

# CHARLIE WALLACE

(1894 - 1979)

WALLACE VALE & KANBRAE, FOUNDATION STUDS.



Charlie Wallace receiving an Honorary Life Membership of the Society from Bob Russell in 1971

CHARLIE WALLACE was a remarkable man of wisdom who operated Butcher Hill to the hinterland of Cooktown which he bought in 1931 from the Earl Estate. He was awarded an Honorary Membership of the Australian Tropical Beef Breeder's Association at its AGM July 8, 1957, then an Honorary Life Member for the Droughtmaster Stud Breeder's Society in 1971.

He founded Wallace Vale stud with Bill Edmonds at Gordonvale, but the partnership was dissolved in 1964 when Charlie

and Mrs Wallace concentrated their interest on developing Kanbrae stud at Mt Molloy.

An unpretentious, soft-spoken cattlemen with the respect of his peers, chosen for his practical assessment, effective eye appraisal and general knowledge as a successful judge of quality cattle, Charlie Wallace was entrusted with classifying foundation stock that set the standard for the involving Droughtmaster breed under the auspices of the committee of the Australian Tropical Beef

Breeders Association in 1957. As the numbers grew over the years he was assisted by Monty Atkinson and Bob Rea and Noel Perry accompanied him in the early days as a junior classifier.

Butcher Hill was sold in 1964 but Charlie promoted the Droughtmaster breed with excellent results at Cairns show in the post-World War II era 1948-1964 by seldom being beaten in the pen of three chiller steer class sponsored by AMAGRAZE, Queerah meatworks.

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