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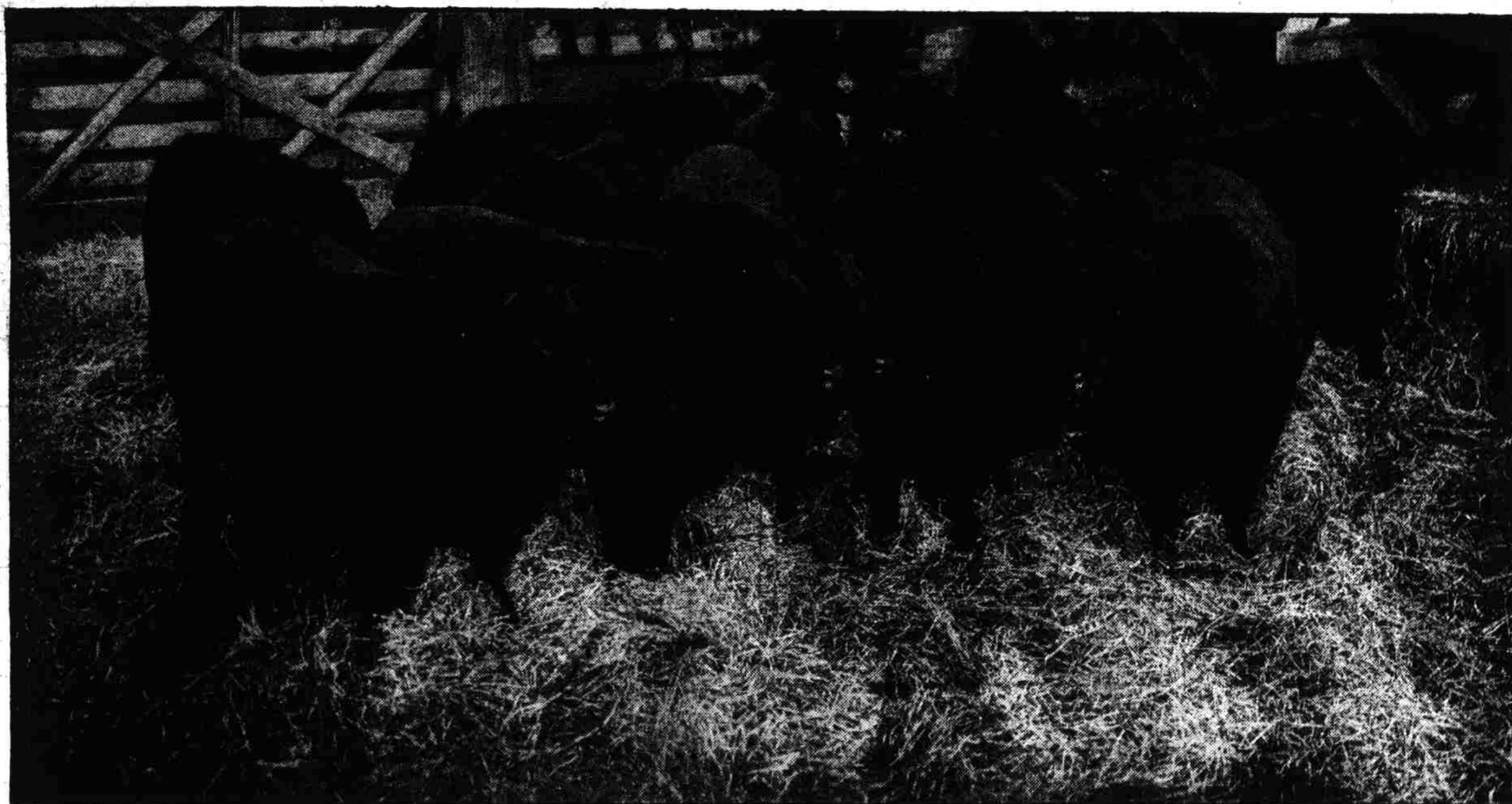
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Go to the Fairs This Fall—It Will Pay You.



GRAND CHAMPION CARLOAD ABERDEEN-ANGUS STEERS AT LAST YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL.

TWO or three times this summer we have reminded Progressive Farmer readers to get ready not only to attend their local fair, but also if possible to make exhibits of some kind. Once we have published the most complete list we could obtain of the fairs to be held in our territory this fall, and this list we are publishing again this week. Once again, too, we wish to urge every reader to attend his local fair and, if he can at all arrange for it, his State fair as well.

We know that all fairs are not as good as they might be; but then none of us are that good. The exhibits at some fairs are "not much," it is true. Some State fairs, we know, have failed to make the proper provision for livestock and agricultural exhibits, and some of them have given altogether too much prominence to "amusement" features, sometimes of a rather questionable nature. Few people have spoken more plainly about these things than we have and if occasion seems to us to call for it, we shall rise again to make a few remarks. No agricultural fair, big or little, has any right to harbor indecent shows, gambling devices, petty swindlers or any sort of "attraction" to which the purest woman or the most innocent child could not be taken. If any reader knows that his fair is going to be given over to these sort of things, he is perfectly right in staying away from it.

We are glad to believe, however, that such things are being gradually done away with and that the educational features of our Southern fairs are year by year being given greater prominence. Some of the big fairs in our territory have exhibits of livestock, poultry, farm products or fruit which, according to competent judges, the biggest State fairs of the whole country would find it hard to surpass. Many

of our local fairs—especially those organized and conducted by public-spirited citizens for the good that may be accomplished and not for profit—are really high-class educational institutions.

That is what every fair should be, and what almost any may be to the farmer who attends it with the purpose of learning about his business. At the fairs he and his wife will see the best livestock, the newest farm machinery, the latest household conveniences, the best products of the farm, orchard and garden, and at the same time will find plenty of wholesome amusement and enjoy the pleasure of greeting old and making new friends.

A trip to the fair—to your local fair, to your State fair—is worth all it costs, Mr. Reader, and more. Make it a point to attend this year and learn all you can, and then perhaps next year you will be in position to make the fair even more helpful and useful.

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