who complemented Byron with her own great love for livestock, and they virtually lived and breathed good livestock of all breeds.

In 1942, Byron joined the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific theater where he was seriously wounded at Rendova, Solomon Islands. He was evacuated to New Caledonia and eventually to the United States where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Byron Good was appointed Superintendent of College Farms in 1950 at Michigan State College and held that position until his retirement last year. This position now bears the more imposing title of Chairman and Superintendent of University Farms coincident to Michigan State College becoming Michigan State University in 1957. In addition, Byron held an appointment as Professor of Animal Husbandry and taught "Horse Management" to Animal Husbandry students. From 1959 until his retirement, Byron was General Chairman of Farmers' Week at Michigan State University, and he guided its growth into one of the very outstanding agricultural annual events in the country. He was a member of the American Society of Animal Science for many years, and in 1950 his picture was hung in the Ohio State University Animal Science Hall of Fame.

Byron judged many of the major livestock shows in the country and was in great demand as a horse, beef cattle, and sheep judge. Livestock breeders throughout the country relied on his

sound judgment and advice. He served as a member of the advisory committee for the Kellogg Arabian herd at California Polytechnic Institute for many years, and in 1963 he visited Poland to inspect Arabian horses that were being considered for importation into the United States.

This visit to Poland culminated in the importation of a number of Polish-bred horses, the breeding of which is extremely popular today among Arabian breeders in America. He visited the famous Perth Angus Show and Sale in Scotland that same year, and he also made a trip to Spain under the auspices of the Arabian Horse

Registry of America to inspect the pedigrees of horses that were also being considered for importation. In 1970, Byron and Dr. Ben E. Huff made selections from the famous Punchbowl Southdown sheep flock of New Zealand for importation to the United States, and this one importation has probably done more to increase the size and type of a modern day breed of livestock in America than any other similar selection has accomplished for any breed of livestock in the immediate past 50 years in this country.

Three children were born to Byron and Helen Good. Son George is now the Shepherd in the Animal Husbandry



G.L. mid Dora Good

Department at Michigan State University. He along with his two sisters, Susan (Mrs. Stephen Smith) and Sarah (Mrs. Terry Cotton) are graduates of Kansas State University.

Few other university men have such a wide following among purebred livestock breeders as Professor Byron H. Good regardless of their breed interests. His opinion and advice has been readily sought and widely accepted by both private breeders and by breed associations-both of whom frequently retained his services as a consultant. Byron's ability to quickly analyze a live animal and to assess its value for breeding purposes made him a legend in his time and coupled with his ability to deal with breeders, made him a strong ally of the registered livestock breeders of America.

The colorful career of Byron H. Good came to a close March 21, 1979 on which date he passed away of a heart attack. However, his influence on the livestock industry and upon his many friends and associates shall be evident for many years to come. To list but one quote from the many tributes received-"Byron Good was the finest all-around livestock man I ever knew, and the industry will certainly miss him," Arthur L. Pope, Chairman, Department of Meat and Animal Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

PAUL L. GOOD: Paul is the second eldest of the Good boys, and he is married to the former Alice Poling. They have three children, Arthur, a graduate of Superior Auction School and founder of Good Realty and Auction Service, Mason, Michigan, Ann Good (her married name is also

Good), and Ava Kay, all of whom were active in 4-H work.

As did all of his brothers, Paul became addicted to the romance of the livestock business at a very early age. During his high school years as a member of 4-H and FFA, he was awarded the 4-H championship trophy at the Cleveland Livestock Show, was

Van Wert County 4-H Health Champion, he was also a member of the winning 4-H general livestock judging team which represented the State of Ohio at the International in Chicago, he received the State Farmer degree in 1934 and served as secretary of the State FFA.

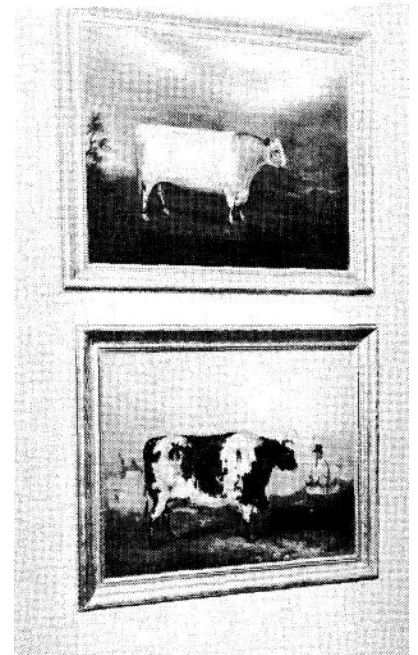
Paul received his Bachelor of

Science degree at The Ohio State University in 1938, and he is also a graduate of Reppert's School of Auctioneering. During his years in college, he was employed in both the swine and meats departments at Ohio State. He was also a member of the general livestock and meats judging teams in addition to the Varsity wrestling team.

