

# Six vie for Board Openings

Five vacancies on the American Angus Association Board of Directors must be filled when the delegates meet Monday, Nov. 13 in Louisville, Ky. Those elected will serve a three-year term. At press time, six Association members had announced their candidacy; three are incumbents running for a second term. Biographical sketches of the candidates are presented here.

## From Kansas . . .



Tom Perrier

The Kansas Angus Assn. endorses the candidacy of Tom Perrier for Board of Directors.

Tom and Carolyn Perrier are the owners and operators of Dalebanks Angus, a 340-head cowherd that was started in 1904 by Tom's grandfather. The herd is located in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills near Eureka. It has become a major source of performance-tested Angus bulls, as more than 100 are sold annually to top commercial cowmen.

The herd has utilized a

performance selection procedure for more than 25 years and has been enrolled in the AHIR program since 1966. AHIR data including EPDs are used and made available to customers.

Breeding includes artificial insemination to sires selected by EPD information. Yearling bulls raised in the herd are used for natural service. Calves are born both in spring and fall seasons.

An annual production sale is held in November, selling the spring yearling bulls and a group of bred heifers. The fall yearlings are sold at private treaty in the winter and spring. The commercial calves and the end of the registered calves not

suitable for breeding stock are sold as feeders or fed out in commercial lots. One group of heifers gained more than 3.5 pounds per day and made over 50 percent CAB.

Perrier believes that Angus should be included in every commercial cattle breeding program and has geared his operation to supply breeding stock to commercial cowmen. As a third-generation Angus breeder he has always been an Angus promoter and believes that interest in Angus cattle will increase until their influence will dominate the commercial beef industry. The activities of the American Angus Assn. have and will continue to influence the growth of the breed. Recent programs of the Association, such as AHIR, Sire Evaluation and CAB, have led to breed improvement as it relates to the commercial cattle industry.

The industry has responded to this improvement by showing tremendous acceptance of Angus and Angus crosses. The Association needs to continue to improve on its innovative programs as it relates to the commercial beef industry. This emphasis on practical production will help keep Angus the premier breed.

Perrier has served as president, vice president and director of the Kansas Angus Assn., as well as director of the Kansas Livestock Assn. He graduated from Kansas State University with a BS degree in animal science. Tom and Carolyn have three children: Matthew, 15; Michelle, 11; and Mark, 9.

## From Missouri . . .



Paul "Butch" Meier

Paul Meier, known as "Butch" to family and friends, has the unanimous support of the Missouri Angus Assn. in seeking re-election for his second term on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Assn.

While serving his first term of the Board of Directors, Meier served on the Planning and Industry Committee, Public Relations and three years on the Breed Improvement Committee.

Meier has been involved with livestock all his life, as he grew up on a grain and livestock farm in Southeast Missouri. Butch's first involvement with Angus cattle stems from a 4-H project. Being active in 4-H and FFA and his farm background, he was prompted to attend the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating in 1970 with a degree in animal science. While there, he was a member of the junior and senior livestock judging teams, as well as Block and Bridle, the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honor societies. He then studied at the University of Georgia-Athens, where he coached the livestock judging team.

After college, Meier returned to the family farm where he manages the day-to-day operations of Butch's Angus. The farm operation is devoted to pasture, corn, soybeans, wheat and oats, with a sizable number of acres in alfalfa production.

The entire herd is enrolled in the AHIR program as well as the Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Assn. program. A limited embryo transplant program has been used over the past seven years. Most cattle are sold by private treaty along with consignments to tested bull sales and state and local association sales. Production sales have been held with other local breeders.

Meier has served six years as a member of the Missouri Angus Assn. and served as president in 1983. He has been president and vice president of the Southeast Missouri Angus Assn. for which he also served as secretary and sale manager for five years. He was president of the Southeast Missouri Cattlemen's Assn. for two years and is a past chairman of the Cape Girardeau County University of Missouri Extension Council. In 1979 he was selected as Missouri's Outstanding Young Farmer, an award sponsored by the United States Jaycees.

The Meier family is active in the St. Paul Lutheran Church and school. Butch's wife, Eileen, works part-time at the county ASCS office. They have two sons, Brian, 10, and Greg, 7. Both boys have memberships in the American Angus Assn. and have begun their own show careers in local junior and 4-H shows.

## From Wisconsin . . .



*John Andersen*

The Wisconsin Angus Assn. supports the candidacy of John Andersen for Board of Directors.

