

Equine 'heavy haulers' featured in NAILE show, sale and pulling contest

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The giants of the horse world made an early appearance at the 1984 North American International Livestock Expo on Nov. 2, as they pulled massive weights for a \$5,000 purse.

When the final pull-off was over, a team owned by Matthew Gilkison of Versailles, Ky. had won by pulling an 8,000-pound sled a distance of 22'6". For placing first among the 13 teams entered, Gilkison took home a trophy and check for \$1,000.

In second place was Gerald Drury of Harrodsburg, Ky. with a pull of 20'2".

The NAILE was also host to the North American Draft Horse Sale on Nov. 3. At \$2700.00, Allegheny Mt. Farms Maggie, consigned by Allegheny Mt. Farms of Nettie, W. Va., was the top selling female. The horse's new owner was C.L. Peters of Logansville, Ga.

Bert Gilkerson of Harrodsburg, Ky., sold the high selling male. His horse, Stoney 40753, went to Washington, Ind., with new owner Marvin Mead.

The sale's 30 males and 38 females averaged \$736.54 per head, for a total of \$50,085.

Long before farmers throughout the world knew of diesel engines and mammoth farm tractors, animals were used for work purposes. And among the most popular of man's helpmates were the draft horses, weighing up to two tons.

While the weights on the sled at the Draft Horse Pull seem immense, the animals were visibly eager to take their turn at moving the sled. "They're born and bred to pull and work," said Harold Workman, manager of the North American International. "The Belgians are suited to pull, and trained to do so, just as Quarter Horses are known for their sudden bursts of speed, grace and barrel racing capabilities," he added.

There is great affection evident between the huge animals and their owners, a matter described by Bluegrass Horse Pulling Assoc. president, Bert Gilkison. "These big fellows like to pull and they're easy to train...we've got big investments in them, and we're careful to protect them during pulls."

Illustrating his concern for his animals, Gilkison permitted his young pair of Belgians to pull the sled only a little more than three feet. "They're young," he emphasized. "Just started them two weeks ago and I want to go easy until they're used to pulling."

This was the first year for draft horse pulling, sponsored by the NAILE and the Bluegrass Horse Pulling Association.

Results from the NAILE's Draft Horse Show and listed below:

- DRAFT HORSE SHOW**
STALLIONS-FOALED in 1984
 1 Lee Eller IN 2 Don Schneckbth IA 3 Keller Acres OH
STALLIONS-FOALED in 1983
 1 Don Schneckbth IA 2 Bob Whisman IN 3 Alice & Marc Robertson AL
STALLIONS-FOALED in 1981 & Before
 1 Bert A Gilkison Ky
GRAND CHAMPION STALLION
 Don Schneckbth IA
RESERVE STALLION
 Bob Whisman IN
MARES-FOALED in 1984
 1 Keller Acres OH 2 Bill Chapman & Myra Kibler TN
MARES FOALED IN 1983
 1 Bob Whisman IN 2 Bill Chapman & Myra Kibler TN 3 Don Schneckbth IA
MARES FOALED IN 1982
 1 Lee Eller IN 2 Bob Whisman IN 3 William Hines Ky
MARES FOALED IN 1980 & 1981
 1 Double M Belgians IA 2 Ed Sigmon NC 3 Keller Acres OH
MARES FOALED IN 1979 & BEFORE
 1 Don Schneckbth IA 2 Don Schneckloth IA 3 Keller Acres OH
GRAND CHAMPION MARE
 Double M Belgians IA
RESERVE CHAMPION MARE
 Don Schneckloth IA
MARE AND FOAL
 1 Don Schneckloth IA 2 Keller Acres OH
PRODUCE OF DAM
 1 Don Schneckloth IA 2 Don Schneckloth IA 3 Adams Franklin Ky
STALLION AND THREE MARES
 1 Don Schneckloth IA 2 Bob Whisman IN
BEST THREE MARES
 1 Don Schneckloth Davenport IA 2 Bob Whisman Cicero IN

