

## Two consignments bring \$37,000 at Exclusive V Sale

LANCASTER — The high bid of \$37,000 was achieved by two consignments at the Exclusive V Sale held on March 26 at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion.

The first lot sold was also the first consignment to garner this top bid. This entry provided the bidder with a choice of males from the flush in early May from the mating of Sweet-Haven Tradition and Long-Haven Valiant Sally.

This embryo was sold using a large screen a slide projector for the bidders to view the heritage of the unborn bull. The buyer, the Sally Exclusive Syndicate, has this embryo leased to Tri-State where it will enter their young sire program. The consignor of this lot was Long-Haven Farm, Clayton, Michigan.

It was no surprise when Walnut-S Bell Pillow Bella also walked away with the top bid of the day. It was just a matter of who would

survive the fast and furious bidding. Thomas Piersiak, Brooks, Maine, took home this gem with for the price of \$37,000.

This very good classified four year old and 22,000 pound cow carries a special guarantee of 10 transferrable embryos within two years from sale date. Horace Backus, pedigreeman, described this cow, as she walked around the ring, as "the perfect opportunity to get into the number's game."

When interviewed later, Piersiak admitted that was his reason for purchasing this cow. He further stated that traveled from Miane because, "I came to buy her." She will travel back to Maine with him and join his other 50 cows on Piersiak Farms.

This cow is the homebred consignment of Walnut Hill Dairy, Inc. owned by H. Curtis and Howard Scott. She is the result of the mating between Carlin-M Ivanhoe

Bell and Rayfay Parka Nugget Pillow. "Bella" also carries a calf from Air-Osa Oak Quick Shot.

The second highest bid, \$22,000 went to the female version of the entry which garnered the first price and tied for the high bid of the sale. The three way partnership of George Knight, Airville; Michael Weimer, Harrisburg; and Barry Hostetter, Oxford.

Embryos dominated the high bidding. The choice of females from the mating between Whittier-Farms Ned Boy and Plushanski Valiant Fran-ET garnered the third high bid of \$17,000 for fourth place in among the high consignments.

This entry provides the buyer, Harry Mosholder, Rockwood, PA, with his choice of females from seven pregnancies due on April 9, 1986. The dam of these embryos is classified excellent and has the fourth best CTPI (plus 1035) of the breed in the country. She also produced a 36,920 pounds of milk and 4.1 percent fat record in her most recent lactation.

This combined Exclusive and Garden Spot Sale grossed \$412,000 on 130 head for an average of \$3,169.23. The first 50 animals to enter the show ring averaged \$6,076. Nine embryos that were sold in this sale averaged \$11,400.

This sale was managed by Backus Associates.



Members of the Sally Exclusive Syndicate which bought the male embryo for \$37,000 at the Exclusive Sale were left, Charles Myers, Dennis Remsburg, Larry Wenger, Don Welk, Henry Sink, Bill Kingery and J. Mowery Frey. Sale staff in the booth are: Jay Howes, Mike Weimer, Charles Backus and Horace Backus.



Walnut-S Bell Pillow Bella topped the Exclusive Sale selling for \$37,000. Pictured is Galen-Larrabce, consultant; (left) Thomas Piersiak, buyer; Howard and Rita Scott, consignors.



## Foreclosed farmers may lease back their homes

WASHINGTON — Farmers Home Administration borrowers who have had to leave their farms for financial reasons may be able to retain their homes, FmHA Administrator Vance Clark announced.

Under the dwelling retention (homestead) program, a farm home acquired by FmHA through voluntary conveyance, foreclosure or bankruptcy proceedings can be leased back, under certain conditions, to the former owner with an option to purchase.

A former FmHA borrower can apply to FmHA to lease the farm house and "a reasonable amount of

land", usually about five acres, for up to five years with an option to purchase when he or she is financially able. The former owner must have sufficient income to make rental payments and to maintain the property in good condition.

To be eligible for the program, a farmer also must show that in at least two out of the last five years, gross farm income amounted to \$40,000 or more and that 60 percent of family income came from the farm operation.

Additional details of the dwelling retention program are available in the March 18 Federal Register.

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