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Some English County Shows.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

"Business as usual" is essential in regard to agriculture, and it was with this fact in mind that the Council of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Show decided, in the first instance, to hold their three-days' fixture at Hereford this year. The Minister of Munitions (Mr. Lloyd George) could not consent to the usual exhibition of implements, etc., always an important feature of the show, and when it was found that the cost of timber required for the show yard had risen to an exorbitant price, to say nothing of labor, the event was cut down to one day.

Although the entries of Hereford cattle were not so numerous as could have been desired there were some excellent exhibits. In the first class for bull, cow and calf H. A. Christy, Llangoed Castle, won and his bull (Sailor) showed very nice character, also the calf, and a first prize was awarded. The young bull class was an exceptionally good one, and the winner was George Butters' Newton Realm, which has the prospect of becoming a good stock bull. He possesses all the striking characteristics of the Sailor Prince breed. Bulls calved on or after March 1st, 1915, were a useful class, and winner was Bodenham Foreman, by Fearless Fortune, bred by K. W. Milnes, of Church Stretton, out of the dam Blossom Second, which has produced two Royal winners. He is a bull of plenty of size and weight. Sir John Cotterell's Dictator was second, being not so well developed at the tail, though otherwise a striking representative of the breed. Balfour, shown by J. H. Bray, Dormington, was premier winner in the class for bulls calved in 1915. W. Milnes' Jimcrack, gained first prize in the class for 1914 bulls. By British Oyster he has a beautiful head and plenty of character. There was plenty of scale in the class for bulls calved previous to January 1st, 1914, the three exhibits weighing 25 cwt., 23 cwt. and 22 cwt., respectively. The biggest and best was George Butters' Newton Albion, a Royal winner, which always took a high place, both as a yearling and a two-year-old. T. Lawson Walker's Sentry was a second, and the Earl of Coventry's Dollar third. In the class for heifers, 1914, Frank Bigby's Clive Lady 6th was an outstanding winner. In heifers calved in 1913 premier honors were awarded Miss Gordon, shown by the exors. of J. L. Hall, winner of the second and reserve championship at the Royal last year. For the best cow in milk the decision rested between the Earl of Coventry's Madrigal and Sir J. R. G. Cotterell's Diadem, which were placed in the order given. Madrigal has greater substance, but Diadem had a fine heifer calf.

The champion prize for best Shorthorn bull went to E. Smith's Worcester Hayle Imperialist, an easy winner, and championship for cows and heifers was awarded to W. M. Cazalet's Tonbridge Golden Gay 2nd. Cazalet carried off first and second for the cow or heifer in milk calved previous to 1914. The local prize for best Shorthorn bull was secured by Edgecote Marcus, shown by Mrs. Jane Harvey Hewitt, Hope End, Ledbury. In old bulls C. W. Kellock's Jack Tar was winner. He is a particularly handsome white bull, and has won several prizes, including two of Lord Derby's fifty-guinea challenge cups. R. W. Hobbs and Son, Lechlade, Glos., carried off chief honors in the classes for Shorthorn dairy cows in milk, and dairy heifers in milk.

In Ryeland sheep, the winning pen sent by Mrs. Herbert, of Clytha, was, in the opinion of some, the best pen of yearling ewes seen for some years.

Leicestershire Agricultural Show was another one-day affair. J. H. Appleby, the Groby enthusiast, was the outstanding prize winner in the Shire horse section. He was first in the local class for Fillies with Bradgate Champion Dazzle; was awarded first in the Open competition for Two-year-old Fillies with the ever-stylish Bradgate Pearl; scored in the Three-year-old Mare class with Bradgate Dorothy; was first in the local class for Mares in Foal or with Foal at Foot, and stood well to the fore in the local class for Shire Filly Foals.

The Pedigree Shorthorn Dairy Cow class was well led by Lord Lucas' Wrest Planet, a beautiful dairy animal. Shorthorn Bulls were headed by F. B. Wilkinson's Proud Knight. Three Lincolnshire, Red Shorthorn classes filled fairly well, F. B. Wilkinson winning all the firsts and one second.

