

Farmer's Fall Plowing Completed In One Day



Frank McAvoy, Claremont, R.R. 2, was one of twenty district farmers who joined in a plowing bee last week on the property of Reg. Hoskins, Mount Zion. In a single day, they plowed 60 acres. —Staff Photo

Holstein Bull

Brings \$150,000

OAKVILLE — A new world record sale price for a dairy animal was established at Oakville Nov. 7 as a Holstein bull calf sold for \$150,000 at the annual All-Canadian Sale. The bull calf, named Oak Ridge Supreme Progress, was bought by ABC Farms, Brampton, from Claude Picket of 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, Alta., acted as auctioneer.

Asked why he had paid \$150,000 for the bull, Elgar Armstrong of ABC 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."

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 of 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, Ontario to ABS Artifical Unit at DeForest, Wisconsin. Sire of the \$150,000 bull is Thornea Texal Royal Winter Supreme, Royal Winter Fair Grand Champion and All-Canadian Aged Bull of 1961.

ABC Farms also paid \$25,000 to Agro Bros., Hamilton, Ontario for another bull calf. Agro Acres Never Fear. He also traces on both sides of his pedigree to A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign. His sire is the \$37,000 Romandale Reflection Marquis and his dam, a daughter of the Class Extra Sire, Rosafe Shamrock Perseus.

Still another bull calf sold for \$17,000 on the bid of Glenavon Farms, Alliston, Ontario. He was Oak Ridges Cifation Lindon sold by R. R. Dennis, Oak Ridges, Ontario. His dam was Oak Ridges Royal Linda, recently Reserve Grand Champion at East Central Ontario Championship show at Peterboro.

Highest price for a female was \$4,000 received by R. F. Brown, Paris, Ontario from Tom Rowntree, Woodbridge, Ontario for Browndale Master Ruth.

Other high prices received for bred heifers included: \$3,200 paid by Claude Picket to Paul Ekstein, Toronto; \$3,000 paid by Claude Picket to Richard Schleissner, Jerseyville; \$3,100 paid by Joao Alfredo, Castilho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Fred Stewart, St. Catharines; \$2,500 paid by Palermo

Gloxinias

Thrive At Home

By John Bradshaw, Garden Editor

Just as soon as the middle of November arrives the garden stores start receiving their stocks of gloxinia tubers. Four months from the day they're potted up, the velvety-textured, bell-shaped blooms with magnificent coloring start to appear.

Gloxinias are one of the few house plants that actually prefer the warm and partially shaded conditions found in most modern homes.

Patience, careful watering in the beginning, and feeding are the key to growing them in the home or apartment.

Why do so many window gardeners have trouble with these plants which are so easy to grow? That's the question I asked Frank Reinel, the world famous gloxinia, tuberous begonia and delphinium breeder, when I visited his nurseries recently at Capitol, California. His answer was a very simple one... a poor soil mixture and overwatering in the first three or four weeks after potting up.

Frank Reinel recommended a loose, humusy mixture consisting of one part leaf mould, one part top soil and one part coarse sand. He was emphatic that the humus part of the mixture should be leaf mould. Commercially packaged leaf mould can usually be had from most garden stores.

Gloxinias thrive in the warm temperatures of our modern homes but they don't like the dry atmosphere found there. The amount of moisture contained in the air is less than that above the Sahara Desert. There's only one truly satisfactory way of making sure that the air contains sufficient moisture, and that is to install one of the inexpensive mechanical humidifiers. One of these can be bought for as little as \$19.95. Next time you have an opportunity to visit a greenhouse, observe how the plant grower wets the walks between the beds two or three times a day to keep the moisture in the air at a high level.

You'll need two sizes of pots for growing Gloxinias. To start them off, select clay pots just large enough to hold the tubers; a 3-inch one is about the right size. Later on, when the first pots are filled with roots, the plants are moved to the five- or six-inch size. A tuber should be just barely covered with the soil mixture recommended before. Give them a good soaking with water at room temperature and you probably won't need to water them again for as long as ten days to two weeks.

Over-watering at this stage, when growth is just beginning, usually means failure in ninety-nine cases out of hundred. Too much water at this time, later on causes the plants to develop flowering buds to the point where they are about to open and then they exasperatingly drop off. The night temperature during this period should be 60 to 70 degrees.

After a few days the puckered brown tubers start to send out small fuzzy leaves that look a great deal like mouse ears. It isn't long after that, that the plants start to grow vigorously.

When four or five leaves have developed, the Gloxinias will need plenty of moisture. This is the time to start giving them a regular feeding with a liquid complete plant food every two weeks.

Exhibition, Buenos Aires, Argentina to R. R. Dennis, Oak Ridges. Three bulls averaged \$64,000 each; three milking females \$2,567 each and seven bred heifers \$2,514 each.

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1. COUNCIL
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2. PUBLIC SCHOOL AREA BOARD: FIVE MEMBERS.

will be held in the Township Hall, Goodwood, on Wednesday, November 22nd, 1967, from 7.00 - 8.00 P.M.

All electors are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

Should a greater number of candidates qualify than are required to fill the said offices, an election will be held in the Township on Monday, December 4th, 1967.

