

Record price for bull calf

UNIONVILLE — On Aug. 28, Romandale Farms Ltd., R.R. 1, Unionville, held a dispersal sale that will go down in the history of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Breed. The internationally famous Romandale herd was dispersed for \$2,795,500.00. Two hundred and one head averaged \$13,907.96. In addition, a world record price was established for an ABC Reflection Sovereign (Excellent and Class Extra) bull calf, Romandale Pride, that sold to Japan Holstein Breeding Services, Hokkaido, Japan for \$400,000.00.

Stephen B. Roman started his Romandale herd in 1950. His brother, George, became his operative partner at that time and David Houck,

R.R. 2, Gormley, joined him in 1963 and has been the Herd Superintendent ever since. A number of Star Brood cows and long-time producers, carry the Romandale prefix, as well as the ever-increasing high number of Romandale internationally famous bulls with high positive type and production proof. A Master Breeder Shield was awarded in 1965.

Hays Farms International Ltd., at Oakville, managed the sale. The bull calf that brought the world record price, was born July 15, 1979. Romandale Pride is sired by one of the greatest bulls of all time, ABC Reflection Sovereign. His dam is an Excellent Roybrook Telstar female. Romandale Telstar Brenda has four lactations averaging 142 per

cent Milk and 155 per cent Fat B.C.A.

ABC Reflection Sovereign also sired the next two high selling females. Romandale Trillium, an Open Heifer, sold for \$330,000 to Lessia Farms Ltd., Georgetown. A July Heifer Calf was purchased by Attilio Ladina and Sons of Cremona, Italy.

A sale summary follows: Twelve males, averaged \$7,533.33 for a total of \$90,400.00. Ninety-nine milking females averaged \$13,134.84 for a total of \$1,300,350.00. Twenty-seven bred heifers averaged \$6,070.37 for a total of \$163,900.00. Twenty-five open heifers averaged \$19,452.00 for a total of \$486,300.00. Sixteen bull calves averaged \$30,737.50 for a total of \$491,800.00. Twenty-two heifer calves averaged \$11,943.18 for a total of \$262,750.00.

By ART BRIGGS-JUDE

Returning from a recent trip down Ottawa way, my wife and I were surprised to see a huge bird perched near a grove of trees some distance from the roadway. "That's some big bird," she said. As I eased the vehicle off the travelled pavement and stopped for a closer look. At first the reddish head and neck were hardly discernible, but gradually as the black feathered creature changed position it showed enough to make identification possible. "That's the first time I've seen a Turkey Vulture down on the ground in Canada", she continued and for the moment, I nodded in agreement. But sometime later, I remembered an incident that happened a dozen years ago.

One late afternoon

In April, 1967, a flock of Turkey Vultures made their appearance along the south shore of Lake Ontario near Port Weller. From this north entrance to the Welland Canal these buzzards as they are sometimes called, moved inland in a south westerly direction on a course that took them near the Niagara Escarpment at Rockway. Flying through the almost horizontal rays of the setting sun, at an altitude of about 500 feet, the big vultures tightened an arc in their wheeling flight and began to descend. One after the other, they swept in like huge gliders, then folded their six foot wings and settled into the branches of a giant maple.

The presence of these naked-headed birds with characteristic protruding shoulders so grouped together, was like a

scene from an African movie. It was not a dead animal, however, that caused this particular gathering, but rather a sheltered resting place on their migratory route. For each spring these ominous-looking creatures move into this province, many through the Niagara Peninsula, spreading out to take up residence in the rural countryside. And while this flock numbered 32 birds, a flight the year before contained no less than 50 scavengers. Incidentally, they stopped off for the night in the lower Sixteen Valley.

When you see a Turkey Vulture up close in the wild or even in a zoo, most people would have to agree their appearance borders on the hideous. Their pinky-red head devoid of feathers resembles an old ring-necked cock pheasant that's been held with others in too

cramped quarters. But here the similarity, ends, for the vultures possess a large hooked bill for tearing apart decaying flesh, and large open nostrils that are capable of picking up such odorous scent from great heights.

There is nothing particularly unusual about their dark feathered body except for its large size when compared to that of a crow. However the legs are somewhat long and flesh-colored, and the feet resemble those of a chicken. And while its appearance leaves a lot to be desired, we have to look past these superficial features to understand why Nature fashioned it in this way. For as scavengers of dead animals they come into contact with many of the diseases that killed their carrion feast. So the naked head, though resembling that of a tame

gobbler and the reason for the name Turkey Vulture, actually is an asset. For in effect it allows the sterilizing rays of the sun to react on this bare skin. Add to this feature, the featherless legs and the fact their digestive juices are so strong they will kill the bacteria of even the most persistent diseases like hog cholera and anthrax. Thus a check is instituted by these valuable scavengers when outbreaks might otherwise ravage whole sections of the country.

But while the Turkey Vulture may not be pleasing to the eye when at rest, it's a different story when the big birds are airborne. With their long broad wings set in an open "V", almost effortless flying is obtained. A dip to either side causes the lift to increase on the lower wing and decrease on the upper

feathered member. Almost automatically this feature brings the glider back to a normal flying position. Thus these sharp-eyed buzzards can be utilizing the air currents and thermals, remain aloft for hours without as much as moving a wing muscle. In the coming autumn months some of these drifting migrants can be seen in the sky over the Stouffville area.

Near the lakeshore these big scavengers seek out dead fish, while the heavy toll of wildlife along the highways may have influenced the vultures' northern movement in some areas. What a pity more of these death-reminding creatures wouldn't perch along our carnage-strewn roads. Their grim posture might even influence some drivers to exercise a little more care and attention.

"Window On Wildlife" The ugliest bird in the world

Editor's Mail

Many hurt by biased report

Dear Jim: I feel compelled to state how unfair I felt the reporting was of The Tribune's coverage of the recent dispute between the York County Board of Education and the Secondary School teachers, in the issue of Sept. 6.

facts on both sides — not biased reporting. As in any dispute, there are opposing views. Where was the view of the teachers in your report? Your editorial "Black Tuesday" was unjust and in poor taste. It is this kind of Press that makes it even more difficult for teachers and students to interact with good feelings. The very positive

letter "Proud To Be A Teacher" was buried on Page 23. Why? Most other letters are published on the Editorial Page. Please think about the results of your reporting — many have been hurt. Sincerely, LOVANNA SANDERS Editor's Note: Through irresponsible actions, Sept. 4, the teachers hurt themselves.

Co-op to hold annual meeting

STOUFFVILLE — The annual meeting of the Stouffville Co-operative Association will be held on Thursday (to-night) at 8.15 p.m., in the Masonic Hall.

Vanderburgt. The secretary is T.C. Kerr. In addition to the Manager, George Timbers, there are ten full-time staff members including — Elmor Bentley,

Sharon Bentley, Elmor Burkholder, Dave Clubine, Don Hamilton, Louie Hoover, Stephan Pope, Bill Rae, Mike Stewart and Ross Wideman.

Gun certificates

The financial report for the year ending May 31, will be circulated and discussed. New directors will be elected.

The hunting season is fast approaching, so now's the time to plan the trip, says O.P.P. Superintendent, Jim Villemare.

A large number of applications are expected and it takes several weeks for the permits to come through, he explained. Since the new law came into effect, Jan. 1, about 13,000 certificates have been issued and this figure is expected to increase sharply this month.

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