

\$36,000 Bid Tops Fran-Lou First Edition Sale

LANCASTER — Fran-Lou Morning Rose-ET was in full bloom on Tuesday and attracted the top price of the Fran-Lou First Edition Sale.

The Roybrook Tempo daughter sold for \$36,000 to John Baker of Canada. Baker edged out contending bidder Hartmann Farms of Dundee, Ill., for the right to select between Rose and Fran-Lou Melia-ET; both animals are out of the Fran-Lou Meadow cow.

Baker's choice is a sixth generation Excellent. Her in progress 4-year-old record stands at 22,694 pounds of milk and 829 pounds of fat in 250 days.

Four maternal sisters produced records over 21,000 pounds of milk; six maternal sisters classified

Excellent or Very Good.

Her dam, Fran-Lou Meadow, classified Excellent-2E and was sired by Paclamar Astronaut. She produced a top record of 27,576 pounds of milk and 1,210 pounds of fat in 365 days.

Rose sold open and with two Tempo pregnancies from Meadow including a guarantee of one heifer.

Pintail Point Farm, Queenstown, Md., paid an even \$10,000 to own the second high seller, Valiant Cornflower. Sired by Valiant and out of the Carnation Arl Corry A-ET cow, she will freshen in November with a Ned Boy calf.

Corry is a Very Good Glendell Arlinda Chief daughter. She sold for \$40,000 in the Dogwood B.C.

Sale. Her index stands at plus 1,224 milk and plus 54 fat with a best effort of 26,838 pounds of milk and 1,052 pounds of fat.

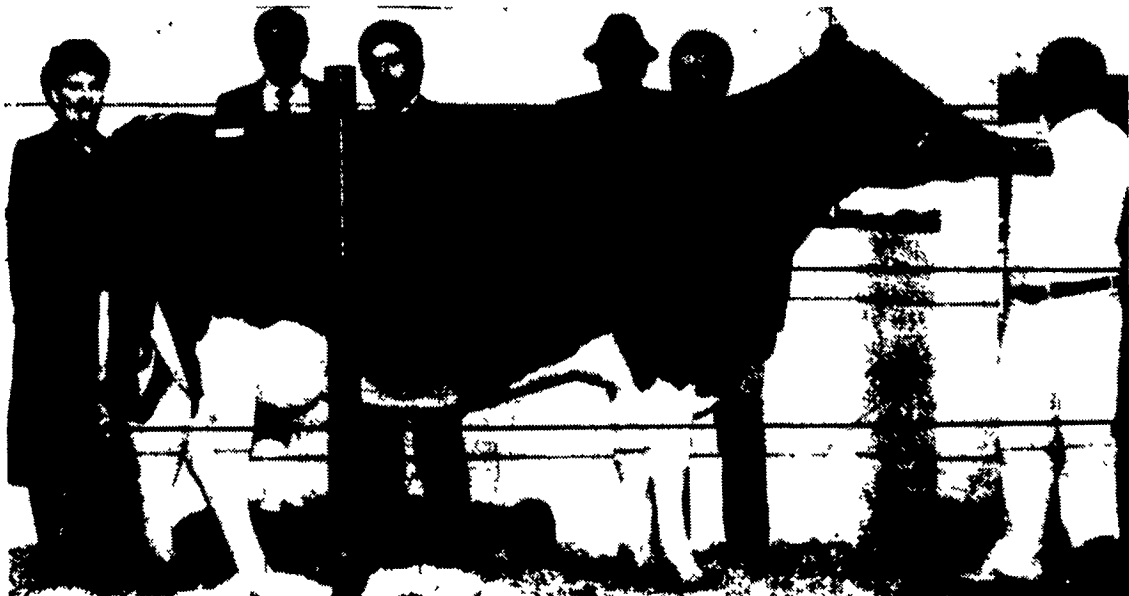
The next six dams classified Excellent and produced records over 20,000 pounds of milk. The second dam, Diamond-S Eve Corry, produced a top record of 38,590 pounds of milk and 1,350 pounds of fat.

Eight animals sold over the \$5,000 level. The sale averaged \$2,768 on 73 head.

This sale marked the first sale in several years for Fran-Lou Holsteins, according to owner Ray Edwards, and the first sale in the Lancaster area. This sale also marked the first sale for Backus Associates at the Mel Kolb Dairy



Ray Edwards congratulates Elvin Kurtz, winner of the two frozen embryos by Melvin and from "Meadow."



Fran-Lou Morning Rose-ET topped the Fran-Lou First Edition Sale with a bid of \$36,000 from John Baker of Canada. Pictured from left, Sandy Edwards, owner; Michael Weimer, auctioneer; Jay Howes, sales staff; Horace Backus, pedigrees; Ray Edwards, owner; and John Foster, leadsman.

Sales Barn.

Edwards noted that originally he was hoping the sale could be held at the Guernsey Sale Barn. However, that facility closed due to its impending sale. He admitted apprehension when he learned the sale would be held at the former Black and White Sale Barn since the barn is set up for commercial cow sales.

"The facility adapted well and I can't speak more highly of the efforts put forth by Dennis and Mel Kolb. They were extremely helpful," Edwards said.

The registration certificate

doesn't mean a lot with out marketing the animals, Edwards explained as the reason he decided to hold the sale and speculated on the possibility of a Second Edition.

Elvin Kurtz, Morgantown, won two frozen embryo by Melvin and the Meadow cow in the drawing held at the end of the sale. He qualified for the drawing when he purchased a yearling Rotata daughter for \$900.

Michael Weimer, Harrisburg, and Hardy Shore, Ontario, auctioneered the sale and Horace Backus read pedigrees. The sale was managed by Backus Associates.

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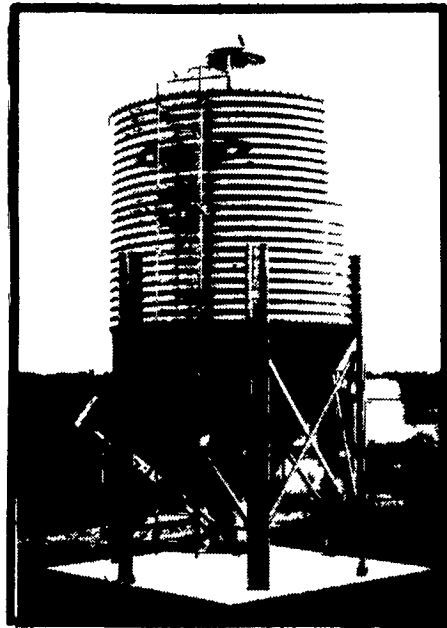
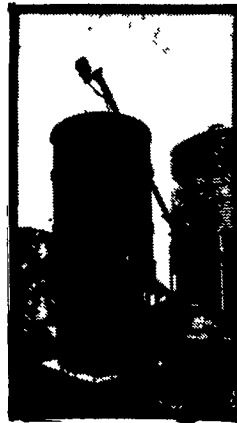
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