Andersen has been involved with livestock all his life. Livestock 4-H and FFA projects stimulated him to attend Iowa State University where he received a D.V.M. degree in 1959 and later advanced degrees. He is a professor and Extension veterinarian at the University of Wisconsin. Previous to this, he served in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, worked in a private practice in Iowa

and was on the staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

The Andersen herd was established 20 years ago and consists of about 25 cows. In early years, the Andersen children participated in county, state and national Junior shows. The herd emphasizes performance, relying on AHIR and EPD information. Bulls have been consigned to the Wisconsin Bull Test Station for the past 17 years.

Beef producers and students have benefited from the Andersen herd because new practices, drugs and vaccines are demonstrated and animals are available for judging contests and classroom laboratories. Last year, the Andersen family hosted the Wisconsin Angus Assn. State Field Day

John and his wife, Jackie, have four children: Randy, an attorney who lives in Madison; Marty, a beef cattle nutritional consultant with DeKalb Feeds in Iowa; Jim, a radiology resident at the University of Minnesota; and Julie, a fifth grade teacher in Florida. Jackie is employed by the Madison School District. Everyone helps with the farm when needed.

Andersen has served as a board member of the Wisconsin Angus Assn. for six years, including two as president. He has been on the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Assn. board for six years serving as president for three years. Another activity has been serving as a member of the Select Sires Beef Sire Advisory Committee the past five years.

Andersen is active on several University committees including Extension beef and sheep, experimental farms, animal welfare, honorary recognition and food safety. He also is responsible for teaching courses in infectious diseases of livestock and in developing disease prevention health programs for dairy and beef producers.

## From Kentucky . . .



*Joe Bill Meng*

Joe Bill Meng is unanimously endorsed by the board of directors of the Kentucky Angus Assn. for re-election as a director of the American Angus Assn.

Meng's father, Joe Meng, and grandfather, W.H. Meng, started with registered Angus in 1947—the year Joe Bill was born-on the farm near Bowling Green, Ky., where Joe and Joe Bill currently operate Meng Farms, Inc.

Meng is married to the former Ruth Elizabeth Cook of Bowling

Green and has two children, Alissa and Will.

Meng was president of the first Kentucky Junior Angus Assn. and represented Kentucky in the first National Junior Showmanship Contest. He graduated from high school in 1965 and was named FFA Kentucky State Star Farmer.

Meng graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1970 with a degree in Animal Science. At Western, he was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was a member of the livestock judging team.

Upon graduation, Meng joined the family cattle operation, which currently consists of 800 acres and some 400 head of registered Angus.

In 1974, Meng was selected as manager of the American Angus Breeders' Futurity and continues to serve in that capacity. His wife, Ruth, is secretary for the organization. From 1974 to 1982, he served as beef cattle superintendent of the Kentucky State Fair.

Meng has judged cattle shows of all breeds at numerous major shows including the North American International Livestock Exposition, Houston Stock Show, Eastern National

and the National Junior Angus Show. He is immediate past president of the Kentucky Angus Assn. and a member of the board of directors. He's also a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Assn. and the Kentucky Beef Cattle Assn.

Meng is on the board of directors of the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. He has served as director of the Mammoth Cave Production Credit Assn. Meng is also a member of the Governors Council for Vocational Education and the advisory committee for the Breathitt Veterinary Center Animal Diagnostic Laboratory.

Meng is an honorary member of the Western Kentucky University Block and Bridle Club and actively supports that organization. He has also served as a 4-H club leader and works with numerous youth and university judging teams. Meng served six years in the Kentucky National Guard and is a member of the Woodburn Baptist Church.

The Meng Farms operation is a multi-dimensional program which employs as many tools for breed improvement and promotion as possible. The herd started with the Kentucky Beef Cattle Records program in the mid-1960s and then went on AHIR in the early '70s. Meng Farms actively participates in both the Kentucky and Tennessee Central Bull Tests and has had several bulls top both events.

Meng Farms shows cattle on both a state and national level. Its marketing program, in addition to on-the-farm sales, include participation in regional and state consignment sales as well as several sales held at the farm. Meng Farms has employed artificial insemination extensively since the advent of open A.I. in the Angus breed and uses embryo transfer on a limited number of females.

In addition to the purebred operation, the Mengs ran a commercial herd for more than 30 years where Joe Bill experimented with numerous crosses. This experience served to convince Joe Bill more than ever of the value of the Angus cow.

## From Pennsylvania . . .



Conrad Grove

The Pennsylvania Angus Assn. enthusiastically supports Conrad Grove for his second term on the National Board of Directors.

Grove brings to the board a balanced background which allows him to serve all phases of the Angus industry. During his first term he served on the Planning and Industry Committee, the Activities Committee, the Rules and Arbitration Committee and the Breed Improvement Committee. We urge you to join us in our support.