Polls will be open from 10.00 A.M. until 7.00 P.M.

Dated at Goodwood, this 2nd day of November, 1967.

J. E. Foskett,
Returning Officer.

Twenty Farmers Join Bee

MOUNT ZION — About one month ago, Mr. Reg Hoskins, R.R. 2, Claremont, suffered a severe heart attack and was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto. Following a period of treatment and convalescence, he was permitted to return home, facing the bleak prospect of much of his fall work still undone.

But Mr. Hoskins is highly respected in the community and his Mount Zion neighbors didn't wish this kind of concern to impede his complete recovery. Headed by Ralph Jones, the rural residents organized a plowing bee for Wednesday, Nov. 8. At an early-morning hour, tractors of every make and model began moving onto the Hoskins' property and by evening chore-time, more than 60 acres of land had been turned under.

"ALL SO WONDERFUL"

Mr. Hoskins, now well on the way back to good health, was not available for comment but his wife spoke for them both. "I'm overcome with gratitude. It's all so wonderful, we can't express enough appreciation. This is the kind of neighborliness you get from folks in the country. They are always so willing to help each other," she said. Mrs. Hoskins said she was aware a few of the local farmers had planned to help out but not the large numbers who came. She said that her husband had received dozens of get-well cards while in hospital and since returning home and now this—we are just overwhelmed by such kindness. It's better than any medicine a doctor could prescribe. It just goes to show the kind of consideration and co-operation you get from people in a small community. It's wonderful."

NO PRAISE

Mr. Jones declined to accept individual praise for organizing the bee. Another neighbor, who asked also that he not be singled out for special recognition said that Mr. Hoskins was the kind of man who would do the same thing for anyone else taken suddenly ill. "That's what makes the country folk just a wee bit different from urban residents," he said.

Those who took part were: Ralph Jones, Grant Carson, Cecil Disney, Edgar Evans, Joe Forsyth, Leslie Harbron, Bob Jackson, Burnett Jamieison, Murray Jones, Percy Jones, Frank McAvoy, Neil McKie, Alfred Pegg, Eddie Pegg, Tony Gardner, Brian Stickwood, Alex Schneider, Bob Torrance and Elmer Wilson.

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Tractors marooned to the axles in mud, are a common sight on farms in the area this fall. The one shown here is on the George Rodanz property west of Ringwood.

—Staff Photo

King Herd Auction

Senior Heifer Sells For \$1,300

RINGWOOD — An estimated 400 cattle buyers, many from a distance, attended the auction, November 6, of the Royalane Holstein herd, owned by Eldred King, Markham, R.R. 2.

Seventy head were included in the dispersal sale. The auctioneers were Michael Brubacher and Henry Bartel.

A senior heifer calf, "Royalane Texal Dorothy," born July 8, 1966, brought the sale's top price of \$1,300. She was purchased by Scott Stewart of Norwood.

A three-year old female, "Royalane Hope Shirley," went to Romandale Farms, Unionville. She sold for \$1,050. Romandale Farms also purchased one other.

A "very good" milking female went to Elmvalle, Ontario for a bid of \$1,000. Five heads were purchased by Ivan Meeker of Indiana, U.S.A. Others went to Lakehurst Farms, Wisconsin.

Ontario buyers came from Teeswater, Elmvalle, Lindsay, Norwood, Milton, Tavistock and Shanty Bay.

Elmcroft Holsteins Average \$839

BEAVERTON — The Elmcroft Holstein herd, of George R. McLaughlin of Beaverton was sold, November 7 at the Hays Sales Arena, Oakville, bringing the excellent total of \$109,075 for 130 head, an average of \$839 each. The Elmcroft Herd was developed over a period of 44 years by George R. McLaughlin. They are the only father and son combination in Canada to each qualify in their own name for a Master Breeder Shield, the highest honor a Holstein breeder can win.

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George R. McLaughlin is the President of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and Chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. He will continue to operate a commercial Holstein herd at Elmcroft.

Elmcroft cattle have been sold as foundation animals to many countries and their excellent reputation was reflected in the presence of many foreign buyers at the sale. Altogether, 54 animals were

York Dairymen Sell Their Herds

By A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County

Quite a few dairymen in York have sold their herds and quit the business in the last few months. Eldred King, Doug Hope, Mel McMillan, Matt Heron, Mrs. Lachowski and Doug Hutchins are examples.

A fair number have sold out in Simcoe County this fall too. This trend won't affect the total amount of milk produced, of course, because the cows will all be working in other herds.

It does I think, indicate that some of the difficulties in running a dairy farm are getting to the acute stage. Those who "have enough hay down" usually have four or five

good reasons for quitting. It's my guess though, that the difficulty of finding and keeping good hired labour is the one that really made the decision.

FEW GOOD EMPLOYEES

We have to face the fact that our industry in 1967 simply does not attract a sufficient number of good efficient employees. There may be many reasons, but again, I think there is one that really stops farm boys from becoming "hired men". Working seven days a week is the killer. A man and his work may be inseparable, but there is enough affluence in agriculture that a man ought to be able to call his soul his own on Sunday.

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