

# Miloview Herd Of Holsteins Has Some Good Producers

By NEIL A. MATHESON

It pays to buy a really good foundation cow when a man is starting to build a good herd of purebred dairy cattle. Charlie Milligan—1 visited him at his farm in Mt6 on Saturday—firmly believes this bit of advice.

Mr. Milligan purchased his foundation cow from Colby Lewis, Freetown, Lunenburg. Malpeque Pathfinder was miking on three quarters when Charlie bought her. The other quarter had been soiled when the udder of the teat was tramped on.

"But I still paid a long price for her, and she was worth it," Charlie told me. Mr. Lewis, one of the few Islanders to earn a Master Breeder's shield from the National Holstein Friesian breeders Association told Mr. Milligan he couldn't purchase a better foundation cow. Looking back over the years he has been building his herd, Charlie feels Colby was right.

The Pathfinder cow was out of Malpeque Model, Thornyke Bell, the second cow on the island to be graded excellent for conformation. Bell was sold to Premier J. Walter Jones for \$800 when she was 14 years old, Charlie told me.

I talked to Mr. Milligan because he topped the province in production last year for herds. I wondered what type of cows he has, and how he feeds. The answers to both questions are interesting.

Miloview Carnation Fame has produced 120,000 pounds of milk in six lactations. She produced 99,266 pounds of milk, 3,918 fat in her first five lactations for breed class averages (BCAs) of 163 in milk, 167 in fat. Her sixth lactation produced 20,300 pounds milk, on the 306-day test, and "I milked her long enough after that to give her 120,000 pounds," Mr. Milligan told me. Fame was dried off just three weeks ago. Her picture is on page 2.

She's graded "Very Good". The grader wouldn't make her "Excellent" because of her front udder attachment, but but there's nothing wrong with it for milk production.

Fame took milk fever last spring when she freshened. "We got that cured and she took acetemania," her owner told me. She was milking 80 pounds a day when she went down, and wasn't milked at all for four days, until she got back on her feet. But she came back up to 102 pounds a day when she got on the grass, and ended up with BCAs of 174 milk and 172 fat.

The Milligans are proud of this cow, she's sired by a bull they raised themselves, Milview Pathfinder Nig, and this bull was out of the old Pathfinder cow, that came from Colby Lewis's herd.

One of Fame's daughters, Milview Royal Beauty, Good plus, she's sired by Deven

Royal Escort, a unit bull—produced 60,407 milk, in her first three lactations for average BCAs of 177 milk, 172 fat.

A year ago Beauty was the top milk producer on the island. Charlie told me, with 19,245 pounds. She had 720 pounds fat. The previous year she produced 19,313 pounds milk, and her BCAs were 194 and 173.

Miloview Ideal Marie, a granddaughter of old Pathfinder, in five lactations produced 67,780 pounds milk, with an average BCA of 120 milk, 117 fat.

She has three daughters milking, two with completed lactations as two-year-olds.

Miloview Buttergirl Leone produced earned BCAs of 128 milk, 126 fat and Miloview Royal Gaylea with 141 in both milk and fat. This heifer freshened before she was two years old and finished with 12,513 pounds milk, 459 fat.

**HEIFER CALF PROBLEM**  
One of the big problems in building up a herd of registered cattle is to get good heifer calves. "We've been getting 95 per cent bull calves here," Charlie told me as we sat in his kitchen and chatted. This year to date they have five heifer calves and three more cows are left to freshen. That's a definite improvement. I've been talking of the Milligans and it's about time I told you that Mrs. Milligan is the former Pauline Casley of Crapaud. She teaches school in season but there was one time last summer when she must have wished she was two or three persons instead of one.

Her husband had a "knee" in a cast from an accident while he was enlarging his stable space. Her son was also temporarily crippled.

Noticing the deep interest

Charlie takes in his herd I suggested "You really like cattle, don't you?" "Yes, I do," he replied with emphasis. Then as his face spread in a grin, he added "My wife tells me I like the cows better than I like her."

They feed their own grain rolled with the shell just broken, plus Co-op concentrate, minerals and salt.

"I give the cows all they'll eat," said Charlie. And this brought the observation from Pauline—she and Mrs. Matheson were interested listeners—"each cow gets all she will eat."

"These last two years we cut the hay before there was a sign of blossom," he told me.

Last year they were cutting hay in the latter part of June. One field was cut on a Saturday

morning, it was crimped in the afternoon and baled that evening. "It was just like feeding the cattle green grass," he told me.

A firm believer in "time-table milking," he milks at six in the morning and the same hour in the evening. The cows are always milked in the same rotation, and there's scarcely more than a few minutes' difference in the time they are milked each day.

A young bull is just about a year old now. A son of Fame, he's by Thornleigh Texal Supreme, an Ontario bull whose semen is available through the unit. It costs \$20 now. The previous price was \$3.00 a vial.

This bull will be used this year an approximately one-half of the cows.

The Milligans have 12 milk cows in the herd now. The goal is 15. But they've got to be good cows to stay in the Miloview herd. A fairly good looking cow I saw in the barn Saturday is headed for the packers. "There's not enough milk in her," Charlie told me when I asked why.

Next week I hope to do a story on the herd of Lincoln Dewar, New Perth, that topped the Island in 1965 for herds with more than 20 records.

**MORE SNOW IN ALMA AREA**  
I noticed that there's much more snow still on the ground, and in the woods, when I turned

the corner at Elmsdale to go to Alma, for a call on the Gordon Barbour's. They did have more snow in that area, and it'll be a help this year, with moisture so scarce.

Later on Gordon and I went on to St. Louis for an "Across the Island" story, but that will come later. That part of the drive was after dark, so I couldn't see how the snow situation is in that locality.

Returns arrived over the weekend from the three carloads of beef cattle that were shipped to Toronto. The general comment from the three or four farmers, with whom I talked was that

they had profited by the move.

Several of them suggested they would send additional cattle from their farms when future shipments are being made.

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**Seafood Special**  
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**Hint of Summer**  
Don't save that wonderful combination of dairy sour cream and berries for the summertime—treat guests to Raspberry Cream Sherbet anytime now. Thaw a 15-ounce package frozen raspberries, add 1 cup sugar and stir well to dissolve sugar. Blend in 1/2 pint dairy sour cream and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Freeze until firm, stirring occasionally. The fresh tangy flavor is just right after a heavy meal!

**Better With Butter**  
Everyone knows that chicken broils to golden brown tenderness when brushed frequently with melted butter. Next time, add some lime juice to the butter for a fresh spring touch.

**Show-Off Dessert**  
Show off your chafing dish at dessert time with Hot Bananas A La Mode. You'll need 6 large firm bananas; halve them and brush with lemon juice. In your chafing dish, melt 1/2 cup butter, stir in 1/2 cup brown sugar, add bananas and cook until just tender. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg and serve with big scoops of vanilla ice cream. Delicious too with sweetened whipped cream, if you prefer.

**Breakfast Brief**  
Drink it! That's our answer to folks who say they don't have time to eat a good breakfast. An egg and 1/2 cup each of skim milk powder and cold orange juice make up into a frothy light drink in the blender. Sweeten slightly if desired. Just another reason for keeping that box of economical skim milk powder within handy reach on the kitchen shelf.



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