After he received his auction license, Colonel Good sold livestock in four different auction barns weekly including Columbus, Fostoria, Toledo, and Hicksville, Ohio, for Producers Livestock Association. Paul also managed the livestock division of a large farm for a year before joining the Corn Belt Dailies in 1941 as Eastern Field Representative in which capacity he worked for five years under the direction of the Dean of livestock publication advertising managers, Foster C. Palmer.

Since Colonel Good entered into the pedigree livestock business on his own in 1946, he has commanded the admiration and respect of literally hundreds of thousands of livestock breeders throughout the United States and Canada. His tremendous success as one of the continent's senior auctioneers is the result of numerous attributes such as, his outstanding ability as a judge of all types of livestock, keen sense of being able to quickly evaluate an animal as it walks into the sale ring, his unsurpassable wit and sense of humor, and his tenacity and sincere devotion to the job he sets out to do.

From the beginning of his auctioneering career, Paul has personally sold in the vicinity of fifty million



dollars worth of livestock. His gavel sounded at \$203,000 for one-third interest in an Angus hull; he still holds the record for having sold the high-selling Arabian mare at auction for \$185,000, and he sold an Arabian stallion for \$350,000 which was \$200,000 more than any Arabian stud had ever brought in a public sale, and this record also stands. During the 'fifties", he was called upon to sell a steer at Club 21 in New York City, the proceeds of which were to go to the American Heart Association. Although the steer had never shown or won a championship, he commanded \$19,000.

In addition to his auctioneering commitments, Colonel Good traveled in the interest of purebred livestock breeding to the British Isles, Europe, Argentina, Central America, and Mexico, and he both imported and exported breeding stock for himself as well as for numerous clients. For a number of years, he bred Suffolk sheep, and the base of his flock was a flock of purebreds that he imported from England. In addition, he maintained his own herd of Angus cattle for 25 years, and along with having auction sales at his ArtAnnA Farm, he also exhibited at major Ohio events and at the International.

As most of you already know, Colonel Good underwent open-heart surgery last year, and side effects of that operation temporarily impaired his locomotion. However, he continues to make steady progress, and his myriad

of livestock friends anxiously await his return to the auction box and firmly rap the colonel's gavel in the not too distant future.

**DR. DON L. GOOD:** Don Good, Head, Department of Sciences and Industry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, has come a long way since he watched his sister's goslings hatching as a very young-boy. The mere sight of the process turned his stomach, and he went away vomiting. Raised on a mixed livestock "farmyard" farm, Don, like the rest of the Good brothers, was a member of 4-H and FFA and had Oxford sheep and

swine as projects. He became a member of the Ton Litter Club at the age of 13 years when an old sow farrowed 13 pigs, and they made a ton of pork in 180 days back in those times. After high school, Don entered Ohio State University as an animal husbandry major. Here, he also obtained jobs at the beef and horse barns along with the meats laboratory, and he actually worked his way through college.

Dr. Good was a senior at Ohio State when World War II came along, and at this time, he was drafted into the army and served in the infantry in Europe until the war ended. He then was

sent to the South Pacific and also served in the occupational forces in Japan. When he returned home, he re-entered Ohio State where one of his former classmates, Herman Purdy, was then coaching the judging team. He became a member of the 1946 general livestock team, and that year he was high man at the American Royal and a member of the winning team at the International. Don has a strong conviction that people contribute greatly to one's life, and he is ever to lend great credit to his parents who expected nothing but the best from their children along with such great stimulators of students at Ohio State as Professors D. J. Kays, Dr. Karl W. Gay, and Joel Coffee—three outstanding animal husbandmen in those days.

After graduation from Ohio State in 1947, Don accepted the position of coach of the KSU livestock judging team where he became a close associate of Dr. "Dad" Weher.

Don earned his Master of Science degree while serving as an instructor and then left to obtain his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1953 and 1954. At that time, he returned to Kansas State to take charge of purebred beef cattle until he was named Head of the Animal Science Department upon the retirement of Dr. Rufus Cox. Don has held this esteemed position ever since that time and in 1977, the combined Poultry, Dairy, and Animal Science Departments all came under his supervision.

Dr. Good is one of the most highly respected livestock judges in the industry, and in this particular segment of his professions, the ultimate to date is the fact that he is one of only five Americans who have been asked to judge the steers at the International since its inception in 1900.

Don coached the livestock judging team for eighteen years, winning fifteen national contests. Many of his students are now leaders in the industry. He has served as a livestock consultant to the Turkish government, and participated in the Conference on Livestock Development in Nigeria. He sits on the Board of Governors of the American Royal, Kansas City, Missouri, and is active in church and community affairs. In 1950, Don, along with brothers Paul and Byron, were received as members of the Animal Science Hall of Fame at Ohio State University.

The Don Good Family owns Cralynda Farm where they raise



Angus cattle. Don has made contributions to the livestock world, serving on countless committees, written numerous magazine articles, and has been the recipient of many honors and awards. His most important accomplishment is the positive impact on the students which were in his classes.

