Agriculture

Horses perished in fire

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The New Year is a time we like to reflect, period; what the days have been like during the past year and what aspirations we have for the days ahead. Many of us can enjoy the luxury of at least some positive thought. That is why bad news strikes us so deeply when it does occur.

On December 15, 1990, Wreford and Albert Hewson of Beeton, Ontario, suffered a huge tragedy when the original portion oftheir main horse barn caught fire. Thirty-nine purebred Clydesdale and Percheron horses perished as a result. Followers of Heavy Horse shows will remember the Hewson eight-up winning its respective class at Georgetown Fair. Unfortunately, all eight horses of this hitch were victims of the fire.

One cannot accurately describe the beauty and grace of motion these horses displayed. The Hewsons have decades of home breeding involved in their horses. The fire was a misfortune that claimed all of Hewson's show mares as well as many brood mares that were due to foal in 1991. This loss will not easily be resolved in the future. However, much of the young stock survived and the Clydesdale fraternity knows the Hewsons will have much luck in developing these horses.

This year's Georgetown Fair looks forward to hosting another great Heavy Horse show and the organizers hope the Hewsons will be exhibiting again as well. As Albert Hewson told one fair member recently after the fire; "I'm not saying we will be bringing an eight horse hitch to the fair this year...but I'm not saying that we are not either." And as of last weekend, Albert has already hitched a six!

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