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That's a lotta bull!

# Record \$150,000 price paid to Hornby breeder

A new world record price for a dairy animal was established at Oakville last week as a Holstein bull calf sold for \$150,000 at the annual All-Canadian Sale. The bull calf, named Oak Ridges Supreme Progress, was bought by A B C Farms, Brampton, from Claude Pickett, Hornby.

Also established was a world record auction sale average for dairy cattle of \$16,715 each for 13 head that sold for a total of \$217,300. Buyers from many countries including U.S.A., Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy jammed the Hays Sales Arena as Senator Harry Hays of Calgary acted as auctioneer.

Asked why he had paid \$150,000 for the bull, Elgin Armstrong of A B C Farms said, "He has the best bloodlines in the Holstein breed. Canadian breeders need these bloodlines and I didn't want

to see him leave the country." He told reporters he attended the sale prepared to pay any price to keep the bull in Canada. His was the only bid of the animal.

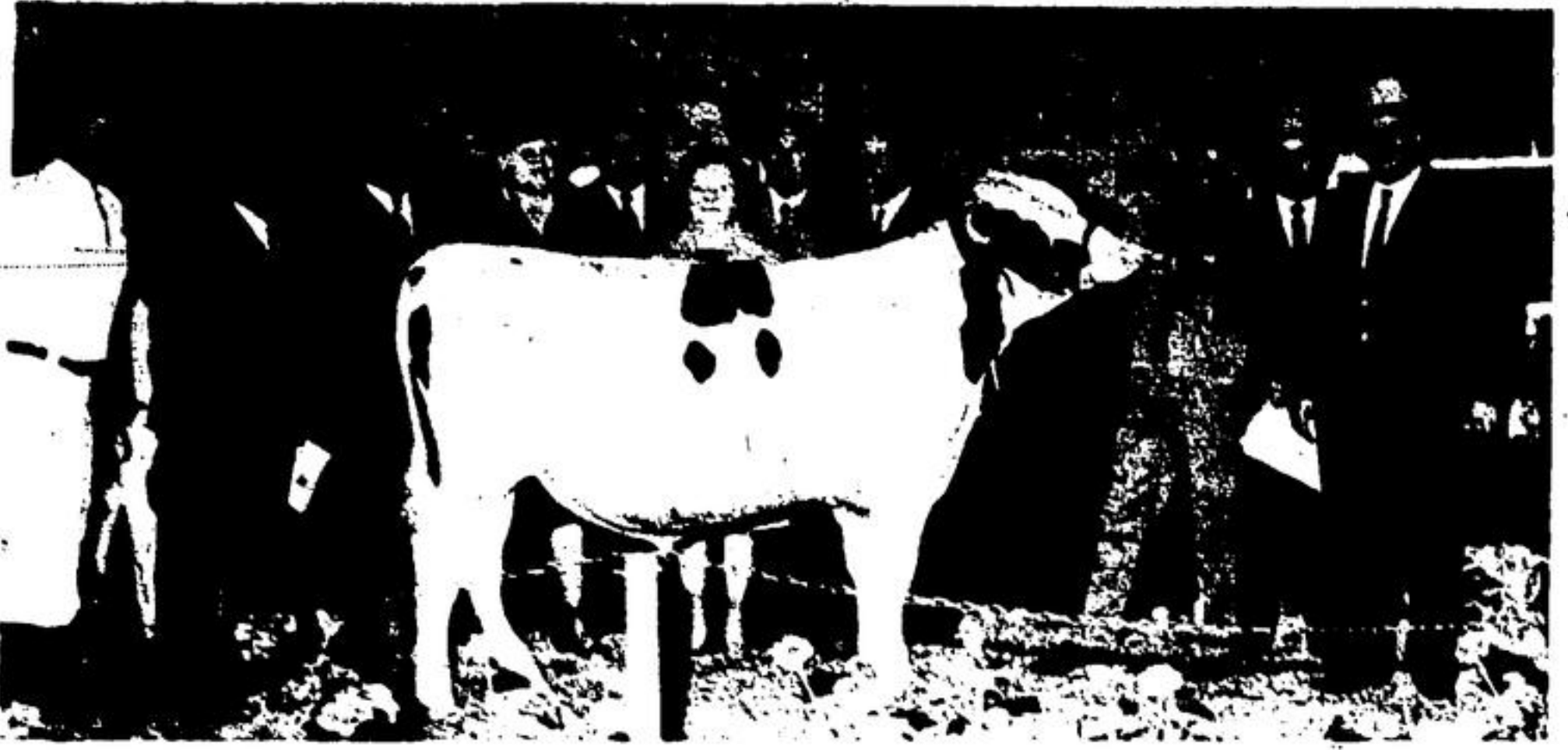
The \$150,000 bull is descended through both his sire and dam from the famous Class Extra Sire, A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign, generally recognized as the greatest Canadian Holstein sire of the past quarter century, if not of all time. The dam of the bull calf is a full sister to Oak Ridges Reflection Emperor who last spring sold in a private sale for \$140,000, the world record price now surpassed. He was sold by Russell Rowntree, Woodbridge and Robert Lowe, Maple, to A B S Artificial Breeding Unit at DeForest, Wisconsin. Sire of the \$150,000 bull is Thornlea Texal Supreme, Royal Winter

Fair Grand Champion and All-Canadian Aged Bull of 1961.

Other high prices received for bred heifers included \$3,200 paid by Claude Pickett to Paul Eikstein, Toronto; and \$3,000 paid by Claude Pickett to Richard Schelssner, Jerseyville.

Three bulls averaged \$64,000 each; three milking females \$2,567 each, and seven bred heifers \$2,514 each.

