

OBITUARIES

CARL BLOCK

Long-time CCA Director Carl Block was killed in a small plane crash on May 28 at his ranch near Abbey, Saskatchewan. Carl was first elected as a Director of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association in 1993, a position he held until March of this year. Carl served on several CCA committees, many of which reflected his interest and concern with animal health issues and trade. He served as Chair of the CCA Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee from 1996 to 2001 and made many important contributions to the enhancement of the health status of the Canadian herd. Carl's concern for protecting beef cattle markets led him to serve as the first Chair of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA), a position for which he volunteered a great deal of his time and effort. Carl held the position of Past Chair of the CCIA and continued to be very active on the Board of Directors. Most recently Carl served the cattle industry as Chair of the Canadian Animal Health Coalition.

Carl is survived by his wife Pat, four children and three grandchildren.

WILFRED ORVAL (BILL) BOHANNON

Wilfred Bohannon passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Long Term Care, Feb. 22, 2002 at the age of 87.

Bill was born on Aug. 28, 1914 in Marshfield, Oregon. He returned with his family back to Canada to their farm in the Carstairs area shortly after his birth. His family brought the first registered Polled Herefords to Alberta and Bill continued the long family tradition of raising registered Polled Herefords in the Carstairs area until 1973 when he sold out and retired, but continued to live on the home quarter.

He had a great love for traveling, fishing and reading.

He is survived by Evelyn, his wife of over 50 years; daughter Anne (Palmer); two grandsons Ryan and Andrew; and one niece and nephew.

DAVID BRUCE BROWN

David Bruce Brown of Tofield, Alta., passed away at the age of 37 on March 6, 2002, after a courageous struggle with Multiple Sclerosis.

Eulogy by Cathy Brown

David was born in Edmonton on July 20, 1964. On June 17, 1965, Dave joined Mom and Dad on the farm at Tofield. Over the next five years, three more of us joined this family; my brother Joe, myself and then the baby of the family, my sister Lori.

Dave was a fun-loving, active child with a very quick mind, loved school and all sports. He played hockey and basketball throughout his school years. Dave was a very popular in school, had a host of friends and was nicknamed Charlie Brown.

Dave graduated from Tofield High School and moved to Calgary with two of his best friends and enrolled at SAIT in Business Administration.

It was during exam time the next spring that Dave began to lose vision very rapidly – this was the first symptom of MS - but it took three more years to diagnose the disease. Dave was advised to work at a job that would keep his stress level low. In 1987, Dave enrolled in NAIT in Edmonton in computer programming. At Christmas time, with the stress of exams, David was admitted to the U of A hospital where he was labeled “clinically blind”, given very heavy doses of steroids and once again had to give up his studies.

On April 21, 1990, Dave married Gaelene Estlin of Victoria. By 1992 Dave was using a wheelchair and spending three days a week at the farm with Mom and Dad. This carried on for years – a trip to Edmonton on Sunday to bring Dave home, regardless of weather conditions. In 1993, Gaelene graduated from Grant MacEwan College in Medical Transcription and Dave attended her grad ceremonies in his wheelchair with Mom and Dad – Dave was so very proud!

In 1993, Mom and Dad built a handicapped home for Dave, equipped with all the necessary things to help make his life easier: ceiling lifts, ramps, etc. Over the next few years Gaelene worked at the U of A Hospital and the Links Clinic and cared for Dave. David came home to the farm every week for three days to help lighten Gaelene's load.

In May of 1998, David moved home to the farm full time with Mom and Dad. On Sept. 23, 1998 he moved into long term care in Tofield.

Dave spent three or four days at the farm every second weekend. When it became impossible to get Dave in and out of the car, Mom and Dad hired the Handivan. Dave loved these trips home and would be all smiles two or three days beforehand.

Dave received excellent care at the Long Term Care Facility and made many friendships there with his infectious smile.

When David was ill and had to be moved to the Acute Care, Mom moved in with him and spent many nights in a Gerry chair at his bedside.

Dr. Husain has said many times that Dave was a medical miracle and that he felt that the love, dedication and family support was what gave Dave the will to fight and enabled him to overcome the incredible odds and carry on.

I don't think that it was an accident that my brother was named David, for he was truly beloved.

Dave is survived by his parents Howard and Doris of Tofield; brother Joe (Susan) of Pincher Creek and their children Brandon and Michallie; sisters Cathy of Tofield and Lori (Kevin) Gillrie of Edmonton and their children Cameron, Amanda and Megan; aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

A memorial was held March 11. Memorial tributes may be made to the MS Society (Research) or to the Tofield Health Centre.

THOMAS R. HIPKIN



Tom Hipkin, Lumsden, Sask., passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2002 at the Lumsden and District Heritage Home in Lumsden at the age of 84 years.

Tom was born on the family farm at Disley, where he resided and farmed until October 2001 when failing health necessitated a move to the Lumsden and District Heritage Home. He was predeceased by his wife Myrtle (Campbell).

Tom is survived by his son Jim, Jo (Campbell) and Georgia and son Bruce, Susan, Jennifer and Alison, all farming in the Lumsden area; sisters-in-law Mabel Zerr of Disley, Marjorie Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie and cousins, nieces, nephews in Canada and England.

He enjoyed his family, farm and community life. Tom participated in family events, 4-H, dances, card games, curling and ball games. He has always had a great love of horses and registered Hereford cattle. Among his favorite pleasures was attending Hereford cattle shows and sales, watching heavy horse pull competitions and proudly watching his granddaughters participate in activities. In 2000, he was honored with a 50-year pin from the Canadian Hereford Association. Tom's greatest legacy is the unconditional love he had for all of his family.

