St. Thomas Holstein Named Triple Champ

A purebred Holstein heifer owned by W.D. Shore, St Thomas, Ontario has broken three Canadian records for production. Named Hawkherst Ajax Colleen, she made her records in the senior three-year-old class on twice-a-day milking. In the 305 day section, Colleen set new Canadian championship marks for both milk and fat and in the 365 day division is the new champion for fat and is second for milk.

In 305 days she gave 26,967 lbs. milk containing 1,001 lbs. fat, average butterfat test 3.71 percent, and in the 365 day section, where she was actually in milk for only 325 days, produced 27,895 lbs. milk (11,158 qts.) and 1,035 lbs. fat, 3.71 percent butterfat.

Colleen's 305 day production has a Breed Class Average rating of 257 percent for milk and 262 percent for fat, or in other words is 157 percent higher for milk and 162 percent higher for fat than the record of average purebred Holstein in this class.

Colleen has a previous record as a two-year-old in 305 days of 18,438 lbs. milk and 710 lbs. fat, 3.85 percent butterfat. She thus has a total production of first two lactations of 53,111 lbs. milk and 1,996lbs. fat, 3.76 percent and a combined Breed Class Average for the two records of 228 percent for milk and 235 percent for fat. Colleen is due to calve again on February 2 and this is the reason her record was cut off at 325 days. Had she been kept on test for the full 365 days she would undoubtedly have surpassed the Canadian record for milk of 28,026 lbs. now held by Flemingdale Citation Sadie owned by Est. of A.D. Fleming, Reaboro, Ontario. Colleen did beat Sadie's 365 day Canadian fat record of 1,010 lbs. fat and her 305 day Canadian record of 25,195 lbs. milk and 904 lbs. fat. Sadie finished her Championship records just a month ago.

Colleen's average daily production for 305 days was 88 lbs. (35 quarts). During her best month, March, she gave 3,527 lbs. of milk for an average of 113lbs., her highest day's production being 123 lbs.

According to Don Shore, Colleen made her entire two-year-old record while running with the herd in loose housing. During her current record, she had the luxury of a box stall except that she ran with the herd during the pasture season. She has not been an exceptionally heavy consumer of grain but does consume a terrific amount of roughage.

Don Shore and his new Champion were honoured by the Elgin County Holstein Club with a special Recognition Day held at the farm January 20. At that time Mr. Shore paid tribute to the great job of handling Colleen that had been done by his two herdsmen Gerry Mooreen and Jim Milne.

4,000 Georgetown Cars' Plates "Out of Style"

Every other license plate on Ontario's roads today is going out of style.

In just over one week, they will not be out of style, they will be illegal.

The Minister of Transport, Hon. Irwin Haskett, said today that only 49.5 per cent of plates and permits have been issued compared to 58.3 per cent at this time last year.

The Minister warned that there will be no extension of the February 28th deadline for the purchase of 1966 license plates and vehicle permits. They have been on sale since December 1st.

"It seems to be human nature to put off the purchase of plates," said Mr. Haskett. "I strongly suggest to all those who have not obtained them that they delay no longer."

As in previous years, 1966 plates for commercial vehicles will go on sale March 1st.

In Georgetown there are still well over 4,000 cars that have not been supplied with the '66 plates. So far this week sales have been described as 'slow', but a heavy weekend is expected. Hours locally are extended to 5.30 in the afternoon and 'til 4.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

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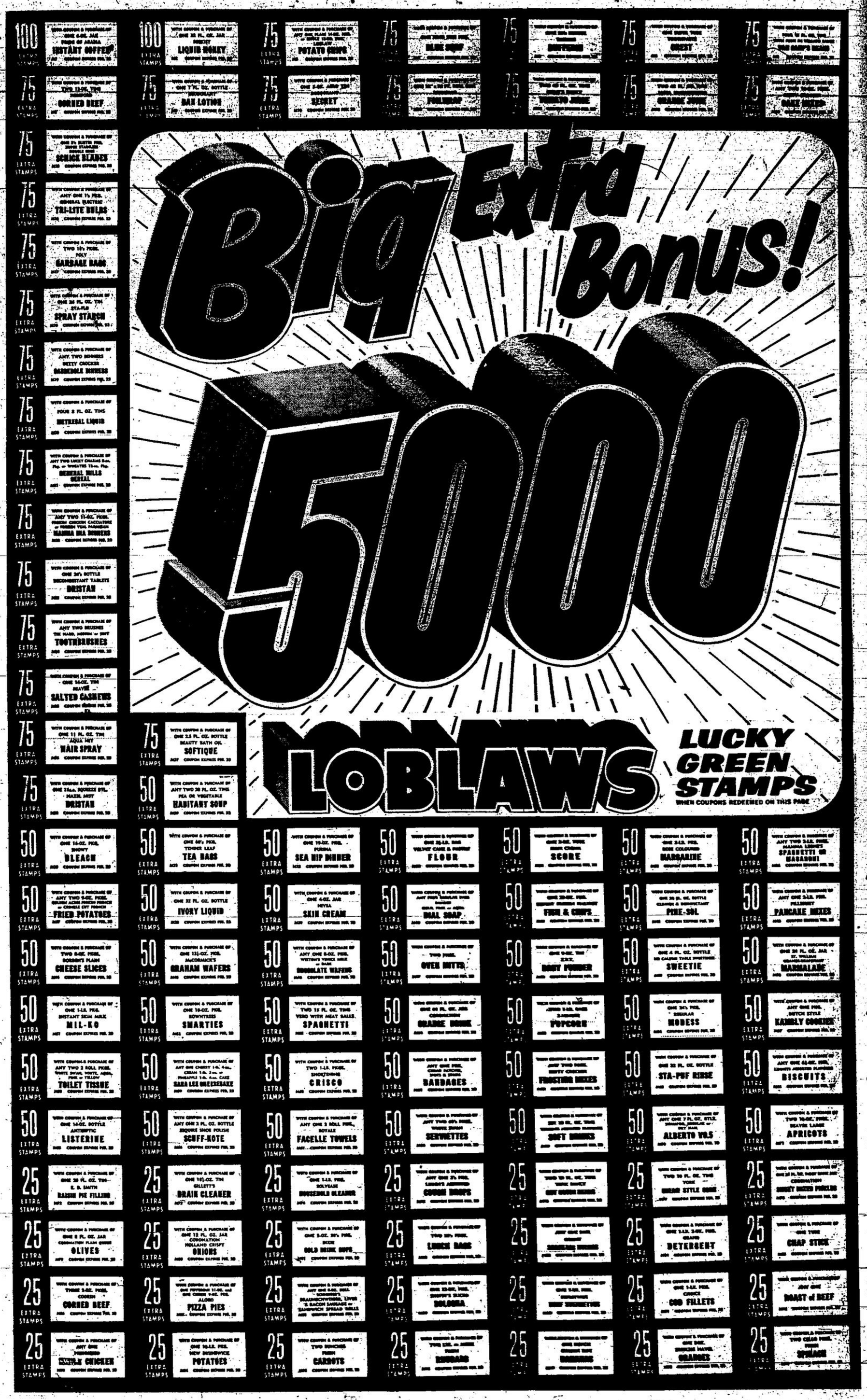
A woman was helping her husband pick out a new suit. After much disagreement, she finally said, "Well go ahead and please yourself. After all, you're the one who will wear the suit." "Well, dear," said the man meekly: "It figures I'll probably be wearing the coat and vestry anyway."