The previous world record auction sale average of \$6,323 was established last May at the Shore Classic Holstein Sale at Glanworth, when 28 head were sold. At this same sale, the previous world auction sale price of \$115,000 for a dairy animal was paid by a group of Ontario A. I. Units to Weaver Bros., Belmont, for the bull calf, Weavers Reflection Apex.



OAK RIDGES Supreme Progress was sold last week for a world record auction sale price for a dairy animal of \$150,000. He was bought by A B C Farms, Brampton from Claude Pickett, Georgetown, at the All-Canadian Holstein Sale at Oakville. Left to right: Leadman, Bert Stewart, Hornby; Ringman, L. E. Franklin, Brantford; Claude Pickett (who is partially obscuring auctioneer Senator Harry Hays of Calgary); Mrs. Elgin Armstrong; Charles Armstrong; Mrs. Claude Pickett; announcer, Hugh Colson, Toronto; C. E. Armstrong; Elgin Armstrong; Bob Smith, herdsman for Mr. Pickett, and ringman; Harris Wilcox, Bergen, N.Y. and C. M. Bottema, Indianapolis, Ind. Asked why he paid \$150,000 for the bull, Elgin Armstrong of A B C Farms said, "He has the best bloodlines in the Holstein breed. Canadian breeders need these bloodlines and I didn't want to see him leave the country." (Photo by Jim Rose)

"Centennial ball" planned by juniors

The Halton Junior Farmers will celebrate Canada's Centennial by holding a costume ball in the Milton Fair Grounds Agricultural Hall, December 1. Although dress is optional, prizes will be awarded for the best centennial costumes.

The dance music will be provided by McDougall's orchestra, and the Junior Farmers hope to see all past and present members and friends at the dance.

# Bill Lasby wins Queen's Guineas receives \$8,550 for top steer

by H. J. Stanley Agricultural Representative

Bill Lasby, R.R. 2, Rookwood, a member of the Acton 4-H Club, won the Queen's Guineas class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. A total of 209 4-H

boys and girls from across the province competed for this coveted award on Friday, November 17.

Halton has previously won the Queen's Guineas in 1954, with a Shorthorn steer exhibited by Kathryn Merry, R.R. 5, Milton, and by Duncan Campbell, R.R. 1, Moffat with his Shorthorn in 1940.

Halton was represented by three members showing Aberdeen Angus and three showing Shorthorns. The judge, Mr. Cameron of Alberta placed all steers in either the A, B, or C

group. All Halton steers placed in the "A" group.

In the Shorthorn section, with 36 steers entered, Bill Lasby won, closely followed by Douglas Gardhouse, R.R. 5, Milton. Bob Lasby, brother of Bill, was also pulled out of the "A" group by the judge for consideration for the top two positions.

In the Aberdeen Angus section, with 84 steers entered, Bill Jackson, R.R. 1, Mono Road, a member of the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, was also selected for the top "A" grouping. His brother

David Jackson and Patricia Sweetman of R.R. 1, Hornby, were the other members in the Angus class from Halton.

The group of three Shorthorn steers won over four other groups, and Halton's group of three Aberdeen Angus steers placed third.

After lunch the auction of all steers was held. Dominion Stores Limited purchased the Lasby steer for \$9 per pound. Thus Bill received \$8,550 for his 950 pound steer.

This year's showing in the Queen's Guineas class is the culmination of several years of consistently good work by 4-H'ers from Halton. In 1965, Halton 4-H'ers had the champion and reserve Shorthorn; in '64 and '63 they had the reserve champion Shorthorn; in '62 the champion Shorthorn and reserve champion Angus; and in 1961, champion Shorthorn.

# Beef costs \$1 pound but farmer gets 30c

By H. J. Stanley Agricultural Representative.

Why does beef cost \$1 or more per pound, in the store, when the farmer only receives 30 cents or less? This is a question which often puzzles the consumer.

This question was discussed recently with members of the Royal Winter Fair livestock judging teams by a packer and a representative from the Meat Packers Council of Canada. Following is a breakdown of a 1,000 lb. choice grade steer sold for 30 cents a pound, or \$300.

The packer receives at present 15 per cent of the total value of the animal for the by-products. These include the hide, edible fat, liver, tongue, blood, heart, tripe, etc. The average cost of killing and processing the steer is approximately 19 per cent of the cost. Thus, crediting the steer with the value of the by-products and adding on the costs

of processing, the value of the carcass is now \$312.

During the past year, the value of by-products has declined by almost 50 per cent. With normal or high prices for by-products, the packer can sell the carcass to the retailer at a lower cost than is paid to the farmer for the live animal.

With the normal dressing percentage of 57 per cent, the carcass of 570 lb. would be worth 54 cents a pound. The front quarter weighs 52 per cent of the total weight of the side of beef, or 148 pounds, and could be offered to the retailer at 45 cents a pound. The rear quarter at 137 pounds, could be offered at 65 cents a pound. This would give a combined value of the beef side of 54 cents a pound.

When the front is received by the retailer it must be cut up, trimmed of excessive fat and boned, with an average loss of

30 per cent on cut-out. Thus, the 148 pound front yields 103 pounds of edible meat, which now averages 65 cents a pound.

Similarly, when the rear is cut up, the average loss is 34 per cent leaving 90 pounds of edible meat, worth 99 cents a pound on the average. Some cuts must be sold considerably above this figure, and others below. These values do not include the costs incurred by the retailer in cutting, boning, advertising, and selling the beef.

Thus a 1,000 lb. choice grade steer can be expected to yield some 386 lbs. of meat for your table.

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