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## A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST (continued from page 27)

functionality of Red Polls. The judges looked for traits for both beef and milk. In fact there were even "udder classes" in 1952 at the Red Poll National Show. This emphasis upon milking ability is paying dividends even today as Red Polls continue to exhibit strong genetics for this trait. It did not come accidentally.

All of the above underscores the philosophies by which Elginvue Stock Farm was operated. Those philosophies are just as appropriate today as they were in the late 1940s and 1950s. These thoughts were gleaned from the 1955 Elginvue Sale Catalog when the herd was dispersed.

**Roy Mueller:** "The 'Elgins' are living proof that milk and beef are compatible production qualities that can be bred into cattle at a high, practical level."

**John Mueller:** "We have selected from each calf crop only good cattle for sale to customers and for herd replacements. Here at Elginvue, we breed cattle, not papers. The papers are important because they are the records that jog our memories of the cattle farther back. If a breeder keeps culls, he's just breeding papers and it won't work."

**Karl Mueller:** "There is a lot of misunderstanding about the effect on breeding cattle of fitting for show. Truthfully a lot of misunderstanding is justified, because there have been a lot of fitting jobs that did injure cattle for production and breeding. In most cases, it need not have happened."

The Red Poll breed today is indebted to the many stalwarts of the breed who laid a foundation for the great bloodlines and families of cattle available today. Red Poll Beef Journal wishes to thank Ken Mueller for providing the above material and this glimpse into the past.

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