

Ella enters Holstein history; scores 97

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AIRVILLE — Northcroft Ella Elevation, world-renowned registered Holstein owned by the George Knight Jr. family, Woodbine Farms, Airville, and Romandale Farms Ltd., Ontario, Canada, added another chapter to her scrapbook of bovine accomplishments.

During herd scoring last Friday, Holstein Association classifier Clarence Cornman, Jr., raised Ella to 97-2E points, adding her name to the less than two dozen cows in Holstein history to achieve this recognition.

A daughter of the popular Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, Ella was born in 1974. Her dam was Northcroft Ella Arlinda, sired by Pawnee Farms Arlinda Chief, scored 2E-91, with top records to 25,000 milk.

Although she suffered a double abomasum twist shortly after freshening at two years, 9 months, Ella finished her first lactation with 32,802 milk, 1101 fat, in 364 days, and was selected All-American 3-year-old in 1977.

The following year she capped that off with a 1411 fat record, and earned the title of Jr. All-American 4-year-old.

In 1980, Ella took the championships at both the Eastern and

Central national shows and earned selection as the All-American Aged cow, the first to unanimously win that award in 16 years.

Through it all she still produced another lactation at 5 yr. 9 mo., 365 days, of 44,143 milk, 1698 fat.

One month ago, at the Royal Winter Agriculture Exposition in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Ella was selected grand champion and

best uddered individual at Canada's largest Holstein show.

Sons of Ella are Select Sires and in the Japan Holstein Breeding Service. Her first daughter at Knights just recently freshened at 1 yr. 11 mo. and scored VG-85.

While few dairy families can experience the raising of one of their animals to the mountaintop

score of 97, it was not a first for the Knight family.

Their home-bred Woodbine Ivanhoe Mollie was also scored 97, 4-E, back in the 70's, and collected a myriad of achievements in show winnings, production records, and All-American honors.

According to James Pound, head of classification programs at the

Holstein Association's offices in Brattleboro, Vermont, a total of 19 animals in Holstein history have achieved the vaulted 97-point scoring, only two of those were bulls. The first cow ever to be scored to 97, was the Wimpy cow in 1963, from Sunny Lee farms owned by Nelson Raider, Wisconsin.

Only eight 97-point females, and no males, are living today.

Angus Assn. records 10 millionth animal at Nat'l Western

ST. JOSEPH, Mo — The grand champion Angus bull of the 1982 National Western Stock Show will officially become the 10 millionth animal recorded in the American Angus Association herd book, reports Dick Spader, association executive vice president.

The bull which is slapped by show judge Jake White for the Angus bull grand championship at Denver will have its registration certificate number changed to "10,000,000". It has long been a tradition to honor a show winning Angus with an even million registration number each time a

million cattle have been added to the Herd Book.

The first animal to be so honored with registration number 1,000,000 was Master Prince of Sunbeam, the grand champion bull at the 1947 International Livestock Exposition. The last animal was Sayre Patriot, registration number 9,000,000, the grand champion bull at the 1977 North American International Livestock Exposition.

The growth of the American Angus Association, as measured by total registrations, had nearly all taken place since World War II, when the pent-up demand for beef

caused by the war, and the availability of grain for livestock feeding created a large consumer demand for high quality beef.

Demand for Angus cattle began to grow at the same time and more than 90 percent of all cattle recorded in the American Angus Association herd book have been added since the late 1940'.

The American Angus Association was formed in November 1883 and the first Angus were recorded soon after. The first herd book published by the "American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association" was printed

in 1886 and contained 5,200 entries. Many of the first animals registered in this book were bred in Scotland and imported into the United States.

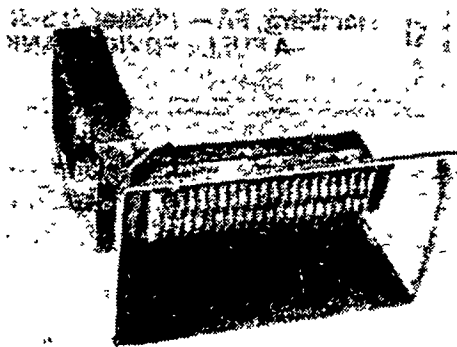
Several of the famous early Scottish Angus pioneers such as William M' Combie and Hugh Watson are represented in the first U.S. Herd Book. The animal that carries the registration number 1 is Felix of Boghead, a bull owned by A.D. Hudnall of West Las Anamal, Colorado, and bred by William McKnight of Boghead, Scotland.

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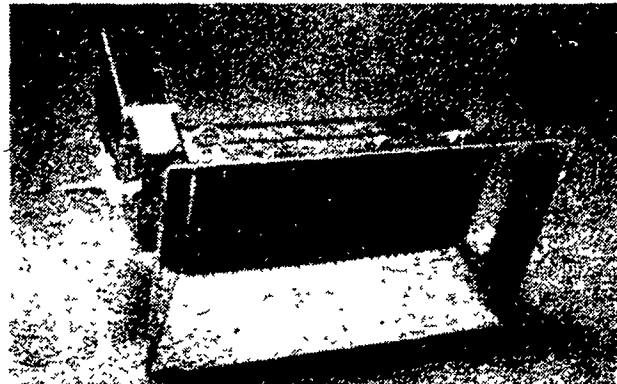
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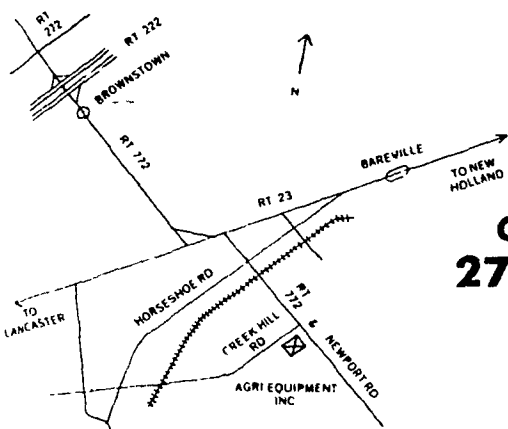
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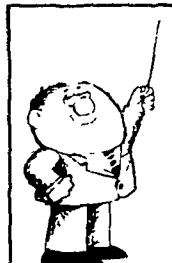
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