GODFREY HORN



Godfrey Horn of Spiritwood Sask., passed away suddenly at Saskatoon City Hospital on Nov. 21, 2001 at the age of 66 years.

Godfrey was born March 22, 1935 in the Norbury district south of Spiritwood. Immediately after attending a rural school, he began farming with his dad and younger brother. Later he purchased a purebred Hereford cow and became totally involved in raising, showing and selling purebred Horned Herefords. Based at the Crooked Hill Ranch, Godfrey, along with his brother Joe and his family, raised Horned Herefords concentrating on the Britisher and later on the Governor bloodlines. Crooked Hill Ranch animals were regularly advertised in the Hereford Digest and were seen at bull sales and exhibitions in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Godfrey was a keen supporter of the 4-H movement and knew the pledge but secretly he probably felt that the 4-H's stood for Horn's Horned Herefords and Happiness.

In 1996 Godfrey married Melva Buck and became an instant stepfather, grandfather and great grandfather. As he moved towards retirement, he had more time to visit friends and his new family. He loved country music, traveling, curling, gardening, auction sales and playing cards. In retirement Godfrey

still stayed close to Herefords. He had a small commercial herd with his stepson Gerald and some registered animals with Claude Wasden. He loved to work on his new creation, the Beaver Creek Ranch, south of Spiritwood.

Godfrey and Melva were always busy, going somewhere, visiting someone, being good friends with everyone they met.

Godfrey is survived by his wife Melva, and five stepchildren and their families and by his brothers John (Bertha) Horn and Joe (Isabelle) Horn as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

JEAN HUESTIS



Jean Huestis of Abbotsford, B.C., passed away after a short illness on April 30, 2002. She was born in Glen Ewen, Sask., in 1922 and will best be remembered as being the gracious partner to H.H. "Spud" Huestis of Bethlehem Copper and Coppertone Farms Ltd.

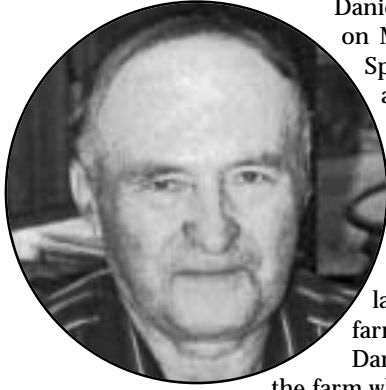
After graduating from school, she went to Winnipeg to work at the McDonald Aircraft Factory during the war. Following that, she moved to Vancouver in 1946 where she worked for Central Mortgage and Housing. In 1959 she met a prospector named "Spud" Huestis and they were married and moved to White Rock. "Spud" had prospected in the mountains of British Columbia and founded Bethlehem Copper at Ashcroft. In 1968 they moved to Abbotsford and established Coppertone Farm Ltd., and started to purchase Polled Hereford cattle. Jean and "Spud" enjoyed travelling with Gerard and Ruth Guichon and Jonathon and Molly Fox and spent many days touring to look at cattle or just sightsee.

"Spud" died in 1979 and Jean continued her interest in the cattle industry and played a major role in keeping Coppertone Farms Ltd., raising good Hereford cattle. Her interest in Bethlehem Copper was sold in the early 1980s. She loved to entertain and often had an open house following the Evergreen Hereford Sale in May. She and "Spud" were great supporters of the sale. Jean served as secretary for the West Coast Hereford Club for many years and gave tirelessly of her time. Her door was always open to friends; both old and new, for a visit and she had countless numbers of friends she kept in touch with over the years.

Jean was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, served as a director on the Matsqui/Abbotsford Foundation and was involved with the United Church Women.

Jean Huestis is survived by son, Patrick (Karen); daughter, Jane (Stewart) and four grand children who she loved to spoil. She will be missed by her family and all those touched by her generosity and graciousness, but everyone is better for having known Jean Huestis.

DANIEL KNEZEVICH



Daniel Knezevich passed away on Monday, March 11, at the Spirit River Hospital at the age of 71 years.

He was born June 26, 1930 on the Knezevich farm at Prestville, five miles east of Rycroft. There he grew up attending Prestville school and later taking over the family farm.

Dan spent his entire life on the farm where, along with his brother John and sister Mildred, he raised registered Hereford cattle. These were a constant source of pride and satisfaction for the Knezevich family.

Dan was predeceased by his mother Catherine, his father Louis and an infant brother Frank. He is survived and will sorely be missed by his brother John and numerous relatives and friends.

MILDRED KNEZEVICH



Mildred Knezevich passed away suddenly at her home in Rycroft on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at the age of 81 years.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1920 in Grabac, Croatia, and emigrated to Canada with her family when she was three years old. She grew up on the farm at Prestville attending school there and helping out on the family farm. In 1943 Mildred joined the

army where she served her country and appreciated the valuable experience she gained. Back on the farm, she became wholeheartedly involved in the family business of raising registered Herefords. She loved her animals and was convinced that Herefords were the absolute best! Her other passion was horses and she was able to satisfy that by raising and using horses on the farm until the last few years.

She loved her God, her family, her farm, her animals and her friends and she spent her live devoted to all of these.

She was predeceased by her twin brother Frank at nine months old; her mother Catherine in 1978; her father Louis in 1979 and her brother Daniel on Mach 11 of this year.

She is survived and sadly missed by her brother John and numerous relatives, friends and neighbours.