Grove bought his first Angus cow in 1946. This led to a love of the breed which carried him into a career which is the envy and dream of most cattlemen. From 1959 until 1987, when the herd was dispersed, Grove managed the Devereux Soleil operation consisting of 300 purebred cows, a 450-head feedlot, a

## From Indiana . . .



Bill Wilson

William H. "Bill" Wilson of Cloverdale, Ind., has announced his intention to seek election as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Angus Assn. A past president of the Indiana Angus Assn., Wilson has the endorsement and support of both the Indiana Angus Assn. and the elected delegates from the state of Indiana.

Raised on a livestock and grain farm in central Illinois, Wilson grew up with purebred livestock and

participated in both the 4-H and FFA programs, earning the highly regarded American Farmer degree awarded by the National FFA program. Wilson is a 1963 graduate of the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science.

Wilson has been involved with purebred cattle every day of his life, and his experience with Angus cattle began more than 20 years ago. In 1969, he became the manager of the Stark and Wetzel Angus herd which was headquartered at the farm on which he resides today near Cloverdale. Through 20 years and three changes of ownership, Wilson has managed this same farm and consistently improved upon the cow herd that he assembled there for Stark and Wetzel.

A merger of Stark and Wetzel and the Premier Corporation in 1974 made Wilson a vice president of that organization. The subsequent sale of the Premier Angus Division of Premier Corporation to Granada Land & Cattle gave him his present position as the managing principal of Granada's purebred operations in Indiana. As an executive of one of the largest diversified agricultural companies in the world, Wilson makes the breeding and management decisions for three breeds of purebred cattle, and he produces and markets more than 500 commercial bulls each year.

Angus cattle bred by Wilson have sold to Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, New Zealand, Mexico and Canada, and commercial cattlemen from throughout the western United States have made his Profitmaker Bull program one of the most successful seedstock marketing enterprises in the world. Granada's integrated approach to agriculture has given Wilson unique exposure and experience with the purebred industry, the

federally inspected slaughtering facility and a bull testing system which tested 60 bulls each year.

Complete records were kept which followed animals from birth to the table. Feed efficiency and carcass data were kept on every cow family. This operation was the subject of many regional and national articles and television interviews.

During this same period, Grove exhibited and judged cattle at most of the Eastern shows and served three terms as chairman of the board of the Eastern National Livestock Expo. He also was a director of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Grove's outstanding leadership ability was recognized by several organizations. He served three terms as president of the Pennsylvania Angus Assn. and one term as president of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Assn. In addition, he has served his local community by playing a leadership role in a variety of local activities.

At the present time, Grove is the owner/operator of a 40-cow herd, where balanced trait selection is rigorously practiced. He continues to host field days and junior Angus workshops. In addition, he serves as consultant to several herds in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

nation's commercial cow herd, the feeding industry and the packing industry.

Over the past six years, Wilson has been responsible for the registration of more than 3,000 head of Angus cattle. He has experience with embryo transfer, international semen and embryo sales, an annual female production sale, and an annual performance-tested yearling bull sale. Cattle bred by Wilson at Premier Angus have consistently been competitive in shows across the United States and Canada, and bulls bred by Wilson have consistently ranked among the top-indexers at the Treasure Test Station in Montana during the second half of this decade.

In 1988, Wilson became the first man to show three National Western Grand Champion Bulls of three different breeds at the same show.

Wilson's skill as a manager was recognized by his peers on the Executive Committee of the American Angus Breeders' Futurity when he was elected the winner of the first All-American Manager of the Year award in 1985. Wilson has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic National since its founding in 1986. He is a member of the Indiana Cattlemen's Assn. and has served as either chairman or vice chairman of the Indiana delegation to the Annual Meeting of the American Angus Assn. for most of this decade.

The Angus industry is a full-time vocation for Wilson and his family. His son, Chad, has participated in the activities of the National Junior Angus Assn. for the past four years, recently showing the grand champion steer at the 1989 National Junior Angus Show.

Wilson and his wife, Priscilla, own several of the farms on which the Premier Angus herd operates, and they are co-owners of the E&W Cattle Company located at Greentown, Ind. Together with Joe and Deanna Ellis, they have bred and exhibited an International grand champion heifer, a Canadian Western Agribition grand champion bull, and numerous state, regional and national champions. Priscilla Wilson is a former Illinois Angus Ebonette who showed the Grand Champion Angus Steer at the Illinois State Fair during her 4-H career. Priscilla is a member of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary and has served as a judge of the American Angus Auxiliary Beef Cook-off.

Wilson has judged shows of several beef breeds in Canada and South Africa, and in nearly every state in the United States. In the Angus breed, Wilson has judged both the National Western Stock Show and the American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

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