

# Angus bull sells for \$115,000

QUEENSTOWN, Md. — Some called it the end of a dynasty, others said it was the end of an era in Angus breeding. But, the owner and managers of the Wye Angus herd saw the Wye Plantation Bull Sale as just a sidebar in the ongoing history of the world famous beef cattle breeding herd.

On January 20 of this year, Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. chairman of Steuben Glass and director of Corning Glass Works, both located in Corning, N.Y. made a gift of his herd to the University of Maryland at College Park in order that the integrity of the herd would continue.

The cattle that the college did not select for breeding purposes was then slated to be sold at auction. On Monday, May 8 that auction was held with a grand total of \$932,700 taken in for 115 bulls in a six-hour-long sale. No females were sold.

The highest selling bull was Contact of Wye, a 5-year-old herd sire which sold for \$115,000. The animal was jointly purchased by Picket Fence Farm, Grays Lake, Ill., and Lincoln Land Angus Farm, Fisher, Ill.

At \$100,000 Franchester of Wye, another herd sire, was the second highest priced animal. The bull was purchased by Daniel Minchew,

Esta Valley Farms, Washington, D.C.

Favour of Wye was the third highest priced bull at \$65,000. He was sold to Newport Farms Syndicate, Berlin, Md.

The average per bull was \$8,110 with animals purchased by breeders from 30 states and Canada. The state

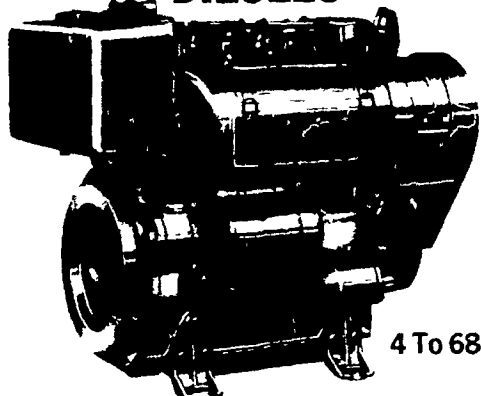
of Virginia was the destined home for the most number of animals with 25 bulls sold to breeders from that state at a total of \$93,000. In all, 1500 individuals turned out for the sale.

The proceeds from the sale will go to the University of Maryland for development of a research program.

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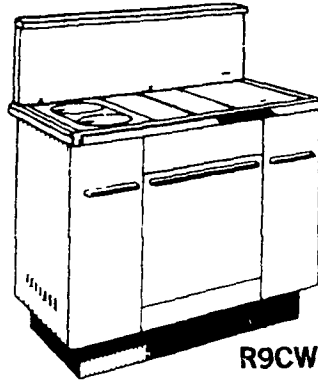
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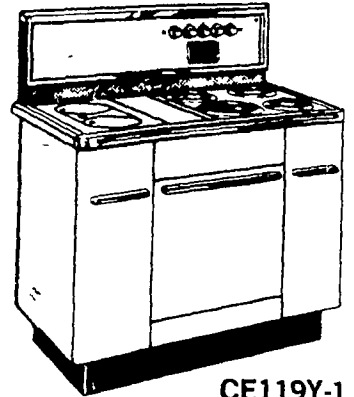
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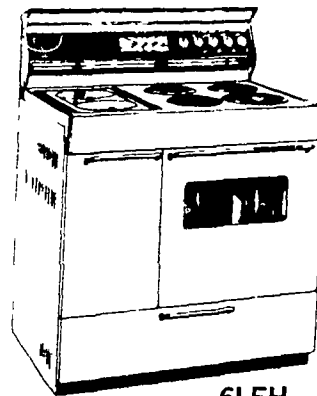
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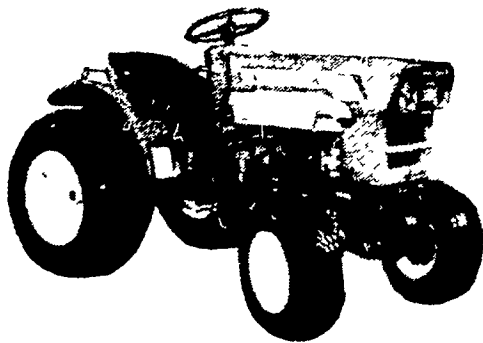
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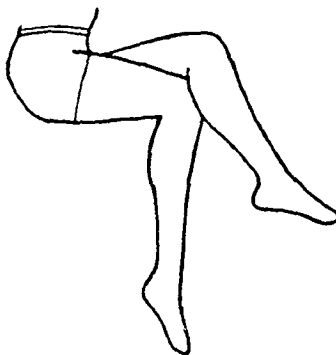
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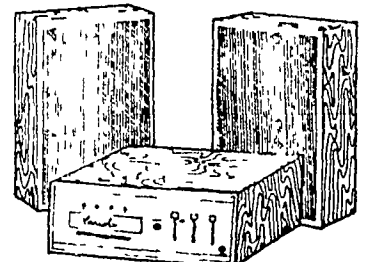
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