The Large White Boar class had a rare stylish sort at top in Bourne Bandmaster, sent by the keen Lincolnshire breeder E. Wherry. In the open class for a Pen of Any Breed the Duke of Westminster was first with a typical lot of Berkshires bred at Eaton.

One-day, too, was the Northamptonshire show. The Shorthorn Society's district prize for bulls went to a very useful roan belonging to Col. Sir. Hereford Wake, Bart. He is a level, well-covered bull of great promise. An easy winner in the cow class was R. L. Mond's Marian 4th, a big cow with fine udder, which also won the Senior Milking class. She gave 25½ lbs. of milk, and has been in milk for 8½ months. In the Milking class, Under Four Years, Capt. A. S. Wills' Puddington Lady York was far and away the best exhibit. She gave 33¼ lbs. of milk, having calved five weeks before. The Dairy Shorthorn Association's prize for Bulls Under Two was secured by R. W. Hobbs and Sons' winner at the Royal last year, Kelmscott Juggler 39th. He is very correct, and beat Lord Lucas' Premier Gift, out of Primrose Gift.

Geo. Roberts made a clean sweep of the Down Ram class with his Oxfords, and he also carried off the Breeders' Association prize.

Shires and Shorthorns were the features of the Nottinghamshire County show held in the Lace City. Forshaw and Sons' Newark Coming King, the winning Shire colt in London, led his class of Yearlings. This colt has come on well, and has beautiful feather, and is a good mover. In the Two-year-old class, Messrs. Forshaw led with Brook Vale Foreman, a weighty, good horse, moving well and standing on the best of legs and feet. The pick of the Yearling Fillies was owned by A. R. Grimes, i. e., Gleadthorpe Seclusion, a handsome, promising daughter of Childwick Champion. In the Two-year-olds, J. H. Appleby's Bradgate Pearl, a capital bay, with good shoulders and a typical body-piece, led, closely followed by that massive, weighty filly Elvaston Belle, submitted by Lord Harrington. Forshaw and Sons were first in the Three-year-old class with Rufford May Queen, a powerful filly, with great substance and quality. Winner in the Brood Mare class was Halstead Royal Duchess, sent by John Bradley. She was an easy champion, and was exhibited in beautiful form. Scarcliffe Sundial, owned by M. Hubbard, a grand bay, with beautiful feet and feather, was second, and she took the Shire Horse Society's gold medal. The winning colt, Ash Childwick, sired by Childwick Champion, was out of Egerton Orme's mare Pendley May Queen.

The County classes for Shorthorns at Nottinghamshire were well filled. In Bull Calves Earl Manvers led with a choice, good-topped dark roan, Pierrepont Field Marshal. Birdsall Craftsman, a roan of good stamp and character, stood second for Lord Middleton, whilst a good son of Village Diamond was third for the Duke of Portland. His Grace, however, led in the Yearling Bull class with Wood Ranger, followed by another from the same herd, Welbeck Choice. The Shorthorn Society's prize and its reserve went to Earl Manvers for his dark roan, Pierrepont Field Marshal and Pierrepont Royal Pippin, respectively. Proud Knight, a white, with great flesh and substance, led in the Two-year-olds for F. B. Wilkinson. A grand calf Pierrepont Clarissa, won for Earl Manvers in the Heifer Calf class.

In the open Bull Calf class Walter Spurr led with Earl of Kingston 2nd, a beautifully moulded, hence symmetrical, calf, full of the best characteristics of the breed, and one quite likely to be heard of again. Yearling bulls had as their leader Brandsby Count 6th, owned by J. M. Strickland, a grand yearling, and one well deserving of champion honors. His depth of flesh and fine character all round made him hard to beat. In old bulls, Jack Tar, owned by C. W. Kellock, stood out a smart winner. He is a bull of great weight, flesh and substance, with beautiful touch. In



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