



The Maple Unit Stages Something New

History was made on October 23, 1951, when the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association staged their first consignment sale. The sale was distinctive in that all of the cattle offered were sired by Holstein bulls in the Maple Artificial Insemination Unit.

The 57 head sold were drawn from 35 herds over the several counties served by the unit. Most of these breeders had not invested heavily in fashionable lines of Holstein blood. In fact, their only claim to fame was that their young stock carried the blood of the splendid battery of black and white bulls in the Maple unit.

Only a few of these herds had been on Record of Performance and most of the animals offered had no record backing on the dams side. On the sires side there was splendid record backing.

It was not to be expected that cattle with most of the appeal on the one side of the pedigree would sell at ultra high prices. They did sell at good prices, however, and demonstrated the value of such bulls as are found at the Maple Unit in just average registered herds.

The 57 head brought \$27,622.50 an average of \$484 per head. The 15 milking females averaged \$392; 23 bred heifers averaged \$505; 11 open yearlings, \$320; and eight heifer calves \$358.

The top prices were paid where there was record breeding on both sides of the pedigree. The top price of \$1,100 was paid by J. E. Houck, Brampton, for a four year old daughter of Lonelm Texal Higheroff, consigned by Pickering College Farms, Newmarket, which had a two year old 365 day 2X record of 13,648 lbs.

George Jackson, Downsview, paid the second high price of \$935 for a big, straight three year old consigned by R. J. Darlington, Maple. She had the good two year old record of 13,093 lbs. of 4.7% milk.

Next in line was \$750 paid by G. L. Gladu, Village Richeleau, P. Q. to C. H. Boake, Downsview, for a "glamour" heifer with record backing on both sides. W. Alex. Snedden, Almonte, gave Cecil Atkinson, Schomberg, \$700 for a three year old; and G. Leslie Peer, Milton paid \$685 to F. G. Stark & Sons, Milton for a bred heifer.

The sale drew a capacity crowd that could not all be accommodated in Hays' Sales Arena. Auctioneer Lorne Franklin, with the aid of Hugh Coulson on pedigrees, sold the 57 head in less than three hours.

The comment that was heard more frequently than any other was that the cattle offered were exceptionally well grown. This could not all be attributed to good breeding.

We listened in while one consignor told the group around his two year old heifer that the heifer weighed 200 lbs. more than her dam at maturity. "You must have been extra good to the heifer," said one of the group. "The big bulls

at the Unit had more to do with it," was the owner's reply.

Again and again we heard similar comments. These men were sure that, with the good bulls available at a well managed insemination centre, such as the Maple Unit, they were getting better type animals than would have been possible from sires that they could have afforded as individuals.

There must be a lot of people who are thinking in this way. Mr. G. W. Keffler, manager of the Unit told me that in the first six months of this year, the Unit had an increase of 64 per cent. in inseminations and 24 per cent. in membership. He estimates that the number of inseminations this year may reach 36,000. Holding of the first consignment sale of its kind was in keeping with the progressive spirit that has always characterized the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association and its management.

Bannockburn Party Held By Students

The pupils of Bannockburn School held their annual Halloween party on Friday afternoon.

Several parents dropped in to add to the gaiety. A bountiful lunch and candy treats were much enjoyed.

Many and interesting were the disguises but just to mention a few: Dutch Girl, Lillian Phillips; Cowboy, Kenneth Rotz; Squaw and her papoose, Jimmie Rotz; Witch, Margaret Morrison; Little Boy, Joan Brooks; Gypsy, Sally Thompson.

Joan: "What kind of husband do you advise me to get?"
 Jane: "You get a single man and leave the husbands alone."

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Bulbs Potted Now Bloom In Spring

How about potting some bulbs indoors this year for flowering in the spring? Those most commonly grown are hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils or narcissus.

Soil is not very important, but it should contain a fair amount of sand. Peat or leaf soil may be added, but barnyard manure is best omitted unless thoroughly pulverized with age.

After potting, water well and keep the bulbs in a cool dark part of the basement. Six to eight weeks is about the average storage time during which the root system develops. During this period keep the soil moist but avoid dryness or saturation.

When the top growth is about an inch long, the pots should be moved to a lighter place in the basement and should remain there until a slight change in color from yellow to green occurs.

From then on the bulbs may be forced in a room that is somewhat cooler than the average living room — often the hall or a cool window is a suitable place. The bulbs should remain there until the leaves expand and the flower buds appear. At that time they may be safely moved into a warmer temperature. The full blooms will last longer if kept out of direct sunshine.



ESTATE SALE

The executrix of the estate of the **LATE ANNE HUFFMAN** will offer for sale at the premises on **WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER** next at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following valuable farm consisting of:

The West Half of Lot Number Eleven (11) in the Fifth Concession of the Township of Esquewaug, in the County of Halton, containing one hundred acres more or less.

The soil is a deep, sandy clay loam.

On the premises there are said to be erected a two storey solid brick house with 12 rooms — a frame barn 40x60 — a frame horse stable on stone foundation 30x64 — a cow shed 24x60 — a stone pig pen and a frame driving shed.

Possession can be given at any time.

The property will be sold subject to a reserved bid and conditions of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale see the undersigned auctioneers or Messrs. Dick & Dick, Solicitors for the Estate. Dated at Milton, the 20th day of October, 1951.

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Grass Silage Gives Better Milk, Meat

The silage method of preserving green hay and surplus pasture crops has grown to be a major part of the planned roughage economy on many Canadian livestock farms.

Grass silage can replace corn silage in the ration of dairy cows. Research work has shown that a pound of total digestible nutrients in grass silage produced as much milk or weight gain as a pound of total digestible nutrients in corn silage.

Grass silage from alfalfa was found to have twice as much protein as corn silage, which pointed the way to reducing the protein content of grain supplements.

Field studies indicated that when legumes or mixtures of legumes and grasses were fertilized as liberally as corn, the yields on a greenweight basis were higher than corn and the costs were lower.

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- ✓ Pensions planned for the totally disabled from 18 to 65.
- ✓ Ontario is the first province in Canada to pass legislation to implement the Federal-Provincial agreement for security for the aged.
- ✓ Old age pension benefits increased 3 times by present Progressive Conservative government.
- ✓ Most generous Mother's Allowances in Ontario's history.
- ✓ First construction grants in Canada made to build and extend hospitals, 14,474 beds and bassinets provided.
- ✓ First province to pay 50% of construction costs of homes for the aged, plus 50% of maintenance.
- ✓ First grants to provide free school books to elementary schools.
- ✓ Increased contributions made for Children's Aid.
- ✓ Province pays one half cost of supplying free milk to school children.
- ✓ Ontario leads Canada in war against Cancer and Tuberculosis.
- ✓ Most advanced labour laws, expanded compensation and rehabilitation for injured workmen with industrial health measures.

ENSURE CONTINUED GOOD GOVERNMENT



THESE ARE SCENES of the navy's "frogmen" in action underwater preparing demolition charges to clear the way for an invasion as depicted in 20th Century Fox's dramatic adventure story, "The Frogmen", scheduled to open next Wednesday and Thursday at your Roxy Theatre co-starring Richard Widmark, Dana Andrews and Gary Merrill. The picture deals with the exploits of the undersea demolition teams used by the Navy in World War II and in the present Korean conflict. Fighting where no men have fought before!

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