Don and his wife Jane have a daughter and two sons. Lynda, a graduate of Kansas State and Oklahoma State, teaches Home Economics at N. E. Louisiana State, Monroe, LA. Craig, a graduate of Animal Science at Kansas State,

manages an SPF registered Duroc and Yorkshire swine operation for Fred Germann, Dwight, Kansas. Gary, a brain damaged child, is at Kansas Neurological Institute, Topeka, Kansas.

FRED C. GOOD: Fred Good, the youngest of the Good brothers, was also active in 4-H and FFA, and in 1941, he was a member of the champion Ohio State 4-H Judging Team which represented the Buckeye State at the International in Chicago. He attended Ohio State University in 1942 and 1943 where he majored in Animal Husbandry, and during this period, he was the

winner of "The Little International" Beef Showmanship Contest. Fred served as beef cattle herdsman at Ohio State for several years, and other herdsman duties were fulfilled at Meadow Lane Farms, Van Wert, Ohio; J. Garrett Tolan Farms, Pleasant Plains, Illinois; Double E Farms, Senatobia, Mississippi; and Chine Farms, Churchill, Maryland. While he was at Chine Farms, Fred fitted the steer that was named Reserve Grand Champion at the International.

Fred was manager of Golden River Hereford Ranch, Chehoygan, Michigan, for five and a half years, and under his managership, this firm was third high blue ribbon winner at three state fairs during his third year at the helm. In 1955, Fred and his family moved back to Van Wert, Ohio, where he worked in partnership with his brother, Paul, and managed the Angus herd at Colonel Good's ArtAnna Farm. Here, he had excellent success at various shows, and several outstanding production sales were held. Fred purchased his own farm at Charlotte, Michigan, in 1958, and it is known as Good Angus Farm. His foundation cattle were mostly Bardoliermere females, and the herd sire at that time was the well-known Koranmere 11, a son of Koran P of Baifron which Colonel Paul had imported from Scotland. Later on, there was Keyhan Cornerstone, 1968 Michigan State Fair Grand Champion, Good Marshall who sired many champions and winning gets, and more recently, Wye-bred hulls have been introduced into the herd.

The Good Angus Farm herd consists of approximately 80 breeding females, and to quote Fred, "We are grateful to the Angus breed as the income from our cattle has paid for our farm, remodeled our homeplace, and helped to educate our children". For the past few years, some crossbreeding has been done to produce their own calves for the annual Good Angus Farm Club Calf Sale which is held the first Saturday in November.

Having fully realized the benefits of both 4-H and FFA participation himself, Fred has contributed his time as a 4-H leader for nearly 25 years. He has coached the county 4-H livestock judging teams for 5 years-three of which teams have won the state contest and represented the State of Michigan at the national level. Fred has judged livestock at many events including county fairs, state and regional shows, and the state fair. He has served on the


Board of Directors of the Michigan Angus Association and the West Michigan Angus Association. He is a past president of the Van Wert County Angus Association, the West Michigan Angus Association, and the Michigan Angus Association-the latter of which he was Chairman of the Board for two years. Currently, he is serving on the Board of Directors of the local Federal Land Bank Association.

During the past twelve years, Fred Good has graded calves at the fall feeder cattle cooperative sales in northern Michigan for the Department of Agriculture, and for five years,

he has worked for the Federal-State Livestock Market News Service covering two sales a week.

Married to the former Judith Swick, the Goods have four children-three boys and a girl, and two of their children, Mary Beth and Kevin, represented the State of Michigan in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contests in 1974 and 1975 respectively.

*Having set down some of the highlights in the careers of these dedicated brothers, the chances are indeed slim that four members of any one family have*


*ever contributed so much to the livestock industry as have the Good Brothers, Byron, Paul, Don, and Fred who, from very modest beginnings, reached the pinnacles of success.* 

## **Sydenstrickers Host Missouri Field Day**

The Missouri State Angus Field Day will be held Sunday, August 5, at Sydenstricker Angus Farms.

The farm, located two miles South of Mexico, Missouri, on Highway 54, has a new show barn, sale ring, and offices where registration will start at 9:30 am. A judging contest will begin at 10:00 followed by Junior activities at 11:00. A free beef lunch will be provided at 1:00.


Featured speaker at the 2:30 program will be C. K. Allen, executive vice-president of the American Angus Association.

A tour of Sydenstricker Angus Farms will conclude the day's activities. 

## **Tennessee Juniors**

### **Exhibit Champions**

Dale Rose, 14, of Jonesboro, Tennessee, exhibited the Grand Champion Angus Steer at the 35th Annual Bristol Junior Steer Show held at Tri-State Livestock Market in Abingdon, Virginia. The steer was bred by Ben Jenkins, Jonesboro.

Reserve Grand Champion Angus Steer was shown by Steve Bradley, Kingsport, Tennessee. His steer was bred by Bruce Cox of Kingsport. 

## **Armstrong Is S.E. South Dakota President**

Members of the Southeast South Dakota Angus Association meeting in Salem elected Bill Armstrong, Flaudreau, as their president for the coming year.

Vice-president is Lyle Hafner, Volin and re-elected secretary-treasurer is Ivan Lau, Delmont.

Director's posts went to Lyle Hafner and Calvin Baier, Corsica. 