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# Motley retiring after 34 years

**AMELIASBURG** - When Harold Motley joined Quinte Breeders as a technician in 1948, approximately 800 cows were artificially inseminated that year in his work area of Ameliasburg, Hillier and part of Hallowell. This year, about 2,500 cows have been inseminated in the same district says Motley, who will retire from his job Dec. 31, after 34 years with Quinte Breeders and Eastern Breeders Inc.

"There were only two units for artificial insemination when I started - the Kemptville and Waterloo units. It was a new concept and it seemed as if it had a future," he says.

When Motley started his job, all technicians took calls from their homes and were responsible for certain areas.

"My area was Hillier and Ameliasburg and part of Hallowell and we collected all of our own counts and were responsible for them. We used a glass inseminating rod and today we use a throwaway kit. In those times, everything had to be sterilized."

"We did our own banking and the technician was responsible for everything, in general. There was a monthly report to the local unit."

Today, all calls are taken collectively from the office of Eastern Breeders Inc. in Belleville and Motley estimates that the telephones ring approximately 125 times in 90 minutes. Calls are taken seven days a week and service is provided on every day of the year, with the exception of Christmas Day. New



## It's quitting time

After 34 years on the job as a technician with Eastern Breeders Inc., it's quitting time for Harold Motley of Ameliasburg. An appreciation night will be held for him on Nov. 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Trenton.

Year's Day and Easter Sunday.

"It's a lot like a veterinary practice. You work until your calls are done. We have long days and short days. It used to be that in the winter we were not as busy but now because of milk quotas it's the same all year round."

Motley recalls that Quinte Breeders and Kemptville Breeders amalgamated in 1962 and the new organization was named Eastern Breeders Inc. The union made for increased efficiency. Today, 10 technicians are

employed with Eastern Breeders Inc. in Belleville.

"In 1948, the price for the artificial insemination of one cow was \$5 and today it is from \$14 to \$100 depending on the bull. It's a thing of the past for a farmer to take his cows to a bull. He either keeps his own herd sire or goes to AI."

When Motley started work with Quinte Breeders, 34 years ago, the farmer with six to 20 head of cattle had a good-sized herd. Today, it is not uncommon for one man to milk 75 cows.

"Like other industries, the farmer who has survived has gotten larger. The farmer is a businessman and he must keep more cattle today to offset his expenses."

The technician says that he began his career with Quinte Breeders after working for an electric company and a chain store. He was born on Huff's Island and attended Huff's Island school section one. "I came back home to farm and joined Quinte Breeders. It was a new adventure that seemed exciting."

In 34 years on the job, Motley has received just two traffic tickets and one serious injury, when he was knocked to a concrete floor by a cow.

"I was hurt five years ago and I was off work for about four months," he says.

Today, he continues to visit many of the same farms that were on his call list in 1948. "I've worked for the grandfathers, the fathers and now the sons."

Motley says he has always liked people and his contact with the farmers in his area has become a big part of his life.

"Any job that you do over and over every day would get monotonous if it weren't for the people. They make you tick," he observes.

On Nov. 25, an appreciation night for Motley will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Trenton and Quinte area farmers will have an opportunity to wish him a happy retirement. Although he has no special plans, Motley expects to at last find more time for favorite hobbies of fishing, hunting and cooking. He has travelled extensively but has never visited Alaska, a trip which he wants to make in future. "And, maybe I'll go to Florida, too," he says.