- GET OF SIRE**
 1 Bob Whisman IN 2 Don Schneckloth IA 3 Adams Franklin Ky
STALLIONS FOALED IN 1984
 Bill Clark Covington OH
STALLION FOALED IN 1983
 Matt Montgomery Ky
 Matt Montgomery Ky
STALLIONS FOALED IN 1982
 1 Elizabeth Bell Ky
PERCHERONS GRAND CHAMPION
 Elizabeth Bell Ky
PERCHERONS RESERVE CHAMPION
 Matt Montgomery Ky
GELDINGS FOALED IN 1981 & YOUNGER
 1 Ted T J Miller IL 2 Rod Derrer IL
GELDINGS FOALED IN 1980 & BEFORE
 1 Miller Container Corp IL 2 Sparrow Hilgendorf CO 3 Sparrow Hilgendorf CO
GRAND CHAMPION GELDING
 Miller Container Corp IL
RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING
 Sparrow Hilgendorf CO

Walter Sale

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about half oats, using natural protein, corn and hay.

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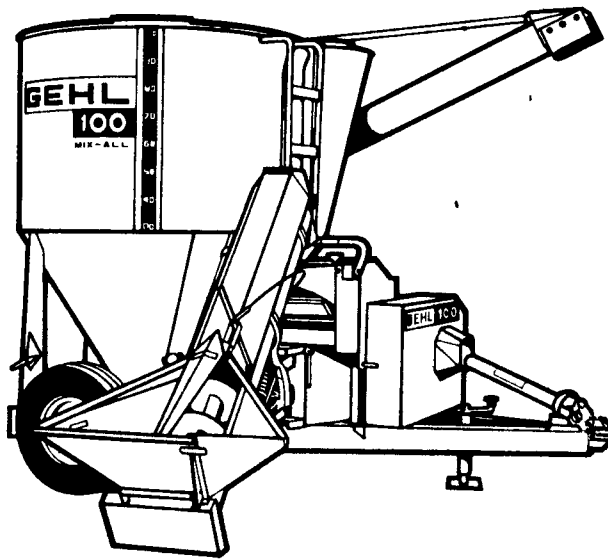
Although their children are now 4-H graduates, the family still exhibits in the open classes at area beef shows. Earlier this month, they won the reserve open carcass class at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition with a cross of Hereford, Chianina lines. Simmentals have also caught the Walter's interest, and their purebred heifer took the York Fair

calf championship in September

Prior to the purchase of their farm on the highlands of the west bank of the Susquehanna Walter operated an excavating business based in southern Lancaster County. A native of that area, Walter was a noted rodeo roper for a number of years, and in the 1960's held the roping championship at Cowtown, New Jersey.

Although still known to toss a lariat on a rare occasion, Walters now spends his spare time rounding up select animals for the home cow-calf herd and the sale that is fast becoming a southern Pennsylvania tradition among the beef industry.

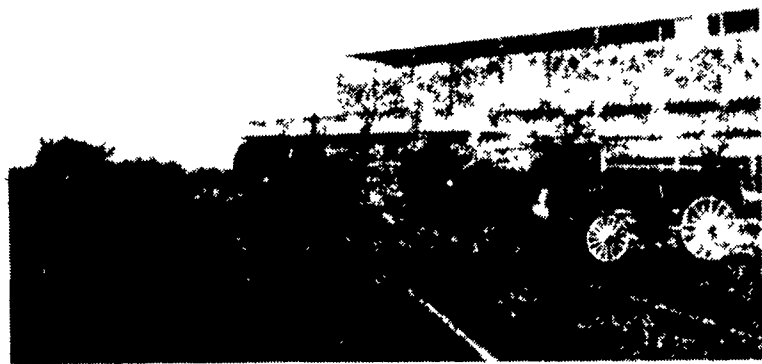
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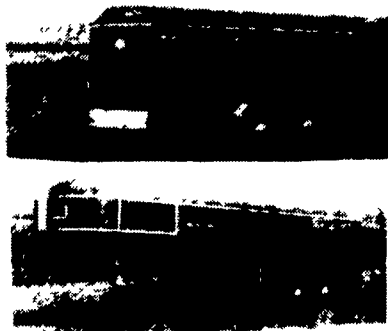
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