

Fawcetts retire from family business



After recently retiring Allison and Jean Fawcett

— Allison Fawcett has no regrets in bringing a storied 22 years in the cattle selling business to a close.

Fawcett is quick to give wife Jean credit for her part as book-keeper, for the business which began in August 1968.

"Jean was a key person in our sales," he said. "The books and advertising are one of the important parts in the business."

Jean said she kept an index when the business first began, to keep track of the sales. She now has a record of every one of the 500 sales the Fawcetts have conducted in the business' history.

The highest overall sale was the 'Top 40' sale at Sunnylodge Farm owned by Carl and Muriel Smith of Chesterville, on Nov. 11, 1985. The 40-head of selected cattle averaged \$6,840.

Fawcett also recalls the biggest dispersal sale in the business' history was the Maeform Holstein herd belonging to Allan and Jean Baker of Inkerman on April 4, 1986. The 60-head herd averaged \$3,800.

The Fawcetts not only worked at the sales, where they were in partnership with brother Ralph, but also raised seven children and took care of the farm — Fawcettdale Holsteins, which they bought in 1955.

Although Fawcett still goes to the barn every morning and evening,

Fawcett says he's been showing cattle for 50 years, and following in his father's footsteps, was named Master Holstein Breeder, (the highest honor that can be achieved by a Holstein breeder in Canada), in 1975. His father William was given the distinction in 1946, in becoming the first person to receive the Master Breeder Award in Dundas County.

Fawcett has also judged at the Royal Winter Fair, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 1978, and has judged every major Holstein show across Canada.

He is also past-president of the Holstein Association of Canada and the Dundas Holstein Club and was a 4-H leader for 25 years.

Fawcett stressed that although he is retiring from the cattle sales he will not be completely removed from the farm scene. He now hopes to have more time for another interest — showing horses.

He recently purchased a team of commercial horses which he has shown at a number of local fairs.

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Weagant Farm Supplies Appreciation Day



A big attraction at this year's open house was a remote control lawn tractor. In above photo, one of Weagant's employees demonstrates the tractor to curious on-lookers.

According to Bob Weagant, although the tractor is "an expensive toy" it does have practical uses, such as being able to cut grass on a 45 degree slope. The tractor will be part of a Kubota lawn tractor demonstration scheduled for the end of May at the Metcalfe Fair grounds.



Brian Enright, Winchester (front left) and Lorne Henderson received some appreciation in the form of specially cooked sausages from Bob Weagant (front right) and Dave Black of Weagant Farm Supplies last week.

Enright and Henderson were two of about 500 area farmers and businessmen who came out to Appreciation Day at the farm dealership west of Winchester.

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Elise (left) and Sandy Weagant serve up Oktoberfest sausage to one of more than 600 visitors at Weagant's open house held last Wednesday at the Hwy 43 dealership.

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